

Who do you hurt when you cut maximum unemployment insurance benefits from **\$535** to **\$350**?



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

Cutting maximum benefits to \$350 would affect workers earning \$37,000 or more, including:



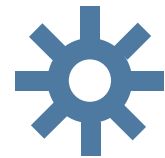
Real Estate Agents
\$42,960



Medical Lab Techs
\$37,000

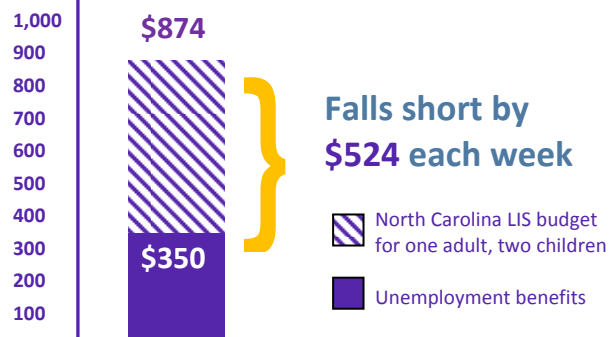


Computer Support Specialists
\$48,860



Civil Engineers
\$68,510

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:



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Cutting the maximum impacts workers who qualify for benefits from \$351 to \$535. Source: American Community Survey, 2011. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wages (OES), 2012 estimated median income. 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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