

Calculating Unemployment Benefits

(Executive Office of Labor Workforce Development Calculation Method)

Calculating Weekly Benefit Rate: (Only yellow highlighted cells require user data entry)

1 List wages in the last 4 quarters.

Qtr. 1:	\$7,800.00
Qtr. 2:	\$7,800.00
Qtr. 3:	\$8,840.00
Qtr. 4:	\$10,000.00
Total:	\$34,440.00

1a. If you have **earnings in more than 2 quarters**, add your wages in the 2 quarters you were paid the highest and divide by 26 (*the number of weeks in 2 quarters*) to determine your average weekly wage.

Highest Quarter #1 of 2:	\$10,000.00
Highest Quarter #2 of 2:	\$8,840.00
Total of 2 Highest Quarters:	\$18,840.00

Average Weekly Wage (1a.only): \$724.62 *Only enter below if earnings are in more than 2 qtrs.*

1b. If you have **earnings in 1 or 2 quarters only**, the highest quarterly earnings are divided by 13 (weeks) to determine average weekly wage.

Highest Quarter: \$10,000.00

Average Weekly Wage (1b.only): \$769.23 *Only enter below if earnings are in less than 2 qtrs.*

2 Your average weekly wage is then divided in half to determine the "**Benefit Rate**".

Avg. Weekly Wage (from 1a or 1b above): \$724.62

Weekly Benefit Rate: **\$362.31**

Calculating Benefit Credit:

3 The total amount of benefits one can receive in a benefit year is called the "Benefit Credit" and is the lesser of the following 2 amounts:

3a.	30 times Weekly Benefit Rate:	\$10,869.30
3b.	36% of total earnings calculated:	\$12,398.40

Benefit Credit: **\$10,869.30**

Calculating Duration of Benefits:

4 The duration of benefits is calculated by dividing the **Benefit Credit** by the **Weekly Benefit Rate**.

Duration of Benefits: **30.0**