



DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

UI POLICY & PERFORMANCE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Senior Staff Directors, DUA Managers, MassHire Operations Managers and UI staff

FROM: John Saulnier, Director of Benefit Performance

SUBJECT: New Maximum UI Weekly Benefit Rate

The Department of Economic Research has provided notification that the maximum UI weekly benefit amount to be paid to any individual whose benefit year commences on or after the first Sunday in October 2024 and prior to the first Sunday in October 2025 will be \$1051.00. This rate will become effective for new benefit years beginning Sunday, October 6, 2024. This new maximum benefit rate does not include any dependency allowance payable to the claimant. The new rate was calculated in accordance with Section 29 of Chapter 151A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

This new maximum rate represents a \$18.00 increase from the existing maximum rate of \$1033.00. UI Staff may encounter questions as to how the rate is calculated. Staff should answer these questions by providing the information listed below.

The rate is based on the following calculations:

- Average monthly employment (# of jobs) for the 12 months ending March 2024(UI Contributory only:) 2,838,677
- UI Contributory payroll for the 12 months ending March 2024: \$269,999,838,077
- Average annual wage: \$95,114.68
- Average weekly wage: \$1,829.13
- Maximum weekly benefit amount = average weekly wage x .575 (then rounded to the next lowest dollar:) \$1051.75 = \$1051

If you have any questions regarding the new maximum benefit rate, please email the UI Policy and Performance department at UIPolicyandPerformance@mass.gov.