

2023 New Employer Rates

What is a New Employer?

A "new employer" is an employer who:

- Has not been a covered employer throughout the entire three fiscal years ending September 30, 2022 (October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2022) and
- Has paid more in contributions than the benefits charged to the employer's account.

How are New Employer Rates Assigned?

"New employers" are assigned the average contribution rate of employers classified in their industry. There are ten "new" employer rate classifications. In addition to the new employer rate, an Administrative Fund Tax (AFT) of 0.18% is assigned.

Classification	2023 UI Rate	2023 AFT Rate	2023 Total Cost
A - Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fishing	1.40 %	+	0.18 % = 1.58 %
B - Mining	1.20	+	0.18 = 1.38
C - Construction	2.20	+	0.18 = 2.38
D - Manufacturing	1.00	+	0.18 = 1.18
E - Utilities, Transportation, Warehousing	1.00	+	0.18 = 1.18
F - Wholesale Trade	1.00	+	0.18 = 1.18
G - Retail Trade	1.00	+	0.18 = 1.18
H - Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1.00	+	0.18 = 1.18
I - Services	1.00	+	0.18 = 1.18
Unclassified Establishments *	2.20	+	0.18 = 2.38

* These employers have not provided the Department with enough information to assign a classification.

If a new employer operates more than one type of business under the same entity, for example a casino (Services) and a restaurant (Retail Trade), revenue or employment may be used to determine the industrial classification. If you have questions concerning the industrial classification your business is assigned, please call the Department of Labor and Industry Research and Analysis Bureau at (406) 444-3476 or (406) 444-3294. If you have questions about the rate assigned to your business, contact the UI Contributions Bureau at 406-444-3834, option 3.

What is a Penalty Rate?

Employers who have a balance due or have not filed all reports when rates are calculated in December will receive a "penalty rate". A penalty rate is 50% higher than the computed rate. To remove a penalty rate, an employer must file all delinquent reports and pay any tax, late file penalties and interest due by January 20, 2023.

What is the Taxable Wage Base for 2023?

The taxable wage base for 2023 is \$40,500 which is 80% of the 2021 average annual wage in Montana (\$50,622.) rounded to the nearest \$100.

How do I e-file Unemployment Insurance reports?

Go online to uieservices.mt.gov. You will need information from your last payroll report to set up access for the first time. If you need assistance or have any questions about any of the features of UI eServices for Employers call (406) 444-3834, option 2.