



## Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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TO: Senator Andre Jacqué  
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SUBJECT: Pending Unemployment Insurance Claims

You asked how many individuals that applied for regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in March and April of this year still have their claim "in process," such as awaiting wage verification, in adjudication, or otherwise in a pending status.

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) reports that it took several months to complete the programming necessary to extract data that would show the age of claims. DWD's system previously could only report an issue detection date, as required to be reported monthly to the U.S. Department of Labor. The issue detection date is the earliest date that a state UI agency is in possession of information indicating the existence of an eligibility issue. If no eligibility issue exists at the time a claim is filed but information is later received that raises an issue, then the issue detection date is the date this information is received by the agency. The table below shows the number of claimants as of September 16, 2020, who have a pending claim from March or April, organized by whether the issue detection date occurred within or after the month of the initial claim.

### Number of Claimants in Pending Status

<u>Month of Initial Claim</u>	<u>Issue Arose Within Initial Claim Month</u>	<u>Issue Arose After Initial Claim Month</u>	<u>Total</u>
March	8	395	403
April	1,912	4,172	6,084

Regarding March claims, as of September 16, there were eight claimants who have an eligibility issue hold from March 31 or earlier that remain in process. In addition, there are 395 claimants with an eligibility issue that arose April 1 or later but that pertains to payment for a March

claim(s). Therefore, a total of 403 claimants are currently awaiting payment on a March claim. Regarding April claims, there were 1,912 claimants who have an eligibility issue hold from April 30 or earlier that remain in process. In addition, there are 4,172 claimants with an eligibility issue that arose May 1 or later but that pertains to payment for an April claim(s). Therefore, a total of 6,084 claimants are currently awaiting payment on an April claim. In total, 6,487 claimants have unresolved eligibility issues for March and April claims.

I hope that this information is helpful. Please contact me if you have questions.

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