

Status of Unemployment Insurance

Types of Unemployment Insurance

- Regular Unemployment Insurance prior to COVID-19
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) - \$600 per week in addition to current regular unemployment insurance (retroactive to week ending April 4, 2020)
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) - \$600 per week for individuals that normally would not qualify for unemployment (retroactive to week ending Feb. 8, 2020) – for those self-employed, gig economy workers, 1099 workers, church employees, independent contractors and those that have exhausted their unemployment. This is not yet being paid out as the system has not been activated.
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) – for individuals who remain unemployed after UI is no longer available. \$600 per week (retroactive to April 4, 2020) plus weekly UI benefit from prior benefit year.

By the Numbers

- 268,614 Unemployment Insurance Applications in South Carolina over 4 Weeks
- \$114,000,000 paid out just in pandemic unemployment compensation this past week and \$10,000,000 in regular unemployment
- UI online and phone systems are overloaded (Social Security System is as well)
- System is undergoing massive system upgrades
- I'll discuss some of the most common problems people are encountering
- Persistence and Patience will be needed

UI Contact Information:

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What is the job market like right now?

- Companies that we know are hiring are listed as follows:

AFL Telecommunications

Action Staffing

Aldi, Ingles, Publix, Harris Teeter, Bi-Lo

American Security

Amazon

Contec

Detroit Forming

Clean Arbors

DHL Supply Chain – Greer

Costco

Green River Cabins

Domino's

FedEx Ground

Fresh Market

Magna International

Greenville County Schools

Mitsubishi Polyester Film

National OnDemand

Lowes Foods

Home Depot

PepsiCo

Sitel

Walmart

Target

Job Market continued.....

- Claims by industry sector (shows job loss):

1. Accommodation & Food Service	34.1%
2. Health Care & Social Assistance	12.3%
3. Manufacturing	10.5%
4. Retail	10.4%
5. Administrative Support	7.0%
6. Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	3.6%
7. Professional, Scientific, Technical	3.4%

Job Market Future.....

- Lot of individuals have not yet filed so numbers don't tell the real story
- Business loans have not kicked in yet
- What we are hearing from the following sectors:
 1. Restaurants
 2. Retail
 3. Manufacturing

Future Stimulus Packages

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