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# Calculating the Size of the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Supplement

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Individuals who were earning the minimum wage prior to losing their jobs face a high risk of falling below the federal poverty threshold if they receive only the state unemployment insurance (UI) base benefit.

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## Individuals under the age of 65

**\$13,300**  
(\$256/week)  
Poverty Threshold



**\$200/week**  
UI supplement level  
needed to remain  
above threshold

Increasing the base benefit by **\$200 a week** would allow minimum-wage workers in all 50 states and DC to remain above the poverty threshold.

## Families of 4 (2 adults, 2 children)

**\$25,926**  
(\$498/week)  
Poverty Threshold



**\$400/week**  
UI supplement level  
needed to remain  
above threshold

Increasing the base benefit by **\$400 a week** would allow families of 4 with 2 adults and 2 children in all 50 states and DC to remain above the poverty threshold.

## Families of 4 (1 adult, 3 children)

**\$26,017**  
(\$500/week)  
Poverty Threshold



**\$400/week**  
UI supplement level  
needed to remain  
above threshold

Increasing the base benefit by **\$400 a week** would allow families of 4 with 1 adult and 3 children in all 50 states and DC to remain above the poverty threshold.

While unemployed minimum-wage workers are most at risk of falling below the federal poverty threshold, a **\$400 federal unemployment supplement is sufficient to prevent all from falling into poverty.**

How big does the federal unemployment insurance supplement need to be to keep everyone out of poverty during the pandemic? AAF's latest infographic breaks down the numbers. [Read the research here.](#)