

Unemployment Insurance Summary 2022

Issue No. 4, Volume 1: April 2023



The total number of regular UI continued claims¹ decreased significantly to 4.7 million in 2022, when compared with 16.4 million in 2020, and 6.3 million in 2021.

UI claimants received \$1.8 billion in benefits in 2022, with an average weekly payment of \$521. Approximately 93% of claimants were New Jersey residents, with the remainder living in Pennsylvania, New York, Florida and elsewhere.

The top 5 occupations and the top 5 industries claimants worked in during their base year² are shown below.

Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers

Construction Laborers

Stock Clerk and Order Fillers

Customer Service Representatives

Cashiers

Temporary Help Services

Full-Service Restaurants

Food Service Contractors

Landscaping Services

General Warehousing and Storage

The bar chart displays the number of UI Continued Claims on a monthly basis from January 2020 to December 2022. The y-axis represents the number of claims, ranging from 0 to 700,000 in increments of 100,000. The x-axis lists the months from Jan-20 to Dec-22. The data shows a dramatic increase in claims starting in late 2019, peaking in April 2020 at approximately 620,000 claims. Following this peak, there is a rapid decline, with claims falling to around 100,000 by June 2020. From 2021 onwards, the number of claims remains relatively stable, fluctuating between approximately 70,000 and 150,000 per month.

Month	UI Continued Claims (Approximate)
Jan-20	105,000
Feb-20	110,000
Mar-20	470,000
Apr-20	620,000
May-20	540,000
Jun-20	490,000
Jul-20	430,000
Aug-20	360,000
Sep-20	230,000
Oct-20	155,000
Nov-20	140,000
Dec-20	145,000
Jan-21	130,000
Feb-21	115,000
Mar-21	110,000
Apr-21	105,000
May-21	110,000
Jun-21	125,000
Jul-21	115,000
Aug-21	105,000
Sep-21	90,000
Oct-21	85,000
Nov-21	90,000
Dec-21	95,000
Jan-22	90,000
Feb-22	85,000
Mar-22	75,000
Apr-22	70,000
May-22	75,000
Jun-22	80,000
Jul-22	85,000
Aug-22	75,000
Sep-22	70,000
Oct-22	75,000
Nov-22	80,000
Dec-22	85,000

The number of continued claims for UI decreased due to a tight labor market, with workers remaining in high demand. However, there were some increases in claims filed by seasonal workers, such as school food service workers and school bus drivers, who applied for UI benefits during seasonal school closures.

394K Claimants in 2022;
Male: 52%, Female: 48%

\$1.8B Total UI benefits paid to New Jersey workers in 2022

80% Claimants with less than a bachelor's degree

\$804 Maximum weekly benefit rate in 2022 (maximum weekly benefit rate in 2023 is \$830)

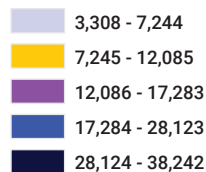
1 Reciprocity rate ranking among states³

Office of Research
and Information

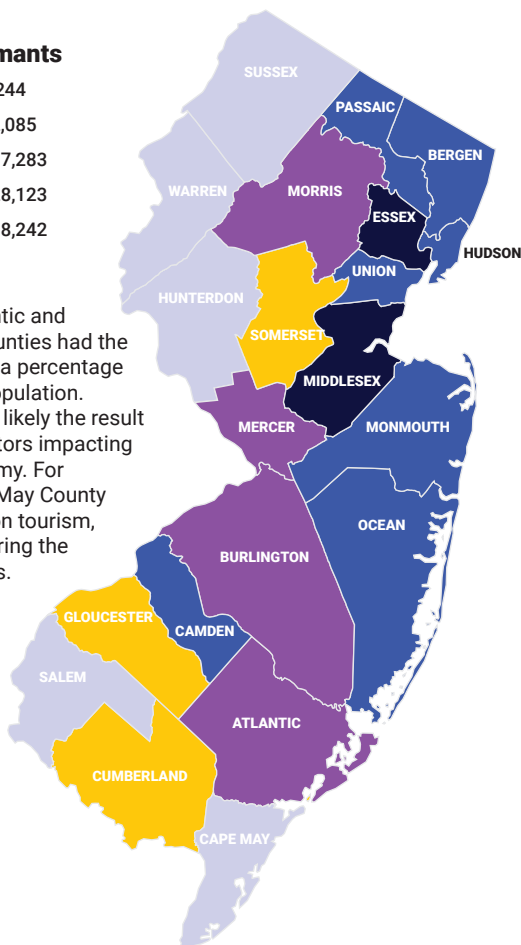
NJ.GOV/LABOR/DATA

Unemployment Insurance Claimants by County of Residence

2022 UI Claimants



Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland counties had the most claims as a percentage of the overall population. However, this is likely the result of seasonal factors impacting the local economy. For instance, Cape May County typically relies on tourism, which peaks during the summer months.



Where to find and apply for UI benefits:

New Jersey is a national leader in providing UI benefits and creating streamlined processes for workers to verify their eligibility and access benefits. The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOLE) administers the UI program, which provides temporary financial assistance to eligible workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own.

The NJDOLE offers support to career seekers at its One-Stop Career Centers including job search workshops, career counseling, and resume writing.

NJ's UI program is designed to support workers in times of financial hardship and help them get back on their feet in new employment opportunities.

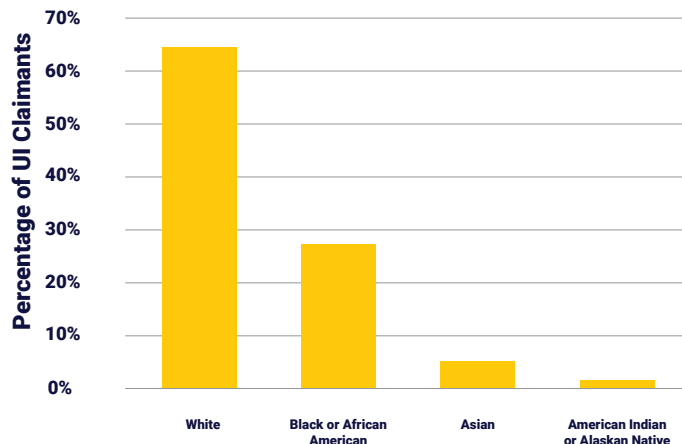
For more about UI: <https://nj.gov/labor/myunemployment>

Technical Note: The data in this report is from New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development UI Program administrative statistics.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's (NJDOLE) Office of Research and Information is the singular solution for labor market data needs, combining the power of data and marketing materials to deliver evidence-based research. Our team of local and industry specialists provide technical assistance and information that highlights key New Jersey economic status, such as employment, wages, occupation, workplace safety, and labor force.

This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. The product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner.

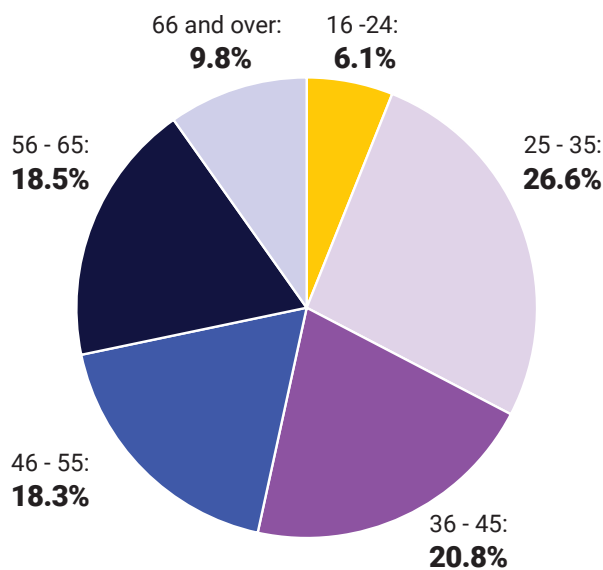
UI Claimants by Race*



*It excludes claimants who choose not to answer

Most UI claimants identify as White (65%) or Black (28%)

UI Claimants by Age



About 58% of claimants are between the ages of 36 and 65

Footnotes:

¹Continued Claim: The number of weeks certified for weekly UI benefits.

²Base Year: Time period used to determine a person's eligibility for UI benefits.

³Reciprocity Rate: Percent of unemployed individuals who file and are paid UI benefits. NJ ranks number 1.

For more about UI eligibility: <https://nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/before/about/who>