

# Iowa Unemployment Information

<b>Waiting Period</b>	7 day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response
<b>Job Search Requirements</b>	Work search requirements and work availability will be waived When filing your claim for unemployment, select in the application the following option: "You are filing due to a temporary layoff as a result of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)"
<b>Recertification Frequency</b>	Recertification needs to be completed every week.
<b>Weekly Benefit (WBA) Calculation</b>	The weekly benefit amount (WBA) is determined by both the wages earned in the highest quarter of the base period and the number of dependents on your claim. To calculate the WBA, the wages in the highest quarter of the base period are divided by: 23 for zero dependents, 22 for one dependent, 21 for two dependents, 20 for three dependents, or 19 for four or more dependents.
<b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	<b>zero</b> dependents = maximum of \$481 / <b>one</b> dependent = maximum of \$500 <b>two</b> dependents = maximum of \$518 / <b>three</b> dependents = maximum of \$545 <b>four</b> or more dependents = maximum of \$591
<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>	<a href="https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/sites/search.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/files/content-files/Claimant%20Webinar%20UI%20COVID%2019%20%20Mar%2017%202020.pdf">https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/sites/search.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/files/content-files/Claimant%20Webinar%20UI%20COVID%2019%20%20Mar%2017%202020.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/file-claim-unemployment-insurance-benefits">https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/file-claim-unemployment-insurance-benefits</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. If you do not have internet access, you can call (866)239-0843 to apply. IowaWORKS locations may be closed due to the COVID-19 response.
<b>When to apply</b>	You must file an initial claim application online or at your local IowaWORKS Center during the first week you wish to be paid; you will not receive payments for any weeks prior to the effective date of your claim. The unemployment week is Sunday through Saturday.
<b>Information needed to apply</b>	The following information is needed when filing for UI benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social security number</li> <li>• name, payroll address and telephone number of your last employer</li> <li>• start and end dates of your last job</li> <li>• whether or not you will receive vacation pay, severance, etc.</li> <li>• alien registration number (if not a U.S. citizen or permanent refugee)</li> <li>• DD-214 (Member 4) if you served in the U.S. military during the last 18 months</li> <li>• Verifying your identity by answering security questions</li> <li>• Standard Form 8 (SF-8) if you worked for the federal government in the last 18 months</li> <li>• name(s), date(s) of birth, and social security number(s) of any dependents that are claimed as exemptions on your federal income tax return Spouses may be claimed as a dependent if their gross wages were \$120.00 or less in the week prior to filing your claim.</li> </ul>
<b>Child support and unemployment benefits</b>	The Child Support Recovery Unit may withhold up to 50 percent of your unemployment insurance benefit payment for a child support obligation. You will be mailed a notification with the amount of the deduction and when that deduction will start. The amount withheld is included on your IRS Form 1099-G, since it was paid to another agency on your behalf. Requests to modify or stop the deductions must be made to the Child Support Recovery Unit or through the court system.

