

**Table B. Characteristics of State UI Benefits, 2003**

State	Average Weekly Benefit Amount	Average duration of benefits (weeks)	Reciency in regular program	Avg. weekly benefit as % of avg. weekly wage	Exhaustion rate in regular program	Unemployment rate	Average weekly wage
Alabama	\$ 176	12.7	32%	29.5%	31.6%	5.7%	\$ 597
Alaska	\$ 193	14.7	57%	27.6%	44.2%	7.5%	\$ 700
Arizona	\$ 173	17.9	32%	26.4%	48.9%	5.6%	\$ 656
Arkansas	\$ 229	14.0	50%	42.5%	38.2%	5.5%	\$ 539
California	\$ 246	18.1	46%	30.8%	49.1%	6.7%	\$ 799
Colorado	\$ 308	15.2	30%	42.2%	53.6%	5.7%	\$ 730
Connecticut	\$ 286	17.9	60%	31.4%	37.8%	5.0%	\$ 912
Delaware	\$ 235	16.1	58%	30.6%	31.9%	4.0%	\$ 768
District of Columbia	\$ 258	20.5	37%	24.6%	85.8%	6.6%	\$ 1,050
Florida	\$ 225	15.9	29%	36.0%	48.9%	5.2%	\$ 626
Georgia	\$ 243	12.6	36%	35.4%	44.2%	4.6%	\$ 687
Hawaii	\$ 312	15.6	45%	50.6%	28.6%	3.9%	\$ 617
Idaho	\$ 232	14.0	54%	43.1%	36.8%	5.3%	\$ 538
Illinois	\$ 281	19.0	44%	36.7%	44.7%	6.6%	\$ 765
Indiana	\$ 263	13.6	41%	41.9%	44.0%	5.0%	\$ 628
Iowa	\$ 260	13.5	45%	45.3%	30.2%	4.3%	\$ 574
Kansas	\$ 272	16.0	44%	46.0%	42.7%	4.8%	\$ 591
Kentucky	\$ 250	14.5	36%	41.9%	28.8%	5.7%	\$ 597
Louisiana	\$ 195	15.3	31%	33.8%	51.2%	6.2%	\$ 577
Maine	\$ 231	18.2	40%	40.5%	38.9%	4.8%	\$ 571
Maryland	\$ 252	15.9	39%	34.1%	35.3%	4.3%	\$ 740
Massachusetts	\$ 357	18.9	57%	41.1%	45.6%	5.6%	\$ 869
Michigan	\$ 291	14.0	43%	39.3%	36.8%	7.0%	\$ 741
Minnesota	\$ 322	16.7	47%	44.4%	39.5%	4.5%	\$ 726
Mississippi	\$ 173	15.5	33%	33.8%	36.4%	6.2%	\$ 512
Missouri	\$ 206	16.5	44%	32.4%	42.8%	5.2%	\$ 636
Montana	\$ 202	15.5	49%	40.8%	39.1%	4.4%	\$ 495
Nebraska	\$ 216	14.1	39%	37.9%	45.8%	3.8%	\$ 570
Nevada	\$ 236	15.8	49%	35.9%	40.8%	5.1%	\$ 658
New Hampshire	\$ 259	17.8	32%	36.9%	31.7%	4.2%	\$ 701
New Jersey	\$ 334	18.0	53%	38.3%	54.3%	5.7%	\$ 873
New Mexico	\$ 211	17.6	28%	38.1%	44.3%	5.9%	\$ 554
New York	\$ 272	18.7	42%	30.6%	58.4%	6.2%	\$ 889
North Carolina	\$ 258	13.8	41%	41.0%	38.1%	6.3%	\$ 629
North Dakota	\$ 222	12.4	37%	43.4%	33.9%	3.5%	\$ 512
Ohio	\$ 252	15.5	37%	38.1%	35.6%	6.0%	\$ 661
Oklahoma	\$ 229	16.3	32%	41.9%	45.1%	5.3%	\$ 547
Oregon	\$ 258	17.5	49%	40.0%	43.4%	7.8%	\$ 645
Pennsylvania	\$ 292	17.8	63%	42.2%	36.8%	5.6%	\$ 692
Rhode Island	\$ 309	15.9	49%	45.8%	41.2%	5.2%	\$ 675
South Carolina	\$ 210	13.7	38%	36.3%	39.5%	6.4%	\$ 578
South Dakota	\$ 202	12.4	27%	40.0%	17.3%	3.6%	\$ 505
Tennessee	\$ 210	14.5	39%	33.6%	40.2%	5.2%	\$ 625
Texas	\$ 261	16.8	28%	37.5%	52.3%	6.6%	\$ 696
Utah	\$ 269	14.4	30%	46.4%	42.3%	5.2%	\$ 580
Vermont	\$ 255	14.4	59%	42.6%	25.9%	4.1%	\$ 598
Virginia	\$ 276	14.0	35%	39.1%	39.0%	3.9%	\$ 706
Washington	\$ 324	18.4	46%	44.1%	36.8%	7.2%	\$ 734
West Virginia	\$ 220	15.4	40%	40.4%	27.5%	6.0%	\$ 544
Wisconsin	\$ 252	13.8	54%	40.1%	27.5%	5.5%	\$ 629
Wyoming	\$ 238	12.8	37%	42.9%	27.4%	4.1%	\$ 555
<b>United States</b>	<b>\$ 262</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>\$ 704</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, *UI Data Summary* (March 2004).

Notes: Recency is defined as insured unemployed/total unemployed.