Eligibility

Am I eligible for Unemployment Insurance?
You maybe eligible if you:

• Are unemployed through no fault of your own
• Have earned enough wages to qualify for benefits
• Are available and actively looking for full-time work

If I quit my job, can I still receive benefits?
Quitting a job does not necessarily make you ineligible for benefits. You may still qualify for benefits if you quit your job with “good cause.” Some examples of “good cause” include:

• An action by your employer that leaves you no reasonable alternative. Examples are sexual harassment and directives to break the law.
• Health problems (yours or a family member’s) when you have no reasonable alternative.
• A lack of child care after your employer transfers you to a different shift.

Benefits

How much can I receive?
Benefits are calculated on your earnings during your base period, which is about one year before you apply for benefits.

In general, your weekly benefit rate will be about half of your average weekly earnings during the highest earning quarter of your base period. The maximum weekly benefit rate is $370.

When will I receive my first payment?
Most payments are sent within 7 days of receiving an initial claim.

How long can I get benefits?
In most cases, you can get benefits for 6 months, as long as you are involuntarily unemployed. During periods of high unemployment, this may be extended. Some people with limited work history are eligible for a shorter time period.
Application

How do I apply?
You must file an initial claim within the first week for which you want to receive unemployment benefits.

Apply online at www.ucclaim-wi.org or by calling one of the following:

**Madison area:** 608-232-0678  
**Milwaukee area:** 414-438-770  
**Outside of Madison or Milwaukee:** 800-822-5246.

Persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech-impaired can call 888-393-8914.

What information is needed to apply?

- A social security number
- Personal identification number (4-digit number you make up before you apply)
- Wisconsin driver’s license number, if you have one
- The names of everyone for whom you have worked in the past 18 months. You will also need your employer’s address, telephone number, reason you are no longer working there, and your first and last days of work.
- Alien registration number if you are not a U.S. Citizen
- Your current address

For more information
http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/Ui/

Online resources
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