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Unemployment Insurance Summary 2022

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In 2022, roughly 394,000 individuals claimed at least one week of Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

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.

Occupations with the Most Claims in 2022

Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers

Construction Laborers

Stock Clerk and Order Fillers

Customer Service Representatives

Cashiers

Industries with the Most Claims in 2022

Temporary Help Services

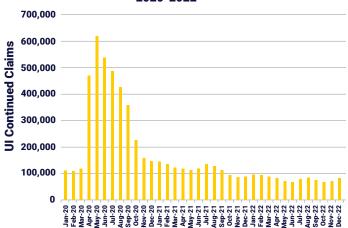
Full-Service Restaurants

Food Service Contractors

Landscaping Services

General Warehousing and Storage

New Jersey Average Continued Claims 2020-2022



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.

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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

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

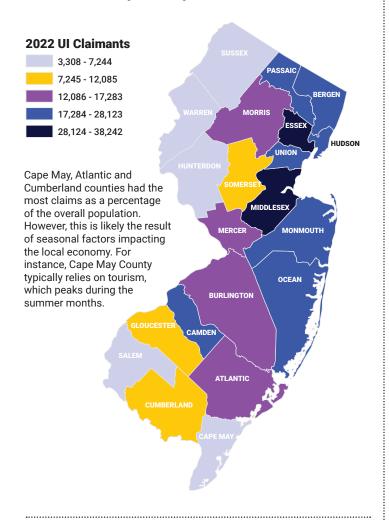
Recipiency rate ranking among states³



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Unemployment Insurance Claimants by County of Residence



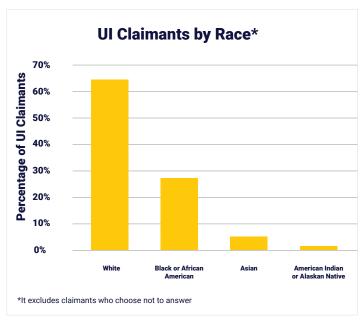
Where to find and apply for UI benefits:

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 (NJDOL) administers the UI program, which provides temporary financial assistance to eligible workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own.

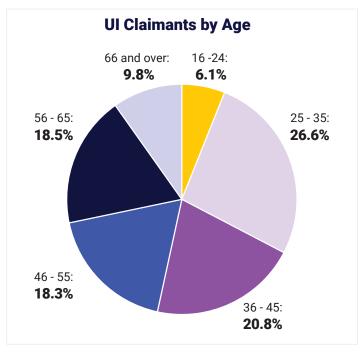
The NJDOL offers support to career seekers at its One-Stop Career Centers including job search workshops, career counseling, and resume writing.

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



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



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.
³Recipiency Rate: Percent of unemployed individuals who file and are paid UI benefits. N. Lanks number 1

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

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

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