



MassHire Brockton WDA

Labor Market Highlights

Annual Averages	2015	2019	2020	O-T-Y Change	Five-Year Change
Labor Force					
WDA	130,506	139,108	137,811	↓ -0.9%	↑ 5.6%
Share of MA	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	↑ 0.1%	↑ 0.1%
Employed					
WDA	122,929	134,197	111,797	↓ -16.7%	↓ -9.1%
Share of MA	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	↓ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%
Unemployed					
WDA	7,577	4,911	26,014	↑ 429.7%	↑ 243.3%
Share of MA	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	↑ 5.9%	↑ 0.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	3.5%	18.9%	↑ 15.4%	↑ 13.1%

Data is not seasonally adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Since 2015, the labor force in the MassHire Brockton WDA grew by 5.6 percent and decreased by 0.9 percent over the year.

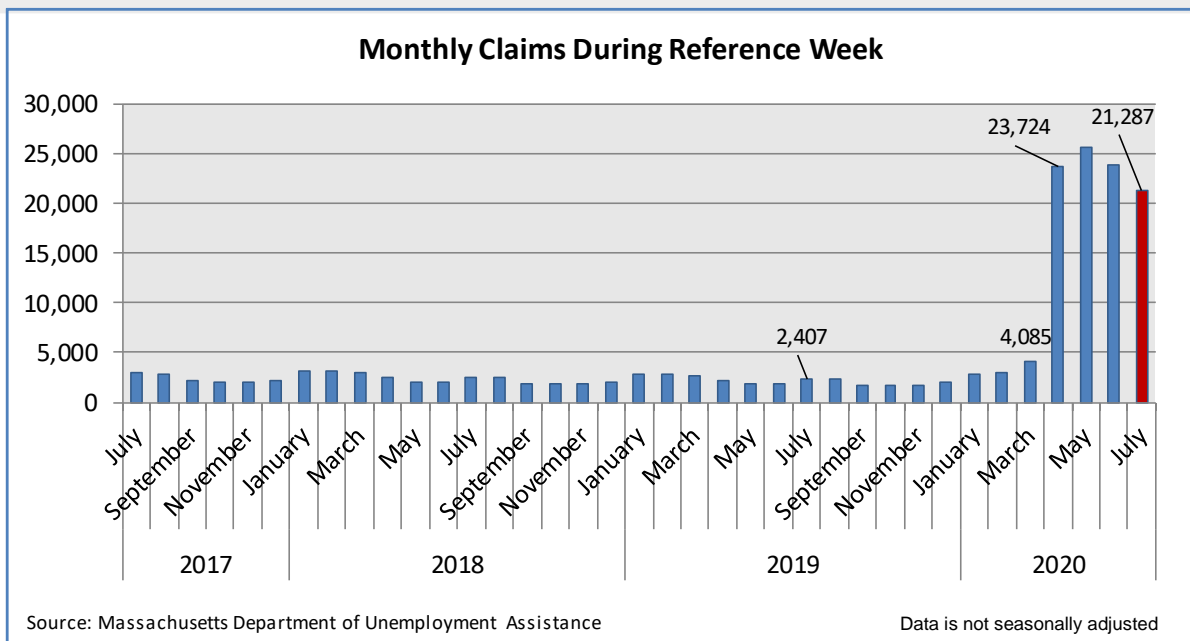
There were 22,400 fewer residents employed compared to last year, a 16.7 percent drop, and compared to 2015, there were 11,132 fewer residents employed.

The unemployment rate went up by 15.4 percentage points over the year; that is an increase of 21,103 unemployed residents.

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The number of Massachusetts residents who filed for unemployment insurance benefits in the MassHire Brockton WDA increased by 19,639 from March to April 2020. The BLS estimated the unemployment rate was up by 15.6 percentage points from 3.3 percent in March to 18.9 percent in April 2020. The number of employed residents in the area decreased by 29,416 and the unemployed residents went up by 19,650, for a total drop of 9,766 in the labor force.

In July 2020, Accommodation and Food Services industry had the most claims with 3,344 claims and over 3,200 claimants were in the Food Preparation and Serving Related occupations.





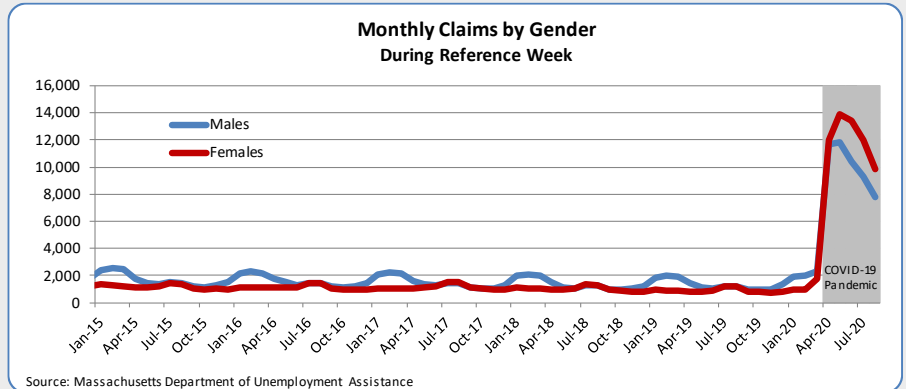
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Claimant Demographics

GENDER

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the males, in general, have filed more claims than the females, except during the months of July and August when the number of claims is almost evenly distributed.

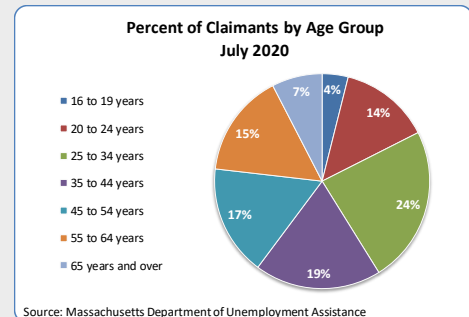
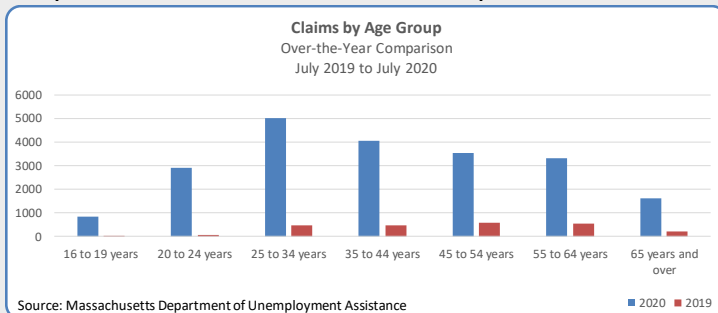
In July 2020, 56.2 percent of the claims were filed by females, up 7.3 percentage points from the 48.9 percent in July 2019. The two occupations with a large number of claims are Food Preparation & Serving Related and Office & Administrative Support which are predominantly held by women.



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AGE GROUP

Of the 5,027 claimants between the ages of 25 to 34, over 45 percent worked in the top three industries that had the highest number of claims in July 2020 and of the 4,055 claimants between the ages of 35 to 44, 42.5 percent worked in those same top industries.



EDUCATION LEVEL

Claimants with a high school diploma or GED had the highest number of claims in July 2020 and over-the-year increase, followed by those with some college degree. Over 45 percent of these claimants were in the Food Preparation and Serving occupations, Office and Administrative Support or Transportation and Material Moving occupations.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

EDUCATION LEVEL	July 2019	July 2020	OTY Change
Less than High School	133	1,940	1,807
High School or GED	1,032	8,426	7,394
Vocational Training	113	793	680
Some College	456	4,477	4,021
Associate Degree	184	1,677	1,493
Bachelor's Degree	368	3,190	2,822
Advanced Degree	121	784	663
INA	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,407	21,287	18,880

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OCCUPATIONS

The top three occupations with the highest number of claims in July 2020 were:

- Food Preparation & Serving Related
- Transportation & Material Moving
- Office & Administrative Support

SOC #	Claimant Count by SOC Occupation Name	July-20	July-19	OTY Change
11	Management	1,419	242	↑ 1,177
13	Business & Financial Operations	486	116	↑ 370
15	Computer & Mathematical	176	44	↑ 132
17	Architecture & Engineering	127	18	↑ 109
19	Life, Physical, & Social Science	44	8	↑ 36
21	Community & Social Service	308	43	↑ 265
23	Legal Occupations	46	10	↑ 36
25	Education, Training, & Library	1,017	97	↑ 920
27	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	281	22	↑ 259
29	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	753	44	↑ 709
31	Healthcare Support	1,124	56	↑ 1,068
33	Protective Service	311	24	↑ 287
35	Food Preparation & Serving Related	3,215	230	↑ 2,985
37	Building and Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	759	49	↑ 710
39	Personal Care & Service	1,244	59	↑ 1,185
41	Sales & Related	1,847	142	↑ 1,705
43	Office & Administrative Support	2,560	299	↑ 2,261
47	Construction & Extraction	944	224	↑ 720
49	Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	557	65	↑ 492
51	Production	1,117	90	↑ 1,027
53	Transportation & Material Moving	2,769	512	↑ 2,257
	Information Not Available	154	7	↑ 147
All Occupations		21,287	2,407	↑ 18,880

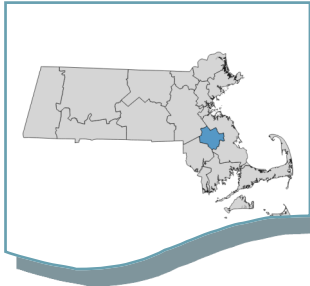
INDUSTRIES

The top three industries with the highest number of claims in July 2020 were:

- Accommodations and Food Services
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Retail Trade

NAICS #	Claimant Count by NAICS Industry Name	July-20	July-19	OTY Change
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	18	1	↑ 17
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas Extraction	6	-	↑ 6
22	Utilities	15	9	↑ 6
23	Construction	1,053	248	↑ 805
31-33	Manufacturing	949	96	↑ 853
42	Wholesale Trade	774	78	↑ 696
44-45	Retail Trade	2,575	199	↑ 2,376
48-49	Transportation & Warehousing	1,476	369	↑ 1,107
51	Information	213	39	↑ 174
52	Finance & Insurance	237	107	↑ 130
53	Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing	392	25	↑ 367
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,005	148	↑ 857
55	Management of Companies & Enterprises	171	15	↑ 156
56	Admin. & Support, Waste Manag., and Remed. Serv.	1,695	226	↑ 1,469
61	Educational Services	585	42	↑ 543
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	3,248	278	↑ 2,970
71	Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	409	21	↑ 388
72	Accommodation & Food Services	3,344	277	↑ 3,067
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,889	119	↑ 1,770
92	Public Administration	608	59	↑ 549
	Information Not Available	625	51	↑ 574
All Industries		21,287	2,407	↑ 18,880

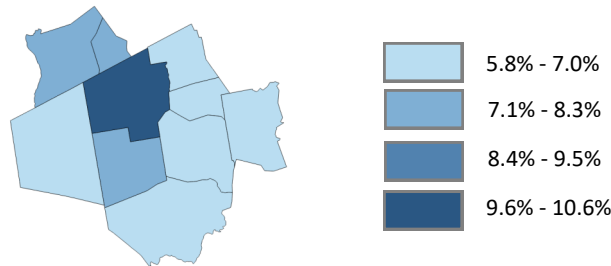
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Labor Force and Unemployment Rate
December 2020 (Preliminary)

MA Department of
Unemployment Assistance



City/Town	Labor Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate			
	Dec-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Nov-20	OTM Δ	OTY Δ
Abington	8,980	8,817	8,361	8,279	619	538	6.9%	6.1%	↑ 0.8%	↑ 4.2%
Avon	2,678	2,655	2,486	2,483	192	172	7.2%	6.5%	↑ 0.7%	↑ 4.6%
Bridgewater	14,543	14,401	13,616	13,598	927	803	6.4%	5.6%	↑ 0.8%	↑ 4.4%
Brockton	48,305	47,494	43,195	43,139	5,110	4,355	10.6%	9.2%	↑ 1.4%	↑ 7.6%
East Bridgewater	8,552	8,496	8,023	8,013	529	483	6.2%	5.7%	↑ 0.5%	↑ 3.9%
Easton	14,053	13,939	13,238	13,221	815	718	5.8%	5.2%	↑ 0.6%	↑ 4.0%
Hanson	6,287	6,231	5,890	5,882	397	349	6.3%	5.6%	↑ 0.7%	↑ 4.0%
Stoughton	16,154	15,790	14,966	14,819	1,188	971	7.4%	6.1%	↑ 1.2%	↑ 5.1%
West Bridgewater	3,877	3,841	3,597	3,593	280	248	7.2%	6.5%	↑ 0.8%	↑ 5.0%
Whitman	9,136	9,074	8,547	8,536	589	538	6.4%	5.9%	↑ 0.5%	↑ 3.8%
Brockton WDA	132,565	130,738	121,919	121,563	10,646	9,175	8.0%	7.0%	↑ 1.0%	↑ 5.5%

Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) compiled by MA DUA, not adjusted for seasonality

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OTM Δ = Over-the-Month Change
OTY Δ = Over-the-Year Change