

# COVID-19: UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE



Data and Information current as of July 30, 2020

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## NEW UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week of July 30<sup>th</sup>, new UI claims in the United States increased from the prior week for the second week in a row. New claims in Maryland were down 31% from the prior week and down 15% 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
<b>July 30</b>	<b>1,434,000</b>	<b>22,699</b>	<b>11,974</b>	<b>10,725</b>	no data reported	<b>2,975</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>80</b>
July 23	1,422,000	<b>32,912</b>	17,242	15,670	no data reported	<b>3,509</b>	1,869	1,535	105
July 11	1,307,000	<b>48,431</b>	19,463	17,594	11,374	<b>4,125</b>	2,169	1,896	60
July 4	1,310,000	<b>44,538</b>	33,191	**	11,347	<b>2,172</b>	2,099	**	73
June 27	1,413,000	<b>55,554</b>	22,623	32,931	11,781	<b>3,510</b>	2,058	1,353	99
June 20	1,482,000	<b>58,786</b>	32,549	14,538	11,699	<b>4,863</b>	3,210	1,540	113
June 13	1,540,000	<b>51,872</b>	23,450	17,843	10,579	<b>5,419</b>	2,747	2,590	82
June 6	1,566,000	<b>60,042</b>	41,638	9,762	8,642	<b>7,047</b>	5,681	1,268	98
May 30	1,877,000	<b>49,331</b>	31,920	10,181	7,230	<b>6,409</b>	4,810	1,527	72
May 23	2,126,000	<b>54,221</b>	33,991	14,297	5,983	<b>7,589</b>	5,215	2,374	49
May 16	2,446,000	<b>56,134</b>	35,111	15,448	5,575	<b>7,795</b>	5,229	2,566	58
May 9	2,981,000	<b>64,467</b>	45,485	18,982	0	<b>10,301</b>	7,133	3,168	90
May 2	3,169,000	<b>111,006</b>	63,253	44,280	3,473	<b>18,943</b>	11,074	7,869	249
April 25	3,846,000	<b>37,925</b>	37,925	--	2,361	<b>5,615</b>	5,615	--	
April 18	4,442,000	<b>48,495</b>	48,495	--	0	<b>6,938</b>	6,938	--	
April 11	5,237,000	<b>62,904</b>	62,904	--		<b>9,548</b>	9,548	--	

\* Initial state data \*\* Federal and state data are unclear for this week

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

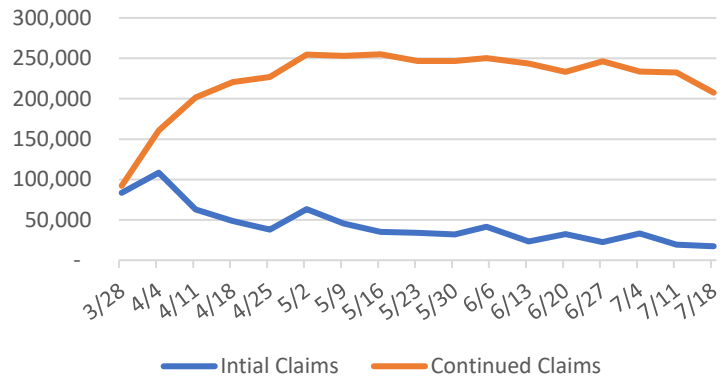
Sources: U.S. and Maryland Departments of Labor <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>; <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicounty.shtm>

## 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 July 18<sup>th</sup>, continued unemployment claims in Maryland totaled 207,458, a decrease of 10.7% (24,847 claims) compared to the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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
<b>July 18</b>	<b>207,458</b>	<b>17,242</b>
July 11	232,305	19,463
July 4	233,850	33,191
June 27	246,437	22,623
June 20	233,086	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>

## CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN THE NEXT STIMULUS BILL

Discussions in Congress about a new stimulus package with additional federal unemployment benefits are equally as uncertain as they were last week. The current Republican proposal in the Senate would cap expanded unemployment benefits at 70% of wage replacement. Democrats want to continue the current benefit of an additional \$600 a week on top of state unemployment benefits. At this time, Congress has not announced any changes to its summer recess – scheduled to begin for the House on July 31<sup>st</sup> and for the Senate on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sources: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/zackfriedman/2020/07/29/stimulus-package-republicans/#38ae85801164>;  
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