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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WITH THE CARES ACT BONUS

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law by President Trump on March 27th, 2020. This \$2 trillion economic relief package provides direct economic assistance to Americans whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by COVID-19 shutdowns.

Among other provisions, the CARES Act provided an additional \$600 to the maximum weekly benefits of Americans receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI). This added benefit was available for 13 weeks, which expired on July 31st. Due to this sizeable bonus to typical UI benefits, 68 percent of UI recipients received benefits greater than their earnings and one out of five received benefits at least twice as large as their earnings.¹

The following chart shows how combined state and federal UI benefits equate to an hourly wage on a state-by-state basis.²

State	Max. State Weekly Benefits	Federal CARES Act Weekly Benefit	Total Combined Weekly Benefit	Total Benefits per hour (based on 40 hr/wk)	Weekly Dependent Allowance	Adjusted Hourly Unemployment Benefit Rate
Alabama	\$275	\$600	\$875	\$21.87		
Alaska	\$370	\$600	\$970	\$24.25	\$72	\$26.05
Arizona	\$240	\$600	\$840	\$21.00		
Arkansas	\$451	\$600	\$1,051	\$26.27		
California	\$450	\$600	\$1,050	\$26.25		
Colorado	\$597	\$600	\$1,197	\$29.92		
Connecticut	\$649	\$600	\$1,249	\$31.22	\$75	\$33.10
Delaware	\$400	\$600	\$1,000	\$25.00		
Florida	\$275	\$600	\$875	\$21.87		
Georgia	\$365	\$600	\$965	\$24.12		
Hawaii	\$648	\$600	\$1,248	\$31.20		
Idaho	\$414	\$600	\$1,014	\$25.35		
Illinois	\$471	\$600	\$1,071	\$26.77	\$178	\$28.72
Indiana	\$390	\$600	\$990	\$24.75		
Iowa	\$591	\$600	\$1,191	\$29.77	\$106	\$32.42
Kansas	\$488	\$600	\$1,088	\$27.20		
Kentucky	\$552	\$600	\$1,152	\$28.80		
Louisiana	\$247	\$600	\$847	\$21.17		
Maine	\$414	\$600	\$1,014	\$25.35	\$215	\$30.72
Maryland	\$430	\$600	\$1,030	\$25.75		
Massachusetts	\$823	\$600	\$1,423	\$35.57	\$397	\$45.50
Michigan	\$362	\$600	\$962	\$24.05	\$209	\$26.77

Minnesota	\$717	\$600	\$1,317	\$32.92		
Mississippi	\$235	\$600	\$835	\$20.87		
Missouri	\$320	\$600	\$920	\$23.00		
Montana	\$552	\$600	\$1,152	\$28.80		
Nebraska	\$440	\$600	\$1,040	\$26.00		
Nevada	\$450	\$600	\$1,050	\$26.25		
New Hampshire	\$427	\$600	\$1,027	\$25.67		
New Jersey	\$696	\$600	\$1,296	\$32.40		
New Mexico	\$492	\$600	\$1,092	\$27.30	\$50	\$28.55
New York	\$504	\$600	\$1,104	\$27.60		
North Carolina	\$350	\$600	\$950	\$23.75	\$50	\$25.00
North Dakota	\$618	\$600	\$1,218	\$30.45		
Ohio	\$647	\$600	\$1,247	\$31.17	\$155	\$35.05
Oklahoma	\$520	\$600	\$1,120	\$28.00		
Oregon	\$648	\$600	\$1,248	\$31.20		
Pennsylvania	\$572	\$600	\$1,172	\$29.30	\$8	\$29.50
Rhode Island	\$586	\$600	\$1,186	\$29.65	\$144	\$33.25
South Carolina	\$326	\$600	\$926	\$23.15		
South Dakota	\$414	\$600	\$1,014	\$25.35		
Tennessee	\$275	\$600	\$875	\$21.87		
Texas	\$521	\$600	\$1,121	\$28.02		
Utah	\$560	\$600	\$1,160	\$29.00		
Vermont	\$513	\$600	\$1,113	\$27.82		
Virginia	\$378	\$600	\$978	\$24.45		
Washington, DC	\$425	\$600	\$1,025	\$25.62		
Washington	\$790	\$600	\$1,390	\$34.75		
West Virginia	\$424	\$600	\$1,024	\$25.60		
Wisconsin	\$370	\$600	\$970	\$24.25		
Wyoming	\$508	\$600	\$1,108	\$27.70		

Please contact the Republican Policy Committee at RPC@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-4921 with any questions.

¹ Peter Ganong, et al., US Unemployment Insurance Replacement Rates During the Pandemic (2020).

² Chart compiled by RPC using data from <https://fileunemployment.org/unemployment-benefits/unemployment-benefits-comparison-by-state/> (August 06,2020).