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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Regular Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance Rise by 12.4%; Continued Claims See First Weekly Increase Since May**

**CARSON CITY, NV** - Finalized data from the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) show initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) totaled 12,484 for the week ending July 4, up 1,374 claims, or 12.4 percent, compared to last week's total of 11,110. This is the second consecutive week of increases in regular initial claims. Through the week ending July 4, there have been 562,486 initial claims filed in 2020, 540,834 of which have been filed since the week ending March 14.

Continued claims, which represent the current number of insured unemployed workers filing weekly for unemployment insurance benefits, rose to 287,968, an increase from the previous week of 1,025 claims, or 0.4 percent. This is the first increase in continued claims following the phased re-opening of businesses across the state.

Nevada's insured unemployment rate, which is the ratio of continued claims in a week to the total number of jobs covered by the unemployment insurance system (also known as covered employment), rose by 0.1 percentage points to 20.9 percent. It should be noted that the calculation of the insured unemployment rate is different from that of the state's total unemployment rate.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program for the self-employed, 1099 contract workers, and gig workers saw 62,810 initial claims filed in the week ending July 4, a decrease of 6,334 from last week's total of 69,144. Since the PUA program began, 285,980 initial claims have been filed, 131,954, or 46.1 percent, in the last two weeks. Given the underlying economic conditions, the significant increases in PUA initial claims are questionable.

PUA continued claims totaled 157,196 in the week ending July 4, a decline of 36,720 from the previous week's revised total of 193,916. Weekly PUA continued claims are now reported by the benefit week claimed. This follows the reporting procedure for regular unemployment insurance and allows us to understand the current number of unemployed workers filing weekly for PUA benefits.

Nevada's Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, which provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits, saw 9,405 claims filed in the week, an increase of 844 from a week ago.

Nationally, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted regular initial claims was 1,314,000 a decline of 99,000 claims from the previous week's revised level of 1,427,000. The national insured unemployment rate for the week ending June 27 was 12.4 percent, a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the previous week's revised rate. The national rate is reported with a one-week lag.

State level data from the U.S. Department of Labor can be found here [[DOL Weekly Claims Report](#)]. Please note that state data from the U.S. Department of Labor tends to be released more slowly than national data. View the state level unemployment insurance claims report for the week ending July 4 here [[Weekly Report](#)]. A dashboard for Nevada weekly claims can be viewed here [[Weekly Dashboard](#)]. A monthly claims dashboard with claims activity for June can be found here [[Monthly Dashboard](#)]. View weekly county claims trends here [[Weekly by County](#)]. Dashboards are interactive reports that allow you to dig deeper into the data.

To file for unemployment in the State of Nevada, please use the online application available 24/7 at <http://ui.nv.gov/css.html>. People unable to file online may file via telephone by calling a UI Claims Call Center between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday between 8 a.m. and noon. Northern UI Call Center: (775) 684-0350; Southern UI Call Center: (702) 486-0350; Rural areas and Out-of-State: (888) 890-8211. Claimants are highly encouraged to use the internet to file their UI claims, as it is the fastest and most convenient way to file and reserves the phone lines for individuals who are not able or do not have the necessary resources to file online. Online filing during non-peak hours, such as early mornings, at night or weekends is also highly recommended. To continue to receive benefits, claimants must file weekly.

Online filers are encouraged to participate in the online claim filing system announced in April. The system, now operational, is organized by last names and is aimed at providing quicker results for Nevadans seeking to gain access to unemployment benefits: Claimants with last names starting with A-K are asked to file on Sundays. Last names L-R are asked to file on Mondays. Last names S-Z are asked to file on Tuesday. Wednesday through Saturday are open for all to initiate or renew claims online.

For Nevada workers who are self-employed, 1099 contract workers, and gig workers, Nevada's Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program (PUA) is now available. For further information regarding the PUA program visit [detr.nv.gov/pua#](http://detr.nv.gov/pua#). Individuals will be able to file online at [www.employnv.gov](http://www.employnv.gov) or call the PUA Call Center at (800) 603-9681 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday between 8 a.m. and noon.

Claimants are encouraged to visit <http://ui.nv.gov/css.html> and at [detr.nv.gov/coronavirus](http://detr.nv.gov/coronavirus) to view important announcements and access essential resources. Online tutorial videos are also available in both English and Spanish and can be viewed on the [Nevada Unemployment Insurance](#) YouTube page.

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