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.

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 25th. Data in the table for past weeks reflect revised numbers from the Labor Department.