

# Utah Unemployment Information

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| <b>Waiting Period</b>                          | There is a 7-day waiting period before payments are made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Job Search Requirements</b>                 | Work search requirements will be reviewed when you file your claim. You may be granted a work search deferral, meaning you will not be required to make the four new weekly job contacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Recertification Frequency</b>               | Recertification needs to be completed every week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation</b>        | If you are eligible to receive unemployment, your weekly benefit rate (WBR) will be 1/26 of your wages in the highest paid quarter of the base period, minus \$5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>                  | The current maximum WBA is \$496.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Maximum # of Payments</b>                   | Maximum benefit is 26x the weekly benefit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Tools and Websites</b>                      | <a href="https://jobs.utah.gov/ui/home/">https://jobs.utah.gov/ui/home/</a><br><a href="https://jobs.utah.gov/ui/jobseeker/claimguide.html">https://jobs.utah.gov/ui/jobseeker/claimguide.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Ways to apply for benefits</b>              | The preferred way to apply is online, using the link above. You may be able to access the website on your smartphone.<br>If you do not have internet access, you can call (888)848-0688 to apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>When to apply</b>                           | Apply the first day that you are out of work. Your claim is normally effective the Sunday of the week you file an application for benefits, provided you did not work full-time or have earnings equal to or in excess of your weekly benefit amount during that week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Information needed to apply</b>             | You will need the following information to file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your Social Security Number</li> <li>• The names of all employers as they appear on your pay stub with the dates worked for all employers since October 1, 2018</li> <li>• The name and local number of your union hall, if you obtain work through a union</li> <li>• Your State Driver's License or Identification Card number, if you have one</li> <li>• Your Alien Registration Number, if you are not a U.S. citizen but are legally authorized to work in the United States</li> <li>• If you have any non-Utah employers, you must have an accurate mailing address and phone number for them</li> </ul> |
| <b>Child support and unemployment benefits</b> | When there is an agreement signed by you or an order from the court requiring payment to the Utah State Office of Recovery Services for child support payments, your weekly benefit amount may be reduced by up to 50 percent. The Utah State Office of Recovery Services controls the amount of child support withheld from your unemployment benefits. If you have questions concerning the amount being deducted, you must contact the Office of Recovery Services at (801) 536-8500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

In general, you are eligible for unemployment benefits if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You have been connected to the workforce for long enough to meet monetary eligibility rules (generally at least five quarters)
- You are able and available for suitable employment
- You were laid off through no fault of your own

Specific to COVID-19, if any of these scenarios relate to you, you should apply and may be eligible:

- Your employer temporarily ceased operations with the expectation you will return to work
- You are quarantined, but not showing symptoms, and will return to work
- You are able and available (not showing any symptoms of COVID-19), but are unable to go to work because your place of employment has been quarantined