



NASWA States Help Furloughed Federal Employees

Federal employees who are not receiving pay during the shutdown may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits through the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program (UCFE). This unemployment insurance benefit is administered by States as agents for the Federal government.

- In general, federal workers furloughed because of the shutdown should contact the [State Unemployment Insurance agency](#) in the State in which their last official duty station in Federal civilian service was located.
- Other Resources:
 - [U.S. Office of Personnel Management Furlough Guidance](#): Important Unemployment Insurance Resources for Federal Agencies and Employees.
 - [U.S. Department of Labor Guidance](#) : Information on Unemployment Benefits for Federal Workers During the Partial Government Shutdown
 - [U.S. Department of Labor Letter: To clarify UCFE Eligibility During Partial Lapse in Federal Appropriations](#)
 - [UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER No. 31-13](#)
 - [UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER No. 31-13, Change 1](#)
 - [UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER No. 31-13, Change 2](#)
- [See Claims Totals by State](#) as reported by USDOL at bottom of page, under Additional Information

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ALABAMA

- Media Release: [Federal Employees Affected by Partial Shutdown Can Apply for Unemployment Compensation Benefits](#)
- [Unemployment benefits related to partial federal shutdown](#)
- [Federal employees affected by shutdown can apply for unemployment benefits](#) Fox10

ALASKA

- FAQs [Federal workers applying for Unemployment Insurance benefits](#)

ARIZONA

- FAQs [Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)

CALIFORNIA

- [Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Federal Employees Impacted by the Federal Government Shutdown](#), DE 2338FED
- [FAQs Federal Shutdown](#)
- [California provides assistance to Federal Employees Seeking Unemployment Benefits](#)

COLORADO

- Media Release: [Governor Polis Announces Expanded Benefits to Federal Workers Impacted by Shutdown](#)
- Emergency Rule: [Federal Workers Deemed Essential](#)
- [Federal Government Shutdown - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Unemployment claims by federal employees up in Colorado as government shutdown drags on](#) Colorado Sun
- [More than 600 federal workers in Colorado file for unemployment amid partial government shutdown](#) NBC Denver

CONNECTICUT

- Media Release: [Media Release: Gov. Lamont announces public-private partnership to provide interest free loans and other assistance to federal workers during shutdown](#)
- Media Release: [CTDOL Offers Eligibility Guidelines to Federal Employees Seeking Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Connecticut Agency Works to Help Furloughed Federal Workers](#) NBC Connecticut
- [House approves loans for unpaid federal workers](#) The CT Mirror
- [Legislature meets Tuesday to help federal workers](#) CT Post

DELAWARE

- [Governor Carney Announces Loan Program for Federal Workers](#) Delaware News
- [FAQ for Federal Employees Who Were Furloughed Due to the Federal Government Shutdown](#)
- [UI Directives for Federal Employees Who Were Furloughed Due to the Federal Government Shutdown](#)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [Mayor Bowser announces plans to introduce emergency legislation that allows essential federal employees to receive unemployment benefits](#) wtop
- Media Release: [Mayor Bowser and DC Housing Finance Agency Announce New Mortgage Assistance Program for Furloughed Federal Employees](#)
- FAQs [Important Notice for Federal Employees Who Were Furloughed Due to the Federal Government Shutdown](#)

MARYLAND

- [Maryland lawmakers want to open unemployment benefits to all federal workers](#) Washington Post

GEORGIA

- FAQs [Federal Employees Furlough Information](#)
- [Can federal shutdown workers get unemployment benefits? Yes ... and no](#) Atlanta Journal-Constitution

HAWAII

- [Federal Shutdown - Unemployment Benefits for Furloughed Workers](#)

IDAHO

- [Idaho FAQs for Federal Employees](#)
- [Federal employees, furloughed during shutdown, are eligible for unemployment](#) Idaho State Journal

ILLINOIS

- [Gov. Pritzker, Treasurer Frerichs announce \\$100 million program to fund zero – or – low-interest loans to help furloughed federal workers](#) The State Journal-Register
- FAQs [Federal Government Shutdown - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

INDIANA

- [Federal Employees Filing for Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)

IOWA

- FAQs [Unemployment Benefits Related to Partial Federal Shutdown](#)

KANSAS

- [Some federal workers can receive unemployment during shutdown](#) KWCH12

KENTUCKY

- Kentucky is processing Federal employee claims, visit [KY UI Tips](#) for more information

LOUISIANA

- [LA Unemployment Benefits for Furloughed Federal Workers](#)

MARYLAND

- [Maryland Claim Process for Federal Employees Furloughed December 2018 - Unemployment Insurance](#)
- [State says hundreds more Marylanders have applied for unemployment insurance related to federal government shutdown](#) Baltimore Sun

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Unemployment Compensation Benefits for Furloughed Federal Employees](#)

MICHIGAN

- FAQs: [Michigan's FAQs Information for Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown](#)

MINNESOTA

- [FAQs Information for Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown](#)

MONTANA

- FAQ: [Unemployment Insurance & the Federal Government Shutdown](#)

NEVADA

- [NV Federal Furlough Workers letter with questions for Shutdown](#)
- [NV UI Benefits to Federal Government Shutdown](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Information for individuals who are furloughed or temporarily laid off due to the government shutdown](#)

NEW JERSEY

- [Assistance for Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown](#)

NEW MEXICO

- Video: [Post-Shutdown Information for Federal Employees in New Mexico](#)
- [Emergency Work Requirement Waiver Rule](#)
- [Information for Furloughed Federal Employees in New Mexico](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Information for Furloughed Federal Employees in New Mexico](#)
- [Federal shutdown hits NM workers, tribes](#) Albuquerque Journal

NEW YORK

- [Governor Cuomo orders agencies to help furloughed federal workers to get unemployment benefits](#)
Rochester First
- [Information for furloughed federal workers](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Federal Shutdown Related Information and FAQs](#)

OHIO

- [OH UI Guidance to Federal Shutdown Employees](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [OK Federal Government Shutdown Information](#)

- [Hundreds of federal workers in Oklahoma have filed for unemployment](#)

OREGON

- [FAQs Federal Shutdown Related Information](#)
- [Can furloughed federal workers in Oregon get unemployment benefits? Sometimes](#) The Oregonian

PENNSYLVANIA

- [Here to Help; events for workers affected by the federal shutdown](#)
- [PA Federal Employee's On Furlough Applying for Unemployment Benefits, Temp Agency Work](#) Fox 43
- [As Shutdown Enters Fourth Week, PA Federal Workers File for Unemployment](#) WITF
- [Federal workers not getting paid spur jump in Pennsylvania unemployment benefits, auditor general says](#) The Inquirer-Daily Philly
- [Department of Labor & Industry Assisting Pennsylvania Workers Impacted by Federal Government Shutdown](#)

RHODE ISLAND

- [Federal Employees Impacted by Government Shutdown](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [Filing for unemployment benefits as a result of the federal shutdown](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA

- [Federal Shutdown – UI Benefits for Furloughed Workers](#)

TENNESSEE

- Media Release: [Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)

TEXAS

- [Applying for Unemployment Benefits after a Federal Government Shutdown](#)
- [Here's how the federal government shutdown is affecting Texas](#) Texas Tribune

UTAH

- [2019 Partial Federal Government Shutdown Frequently Asked Questions for Utah Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [1,300 federal furlough unemployment claims filed in Utah since start of shutdown](#) 2KUTV-cbs

VERMONT

- [Vermont aims to help federal employees working without pay](#)

VIRGINIA

- [Attention Federal Employees Who Have Been Furloughed Effective December 22, 2018](#)

WASHINGTON

- Media Release: [Washington passes emergency rule to provide unemployment benefits to federal workers working full- or part-time without pay.](#)
- [Washington offers unemployment benefits to excepted federal workers.](#) Spokesman Review
- [FAQ Unemployment benefits related to partial federal shutdown](#)
- Media Release: [Washington ready to assist federal employees with unemployment benefits](#)
- [Federal workers in Washington state furloughed by shutdown can apply for unemployment benefits](#) Seattle Times
- [Furloughed federal workers can apply for unemployment benefits in Washington state](#) Q-13

WEST VIRGINIA

- [Questions & Answers for Federal Employees Furloughed](#)
- [WV Commerce Department: Furloughed Federal Workers Can Apply for Unemployment Benefits](#) WV News

WISCONSIN

- [Wisconsin receives few federal unemployment claims as shutdown enters week 3](#) Wisconsin State Journal
- [WI ready to assist federal employees](#)

WYOMING

- [Furloughed Government Employees May Apply for Unemployment](#)

Does your state have more information to post here?

Contact NASWA@NASWA.org

Additional Information:

- The official USDOL [UI Weekly Claims Report was issued on January 24, 2019](#), includes both National and State claims information for Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE). National highlights relevant to the shutdown:
 - **Initial claims:** 25,419 initial UCFE claims were filed in the week ending January 12, an increase of 14,965 from the previous week.
 - **Continued claims:** 24,681 Federal employees filed for continued UI claims for the week ending January 5, an increase of 11,183 from the previous week.
 - **Largest State Totals:** The report also includes individual state data. For the week ending January 12, California had the highest number of initial UCFE claims (3144) followed by the District of Columbia (2885), Texas (2666), and Maryland (2,149).
- [UI Claims Totals by State](#) as reported by USDOL (prepared by NASWA)
- Prior UI Weekly Claims Reports:
 - [UI Claims Totals by State](#) o Weekly Claims report issued January 17, 2019
 - [UI Claims Totals by State](#) o Weekly Claims report issued January 10, 2019
 - [UI Claims Totals by State](#) o Weekly Claims report issued January 3, 2019