

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210	CLASSIFICATION Unemployment Insurance
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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 15-18

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: ROSEMARY LAHASKY
Deputy Assistant Secretary



**SUBJECT: Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount:
October 1 – December 31, 2018**

1. **Purpose.** To transmit the subject computation for State Workforce Agency usage in computing minimum weekly DUA amounts for all major disasters declared during the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.
2. **Action Requested.** State Workforce Agency Administrators are requested to provide this information to appropriate staff and ensure that the correct Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA) is utilized in determining the weekly DUA amount.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – If an individual’s DUA weekly benefit amount is less than 50 percent of the state’s average weekly payment of unemployment compensation (UC), or, if the individual has insufficient wages from employment or insufficient or no net income from self-employment, the state shall determine the DUA weekly amount to equal 50 percent of the average weekly payment of UC in the state.
 - b. Background –The Department is required to publish information on each state’s minimum DUA weekly benefit amount quarterly (see 20 CFR 625.6(b)).
4. **Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount.**
The attached listing sets forth the minimum DUA weekly benefit amount for each state applicable for major disasters declared during the first quarter of FY 2019, from October 1 to December 31, 2018, and the computation used to determine this amount.
5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

RESCISSIONS None	EXPIRATION DATE Continuing
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6. **References.**

- 20 CFR 625.6
- Employment and Training (ET) Handbook 356 Chapter IV-3

7. **Attachment(s).** Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount: October 1 – December 31, 2018

ATTACHMENT I

Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)
Weekly Benefit Amount: October 1, 2018–December 31, 2018

STATES	AWBA*	50% AWBA CALCULATION	MINIMUM WBA (ROUNDED)
Alabama	\$221.41	\$110.71	\$111
Alaska	\$267.53	\$133.77	\$134
Arizona	\$229.38	\$114.69	\$115
Arkansas	\$269.89	\$134.94	\$135
California	\$326.70	\$163.35	\$164
Colorado	\$426.10	\$213.05	\$214
Connecticut	\$391.87	\$195.93	\$196
Delaware	\$260.33	\$130.17	\$131
District of Columbia	\$348.98	\$174.49	\$175
Florida	\$246.62	\$123.31	\$124
Georgia	\$289.12	\$144.56	\$145
Hawaii	\$502.56	\$251.28	\$252
Idaho	\$319.28	\$159.64	\$160
Illinois	\$379.04	\$189.52	\$190
Indiana	\$290.02	\$145.01	\$146
Iowa	\$396.92	\$198.46	\$199
Kansas	\$379.63	\$189.81	\$190
Kentucky	\$336.35	\$168.17	\$169
Louisiana	\$212.45	\$106.22	\$107
Maine	\$328.46	\$164.23	\$165
Maryland	\$343.58	\$171.79	\$172
Massachusetts	\$511.09	\$255.55	\$256
Michigan	\$308.14	\$154.07	\$155
Minnesota	\$453.58	\$226.79	\$227
Mississippi	\$206.37	\$103.19	\$104
Missouri	\$264.12	\$132.06	\$133
Montana	\$344.73	\$172.37	\$173
Nebraska	\$333.32	\$166.66	\$167
Nevada	\$344.69	\$172.34	\$173
New Hampshire	\$332.12	\$166.06	\$167
New Jersey	\$446.44	\$223.22	\$224
New Mexico	\$331.00	\$165.50	\$166
New York	\$341.13	\$170.57	\$171
North Carolina	\$258.85	\$129.43	\$130
North Dakota	\$469.56	\$234.78	\$235
Ohio	\$369.99	\$184.99	\$185
Oklahoma	\$362.32	\$181.16	\$182
Oregon	\$391.35	\$195.68	\$196
Pennsylvania	\$378.30	\$189.15	\$190
Puerto Rico	\$118.46	\$59.23	\$60
Rhode Island	\$356.38	\$178.19	\$179
South Carolina	\$258.68	\$129.34	\$130
South Dakota	\$332.48	\$166.24	\$167
Tennessee	\$237.19	\$118.60	\$119
Texas	\$397.46	\$198.73	\$199
Utah	\$400.18	\$200.09	\$201
Vermont	\$358.16	\$179.08	\$180
Virgin Islands	\$302.78	\$151.39	\$152
Virginia	\$309.69	\$154.84	\$155
Washington	\$505.59	\$252.79	\$253
West Virginia	\$286.42	\$143.21	\$144
Wisconsin	\$319.14	\$159.57	\$160
Wyoming	\$373.26	\$186.63	\$187

*Based on Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA) for Total Unemployment 07/01/2017 through 06/30/2018

Data supplied by U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance