

2024

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT

Pursuant to MCA 39-51-2111 and 5-11-210, the 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 are now eligible for the max duration of weeks per claim.

During SFY 2023 and SFY 2024, 71% of UI claims filed by victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking were allowed. Most claimants were white females (81%), with next highest demographics being American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic women (5% each). Only 2 men filed UI claims as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in the past two fiscal years.

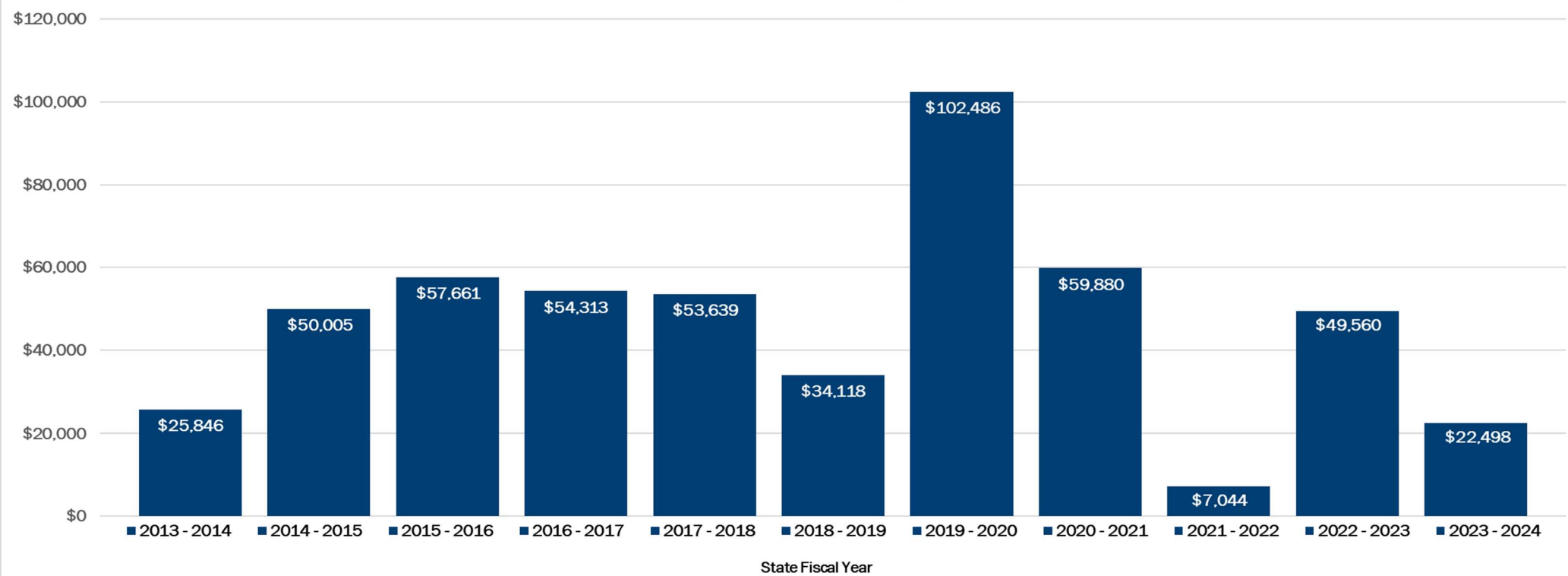
Demographics of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Victims Who filed for UI Benefits

Biennium	Type	White Female(s)	White Male(s)	White Other	American Indian/Alaska Native Female(s)	American Indian/Alaska Native Male(s)	Hispanic/Latin Female(s)	Hispanic/Latin 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
State Fiscal Years 2020 - 2021 2021 - 2022	Domestic Violence	24	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
	Sexual Assault	0					1					
	Stalking	3					0					
	Total	27	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	1
State Fiscal Years 2022 - 2023 2023 - 2024	Domestic Violence	14	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Sexual Assault	1					0					
	Stalking	2					0					
	Total	17	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Domestic Violence			Sexual Assault			Stalking			Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking	Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking
State Fiscal Year	Allowed	Denied	Amount Paid	Allowed	Denied	Amount Paid	Allowed	Denied	Amount Paid	Total Benefits Paid	Average Cost of Benefits Paid
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
2020 - 2021	11	11	\$44,262	1	0	\$8,223	2	0	\$7,395	\$59,880	\$4,277
2021 - 2022	3	0	\$4,697	0	0	\$0	1	0	\$2,347	\$7,044	\$1,761
2022 - 2023	7	2	\$29,493	1	0	\$2,328	1	0	\$17,739	\$49,560	\$5,507
2023 - 2024	6	3	\$21,848	0	0	\$0	0	1	\$650	\$22,498	\$3,750
Total Benefits Paid			\$284,404			\$30,420			\$63,244		

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



Victims of domestic violence became eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under Montana law in 2001. Benefits were initially limited to 10 weeks per claim. In 2005, the law was expanded to include victims of sexual violence and stalking. In 2015, the law changed to allow benefits up to the maximum duration per claim. State Fiscal Year begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the succeeding year. The Domestic Violence Report is prepared and submitted to the legislature biennially.