

A globe of the Earth is shown, with a semi-transparent American flag overlaid on top. The stars and stripes of the flag are visible, particularly over the Americas. The globe is centered on the Atlantic Ocean, showing parts of North and South America.

Overview of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program

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What is TAA?

- Trade Adjustment Assistance helps individuals who have become unemployed as a result of competition from foreign trade
- Program Goals
 - Rapid reemployment of TAA-eligible individuals
 - Provide training and income support where necessary for a worker to achieve reemployment
 - Assist individuals to obtain reemployment in fields where they are likely to remain employed and earn wages comparable to their prior jobs

How does the TAA process work?

- Layoff occurs
- Petition is filed on behalf of the workers
- DOL investigates and issues a certification or denial for the worker group
- Average petition processing time is 29 days
- Workers individually report to One-Stop Career Centers to apply for benefits and services

Who may be certified?

- Workers who have lost their jobs or suffered a reduction of hours and wages as a result of increased imports or shifts in production outside the United States
- Workers whose firm is a supplier or downstream producer to a firm whose workers are TAA-certified

What are the benefits/services available to certified workers?

- Benefits Provided Under Trade Act

- Reemployment Services
- Training
- Trade Readjustment Allowances
- Relocation Allowances
- Job Search Allowances
- Health Coverage Tax Credit
- ATAA Wage Subsidies

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What are TAA funding levels in 2005?

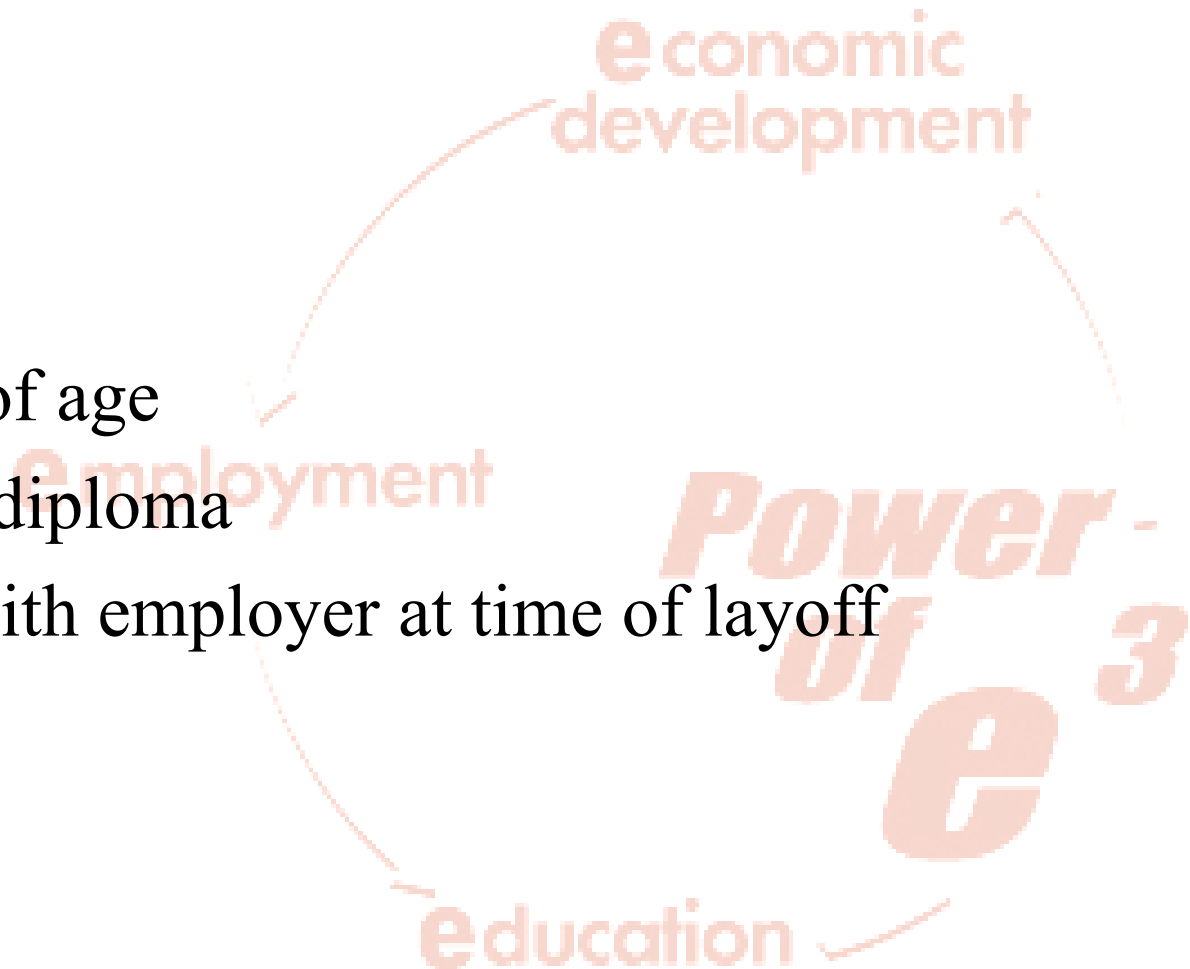
- TAA training –capped at \$220 million
- TAA training administration –\$33 million
- TRA –\$750 million
- ATAA wage subsidies –\$48 million
- Job search and relocation allowances –\$6.2 million
- Total TAA related funds –\$1.1 billion

What was the activity level in 2004?

- Received approximately 3,000 petitions
- Roughly 2/3 were certified
- 50,000 new participants entered training
- 80,000 began receiving TRA
- Average training duration was 50 weeks

Who is the typical TAA participant?

- Unemployed
- White
- Female
- 30-45 years of age
- High school diploma
- Nine years with employer at time of layoff



What states had the most TAA certifications in FY 2004?

North Carolina	12%
Pennsylvania	7%
California	5%
Ohio	5%
New York	5%
Michigan	4%
Wisconsin	4%
Texas	4%
Illinois	4%
South Carolina	4%

*Data Source: Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance Management Information System (DTAA MIS)

What industries had the highest level of TAA activity in FY 2004?



Textile Mill Products	12%
Apparel	12%
Electronics and Components	11%
Industrial/Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	8%
Fabricated Metal Products	7%
Primary Metal Industries	5%
Transportation Equipment	5%
Lumber/Wood Products (Except Furniture)	5%
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	5%
Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments	4%

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