



Unemployment Insurance Claims and the Impact of COVID-19

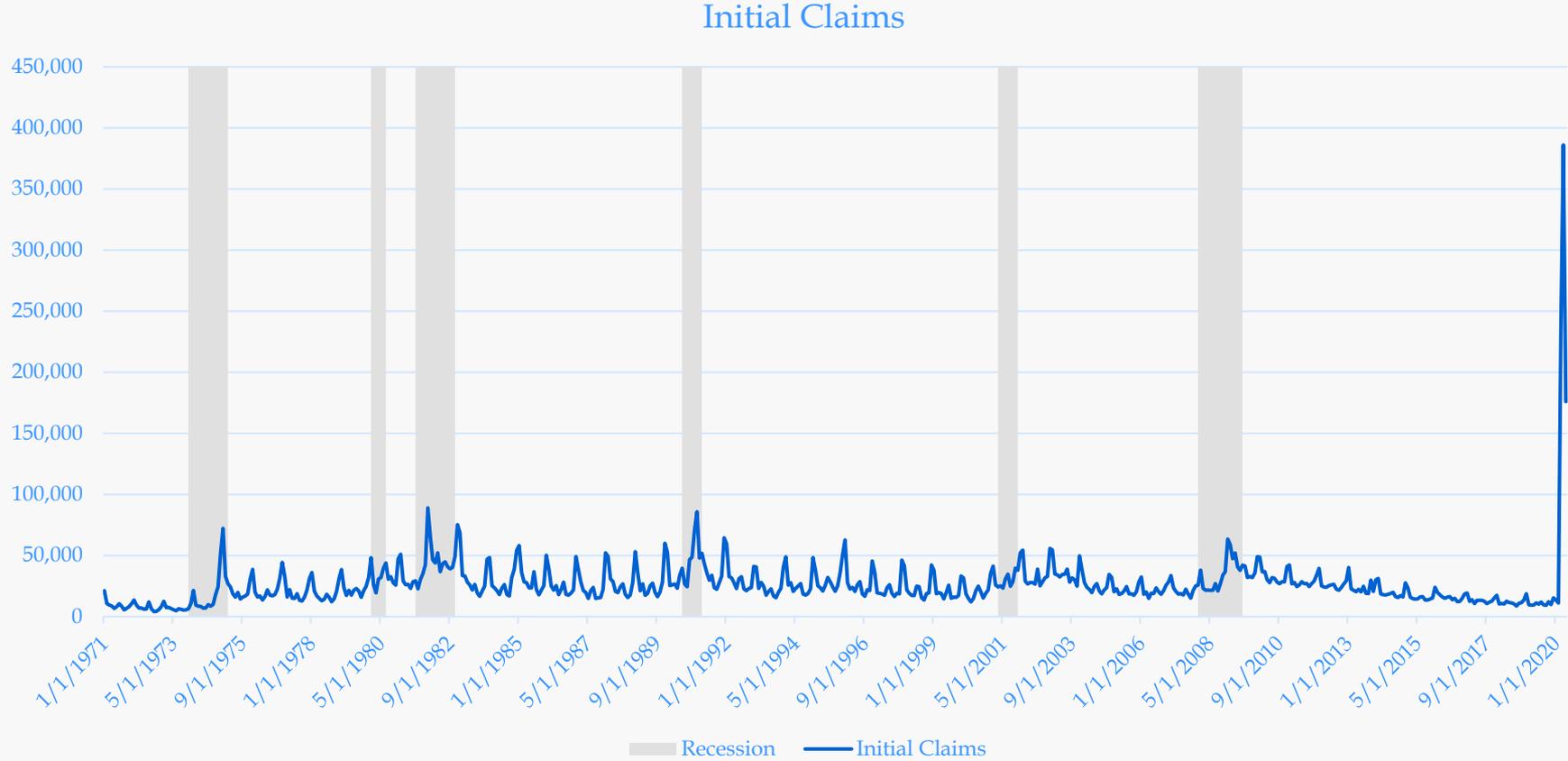
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Federal CARES Act Unemployment Benefits

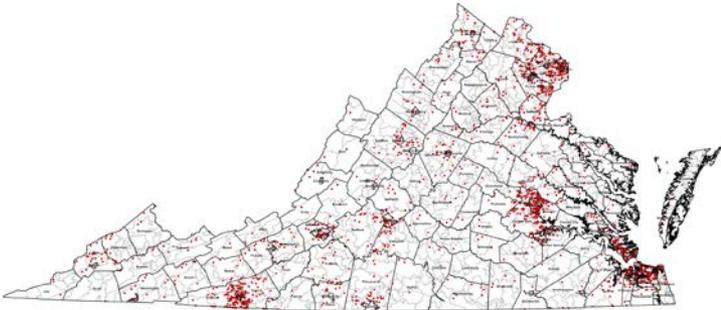
- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** Provides for up to **39 weeks** of benefits to individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or otherwise would not qualify for regular unemployment compensation (UC) or extended benefits under state or federal law
- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)** Provides for **up to 13 weeks** of benefits to individuals who have exhausted regular UC under state or federal law
- **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)** Provides individuals who are collecting regular UC, PEUC, PUA, with an **additional \$600 per week**.

Initial Claims: 1971- May 30, 2020



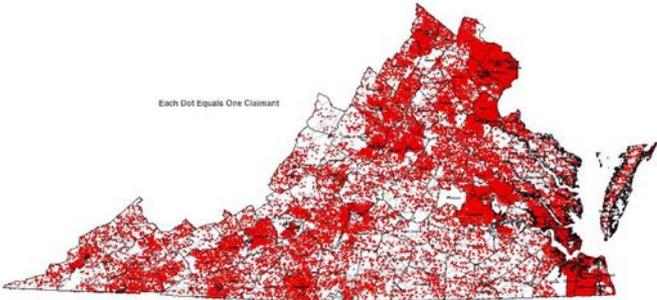
Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claimants
Week Ending March 14, 2020



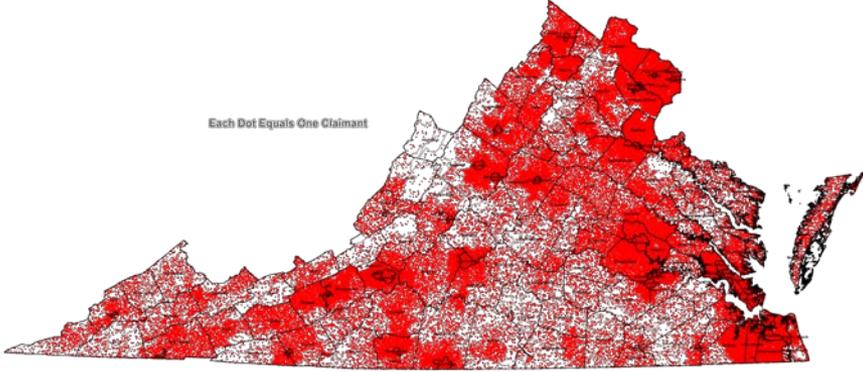
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claimants
Week Ending April 4, 2020



Each Dot Equals One Claimant
Initial Unemployment Claims data were summed by zip code area. ZIPs that did not show precise locations within the zip code area.
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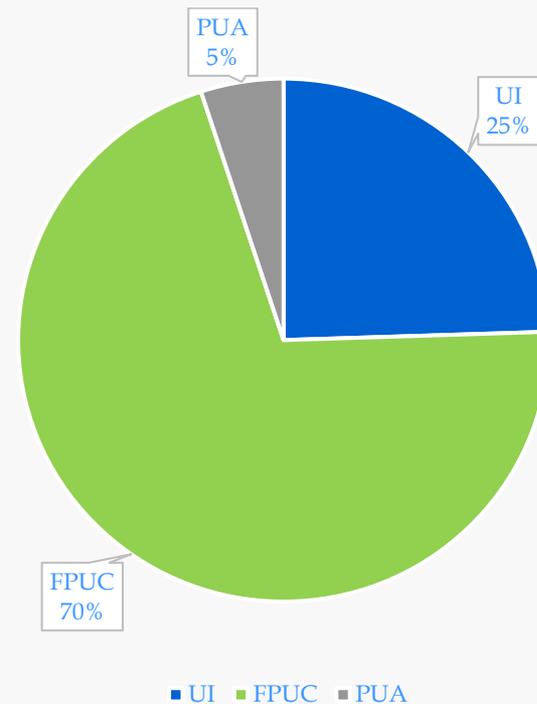
Continued Unemployment Insurance Claimants
Week Ending June 6, 2020



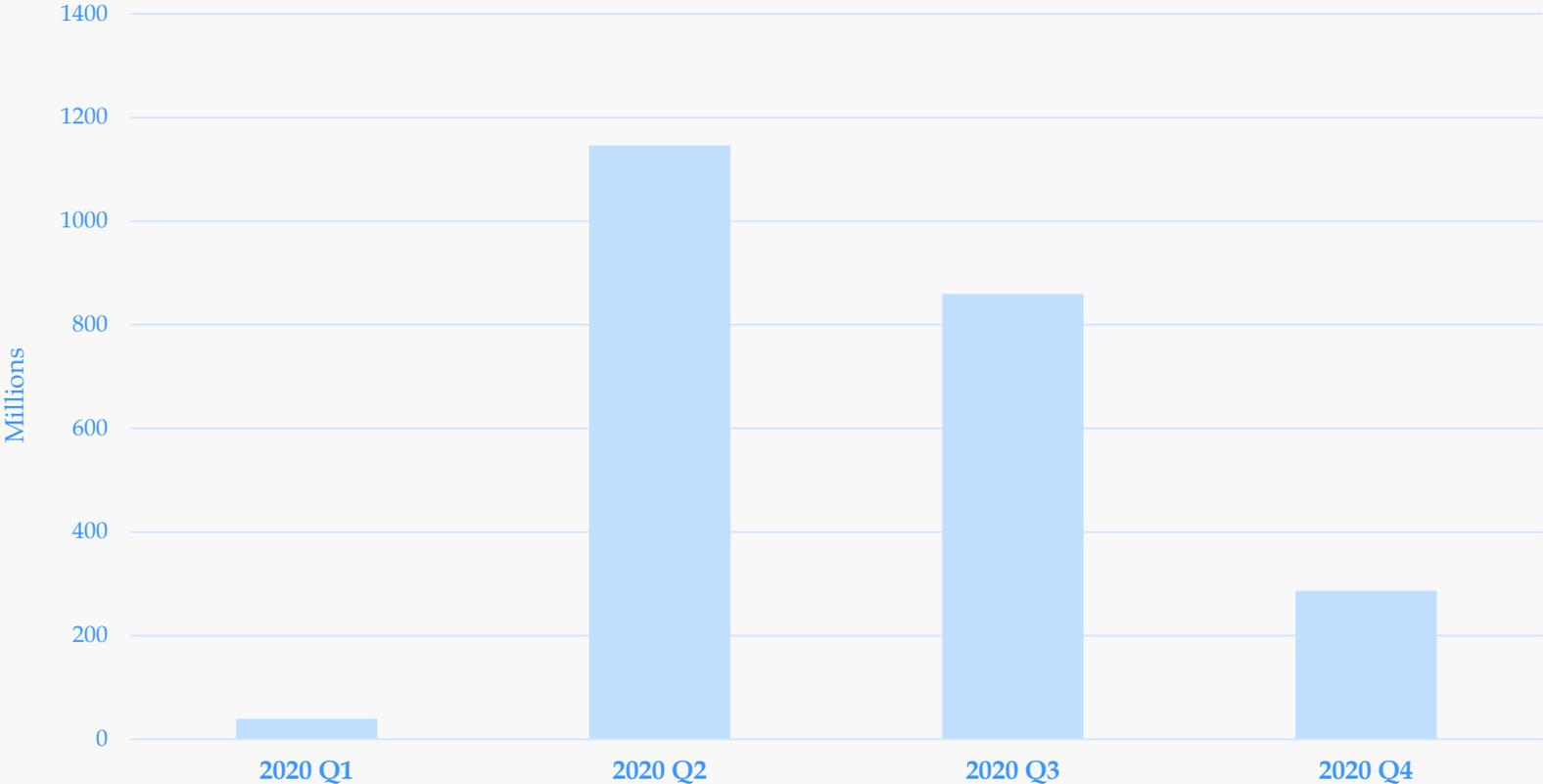
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Total Benefits Payments

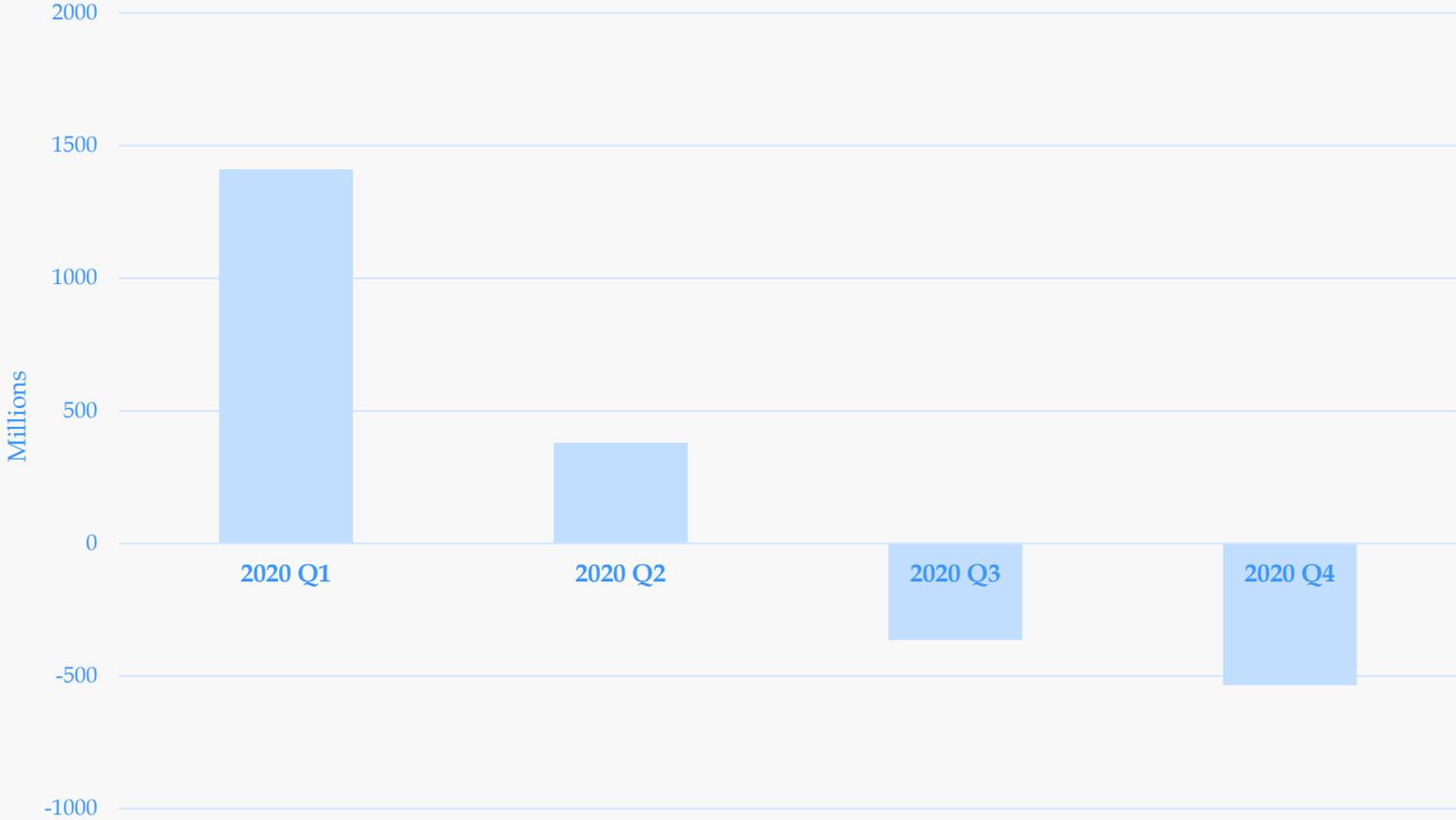
- UI \$915,334,000
- FPUC \$2,633,761,000
- PUA \$188,125,779



Trust Fund Net Expenditures*



Trust Fund Balance*



UI Activity Then and Now

- 820,000 claims since March 15th compared to 11,000 per month prior to the pandemic with over 620,000 claims paid since March 15th, an all time record
- Call Center staffing and calls answered has more than quadrupled to over 28,000 per week
- Weekly claim volume through phone system over 530,000 compared to 28,000 prior to the pandemic
- Total payments of \$3.8 Billion compared to less than \$25 million per month prior to the pandemic

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