

Unemployment during COVID-19 Cheat Sheet - Kentucky

Unemployment Program	Description	When does this benefit count toward your income calculation for another benefit program?
<i>Regular State Unemployment Insurance (UI)</i>	See K.R.S. Chapter 341.	Counts in all programs
<i>Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC)</i>	If you get any UI or PUA, you also get \$600 per week of PUC until July 31, 2020. See CARES Act.	Doesn't count in Medicaid, K-CHIP, or K-TAP; does count for SNAP, CCAP, and the Marketplace
<i>Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)</i>	Essentially UI benefits for self-employed people, independent contractors, freelancers, part-time workers, and workers that haven't worked enough quarters to qualify for regular UI; Available for up to 39 weeks; Expires on 12/31/2020. See CARES Act.	Counts in all programs
<i>Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)</i>	An extra 13 weeks of regular UI after states exhaust their regular UI benefits; will have to comply with work search requirements. See CARES Act.	Counts in all programs

Other helpful tips:

- 1) Kentucky has waived the one-week waiting period, so your eligibility for benefits should begin as soon as you apply for benefits if you otherwise qualify.
- 2) You can't get UI *and* PUA.
- 3) Generally, undocumented workers will not qualify for UI or PUA.
- 4) You won't qualify for any of these UI programs if you were fired for cause. If you dispute that you were fired for cause, you should appeal the UI determination.

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