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TRENTON – New Jersey saw a slight increase in new unemployment claims from the previous week, as the number of pandemic-related benefits sent to Garden State workers neared \$27.7 billion.

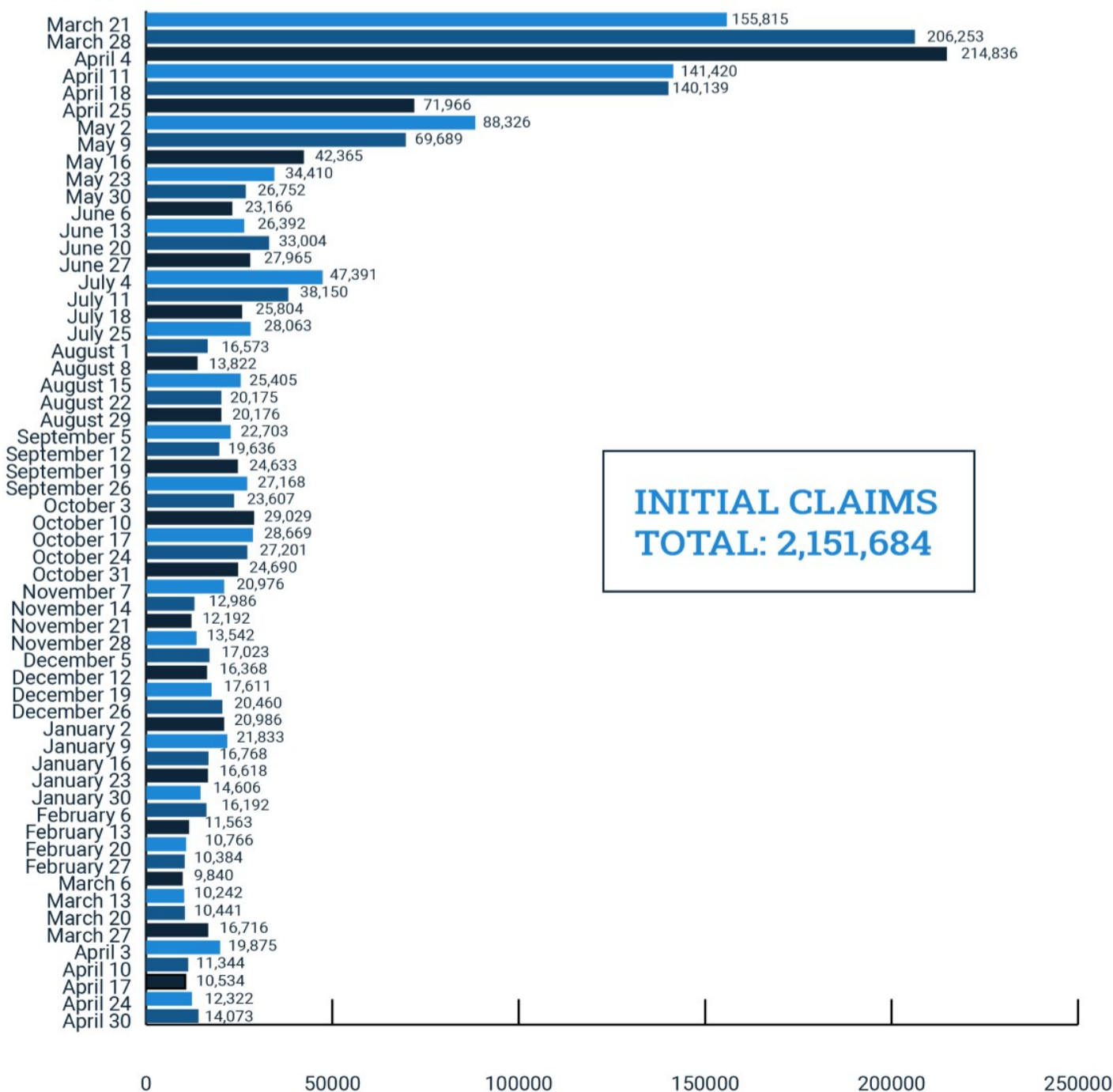
For the week ending April 30, a total of 14,073* new claims were received, as compared to 12,322 filed week ending April 24. The same week in April 2020, NJDOL offices received approximately 90,000 initial claims as the pandemic took tighter hold.

The average benefit per claimant now tops \$18,200. Since last March, the state has received 2,151,684** applications for unemployment benefits, including more than 263,741 claims that have been reopened, meaning the claimant is seeking to receive benefits after a period of having returned to work within the course of a year.

Here are the week-by-week totals of new unemployment claims:

Weekly totals of new unemployment claims

WEEK ENDING:



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As of the latest reporting, more than \$33 billion in unemployment benefits have been sent to Garden State workers. With federal benefits set to expire on September 4, we encourage everyone to check your email and visit MyUnemployment.nj.gov for updates and available resources.

AMOUNT PAID OUT: \$33 BILLION

\$1.4 BILLION (2020 WEEK ENDING APRIL 30)
\$5.4 BILLION (2021 WEEK ENDING APRIL 30)

Here is the breakdown of weekly benefits payments to eligible New Jersey workers:

Weekly breakdown of payments (in millions)

| Week Ending | New Jersey Unemployment Insurance (UI) | Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)/CARES Act | Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)/ Continued Assistance Act | Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) | Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) | Extended Unemployment Benefits (EB) | Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) |
|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| March 21 | \$47.4 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| March 28 | \$57.9 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| April 4 | \$89.8 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| April 11 | \$140.7 | \$154.8 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| April 18 | \$179.7 | \$238.8 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| April 25 | \$211.1 | \$296.3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| May 2 | \$171.7 | \$291.1 | NA | \$27.1 | NA | NA | NA |
| May 9 | \$244.7 | \$502.4 | NA | \$51.6 | NA | NA | NA |
| May 16 | \$239.7 | \$414 | NA | \$55.6 | NA | NA | NA |
| May 23 | \$236.2 | \$596.9 | NA | \$112.3 | NA | NA | NA |
| May 30 | \$242.7 | \$553.5 | NA | \$87.7 | NA | NA | NA |
| June 6 | \$255.5 | \$635.2 | NA | \$56.6 | \$56.6 | NA | NA |
| June 13 | \$244.5 | \$573.8 | NA | \$60.7 | \$46.5 | NA | NA |
| June 20 | \$248.9 | \$626.1 | NA | \$86.6 | \$37.4 | NA | NA |
| June 27 | \$240.4 | \$559.7 | NA | \$73.5 | \$31.7 | NA | NA |
| July 4 | \$202.9 | \$536.1 | NA | \$71.7 | \$31.8 | NA | NA |
| July 11 | \$208.5 | \$521.3 | NA | \$69.1 | \$24.4 | \$2.2 | NA |
| July 18 | \$209.3 | \$524.5 | NA | \$65.2 | \$22.7 | \$3.9 | NA |
| July 25 | \$197.7 | \$526.2 | NA | \$77 | \$25.7 | \$4.8 | NA |
| August 1 | \$192.1 | \$513.5 | NA | \$74.7 | \$33.7 | \$6.5 | NA |
| August 8 | \$202.6 | \$200.8 | NA | \$86.1 | \$20 | \$6.2 | NA |
| August 15 | \$175 | \$95.3 | NA | \$77.8 | \$23.7 | \$7.1 | NA |
| August 22 | \$167.3 | \$70.3 | NA | \$52.1 | \$20.4 | \$6.7 | NA |
| August 29 | \$171.1 | \$64.4 | NA | \$79.7 | \$20.9 | \$7.2 | NA |
| September 5 | \$129.3 | \$56.4 | NA | \$84.4 | \$20.7 | \$8 | NA |
| September 12 | \$152.9 | \$39.7 | NA | \$87.6 | \$21.2 | \$8.7 | NA |
| September 19 | \$137 | \$31.4 | NA | \$85.3 | \$22.6 | \$9.6 | NA |
| September 26 | \$127.2 | \$35.5 | NA | \$89.5 | \$25.5 | \$10.1 | NA |
| October 3 | \$111.9 | \$23.2 | NA | \$82.7 | \$33.8 | \$10.4 | NA |
| October 10 | \$102.8 | \$29 | NA | \$89 | \$45.4 | \$11.3 | NA |
| October 17 | \$88.5 | \$20.5 | NA | \$84.5 | \$50.8 | \$11.8 | NA |
| October 24 | \$81.7 | \$18.2 | NA | \$85.3 | \$56.2 | \$12.5 | \$1,146.5 |
| October 31 | \$76.3 | \$16.8 | NA | \$85.3 | \$58.3 | \$12.8 | \$88.9 |
| November 7 | \$72.5 | \$13.2 | NA | \$83.2 | \$59.7 | \$12.8 | NA |
| November 14 | \$68.2 | \$12.9 | NA | \$85.1 | \$61.9 | \$13.6 | \$56.2 |
| November 21 | \$65.6 | \$12.4 | NA | \$85.6 | \$62.4 | \$14.7 | \$33.3 |
| November 28 | \$63.1 | \$9 | NA | \$83.9 | \$62.1 | \$13.5 | \$1.3 |
| December 5 | \$61.1 | \$16.2 | NA | \$80.5 | \$59.1 | \$12.8 | NA |
| December 12 | \$66.1 | \$12.2 | NA | \$91.6 | \$66.9 | \$16.7 | NA |
| December 19 | \$61.3 | \$11.3 | NA | \$86.3 | \$62.3 | \$16 | \$19.4 |
| December 26 | \$52.4 | \$8.2 | NA | \$78.5 | \$50.3 | \$15.7 | NA |
| January 2 | \$52.9 | \$5.8 | NA | \$85.9 | \$47.4 | \$21 | NA |
| January 9 | \$80 | \$7.8 | NA | \$95.6 | \$57.1 | \$35.3 | NA |
| January 16 | \$61.9 | \$6.8 | NA | \$87.9 | \$40 | \$28.5 | NA |
| January 23 | \$54.4 | \$5.5 | \$288.3 | \$86.7 | \$34 | \$27.2 | NA |
| January 30 | \$58.1 | \$6.6 | \$162 | \$86.5 | \$31.5 | \$27.2 | NA |
| February 6 | \$55.2 | \$7.2 | \$159.5 | \$83.3 | \$27.7 | \$25.2 | NA |
| February 13 | \$66.3 | \$7.3 | \$157 | \$90.5 | \$108 | \$26.1 | NA |
| February 20 | \$62.3 | \$5.6 | \$239.8 | \$83.9 | \$98.7 | \$24.1 | NA |
| February 27 | \$63.6 | \$10.5 | \$211.4 | \$83.7 | \$78.2 | \$25.5 | NA |
| March 6 | \$62.2 | \$4.4 | \$197.5 | \$79.7 | \$72 | \$28.1 | NA |
| March 13 | \$59.8 | \$3.7 | \$194.1 | \$85.2 | \$74.3 | \$27.6 | \$23.6 |
| March 20 | \$56.7 | \$5.4 | \$199.7 | \$83.7 | \$71.9 | \$24.9 | \$0.9 |
| March 27 | \$56.5 | \$3.6 | \$197.4 | \$82.6 | \$68.2 | \$22.3 | NA |
| April 3 | \$51.4 | \$2.8 | \$191 | \$76.8 | \$64 | \$19.5 | NA |
| April 10 | \$55.5 | \$2.7 | \$185.7 | \$84.6 | \$67.6 | \$19.8 | NA |
| April 17 | \$59.1 | \$3.2 | \$187.6 | \$83.1 | \$65.3 | \$17.9 | NA |
| April 24 | \$56.1 | \$3.1 | \$188.6 | \$82 | \$66.2 | \$16.8 | NA |
| April 30 | \$52.8 | \$3.1 | \$185.7 | \$76.2 | \$68.9 | \$5.2 | NA |
| TOTAL BENEFITS PAID | \$7,140.3 | \$8,956 | \$2,945.3 | \$4,231.3 | \$2,355.7 | \$677.8 | \$1,370.1 |

NA: Benefit not applicable during the indicated weeks.

The American Rescue Plan signed March 11 extends Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) – the \$300 supplement – to eligible claimants for 25 weeks, through Sept. 4.

The maximum eligibility for PUA is now 75 weeks. PEUC now provides up to 49 weeks of additional benefits to those who exhaust 26 weeks of state unemployment. Extended benefits (EB) adds 13 weeks. The \$300 FPUC supplement is for anyone collecting unemployment in any amount during eligible weeks. There is also a provision in the new rescue law that excludes the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits from having to be reported as income on federal taxes for households earning less than \$150,000/year.

For more information on state or federal unemployment benefits, visit myunemployment.nj.gov.

Information on virtual Career Services can be found here: nj.gov/labor/career-services.

Visit New Jersey's jobs portal here: jobs.covid19.nj.gov.

For national unemployment data, visit <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>. For archived NJ claims data, visit <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/DataDashboard.asp>.

**This represents the final number for the week ending April 30. The number listed for New Jersey by the US Department of Labor – 13,537– is based on advanced reporting.*

***The number of new initial claims includes 263,741 claims that have been reopened by residents who returned to unemployment after a period of employment within a calendar year, as well as claims that turned out to be fraudulent.*

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