

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT 2020

Pursuant to MCA 39-51-2111 and 5-11-210, the Montana Department of Labor & Industry submits the biennial Domestic Violence Report to the Legislature. In 2001, victims of domestic violence became eligible for up to 10 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits under Montana law. In 2005, the law was expanded to include victims of sexual violence and stalking and the 10-week cap on benefit duration was eliminated. Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, like other claimants, are now eligible for up to 28 weeks of benefits per claim.

During SFY 2019 and SFY 2020, two-thirds of UI claims filed by victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking were allowed. Most claimants were white females (60%), with next highest demographic being American Indian/Alaska Native women (21%). Only 5 men filed UI claims as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in the past two fiscal years.



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Demographics of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Victims Who filed for UI Benefits

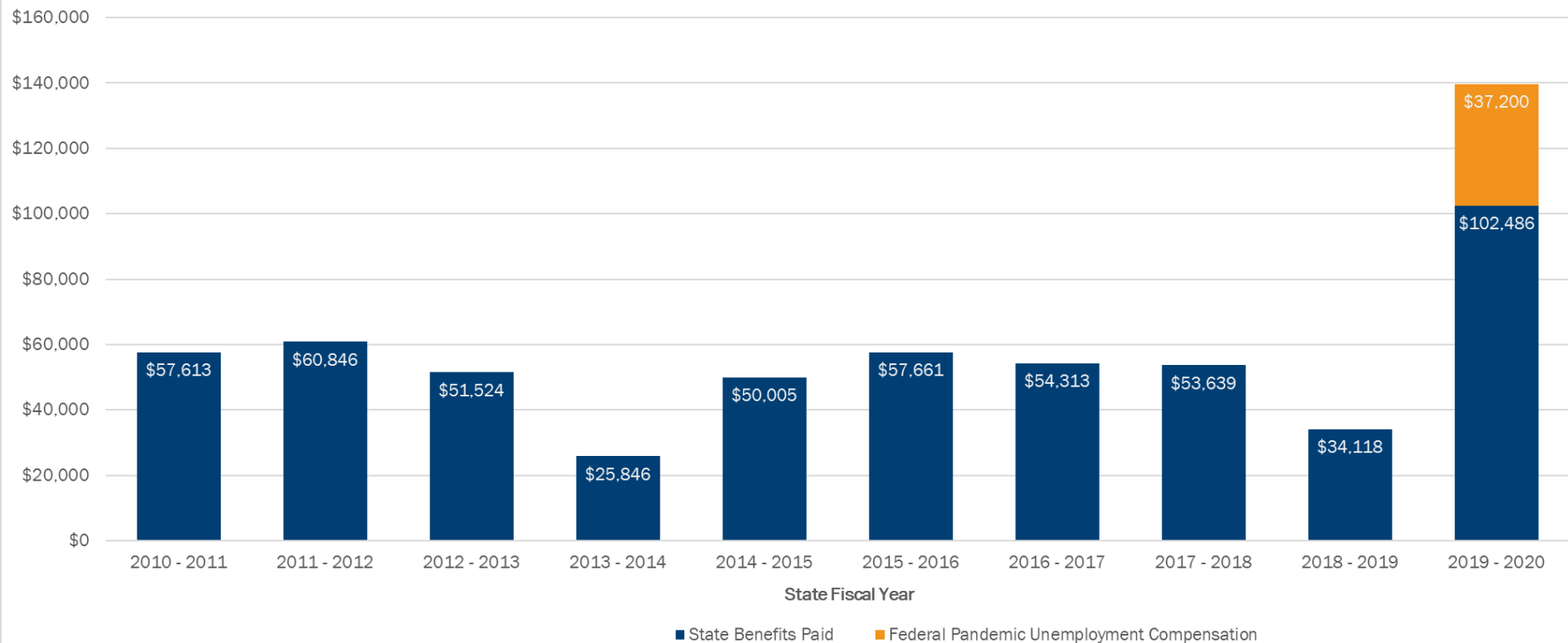
Biennium	Type	White Female(s)	White Male(s)	White Other	American Indian/Alaska Native Female(s)	American Indian/Alaska Native Male(s)	Hispanic/Latino Female(s)	Hispanic/Latino Male(s)	Asian Female(s)	African American Female(s)	African American Male(s)	INA Female(s)
State Fiscal Years 2010 - 2011 2011 - 2012	Domestic Violence	80	3		20		1			1		
	Sexual Assault	1	1									
	Stalking	9	1		2							
	Total	90	5	0	22	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
State Fiscal Years 2012 - 2013 2013 - 2014	Domestic Violence	58	4		11	1			1	3		
	Sexual Assault	1										
	Stalking	6	1									
	Total	65	5	0	11	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
State Fiscal Years 2014 - 2015 2015 - 2016	Domestic Violence	31			12		2					
	Sexual Assault	4			2							
	Stalking	5										
	Total	40	0	0	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
State Fiscal Years 2016 - 2017 2017 - 2018	Domestic Violence	28			4	1	3				1	
	Sexual Assault	5					1					
	Stalking	2	1			2						
	Total	35	1	0	4	3	4	0	0	0	1	0
State Fiscal Years 2018 - 2019 2019 - 2020	Domestic Violence	33	2	0	11	1	4	1	1	1		1
	Sexual Assault	1			1							
	Stalking	9		1	3		1					
	Total	43	2	1	15	1	5	1	1	1	0	1



UI Claims Allowed/Denied & Total/Average Benefits Paid to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Victims

State Fiscal Year	Domestic Violence			Sexual Assault			Stalking			Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking	Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking
	Allowed	Denied	Amount Paid	Allowed	Denied	Amount Paid	Allowed	Denied	Amount Paid	Total Benefits Paid	Average Cost of Benefits Paid
2010 - 2011	31	27	\$52,794	1	0	\$1,810	2	4	\$3,009	\$57,613	\$1,695
2011 - 2012	26	21	\$53,146	1	0	\$2,580	4	2	\$5,120	\$60,846	\$1,963
2012 - 2013	36	22	\$48,906	0	0	\$0	1	3	\$2,618	\$51,524	\$1,393
2013 - 2014	14	6	\$17,661	1	0	\$1,460	2	1	\$6,725	\$25,846	\$1,520
2014 - 2015	20	2	\$41,826	1	2	\$1,700	1	2	\$6,479	\$50,005	\$2,273
2015 - 2016	16	7	\$40,744	3	0	\$16,133	2	0	\$784	\$57,661	\$2,746
2016 - 2017	13	8	\$42,878	1	2	\$5,303	3	1	\$6,132	\$54,313	\$3,195
2017 - 2018	7	9	\$44,539	2	0	\$0	0	1	\$9,100	\$53,639	\$5,960
2018 - 2019	17	4	\$30,247	0	0	\$0	5	3	\$3,871	\$34,118	\$1,551
2019 - 2020	19	15	\$66,509	1	1	\$5,824	5	1	\$30,153	\$102,486	\$4,099
Total Benefits Paid			\$473,450			\$35,410			\$76,391		

Total UI Benefit Paid to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Victims
MCA 39-51-2111



*The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation included in this chart is the amount of Federal assistance also paid out to claimants during the COVID-19 pandemic.