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DWD RELEASES INFORMATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released information related to the total number of unemployment calls received, applications filed, claims processed, and monies distributed in Wisconsin as of the week ending July 4, 2020.

The Department announced, based on preliminary numbers, there were 27,619 initial applications filed the week ending July 4. Of those new applications, 2,366 applications are from claimants who have exhausted their UI benefits and applied for PEUC. This is compared to 29,727 in initial applications the week prior (week ending June 27).

Unemployment Insurance is a joint state-federal program that provides benefits to eligible workers. Each state administers a separate UI program with state-specific laws and rules, but states must also follow the same guidelines established by federal law. Any answer given on a claim raising a question regarding a person's eligibility must be fully investigated before benefits may be paid; this is referred to as the adjudication process.

Adjudication is the investigation and resolution of eligibility issues raised on unemployment insurance claims. Adjudication is a manual process that requires interested parties be provided due notice to respond to the eligibility issue. Eligibility issues arise from several places including the initial claim, weekly claim, employer contact, claimant contact, and tips from the public. Under normal conditions, adjudication typically takes 21 days to process.

Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits: If you're out of work through no fault of your own, and you've worked for a covered employer (an employer who pays UI tax) in the last 18 months, you may be eligible for and should apply for regular UI benefits. Regular UI is available for up to 26 weeks (dependent upon an individual's specific situation).

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC): A temporary program that provides up to 13 additional weeks of payments to individuals who have exhausted their regular UI benefits.

Extended Benefits (EB): A temporary program that provides up to 13 additional weeks of payments to individuals who have exhausted regular UI and PEUC.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): If you are not eligible for regular UI, you may be eligible for PUA. This is a temporary federal program that provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to individuals who are not eligible for regular UI such as:

- Individuals who are self-employed;
- Certain independent contractors;
- Individuals with limited recent work history; and
- Other workers not covered by regular UI.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC): A temporary emergency increase of \$600 per week in unemployment benefits. FPUC provides an additional payment to individuals who are collecting regular UI, PEUC, EB, or PUA. It is automatically added to the weekly benefit rate. **NOTE: the last payable week for FPUC is the week ending July 25, 2020.**

"DWD has added more resources to adjudicate claims, process applications, answer phone calls, and further extended call center hours," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. "We continue to improve our program to better serve the people of our state during this unprecedented situation."

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS CLAIMS STATUS

Approximately 417,800 claimants have been paid over \$2.4 Billion since March 15.

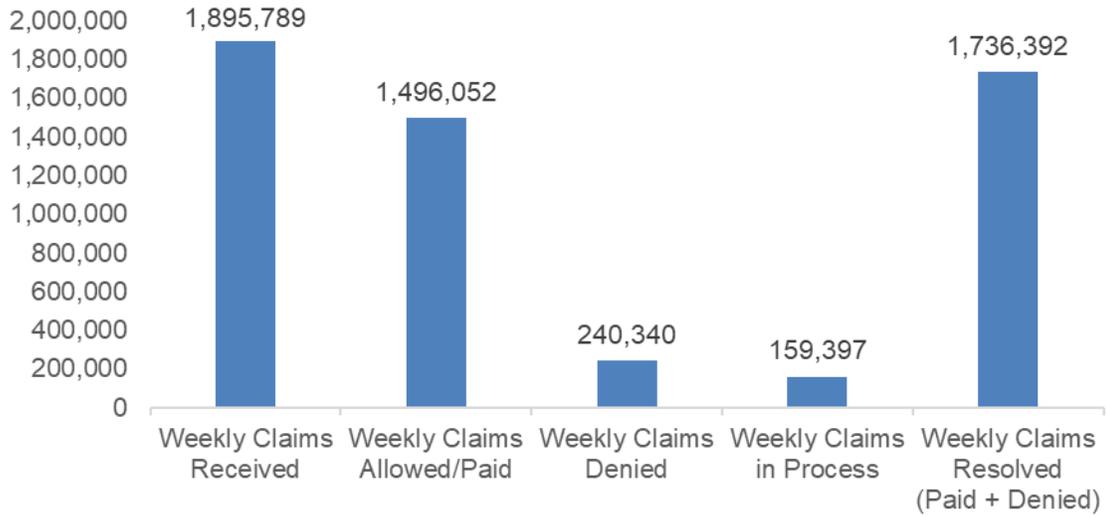
The Weekly Claims in Process represent approximately 140,000 unique claimants with around 232,500 issues requiring adjudication. A claimant could have one issue or many holding up a week or many weeks. DWD is prioritizing all adjudication work by earliest date to pay the claimants who have been waiting the longest first.

	Weekly Claims Received*	Weekly Claims Allowed/Paid**	Weekly Claims Denied	Weekly Claims in Process <i>(Includes claims awaiting wage verification, adjudication, etc.)</i>	Weekly Claims Resolved <i>(Paid + Denied)</i>
Snapshot: March 15 - May 2, 2020	1,895,789	1,496,052 = 78.91%	240,340 = 12.68%	159,397 = 8.41%	1,736,392 = 91.59%
Total: March 15 - July 4, 2020	3,969,830	2,977,926 = 75.01%	462,905 = 11.66%	528,999 = 13.33%	3,440,831 = 86.67%

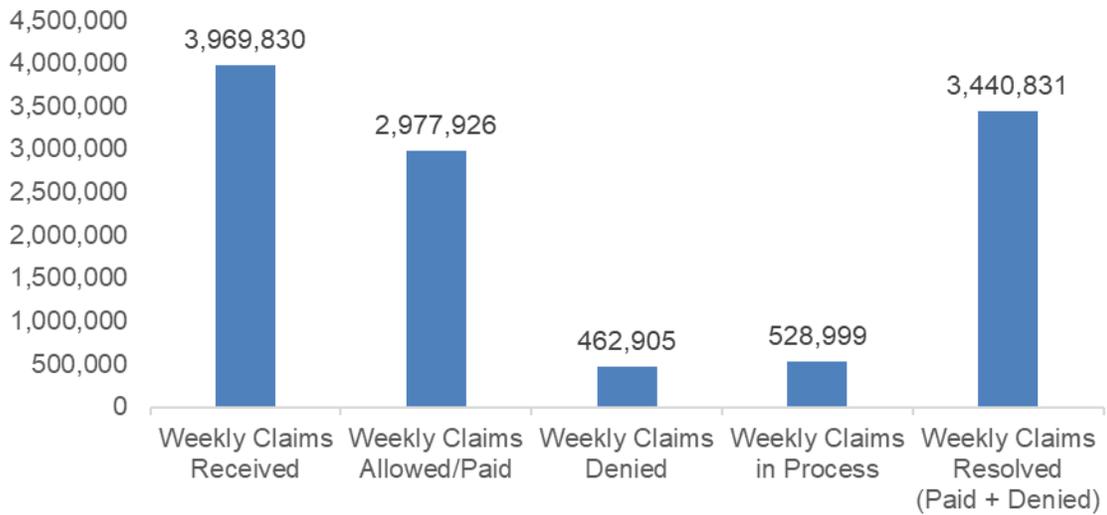
**Weekly claims received does not equate to a specific number of individuals.*

***Includes weeks with BAR or serving waiting week if benefit year started pre-Act 185 implementation.*

SNAPSHOT: March 15, 2020 - May 2, 2020



TOTAL: March 15, 2020 – July 4, 2020



TOTAL NUMBER	MARCH 15, 2020 - July 4, 2020	FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH PROGRAM, VISIT:
Average Number of Days from Application to Payment for Regular UI	21	
Unemployment Applications Received***	728,705	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/
Total Benefits Paid (including FPUC and PUA)	\$2,403,238,439	
FPUC Benefits Paid	\$1,607,158,875	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/fpuc/
PUA Applications Submitted****	82,168	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/pua/
PUA Benefits Paid	\$15,718,499	
PEUC Applications Submitted	7,215	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/peuc/
PEUC Benefits Paid	\$9,428,618	
UI Calls Received - Week ending July 4, 2020	245,097	

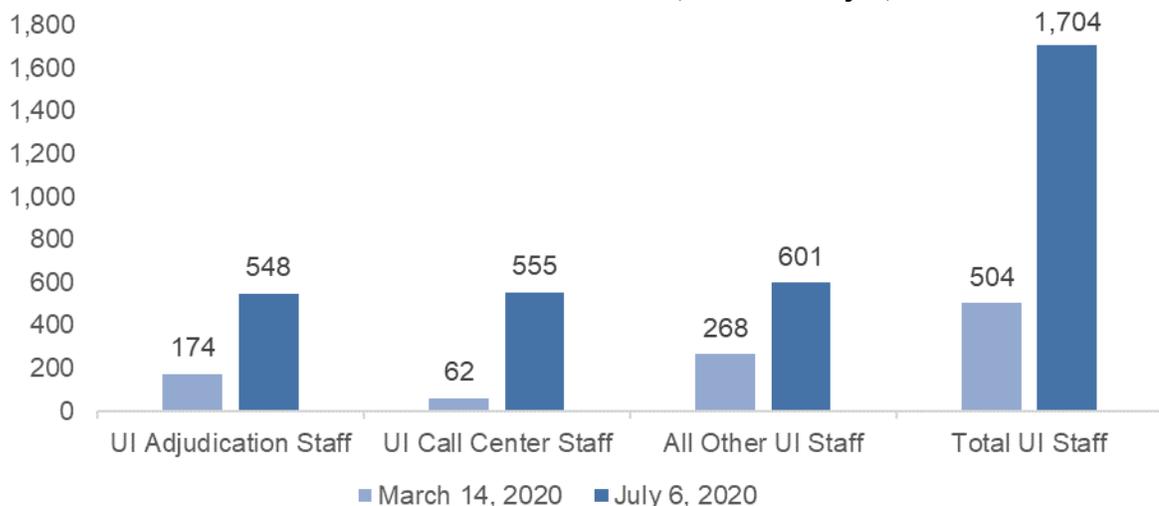
***Applications received does not equate to a specific number of individuals. Preliminary counts updated daily at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui-stats.htm>.

****Past press releases reported both applications started but never completed and applications completed and submitted. We are now reporting only those applications completed and submitted.

UNEMPLOYMENT STAFFING STATUS

DATE	UI RESOURCE ADJUDICATION STAFF	UI CALL CENTER STAFF	ALL OTHER UI RESOURCE STAFF	TOTAL UI RESOURCE STAFF
March 14, 2020	174	62	268	504
July 6, 2020	548	555	601	1,704
<i>DWD Permanent, LTE, and Project Staff</i>	271	146	384	801
<i>Temporarily Reassigned Staff</i>	72	36	42	150
<i>Vendor Staff</i>	205	373	175	753

UI STAFFING COMPARISON: March 14, 2020 to July 6, 2020



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