SIGNIFICANT PROVISIONS OF STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS
EFFECTIVE JULY 2012
September 2012-Revised


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|  |  |  | Minimum | MaxiMum |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HI | $26 \times$ WBA; wages in 2 qtrs | 1/21 HQW | \$5 | $\$ 523$ prior to <br> 4/1/12 <br> \$560 <br> eff <br> 4/1/12 | \$150 | Uniform duration | 26 | Any size | \$38,800 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.20 \% \\ & 5.40 \% \\ & 4.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| ID | 11/4 x HQW; not less than the minimum qualifying wages in 1 qtr $\$ 1,872$ | 1/26 HQW | \$72 | \$343 | $1 / 2$ WBA | Weighted schedule of BPW to HQW | 10-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$34,100 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 0.96\% } \\ & 6.80 \% \\ & 3.36 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| IL | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,600 ; \$ 440 \\ & \text { outside HQ } \end{aligned}$ | 47\% of claimant's AWW in 2 highest qtrs | \$51-77 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 403- \\ & 549 \end{aligned}$ | $1 / 2$ WBA | Uniform duration | 25 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$13,560 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.55 \% \\ & 9.45 \% \\ & 4.35 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| IN | $1112 \times$ HQW <br> totaling at least $\$ 2,500$ in last 2 qtrs; not less than $\$ 4,200$ in BP | 47\% of AWW in BP | \$37 | \$390 | Greater of $\$ 3$ or 20\% WBA from other than BP employers | Lesser of 28\% BPW or $26 \times$ WBA | 8-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$9,500 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.50 \% \\ & 7.40 \% \\ & 2.50 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| IA | 11⁄4 x HQW; 3.5\% of the statewide AAW in HQ; $1 ⁄ 2$ HQW in qtr not the HQ | 1/23 HQW or $1 / 19$ - 1/22 HQW for claimants with deps | \$59-71 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 396- \\ & 486 \end{aligned}$ | 1/4 WBA | 1/3 BPW | 7-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$25,300 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00 \% \\ & 9.00 \% \\ & 1.50 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| KS | $30 \times$ WBA; wages in 2 qtrs | 4.25\% HQW | \$114 | \$456 | 25\% WBA | 1/3 BPW | 10-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$8,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.11 \% \\ & 9.40 \% \\ & 4.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| KY | $11 / 2 \times$ HQW; $8 \times$ WBA in last 2 qtrs; $\$ 750$ outside HQ | 1.1923\% BPW | \$39 | \$415 | 1/5 wages | 1/3 BPW | 15-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$9,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.00 \% \\ & 10.00 \% \\ & 2.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| LA | \$1,200 total BPW; wages in 2 qtrs; $1 \frac{1}{2} \times \mathrm{HQW}$ | $1 / 25$ of the avg of wages in 4 qtrs of BP x $1.05 \times 1.15$ | \$10 | \$247 | Lesser of $1 / 2$ <br> WBA or \$50 | Uniform duration | 26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$7,700 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.10 \% \\ & 6.20 \% \\ & \text { InAvg\% } \end{aligned}$ |
| ME | $2 \times \mathrm{AWW}$ in 2 different BP qtrs; total BPW $=6 x$ AWW | 1/22 avg wages paid in 2 highest qtrs of BP $+\$ 10$ per dep up to $1 / 2$ WBA | \$65-97 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 372- \\ & 558 \end{aligned}$ | \$25 | 1/3 BPW | 22-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$12,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 0.88\% } \\ & \text { 8.10\% } \\ & 3.08 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| MD | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1½ } \times \mathrm{HQW} ; \\ & \$ 1,776.01 \text { in } \mathrm{HQ} \end{aligned}$ | 1/24 HQW + \$8 per dep up to 5 deps | \$50-90 | \$430 | $\leq \$ 50$ | Uniform duration | 26 | Any size | \$8,500 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.20 \% \\ & 13.50 \% \\ & 2.60 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| MA | $30 \times$ WBA; <br> $\$ 3,500$ minimum | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \% \text { AWW + } \$ 25 \\ & \text { per dep up to } 1 / 2 \\ & \text { WBA } \end{aligned}$ | \$33-49 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$653- } \\ & 979 \end{aligned}$ | 1/3 WBA | 36\% BPW | 10-30 | 13 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$14,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.26 \% \\ & 12.27 \% \\ & 2.83 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| MI | $11 / 2 \times H Q W$; at least \$2,871 in HQ; or wages in 2 or more BP qtrs totaling at least \$17,206.80 (20 x State AWW of \$860.34) | 4.1\% HQW + \$6 for each dep up to 5 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 117- \\ & 147 \end{aligned}$ | \$362 | WBA <br> reduced by <br> 40申 for <br> every \$1 <br> earned. <br> Earnings <br> and benefits <br> limited to 1.6 <br> x WBA | 43\% BP <br> wages | 14-20 | 20 weeks or \$1,000 in CY | \$9,500 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.06 \% \\ & 11.05 \% \\ & 2.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| MN | At least \$1,000 in HQ; \$250 outside HQ | Higher of 50\% of 1/13 HQW up to 43\% of State AWW or $50 \%$ of $1 / 52$ BPW up to $662 / 3 \%$ of State AWW | \$38 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 385- \\ & 597 \end{aligned}$ | WBA <br> reduced by 55 $\phi$ for every \$1 earned | Lesser of $1 / 3$ BPW or 26 x WBA | 11-26 | Any size | \$28,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.673 \% \\ & 10.870 \% \\ & 3.572 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| MS | $40 \times$ WBA; $\$ 780$ <br> in HQ; wages in 2 qtrs | 1/26 HQW | \$30 | \$235 | \$40 | Lesser of $1 / 3$ BPW or 26 x WBA | 13-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$14,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.95 \% \\ & 5.40 \% \\ & 1.15 \% \end{aligned}$ |


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| MO | 11/2 x HQW; $\$ 1,500$ in 1 qtr; or wages in 2 gtrs of $B P=11 / 2$ maximum taxable wage base | $4 \%$ of the avg of the 2 HQWs | \$35 | \$320 | Greater of 20\% WBA or \$20 | Lesser of 20 <br> $x$ WBA or $1 / 3$ <br> BPW | 8-20 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$13,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00 \% \\ & 9.75 \% \\ & 3.51 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| MT | BPW = $11 / 2 x$ HQW and total wages $\geq 7 \%$ of AAW or BPW $\geq$ 50\% of AAW | 1\% BPW or 1.9\% wages in 2 HQs | \$127 | \$446 | $1 / 2$ wages in excess of $1 / 4$ WBA | Weighted schedule of BPW to HQW | 8-28 | $\$ 1,000$ in current or preceding year | \$27,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.82 \% \\ & 6.12 \% \\ & \text { InAvg\% } \end{aligned}$ |
| NE | \$3,868 in BP; \$1,850 in HQW and wages in at least 1 other qtr of $\$ 800$ | 1⁄2 AWW | \$70 | \$354 | 11/4 WBA | Lesser of 26 <br> x WBA or $1 / 3$ BPW | 12-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$9,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00 \% \\ & 6.49 \% \\ & 2.49 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| NV | $11 / 2 \times \mathrm{HQW}$ in BP and $\$ 400$ in HQ ; or wages in 3 of 4 qtrs in $B P$ and $\$ 400$ in HQ | 1/25 HQW | \$16 | \$396 | 1/4 wages | Lesser of 26 <br> x WBA or $1 / 3$ BPW | 12-26 | \$225 in any qtr | \$26,400 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.25 \% \\ & 5.40 \% \\ & 2.95 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| NH | $\$ 2,800 ; \$ 1,400 \text { in }$ each of 2 qtrs | 1\%-1.1\% annual wages | \$32 | \$427 | 30\% WBA | Uniform duration | 26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$14,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.60 \% \\ & 7.00 \% \\ & 3.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| NJ | 20 weeks employment at 20 $x$ State hourly minimum wage or 1,000 x State hourly minimum wage | 60\% of claimant's AWW + DA | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 87- \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | \$611 | Greater of 20\% WBA or \$5 | 100\% base weeks worked in base year up to 26 | 1-26 | $\$ 1,000$ in any year | \$30,300 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.60 \% \\ & 6.40 \% \\ & 3.10 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| NM | \$1,798.14 in HQW and wages in at least 1 other qtr | 53.5\% of AWW paid in BP qtr in which wages were highest | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 74- \\ & 111 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 397- \\ & 447 \end{aligned}$ | 1/5 WBA | Lesser of 26 x WBA or 60\% BPW | 16-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 450$ in any qtr | \$22,400 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05 \% \\ & 5.40 \% \\ & 2.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| NY | $11 / 2 \times$ HQW; <br> \$1,600 in HQ | 1/26 HQW unless HQW $\leq \$ 3,575$ then, $1 / 25 \mathrm{HQW}$ | \$64 | \$405 | None. All employment affects WBA | Uniform duration | 26 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 300 \text { in any } \\ & \text { qtr } \end{aligned}$ | \$8,500 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.90 \% \\ & 8.90 \% \\ & 3.40 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| NC | $6 \times$ AWW; wages in 2 qtrs of $B P$ | 1/26 HQW | \$45 | \$522 | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \% \text { AWW } \\ & \text { in HQ } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (\text { BPW / } \\ & \text { HQW }) x \\ & 82 / 3 \end{aligned}$ | 13-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$20,400 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00 \% \\ & 6.84 \% \\ & 1.20 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| ND | $1122 \times H Q W$; wages in 2 qtrs | 1/65 of wages in 2 HQs $+1 / 2$ wages in $3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{HQ}$ | \$43 | \$516 | 60\% WBA | Weighted schedule of BPW to HQW | 12-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$27,900 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.20 \% \\ & 9.91 \% \\ & 1.36 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| OH | 20 weeks employment with wages averaging 27.5\% of State AWW; wages in 2 qtrs | ½ claimant's AWW <br> + DA of \$1-\$139 <br> based on <br> claimant's AWW <br> and number of dep | \$111 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 400- \\ & 539 \end{aligned}$ | 1/5 WBA | $20 \times$ WBA + $1 \times$ WBA for each qualifying week in excess of 20 | 20-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$9,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.70 \% \\ & 9.10 \% \\ & 2.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| OK | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,500 \text { and } 11 / 2 x \\ & \text { HQW } \end{aligned}$ | 1/23 HQW | \$16 | \$368 | \$100 | Weighted schedule of BPW to HQW | 18-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$19,100 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.30 \% \\ & 9.20 \% \\ & 1.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| OR | BPW $\geq$ \$1,000 and $\mathrm{BPW} \geq 11 / 2 \mathrm{x}$ HQW; or 500 hours of employment in BP | 1.25\% BPW | \$122 | \$524 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 3 \text { WBA or } \\ & 10 \times \$ 8.50 \\ & \text { (i.e., the } \\ & \text { State } \\ & \text { minimum } \\ & \text { wage) } \end{aligned}$ | Lesser of 26 <br> x WBA or $1 / 3$ BPW | 3-26 | 18 weeks or $\$ 1,000$ in any qtr | \$33,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.20 \% \\ & 5.40 \% \\ & 3.30 \% \end{aligned}$ |


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| PA | $\$ 800$ in HQ; <br> $\$ 1,320$ in BP; at least $20 \%$ of BPW outside HQ; 16 credit weeks in BP | 1/23-1/25 HQW + \$5 for 1 dep; $\$ 3$ for $2^{\text {nd }}$ dep | \$35-43 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 573- \\ & 581 \end{aligned}$ | Greater of \$6 or 40\% WBA | At least 16 credit weeks for minimum, 18 for maximum | 16 or 26 | Any size | \$8,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.43 \% \\ & 10.58 \% \\ & 3.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| PR | $40 \times$ WBA; $\$ 280$ minimum; $\$ 77$ in 1 qtr; wages in 2 qtrs | 1/11-1/26 HQW | \$7 | \$133 | WBA | Uniform duration | 26 | Any size | \$7,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.40 \% \\ & 5.40 \% \\ & 3.30 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| RI | $11 / 2 \times$ HQW. 200 x minimum hourly wage in 1 qtr and $400 \times$ minimum hourly wage in BP; or $1,200 \mathrm{x}$ minimum hourly wage in BP | $\begin{aligned} & 4.38 \% \text { of avg high } \\ & 2 \text { qtrs in BP }+ \\ & \text { greater of } \$ 15 \text { or } \\ & 5 \% \text { of the benefit } \\ & \text { rate per dep, } \\ & \text { capped at the } \\ & \text { greater of } \$ 50 \text { or } \\ & 25 \% \text { of WBA } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | \$43-93 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 566- \\ & 707 \end{aligned}$ | 1/5 WBA | 33\% BPW | 15-26 | Any size | \$19,600 <br> or <br> $\$ 21,100$ <br> for high <br> tax <br> group <br> em- <br> poyers | $\begin{aligned} & 2.20 \% \\ & 10.30 \% \\ & 2.46 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| SC | $1112 \times \mathrm{HQW}$; <br> \$4,455 minimum; <br> \$1,092 in HQ | 1/26 HQW | \$42 | \$326 | 11/4 WBA | 1/3 BPW | 13-20 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$12,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.098 \% \\ & 8.686 \% \\ & 2.212 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| SD | \$728 in HQ; 20 x WBA outside HQ | 1/26 HQW | \$28 | \$333 | $1 / 4$ wages over \$25 | 1/3 BPW | 15-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$12,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.00 \% \\ & 9.50 \% \\ & 1.20 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| TN | $40 \times$ WBA; $\$ 780.01$ avg wages in highest 2 qtrs; BPW outside HQW $\geq$ the lesser of 6 x WBA or $\$ 900$ | 1/26 of avg 2 highest qtrs | \$30-80 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 275- \\ & 325 \end{aligned}$ | Greater of $\$ 50$ or $1 / 4$ WBA | Lesser of 26 <br> $x$ WBA or $1 / 4$ BPW | 13-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$9,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.50 \% \\ & 10.00 \% \\ & 2.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| TX | $37 \times$ WBA; wages in at least 2 qtrs | 1/25 HQW | \$61 | \$426 | Greater of $\$ 5$ or $1 / 4$ WBA | 27\% BPW | 10-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$9,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.61 \% \\ & 7.58 \% \\ & 2.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| UT | $\$ 3,200$ in BP and $11 / 2 \times H Q W$ | 1/26 HQW - \$5 | \$25 | \$467 | 30\% WBA | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \% \\ & \text { BPW/WBA } \end{aligned}$ | 10-26 | Any size | \$29,500 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.40 \% \\ & 7.40 \% \\ & \text { InAvg\% } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| VT | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,227 \mathrm{HQW}+ \\ & \mathrm{BPW} \geq 40 \% \\ & \text { HQW } \end{aligned}$ | Wages in the 2 highest qtrs divided by 45 | \$69 | \$425 | Greater of $30 \%$ of gross wages or $\$ 40$ | Lesser of 26 <br> x WBA or 46\% BPW | 21-26 | 20 weeks or \$1,500 in any qtr | \$16,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.30 \% \\ & 8.40 \% \\ & 1.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| VA | $\$ 3,000$ in highest <br> 2 qtrs of BP | $1 / 50$ of the 2 highest qtrs | \$60 | \$378 | \$50 | See table in law | 12-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$8,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.83 \% \\ & 6.93 \% \\ & 3.23 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| VI | $11 / 2 \times \mathrm{HQW}$ and $\$ 858$ in HQ ; or $\$ 858$ in HQ and $39 \times$ WBA in BP | 1/26 HQW | \$33 | \$494 | $25 \%$ in excess of \$15 | 1/3 BPW | 13-26 | Any size | \$23,700 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.50 \% \\ & 6.00 \% \\ & 1.00 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| WA | 680 hours; wages in BP or alternate BP | $3.85 \%$ of avg of high 2 qtrs in BP | \$143 | \$604 | $1 / 4$ of wages over $\$ 5$ | Lesser of 26 $x$ WBA or $1 / 3$ BPW | 1-26 | Any size | \$38,200 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.14 \% \\ & 5.84 \% \\ & \text { InAvg\% } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| WV | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,200 \text { and } \\ & \text { wages in } 2 \text { qtrs } \end{aligned}$ | $55 \%$ of $1 / 52$ of median wages in worker's wage class | \$24 | \$424 | \$60 | Uniform duration | 26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$12,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.50 \% \\ & 8.50 \% \\ & 2.70 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| WI | $35 \times$ WBA and $4 \times$ WBA outside HQ | 4\% HQW up to maximum WBA | \$54 | \$363 | $\$ 30$ plus $33 \%$ of wages in excess of \$30 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lesser of } 40 \\ & \text { X BPW or } 26 \\ & \text { X WBA } \end{aligned}$ | 4-26 | 20 weeks or $\$ 1,500$ in any qtr | \$13,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.27 \% \\ & 9.80 \% \\ & 3.60 \% \end{aligned}$ |


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|  |  |  | Minimum | Maxi- <br> Mum |  |  |  |  |  | New Employer Rate ${ }^{8}$ |
| WY | $1.4 \times \mathrm{HQW}$; at least $8 \%$ of statewide AAW | 4\% HQW | \$33 | \$459 | 50\% WBA | Lesser of 26 <br> x WBA or <br> $30 \%$ BPW | 11-26 | Any size | \$23,000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 0.65\% } \\ & 10.00 \% \\ & \text { InAvg\% } \end{aligned}$ |

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KEY:
$\overline{\text { Avg - Average }}$
BPW - Base Period Wages
DA - Dependents Allowance
MBA - Maximum Benefit Amount
" $\geq$ " - Greater Than or Equal To
Qtrs - Quarters

AAW - Average Annual Wage<br>CQ - Calendar Quarter<br>HQ - High Quarter<br>WBA - Weekly Benefit Amount<br>" $\leq$ " - Less Than or Equal To<br>" $x$ " - Times

AWW - Average Weekly Wage
CY- Calendar Year
HQW - High Quarter Wages
"=" - Equal To
"\%" - Percent

BP - Base Period
Dep - Dependent
InAvg - Industry Average
">" - Greater Than
"+" - Plus

OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW:
Waiting Week - Most States require a 1-week waiting period where the claimant must meet all eligibility conditions before benefits are payable. The following States do not require a waiting week: CT, DE, GA, IA, MD, MI, NV, NJ, and WY. The waiting week may be paid after a specified period of unemployment in MO, TN, and TX. In some States, it may be suspended under certain conditions.

Base Periods - Almost all qualifying earnings are determined using a BP consisting of the first 4 of the last 5 completed CQs. A few States use a different BP . In the following States, more recent earnings may be used in an alternative BP under certain conditions: AK, AR, CA (effective 04/01/12) CO, CT, DE, DC, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WV, and WI.

## FOOTNOTES:

${ }^{1}$ Reflects basic qualifying formula. Some States have alternative qualifying formulas.
${ }^{2}$ When 2 amounts given, higher includes DA; the higher figure for both the min and max WBAs includes DA for the max \# of deps. If state has a DA and only one amount is given, the max is the same with or without the allowance. The total amount of DA payable in any week is limited by a cap. CO and MN do not pay DA. The lower amount is based on HQWs, and the higher amount is based on total BPWs.
${ }^{3}$ This column lists the amount of weekly earnings that are disregarded (will not reduce the WBA). However, earnings in excess of those listed will be deducted from the WBA, resulting in a reduced payment. For WA, $1 / 2$ of wages over $\$ 5$ if receiving training benefits.
${ }^{4}$ For States that use earnings, further calculation is needed to derive the \# of benefit weeks--take the amount obtained from the formula listed (which is the claimant's MBA) and divide it by the claimant's WBA. States with uniform duration do not have to calculate the \# of benefit weeks since it is fixed at 25 or 26 weeks. In MO, when calculating $1 / 3 \mathrm{BPW}, \mathrm{BPW}$ are limited to $26 \times$ WBA for each quarter.
${ }^{5}$ Lists \# of benefit weeks for only the regular program for total unemployment. In States with uniform duration, all eligible claimants receive the same \# of benefit weeks (in IL the max amount payable cannot exceed one's BPW, resulting in some claimants being paid less than 26 weeks). For FL the \# of benefit weeks is 12 if the avg UI rate is $\leq 5 \%$ and increases by 1 week for each $1 / 2 \%$ increment in the avg UI rate above $5 \%$. The \# of benefit weeks is limited up to a max of 23 weeks if the avg UI rate is $\geq 10.5 \%$. For GA, max \# of weeks is determined semi-annually using the avg Ul rate in April and Oct. When the avg UI rate is $6.5 \%$ or lower, max \# of UI weeks will be 14 and increases by 1 week for each $1 / 2 \%$ increment increase above $6.5 \%$. The max \# of Ul weeks cannot be above 20 when the avg UI rate $\geq 9.0 \%$. For WA the max \# of benefit weeks decreases from 30 to the lesser of 26 or $1 / 3 \mathrm{BPW}$ if the state Ul rate falls to $6.8 \%$ or below. When MA is paying extended benefits and/or emergency unemployment compensation, the max \# of weeks of regular benefits is 26 . For WI, with some limited exceptions, individuals with significant ownership interest in family partnerships, LLCs and corporations, and certain of their family members, are limited to 4 weeks of regular UI benefits. In some States, additional weeks of benefits are payable under limited circumstances such as high unemployment, continuation of approved training, or workforce dislocations.
${ }^{6}$ Coverage is determined by the size of the employing unit's payroll or the \# of days or weeks worked during a CY and applies to employing units who, during any CQ in the current or immediately preceding CY, paid wages of \$1,500 or more, or to employing units who employ one or more workers on at least 1 day in each of 20 weeks during the current or immediately preceding CY ; such employing units are liable for taxes, and the workers accrue benefit rights. For those States with "Any size," all workers are covered regardless of payroll size or weeks worked. States may have different thresholds for agricultural, domestic, and nonprofit employing units.
${ }^{7}$ Rates apply only to experience rated employers and do not include applicable non Ul taxes, surtaxes, penalties, or surcharges. In most States, rate year 2012 begins on Jan 1, 2012, and ends on Dec 31, 2012. In NH, NJ, TN, and VT rate year 2012 begins on July 1, 2012, and ends on June 30, 2013. All tax rates for 2012 are posted in the July issue. For ME there is an additional $0.06 \%$ for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund on all employer rates. Rates for IL include the fund building surcharge. For MI, an obligation assessment is calculated for each experience rate and is added to each employer's rate.
${ }^{8}$ New employer rate shown is the basic rate. Higher rates may apply depending on industry classification and/or other factors: AR (employers can elect to receive rate based on rate schedule), CO, DE (construction employers pay an avg industry rate), DC, IL (5.25\% construction employers, 4.65\% manufacturing, \& $4.75 \%$ mining which includes the fund building surcharge), IN (1.60\% new governmental employers), IA ( $9.0 \%$ construction employers), KS ( $6.0 \%$ construction employers), KY (foreign \& domestic construction firms receive maximum rate), MA (9.49\% new construction employers), ME (predetermined yield), MD (foreign contractors assigned avg industry rate, and in 2011 new construction employers headquartered in another state pay a $13.3 \%$ avg industry rate), Ml (construction employers receive industry rate), MN (high experience rating industries are assigned a rate of $9.69 \%$ plus base rate, assessments, and fees), MT, MO (greater of $3.51 \%$ or $\ln A v g$ ), NE ( $6.49 \%$ new construction industry employers not eligible for experience rating), NJ, NY (highest rate assigned to employers with positive account balances or $3.4 \%$, whichever is less), ND, OH (7.0\% new construction employers), PA ( $10.26 \%$ new construction employers), SD ( $6.0 \%$ construction employers), TN, TX, UT, VT (construction employers pay InAvg), WA (90\% of InAvg), WV ( $8.5 \%$ new foreign construction employers), WI ( $7.1 \%$ new construction employers with payrolls both over and under \$500,000), and WY (InAvg, but not less than $1.0 \%$ ). In RI new employers pay an additional 0.21\% Job Development Fund.

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