

DECEMBER 2020

PROFILE OF IOWA'S UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

(UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RECIPIENTS)

*Data for this report represent claimants who filed a Regular UI claim the week including the 12th of the month.





OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES OF CLAIMANTS

TOP 5



NUMBER OF UI RECIPIENTS

DURATION OF UI BENEFITS 12 MONTH AVG.





The maximum duration of UI benefits for most UI claimants is 26 weeks. Duration measures only include regular UI. They do not include special pandemic unemployment benefit programs.

The duration of benefits for December 2020 is 12.2 weeks, a slight increase from November 2020, (12.1 weeks). The duration of benefits for December 2019 was also 12.2 weeks maintaining the 0.6 week decrease from December 2018.

Recipients represent the number of persons receiving at least one UI benefit payment during the month.

The number of UI recipients for December 2020 (43,988) increased by 8,111 from the recipient number in November 2020 (35,877) and an increase of 13,733 when compared to December 2019 (30,255). Seasonal layoffs in Construction and Manufacturing industries making up the majority of the increase in claims for December 2020.

Source: Iowa Unemployment Insurance Statistics. Note: The UI system was primarily designed to serve people who lost their last job. These characteristics do not necessarily reflect job leavers, new entrants, reentrants, and benefit exhaustees. Only regular UI claims are represented here.