

# Unemployment Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on unemployment. Unemployment is defined as the quality, state, or condition of not having a job even though available for work and perhaps seeking it. (*Black's Law Dictionary, 11<sup>th</sup> edition.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

### Labor Code

- Ch. 201 Unemployment Compensation Act  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LA/htm/LA.201.htm>
- Ch. 207 Benefits Subchapter A. Payment of Benefits  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LA/htm/LA.207.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

### West's Texas Digest KFT 1257.W48

- Vol. 48B, Unemployment Compensation

### Texas Jur KFT 1265.T48

- Vol. 33, IX. Unemployment Compensation  
§355 Federal legislation: relation to state acts-  
§421 Appellate review

### Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated KFT 1230.5

- Labor Vol. 2, Ch. 201 Unemployment Compensation Act-General Provisions

### Federal Procedures KF 8835.F43

- Vol. 33, Ch. 78 Unemployment Compensation

### Employment in Texas KFT 1531.S93

- Ch. 12 Unemployment Compensation

### Carlson's Texas Employment Laws Annotated KFT 1531.A29.C37

- Ch. 201 Unemployment Compensation Act-General Provisions

### Texas Torts and Remedies KFT 1395.T49

- Ch. 88.02 (3)(b) Collateral Source and Mitigation-Unemployment Benefits

### Texas Employment Codes Plus KFT 1531.A29

- Labor Code Ch. 213 Enforcement of Texas Unemployment Compensation Act

### Maslanka's Texas Field Guide to Employment Law KFT 1531.M37

- Ch. 5 Texas Labor Code: Texas Unemployment Compensation Act

### Texas Employment Law KFT 1534.A9T4

- Ch. 15:3 Texas Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements A. The Texas Unemployment Compensation Act

### Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730.T4

- Vol. 13, Ch. 203 Employee Relations  
§203.35[6] Employment Status for Purpose of Unemployment Benefits (FMLA)

### Federal Procedure Forms KF 8836.F4

- Vol. 18, Ch. 67 Unemployment Compensation

### American Jurisprudence Legal Forms, 2d KF 170.A542

- Vol. 17C, Ch. 252 Unemployment Compensation

**American Jurisprudence 2d KF 154.A44**

- Vol. 76, Unemployment Compensation

**The Employer's Legal Handbook: How to Manage Your Employees & Workplace (NOLO) KF 3455.Z9 S84**

- Ch. 10 Termination – Unemployment Compensation Claims Process, p. 282-284

**U.S. Department of Labor**

<https://www.dol.gov/>

**Employment (U.S. Census Bureau)**

<https://www.census.gov/topics/employment.html>

**Unemployment Insurance Data (U.S. Department of Labor)**

[https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/data\\_summary/DataSum.asp](https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/data_summary/DataSum.asp)

## Online Resources

**Texas Workforce Commission**

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/>

**Texas Unemployment Benefits**

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1822>

**Unemployment Benefits**

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/unemployment-benefits>

**Collecting Unemployment Benefits in Texas (NOLO)**

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/collecting-unemployment-benefits-texas-32500.html>

**Workforce Solutions (Tarrant County)**

<https://workforcesolutions.net/>

**Texas Workforce Development**

<https://businessintexas.com/why-texas/workforce-education/>

**Disaster Unemployment Assistance**

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/forms-of-assistance/4466>

**Unemployment Data (U.S. Bureau of Statistics)**

<https://www.bls.gov/charts/employment-situation/civilian-unemployment-rate.htm>

**National Employment Monthly Update (National Conference of State Legislatures)**

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/national-employment-monthly-update.aspx>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)**