

Who do you hurt when you cut maximum unemployment insurance benefits from **\$522** to **\$350**?



1 out of 3 North Carolinians qualify for maximum UI benefits if they lose their job through no fault of their own.

These are workers earning \$52,000 or more, and include:



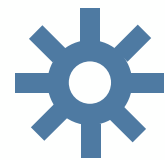
Real Estate Agents
\$54,570



Physical Therapist
\$52,200

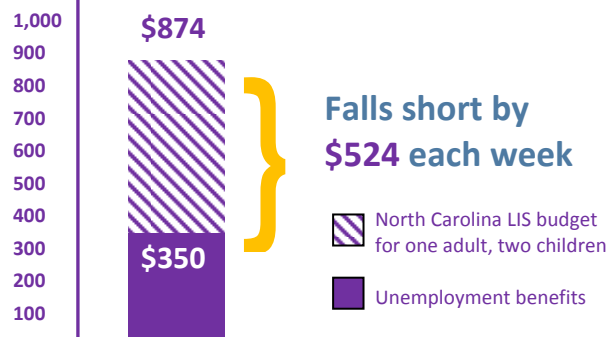


Computer Support Specialist
\$53,150



Industrial Engineer
\$77,240

It takes **\$874** per week for a family of three in North Carolina to afford the actual costs of essential expenses like housing, food, health care, and transportation. That is **\$524** more per week than the proposed weekly UI payment of **\$350**.



What Would North Carolinians Go Without?

Workers who used to earn \$1,000/week at their job would receive just **1/3** of their wages in unemployment under this proposal, having to choose between essentials like:



For more information, visit www.TarheelWorkers.org

Source: American Community Survey, 2011. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. For more on information on the Living Income Standard, see: Sirota, Alexandra and Edwin McLenaghan, *Making Ends Meet after the Great Recession: The 2010 Living Income Standard for North Carolina*.

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