

Weeks of Unemployment Benefits under Permanent Law and Current Temporary Program

January 2003

Issue	Permanent State and Federal Law	Current <i>Temporary</i> Program (Created March 2002; Extended January 2003)
Benefits in All States	<p>Up to 26 weeks of regular State benefits</p> <p>Total: Up to 26 weeks</p>	<p>Up to 26 weeks of regular State benefits</p> <p><i>Up to 13 weeks of temporary Federal extended benefits</i></p> <p>Total: Up to 39 weeks</p>
Benefits in High Unemployment States	<p>Up to 26 weeks of regular State benefits</p> <p>Up to 13 weeks of permanent Federal-State extended benefits in high unemployment States</p> <p>Total: Up to 39 weeks</p>	<p>Up to 26 weeks of regular State benefits</p> <p><i>Up to 13 weeks of temporary Federal extended benefits</i></p> <p><i>Up to 13 weeks of temporary Federal extended benefits in high unemployment States</i></p> <p>Up to 13 weeks of permanent Federal-State extended benefits in high unemployment States</p> <p>Total: Up to 65 weeks</p>
Definition of “High Unemployment” State	<p>Several criteria, including optional 6.5% unemployment rate trigger (3 States qualify now)</p>	<p>Broader unemployment rate triggers than permanent law (3 States qualify now, 13 States qualified during 2002)</p>