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Iowa Workforce Development reports initial unemployment insurance claims filed for week of April 12 - April 18, 2020

DES MOINES - The number of initial claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, April 12, and Saturday, April 18, was 27,912. There were 26,192 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 1,720 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state.

The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims was 151,846.

Unemployment insurance benefits payments totaled \$48,091,551.28 for the same week.

The following industries had the most claims:

- Manufacturing (5,143)
- Health Care & Social Assistance (3,985)
- Industry Not Available - Self-employed, Independent Contractors, etc. (3,817)
- Retail Trade (3,307)
- Accommodation & Food Services (2,606)

A total of \$169,633,800 was paid to 253,557 Iowans in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits. Iowa began paying Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) weekly benefits during this past week which are

unemployment benefits paid to the self-employed. A total of \$6,320,718 in PUA benefits were paid to 13,152 Iowans.

Employers or claimants with questions should begin by reviewing all the information, videos and webinars available at www.IowaWorkforceDevelopment.gov. Additionally, important information has been provided in multiple languages. Most questions can be answered by spending time reviewing the information, which is available in multiple languages. If further questions exist, Iowans can email questions at uiclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov or call us at 1-866-239-0843. Please review the guidance on the website for information necessary to include in your email in order to provide the best answers as well as what to expect when calling us. The website is updated daily as new information becomes available so please review frequently.

For more information on the total data for this week's unemployment claims, please visit <https://www.iowalmi.gov/unemployment-insurance-statistics>.

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