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Unemployment Insurance: Georgia versus the Southeast and the Nation

- On average, Georgia pays \$23.64 more in weekly unemployment insurance benefits than the average of 12 states in the Southeast. Georgia's weekly unemployment payment is \$20.35 below the national average.
- Georgia pays more unemployment insurance benefits per week than 8 other states in the region and 21 other states nationwide.
- Georgia ranks the lowest in the nation in terms of duration of unemployment insurance. The average duration of unemployment insurance in Georgia is 4.3 weeks lower than the national average, 3.14 weeks lower than the regional average, and 13 weeks lower than in Louisiana, which ranks highest in terms of number of average weeks of unemployment insurance (24.2 weeks).

Unemployment Insurance for 3rd Quarter 2006

Rank		Average Weekly Benefit	National Rank	Average Duration (Weeks)	National Rank
1	Kentucky	\$275.02	18	13.2	38
2	North Carolina	\$267.83	24	13.4	35
3	Virginia	\$257.21	26	12.4	43
4	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>\$252.69</i>	29	<i>11.2</i>	<i>50</i>
5	Arkansas	\$243.27	33	13.3	37
6	West Virginia	\$232.64	37	14.6	22
7	Florida	\$228.90	39	14.4	25
8	South Carolina	\$223.89	41	13.5	34
9	Tennessee	\$214.39	43	13.7	31
10	Louisiana	\$195.64	47	24.2	1
11	Alabama	\$182.19	49	11.5	48
12	Mississippi	\$174.98	50	16.7	9
	Southeast Average	\$229.05		14.3	
	United States Average	\$273.04		15.5	

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration and author's calculations.

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