

Unemployment Benefits Update: 41 States Approved for FEMA's Lost Wages Assistance Program

In August, President Trump signed an executive order to provide temporary supplemental <u>unemployment insurance</u> benefits in the absence of Congressional action to extend or modify the \$600/week Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.

The Lost Wages Assistance program makes available \$44 billion in funding for grant awards to states. States have the option of providing an additional \$300/week or \$400/week in unemployment benefits to claimants. The program is retroactive to August 1st and expected to cover weeks of unemployment lasting through mid-September. Grant awards are being made by FEMA on an incremental basis to ensure funding limits are not exceeded.

State	Amount of UI Benefit per Week	State is Paying Benefits	Amount Awarded* (covers weeks 1-3 in August)	Amount Awarded* (covers week 4 in August)
Alabama	\$300/week		\$173 million	
Alaska	\$300/week		\$20 million	
Arizona	\$300/week	Yes	\$498 million	
Arkansas	\$300/week		\$79 million	
California	\$300/week		\$4.5 billion	
Colorado	\$300/week		\$266 million	
Connecticut	\$300/week		\$226 million	
Delaware	-	-	-	-
Florida	\$300/week		\$918 million	
Georgia	\$300/week		\$818 million	
Hawaii	\$300/week		\$194 million	
Idaho	\$300/week		\$24 million	\$10 million
Illinois	-	-	-	-
Indiana	\$300/week		\$212 million	\$64 million
Iowa	\$300/week		\$110 million	\$35 million
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	\$400/week		\$72 million	
Louisiana	\$300/week		\$372 million	\$124 million
Maine	\$300/week		\$74 million	

<u>**Update as of August 31**st</u>: *The most up-to-date information on state approvals can be found* here: <u>https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/lost-wages-assistance-approved-states</u>)

State	Amount	State is	Amount	Amount
	of UI	Paying	Awarded*	Awarded*
	Benefit	Benefits	(covers weeks	(covers week
	per Week		1-3 in August)	4 in August)
Maryland	\$300/week		\$432 million	\$144 million
Massachusetts	\$300/week		\$645 million	\$210 million
Michigan	\$300/week		\$935 million	
Minnesota	\$300/week		\$299 million	
Mississippi	\$300/week		\$146 million	\$31 million
Missouri	\$300/week	Yes	\$210 million	\$66 million
Montana	\$400/week	Yes	\$27 million	\$7 million
Nebraska	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	\$300/week		\$50 million	\$18 million
New Jersey	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	\$300/week		\$120 million	\$39 million
New York	\$300/week		\$2.1 billion	
North Carolina	\$300/week		\$323 million	
North Dakota	\$300/week		No Data	
Ohio	\$300/week		\$718 million	
Oklahoma	\$300/week		\$151 million	
Oregon	\$300/week		\$223 million	\$68 million
Pennsylvania	\$300/week		\$1.5 billion	\$467 million
Rhode Island	\$300/week		\$101 million	
South Carolina	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	-	-	-	_
Tennessee	\$300/week	Yes	\$236 million	
Texas	\$300/week	Yes	\$1.4 billion	\$512 million
Utah	\$300/week		\$55 million	
Vermont	\$300/week		\$36 million	
Virginia	\$300/week		\$379 million	
Washington	\$300/week		\$461 million	
West Virginia	\$300/week		\$68 million	
Wisconsin	_	-		
Wyoming	\$300/week		No Data	
Total			\$19 billion	\$1.8 billion

*Amounts are rounded, subject to change.

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