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To: Vermont General Assembly

From: Commissioner's Office, Department of Labor

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Subject: Unemployment Insurance Weekly Update

During the benefit week ending June 12th there 20,253 weekly claims filed. This is a decrease of 578 continued claims filed over the previous benefit week. During the week ending June 12th, \$8,010,356 in benefits were paid out to claimants.

June 18th was the final day for claimants to enroll in IDX, the identity protection services available to claimants impacted by the 1099 incident. In total, there were 15,556 enrollments which is roughly 15% of all claimants who were eligible to enroll.

Workforce Development has reopened Job Centers across the state to allow for both walk-in and by appointment services to support Vermonters through a variety of services to reengage with the workforce. *Job Centers* in Barre, Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Rutland, St. Albans, and St. Johnsbury are open now and Middlebury will be opening on July 6. The remaining Job Centers will be opening in the coming weeks. A full list of Job Centers that are open and their hours can be found by clicking the link below.

Links and Resources:

- Local Job Centers Locations and Hours
- UI Work Search (including FAOs)
- Report UI Fraud
- Opening a New Benefit Year
- Report a Refusal to Return to Work
- <u>UI "How-To" video library (applying for benefits, reopening a claim, submitting weekly claims)</u>

- Vermont Job Link
- CARES Act UI Extension FAQ
- UI Updates Page [Newsfeed]
- Appealing UI Claim Determinations
- UI Adjudications Process

Career Resource Centers (for Workforce Development services):

• Barre-Montpelier: 802-476-2600

• Bennington: 802-442-6376

• Brattleboro: 802-254-4555

• **Burlington:** 802-863-7676

• Middlebury: 802-388-4921

Morrisville: 802-888-4545

• Newport: 802-334-6545

Rutland: 802-786-837

St. Albans: 802-524-6585

3t. Albans. 602-324-0363

• St. Johnsbury: 802-748-3177

Springfield: 802-289-0999

• White River: 802-295-8805

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM

	Continued Claims Filed							
Week Ending	4/24	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12
Regular UI	11,522	12,595	12,135	10,177	8,502	7,617	6,473	6,204
PEUC	10,670	10,826	10,558	9,747	8,520	8,263	7,904	7,740
EB	5	3	5	2	5	10	3	1
PUA	10,364	10,480	9,458	8,480	6,819	6,735	6,451	6,308
Total	32,561	33,904	32,156	28,406	23,718	22,503	20,831	20,253

Figure 1

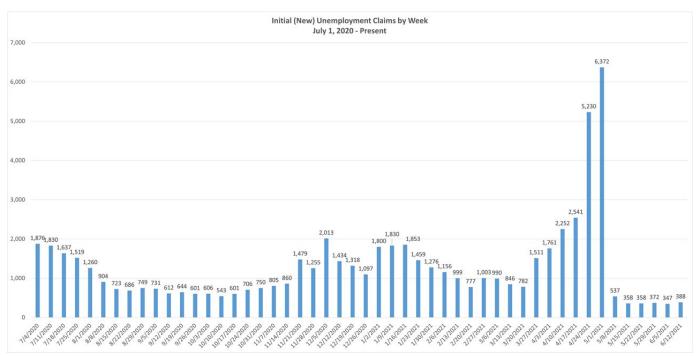


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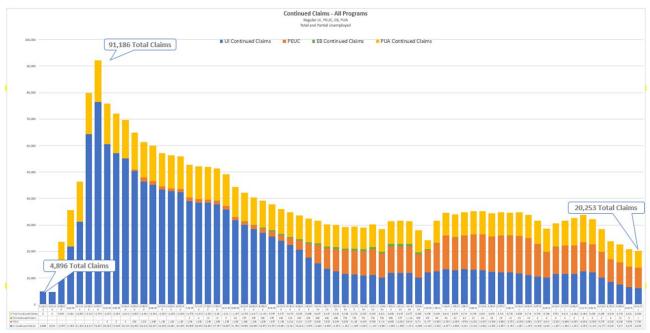


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BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Claims Payment Processing						
Week Ending	All UI Claims Paid	All UI Payments	PUA Claims Paid*	PUA Payments	Total Payments Issued	Trust Fund Balance
May 1	20,027	\$6,790,786	6,914	\$4,506,283	\$11,297,069	\$221,440,383
May 8	19,221	\$6,374,974	8,477	\$5,064,586	\$11,439,560	\$222,535,621
May 15	17,390	\$5,705,828	5,647	\$3,335,015	\$9,040,843	\$220,883,739
May 22	15,153	\$5,062,438	6,381	\$4,095,456	\$9,157,894	\$220,592,849
May 29	14,219	\$4,815,589	6,841	\$4,306,690	\$9,122,279	\$218,784,885
June 5	13,100	\$4,351,443	5,093	\$3,074,324	\$7,425,767	\$216,858,483
June 12	12,927	\$4,430,957	5,728	\$3,579,399	\$8,010,356	\$215,576,010

^{*}Only identifies payments issued and may include multiple benefit weeks being paid to one claimant.

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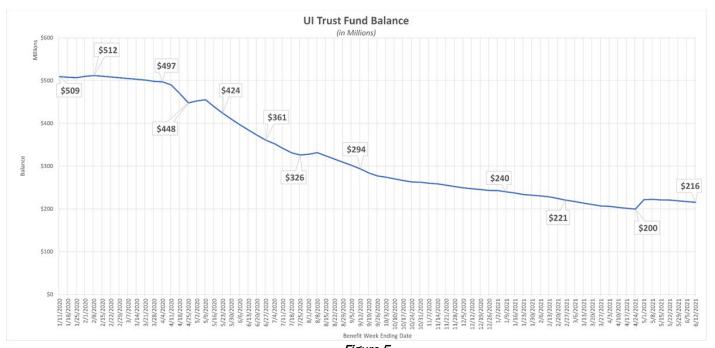


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*the increase in the UI Trust Fund balance is attributed to Q1 contributions made by employers.

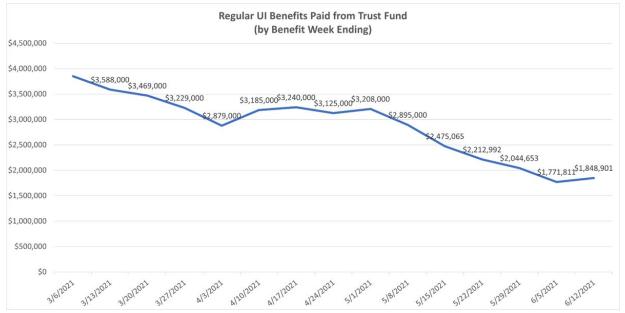


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CALL VOLUME

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Call Volume Summary						
Average Agents	Average Calls Per Day	Average Length of Call	Average Hold Time			
124	1,634	14:59	1:38			

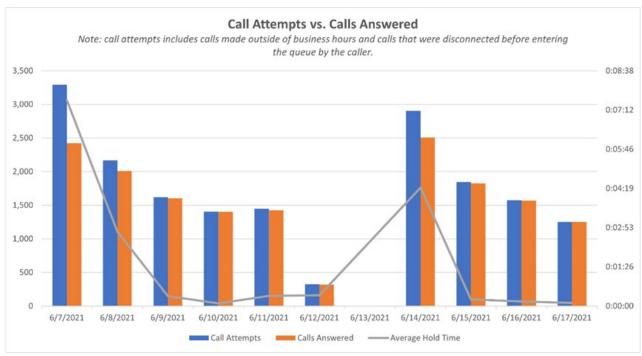


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FRAUD DETECTION

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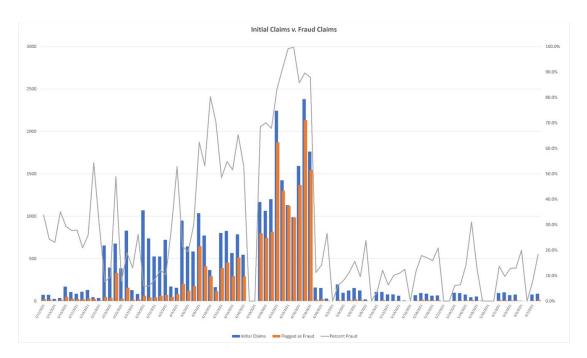


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