



Unemployment Insurance Questions and Answers

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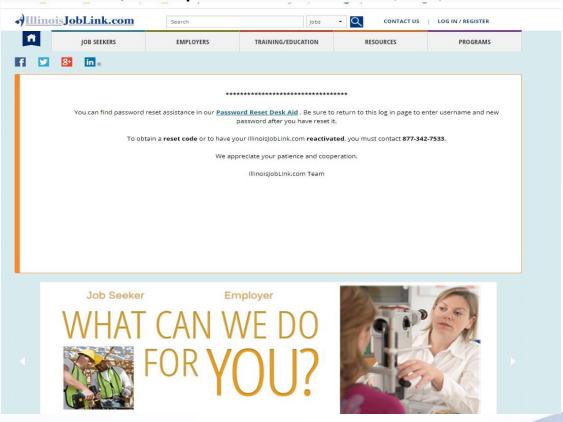
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- What is the status of the government stimulus package?



Whose Hiring?

www.illinoisjoblink.com

Over 79,400 positions as of 9/18/2020



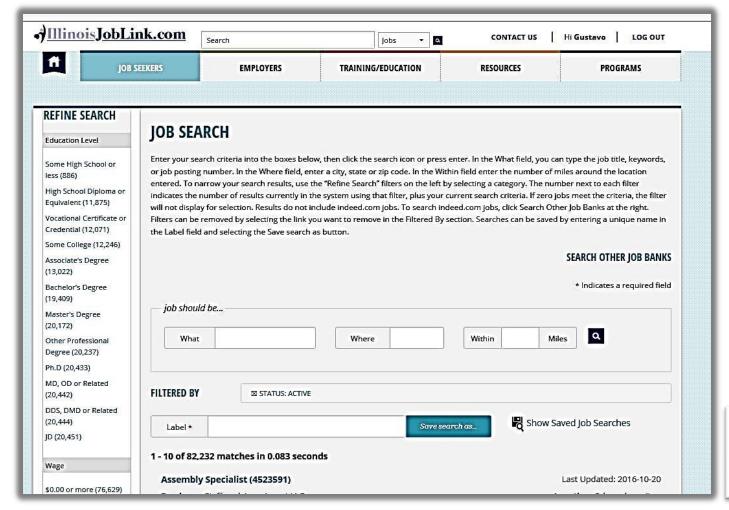


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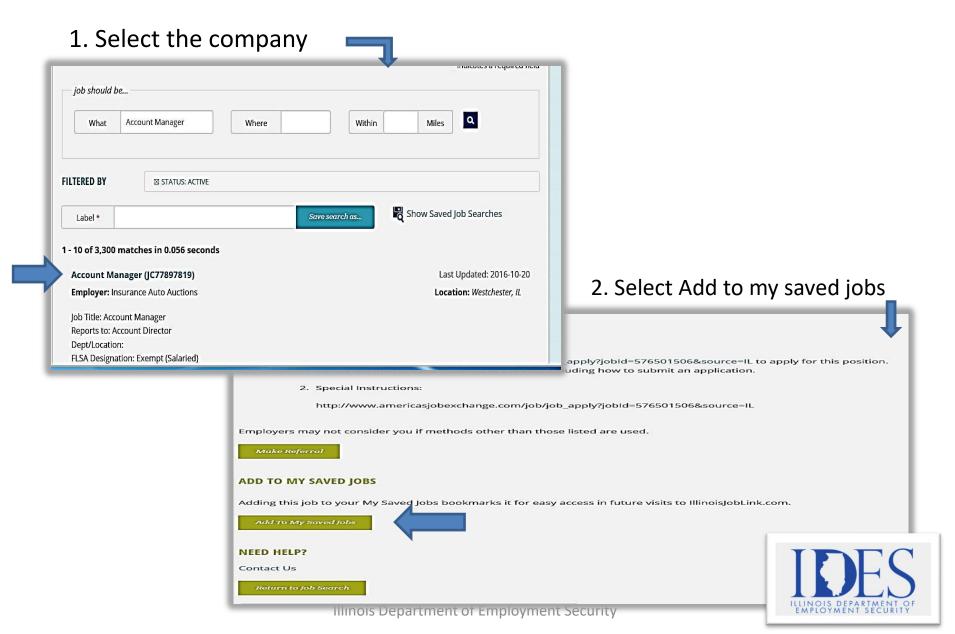
Illinoisjoblink.com will save your Work Search

- 1. In the "What" field, type the job title
- 2. In the "Where" field, enter the City, State or Zip Code
- 3. In the "Within" field, enter the miles you are willing to commute
- 4. Click the blue search button





Illinoisjoblink.com is available 24/7



Whose Hiring

Over 70 Virtual Job Fairs, Information on Online Training, Job postings linking to Illinoisjoblink.com





Whose Hiring?

Get Hired Illinois- Essential Hiring Employer List

Essential Hiring Employers as of 9/18/2020

There are over 79,400+ job opportunities listed at www.illinoisjoblink.com as of 9/18/2020 Do a Job Search > in "What" field put in the employer name and click "Search" to view all employment opportunities.

(Part of the "Get Hired IL" Initiative)



What occupations are trending?

Anything related to COVID-19

Healthcare- Nurses, Nurses Aides, Physician Assistants, Patient Care Technicians, Certified Nursing Assistants, Home Health Aides, Healthcare Linen Companies Warehouse, Distribution, Logistics, Assemblers



What is the status of the government stimulus package?

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation \$600 ended 7/31/2020
- No new legislation by Congress
- President signed Executive Orders
- IDES working on administering executive orders
- Lost Wages Assistance Program
- Supplemental Payments being made
- Information and FAQs https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/LWAI-FAQ.aspx



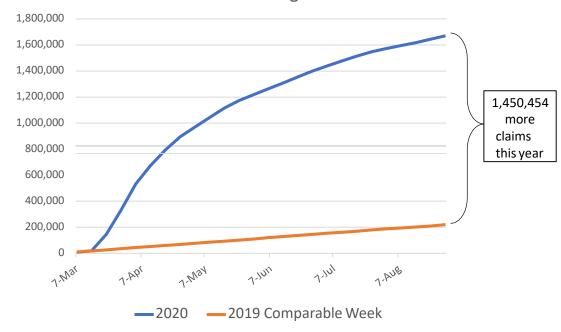


From March to August 2020, IDES received 1,671,499 initial Regular UI claims

- ➤ We've received 2,134,928 claims across all programs
 - Regular UI, PUA, PEUC, EB



Cumulative Initial Claims Counts for Regular UI March to August



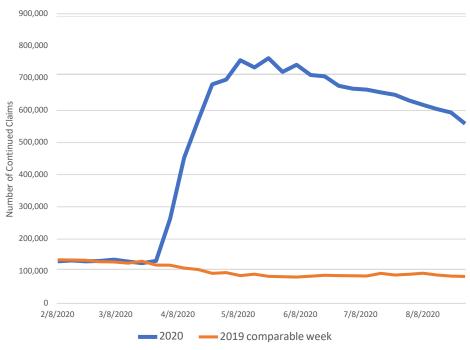
Continued Claims in Illinois Continued claims represent the

persistence of this downturn

- > At the end of August, UI continued claims were 6x greater than in 2019
- Top 5 impacted industries:
 - Restaurants
 - Elementary and secondary schools
 - **Employment services**
 - Hotels
 - Transit and ground transportation



Weekly Continued Claims: Regular UI







PUA

- Stood up program within 6 weeks (April to May 11)
- Typical design and implementation would take up to one year
- Implemented and maintained webbased program, with support of IDES special projects team

PEUC

 Integrated new program allowing for 13 weeks of additional benefits into existing claims system

Extended Benefits (EB)

 Triggered on 20 weeks of state EB for those who exhausted 26 weeks of regular UI and 13 weeks of PEUC benefits

FPUC

- Disbursed FPUC funds starting the week of April 5
- First week allowed by the federal government
- From March 29 through the program's expiration, benefits were applied automatically to qualified claimants

LWA

- Approved for LWA application on 9/2
- Began paying out benefits on 9/5
- FEMA limiting program to 6 weeks

Services Available to Job Seekers

- Illinois Job Service <u>www.illinoisjoblink.com</u>
 Job Postings, Job Search, Resume upload
- Virtual Job Fairs through GetHiredIL
- Illinois Worknet Services <u>www.illinoisworknet</u>

www.worknetdupage.org

Virtual Job Seeker Workshops (Resume, Interviewing

Job Search)

Virtual Job Clubs



Unemployment Contact Information

File your claim, certify for benefits, check your payment status

at: www.ides.Illinois.gov

Tele-Serve: 1-312-338-4337

Claimant Services: 1-800-244-5631
Call about all questions with UI Claims all programs

Fax Number (for sending ALL documents): 1-217-557-4913



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UI Finding

(Este es un documento importante. Si usted necesita un intérprete, póngase en contacto con el Centro de Servicio al Reclamante al (800) 244-5631)

Filing Type: Internet Dependent Type: None

Payment Method: Pending Debit Card Last Employer: INDUSTRY, INC Last Day Worked: 06/30/2015

Unemployed Reason: Laid-Off (Lack of Work) Your bi-weekly certification day is: Tuesday

Your first certification date is: 07/21/2015

Date Mailed: 07/10/2015

Claimant ID: 1234564

The best way to certify for benefits is the internet. You can certify for benefits online at www.ides.illinois.gov/certify. You also can certify by telephone by calling (312) 338-4337. These services are available Monday - Friday from 5 a.m. to 7:30

You elected to have federal income tax deducted from your unemployment benefits; 10.00% will be withheld and sent to the Internal Revenue Service.

You elected to have state income tax deducted from your unemployment benefits, 4.95% will be withheld and sent to the Illinois Revenue Department.

You have the option of depositing your UI benefit payments directly into your checking account or directly applied to a debit card. To begin the process, visit the IDES website at www.ides.illinois.gov and look for payment options or contact the Agency at the phone number listed above.

Your current payment status is pending debit card. A debit card will be issued to you within the next 7 days. This card must be activated by calling (866) 728-2167 to receive your benefits, please activate as soon as you receive the debit card.

Benefit Year Begin Date: 07/05/2015 Date of Claim: 07/05/2015

Benefit Year End Date: 07/04/2016 Program Type: Regular

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Qualifying Period Quarters and wages Paid					
E	mployer Name	Q2/2014 (\$)	Q3/2014 (\$)	Q4/2014 (\$)	Q1/2015 (\$)
П	NDUSTRY, INC.	31,629.20	5,271.54	37,669.54	31,457.95

*If any of the wages shown above are not yours, or if there are no wages shown above, contact the Agency at the phone number listed above.

UI Monetary Determination

Weekly Benefit Amount: 426.00 Dependent Allowance: 0.00 Benefit Amount Per Week: \$426.00

Maximum Benefit Balance (Does not include dependency allowance): \$11,076.00

If you think this information is incorrect or require additional information, contact the Agency at the phone number listed above.



Questions

