Unemployment Rate and Level
In April, the unemployment rate skyrocketed to 13.8 percent in Clackamas County from 3.4 percent a year ago. A record number of residents were unemployed in April (30,212) which was nearly 8,000 higher than the peak during the 2008-2009 recession.

Industry Employment
From March to April, Clackamas County lost a net total of 19,300 jobs. Forty-four percent of these jobs were in the leisure and hospitality industry which includes recreation; entertainment; tourism; lodging; and food and drink services. The other industries with the largest losses included: health services (12%), retail trade (9%), construction (9%), professional and business service (7%), and other services (7%).

Unemployment Claims
Clackamas County residents filed a total of 29,750 initial unemployment claims for the 10-week period ending May 23rd. During the pandemic, weekly UI claims have ranged from a low of 1,497 to a high of 4,972. Prior to the pandemic, the average number of weekly claims in 2020 was 353. Currently and majority (66%) of processed claims have come from workers losing jobs in accommodation and food services, health care, retail trade, manufacturing, and construction.