

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

California COVID-19 Update: Below is the most current CalOES status update. www.covid19.ca.gov



Free masks and PPE to Small Businesses: CalOES and GO-Biz are working with partners to distribute personal protective supplies to small businesses, hospitals, schools, and others who need PPE to safely reopen. Our colleague, Chelsea Irvine is helping to coordinate chelseakirvine@icloud.com Current inventory:

- Disposable surgical masks (pallet of 60,000)
- Hand sanitizer in 2 ounce (10k/pallet), 4 ounce (5k/pallet) and 16 ounce bottles (1k/pallet)
- Face Shields (216 per case)
- Anti-bacterial hand soap in 8 ounce bottles (has to be ordered by the trailer-full - 70,000 bottles)
- Boxes of large or extra small gloves (2,500 per box)

US President's Budget: President Biden released his [2022 Budget](#) which includes, among other things, two of the plans previously put forward—the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan. Below are some highlights from the US Department of Labor:

- **Expand Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities:** The budget proposes \$285 million for Registered Apprenticeships, an increase of \$100 million from the 2021 enacted level, to expand access for historically underrepresented groups and to diversify the industry sectors involved. The American Jobs Plan will build on this investment with \$10 billion over 10 years to create one to two million new Registered Apprenticeship, slots and to strengthen the pipeline for more women and people of color to access these opportunities.

- **Pathways to Good-Paying Jobs:** The budget proposes an increase of \$203 million to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act state grants to make employment services and training available to more dislocated workers, low-income adults, and disadvantaged youth who have been hurt by the economic fallout from the pandemic. The budget also includes increased investments in programs that serve disadvantaged workers and job seekers, including justice-involved individuals, at-risk youth and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian individuals. The American Jobs Plan also proposes new investments in proven workforce development models, such as sector-based training programs, comprehensive supports for dislocated workers, and expanded access to intensive, staff-assisted career services.
- **Workers' Rights, Benefits and Safety:** During the past four years, the US Labor Department's worker protection agencies experienced a 14% reduction in staff. The budget reverses this trend with increases totaling nearly \$300 million in the worker protection agencies, including \$73 million for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, \$67 million for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, \$35 million for the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, and \$37 million for the Employee Benefits Security Administration. The American Jobs Plan further bolsters the department's worker protection agencies with an additional investment of \$7.5 billion over 10 years.
- **Protect Workers' Paychecks.** The budget proposes an increase of more than \$30 million for the Wage and Hour Division. This increase will allow the division to more aggressively enforce worker misclassification, prevailing wages, and family and medical leave.

Child Care Tax Credit: The US Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service [announced that the](#) first monthly payment of the expanded and newly-advanceable Child Tax Credit (CTC) from the American Rescue Plan will be made on July 15. “Roughly 39 million households — covering 88 percent of children in the United States — are slated to begin receiving monthly payments without any further action required.”

Economic Impact Payments: The Internal Revenue Service, the US Department of the Treasury, and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service [announced they have disbursed](#) more than 1.8 million additional Economic Impact Payments under the American Rescue Plan. This brings total disbursements to nearly 167 million payments, for a total value of approximately \$391 billion since these payments began rolling out on March 12. Overall, the last two weeks of payments contain more than 900,000 direct deposit payments (with a total value over \$1.6 billion) with the remainder as paper check payments.

US – South Korea Trade Discussions: US Commerce Secretary Raimondo [hosted a roundtable](#) with Republic of Korea President Moon Jae-In; Minister of Trade, Industry, and Energy Sung Wook Moon; and US and South Korean CEOs to demonstrate “the importance of the economic relationship between the United States and South Korea, and in particular, significant cross-border investments in sectors critical to the long-term growth of both economies” In conjunction with the meetings, South Korean businesses announced their commitment to invest over \$30 billion in the US, including over \$17 billion in semiconductor manufacturing and over \$14 billion in electric vehicles, electric vehicle battery production, and related research and development.

New Information on California Budget: The Assembly and the Senate have reached a historic compromise on the budget weeks ahead of the June 15 deadline. United, the two Houses will negotiate with the Administration over the final details, including the inclusion of the Governor's California Comeback Plan.

- **Assembly Budget Committee meets to approve Assembly Budget on June 2:** <https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/fullbudgetcommittee1>
- **Senate Budget Committee meets to approve Senate Budget on June 2:** <https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/June%202021%20Hearing%20Agenda.pdf>
- **CALED has released an economic development summary of the May Revise:** https://caled.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/5.24.21_May-Revise-Alert_PDF-Version_UPDATED.pdf
- **DOF Tracking List of 2021-22 Trailer Bills:** <https://esd.dof.ca.gov/trailer-bill/public/trailerBill/pdf/-1>
- **NCSL Guidance of the Use of State Funds in the American Rescue Plan:** <https://www.ncsl.org/Portals/1/Documents/statedfed/Flexibility-in-Covid-Recovery-Fund.pdf>

GO-Biz Updates California Opportunity Zone Site: The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development released a comprehensive update to the California Opportunity Zone site. <https://opzones.ca.gov/> According to the release, the new site incorporates feedback and input shared to GO-Biz by the 2020 Opportunity Zone Survey following the release of the 2020 Opportunity Zone & Promise Zone Update. The updated site includes "multitude of funding opportunities, resources, best practices, and tools to support investment, economic development, and business development in economically-distressed communities throughout California." More specifically, the update includes:

- An updated [State Integrated Map](#) that highlights additional place-based investments, incentives, and initiatives, such as California's Climate Investments and California Recycling Market Development Zones
- A new Community Investment Prospectus page, featuring 54 cities and counties across every region of California
- 10 new Opportunities Categories featuring 32 unique state supportive programs from infrastructure and affordable housing to small business and healthcare access
- A new Economic Development Districts page, highlighting tools to support place-based economic development and recovery, such as Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs), and Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs)
- A showcase of over \$350m in state public investments in low-income Opportunity Zone census tracts in every region of California
- A California's Promise Zones page featuring California's four Promise Zones in Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Diego

- A new [Place-Based Resource Toolkit](#) hosting a dozen different state tools and resources to support local community economic development
- An updated audience-oriented FAQ page and newly created Opportunity Zone 101 page
- 12 new community-shared examples of the Opportunity Zone tax incentive in use
- Updated testimonials, facts, partners list, and regulations pages

Climate Benefits of Conservation Reserve Program: The US Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency announced an initiative to quantify the climate benefits of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts. <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/usda-announces-new-initiative-to-quantify-climate-benefits-of-conservation-reserve-program> This is a multi-year effort designed to “better target CRP toward climate outcomes and improve existing models and conservation planning tools while supporting USDA’s goal of putting American agriculture and forestry at the center of climate-smart solutions to address climate change.”

DATA, SURVEYS, AND ANALYSES

April US Employment Data (most current): US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released national-level employment data for April 2021. <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.nr0.htm> According to the report, total US nonfarm payroll employment increased by 266,000 jobs in April, reflecting a **6.1% unemployment rate**. In releasing the data, the BLS stated: *“notable job gains in leisure and hospitality, other services, and local government education were partially offset by employment declines in temporary help services and in couriers and messengers.”* Unemployment among selected worker groups: 13.9% for Teenagers, 5.6% Adult Women, 6.1% Adult Men, 9.7% for Blacks, 7.9% for Hispanics, 5.7% for Asians, 5.3% for Whites.

April California Employment Data (most recent): The Employment Development Department released state-level data for April 2021. <https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Publications/Labor-Market-Analysis/calmr.pdf> California’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was **8.3% in April**. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 37,000 jobs from the prior month. The civilian labor force was up 33,000 workers from the prior month and 383,000 (2%) from the prior year. Unemployment among Blacks and Latinx remained significantly higher than the statewide average, reported as 13.9% and 11.8% respectively.

Private Investment in Innovation: The US Census Bureau released the *2019 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES)*, which shows changes in the investment businesses make on capital goods, including structures and equipment. https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/05/how-much-do-businesses-spend-on-innovation-to-stay-competitive.html?utm_campaign=20210528msp1ccdtanl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdeli According to the report, for companies with employees, overall capital expenditures for structures and equipment increased 6.4%, from 2018 to \$108.7 billion in 2019. The Finance and insurance, Utilities, and ACES began collecting data on robotic equipment expenditures in 2018. This component will now be a part of annual survey releases. Transportation and Warehousing sectors accounted for 27.4% of total spending in 2019. Investments for structures and equipment in these sectors increased 10.8%, 9.5%, and 7.1%, respectively. ACES began collecting data on robotic equipment expenditures in 2018. The manufacturing of motor vehicle body, trailer, and parts represents a large share of the total robotic expenditures.

Designing Equitable SSBCI Deployment Plans: Smart Incentives released a list of recommendations to state developing strategies to use SSBCI funds, the \$5 billion of the \$10 billion being awarded by formula. <https://smartincentives.org/state-small-business-programs-can-support-an-equitable-recovery/> Among other recommendations (*full descriptions available through the link*):

- **Create program rules that broaden access, not constrain it:** Our research found that state incentive and financing program rules are often extremely restrictive. When we looked at eligibility guidelines and applications across states, we often found rules so complex they seemed designed to deter participation.
- **Devote resources for outreach and promotion to reach intended beneficiaries:** Too many state incentive and financing programs have no budget for outreach.
- **Design programs to leverage other resources and initiatives:** Incentives are most effective when implemented as part of a broader economic development strategy.

The Post COVID-19 Workplace: The McKinsey and Company issued a report, “*What executives are saying about the future of hybrid work*”. <https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/coronavirus-leading-through-the-crisis/charts-the-path-to-the-next-normal/from-face-time-to-facetime?cid=other-eml-alt-chr-mck&hlkid=6f834f3fa30b4a1e9becc16e213dde59&hctky=2745601&hdpid=acbcd4a2-02dd-4f6a-8549-ced274db2a9d> According to the report, pre-COVID-19 about 1% of people worked remotely. Post-COVID-19:

- 3% of workers will work entirely remotely.
- 10% of workers are expected to work more than 80% remotely.
- 40% will for 51% to 80% remotely.
- 40% will for 21% to 50% remotely.
- 7% will more less than 20% remotely.

Great Plates Delivered: The Great Plates Delivered program provides three meals a day to qualifying seniors. FEMA granted another **30-day extension** to allow the program to continue to **June 7, 2021**. Interested restaurants and food providers are encouraged to fill out this form: <https://state-of-california-agency.forms.fm/great-plates-delivered-food-provider-interest-form/forms/7917>

Great Plates Delivered	
Meals served as of 06/01*	34,704,370
Individuals Served This Week	32,296
Food Providers Contracted	585
Data received from Great Plates Data Portal updated on Sundays.	

GRANTS AND INCENTIVE AWARDS

Sales Tax Exclusions: California State Treasurer Ma announced the approval of \$8.6 million in sales tax exclusions (STE) to three companies, a lithium battery manufacturer in Fremont and two companies that operate in Chowchilla, an insulation maker and a producer of renewable natural gas from dairies. <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/news/releases/2021/37.pdf> Once approved, applicants have three years to purchase the approved equipment.

Homeless veterans Reintegration Program: The US Department of Labor announced the award of more than \$52 million in grants under its [Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program](https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/vets/vets20210601), which funds state and local programs that support homeless veterans return to meaningful employment and address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/vets/vets20210601> This funding also supports Homeless Female Veterans' and Veterans with Families program and the Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program grants. A number of California organizations received funding including:

- Volunteers of America of Los Angeles - \$400,140
- People Assisting the Homeless - \$500,000
- People Assisting the Homeless - \$333,000
- Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists Inc. - \$265,000
- Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists Inc. - \$255,000
- Vietnam Veterans of San Diego - \$500,000
- Vietnam Veterans of California Inc. - \$155,055

Urban Agriculture Grants: The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of up to \$4 million for grants to support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects. <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/usda-announces-grants-for-urban-agriculture-and-innovative-production> USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production is accepting proposals for planning and innovation projects. A pre-recorded webinar is available at www.farmers.gov which provides an overview of the grants' purpose, project types, eligibility and basic requirements for submitting an application. Applications are due by July 30, 2021.

Solicitation on Topics Informing New Areas: The Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy, an agency within the Department of Energy, announced the availability of a \$3.7 million grant. <https://arpa-e-foa.energy.gov/Default.aspx#Foald4edadf42-12aa-4916-bf6a-b560a6f20e95> According to the announcement, the scope of the grant intentionally broad in order to cover a wide range of encourage the submission of the most innovative and unconventional ideas in energy technology. The objective of this solicitation is to support high-risk R&D leading to the development of potentially disruptive new technologies across the full spectrum of energy applications. The deadline for this grant is July 23, 2021.

Orphan Site Cleanup Fund: The California Water Boards State Water Resources Control Board announced the availability of an Orphan Site Cleanup Fund grant for up to \$1,000,000. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/oscf.html The Orphan Site Cleanup Fund provides financial assistance to eligible applicants for the cleanup of sites contaminated by leaking petroleum underground storage tanks where there is no financially responsible party, and the

applicant is not an eligible claimant to the UST Cleanup Fund. There is a rolling deadline for grant applications.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, AND WORKER SAFETY

State Unemployment Benefit Data: The Employment Development Department (EDD) released new unemployment insurance data for California during the week ending May 22, 2021. <https://www.edd.ca.gov/Newsroom/facts-and-stats/dashboard.htm#CandSBreakoutData> Among other information, EDD reports the following:

- **119,401 initial** Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PAU) claims were filed during the report period.
 - **Over 45,770 (26.7%)** of initial claims filed during the report week were filed by individuals aged 25-35. (not all claims included information on age)
 - **Over 58,825 (42%)** of initial claims were filed by individuals with a high school diploma or GED or less education. (not all claims included information on education)
 - **Over 57,856 (37.2%)** of initial claims were filed by individuals who self-identified as Hispanic. (not all claims included information on race)
- **Over 22.4 million initial** unemployment benefit claims, including extensions, have been filed with EDD between March 20, 2020 and the close of the report period.
- **\$145 billion has been paid** to out-of-work Californians since the start of the pandemic.

Tracking UI Benefits: The California Employment Development Department (EDD) launched identity verification technology to help address the backlog of unprocessed unemployment benefit applications, including the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. On May 28, 2021, EDD released its bi-weekly report to the Legislature addressing the backlog (https://www.edd.ca.gov/About_EDD/pdf/CUIC-337-legislative-report-052821.pdf) covering time period of March 1, 2020 through May 22, 2021.

UPDATES AND STATUS REPORTS ON SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS TO CAPITAL

State Small Business Credit Initiative: The American Rescue Plan authorized \$10 billion to reactivate the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), with \$5 billion being allocated to states and tribal governments by formula, and \$5 billion to be awarded competitively. <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci> In 2010, California received \$168 million in SSBCI. In this round California may receive up to **\$895 million**.

- **US Treasury issued an Request for Information on (closes June 4):** <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-21/pdf/2021-10697.pdf> “Treasury invites the public to comment on the SSBCI program design and implementation in order to support new and existing small businesses. Responses may be used by Treasury to assist in developing program design and guidance. Responses may also be used to inform Treasury’s

allocation of technical assistance funding to states, territories, and Tribal governments, the Minority Business Development Agency, and programs implemented directly by Treasury.”

- ***Annual Reports from prior round of SSBCI:*** <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci/ssbci-program-reports>

California Small Business Grants: The Office of the Small Business Advocate launched a **Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant** program, which provided nearly \$500 million in grants to small businesses and small nonprofits that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Legislature approved and the Governor signed [SB 87 \(Caballero and Min\)](#) on February 23, 2021, which provide an additional \$2.1 billion in grant funds through a minimum of three additional funding rounds. The Governor is proposing an additional \$1.5 billion be approved, bringing the grant program total to \$4 billion.

- ***Preliminary data shows*** that as of May 13, 2021, approximately 198,000 small businesses and nonprofits either have been or will be awarded grants, which includes finalized awards for 43,874 small businesses and nonprofits representing all 58 California counties for a total of \$475,001,244.
- ***Outcome Reports:*** <https://static.business.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SBCRG-Preliminary-Data-FINAL-022321.pdf>

Loan Payments Made by FSA for Disadvantaged Farmers: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the US Department of Agriculture published the first notice of funding availability (NOFA) announcing loan payments for eligible borrowers with qualifying direct farm loans under the American Rescue Plan Act. <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2021/in-historic-move-usda-to-begin-loan-payments-to-socially-disadvantaged-borrowers-under-american-rescue-plan-act-section-1005> According to the NOFA, USDA expects payments to begin in early June and continue on a rolling basis.

- “Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides funding and authorization for FSA to pay up to 120% of direct and guaranteed loan outstanding balances as of January 1, 2021, for certain loans of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers as that term is defined in section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)).”
- “A subsequent notice addressing guaranteed loan balances and direct loans that no longer have collateral and have been previously referred to the US Department of Treasury for debt collection for offset, will be published within 120 days.”

Community Navigator Program: The US Small Business Administration is accepting applications for funding under its \$100 million Community Navigator Program, authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act. <https://www.sba.gov/partners/counselors/community-navigator-pilot-program> “Under the community navigator approach, traditional business assistance organizations enlist trusted, culturally knowledgeable partners to conduct targeted outreach to specific sectors of the entrepreneurial community. This can take on several forms, from hiring dedicated staff to focus on these communities or

partnering with specialized community organizations and chambers of commerce via a “hub and spoke” model.”

- **Eligible Applicants:** County governments; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; State governments; Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification); City or township governments; Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); Economic Development Organization or Similar Organization; and SBA Resource Partners including Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), Women's Business Centers, SCORE, Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOCs), Community Development Financial Institutions, and Nonprofit Colleges and Universities
- **Award Amount and Duration:** Competitive grant awards will range from \$1 million to \$5 million for a two-year performance period.
- **Deadlines:** Applicants have until July 12, 2021, to submit their applications at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=59.077%20>.
- **Program Begins:** Performance periods are projected to commence in September 2021.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund: The American Rescue Plan Act authorized the Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide funding to restaurants and other eligible businesses overcome the economic impacts of COVID-19. <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/restaurant-revitalization-fund#> The program provides restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023. Eligible entities who have experienced pandemic-related revenue loss include restaurants; food stands, food trucks, food carts; caterers; bars, saloons, lounges, taverns; bakeries with onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts; and more.

Shuttered Venue Operators: The US Small Business Administration is launching the ***Shuttered Venue Operators (SVO) Grant program***, as authorized by The Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act. Under the new program, \$15 billion is dedicated to the making of grants to shuttered venues who may receive up to 45% of their gross earned revenue, up to a \$10 million. \$2 billion of the grants are reserved for businesses with 50 or less employees.

- **Website:** <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/shuttered-venue-operators-grant>
- **Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) Portal:** <https://www.svograntportal.sba.gov/s/>
- **Preliminary Application Check List (April 23):** <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-shuttered-venue-operators-grant-application-checklist>
- **Application User Guide (April 23):** <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-shuttered-venue-operators-grant-application-user-guide>

- **Updated to FAQ (April 23):** <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-faq-regarding-shuttered-venue-operators-grant-svog>
- **Guidance on Filing IRS Forms (May 11):** <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-svog-4506-t-information>
- **Post Applications FAQ (May 11):** <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-post-application-faq-shuttered-venue-operators-grant-program>

COVID-19 Payment Protection Program: The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is **CLOSED** to new applicants. <https://www.sba.gov/article/2021/jan/13/sba-re-opening-paycheck-protection-program-small-lenders-friday-january-15-all-lenders-tuesday> Businesses who were received loans in prior funding rounds may still be in the process of applying for and waiting for approval on forgiveness.

- **Round Three PPP Update:** Approximately 6.6 million PPP loans have been approved for a total of \$277.7 billion, with an average loan size of \$41,560, between the program's re-opening on January 11, 2021, and May 31, 2021. Small businesses in California received the largest amount of funds. <https://www.sba.gov/document/report-paycheck-protection-program-weekly-reports-2021> Program changes for the 2021 PPP round have allowed the program to reach smaller borrowers with 92% of the loans under \$250,000 and 42% being under \$100,000. <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/2021.05.24%20%20SBA%20COVID%20Relief%20Program%20Report%20-%20vFINALSHARE-508.pdf> Data shows that the program has also resulted in loans being provided to businesses in all 50 states.
- **Since inception through May 31, 2021:** 11.8 million PPP loan have been processed by 5,467 lenders, for over \$799.8 billion. California small businesses received 692,692 loans for a total of \$35.9 billion. <https://www.sba.gov/document/report-paycheck-protection-program-weekly-reports-2021>
- **Forgiveness:** 63% of loans have completed the forgiveness process, totaling 54% of total 2020 PPP volume. There is \$81.5 billion (145,000 loans) in debt being processed for forgiveness. There is more than \$159.1 billion (1.7 million loans) that has yet to apply for forgiveness. <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/2021.05.24%20%20SBA%20COVID%20Relief%20Program%20Report%20-%20vFINALSHARE-508.pdf>

COVID-19 EIDL Updates: Applications are **OPEN** for the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans. New funding was provided in the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2021.

- **National-Level Data Update:** The US Small Business Administration released program utilization information for the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). <https://www.sba.gov/document/report-covid-19-eidl-loans-report-2021> As of May 24, over 3.79 million EIDL loans have been approved in the US for a total of \$208 billion. For the Supplemental Targeted Advance, 49,451 small businesses received \$247.2 million. https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/COVID-19%20EIDL%20TA%20STA_5.20.2021_FINAL-508.pdf

- **State-by-state data on number of EIDL Loans and Targeted EIDL Advance in 2021:** As of May 20, 2021, California businesses had 575,392 EIDL loans approved for a total of \$36.6 billion. Relative to the Targeted EIDL Advance, 16,397 advances were approved for California businesses for a total of \$134.6 million. For the Supplemental Targeted Advance, 7,709 California small businesses received \$38.5 million. https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/COVID-19%20EIDL%20TA%20STA_5.20.2021_FINAL-508.pdf
- **Cash Advance- Round One:** \$28 billion in applications have been received, and \$20 billion in cash advancements has been approved. Small businesses in California received the largest amount of funds and largest amount of money through cash advances. <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/2021.05.24%20-%20SBA%20COVID%20Relief%20Program%20Report%20-%20vFINALSHARE-508.pdf>

SBA Weekly Lending Report on Race and Ethnicity of Clients: The US Small Business Administration's most recent weekly lending report for its core SBA products is for the week ending May 28, 2021. Information includes race, ethnicity, gender, and veteran participation in the SBA 7(a), 504, and Advantage Loan Programs. <https://www.sba.gov/document/report-2021-weekly-lending-reports>

Small Business Disaster Loan Guarantee Program: The Small Business Finance Center at the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank administers a credit enhancement (loan guarantee) as a way to encourage traditional and mission-driven lenders to loan money to small businesses who have been impacted by a disaster. <https://ibank.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/JLBC-4.30.2021-Website.pdf> Below is the most recent program activity.

State Small Business Disaster Loan Guarantee Program (April 30, 2021)					
	Conditionally Approved	Loan Amount	Guarantee Amount	Amount Encumbered	Employees
Total	1621	\$69.4 million	\$65.6 million	\$ 32.8 million	8136
The IBank provides the Joint Legislative Budget Committee an update monthly.					

CURRENT GUIDANCE ON STATE COVID-19 AND RECOVERY ACTIONS

- **Beyond the Blueprint:** The California Department of Public Health released a memo on “*Beyond the Blueprint.*” <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx> They have also developed a webpage with answers to commonly asked questions about Beyond the Blueprint. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-QA.aspx>

Blueprint for a Safer Economy: Businesses can check out the status of the reopening of their county through the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>). This is the state's four tier reopening plan. Tier 1 (purple) has the most restrictions, and Tier 4 (yellow) has the fewest. As of June 1, 2021

- 0 counties in the Purple (widespread) Tier
- 4 counties in the Red (substantial) Tier
- 35 counties in Orange (moderate) Tier
- 19 counties in Yellow (minimal) Tier
- From Red (substantial) to Orange (moderate): Nevada, Sacramento, San Joaquin and Solano.
- From Orange (moderate) to Yellow (minimal): Marin, Monterey, San Benito and Ventura.
- No counties moved to a more restrictive tier.

Additional information on the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>

- ***CURRENT County Map of Blueprint Designations:*** <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status>
- ***List of Activities Authorized Under Each Tier:*** https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf
- ***Equity Metric Added to Blueprint for Re-Opening:*** The Blueprint for a Safer Economy was expanded on October 6, 2020, to include a health equity metric. This information will be used in combination with the county's case rate and test positivity rates to determine a county's tier. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/CaliforniaHealthEquityMetric.aspx> The purpose of this new metric reflects the disproportionate impact COVID-19 has had on certain population groups, including rates of hospitalizations and death.
- ***Vaccine Equity:*** The Blueprint has been modified to include both the level of overall vaccinations across California, as well as the vaccination of individuals living in the state's Vaccine Equity Quartile communities. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx> In addition, 40% of the state's vaccine allowance is being allocated to communities hardest hit by the virus.
- ***Updated Industry Guidance:*** <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>

Employer Vaccination Toolkit: Governor Newsom announced the availability of a new Employer Vaccination Toolkit, which is intended to assist employers make a request to have a workplace clinic or local provider partner for an onsite COVID-19 vaccination event. www.saferatwork.ca.gov

Shop Safe Shop Local: GO-Biz is leading a campaign to remind Californians to shop local and help small businesses prepare for the business realities of COVID-19. The **#ShopSafeShopLocal** website highlights free / discounted resources to help small businesses get digital, find e-commerce tools, learn more about industry guidance, locate small business centers, and access PPE. <https://business.ca.gov/shopsafeshoplocal/>

Safely Making Web Platform: California manufacturers who produce PPE, including face masks and gloves, can advertise their wares on <https://www.safelymakingca.org/>. The website is a joint effort by the California Manufacturers and Technology Association (CMTA) and the State of California. A manufacturer does not have to be a member of CMTA to participate. To apply, manufacturers should [complete this form](#). At his September 9, 2020, press conference, Governor Newsom announced that the web platform currently included 450 California manufacturers.

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