

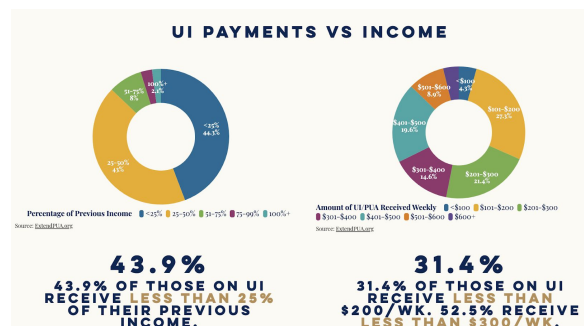
Jobless Workers' Needs in the American Rescue Plan

Unemployed workers support the American Rescue Plan with its necessary features, including the federal unemployment extensions, the \$400 boost, direct aid checks, rent relief, food assistance, and healthcare relief including COBRA subsidies.

However, the plan leaves large holes for groups of people hardest hit by this pandemic: unemployed and underemployed workers.

You can solve this by adding:

- **Retroactive relief** for the 5 months (August through December) that the government did nothing to help jobless workers.
 - Why? Future payments allow for survival **now**, but don't back pay the debt workers amassed during that 5 month period.
 - In a recent survey we conducted of workers about their pandemic debt, debt *from this crisis* ranged from \$1,500 to \$110,000, with an average of \$10K per worker. Respondents on average said their debt would take **FIVE** years to repay without any retroactive relief, with many saying they will never be able to recover from their debt.
 - Full PDF on this topic with a suggestion for a direct aid solution, as well as videos of workers' stories at: [Extendpua.org/retroactivity](https://extendpua.org/retroactivity).
- **Tax relief for the unemployed.** There shouldn't be taxes on UI and PUA. Cancel them. Refund them.
 - Why? Unemployed workers, who are already struggling to survive, are now being hit with large tax bills due to UI and PUA that they cannot afford. Even people who *did* have tax withheld still owe substantial amounts.
- **Extension of all federal unemployment programs through September.**
 - Why? If these benefits do not last through September we will absolutely see another lapse in benefits and that will be devastating to workers.
 - The House's cut of one month (expiring at the end of August) is unacceptable.
 - We need automatic stabilizers, but until then, September is the minimum.
- **The FPUC at NO LOWER than \$400/week.**
 - This supplement is the primary aid helping people survive this pandemic. Without it, unemployment is nowhere close to a livable wage.
 - This number should be \$600.



Who Is ExtendPUA.org:

ExtendPUA.org is a grassroots collective of citizens facing long-term unemployment due to the pandemic, advocating for comprehensive COVID relief legislation focused on The People. We began our advocacy in early July 2020 and have accumulated an engaged base of over 25,000 people. We are your unemployed and underemployed constituents.