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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.](#)