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DWD RELEASES INFORMATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released information related to the total number of unemployment calls received, applications filed, claims processed, and monies distributed in Wisconsin as of the week ending June 20, 2020.

The Department announced, based on preliminary numbers, there were **23,773 initial applications** filed the week ending June 20. This is compared to 24,075 the week prior (week ending June 13).

Unemployment Insurance is a joint state-federal program that provides benefits to eligible workers. Each state administers a separate UI program with state-specific laws and rules, but states must also follow the same guidelines established by federal law. Any answer given on a claim raising a question regarding a person's eligibility must be fully investigated before benefits may be paid; this is referred to as the adjudication process.

Adjudication is the investigation and resolution of eligibility issues raised on unemployment insurance claims. Adjudication is a manual process that requires interested parties be provided due notice to respond to the eligibility issue. Eligibility issues arise from several places including the initial claim, weekly claim, employer contact, claimant contact, and tips from the public. Under normal conditions, adjudication typically takes 21 days to process.

Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits: If you're out of work through no fault of your own, and you've worked for a covered employer (an employer who pays UI tax) in the last 18 months, you may be eligible for and should apply for regular UI benefits. Regular UI is available for up to 26 weeks (dependent upon an individual's specific situation).

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC): A temporary program that provides up to 13 additional weeks of payments to individuals who have exhausted their regular UI benefits. DWD is currently in the process of programming PEUC. DWD plans to deploy PEUC later this week.

Extended Benefits (EB): A temporary program that provides up to 13 additional weeks of payments to individuals who have exhausted regular UI and PEUC. DWD will start programming EB after programming for PEUC is complete.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): If you are not eligible for regular UI, you may be eligible for PUA. This is a temporary federal program that provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to individuals who are not eligible for regular UI such as:

- Individuals who are self-employed;
- Certain independent contractors;
- Individuals with limited recent work history; and
- Other workers not covered by regular UI.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC): A temporary emergency increase of \$600 per week in unemployment benefits. FPUC provides an additional payment to individuals who are collecting regular UI, PEUC, EB, or PUA. It is automatically added to the weekly benefit rate.

"With the addition of new staff, the Department continues to answer more questions on our help line and more efficiently resolve outstanding issues," DWD Secretary Frostman said. "Beyond the 1,070 new staff on board, DWD is constantly reviewing its strategies to get UI benefits delivered to the people who are eligible as quickly and as efficiently as possible."

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS CLAIMS STATUS

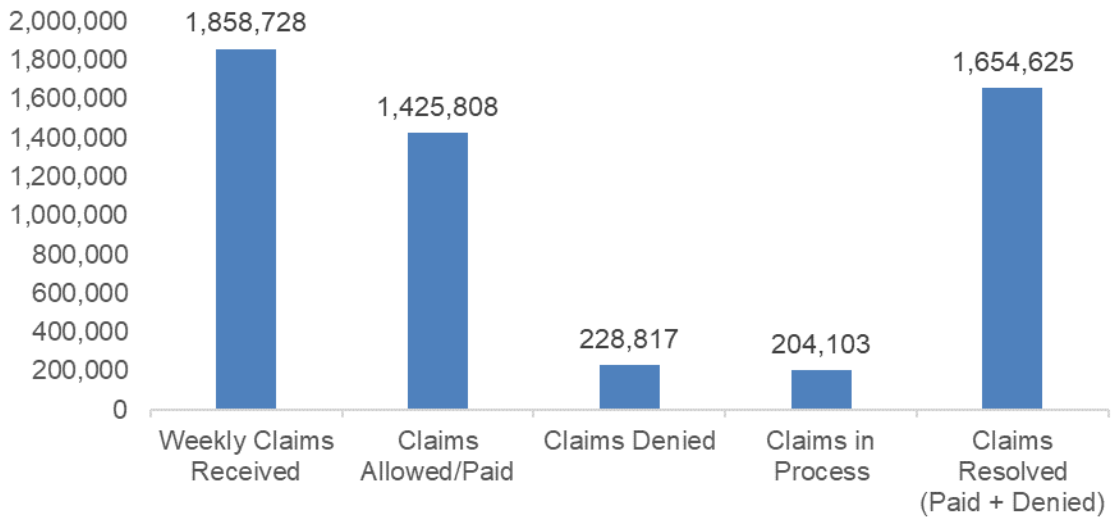
	Weekly Claims Received**	Claims Allowed*/ Paid	Claims Denied	Claims in Process <i>(Includes claims awaiting wage verification, adjudication, etc.)</i>	Claims Resolved <i>(Paid + Denied)</i>
Snapshot: March 15 - May 2, 2020	1,858,728	1,425,808 = 76.71%	228,817 = 12.31%	204,103 = 10.98%	1,654,625 = 89.02%
Total: March 15 - June 20, 2020	3,446,160	2,527,750 = 73.35%	409,175 = 11.87%	509,235 = 14.78%***	2,936,925 = 85.22%

*Includes weeks with BAR or serving waiting week if benefit year started pre-Act 185 implementation.

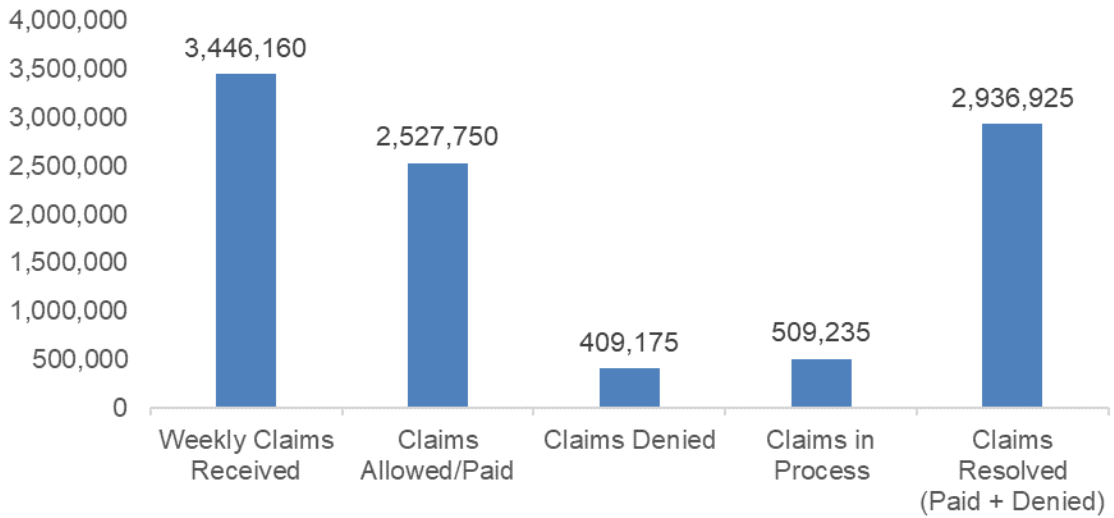
**Neither applications nor claims received equate to a specific number of individuals. Preliminary counts updated daily at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-stats.htm>.

***The approximately 509,000 weeks that are currently held for adjudication (14.78% of all weeks claimed) represent approximately 151,000 unique claimants with around 250,500 issues requiring adjudication. A claimant could have one issue or many holding up a week or many weeks. DWD is prioritizing all adjudication work by earliest date to pay the claimants who have been waiting the longest first. 393,069 claimants have been paid since March 15.

SNAPSHOT: March 15, 2020 - May 2, 2020



TOTAL: March 15, 2020 - June 20, 2020



TOTAL NUMBER	MARCH 15, 2020 - JUNE 20, 2020	FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH PROGRAM, VISIT:
Average Number of Days from Application to Payment for Regular UI	19	
Unemployment Applications Received**	676,449	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/
Total Benefits Paid (including FPUC and PUA)	\$2,027,153,927	
FPUC Benefits Paid	\$1,342,004,475	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/fpuc/
PUA Applications Submitted****	75,358	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/pua/
PUA Benefits Paid	\$7,696,934	
UI Calls Received - Week ending June 20, 2020	439,294	

****Past press releases reported both applications started but never completed and applications completed and submitted. We are now reporting only those applications completed and submitted.

UNEMPLOYMENT STAFFING STATUS

DATE	UI ADJUDICATION STAFF	UI CALL CENTER STAFF	ALL OTHER UI STAFF	TOTAL UI STAFF
March 14, 2020	174	62	268	504
June 22, 2020	524	509	541	1,574
<i>DWD Permanent, LTE, and Project Staff</i>	275	150	366	791
<i>Transfer Staff</i>	79	82	25	186
<i>Vendor Staff</i>	170	277	150	597

UI STAFFING COMPARISON: March 14, 2020 to June 22, 2020

