

# Wisconsin Unemployment Information

<b>Waiting Period</b>	The 7-day waiting period has been waived due to COVID-19 response.
<b>Job Search Requirements</b>	Work search activities have been waived due to COVID-19 response.
<b>Recertification Frequency</b>	Recertification needs to be completed every week.
<b>Weekly Benefit (WBR) Calculation</b>	If you are eligible to receive unemployment, your weekly benefit rate (WBR) will be calculated looking at the first 4 of the recent 5 quarters, and does 4% of the highest quarterly amount.
<b>Maximum Weekly Benefit</b>	The current maximum WBA is \$370.
<b>Maximum # of Payments</b>	Your maximum benefit amount (MBA) is the lesser of 26 times your weekly amount or 40 percent of all your wages in the base period.
<b>Tools and Websites</b>	<a href="https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm">https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm</a>  <a href="https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/handbook/">https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/handbook/</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 (844)910-3661 to apply.
<b>When to apply</b>	Your claim begins the week you apply. To avoid any loss of benefits, apply the first week you are unemployed. Do not wait until the week is over.
<b>Information needed to apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A username and password for filing online</li> <li>• A valid email or mobile number</li> <li>• Your social security number</li> <li>• Your Wisconsin driver license or identification number</li> <li>• Your work history for the last 18 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employers' business names</li> <li>Employers' addresses (including zip code)</li> <li>Employers' phone number</li> <li>First and last dates of work with each employer</li> <li>Reason no longer working with each employer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If not a U.S. citizen, your alien registration number, document number and expiration date</li> <li>• Form DD-214 (Member 4 copy), if you served in the military in the last 18 months</li> <li>• Form SF-50 or SF-8, if you are a federal civilian employee</li> <li>• If you are a union member, the name and local number of your union hall</li> <li>• Your current address.</li> </ul>
<b>Child support and unemployment benefits</b>	If child support payments were taken out of your paycheck, child support payments will now be withheld from Unemployment Insurance checks (if applicable). State policy allows up to 50% of your Wisconsin unemployment checks to be withheld for support. If deductions related to unemployment such as penalties or overpayments reduce your unemployment benefits, 50% of what remains can still be withheld. You are still responsible to pay any remaining support owed each month if the money taken out of your unemployment checks is not enough to cover your monthly owed support amount.