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### Over 1 million could be without paycheck, unemployment check by end of 2010

By Lisa DiVirgilio  
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AP

Two years worth of unemployment benefits isn't enough for all jobless Americans to get back on their feet.

Congress just extended unemployment insurance to 99 weeks. But even with the boost, hundreds of thousands of people say they still cannot find work in this weak economy in that amount of time.

Time is running out. Over one million people potentially may not have a paycheck or unemployment check by the end of 2010, according to estimates by one advocacy group.

The possibility of absolutely no income within months is leading many unemployed Americans to beg lawmakers to extend benefits into the triple digit amount of weeks. Congress has currently made no movement to add more weeks to unemployment insurance.

"We can't just let everyone fall off of this cliff," Andrew Stettner, deputy director of the National Employment Law Project, told CNN.

Many economists and lawmakers say another extension would enable unemployed Americans to delay their re-entry into the workforce.

"If you are subsidized to stay out of the workforce, many people will," Alan Reynolds, senior fellow at The Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, told CNN.

As of now without another extension, the federal government is on track to spend \$156 billion on 2010 jobless benefits during the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

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