

How Expensive Is It To Be Unemployed?

How much does it cost you in lost wages each week that you are unemployed?

This chart assumes a 40-hour workweek x 50 weeks a year (2000 hours).

Note: This is a rough approximation, not including any unemployment benefits you may be receiving.

	\$10000	\$20000	\$30000	\$40000	\$50000	\$60000	\$70000	\$80000	\$90000	\$100000
1 week	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1000	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000
2 weeks	\$400	\$800	\$1200	\$1600	\$2000	\$2400	\$2800	\$3200	\$3600	\$4000
3 weeks	\$600	\$1200	\$1800	\$2400	\$3000	\$3600	\$4200	\$4800	\$5400	\$6000
4 weeks	\$800	\$1600	\$2400	\$3200	\$4000	\$4800	\$5600	\$6400	\$7200	\$8000
5 weeks	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000	\$4000	\$5000	\$6000	\$7000	\$8000	\$9000	\$10000
6 weeks	\$1200	\$2400	\$3600	\$4800	\$6000	\$7200	\$8400	\$9600	\$10800	\$12000
7 weeks	\$1400	\$2800	\$4200	\$5600	\$7000	\$8400	\$9800	\$11200	\$12600	\$14000
8 weeks	\$1600	\$3200	\$4800	\$6400	\$8000	\$9600	\$11200	\$12800	\$14400	\$16000
9 weeks	\$1800	\$3600	\$5400	\$7200	\$9000	\$10800	\$12600	\$14400	\$16200	\$18000
10 weeks	\$2000	\$4000	\$6000	\$8000	\$10000	\$12000	\$14000	\$16000	\$18000	\$20000
11 weeks	\$2200	\$4400	\$6600	\$8800	\$11000	\$13200	\$15400	\$17600	\$19800	\$22000
12 weeks	\$2400	\$4800	\$7200	\$9600	\$12000	\$14400	\$16800	\$19200	\$21600	\$24000
13 weeks	\$2600	\$5200	\$7800	\$10400	\$13000	\$15600	\$18200	\$20800	\$23400	\$26000
14 weeks	\$2800	\$5600	\$8400	\$11200	\$14000	\$16800	\$19600	\$22400	\$25200	\$28000
15 weeks	\$3000	\$6000	\$9000	\$12000	\$15000	\$18000	\$21000	\$24000	\$27000	\$30000
16 weeks	\$3200	\$6400	\$9600	\$12800	\$16000	\$19200	\$22400	\$25600	\$28800	\$32000
17 weeks	\$3400	\$6800	\$10200	\$13600	\$17000	\$20400	\$23800	\$27200	\$30600	\$34000
18 weeks	\$3600	\$7200	\$10800	\$14400	\$18000	\$21600	\$25200	\$28800	\$32400	\$36000
19 weeks	\$3800	\$7600	\$11400	\$15200	\$19000	\$22800	\$26600	\$30400	\$34200	\$38000
20 weeks	\$4000	\$8000	\$12000	\$16000	\$20000	\$24000	\$28000	\$32000	\$36000	\$40000
21 weeks	\$4200	\$8400	\$12600	\$16800	\$21000	\$25200	\$29400	\$33600	\$37800	\$42000
22 weeks	\$4400	\$8800	\$13200	\$17600	\$22000	\$26400	\$30800	\$35200	\$39600	\$44000
23 weeks	\$4600	\$9200	\$13800	\$18400	\$23000	\$27600	\$32200	\$36800	\$41400	\$46000
24 weeks	\$4800	\$9600	\$14400	\$19200	\$24000	\$28800	\$33600	\$38400	\$43200	\$48000
25 weeks	\$5000	\$10000	\$15000	\$20000	\$25000	\$30000	\$35000	\$40000	\$45000	\$50000
26 weeks	\$5200	\$10400	\$15600	\$20800	\$26000	\$31200	\$36400	\$41600	\$46800	\$52000
27 weeks	\$5400	\$10800	\$16200	\$21600	\$27000	\$32400	\$37800	\$43200	\$48600	\$54000
28 weeks	\$5600	\$11200	\$16800	\$22400	\$28000	\$33600	\$39200	\$44800	\$50400	\$56000
29 weeks	\$5800	\$11600	\$17400	\$23200	\$29000	\$34800	\$40600	\$46400	\$52200	\$58000
30 weeks	\$6000	\$12000	\$18000	\$24000	\$30000	\$36000	\$42000	\$48000	\$54000	\$60000
31 weeks	\$6200	\$12400	\$18600	\$24800	\$31000	\$37200	\$43400	\$49600	\$55800	\$62000
32 weeks	\$6400	\$12800	\$19200	\$25600	\$32000	\$38400	\$44800	\$51200	\$57600	\$64000

23 weeks = As of November 2020, the average length of unemployment was 23.2 weeks. You are considered “long-term unemployed” if you are unemployed for 27 weeks or longer.