

# Colorado Unemployment Information

<b>Waiting Period</b>	7 day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response
<b>Job Search Requirements</b>	Waived due to furlough.
<b>Recertification Frequency</b>	Recertification needs to be completed every other week.
<b>Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation</b>	The CDLE applies two different formulas to determine your weekly benefit amount and pays you whichever number is higher.
<b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	The current maximum WBA is \$561-618, depending on formula used.
<b>Maximum # of Payments</b>	Maximum benefit is 1/3 of total base period and no more than 26x the weekly benefit.
<b>Tools and Websites</b>	<p><a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/unemployment">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/unemployment</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/B-544_HelpfulFactsAboutUnemploymentInsuranceBenefits-English.pdf">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/B-544_HelpfulFactsAboutUnemploymentInsuranceBenefits-English.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/B-544_HelpfulFactsAboutUnemploymentInsuranceBenefits-Spanish.pdf">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/B-544_HelpfulFactsAboutUnemploymentInsuranceBenefits-Spanish.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.coworkforce.com/uibEstimator/">http://www.coworkforce.com/uibEstimator/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.coloradoui.gov/myui">http://www.coloradoui.gov/myui</a></p>
<b>Ways to apply for benefits</b>	<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 (303)318-9000 to apply.</p>
<b>When to apply</b>	<p>You can file for benefits anytime after your last day worked, but you cannot claim benefits for any period of time you were unemployed prior to filing a claim. If you file a claim Sunday through Wednesday, your claim will be effective the week you file. If you file a claim on Thursday through Saturday, your claim will be effective the following week.</p> <p>Due to high volume of claims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you need to file an unemployment claim and your last name begins with the <b>letter A – M, file a claim on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, or AFTER 12 noon on Saturday.</b></li> <li>- If you need to file an unemployment claim and your last name begins with the <b>letter N – Z, file a claim on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or BEFORE 12 noon on Saturday.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Information needed to apply</b>	<p>Please have your social security number available and be prepared to supply information on any employer you have worked for over the past 18 months, including dates worked, rate of pay, and reasons you are no longer working. You must provide one of the following forms of identification (ID):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Colorado driver's license or a valid Colorado ID card.</li> <li>• United States military ID card or a military dependent ID card.</li> <li>• United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card.</li> <li>• Native American tribal document.</li> <li>• Valid driver's license or ID card issued by another state or Canada. U.S. Passport</li> </ul>
<b>Child support and unemployment benefits</b>	A child support case must be opened through a local county child support office for payments to come from state unemployment benefits.