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To:Vermont General AssemblyFrom:Commissioner's Office, Department of LaborDate:June 29, 2021Subject:Unemployment Insurance Weekly Update

During the benefit week ending June 19th there 18,214 weekly claims filed. This is a decrease of 2,039 continued claims filed over the previous benefit week. During the week ending June 19th, \$7,718,667 in benefits were paid out to claimants.

The Department of Labor offices will be closed on July 5th in observance of Independence Day. This includes the UI Claimant Assistance Center. Claimants will still be able to file their weekly claims on Sunday and Monday but will see a one-day delay in claim processing.

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 FAQs)
- Report UI Fraud
- Opening a New Benefit Year
- <u>Report a Refusal to Return to Work</u>
- <u>UI "How-To" video library (applying for</u> benefits, reopening a claim, submitting weekly claims)

- Vermont Job Link
- <u>CARES Act UI Extension FAQ</u>
- UI Updates Page [Newsfeed]
- <u>Appealing UI Claim Determinations</u>
- 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
- Springfield: 802-289-0999
- St. Albans: 802-524-6585
- St. Johnsbury: 802-748-3177
- White River: 802-295-8805

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM

	Continued Claims Filed							
Week Ending	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19
Regular UI	12,595	12,135	10,177	8,502	7,617	6,473	6,204	5,926
PEUC	10,826	10,558	9,747	8,520	8,263	7,904	7,740	6,096
EB	3	5	2	5	10	3	1	1
PUA	10,480	9,458	8,480	6,819	6,735	6,451	6,308	6,191
Total	33,904	32,156	28,406	23,718	22,503	20,831	20,253	18,214

Figure 1

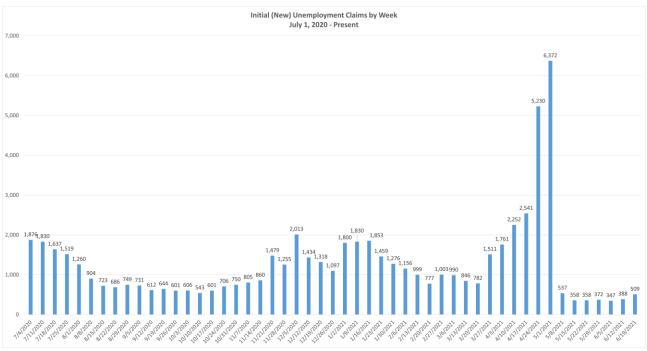


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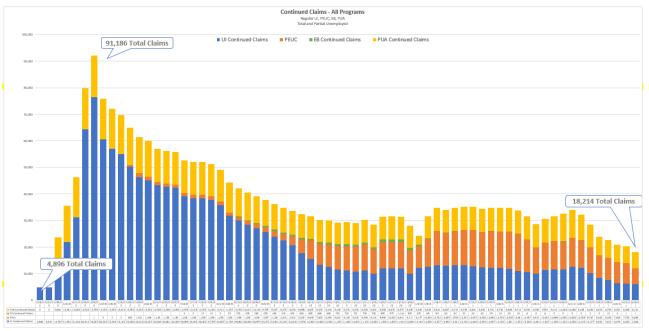


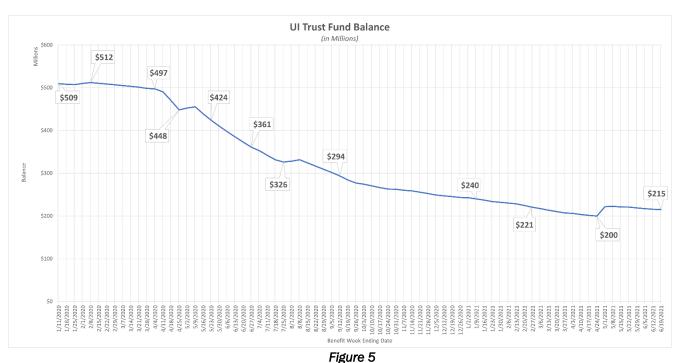
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BENEFIT PAYMENTS

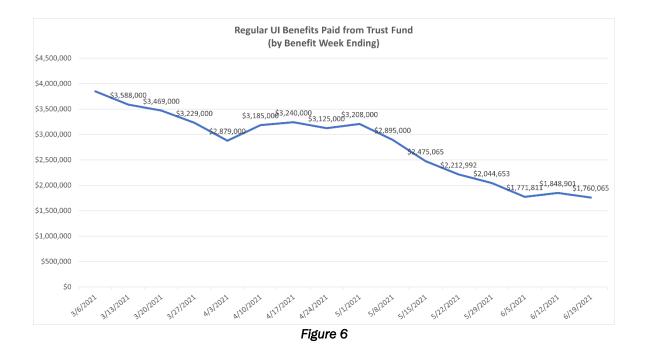
Claims Payment Processing						
Week Ending	All UI Claims Paid	All UI Payments	PUA Claims Paid*	PUA Payments	Total Payments Issued	Trust Fund Balance
May 8	19,221	\$6,374,974	8,477	\$5,064,586	\$11,439,560	\$222,535,621
May 15	17,390	\$5,705,828	5,647	\$3,335,015	\$9,040,843	\$220,883,739
May 22	15,153	\$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
June 19	11,031	\$3,775,760	6,350	\$3,942,907	\$7,718,667	\$215,057,592

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

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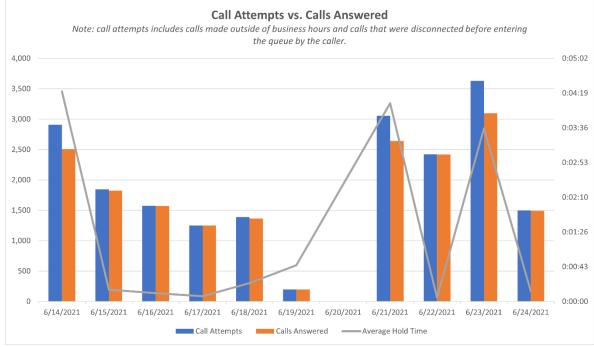


*the increase in the UI Trust Fund balance is attributed to Q1 contributions made by employers.



CALL VOLUME

Call Volume Summary						
Average Agents	Average Calls Per Day	Average Length of Call	Average Hold Time			
116	1,837	12:47	1:24			







FRAUD DETECTION

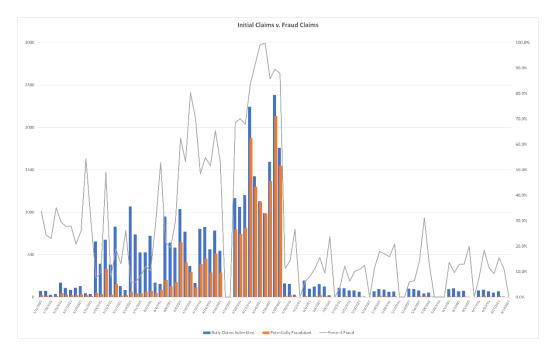


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