

Extended Benefits



What is the Extended Benefits program?

When unemployment is high, states who meet certain economic criteria may offer additional unemployment insurance (UI) benefits through the federal-state **Extended Benefits (EB)** program.

- Under EB, eligible individuals may receive up to an **additional 13 weeks of UI benefits**.

The Division will post information on [MDunemployment.com](https://mdunemployment.com) and notify all potentially-eligible claimants when EB is available.

Who qualifies for EB and how can I apply?

EB is available to eligible individuals who **exhaust regular UI benefits**.

- Your UI claim is exhausted when you receive the maximum amount of UI benefits you qualify for in a benefit year.
- Your maximum benefit amount and benefit balance are listed in BEACON at beacon.labor.maryland.gov (under the Claim Information section of the BEACON homepage).

Maximum Benefit Amount	\$5,408.00
Monetary Balance	\$857.00

Apply - When EB is available in Maryland, you may **apply** in [BEACON](https://beacon.labor.maryland.gov) or by calling **667-207-6520** (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

How much will I receive under EB?

For EB, the Maryland **weekly benefit amount (WBA)** ranges from **\$50** (minimum) to **\$430** (maximum). If eligible, you will receive dependents' allowance (\$8 weekly per dependent, up to five dependents).

- The Division will determine if you are eligible for EB and your WBA. See the [Claims Filing - Initial Claims FAQs](#) (at [MDunemployment.com](https://mdunemployment.com)) for more.