

# PROFILE OF IOWA'S UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RECIPIENTS

APRIL 2021

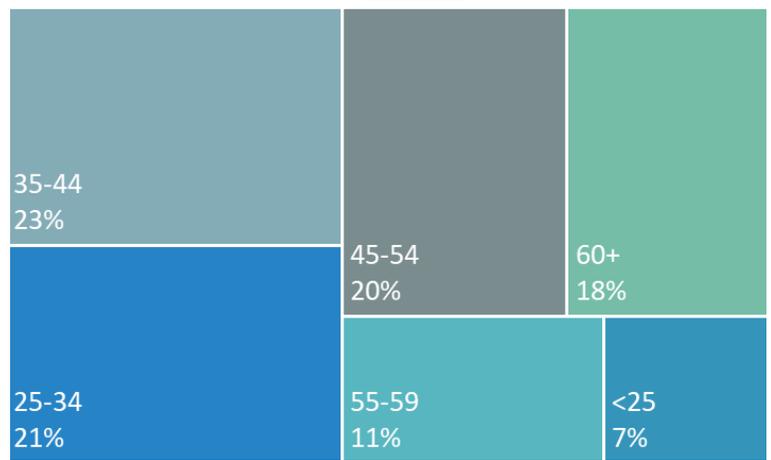


The characteristics data used in this report is based on claimants who filed a regular UI continued week claimed during the week including the 19th of the month.

## GENDER

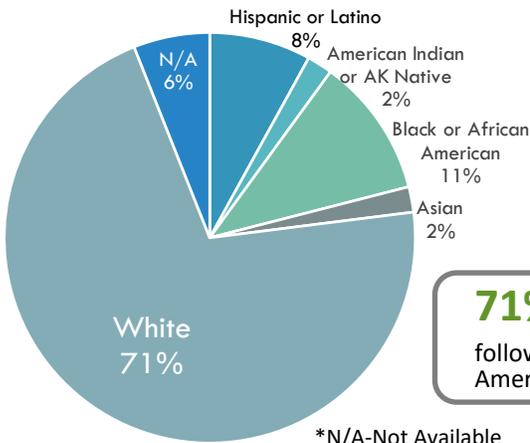


## AGE



**64%** of all claimants were between the ages of **25 & 54.**

## RACE/ETHNICITY

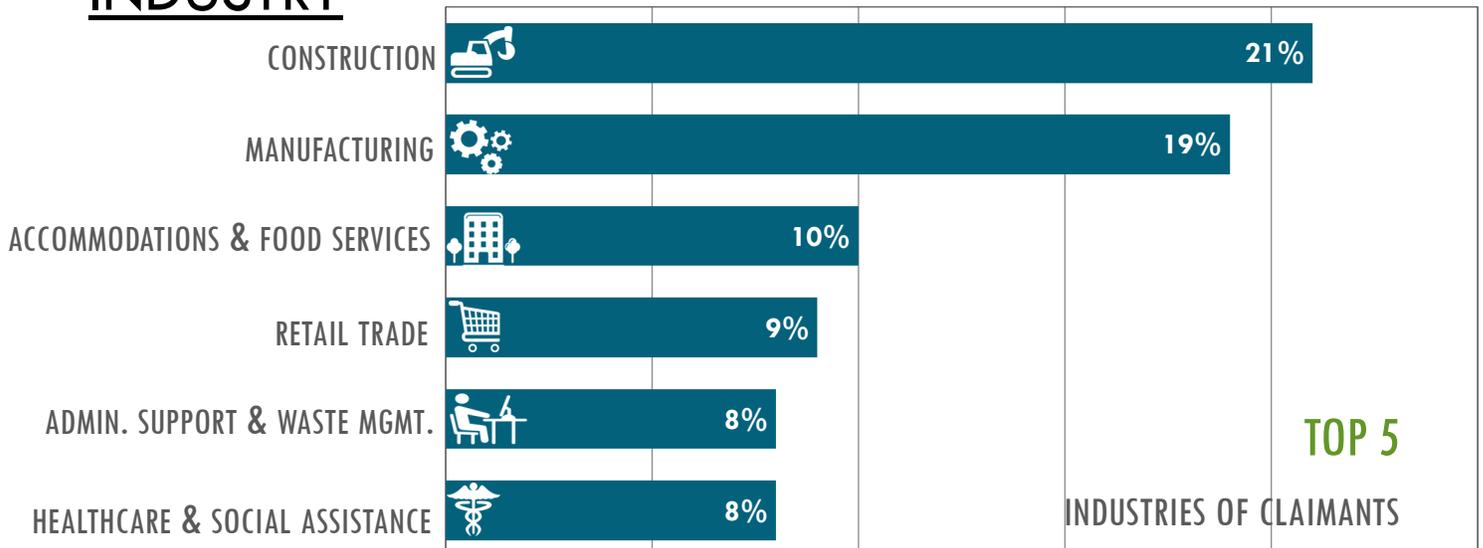


**71%** of all claimants were white followed by **11%** Black or African American.

\*N/A-Not Available

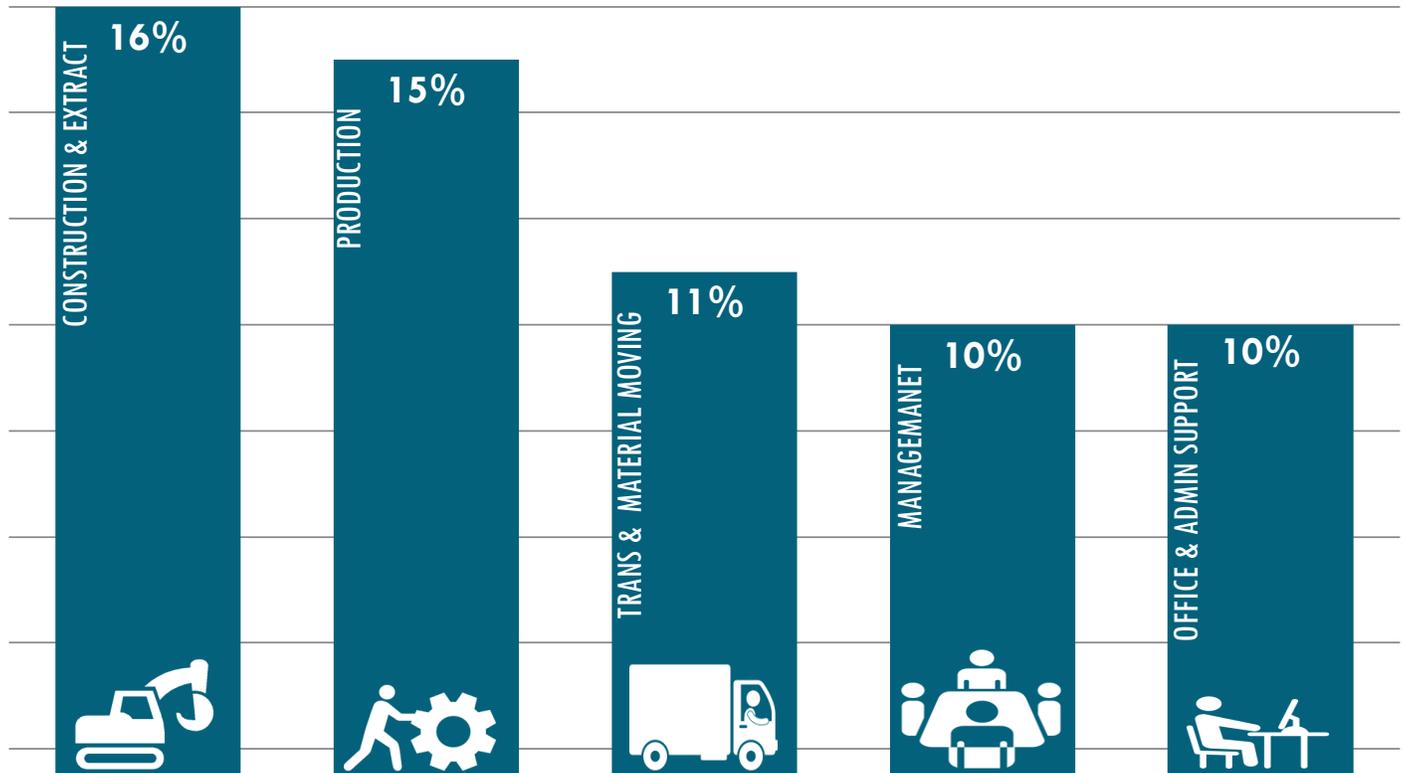


## INDUSTRY



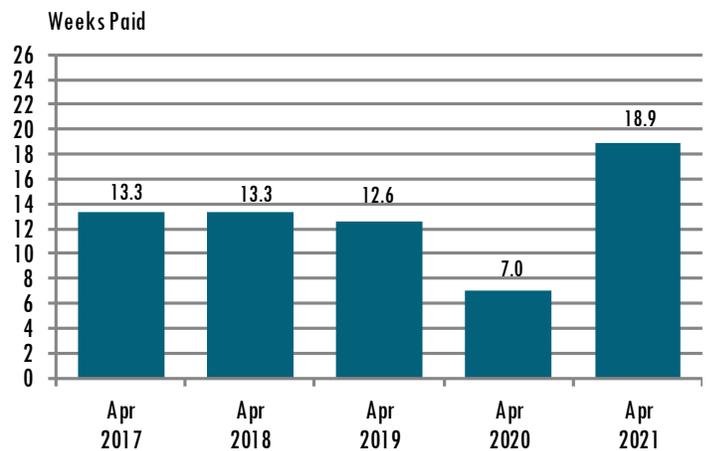
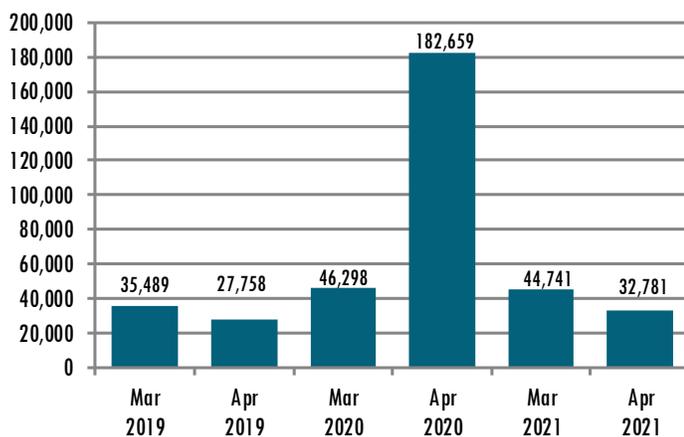
## OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES OF CLAIMANTS

### OCCUPATION



NUMBER OF UI RECIPIENTS

DURATION OF UI BENEFITS



- Recipients represent the number of persons receiving at least one UI benefit payment during the month.
- The number of UI recipients for April 2021 (32,781) decreased by 11,960 from the recipient number in March 2021 (44,741) and decreased significantly by 149,878 when compared to April 2020, (182,659), at the height of the pandemic, with the majority of claims coming from the Construction and Manufacturing industries.
- The maximum duration of UI benefits for most UI claimants is 26 weeks. Duration measures the 12 month average of regular UI benefits only.
- The higher number of pandemic related claims in 2020 has caused the single month duration figures to be volatile, (April 2021, 18.9 weeks from 12.9 weeks in March 2021). The duration of UI benefits in April 2020 was 7.0 weeks.

Source: Iowa Unemployment Insurance Statistics. Note: The UI system was primarily designed to serve people who lost their last job. These characteristics do not necessarily reflect job leavers, new entrants, reentrants, and benefit exhaustees. Only regular UI claims are represented here. Typically about 35% to 45% of unemployed persons are receiving UI benefits in Iowa. This may be higher during recessions.