

Summary of Unemployment Insurance Dependent Benefit Provisions in Other States

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State	Amount per Dependent	Max Dependent Benefit	Max Number of Dependents	Definition of Dependent
Alaska	\$24.00	\$72.00	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work
Connecticut	\$15.00	\$75.00	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Child under 21 if full-time student • Nonworking spouse¹
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.6% of AWW or \$26.00, whichever is greater, for dependent child • 9% of AWW or \$15.00, whichever is greater, for dependent spouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$185.00 for dependent child • \$93.00 for dependent spouse 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Nonworking spouse²
Iowa	\$4.00-\$19.00 ³	\$112.00	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Nonworking spouse⁴
Maine	\$10.00	\$231.00	Depends, capped at 50% of weekly benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work
Maryland	\$8.00	\$40.00	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 16 • Child over 18 if unable to work

¹ A spouse is considered a non-working spouse in Connecticut if at the time of the initial claim, the spouse is (1) unemployed, (2) lives in the same household as the claimant, and (3) has not worked during the past three months or is pregnant or has a mental or physical disability expected to last for a long or indefinite time.

² A spouse is considered a nonworking spouse in Illinois if the spouse is ineligible for unemployment benefits and for at least 90 days (or the period of the marriage if less than 90 days) prior to the claim, the claimant has provided at least 50% of the cost of supporting the spouse.

³ Dependent benefit varies based on claimant's weekly benefit amount.

⁴ A spouse is considered a nonworking spouse in Iowa if the spouse "does not earn more than one hundred twenty dollars in gross wages in one week."

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Massachusetts	\$25.00	\$427.00	Depends, capped at 50% of weekly benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Child under 24 if full-time student
Michigan	\$6.00	\$30.00	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Child under 22 if full-time student • Spouse • Parent if over 65 or unable to work due to permanent disability • Sibling under 18 if orphaned or parents are dependents • Sibling over 18 if unable to work • Sibling under 22 if full-time student
New Jersey	7% of WBA for 1 st dependent, 4% for each additional dependent	\$93 ⁵	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 19 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Child under 22 if full-time student
New Mexico	\$25.00	\$50.00	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18
Ohio	Dependents increase max WBA. (50% of AWW for 0; 60% of AWW for 1-2; and 66.67% for 3+)	\$174.00	3 ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Spouse who earns 25% or less of claimant's AWW
Pennsylvania	\$5.00 for 1 st dependent, \$3.00 for up to 1 additional dependent	\$8.00	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work • Spouse
Rhode Island	Greater of \$15.00 or 5% of WBA for each child	\$149.00	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child under 18 • Child over 18 if unable to work

⁵ Regular benefits plus dependency benefit cannot exceed maximum weekly benefit.

⁶ Ohio dependency benefits are paid based on two categories. The first is for one or two dependents and the second is for three or more dependents.