

Texas Unemployment Information

Waiting Period	There is no waiting period during the COVID-19 response.
Job Search Requirements	Work search activities have been waived due to COVID-19 response.
Recertification Frequency	Recertification needs to be completed every week.
Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation	<p>Your base period is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters before the effective date of your initial claim. Your weekly benefit amount (WBA) is the amount you receive for weeks you are eligible for benefits. Your WBA will be between \$69 and \$521 (minimum and maximum weekly benefit amounts in Texas) depending on your past wages.</p> <p>To calculate your WBA, we divide your base period quarter with the highest wages by 25 and round to the nearest dollar.</p>
Maximum Weekly Benefit	The current maximum WBA is \$521.
Maximum # of Payments	Your maximum benefit amount (MBA) is the lesser of 26 times your weekly amount or 27 percent of all your wages in the base period.
Tools and Websites	<p>https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/eligibility-benefit-amounts</p> <p>https://twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/unemployment-benefits-services</p>
Ways to apply for benefits	<p>The preferred way to apply is online, using the link above. You may be able to access the website on your smartphone.</p> <p>If you do not have internet access, you can call (800)939-6631 to apply.</p>
When to apply	Apply for benefits as soon as you are unemployed because your claim starts the week you complete the application. However, you may not apply until after your last work day.
Information needed to apply	<p>You Will Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last employer's business name and address • First and last dates (month, day and year) you worked for your last employer • Number of hours worked and pay rate if you worked this week (including Sunday) • Information related to your normal wage • Alien Registration Number (if not a U.S. citizen or national)
Child support and unemployment benefits	Child support will be taken from your unemployment benefits through wage withholding. The Texas Workforce Commission withholds according to your support payment obligations. Up to 50 percent of the unemployment earnings can be withheld to satisfy your current monthly obligations.