2026 Eligible Weeks Update

Newly filed initial claims are given a maximum number of UI benefit weeks based on the state average unemployment rate (SAUR) for the prior six (6) months.*

Duration of Benefits

Claimants who qualify for benefits on or after July 5, 2026, will receive a maximum of 16 weeks of benefits (or up to 24 weeks if enrolled in an approved training program).

State Average Unemployment Rate Of less than or equal Percent	Duration of Benefits Weeks of Benefits Available
6.5%	16
7%	17
7.5%	18
8%	19
8.5%	20
9%	21
9.5%	22
10%	23
10.5%	24

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*As of 2023 legislative session; see **House Bill 146.**