



## Transition to Pre-Pandemic Unemployment Benefits

### Frequently Asked Question

On June 26, 2021, pandemic-specific federal unemployment programs ended in Utah. The following are frequently asked questions about the transition back to pre-pandemic unemployment, how it will affect eligibility and helpful information about the changes.

Regular state unemployment benefits will continue based on ongoing eligibility. To check regular unemployment eligibility, sign into My Unemployment at [jobs.utah.gov](https://jobs.utah.gov).

#### *What unemployment programs ended?*

- **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC):** This is the federally funded stimulus payment of \$300 a week for anyone eligible for at least \$1 of any unemployment insurance.
- **Pandemic Extended Unemployment Compensation (PEUC):** This is the federally funded extended unemployment benefits for those who had exhausted state unemployment benefits.
- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA):** This is the temporary federal unemployment benefit for individuals not eligible for state unemployment, particularly the self-employed and gig workers.
- **Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC):** This is supplemental payment for individuals that lost both self-employment and covered wages, eligible for an additional \$100 a week in unemployment stimulus.

#### *When will these programs end?*

The federal pandemic unemployment programs ended in Utah on June 26, 2021.

Regular state unemployment insurance payments will continue for those that qualify under pre-pandemic criteria. For residents that no longer qualify, final payments will be made between June 27 and July 3, 2021. Federal benefits will still be paid for past weeks that qualified under the pandemic programs. File any past claims at [jobs.utah.gov](https://jobs.utah.gov).

Eligible recipients should continue to:

- File weekly claims
- Report required job searches



**Will all unemployment benefits end?**

No, residents eligible for regular state unemployment under the pre-pandemic criteria will continue to receive payments.

**What should people do that are having trouble finding a job?**

The COVID-19 pandemic displaced many Utah workers and was unprecedented in our history. There are many programs to help residents with reemployment. The Department of Workforce Services offers assistance with job search skills, career coaching, interviewing and resume building. For those who are eligible, the department can also provide help with occupational licensure, completing a degree and paid work experience opportunities. Job seekers can visit a [local employment center](#) or log on to [jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov) to access these services and find more than 50,000 job openings.

***Why is Utah turning down money from the federal government?***

There are currently between 50,000-75,000 job openings in Utah. The purpose of these federal programs was to assist residents of Utah through the pandemic. With 2.7% unemployment in the state, business restrictions ended and vaccines widely available, it is a natural step in getting back to normal. With Utah's economy one of the strongest in the nation, the decision was made to enable market forces to return to pre-pandemic dynamics.

***Are there enough jobs in Utah for the people?***

With a 2.7% unemployment rate, Utah has a strong and growing economy. Although each case is unique, Utah as a state has fared better than many during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, there are between 50,000 and 75,000 openings across the state.

***Where can residents go with questions about their eligibility?***

If a resident has questions or concerns about the status of their claim or whether or not they still qualify, they should visit [jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov).