

## PREFACE

The Comparison of State Unemployment Insurance Laws provides state-by-state information on workers covered, benefit eligibility, methods of financing, and other areas of interest in the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program.

The Comparison is published annually and this edition reflects the provisions of state law as of January 1, 2020. Any permanent law changes made to State unemployment insurance laws after January 1, 2020, regardless of reason, will be included in the 2021 edition of this publication.

The Comparison is one of three regularly-provided reports from the Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) Division of Legislation. It may be used in conjunction with the *Report on State Legislation* and the *Significant Provisions of UI Law* available online at <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/statelaws.asp#RecentStatelaws>. This report is issued solely for informational, reference, and research purposes. It is not an official interpretation of state UI laws. The state laws and regulations should be consulted for the full text.

We recognize that the Comparison is useful only if it contains accurate data. States are encouraged to advise us of any needed corrections, either through their Federal regional office contacts or through the contacts listed below. All users are invited to provide comments on the Comparison. We would like to thank those states that supplied updates and corrections.

The Comparison is available online at <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/statelaws.asp>. Other UI information is available online as listed in Appendix II of the Comparison.

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