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Initial Claims and Additional Unemployment Benefits in Oregon

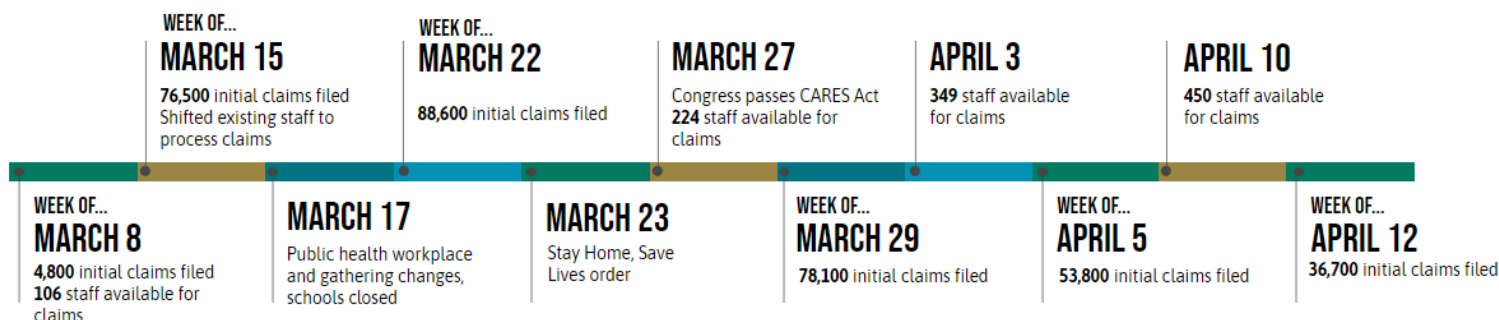
During the week of April 12 to April 18, the Oregon Employment Department received 36,700 initial claims for unemployment benefits. Since public health measures began the week starting March 15, Oregon has received about 333,700 initial claims for unemployment insurance.

Helping Oregonians

The Employment Department continues processing initial and ongoing unemployment benefits claims at a record pace, resulting in \$119 million in benefits paid to Oregonians during the week of April 12 to April 18. The agency continues expanding capacity for taking claims, with 520 employees now dedicated to taking unemployment claims, and additional contact center facility planning underway.

Employment Department efforts also continue toward launching the [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#) (PUA) program. Once open, the PUA program will provide the self-employed, contract workers, and gig workers not already eligible, along with those not usually eligible due to too few hours or earnings, and those who were going to start work but could not, with benefits never before available. Programming, testing, and staff training for the PUA program are in progress. Upon successful testing, the Employment Department expects to open the program for applications by the end of April.

Additional information, program updates, and metrics related to the Employment Department's ongoing response to the unprecedented need for unemployment benefits can be found on the interactive dashboard of the agency's [COVID-19 page](#).



Initial Claims

The Employment Department has detailed information for 31,700 of the initial claims processed during the week of April 12 to April 18. The greatest number of initial claims continued to come from the leisure and hospitality sector (8,000), which includes hotels and restaurants. This reflects ongoing impacts of public health and safety measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the week of March 15 to March 21, there have been about 60,800 initial claims filed from leisure and hospitality.

Other sectors with the largest initial claims totals for the past five weeks include health care and social assistance (30,900) and retail trade (24,300). Every sector of the economy has seen increased claims activity though. Initial claims totaled 16,500 in professional and business services, and 18,200 in manufacturing since the week of March 15 to March 21.

Multnomah (6,800), Washington (4,000), and Lane (2,900) counties had the largest number of claims during the week of April 12 to April 18. These three

counties have consistently had the largest number of initial claims in recent weeks. More initial claims data by industry and area can be found on the QualityInfo.org [COVID-19 page](#).

Oregon Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims by Sector

Sector	Initial Claims Week of April 12-18, 2020	Total Initial Claims Since March 15, 2020
Natural Resources and Mining	320	2,363
Construction	1,667	14,116
Manufacturing	3,572	18,209
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,401	34,575
Wholesale Trade	915	4,787
Retail Trade	4,593	24,333
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	893	5,455
Information	366	2,230
Financial Activities	716	4,316
Professional and Business Services	2,895	16,486
Education and Health Services	5,921	35,604
Educational Services	864	4,741
Health Care and Social Assistance	5,057	30,863
Leisure and Hospitality	7,922	60,823
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,066	6,274
Accommodation and Food Services	6,856	54,549
Other Services	1,894	12,059

Source: Oregon Employment Department

Industry details not available for all claims

Oregon Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County

County	Initial Claims Week of April 12 - 18, 2020	Total Initial Claims Since March 15, 2020	County	Initial Claims Week of April 12 - 18, 2020	Total Initial Claims Since March 15, 2020
Baker	95	535	Lake	24	129
Benton	602	3,353	Lane	2,938	18,987
Clackamas	2,906	18,125	Lincoln	430	3,246
Clatsop	396	2,879	Linn	902	5,854
Columbia	298	2,057	Malheur	89	473
Coos	400	3,077	Marion	2,186	13,240
Crook	178	1,080	Morrow	34	216
Curry	111	810	Multnomah	6,866	46,181
Deschutes	1,789	11,914	Polk	533	3,075
Douglas	806	4,699	Sherman	7	47
Gilliam	6	40	Tillamook	182	1,276
Grant	27	209	Umatilla	459	2,767
Harney	27	163	Union	179	1,347
Hood River	205	1,204	Wallowa	34	197
Jackson	1,654	10,309	Wasco	164	1,093
Jefferson	200	932	Washington	4,015	23,928
Josephine	512	3,261	Wheeler	3	8
Klamath	409	2,353	Yamhill	822	4,653

Source: Oregon Employment Department

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To file an online claim for unemployment benefits, go to Oregon.gov/employ or call 1-877-FILE-4-UI. For help finding jobs and training resources, contact your local WorkSource Oregon center or go to WorkSourceOregon.org. Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Contact: (503) 947-1794. For people who are deaf or hard of hearing, call 711 Telecommunications Relay Services.