

Unemployment Insurance Under State Laws, 2003-2004

All data from the Department of Labor's Office of Workforce Security.

Jurisdiction	Average Weekly Benefit Paid for Total Unemployment	Rank	Average Weekly Benefit as a Percentage of Average Weekly Wages	Rank	Taxable Wage Base
United States	\$258.31		40.40%		\$10,865
Alabama	\$176.10	49	28.90%	43	\$8,000
Alaska	\$195.00	46	42.60%	11	\$27,100
Arizona	\$176.01	50	43.80%	9	\$7,000
Arkansas	\$226.01	35	38.00%	23	\$10,000
California	\$265.68	13	47.40%	6	\$7,000
Colorado	\$296.16	7	47.80%	5	\$10,000
Connecticut	\$271.89	10	35.10%	32	\$15,000
Delaware	\$248.72	24	31.60%	40	\$8,500
District of Columbia	\$255.34	20	63.50%	1	\$9,000
Florida	\$221.31	37	49.40%	3	\$7,000
Georgia	\$238.95	32	42.30%	13	\$8,500
Hawaii	\$318.97	2	26.70%	46	\$31,000
Idaho	\$222.15	36	33.50%	38	\$27,600
Illinois	\$268.51	11	42.30%	13	\$9,800
Indiana	\$262.95	15	40.00%	18	\$7,000
Iowa	\$253.63	21	28.30%	44	\$19,700
Kansas	\$265.38	14	40.10%	17	\$8,000
Kentucky	\$259.53	17	26.50%	48	\$8,000
Louisiana	\$194.39	47	38.90%	20	\$7,000
Maine	\$235.36	33	37.00%	26	\$12,000
Maryland	\$252.56	22	35.40%	30	\$8,500
Massachusetts	\$345.26	1	40.70%	15	\$14,000
Michigan	\$288.94	8	35.10%	32	\$9,000
Minnesota	\$306.11	6	35.20%	31	\$22,000
Mississippi	\$170.89	51	34.90%	35	\$7,000
Missouri	\$201.74	44	40.40%	16	\$8,000
Montana	\$184.00	48	36.80%	27	\$21,000
Nebraska	\$216.24	39	42.50%	12	\$7,000
Nevada	\$242.82	28	37.10%	25	\$22,000
New Hampshire	\$248.35	25	27.80%	45	\$8,000
New Jersey	\$316.64	3	48.70%	4	\$24,300
New Mexico	\$227.52	34	43.60%	10	\$16,800
New York	\$267.83	12	51.10%	2	\$8,500
North Carolina	\$256.81	19	38.20%	22	\$16,200
North Dakota	\$210.86	41	33.80%	37	\$18,500
Ohio	\$243.41	27	32.90%	39	\$9,000
Oklahoma	\$215.14	40	45.90%	8	\$14,300
Oregon	\$252.26	23	38.80%	21	\$27,000
Pennsylvania	\$283.70	9	34.00%	36	\$8,000
Rhode Island	\$312.56	4	39.70%	19	\$14,000
South Carolina	\$210.37	42	37.60%	24	\$7,000
South Dakota	\$201.71	45	16.50%	51	\$7,000
Tennessee	\$208.70	43	36.60%	28	\$7,000
Texas	\$257.83	18	47.40%	6	\$9,000
Utah	\$262.78	16	35.70%	29	\$22,700
Vermont	\$248.02	26	19.50%	50	\$8,000
Virginia	\$240.50	29	35.10%	32	\$8,000
Washington	\$310.19	5	31.00%	42	\$30,200

West Virginia	\$220.88	38	26.10%	49	\$8,000
Wisconsin	\$239.47	30	26.70%	46	\$10,500
Wyoming	\$239.20	31	31.40%	41	\$15,900

Wage and Tax Rate Information by State for CYQ: 2003.4

State	Total Wages (000)	Total Wages (Tax. Employers) (000)	Taxable Wages (000)	Avg. Tax Rates on:		CY Taxable Wage Base
				Taxable Wages	Total Wages	
Alabama	\$14,950,162	\$12,304,669	\$1,308,619	1.7	0.5	\$8,000
Alaska	\$2,546,068	\$1,951,975	\$684,422	2.4	1.5	\$27,100
Arizona	\$20,865,348	\$17,176,470	\$1,773,992	0.8	0.2	\$7,000
Arkansas	\$8,377,458	\$6,825,381	\$958,545	2.4	0.9	\$10,000
California	\$165,311,175	\$134,726,723	\$10,969,682	3	0.6	\$7,000
Colorado	\$20,894,667	\$17,707,268	\$2,237,911	1	0.3	\$10,000
Connecticut	\$20,946,976	\$16,900,391	\$1,856,595	2.8	0.9	\$15,000
Delaware	\$4,309,103	\$3,532,638	\$292,571	1.8	0.4	\$8,500
District of Columbia	\$6,974,751	\$5,682,787	\$353,646	2.1	0.4	\$9,000
Florida	\$63,888,160	\$52,982,617	\$5,537,478	1.3	0.4	\$7,000
Georgia	\$35,281,399	\$29,772,371	\$3,285,616	0.6	0.2	\$8,500
Hawaii	\$4,678,231	\$3,615,481	\$1,566,802	1.7	1.2	\$31,000
Idaho	\$4,220,612	\$3,425,993	\$1,515,246	1.2	0.8	\$27,600
Illinois	\$60,448,943	\$50,080,878	\$4,114,901	3	0.7	\$9,800
Indiana	\$24,603,732	\$20,455,114	\$1,688,686	1.9	0.5	\$7,000
Iowa	\$11,328,983	\$8,992,768	\$2,085,525	1.5	0.8	\$19,700
Kansas	\$10,316,830	\$9,553,193	\$1,966,870	1.8	0.7	\$8,000
Kentucky	\$14,133,354	\$11,437,825	\$1,202,707	2.4	0.7	\$8,000
Louisiana	\$14,804,541	\$11,831,844	\$1,217,044	1.7	0.4	\$7,000
Maine	\$4,729,699	\$3,621,221	\$555,215	1.5	0.6	\$12,000
Maryland	\$24,453,776	\$19,411,674	\$1,807,825	1.5	0.4	\$8,500
Massachusetts	\$38,463,457	\$31,621,646	\$3,760,020	2.5	0.7	\$14,000
Michigan	\$45,131,467	\$36,890,928	\$3,030,118	3.4	0.8	\$9,000
Minnesota	\$25,776,919	\$20,581,907	\$4,318,112	1.4	0.7	\$22,000
Mississippi	\$7,730,439	\$6,192,256	\$715,224	1.7	0.5	\$7,000
Missouri	\$22,502,084	\$18,347,333	\$1,645,213	1.9	0.5	\$8,000
Montana	\$2,670,542	\$2,279,557	\$983,396	1.1	0.7	\$21,000
Nebraska	\$6,849,983	\$5,366,127	\$516,685	1.7	0.5	\$7,000
Nevada	\$10,172,305	\$8,825,370	\$2,707,041	1.3	0.8	\$22,000
New Hampshire	\$6,179,894	\$5,020,389	\$417,838	1	0.3	\$8,000
New Jersey	\$47,087,011	\$38,965,573	\$8,037,384	1.7	0.8	\$24,300
New Mexico	\$5,630,810	\$4,355,093	\$1,184,738	1	0.5	\$16,800
New York	\$102,444,799	\$79,694,040	\$5,378,456	4.2	0.8	\$8,500
North Carolina	\$32,481,966	\$26,322,136	\$5,135,822	1.7	0.8	\$16,200
North Dakota	\$2,231,261	\$1,665,087	\$415,972	1.5	0.8	\$18,500
Ohio	\$48,251,071	\$38,621,205	\$3,710,149	1.8	0.5	\$9,000
Oklahoma	\$10,476,637	\$8,786,770	\$1,464,545	1.2	0.5	\$14,300

Oregon	\$13,882,460	\$11,052,606	\$3,756,798	2.3	1.4	\$27,000
Pennsylvania	\$52,490,033	\$41,313,636	\$3,365,532	4	1	\$8,000
Puerto Rico	\$5,911,144	\$3,931,042	\$574,532	3.4	1.3	\$7,000
Rhode Island	\$4,474,162	\$3,380,438	\$474,294	3.1	1.1	\$14,000
South Carolina	\$14,066,082	\$11,512,836	\$1,120,718	2	0.5	\$7,000
South Dakota	\$2,527,966	\$1,967,252	\$209,881	0.7	0.2	\$7,000
Tennessee	\$22,947,106	\$19,330,917	\$1,739,947	2.6	0.6	\$7,000
Texas	\$88,467,879	\$74,857,868	\$7,623,162	2.3	0.6	\$9,000
Utah	\$8,271,822	\$6,736,488	\$2,189,597	0.6	0.4	\$22,700
Vermont	\$2,485,717	\$1,851,979	\$181,640	2	0.6	\$8,000
Virgin Islands	\$329,258	\$212,686	\$67,697	0.2	0.1	\$18,400
Virginia	\$33,059,278	\$28,064,383	\$2,514,431	1	0.2	\$8,000
Washington	\$25,439,905	\$19,993,111	\$6,916,515	2.4	1.4	\$30,200
West Virginia	\$4,927,559	\$3,762,217	\$437,975	2.8	0.9	\$8,000
Wisconsin	\$23,773,374	\$18,880,869	\$2,006,484	2.2	0.7	\$10,500
Wyoming	\$1,858,703	\$1,432,156	\$328,682	0.8	0.4	\$15,900
United States	\$1,257,057,060	#####	\$123,908,495	2.2	0.6	\$10,865

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