

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS PROGRESS

AS OF 7/15/2020

Regular Unemployment Claims Progress

Total number of claims received between March 15 and July 11:
513,300

-Comparison to previous time last year: **49,800**

Total number of people paid: **280,200**

Claims processed to date: **99%**

Claims remaining to be processed: **1,860**

Percent of claims processed since Project Focus 100 Began May 29: **99%**

Processed as of July 15: **37,994**

Remaining as of July 15: **6**



Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Claims Progress

Total number of claims received: **101,903**

Claims entered in system: **40,586**

Number of claims paid: **24,432**

FOCUS PUA number of claims at start: **70,000**

Number of claims processed (week of July 5 - 11): **5,544**

Remaining claims to be processed by August 8: **55,458**



Note: Updated weekly on Wednesdays.

\$2.89 BILLION

Benefits paid to Oregonians March 15-July 11

Regular Unemployment = \$974 million
CARES Act extra \$600/week = \$1.82 billion
PUA = \$43 million (without FPUC)
Work Share = \$26 million
PEUC = \$27 million



38 MINUTES

Average call wait time on July 14 on
regular unemployment and PUA hotlines



413%

Increase in phone calls answered after
Project Focus 100 launch

May 28 = 524 calls answered
July 14 = 2,690 calls answered



650%

Increase in OED staff between March 15 and June 30

March 15: 100 employees processing unemployment claims
June 30: 750 employees processing unemployment claims



11.2%

June 2020 Oregon unemployment rate



*Includes initial, reopened, additional, and Work Share claims. Does not include Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) or Trade Act Program claims.

Initial claim = unemployment insurance (UI) claim from a person who has not filed for UI benefits in the past year.

Reopened claim = UI claim from a person who filed a claim in the past year, became unable to look for work, then began looking for work again.

Additional claim = UI claim from a person who filed a claim in the past year, got a job, then lost their job.

Work Share, PUA, and the Trade Act Program are specific unemployment insurance programs.

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