

# CARES Act Boosts Jobless Benefits in 2020

Examples of how Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) make more weeks of unemployment insurance (UI) available



The PEUC and PUA benefits under the CARES Act last through December 31, 2020 and work with UI to make **up to 39 weeks** of benefits available to workers.



All UI claimants receive an additional **\$600 per week** through July 31, 2020.

## A new UI claimant

Regular benefits

26 weeks

PEUC benefits

13 weeks

## An existing UI claimant

A worker with only 13 weeks of regular benefits available

Regular benefits

13 weeks

PEUC benefits

13 weeks

PUA benefits

Up to 13 weeks\*

## A claimant only eligible for PUA

A worker who would not normally be eligible for UI, like a rideshare driver

PUA benefits

Up to 39 weeks\*

\* Depending on how many weeks are left in the year at the time of the claim.

Notes: CARES Act = Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Most states provide 26 weeks of regular unemployment insurance benefits, but a handful provide fewer weeks of benefits.

Source: CBPP examples based on CARES Act provisions