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How Long Do Unemployment Benefits Last?

Legislative efforts at the state and federal level, particularly those related to efforts to stimulate the economy, have changed the length of time that unemployment benefits are available. They also created significant variation in the length of benefits among the states, making it difficult to keep track of what terminated employees can expect and what employers are responsible for around the country. The Wall Street Journal has an interesting [article](#) (subscription may be required) on the quantity of benefits available in different states. Currently, the newly unemployed in Minnesota may receive up to 40 weeks of regular and extended unemployment benefits. The Journals [article](#) provided a summary of the number of weeks of benefits available in the 50 states:

Weeks States

40	HI, IA, KS, MN, NB, ND, NH, OK, SD, UT, VA, VT, and WY
41	MO
42	MT
46	FL, GA
48	MI, SC
54	DE, ID, LA, MA, MD, NM, OH, TX, and WI
60	AR, IL
63	AL, AZ, CO, CT, DC, IN, KY, ME, MS, NY, OR, PA, TN, WA, and WV
73	CA, NJ, NC, NV, and RI
86	AK