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# Economic Effects of COVID-19

Updated December 2020

# A note about UI data

Unemployment insurance claimant data can look at two different groups:

1. Initial (new) claimants within a given time period
2. Continued (total) claimants in a month. (Based on total claims during a “reference week” of each month.)

## What UI Claims Data Shares

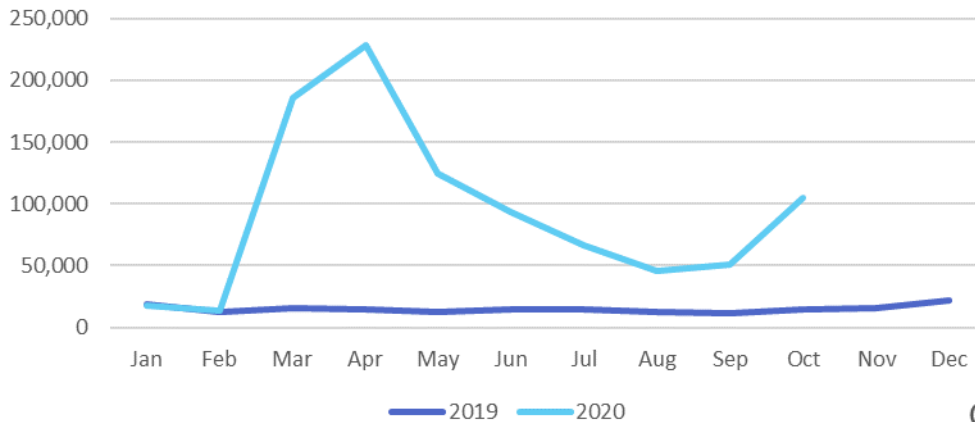
- Relatively current information
- Demographics of UI applicants and trends over time
- Sectors of the economy producing the most claimants and when

## What UI Claims Data Doesn't Share

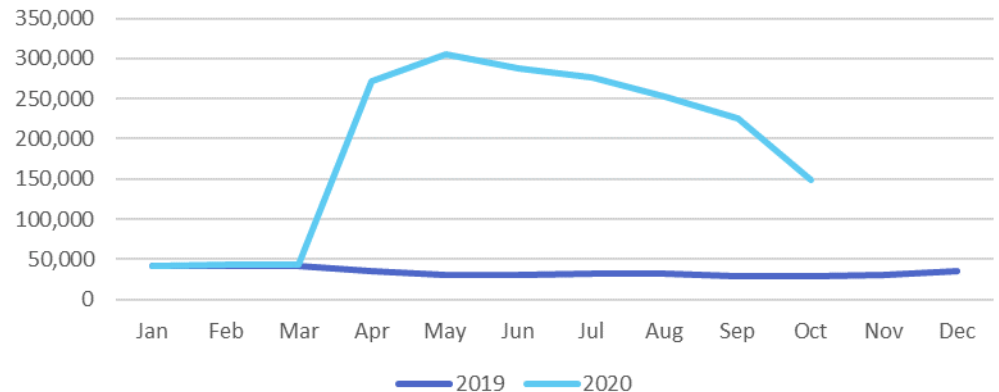
- Data on people who are ineligible for UI
- Data about the backlog of applicants that IDES is currently facing

# New unemployment insurance claims are ticking back up; total claimants remain high

### Initial UI Claims in Cook County Jan 2019 - Oct 2020

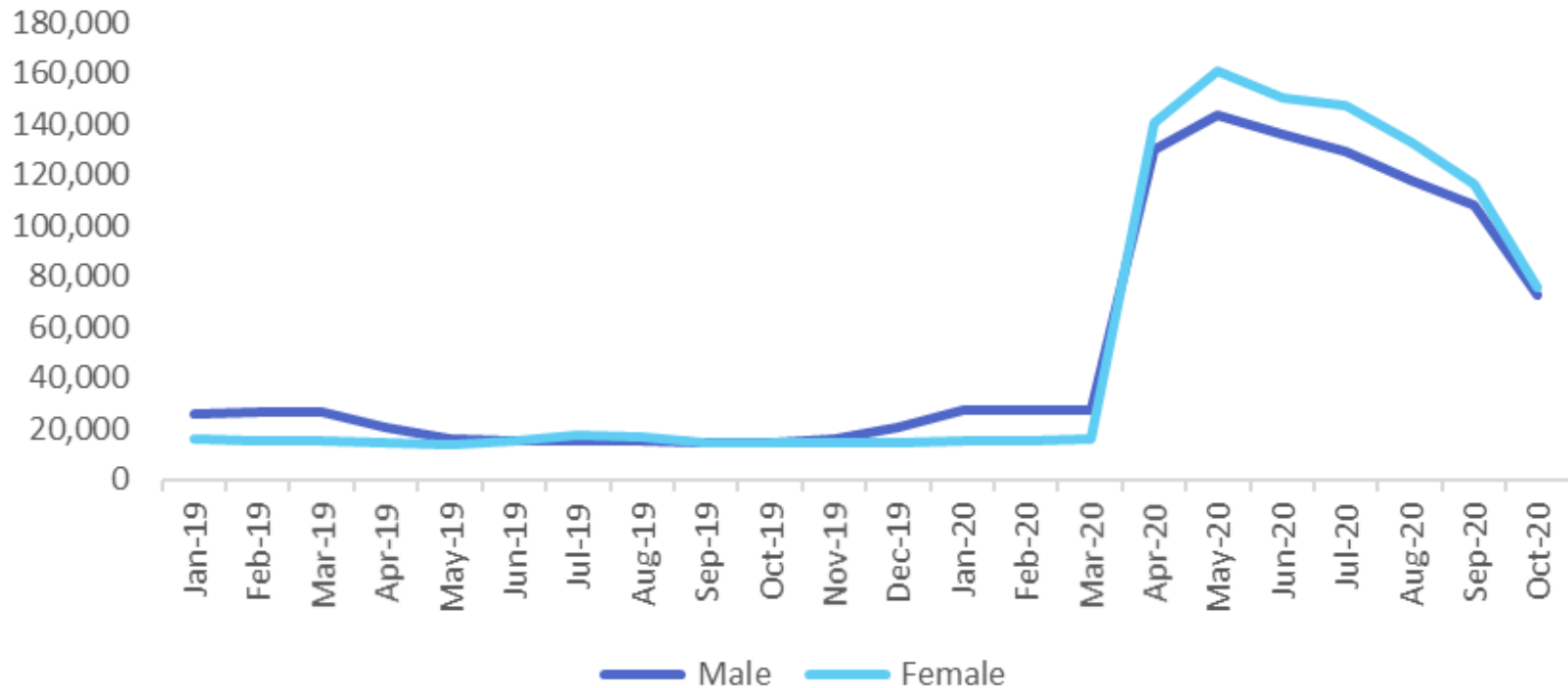


### Continued (Total) UI Claims in Cook County Jan 2019 - Oct 2020



# Recent UI claimants skew female

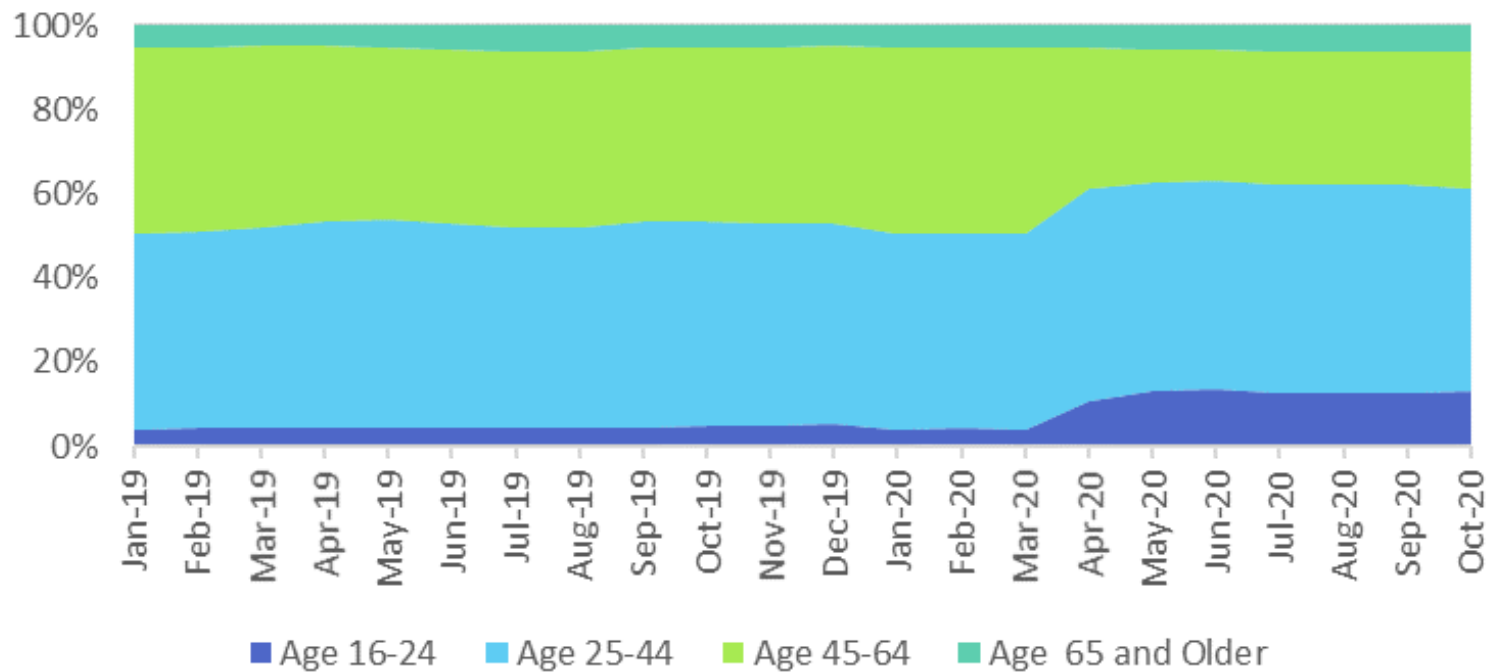
## Number of Continued UI Claimants in Cook County by Gender, Jan 2019 - Oct 2020



Source: Characteristics of employed and unemployed, IDES

# Youth represent a larger share of total claimants than in the past

## Share of Continued UI Claimants in Cook County by Age. Jan 2019 - Oct 2020



Source: Characteristics of  
employed and unemployed, IDES

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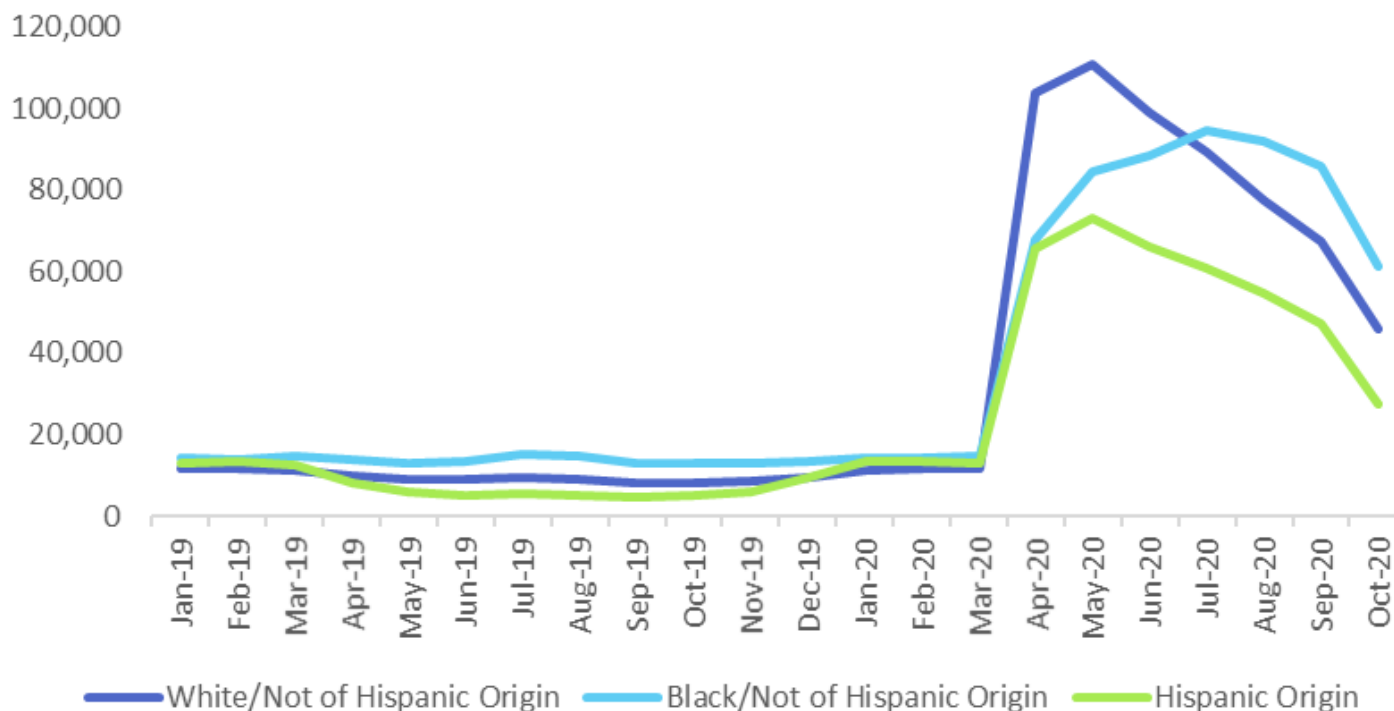
# UI claims among Blacks continued to rise over the summer, as others declined



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## Total Continued Unemployment Claimants by Race/Ethnicity Jan 2019 - Oct 2020



Source: Characteristics of employed and unemployed, IDES

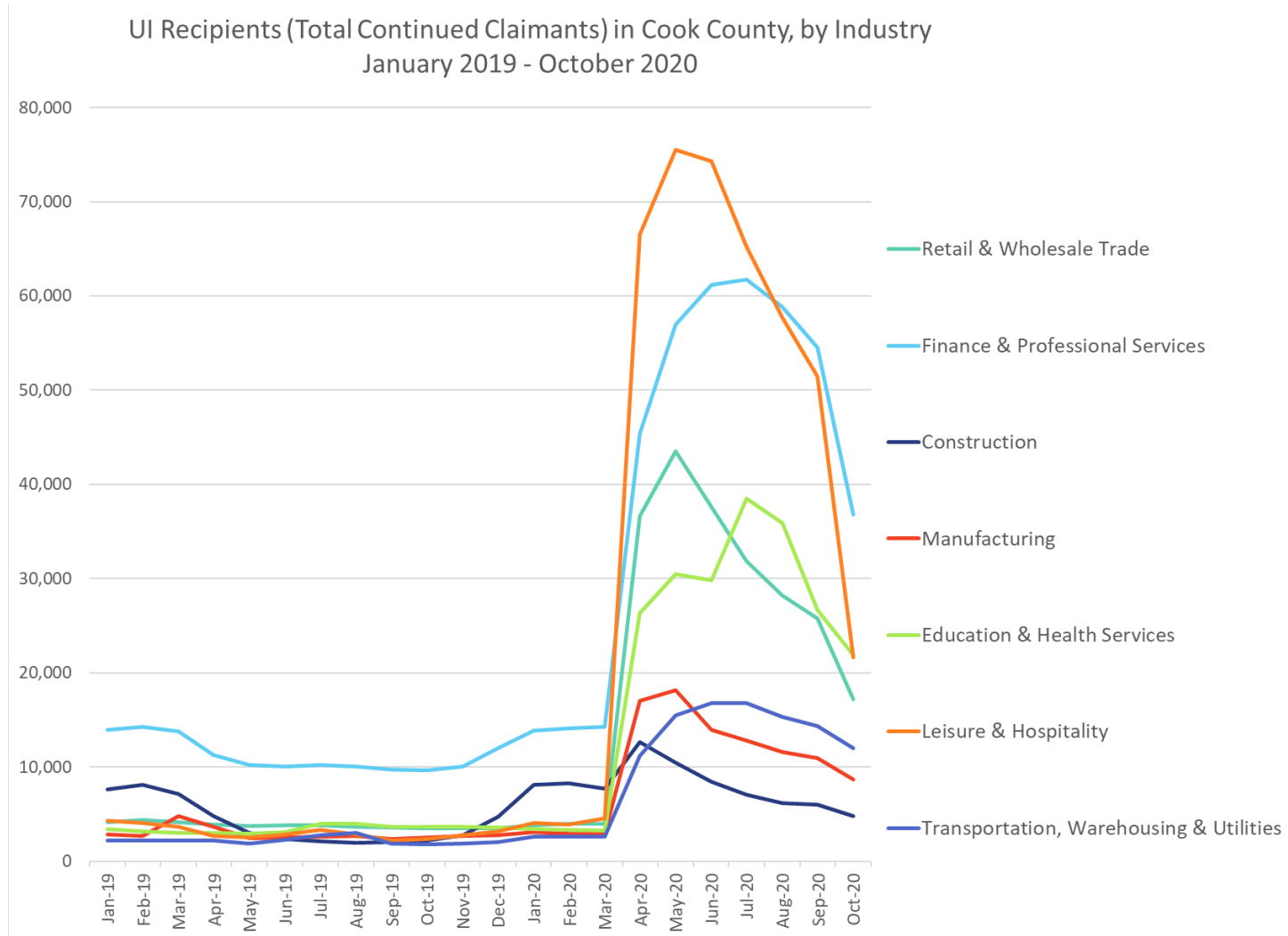
# UI claims data shows which types of workers have been disproportionately impacted

## UI Recipients (Continued Claimants) and Total Employment by Occupation in Cook County

Occupational group	UI Recipients August 2020	Total Employment	
Food Preparation & Serving	46,263	225,618	20.5%
Arts Entertainment Sport & Media	8,263	43,172	19.1%
Building & Grounds Maintenance	13,542	77,638	17.4%
Personal Care & Service	8,573	60,219	14.2%
Sales & Related	29,777	242,950	12.3%
Edu. Training & Library	15,815	153,641	10.3%
Transportation	26,811	262,450	10.2%
Management	20,851	210,494	9.9%
Production (Manufacturing)	14,401	148,514	9.7%
Construction and Extraction	6,123	64,836	9.4%

*Sources: IDES Characteristics of Unemployed; continued claimants in reference week of August 2020, by occupation. Total Employment is 2019 data from EMSI.*

# UI claims data shows the industries in which claims surged, and have begun to drop

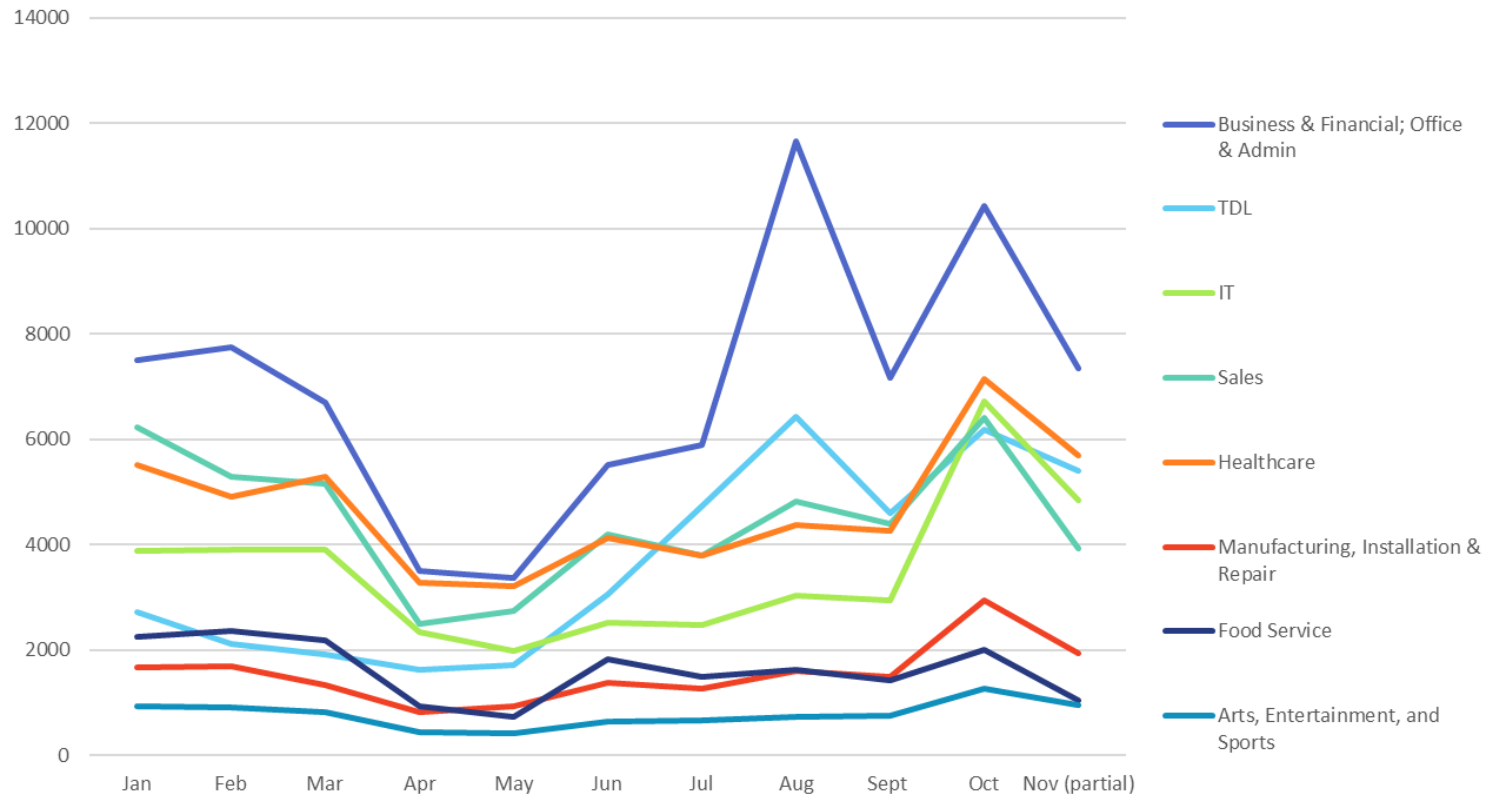


Source: IDES continued claimants in reference week of each month, by industry.



# Online job postings show how employers are responding to economic shifts

New Job Postings in Cook County by Occupational Group  
January - November 2020\*



\* November data covers 11/1/20 – 11/28/20