

# Down the rabbit hole

getting to the bottom of an artificial labor market



**9.3million**  
unemployed U.S. persons

**new** jobless  
claims rise even after many  
states opt out of the feds'  
unemployment program

**\$300-a-week**  
bonus unemployment benefits  
enacted March 2021 have  
impacted the workforce and  
economy. In six states just the  
bonus unemployment benefit  
exceeds the state's minimum wage.



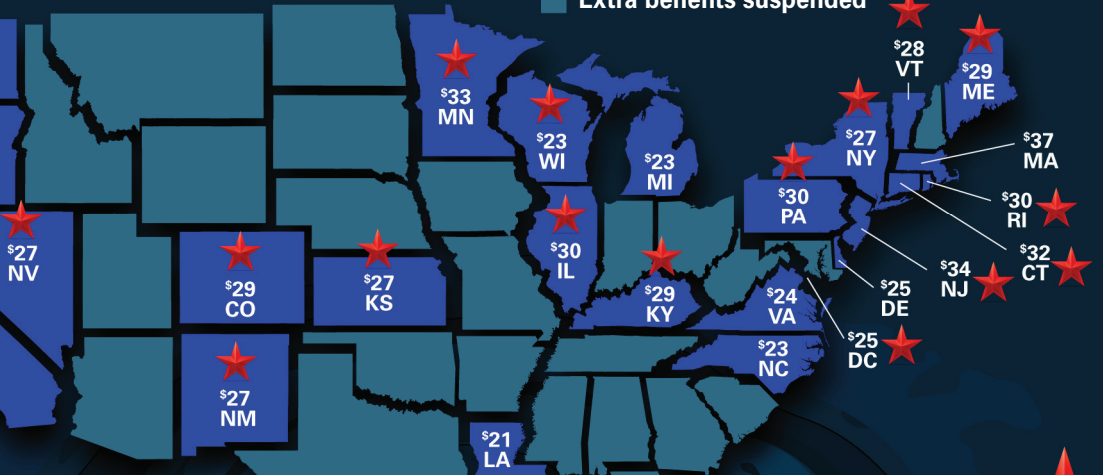
**9.3million**  
unfilled job  
openings  
nationwide

- \$25/hour equivalent in unemployment
- Extra benefits suspended

SOURCE: BONUS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE CAUSING MAJOR LABOR SHORTAGE IN AMERICA, CASEY MULLIGEN, STEPHEN MOORE, E. ANTONI

## The nation's highest unemployment benefits

hourly wage based on maximum benefits, annualized (two unemployed parents, two children). Not including food stamps, rental assistance, or tax-free benefits.



**\$100,000** annually  
19 states offer unemployment equivalent to 6-figures for a family of four with 2 unemployed parents

