

COMPARE WEEKLY AMOUNTS FROM WORKING WITH 20% BENEFITS AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Basic information

Regular unemployment benefit = (2 highest earning quarters)/45, or about 57% of worker's average weekly wage

maximum weekly unemployment benefit is \$513 per week; corresponds to \$22.20/hour for a full-time worker, or \$46,170/year

assume benefits start week of March 29, continue for 39 weeks through end of Dec 2020 (includes extra 13 weeks)

CARES Act extra unemployment benefit = \$600 per week, not dependent on benefit level

assume start week of March 29, end week of July 26; 18 weeks maximum

Suppose a worker compares his/her weekly wages plus benefits when working to the weekly UE benefit after quitting the job

Note: We are comparing weekly dollar amounts including benefits equal to 20% of wages, but not other factors such as job security, the temporary nature of the extra unemployment benefit, and other worker benefits if available

1. FULL-TIME WORKERS

	WORKING				CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT			
Person A works full-time as a grocery clerk and earns \$15 per hour or \$31,200 per year								
	Hourly wage	Hours worked	Weekly wage	Add 20% ben's	Regular UE ben.	Extra \$600 ben.	Weekly UE ben.	Choice
A	\$15.00	40	\$600.00	\$720.00	\$346.67	\$600.00	\$946.67	UE

Person B works full-time as a Licensed Practical Nurse and earns \$27.83 per hour or \$57,886 per year

	WORKING				CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT			
	Hourly wage	Hours worked	Weekly wage		Regular UE ben.	Extra \$600 ben.	Weekly UE ben.	Choice
B	\$27.83	40	\$1,113.20	\$1,335.84	\$513.00	\$600.00	\$1,113.00	Work

2. PART-TIME WORKERS

	WORKING				CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT			
Person C works part-time (15 hours per week) as a home health aide and earns \$13.50 per hour								
	Hourly wage	Hours worked	Weekly wage	Add 20% ben's	Regular UE ben.	Extra \$600 ben.	Weekly UE ben.	Choice
C	\$13.50	15	\$202.50	\$243.00	\$117.00	\$600.00	\$717.00	UE

Person D works part-time (24 hours per week) as a truck driver and earns \$20.00 per hour

	WORKING				CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT			
	Hourly wage	Hours worked	Weekly wage		Regular UE ben.	Extra \$600 ben.	Weekly UE ben.	Choice
D	\$20.00	24	\$480.00	\$576.00	\$277.33	\$600.00	\$877.33	UE