UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

King County, WA March 1 - May 2, 2020

1 in 5

Roughly one in five of workers filed initial unemployment insurance claims with WA State Employment Security Department between March 1 and May 2

273,500

In March and April the average number of Unemployment claims filed is 19 times greater than in January and February

32.5% of Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander workers filed claims, which is the highest number per capita, followed by Black / African American workers at 23.2%

Workers under age 18 and ages 25-34 filed the most claims per capita

Most impacted industries

- accommodation and food service: 35%
- manufacturing and retail: 20%
- healthcare and social assistance: 15%

Percentage of workers filing claims within each industry per capita

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Data Sources: http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid/impacts/unemployment