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Weekly New Unemployment Claims

For the week ending April 18th, 2020, individuals filed 19,110 claims for unemployment insurance with the State of New Hampshire's Department of Employment Security, down from 25,273 during the week ending April 11th, 2020. Combined, between March 15th and April 11th, 125,232 new unemployment claims were filed with the New Hampshire's Department of Employment Security.

The state's two largest cities had the most residents filing initial unemployment claims during the week. Manchester with 2,018 had the most new claims, followed by Nashua at 1,144, and Concord with 619 new claims filed. Among towns with at least 1,000 new claims since March 15th, all had large drops in the number of initial claims filed during the week ending April 11th. Table 1 presents the 20 towns with the largest number of new claims during the week along with the change in the number and percentage of new claims from the prior week. The claims numbers presented in the accompanying tables are based on where an individual lives, not where they work, and do not include initial claims of New Hampshire residents who work out-of-state (who file claims in the state where the business they worked is located). For towns with a higher percentage of workers commuting to work to and from another state, claim numbers may not reflect the actual number of individuals living in the town who have filed a new unemployment claim. A town in Rockingham County, for example, with a large number of residents commuting to work in Massachusetts may have a larger number of new claims than is presented in these tables because those New Hampshire residents will have filed their claims in Massachusetts. A complete listing of the cumulative initial unemployment claims by town (alphabetically)

Table 1 Towns With the Largest Number of New Claims From Prior Week				
Town	New Claims April 4 to April 11	Change from Prior Week	% Change from Prior Week	Total new Claims March 15 to April 11
Manchester	2,018	-1544	-56.7%	11,610
Nashua	1,144	-759	-60.1%	6,246
Concord	619	-509	-54.9%	3,676
Rochester	521	-256	-67.1%	2,886
Derry	451	-478	-48.5%	2,839
Laconia	403	-108	-78.9%	1,741
Dover	401	-377	-51.5%	2,802
Merrimack	329	-259	-56.0%	1,909
Salem	323	-246	-56.8%	1,759
Keene	299	-199	-60.0%	1,662
Hudson	292	-242	-54.7%	1,675
Londonderry	283	-260	-52.1%	1,806
Portsmouth	283	-259	-52.2%	1,943
Goffstown	231	-209	-52.5%	1,398
Milford	224	-164	-57.7%	1,321
Bedford	221	-196	-53.0%	1,218
Hampton	221	-180	-55.1%	1,401
Hooksett	219	-149	-59.5%	1,210
Conway	197	-225	-46.7%	1,609
Somersworth	174	-172	-50.3%	1,141

from March 15th through April 11th, as well as the number of new claims as a percentage of the town's labor force, is presented in Table 3 at the end of this release. We are calling this a measure of a towns "Covid19 Affected Unemployment Rate." It is not equivalent to a town's traditional unemployment rate as it only counts unemployment claims filed since March 15th and does not incorporate New Hampshire residents who have filed
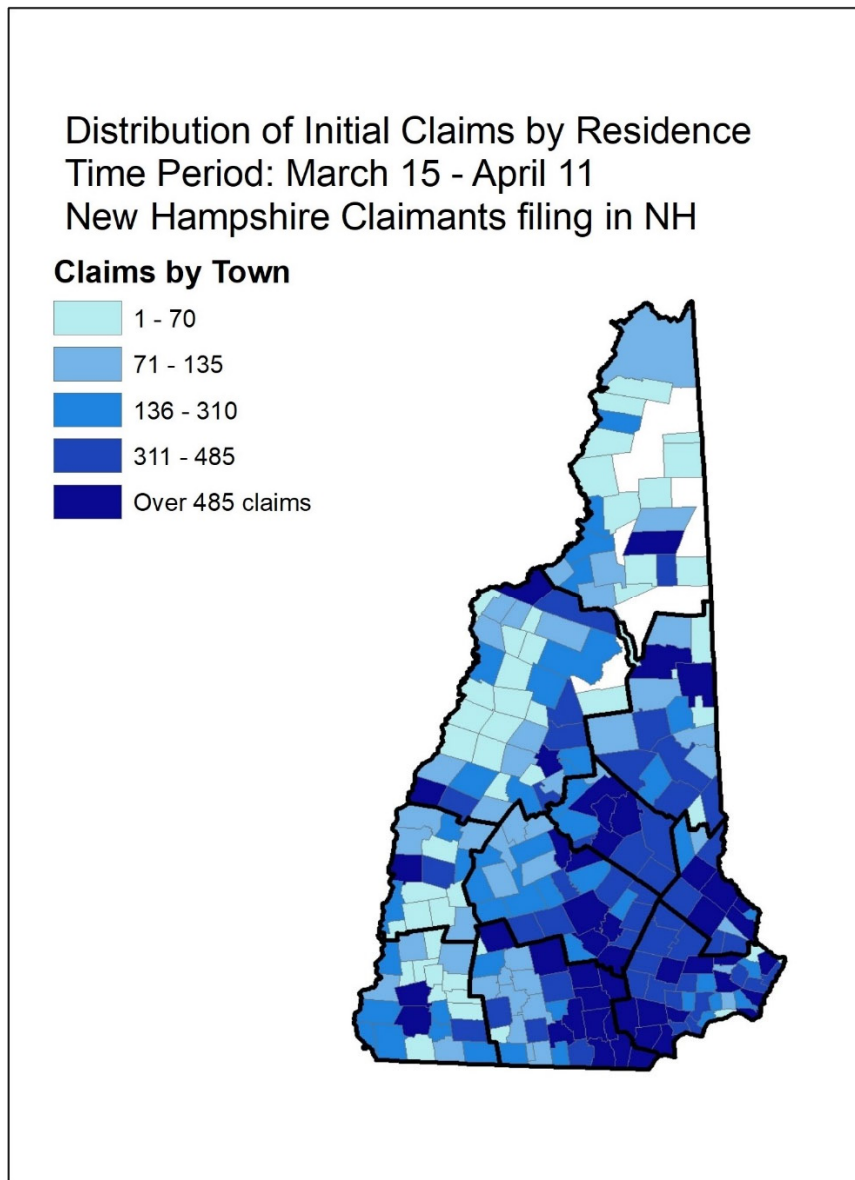
an unemployment claim in another state where they work. It is presented here to provide a metric of the relative employment impacts of Covid-19 on the population of each community.

Initial claims filed by industry are presented in Table 2 of this release and provides a measure of the industries most affected by Covid-19.
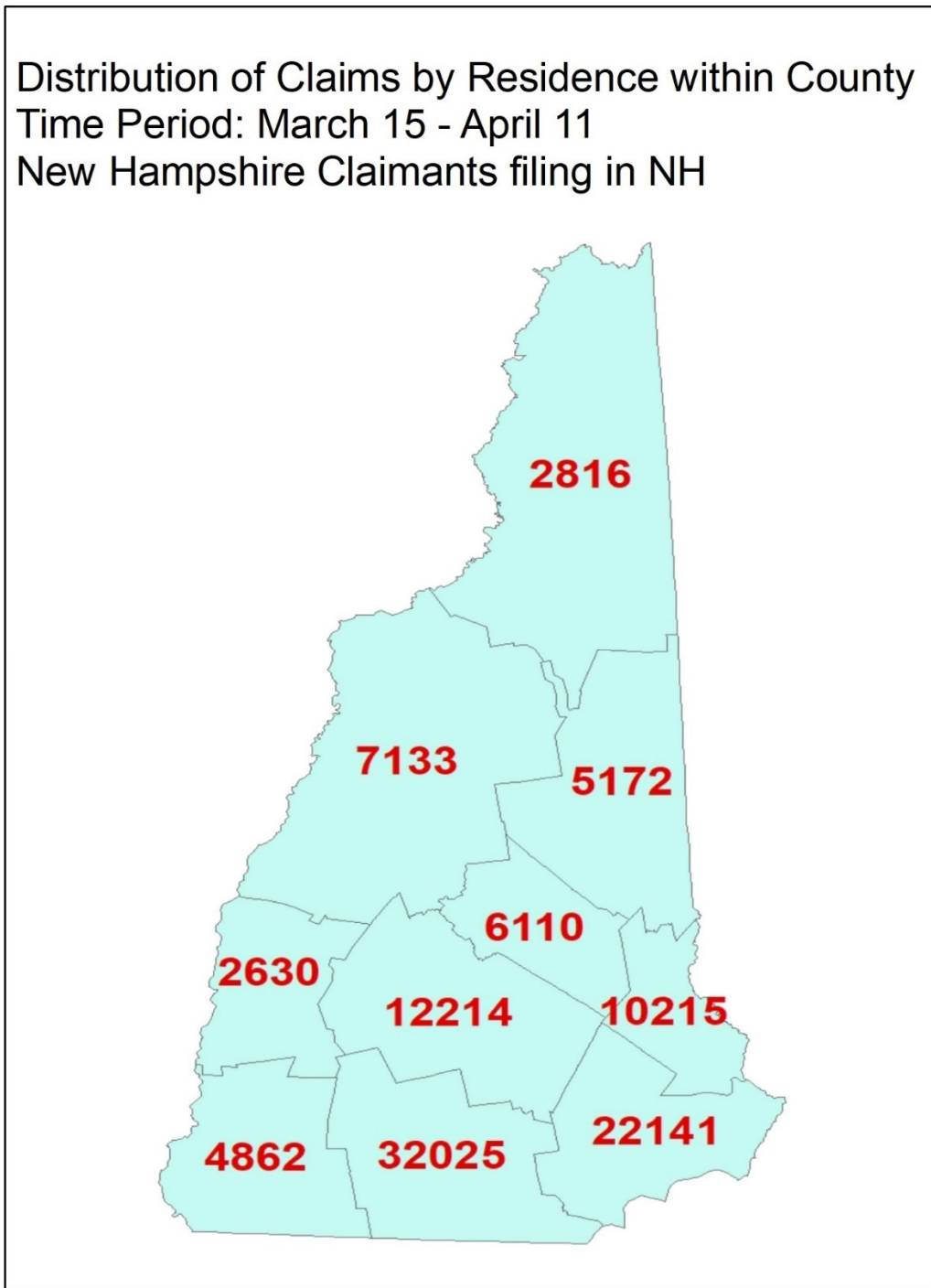
In addition, for a visual representation of initial claims activity by town and region, Figure 1 presents a map of New Hampshire towns color coded into quintiles, according to the number of initial claims filed between March 15th and April 11th. Figure 2 presents the total number of claims by county in New Hampshire.[1]

Figure 1

Distribution of Initial Claims by Residence
Time Period: March 15 - April 11
New Hampshire Claimants filing in NH

Claims by Town
1 - 70
71 - 135
136 - 310
311 - 485
Over 485 claims

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[1] The number of NH residents filing claims in New Hampshire will not equal the total number of initial claims filed in New Hampshire because New Hampshire residents working in another state who are laid off will file a claim in the state where their employer is located. Similarly, residents of other states who work in New Hampshire and who file a claim will file in New Hampshire. Neither of these groups will be counted in the town-by-town or county counts in this release. Out-of-state residents laid-off or furloughed from a New Hampshire organization will, however, be counted in New Hampshire's total count of new claims.

Figure 2

Distribution of Claims by Residence within County
Time Period: March 15 - April 11
New Hampshire Claimants filing in NH

2816

7133

5172

6110

2630

12214

10215

22141

4862

32025

Claims by Industry

Individuals employed in eating and drinking establishments filed the most new claims for unemployment insurance since March 15th (26,873) followed by employees in administrative and support services industries (11,020), and ambulatory health care industries (10,115). Table 2 presents the industries with the largest number of initial claims filed.

Table 2 New Claims by Industry		
Industry	**NAICS Code***	**# Claims Filed**
Food Services and Drinking Places	722	26,873
Administrative and Support Services	561	11,020
Ambulatory Health Care Services	621	10,115
Social Assistance	624	6,084
Educational Services	611	5,983
Accommodation	721	5,565
Personal and Laundry Services	812	5,446
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	713	5,368
Hospitals	622	4,849
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	441	4,613
General Merchandise Stores	452	4,431
Specialty Trade Contractors	238	3,880
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	541	3,830
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	448	3,716
Food and Beverage Stores	445	3,578
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	453	2,874
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	623	2,306
General Automotive Repair	811	2,151
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar	813	2,058
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, and Book Stores	451	1,741
Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	485	1,711
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	423	1,756
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	442	1,576
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	332	1,468
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	444	1,443
Electronic Computer Manufacturing	334	1,418
Executive, Legislative, and Other General Government Support	921	1,333
Construction of Buildings	236	1,324
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	339	1,252
Health and Personal Care Stores	446	1,229
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	424	1,198
Nonstore Retailers	454	1,094
Gas Stations	447	1,058
Real Estate	531	959
Management of Companies and Enterprises	551	971
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	326	957
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers.	425	965
Printing and Related Support Activities	323	895
Rental and Leasing Services	532	786
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related	711	713
Couriers and Messengers	492	692

	Table 3 Initial Unemployment Claims by Town		
Town	Claims March 15-April 11	February 2020 Labor Force*	Covid-19 Affected Unemployment Rate**
Acworth	39	459	8.5%
Albany	94	362	26.0%
Alexandria	177	912	19.4%
Allenstown	382	2,493	15.3%
Alstead	132	1,083	12.2%
Alton	444	3,009	14.8%
Amherst	615	6,419	9.6%
Andover	167	1,439	11.6%
Antrim	189	1,427	13.2%
Ashland	229	1,279	17.9%
Atkinson	348	4,068	8.6%
Auburn	426	3,634	11.7%
Barnstead	421	2,656	15.9%
Barrington	679	5,523	12.3%
Bartlett	501	1,459	34.3%
Bath town	76	542	14.0%
Bedford	1,218	12,555	9.7%
Belmont	751	3,576	21.0%
Bennington	119	817	14.6%
Berlin	754	3,888	19.4%
Bethlehem	360	1,444	24.9%
Boscawen	378	1,972	19.2%
Bow	488	4,561	10.7%
Bradford	148	986	15.0%
Brentwood	271	2,642	10.3%
Bridgewater	101	761	13.3%
Bristol	358	1,842	19.4%
Brookfield	69	293	23.5%
Brookline	280	3,480	8.0%
Campton	413	2,110	19.6%
Canaan	300	2,042	14.7%
Candia	319	2,598	12.3%
Canterbury	180	1,508	11.9%
Carroll	95	391	24.3%
Center Harbor	100	670	14.9%
Charlestown	281	2,843	9.9%
Chatham	31	160	19.4%
Chester	373	3,145	11.9%
Chesterfield	160	1,943	8.2%
Chichester	220	1,588	13.9%
Claremont	854	6,385	13.4%
Colebrook	218	1,141	19.1%

Columbia	32	318	10.1%
Concord	3,676	23,063	15.9%
Conway	1,609	5,463	29.5%
Cornish	96	988	9.7%
Croydon	39	452	8.6%
Dalton	119	442	26.9%
Danbury	121	736	16.4%
Danville	295	2,771	10.6%
Deerfield	374	2,835	13.2%
Deering	115	1,133	10.2%
Derry	2,839	20,900	13.6%
Dover	2,802	18,915	14.8%
Dublin	69	891	7.7%
Dummer	20	142	14.1%
Dunbarton	209	1,795	11.6%
Durham	402	9,395	4.3%
East Kingston	139	1,401	9.9%
Eaton	45	235	19.1%
Effingham	130	701	18.5%
Enfield	314	3,166	9.9%
Epping	632	4,282	14.8%
Epsom	378	2,996	12.6%
Errol	35	164	21.3%
Exeter	1,016	8,834	11.5%
Farmington	624	3,725	16.8%
Fitzwilliam	128	1,361	9.4%
Francestown	88	1,002	8.8%
Franconia	110	655	16.8%
Franklin	891	4,055	22.0%
Freedom	113	766	14.8%
Fremont	372	2,870	13.0%
Gilford	735	3,645	20.2%
Gilmanton	382	1,746	21.9%
Gilsum	60	457	13.1%
Goffstown	1,398	11,023	12.7%
Gorham	311	1,234	25.2%
Goshen	50	451	11.1%
Grafton	104	683	15.2%
Grantham	161	1,664	9.7%
Greenfield	126	1,066	11.8%
Greenland	295	2,467	12.0%
Greenville	124	1,206	10.3%
Groton	84	382	22.0%
Hampstead	524	5,151	10.2%
Hampton Falls	136	1,501	9.1%

Hampton	1,401	9,147	15.3%
Hancock	104	944	11.0%
Hanover	134	5,093	2.6%
Harrisville	64	609	10.5%
Haverhill	267	2,359	11.3%
Hebron	37	413	9.0%
Henniker	323	2,910	11.1%
Hill town	99	543	18.2%
Hillsborough	511	3,004	17.0%
Hinsdale	223	2,158	10.3%
Holderness	177	1,563	11.3%
Hollis	376	4,346	8.7%
Hooksett	1,210	9,376	12.9%
Hopkinton	367	3,481	10.5%
Hudson	1,675	15,467	10.8%
Jackson	130	366	35.5%
Jaffrey	319	3,103	10.3%
Jefferson	105	639	16.4%
Keene	1,662	11,949	13.9%
Kensington	90	1,313	6.9%
Kingston	453	3,777	12.0%
Laconia	1,741	7,775	22.4%
Lancaster	251	1,741	14.4%
Landaff	26	279	9.3%
Langdon	41	363	11.3%
Lebanon	843	7,793	10.8%
Lee	320	2,884	11.1%
Lempster	60	629	9.5%
Lincoln	268	770	34.8%
Lisbon	134	862	15.5%
Litchfield	603	4,887	12.3%
Littleton	759	3,256	23.3%
Londonderry	1,806	16,261	11.1%
Loudon	461	3,357	13.7%
Lyman	80	336	23.8%
Lyme	61	850	7.2%
Lyndeborough	134	1,056	12.7%
Madbury	118	1,097	10.8%
Madison	303	1,437	21.1%
Manchester	11,610	66,815	17.4%
Marlborough	163	1,221	13.3%
Marlow town	58	369	15.7%
Mason town	89	821	10.8%
Meredith	644	3,115	20.7%
Merrimack	1,909	16,570	11.5%

Middleton	129	1,051	12.3%
Milan	102	626	16.3%
Milford	1,321	9,738	13.6%
Milton	342	2,390	14.3%
Monroe	52	401	13.0%
Mont Vernon	153	1,582	9.7%
Moultonborough	360	2,219	16.2%
Nashua	6,246	51,919	12.0%
Nelson	39	440	8.9%
New Boston	468	3,976	11.8%
New Castle	32	560	5.7%
New Durham	211	1,563	13.5%
New Hampton	200	1,321	15.1%
New Ipswich	235	3,023	7.8%
New London	172	1,941	8.9%
Newbury	148	1,212	12.2%
Newfields	118	1,071	11.0%
Newington	52	518	10.0%
Newmarket	892	5,818	15.3%
Newport	474	3,553	13.3%
Newton	220	3,283	6.7%
North Hampton	312	2,684	11.6%
Northfield	546	2,554	21.4%
Northumberland	196	1,059	18.5%
Northwood	420	2,672	15.7%
Nottingham	383	3,286	11.7%
Orford	70	817	8.6%
Ossipee	388	1,757	22.1%
Pelham	651	8,237	7.9%
Pembroke	668	4,612	14.5%
Peterborough	443	3,858	11.5%
Piermont	32	430	7.4%
Pittsburg	84	384	21.9%
Pittsfield	324	2,122	15.3%
Plainfield	114	1,446	7.9%
Plaistow	404	4,320	9.4%
Plymouth	501	3,989	12.6%
Portsmouth	1,943	14,074	13.8%
Randolph	31	141	22.0%
Raymond	915	6,360	14.4%
Richmond	57	596	9.6%
Rindge	234	2,943	8.0%
Rochester	2,886	18,190	15.9%
Rollinsford	229	1,456	15.7%
Rumney	119	958	12.4%

Rye	340	3,459	9.8%
Salem	1,759	18,512	9.5%
Salisbury	99	827	12.0%
Sanbornton	271	1,689	16.0%
Sandown	455	4,279	10.6%
Sandwich	99	610	16.2%
Seabrook	632	5,180	12.2%
Shelburne	36	177	20.3%
Somersworth	1,141	6,891	16.6%
South Hampton	33	531	6.2%
Springfield	72	779	9.2%
Stark town	31	194	16.0%
Stewartstown	58	370	15.7%
Stoddard	74	724	10.2%
Strafford	332	2,328	14.3%
Stratford	52	255	20.4%
Stratham	454	4,559	10.0%
Sugar Hill	52	351	14.8%
Sullivan	46	360	12.8%
Sunapee	202	1,671	12.1%
Surry	54	500	10.8%
Sutton	109	1,139	9.6%
Swanzey	542	4,101	13.2%
Tamworth	315	1,517	20.8%
Temple	89	786	11.3%
Thornton	347	1,790	19.4%
Tilton	421	1,837	22.9%
Troy	173	1,174	14.7%
Tuftonboro	178	1,157	15.4%
Unity	69	865	8.0%
Wakefield	368	2,310	15.9%
Walpole	177	2,380	7.4%
Warner	211	1,587	13.3%
Warren	55	537	10.2%
Washington	78	513	15.2%
Waterville Valley	48	141	34.0%
Weare	768	6,179	12.4%
Webster	147	1,180	12.5%
Wentworth	68	535	12.7%
Westmoreland	104	941	11.1%
Whitefield	272	1,280	21.3%
Wilmot	92	788	11.7%
Wilton	326	2,190	14.9%
Winchester	310	2,058	15.1%
Windham	668	8,219	8.1%

Wolfeboro	428	2,827	15.1%
Woodstock	291	972	29.9%

The next release of initial unemployment claim data, for the week ending April 18, will be on April 30th.

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