

# COVID-19: UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE



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## NEW UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

New weekly unemployment claims fell in Maryland last week. For the week of May 9, 2020, new Maryland UI claims fell by 32% from the prior week, to 44,491. The US and Maryland data in the table for past weeks reflect revised numbers from the Labor Department.

\*\* Both the U.S. and Maryland Departments of Labor report new unemployment claims for states on a weekly basis. The data typically are very close in number, with Maryland reporting “transitional claims” and the USDOL not including those claims.

Beginning last week and continuing this week, the data from the USDOL and Maryland diverged significantly. For the week of May 9 for example, USDOL reported 44,491 new unemployment claims in Maryland and Maryland reporting 65,805 claims. The Maryland data in the table to the right are (and have been) USDOL data. The County data are from Maryland’s Department of Labor.

We are investigating the root of the discrepancies and will update these data when we can.

Week of 2020	US (SA)	MD (NSA)	MoCo*
<b>May 9</b>	<b>2,981,000</b>	<b>44,491**</b>	<b>**</b>
May 2	3,169,000	63,253**	**
April 25	3,846,000	37,925	5,615
April 18	4,442,000	48,495	6,938
April 11	5,237,000	62,904	9,548
April 4	6,615,000	108,508	15,751
March 28	6,867,000	83,536	9,384
March 21	3,307,000	42,334	3,941
March 14	282,000	3,852	256
March 7	211,000	2,090	195

\* Initial state data

SA=seasonally adjusted NSA=not seasonally adjusted

Sources: U.S. and Maryland Departments of Labor

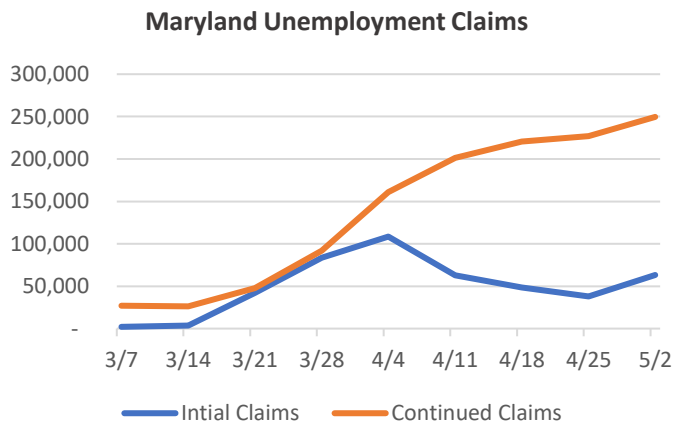
<https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicounty.shtml>

## CONTINUED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN MARYLAND

“Continued unemployment claims” measure the number of people collecting unemployment benefits on a weekly basis. These data are released one week later than initial claims data and are available at the state level. For May 2nd, continued unemployment claims in Maryland totaled 249,624, an increase of about 10% (about 22,600 claims) compared to the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. Data in the table for past weeks reflect revised numbers from the Labor Department.

Week of 2020	Continued Claims	Initial Claims
<b>May 2</b>	<b>249,624</b>	<b>63,253</b>
April 25	226,972	37,925
April 18	220,723	48,495
April 11	201,432	62,904
April 4	160,906	108,508
March 28	92,082	83,536
March 21	47,973	42,334
March 14	26,467	3,852
March 7	27,046	2,090



Source: U.S. Departments of Labor, <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>