

Report on COVID Impact



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES



Unemployment Insurance

Total Unemployment Claims in 2019

57,200

Total Unemployment Claims in 2020

387,345

Total Unemployment Benefits Issued in 2019

\$150,192,511

Total Unemployment Benefits Issued in 2020

\$1,711,130,974

Federal Unemployment Programs

- \$300 Stimulus
- Extended Federal Weeks
- Self-Employment Unemployment

In Utah, all federal unemployment programs will expire on **June 26, 2021**

Nationally, the federal unemployment programs will expire on **September 4, 2021**

Since Utah Ended Programs Early

- New Claims Down 58%
- Continued Claims Down 68%

SNAP

Pandemic (P-EBT)

- SNAP benefit for children effected by school closures and potentially losing school free or reduced lunch
- Over 350,000 Utah children eligible
- \$72 million in payments made

SNAP Max Allotment

- SNAP eligible households receive max monthly allotment.
- State applies month to month to continue with the program
- State eligibility for the program is attached to the State Public Health Emergency Declaration

2019 SNAP Issuance - \$232,510,471
2020 SNAP Issuance - \$333,565,850

Report on Crisis Preparation



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Expanded Online Program Access

UI Online Claim Submission

2017

- New Claims – 68.4%

2020

- New Claims – 98.8%

Eligibility Online Applications

2017

- New Applications – 62%

2020

- New Applications – 76%

Online Support

Online expansion must be supplemented and supported with in-person services, especially for vulnerable populations

Workforce Development Division

- Bridging the digital divide by providing computer, phone, and internet access with in-person services

Refugee Services Operations

- Helping populations that lack the language and digital literacy to apply for services