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Weekly New Unemployment Claims

For the week ending April 25th, 2020, individuals filed 14,347 claims for unemployment insurance with the State of New Hampshire’s Department of Employment Security, down 30 percent from a revised 20,414 during the week ending April 18th, 2020. Combined, between March 15th and April 18th, 145,646 new unemployment claims were filed with the New Hampshire’s Department of Employment Security.

Town-by-town breakouts of the number of new claims filed by New Hampshire residents who work in the state are available with a one-week lag (through April 18th). Manchester had the most residents filing for new unemployment claims during the week ending April 18th with 1,361, down 657 (-33%) from the week ending April 11th. Nashua had the next highest number of new claims during the week with 783, or 361 fewer (-32%) than during the previous week. Table 1 presents the 20 towns with the largest number of new claims filed during the week, along with the change in the number and percentage change in new claims from the prior week. All but nine towns in New Hampshire had fewer new claims during the week ending April 18th than they had during the week ending April 11th.

The claims numbers presented in the claims by town 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 work is located). For towns with a higher percentage of New Hampshire workers commuting out to 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) from March 15th through April 18th, as well as the number of new claims as a percentage of the town’s labor force¹, is presented in Table 3 at the end

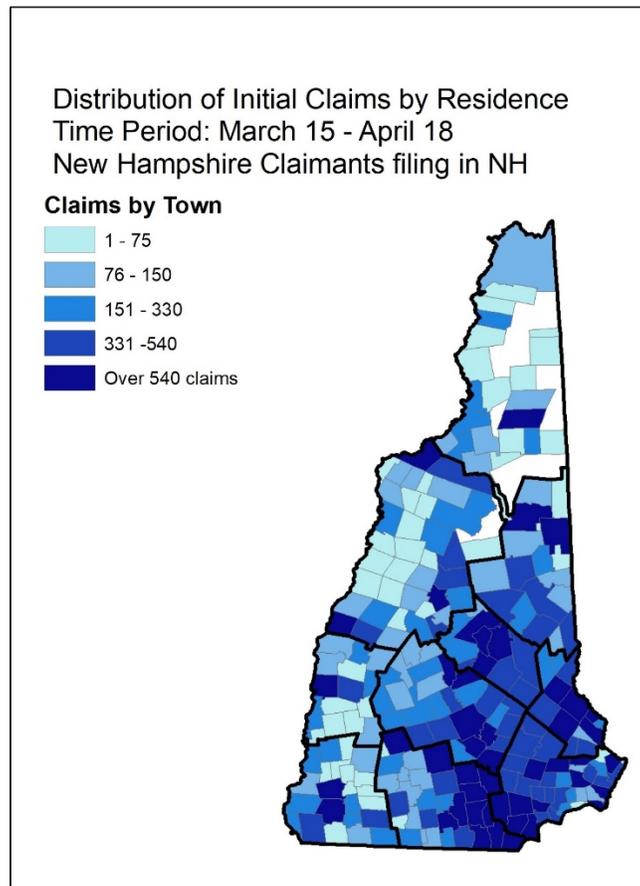
Table 1 Towns With the Largest Number of New Claims From Prior Week				
Town	New Claims April 11 to April 18	Change from Prior Week	% Change from Prior Week	Total new Claims March 15 to April 18
Manchester	1,361	-657	-32.56%	12,971
Nashua	783	-361	-31.56%	7,029
Concord	385	-234	-37.80%	4,061
Rochester	327	-194	-37.24%	3,213
Derry	317	-134	-29.71%	3,156
Dover	288	-113	-28.18%	3,090
Merrimack	249	-80	-24.32%	2,158
Hudson	233	-59	-20.21%	1,908
Londonderry	222	-61	-21.55%	2,028
Salem	209	-114	-35.29%	1,968
Keene	185	-114	-38.13%	1,847
Portsmouth	183	-100	-35.34%	2,126
Goffstown	172	-59	-25.54%	1,570
Laconia	169	-234	-58.06%	1,910
Bedford	150	-71	-32.13%	1,368
Hooksett	141	-78	-35.62%	1,351
Hampton	135	-86	-38.91%	1,536
Exeter	132	-29	-18.01%	1,148
Milford	130	-94	-41.96%	1,451
Conway	121	-76	-38.58%	1,730

¹ The February 2020 labor force count for each town is used for this analysis.

of this release. We call this a measure of a town’s “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 include New Hampshire residents who have filed an unemployment claim if they work in another state. It is presented here to provide a metric of the relative employment impacts of Covid-19 on the population of each community.² For the week ending April 18th, New Hampshire’s ‘Covid-19 Affected Unemployment Rate’ was 15.0 percent. Adding New Hampshire residents who filed a claim in another state as well as individuals who were unemployed prior to the Covid-19 pandemic raises the overall unemployment rate.

A visual representation of initial claims activity by town and region is presented in Figure which shows a map of New Hampshire towns color coded, into quintiles, according to the number of initial claims filed between March 15th and April 18th.

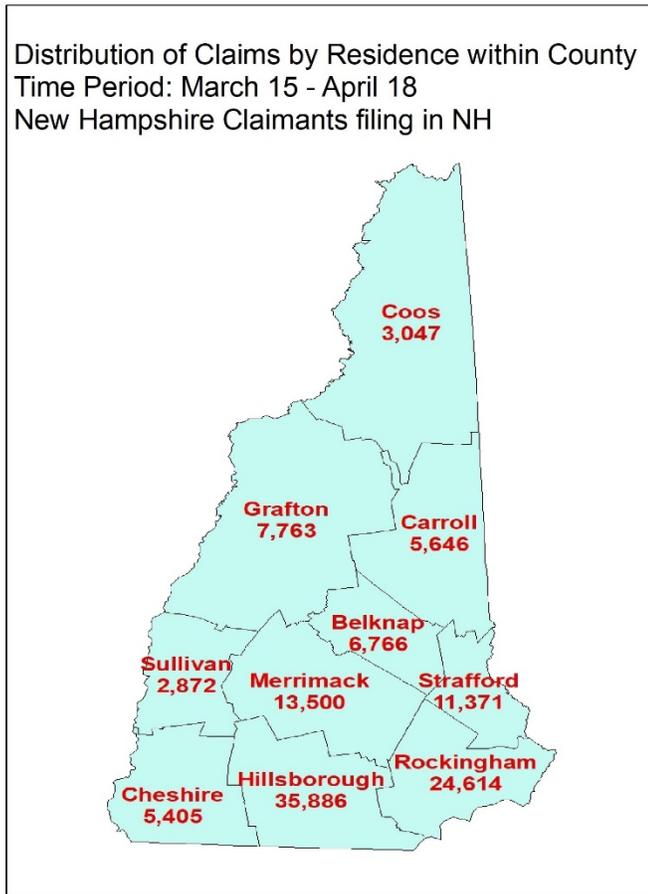
Figure 1



² 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 presents the total number of claims by county in New Hampshire.

Figure 2



Covid-19 Affected Unemployment Rate by County			
County	Total Claims by NH Residents Working in NH: March 15 to April 18	February 2020 Labor Force	Covid-19 Affected Unemp. Rate
Belknap	6,766	31,039	21.8%
Carroll	5,646	23,718	23.8%
Cheshire	5,405	41,500	13.0%
Coos	3,047	14,724	20.7%
Grafton	7,763	51,045	15.2%
Hillsborough	35,886	245,905	14.6%
Merrimack	13,500	84,821	15.9%
Rockingham	24,614	188,982	13.0%
Strafford	11,371	75,410	15.1%
Sullivan	2,872	23,061	12.5%
Totals	116,870	780,205	15.0%

Claims by Industry

Table 2 includes all claims filed by individuals if their employer is located in New Hampshire. It includes residents who live in another state but who work in New Hampshire. It is an industry-based measure of Covid-19 impacts on New Hampshire businesses and does not depend on whether a claim is filed by a New Hampshire resident or someone who commutes into the state for work and is not comparable to the town-by-town claims numbers in this release. Town-by-town claims numbers include only claims by New Hampshire residents who also work in New Hampshire.

Individuals employed in eating and drinking establishments filed the most new claims for unemployment insurance since March 15th (28,461). If totaled, the different subsectors of the retail industry would have a similar total of just over 28,000. Table 2 presents the industries with the largest number of initial claims but also shows that new claims affect almost all industries in the New Hampshire economy.

**Table 2
Industries With The Largest Number of New Unemployment Claims
March 15 to April 18**

Industry	NAICS	# Claims Filed
Food Services and Drinking Places	722	28,461
Administrative and Support Services	561	12,001
Ambulatory Health Care Services	621	10,609
Educational Services	611	6,618
Social Assistance	624	6,495
Accommodation	721	5,855
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	713	5,764
Personal and Laundry Services	812	5,702
Hospitals	622	5,627
General Merchandise Stores	452	4,882
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	441	4,861
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	541	4,167
Specialty Trade Contractors	238	4,149
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	448	4,032
Food and Beverage Stores	445	3,998
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	453	3,126
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	623	2,588
General Automotive Repair	811	2,290
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	813	2,221
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	423	1,980
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, and Book Stores	451	1,901
Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	485	1,879
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	442	1,680
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	332	1,660
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	444	1,584
Electronic Computer Manufacturing	334	1,523
Executive, Legislative, and Other General Government Support	921	1,495
Construction of Buildings	236	1,404
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	339	1,346
Health and Personal Care Stores	446	1,339
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	424	1,306
Non-Store Retailers	454	1,194
Gas Stations	447	1,169
Management of Companies and Enterprises	551	1,074
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers.	425	1,072
Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing	326	1,043
Real Estate	531	1,033
Printing and Related Support Activities	323	945
Rental and Leasing Services	532	861
Electronics and Appliance Stores	443	824
Textile Mills	313	800
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related	711	777
Couriers and Messengers	492	772
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	312	677
Machinery Manufacturing	333	641
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing	335	635
Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries	512	619
Industries in the Food Manufacturing	311	573
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	524	548
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	522	546

Table 3				Table 3 cont.			
Initial Unemployment Claims by Town				Initial Unemployment Claims by Town			
Town	Claims March 15- April 18	February 2020 Labor Force*	Covid-19 Affected Unemployment Rate**	Town	Claims March 15- April 18	February 2020 Labor Force*	Covid-19 Affected Unemployment Rate**
Acworth	43	459	9.37%	Deerfield	409	2,835	14.43%
Albany	102	362	28.18%	Deering	126	1,133	11.12%
Alexandria	201	912	22.04%	Derry	3156	20900	15.10%
Allenstown	419	2,493	16.81%	Dover	3090	18,915	16.34%
Alstead	153	1,083	14.13%	Dublin	75	891	8.42%
Alton	503	3,009	16.72%	Dunbarton	235	1795	13.09%
Amherst	692	6,419	10.78%	Durham	450	9395	4.79%
Andover	182	1,439	12.65%	East Kingston	157	1,401	11.21%
Antrim	212	1,427	14.86%	Easton	25	143	17.48%
Ashland	251	1,279	19.62%	Eaton	45	235	19.15%
Atkinson	398	4,068	9.78%	Effingham	140	701	19.97%
Auburn	485	3,634	13.35%	Ellsworth	11	58	18.97%
Barnstead	471	2,656	17.73%	Enfield	338	3,166	10.68%
Barrington	772	5,523	13.98%	Epping	689	4,282	16.09%
Bartlett	542	1,459	37.15%	Epsom	416	2,996	13.89%
Bath town	82	542	15.13%	Errol	41	164	25.00%
Bedford	1,368	12,555	10.90%	Exeter	1148	8,834	13.00%
Belmont	827	3,576	23.13%	Farmington	704	3725	18.90%
Bennington	137	817	16.77%	Fitzwilliam	142	1,361	10.43%
Berlin	811	3,888	20.86%	Francestown	100	1,002	9.98%
Bethlehem	382	1,444	26.45%	Franconia	119	655	18.17%
Boscawen	414	1,972	20.99%	Franklin	991	4055	24.44%
Bow	542	4561	11.88%	Freedom	121	766	15.80%
Bradford	161	986	16.33%	Fremont	411	2,870	14.32%
Brentwood	306	2642	11.58%	Gilford	832	3645	22.83%
Bridgewater	110	761	14.45%	Gilmanton	427	1746	24.46%
Bristol	409	1842	22.20%	Gilsum	68	457	14.88%
Brookfield	79	293	26.96%	Goffstown	1570	11,023	14.24%
Brookline	314	3,480	9.02%	Gorham	328	1,234	26.58%
Campton	443	2,110	21.00%	Goshen	53	451	11.75%
Canaan	320	2,042	15.67%	Grafton	117	683	17.13%
Candia	354	2,598	13.63%	Grantham	172	1,664	10.34%
Canterbury	194	1508	12.86%	Greenfield	138	1,066	12.95%
Carroll	104	391	26.60%	Greenland	323	2,467	13.09%
Center Harbor	116	670	17.31%	Greenville	139	1206	11.53%
Charlestown	318	2843	11.19%	Groton	93	382	24.35%
Chatham	37	160	23.13%	Hampstead	588	5,151	11.42%
Chester	411	3,145	13.07%	Hampton	1536	9147	16.79%
Chesterfield	172	1,943	8.85%	Hampton Falls	146	1,501	9.73%
Chichester	251	1,588	15.81%	Hancock	113	944	11.97%
Claremont	932	6,385	14.60%	Hanover	146	5,093	2.87%
Colebrook	235	1,141	20.60%	Harrisville	75	609	12.32%
Columbia	37	318	11.64%	Haverhill	296	2,359	12.55%
Concord	4061	23063	17.61%	Hebron	42	413	10.17%
Conway	1730	5463	31.67%	Henniker	356	2,910	12.23%
Cornish	103	988	10.43%	Hill town	112	543	20.63%
Croydon	44	452	9.73%	Hillsborough	570	3004	18.97%
Dalton	129	442	29.19%	Hinsdale	248	2,158	11.49%
Danbury	136	736	18.48%	Holderness	191	1563	12.22%
Danville	331	2,771	11.95%	Hollis	421	4,346	9.69%

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Hooksett	1351	9,376	14.41%	Newington	56	518	10.81%
Hopkinton	396	3,481	11.38%	Newmarket	964	5818	16.57%
Hudson	1,908	15,467	12.34%	Newport	515	3,553	14.49%
Jackson	139	366	37.98%	Newton	256	3,283	7.80%
Jaffrey	349	3103	11.25%	North Hampton	349	2,684	13.00%
Jefferson	111	639	17.37%	Northfield	595	2,554	23.30%
Keene	1847	11,949	15.46%	Northumberland	213	1059	20.11%
Kensington	101	1,313	7.69%	Northwood	478	2672	17.89%
Kingston	497	3777	13.16%	Nottingham	424	3,286	12.90%
Laconia	1910	7775	24.57%	Orford	72	817	8.81%
Lancaster	276	1741	15.85%	Ossipee	423	1,757	24.08%
Landaff	28	279	10.04%	Pelham	728	8,237	8.84%
Langdon	42	363	11.57%	Pembroke	746	4612	16.18%
Lebanon	914	7,793	11.73%	Peterborough	492	3,858	12.75%
Lee	349	2,884	12.10%	Piermont	35	430	8.14%
Lempster	68	629	10.81%	Pittsburg	90	384	23.44%
Lincoln	290	770	37.66%	Pittsfield	355	2,122	16.73%
Lisbon	147	862	17.05%	Plainfield	131	1,446	9.06%
Litchfield	690	4,887	14.12%	Plaistow	450	4320	10.42%
Littleton	806	3,256	24.75%	Plymouth	546	3,989	13.69%
Londonderry	2,028	16,261	12.47%	Portsmouth	2,126	14,074	15.11%
Loudon	509	3,357	3.13%	Randolph	35	141	24.82%
Lyman	84	336	25.00%	Raymond	1011	6,360	15.90%
Lyme	69	850	8.12%	Richmond	63	596	10.57%
Lyndeborough	153	1,056	14.49%	Rindge	264	2943	8.97%
Madbury	135	1,097	12.31%	Rochester	3213	18,190	17.66%
Madison	319	1437	22.20%	Rollinsford	258	1456	17.72%
Manchester	12,971	66,815	19.41%	Rumney	134	958	13.99%
Marlborough	185	1,221	15.15%	Rye	377	3459	10.90%
Marlow town	62	369	16.80%	Salem	1968	18512	10.63%
Mason town	95	821	11.57%	Salisbury	105	827	12.70%
Meredith	690	3,115	22.15%	Sanbornton	296	1689	17.53%
Merrimack	2,158	16,570	13.02%	Sandown	500	4,279	11.68%
Middleton	151	1051	14.37%	Sandwich	109	610	17.87%
Milan	112	626	17.89%	Seabrook	702	5,180	13.55%
Milford	1451	9738	14.90%	Sharon	25	224	11.16%
Milton	399	2,390	16.69%	Shelburne	37	177	20.90%
Monroe	55	401	13.72%	Somersworth	1260	6,891	18.28%
Mont Vernon	169	1,582	10.68%	South Hampton	42	531	7.91%
Moultonborough	397	2,219	17.89%	Springfield	80	779	10.27%
Nashua	7029	51,919	13.54%	Stark town	34	194	17.53%
Nelson	40	440	9.09%	Stewartstown	61	370	16.49%
New Boston	517	3976	13.00%	Stoddard	85	724	11.74%
New Castle	34	560	6.07%	Strafford	357	2,328	15.34%
New Durham	233	1,563	14.91%	Stratford	62	255	24.31%
New Hampton	227	1,321	17.18%	Stratham	504	4,559	11.06%
New Ipswich	273	3,023	9.03%	Sugar Hill	55	351	15.67%
New London	191	1,941	9.84%	Sullivan	53	360	14.72%
Newbury	160	1,212	13.20%	Sunapee	212	1,671	12.69%
Newfields	132	1,071	12.32%	Surry	57	500	11.40%

Table 3 cont.			
Initial Unemployment Claims by Town			
Town	Claims March 15- April 18	February 2020 Labor Force*	Covid-19 Affected Unemployment Rate**
Sutton	118	1,139	10.36%
Swanzey	605	4101	14.75%
Tamworth	347	1517	22.87%
Temple	97	786	12.34%
Thornton	379	1,790	21.17%
Tilton	467	1,837	25.42%
Troy	194	1174	16.52%
Tuftonboro	202	1157	17.46%
Unity	73	865	8.44%
Wakefield	422	2310	18.27%
Walpole	194	2,380	8.15%
Warner	232	1,587	14.62%
Warren	58	537	10.80%
Washington	86	513	16.76%
Waterville Valley	56	141	39.72%
Weare	845	6179	13.68%
Webster	164	1180	13.90%
Wentworth	75	535	14.02%
Westmoreland	113	941	12.01%
Whitefield	294	1280	22.97%
Wilmot	108	788	13.71%
Wilton	364	2190	16.62%
Winchester	346	2058	16.81%
Windham	767	8219	9.33%
Wolfeboro	480	2827	16.98%
Woodstock	325	972	33.44%

The next release of initial unemployment claim data, for the week ending April 25th, will be on May 7th.

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