

COVID-19: UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE



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NEW UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

New weekly unemployment claims fell this past week after rising the prior week at the state and local levels. New regular claims fell by over 18,000 in Maryland and by just under 3,000 in Montgomery County. At the same time, PUA claims increased from the prior week both at the state and local levels. Workers in Montgomery County represent 16% of all PUA claims in the state. The state and local data this week reflect a reclassification of some claims filed in past weeks from regular claims to PUA claims – reclassifying 43,797 claims at the state level and 6,357 claims in Montgomery County. The U.S. and Maryland data for past weeks reflect revised numbers from the U.S. Labor Department.

Week of 2020	US (SA)	Maryland (NSA)				Montgomery County*			
		Total	Regular	PUA	PEUC	Total	Regular	PUA	PEUC
June 13	1,508,000	40,745	22,902	17,843	no data reported	5,419	2,747	2,590	82
June 6	1,566,000	50,866	41,638	9,762	no data reported	7,047	5,681	1,268	98
May 30	1,877,000	49,331	31,920	10,181	7,230	6,409	4,810	1,527	72
May 23	2,126,000	54,221	33,991	14,297	5,983	7,589	5,215	2,374	49
May 16	2,446,000	56,134	35,111	15,448	5,575	7,795	5,229	2,566	58
May 9	2,981,000	64,467	45,485	18,982	0	10,301	7,133	3,168	90
May 2	3,169,000	111,006	63,253	44,280	3,473	18,943	11,074	7,869	249
April 25	3,846,000	37,925	37,925	--	2,361	5,615	5,615	--	
April 18	4,442,000	48,495	48,495	--	0	6,938	6,938	--	
April 11	5,237,000	62,904	62,904	--		9,548	9,548	--	
April 4	6,615,000	108,508	108,508	--		15,751	15,751	--	
March 28	6,867,000	83,536	83,536	--		9,384	9,384	--	

* Initial state data

SA=seasonally adjusted NSA=not seasonally adjusted

PUA = Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program in the federal CARES Act that extends unemployment benefits to workers previously not covered (gig workers, self-employed, etc.)

PEUC = Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program in the federal CARES Act that extends regular state unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks

Sources: U.S. and Maryland Departments of Labor

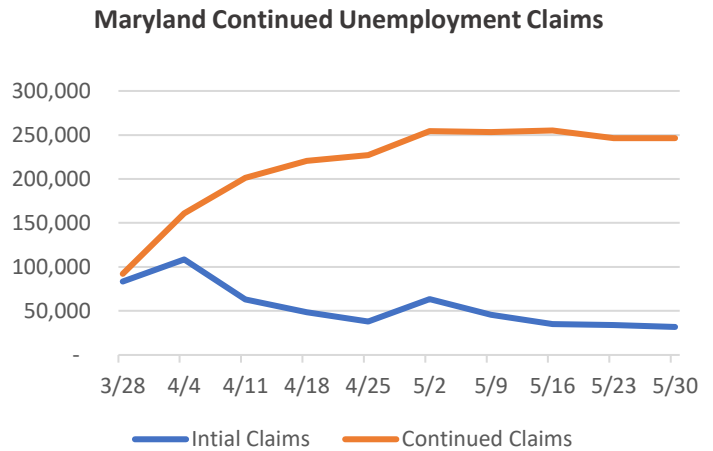
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CONTINUED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN MARYLAND

“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 June 6th, continued unemployment claims in Maryland totaled 245,270, a decrease of 0.5% (1,265 claims) compared to the week of May 30. Data in the table for past weeks reflect revised numbers from the U.S. Labor Department.

Week of 2020	Regular Continued Claims	Regular Initial Claims
June 6	245,270	41,638
May 30	246,535	31,920
May 23	246,542	33,991
May 16	255,017	35,111
May 9	253,212	48,485
May 2	254,473	63,253
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



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