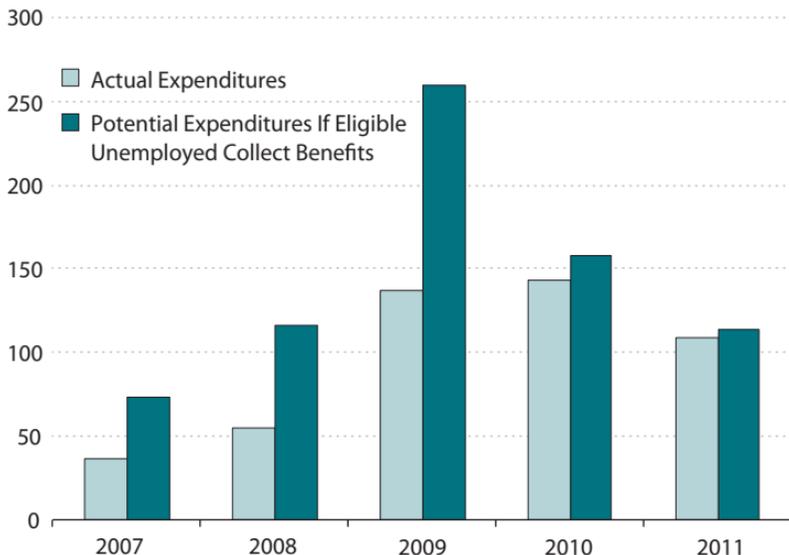


Actual and Potential Expenditures on Unemployment Benefits

\$ Billions (in 2011 Dollars)



NOTE: We divide the total unemployment benefit expenditures each year by the number of unemployed persons collecting benefits in that year to obtain a benefit amount per person. We then multiply the number eligible (see the first chart) by the benefit amount per person to obtain the potential expenditures if all eligible unemployed collected benefits.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor; authors' calculations.