

STATE RANKINGS DURATION RATE

(Average number of weeks a claimant receives benefits during a claim)

Rank	State	Duration (12 mo. Average)	Unemployment Rate (12 mo. Average)
1	South Dakota	11.5	4.0%
2	North Dakota	11.8	3.7%
3	Nebraska	12.0	4.1%
4	Iowa	13.2	4.8%
5	Georgia	13.2	8.0%
6	Alabama	13.3	7.4%
7	Virginia	13.5	5.5%
8	Colorado	13.7	6.3%
9	West Virginia	13.8	5.8%
10	Oklahoma	13.9	5.0%
11	Louisiana	14.0	5.6%
12	Arkansas	14.2	6.0%
12	Wyoming	14.2	3.9%
14	Idaho	14.4	6.4%
14	Texas	14.4	6.0%
16	Wisconsin	14.5	6.7%
17	Indiana	14.6	8.3%
18	New Hampshire	14.6	5.1%
19	Tennessee	14.7	8.4%
20	South Carolina	14.7	9.6%
21	North Carolina	14.7	8.9%
22	Mississippi	14.9	8.3%
23	Maine	15.2	6.9%
24	Vermont	15.3	6.1%
25	Washington	15.5	7.3%
26	Kansas	15.7	5.5%
27	Kentucky	15.8	8.4%
28	Ohio	16.3	8.5%
29	Arizona	16.4	7.0%
30	Oregon	16.4	9.3%
31	Hawaii	16.5	5.7%
32	New Mexico	16.5	5.2%
33	Michigan	16.5	11.1%
34	Nevada	16.6	9.1%
34	Virgin Islands	16.6	7.5%
36	Maryland	16.6	5.8%
37	Utah	16.6	4.4%
38	Florida	16.7	8.3%
39	Montana	16.8	5.4%
40	Connecticut	16.9	6.9%
41	Pennsylvania	17.0	6.8%
42	Minnesota	17.0	6.9%
43	Rhode Island	17.3	9.9%
44	Alaska	17.4	7.4%
45	New York	17.5	6.9%
46	Illinois	17.7	8.0%
47	California	17.9	9.5%
48	Missouri	18.0	7.5%
49	Massachusetts	18.1	6.9%
50	Puerto Rico	18.6	13.4%
51	New Jersey	18.9	7.2%
52	Delaware	19.3	6.5%
53	District of Columbia	20.6	8.8%

Best Ten Average 13.0
United States Average 16.2

STATE RANKINGS EXHAUSTION RATE

(Percentage of UI Claimants that Exhaust their benefits)

Rank	State	Exhaustion (12 mo. Average)	Unemployment Rate (12 mo. Average)
1	South Dakota	20%	4.0%
2	West Virginia	30%	5.8%
3	Vermont	30%	6.1%
4	Iowa	32%	4.8%
5	New Hampshire	33%	5.1%
6	Wisconsin	35%	6.7%
7	Kentucky	35%	8.4%
8	Michigan	37%	11.1%
9	Alabama	37%	7.4%
10	Washington	38%	7.3%
11	Hawaii	40%	5.7%
12	North Dakota	40%	3.7%
13	Missouri	41%	7.5%
14	Pennsylvania	41%	6.8%
15	Mississippi	42%	8.3%
16	Louisiana	42%	5.6%
17	Ohio	43%	8.5%
18	Puerto Rico	44%	13.4%
19	Connecticut	45%	6.9%
20	Arkansas	45%	6.0%
21	Alaska	45%	7.4%
22	Oregon	47%	9.3%
23	Maine	47%	6.9%
24	Maryland	47%	5.8%
25	Idaho	47%	6.4%
26	Delaware	48%	6.5%
27	New York	48%	6.9%
28	Illinois	48%	8.0%
29	Oklahoma	49%	5.0%
30	Montana	49%	5.4%
31	Kansas	50%	5.5%
32	Virginia	51%	5.5%
33	Texas	52%	6.0%
34	Minnesota	53%	6.9%
35	Massachusetts	53%	6.9%
36	Tennessee	53%	8.4%
37	Nebraska	54%	4.1%
38	Wyoming	55%	3.9%
39	California	56%	9.5%
40	South Carolina	57%	9.6%
41	Georgia	57%	8.0%
42	New Mexico	58%	5.2%
43	New Jersey	58%	7.2%
44	Nevada	58%	9.1%
45	North Carolina	60%	8.9%
46	Rhode Island	60%	9.9%
47	Arizona	60%	7.0%
48	Indiana	61%	8.3%
49	Virgin Islands	61%	7.5%
50	Utah	62%	4.4%
51	District of Columbia	63%	8.8%
52	Colorado	65%	6.3%
53	Florida	67%	8.3%

Best Ten Average 32.6%
United States Average 49.9%

Rank	State	Socialized Cost 2009
1	New York	11.4%
2	Colorado	11.7%
3	District Of Columbia	12.7%
4	Illinois	14.9%
5	North Dakota	15.5%
6	Georgia	23.7%
7	Minnesota	24.0%
8	Michigan	24.7%
9	Tennessee	25.3%
10	Virginia	25.4%
11	Iowa	25.4%
12	Texas	26.3%
13	Utah	26.3%
14	Kentucky	27.8%
15	New Mexico	28.1%
16	Ohio	29.0%
17	South Dakota	29.0%
18	Wyoming	29.7%
19	Arizona	30.4%
20	New Hampshire	30.5%
21	Washington	30.8%
22	Kansas	30.9%
23	Massachusetts	31.2%
24	Missouri	31.7%
25	Arkansas	31.8%
26	New Jersey	31.9%
27	Alabama	32.1%
28	Rhode Island	32.2%
29	Louisiana	32.3%
30	Florida	33.1%
31	Oregon	33.3%
32	Nevada	34.9%
33	Nebraska	35.6%
34	Pennsylvania	35.6%
35	California	35.9%
36	South Carolina	36.1%
37	Montana	36.9%
38	Wisconsin	37.6%
39	Idaho	38.2%
40	Indiana	39.2%
41	Mississippi	42.9%
42	Maine	46.9%
43	Vermont	50.1%
44	Hawaii	66.3%
	Alaska	NA
	Connecticut	NA
	Delaware	NA
	Maryland	NA
	North Carolina	NA
	Oklahoma	NA
	Puerto Rico	NA
	Virgin Islands	NA
	West Virginia	NA

Best Ten Average 18.9%
United States Average 31.0%

STATE UI TAX COST PER EMPLOYEE

(Average annual amount of UI taxes paid by an employer per employee)

Rank	State	Tax Cost (12 mo. Average)
1	Virgin Islands	34.21
2	South Dakota	83.79
3	Mississippi	91.28
4	Virginia	91.38
5	Hawaii	95.32
6	Florida	96.19
7	Arizona	96.38
8	New Hampshire	98.42
9	Louisiana	99.00
10	Texas	106.93
11	Oklahoma	107.03
12	Kansas	113.48
13	Alabama	114.27
14	Nebraska	124.16
15	Georgia	126.92
16	Maryland	144.52
17	South Carolina	146.24
18	Utah	159.63
19	Colorado	165.46
20	District of Columbia	183.11
21	Indiana	187.04
22	Tennessee	187.84
23	Maine	190.18
24	New Mexico	201.41
25	Delaware	205.51
26	Puerto Rico	222.40
27	Kentucky	225.61
28	North Dakota	228.97
29	Ohio	230.23
30	Montana	232.41
31	Vermont	233.66
32	Arkansas	241.56
33	Idaho	256.74
34	Wyoming	272.02
35	Missouri	273.79
36	California	283.32
37	New York	292.45
38	Wisconsin	312.07
39	West Virginia	331.34
40	North Carolina	347.44
41	Nevada	360.64
42	Illinois	363.11
43	Pennsylvania	373.25
44	Iowa	375.72
45	Connecticut	395.09
46	Minnesota	407.65
47	Michigan	424.42
48	Massachusetts	471.31
49	Oregon	528.44
50	New Jersey	579.50
51	Washington	591.48
52	Rhode Island	603.49
53	Alaska	692.59

Best Ten Average 89.29
United States Average 266.43