

Illinois Unemployment Information

Waiting Period	The 7-day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response.
Job Search Requirements	Waived due to Furlough
Recertification Frequency	Recertification needs to be completed every other week.
Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation	The WBA is determined by adding together your earnings in the two quarters of the base period when you earned the most, taking 47% of that total, then dividing the result by 26.
Maximum Weekly Benefit	IL Max WBA Individual = \$484 IL Maximum WBA w/ dependent Spouse = \$577 IL Maximum WBA w/ dependent Child = \$667
Maximum # of Payments	Maximum benefit is 26x your WBA.
Tools and Websites	https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/IDES%20Forms%20and%20Publications/CLI105L.pdf https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/COVID-19-and-Unemployment-Benefits.aspx
Ways to apply for benefits	The preferred way to apply is online, using the link above. You may be able to access the website on your smartphone. If you do not have internet access, you can call (800)244-5631 to apply. Due to COVID-19, the IDES offices are closed at this time.
When to apply	Online Filing Schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those with last names beginning with letters A-M will be asked to file their claims on Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays. Those with last names beginning with letters N-Z will be asked to file their claims on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays. Saturdays will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window. Call Center Filing Schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those with last names beginning with letters A-M will be asked to call on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:30am – 6pm. Those with last names beginning with letters N-Z will be asked to call on Mondays and Wednesdays between 7:30am – 6pm. Fridays (7:30am – 6pm) will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window. <p>The day or time of day in which a claim is filed will not impact whether you receive benefits or your benefit amount. Additionally, claims will be back-dated to reflect the date in which a claimant was laid-off or let go from their job due to COVID-19.</p>
Information needed to apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your Social Security Number and Name as it appears on your Social Security card; Your Driver License / State ID (this will provide your weight, which is required); If claiming your spouse or child as a dependent, the Social Security Number, date of birth and name(s) of dependent(s); Name, mailing address, phone number, employment dates, and separation reason for all the employers you worked for in the last 18 months; Wage records (W-2 form, check stubs, etc.) from these employers may be necessary. If you worked since Sunday of this week, the gross wages earned this week; You must report all gross wages for any work performed, full or part-time; Gross means the total amount earned before deductions, not "take home pay", including wages in the form of lodging, meals, merchandise or any other form;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross wages must be reported the week in which they are earned, not the week in which you receive the wages; • If your gross wages earned in any week are less than your weekly benefit amount, you still may be eligible to receive a full or partial benefit payment); • Records of any pension payments you are receiving (not including Social Security); • If you are not a United States citizen, your Alien Registration Information; • If you are a recently separated veteran, the Member 4 Copy of the DD form 214 / 215; • Other copies of the DD Form 214 / 215 are acceptable, but the Member 4 copy is the most commonly available. • If you are separated from work as a civilian employee of the federal government, copies of your Standard Form 8 and Personnel Action Form 50.
<p>Child support and unemployment benefits</p>	<p>Whenever the Director is served by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services with a copy of a court or administrative order for withholding of income on behalf of the persons specified, the Director shall deduct from an individual's benefits past due child support in the designated amount.</p>