• Pressure on the Unemployment Insurance system has grown very fast. Tennessee has seen 543,412 initial claims in 10 weeks.

• UI claims, are still extraordinarily high. The week of 5/23 saw a decline in initial claims over the previous week. Last week’s claims are much lower than the peak, which was about 112,000 claims.
Tennessee Unemployment Claims in 2020

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- Initial claims are declining from their historic peak, and continued claims are continuing to decline slowly.

- Continued claims are a better indicator of the number of individuals drawing from the trust fund.

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 3/21/2020

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Leisure & Hospitality 45%
Professional & Business Services 11%
Education & Health Services 10%
Trade 9%
Manufacturing 7%
Other Services 6%
Other 5%
Transportation & Utilities 4%
Financial Activities 3%

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 3/28/2020

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Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 4/04/2020

Updated weekly; last revision 4/9/20

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 4/11/2020

Updated weekly; last revision 4/16/20

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 4/18/2020

Updated weekly; last revision 4/23/20

Financial Activities 2%
Transportation & Utilities 5%
Other 8%
Other Services 9%
Professional & Business Services 13%
Education & Health Services 13%
Trade 15%
Manufacturing 19%
Leisure & Hospitality 16%

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 4/25/2020

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 5/9/2020

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Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: 5/23/2020

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Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: Before Covid-19

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Sum of initial claims for weeks 02/15/2020-03/14/2020
Distribution of Initial Non-Farm UI Claims: After Covid-19

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Sum of initial claims for weeks since 3/21/2020

- Trade: 15%
- Leisure & Hospitality: 22%
- Manufacturing: 14%
- Professional & Business Services: 13%
- Education & Health Services: 13%
- Other Services: 8%
- Other: 8%
- Transportation & Utilities: 4%
- Financial Activities: 3%
Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims
Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims, Week Ending 4/11/2020

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Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims, Week Ending 4/18/2020

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Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims, Week Ending 4/25/2020

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Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims, Week Ending 5/2/2020

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Figure 6: Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims, Week Ending 5/9/2020

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Note: Weekly new UI claims at the LWDA regions are scaled to the statewide total new claims filed as reported by the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

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Figure 6: Total UI Claims since 3/21 and Percent of Workforce Filing Claims, Week Ending 5/23/2020

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Note: Weekly new UI claims at the LWDA regions are scaled to the statewide total new claims filed as reported by the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

Percent change in new UI claims
Percent change in new UI claims since 4/4/2020, Week Ending 4/11/2020

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Percent change in new UI claims since 4/11/2020, Week Ending 4/18/2020

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Percent change in new UI claims since 4/18/2020, Week Ending 4/25/2020

Updated weekly; last revision 4/30/20

Percent change in new UI claims since 4/25/2020, Week Ending 5/2/2020

Updated weekly; last revision 5/7/20

Note: Weekly new UI claims at the LWDA regions are scaled to the statewide total new claims filed as reported by the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

Percent change in new UI claims since 5/9/2020, Week Ending 5/16/2020

Updated weekly; last revision 5/21/20

Note: Weekly new UI claims at the LWDA regions are scaled to the statewide total new claims filed as reported by the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

Percent change in new UI claims since 5/16/2020, Week Ending 5/23/2020

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Note: Weekly new UI claims at the LWDA regions are scaled to the statewide total new claims filed as reported by the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.