

# UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

during the COVID-19 crisis in Michigan

If you are a US citizen or immigrant with a valid work permit and have lost your job, had your hours reduced, or are unable to work due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits!

## Apply for Unemployment Insurance (UI) File Your Claim By Last Name

Online: [michigan.gov/uia](https://michigan.gov/uia) - 24 hours/day

Last Name A-L File Claims M,W,F | M-Z File Claims Sun, T, Th  
File online Saturday if you missed your days.

Phone: 866-500-0017- M-F 8am-6pm | Sat 7am-2pm

Last Name A-L Call On Mon & Wed | M-Z Call On Tues & Thurs  
Call Friday and Saturday if you missed your days.

Application processed  
for Michigan  
Unemployment  
Insurance (UI)

Denied

SUBMIT NEW APPLICATION  
for Pandemic Unemployment  
Assistance (PUA)

Approved

Approved

Denied

Both Michigan Unemployment Insurance (UI) and  
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), provide:  
**\$362/week maximum for up to 39 weeks**

**PLUS:** Through July 31, 2020, all recipients of UI or PUA  
will receive an **ADDITIONAL \$600/week**

**Q.** I am self-employed and not usually eligible for unemployment benefits, should I apply?

**A.** Yes! Due to Covid-19, a new federal unemployment benefit was created called **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)**. It is available to workers who are:

- self-employed
- independent contractors
- freelancers
- "gig workers" such as musicians, photographers, and other workers that get paid per event
- low-wage workers and those with limited work history

**Q.** I am undocumented. Are there any financial resources available to me?

**A.** For a list of resources in your area, visit the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center website at:  
[michiganimmigrant.org/coronavirus](https://michiganimmigrant.org/coronavirus)

**Q.** My application for unemployment was DENIED. What can I do?

**A.** If your claim was denied, you can file a protest in writing or through your online account at [michigan.gov/UIA](https://michigan.gov/UIA). Protests must be received by the unemployment agency within 30 days of the mail date on the determination and must include detailed information about why you disagree with the denial.

If you have questions about your eligibility, or if you feel you have been wrongly denied, you may be able to get help from the **Counsel and Advocacy Law Line** by calling **888-783-8190** (M-TH 9-5, F 9-1), or by applying for assistance online at:  
[michiganlegalhelp.org/call\\_intake\\_intro](https://michiganlegalhelp.org/call_intake_intro)

**Q.** I haven't been laid off but I don't want to work anymore because I'm scared I'll get COVID-19, what can I do?

**A.** If you stop working because you are scared you'll get COVID-19, your employer will likely say you quit. People who quit usually aren't eligible for unemployment. However, there are some exceptions. If you were forced to quit for reasons beyond your control, your claim might be denied. If you quit for good cause attributable to the employer, your claim shouldn't be denied.

For more information on unemployment benefits and other COVID-19 related legal issues, please visit  
[MichiganLegalHelp.org/coronavirus](https://MichiganLegalHelp.org/coronavirus).