

Maryland Unemployment Updates

Best Unemployment #: 667-207-6520

Mon-Fri 7am – 6pm + Sat 8am-12pm + Sun 12pm -4pm
Recently, it's been easier to get through in the afternoon/evenings

New Tracking System for Issues: www.labor.maryland.gov/uihelp

Report your issue, but still call to speak to a rep!
It will ask for your Claimant ID, which you can find on the top left of your Beacon home page

How long you receive UI payments depends on your individual claim. But here is basic timeline:

Regular Unemployment

26 weeks of your Weekly Benefit Amount

PEUC = Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation

The 13 additional weeks that was part of Federal CARES act
This ends Dec. 26 even if you haven't used up all 13 weeks*

EB = Extended Benefits

Up to 13 additional weeks IF you were approved for Regular Unemployment (*not* PUA for gig workers, self-employed, etc.)

Re-Apply When Your Benefit Year Ends

Eligibility depends on:

- 1) how much you've earned over past 18 months~ &
- 2) if any new state/federal laws are passed

~Standard Base Period = gross wages earned during 1st four of last five completed calendar quarters

*Unemployment can still approve PEUC \$ retroactively after 12/26/20

If you're eligible for Extended Benefits: a link to "Apply for EB" should appear on your BEACON homepage on Sunday 12/27/20 or when you become/became eligible. If the link doesn't appear and you think you should be eligible, call & speak to a rep.