

COVID-19: UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE



Data and Information current as of July 2, 2020

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NEW UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

Montgomery County had 3,510 new total weekly unemployment claims for the week of June 27, the lowest number of new weekly claims since the beginning of Maryland’s pandemic lockdown in March 2020. In Maryland, new total claims rose 17% overall the week of June 27 – with new regular claims decreasing by 10,620 (down 33%) and new PUA claims more than doubling to 32,931 (up 127%). 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 27	1,427,000	54,860	21,929	32,931	no data reported	3,510	2,058	1,353	99
June 20	1,482,000	47,087	32,549	14,538	no data reported	4,863	3,210	1,540	113
June 13	1,540,000	51,872	23,450	17,843	10,579	5,419	2,747	2,590	82
June 6	1,566,000	60,042	41,638	9,762	8,642	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	--	
March 21	3,283,000	42,334	42,334	--		3,941	3,941	--	

* 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

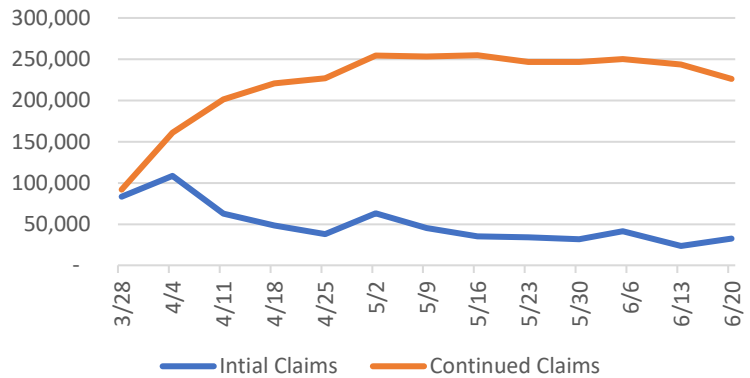
<https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>; <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicounty.shtml>

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 June 20th, continued unemployment claims in Maryland totaled 226,259, a decrease of 7.2% (17,452) claims) compared to the week of June 13th. 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 20	226,259	32,549
June 13	243,711	23,450
June 6	250,269	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

Maryland Continued Unemployment Claims



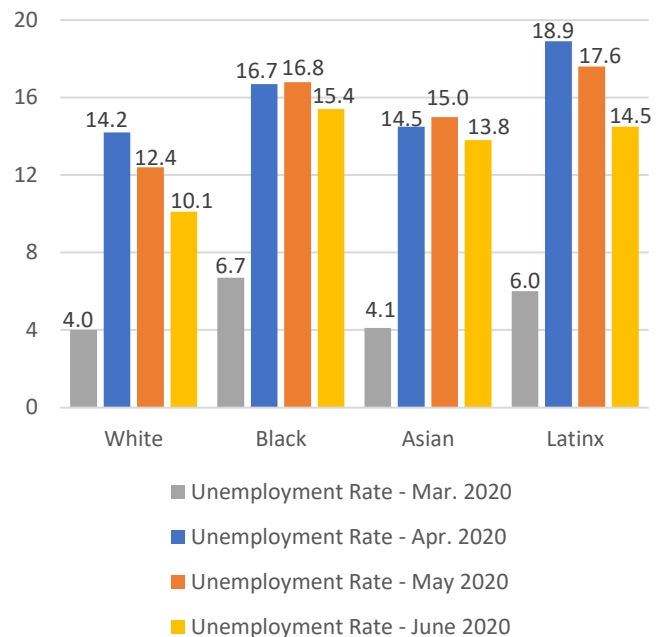
Source: U.S. Departments of Labor, <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>

U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) JUNE EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The labor market continued to see major shifts in from May to June due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Employment in the U.S. rose by 4.8 million, with employment in food services and drinking places accounting for 30% of the increase. The national unemployment rate declined from 13.3% to 11.1%. On June 10th, OLO reported on the BLS’ misclassification of employees in March through May 2020 that led to understatements of the monthly unemployment rates by approximately three percentage points each month. The BLS reports that misclassification was down significantly in June and the unemployment rate would be – at most – one percentage point higher than the 11.1% reported rate. Other findings include:

- Employment also increased in retail trade, education and health services, other services, manufacturing, and professional and business services.
- From May to June, unemployment rates declined 19% and 18% for White and Latinx workers, respectively, and 8% for Black and Asian workers.

U.S. Unemployment Rates (%)



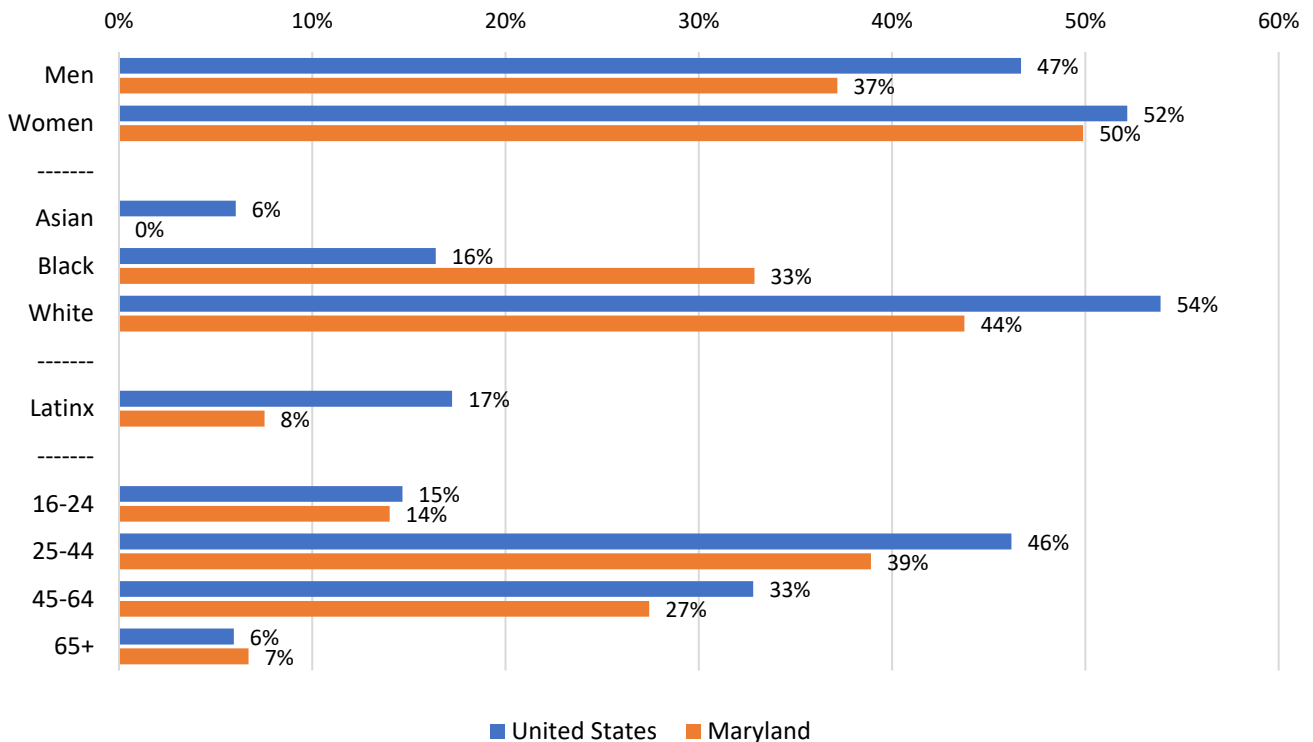
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CHARACTERISTICS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) CLAIMANTS, May 2020

The U.S. Department of Labor reports monthly UI claimant demographic data at the national and state level. Data are through May 19. As shown below, younger workers (ages 16-44) comprised a larger share of unemployment insurance claimants both nationally and in Maryland – 61% and 54% respectively.

Compared to national data, there were significantly fewer Latinx UI claimants in Maryland (17% in US, 8% in Maryland) and significantly more African American claimants (16% in U.S., 33% in Maryland). Roughly 30% of Maryland UI claimants worked in the accommodation and food services industry (18.4%) and the healthcare and social assistance industry, which includes childcare (10.3%).

Characteristics of UI Claimants, May 2020



Note: Totals may not sum to 100%. Data was not available for all claimants.

Source: <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/chariu.asp>

% of Maryland UI Claimants by Industry, May 2020

All Higher-Risk Industries	52.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	18.4%
Administration and Support/Waste Management <i>(includes temporary help services and services to buildings and dwellings)</i>	6.6%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4.0%
Healthcare and Social Assistance <i>(includes childcare)</i>	10.3%
Other Services <i>(includes laundry services, personal care services, pet services)</i>	6.0%
Retail Trade	5.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	2.3%

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