

NAICS #	Claimant Count by NAICS Industry Name	June-21	June-20	OTM Change	June-19	OTY Change
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	83	218	↓	(135)	76 ↑ 142
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas Extraction	3	10	↓	(7)	5 ↓ (2)
22	Utilities	2	10	↓	(8)	2 ↑ 8
23	Construction	316	1,311	↓	(995)	384 ↑ 927
31-33	Manufacturing	176	1,767	↓	(1,591)	176 ↑ 1,591
42	Wholesale Trade	61	755	↓	(694)	74 ↑ 681
44-45	Retail Trade	239	2,386	↓	(2,147)	177 ↑ 2,209
48-49	Transportation & Warehousing	82	959	↓	(877)	115 ↑ 844
51	Information	30	158	↓	(128)	21 ↑ 137
52	Finance & Insurance	47	132	↓	(85)	44 ↑ 88
53	Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	41	215	↓	(174)	26 ↑ 189
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	98	707	↓	(609)	74 ↑ 633
55	Management of Companies & Enterprises	16	75	↓	(59)	6 ↑ 69
56	Admin. & Support, Waste Manag., and Remed. Se	227	1,160	↓	(933)	194 ↑ 966
61	Educational Services	43	320	↓	(277)	23 ↑ 297
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	398	3,553	↓	(3,155)	311 ↑ 3,242
71	Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	18	391	↓	(373)	12 ↑ 379
72	Accommodation & Food Services	225	3,052	↓	(2,827)	174 ↑ 2,878
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	225	1,195	↓	(970)	137 ↑ 1,058
92	Public Administration	52	343	↓	(291)	32 ↑ 311
	Information Not Available	72	657	↓	(585)	61 ↑ 596
	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>19,374</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>(16,920)</b>	<b>2,124 ↑ 17,250</b>

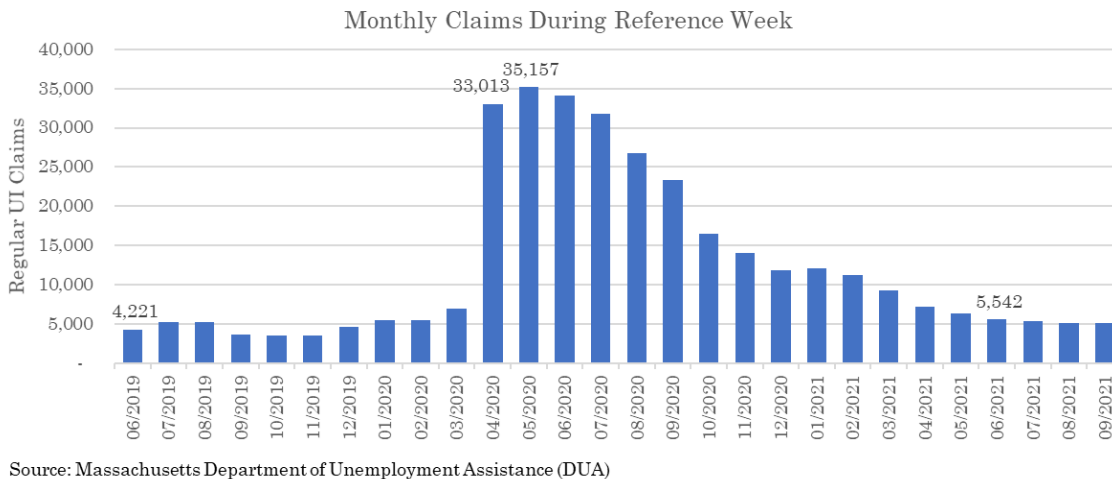
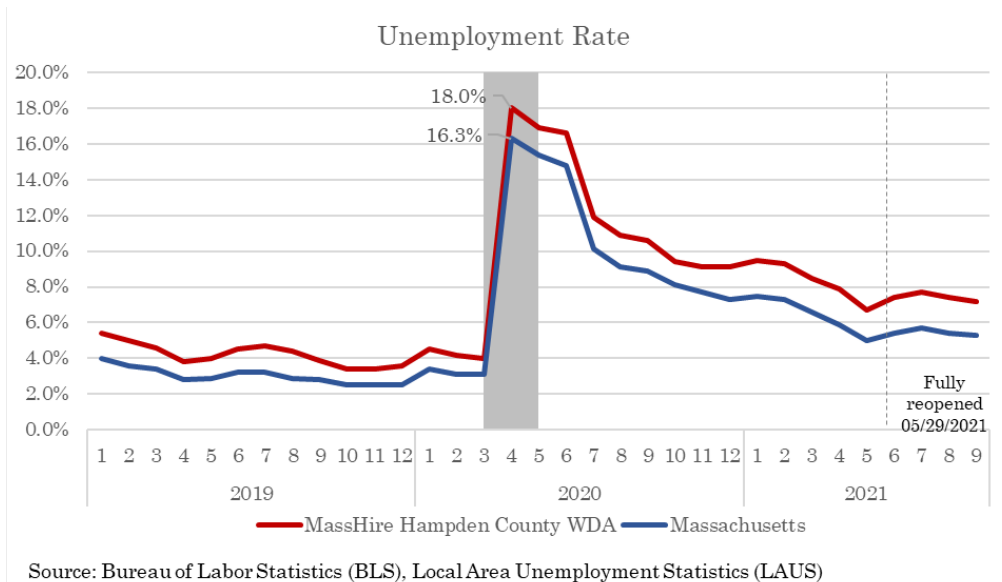
Source: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

## MassHire Hampden County WDA

### Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

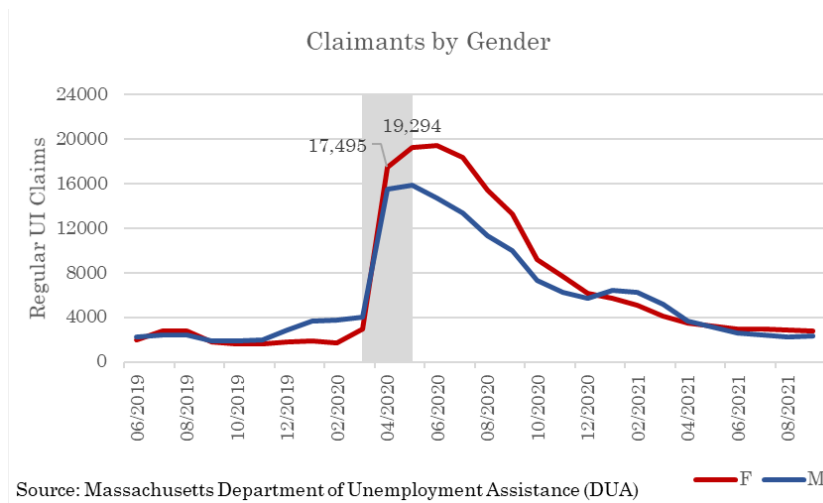
The twelve-month moving average unemployment rate prior to the onset of COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 in the MassHire Hampden County WDA was 4.1 %. This was 1.2 % higher than the Commonwealth's twelve-month moving average at 2.9 %. At the height of the pandemic in April 2020 in the state, the unemployment rate for the WDA was 18.0 %, 1.7 % above the state unemployment rate. During the April 2020 reference week, 33,013 regular unemployment insurance (UI) claims were filed. The largest number of claims filed in the WDA during the peak of the pandemic was in May 2020 at 35,157 claims.

Following the end of the stay-at-home advisory in May 2020, the area's unemployment rate in June 2020 was 16.6 %, 1.8 % above the state's rate of 14.8 %. Over the year, the area's unemployment rate in June 2021 dropped 9.2 % to 7.4 %. Compared to June 2020, 28,567 fewer claims were filed in June 2021.



## Gender

In the MassHire Hampden County WDA, the historical claims data shows the male gender had filed more claims than the female gender for most months. In June 2019, 53 % of the total claims were filed by males and 47 % by females. During the pandemic, the female gender surpassed the male gender in claims starting in April 2020. The most claims filed by female claimants occurred in June 2020 with 19,494 claims, which was 56.9 % of the total claims count. In June 2021, 2,910 claims were filed by females which was 52.5 % of the total claims.



### Age

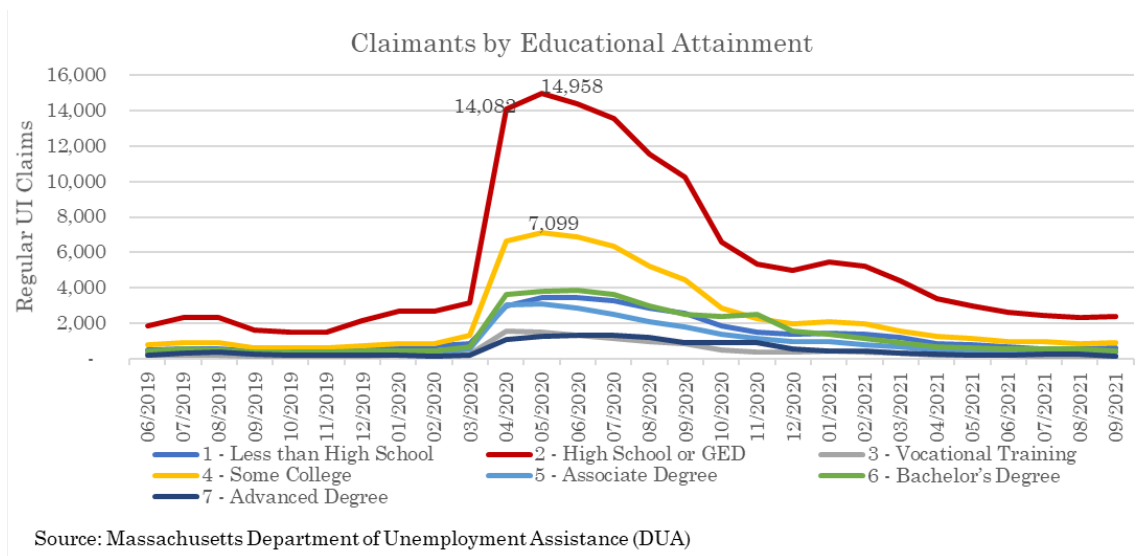
In the month of June, after the stay-at-home advisory ended in May 2020, claimants who were between 25 to 34 years old had the highest number of claims in the MassHire Hampden County WDA at 9,497. This is 27.8 % of the total claims count for the month. The next age group with the most claims were those between the ages of 35 to 44 years who filed 6,566 claims, or 19.3 % of the total claims count. In June 2019, the age group 25 to 34 years filed 26.3 % of the claims and those 35 to 44 years filed 22.8 % of the total. At the start of the recovery period in June 2021, 29.3 % of the claims were those aged 25 to 34 years with 1,625 claims filed, and 21.9 % were filed by claimants between 35 to 44 years.

AGE	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21
16 to 19 years	45	1,463	145
20 to 24 years	319	5,121	624
25 to 34 years	1,112	9,497	1,625
35 to 44 years	964	6,566	1,213
45 to 54 years	829	4,962	933
55 to 64 years	728	4,403	741
65 years and over	224	2,097	261
Total	4,221	34,109	5,542

Source: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

### Educational Attainment

In the MassHire Hampden County WDA, the historical monthly claims data shows the highest number of claims were filed by claimants with high school or GED diploma. During the peak months of the pandemic, those with high school or GED diploma remained at the top with the most claims filed. In June 2020, 42.2 % of the total claims were filed by claimants with a high school or GED diploma. Claimants with some college education filed 6,902 claims which is 20.2 % of the total claims during the reference week in June 2020. In June 2021, the total number of claims dropped from 34,109 to 5,542 over the year. Of the 5,542 claims, 2,598 were filed by claimants with a high school or GED diploma. This is 46.9 % of the total claims.



## Race and Ethnicity

In the historical claims data, Whites have filed the most claims in the MassHire Hampden County WDA and this trend continued during the pandemic. In May 2020, when the claims count was the highest in the WDA during the peak of the pandemic, 64.5 % of the claims were filed by Whites and 10.1 % by Black/African Americans. In June 2020, 61.8 % of the total claims were filed by Whites and 11.7 % by Black/African Americans. At the beginning of the recovery period in June 2021, 14.6 % of the claimants were Black/African Americans and 9.6 % were filed by claimants of more than one race.

RACE	June 2019	%	June 2020	%	June 2021	%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	27	0.6%	266	0.8%	55	1.0%
Asian	81	1.9%	895	2.6%	112	2.0%
Black/African American	601	14.2%	3,981	11.7%	808	14.6%
Race Do not wish to respond	799	18.9%	4,893	14.3%	943	17.0%
More than one race	294	7.0%	2,797	8.2%	534	9.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	26	0.6%	202	0.6%	47	0.8%
White	2,393	56.7%	21,075	61.8%	3,043	54.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>34,109</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

In June 2019, 63.1 % of the claims were filed by claimants not of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity and 30.6 % from Hispanic or Latino claimants. In May 2020, the % of the total claims from Hispanic or Latino claimants was 28 % while those not of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity was 66.5 %.

ETHNICITY	June 2019	%	June 2020	%	June 2021	%
Hispanic or Latino	1,291	30.6%	10,192	29.9%	2,123	38.3%
I choose not to answer	268	6.3%	1,938	5.7%	351	6.3%
Not Hispanic or	2,662	63.1%	21,979	64.4%	3,068	55.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>34,109</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Occupations

In June 2019, the top three occupations with the most claims were Office and Administrative Support with 13.2 % of the total claims, Construction and Extraction with 10.4 % of the total claims and Production with 10.3 % of the total claims count. In June 2020, 17.3 % of the claims were filed by claimants in Food Preparation and Serving Related occupations, 11.6 % in Office and Administrative Support occupations, and 9.9 % in Transportation and Material Moving occupations. In June 2021, 12.2 % were claimants in Office and Administrative Support occupations, 11.5 % in Personal Care and Service occupations, and 9.9 % in Transportation and Material Moving occupations.

SOC #	Claimant Count by SOC Occupation Name	June-21	June-20	OTY Change	June-19	OTY Change
11	Management	342	2,069	↓ (1,727)	304	↑ 1,765
13	Business & Financial Operations	110	588	↓ (478)	121	↑ 467
15	Computer & Mathematical	37	180	↓ (143)	28	↑ 152
17	Architecture & Engineering	34	162	↓ (128)	20	↑ 142
19	Life, Physical, & Social Science	21	88	↓ (67)	7	↑ 81
21	Community & Social Service	158	601	↓ (443)	106	↑ 495
23	Legal Occupations	13	81	↓ (68)	9	↑ 72
25	Education, Training, & Library	167	1,213	↓ (1,046)	137	↑ 1,076
27	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	37	402	↓ (365)	39	↑ 363
29	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	153	1,342	↓ (1,189)	72	↑ 1,270
31	Healthcare Support	341	1,817	↓ (1,476)	140	↑ 1,677
33	Protective Service	70	524	↓ (454)	46	↑ 478
35	Food Preparation & Serving Related	513	5,904	↓ (5,391)	423	↑ 5,481
37	Building and Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	205	1,333	↓ (1,128)	122	↑ 1,211
39	Personal Care & Service	635	2,669	↓ (2,034)	352	↑ 2,317
41	Sales & Related	431	3,315	↓ (2,884)	278	↑ 3,037
43	Office & Administrative Support	675	3,941	↓ (3,266)	560	↑ 3,381
47	Construction & Extraction	421	1,258	↓ (837)	440	↑ 818
49	Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	156	922	↓ (766)	154	↑ 768
51	Production	410	2,031	↓ (1,621)	434	↑ 1,597
53	Transportation & Material Moving	550	3,376	↓ (2,826)	414	↑ 2,962
	Information Not Available	41	232	↓ (191)	15	↑ 217
<b>All Occupations</b>		<b>5,542</b>	<b>34,109</b>	<b>↓ (28,567)</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>↑ 29,878</b>

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## Industry

In June 2019, the top three industries in the MassHire Hampden County WDA with the most claims were Other Services (except Public Administration) with 11.5 % of the total claims, Health Care and Social Assistance with 11.2 % of the total, and Construction with 9.6 % of the total count. In June 2020, Accommodation and Food Services topped the list with 16.4 % of the total count followed by Health Care and Social Assistance with 16.1 % and Retail Trade with 13.1 % of the total claims count. During the start of the recovery period in June 2021, Health Care and Social Assistance was at the top with 18.2 % of the total count followed by Other Services (except Public Administration) at 12.4 % and Retail Trade at 11.9 % of the total claims count.