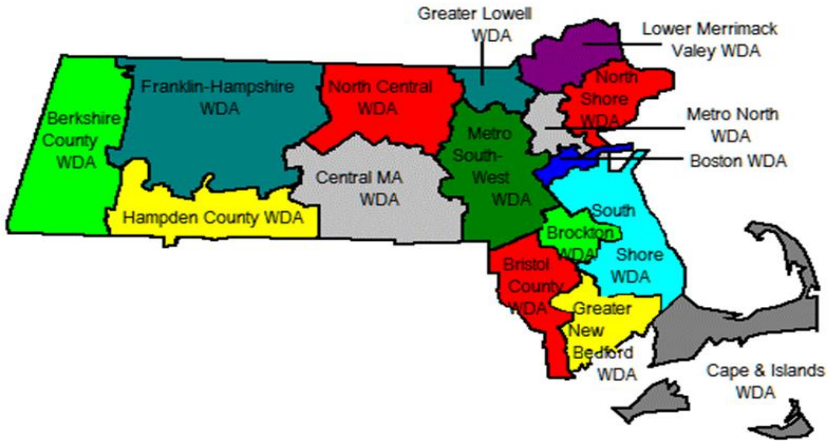
Massachusetts Unemployment Claims by WDA-April 2020

April unemployment claims rose dramatically as lockdown orders resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered businesses across Massachusetts. Claims increased 422,960 statewide and all 16 Workforce Development Areas (WDA's) were higher with those closest to Boston experiencing the largest increases.

The Food Preparation and Service Occupations accounted for the largest increase in claims (+64,757), followed by Office and Administrative Support (+48,858), Sales and Related (+43,146), Management (+41,044) and Construction and Extraction (+34,714). Just over 73% of April claimants earned less than $52,000 prior to unemployment with those previously earning more than $104,000 accounting for 6% of the total.

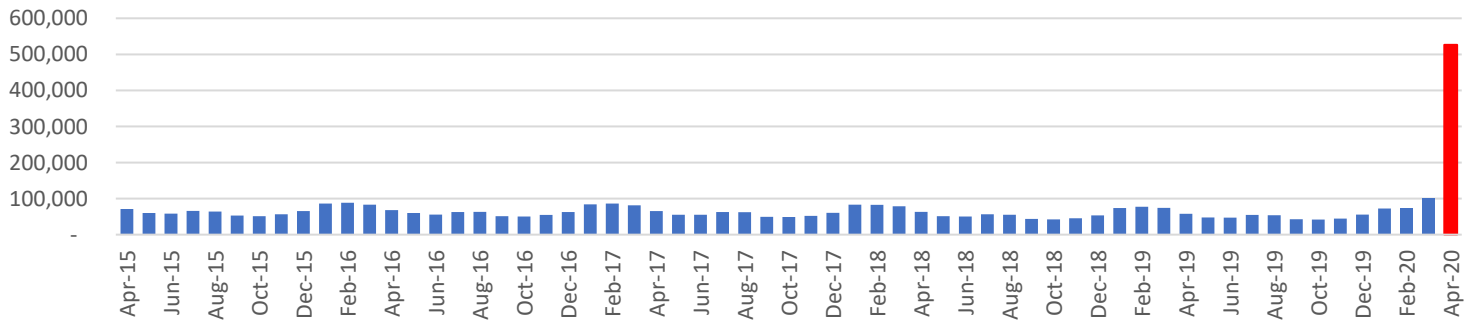


Labor Force & Unemployment Rate	Apr-20	Mar-20	Feb-20
Massachusetts Labor Force(thousands):	3,407.3	3,772.0	3,834.8
Massachusetts Unemployment Rate:	15.1%	2.8%	2.8%
US Unemployment Rate:	14.7%	4.4%	3.5%

Claimants by Workforce Development Area

WDA	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20	Jan-20
Statewide	526,408	103,448	↑	422,960	409%	57,921	↑	468,487	73,657	72,593
Berkshire County WDA	8,789	2,187	↑	6,602	302%	1,281	↑	7,508	1,691	1,637
Boston WDA	47,123	8,156	↑	38,967	478%	4,298	↑	42,825	4,867	4,983
Bristol County WDA	45,796	9,742	↑	36,054	370%	5,379	↑	40,417	7,642	7,449
Brockton WDA	23,036	4,085	↑	18,951	464%	2,248	↑	20,788	2,907	2,821
Cape & Islands WDA	23,578	7,148	↑	16,430	230%	3,704	↑	19,874	6,138	6,003
Central MA WDA	44,237	9,146	↑	35,091	384%	5,355	↑	38,882	6,727	6,596
Franklin/Hampshire WDA	14,804	3,226	↑	11,578	359%	1,841	↑	12,963	2,355	2,316
Greater Lowell WDA	25,139	4,839	↑	20,300	420%	2,756	↑	22,383	3,396	3,360
Greater New Bedford WDA	22,018	4,711	↑	17,307	367%	2,556	↑	19,462	3,757	3,748
Hampden County WDA	33,050	7,127	↑	25,923	364%	5,091	↑	27,959	5,570	5,626
Lower Merrimack Valley WDA	32,537	6,188	↑	26,349	426%	3,816	↑	28,721	4,675	4,437
Metro North WDA	55,490	9,062	↑	46,428	512%	4,671	↑	50,819	5,170	5,221
Metro South/West WDA	48,631	8,849	↑	39,782	450%	5,095	↑	43,536	6,200	6,087
North Central WDA	18,727	4,189	↑	14,538	347%	2,398	↑	16,329	3,132	3,070
North Shore WDA	35,117	6,289	↑	28,828	458%	3,240	↑	31,877	3,879	3,807
South Shore WDA	48,336	8,504	↑	39,832	468%	4,192	↑	44,144	5,551	5,432

Total Number of Claimants



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Berkshire County WDA

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**8,789**	**2,183**	↑	**6,606**	**303%**	**1,276**	↑	**7,513**	**1,690**
Management	780	143	↑	637	445%	114	↑	666	118
Business and Financial Operations	141	26	↑	115	442%	26	↑	115	22
Computer and Mathematics	41	12	↑	29	242%	12	↑	29	12
Architecture and Engineering	54	10	↑	44	440%	8	↑	46	10
Life, Physical, and Social Science	21	13	↑	8	62%	9	↑	12	14
Community and Social Service	89	20	↑	69	345%	13	↑	76	20
Legal Occupations	19	-	↑	19	#DIV/0!	-	↑	19	-
Education, Training, and Library	172	18	↑	154	856%	9	↑	163	9
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	121	23	↑	98	426%	20	↑	101	16
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	333	41	↑	292	712%	27	↑	306	24
Healthcare Support	274	44	↑	230	523%	21	↑	253	23
Protective Service	83	15	↑	68	453%	17	↑	66	9
Food Preparation and Serving	1,558	392	↑	1,166	297%	94	↑	1,464	107
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	534	301	↑	233	77%	143	↑	391	294
Personal Care and Service	517	81	↑	436	538%	81	↑	436	46
Sales and Related	803	98	↑	705	719%	74	↑	729	70
Office and Administrative Support	952	132	↑	820	621%	107	↑	845	110
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	25	22	↑	3	14%	14	↑	11	24
Construction and Extraction	924	486	↑	438	90%	320	↑	604	499
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	316	62	↑	254	410%	37	↑	279	54
Production Occupations	457	98	↑	359	366%	42	↑	415	86
Transportation and Material Moving	546	144	↑	402	279%	83	↑	463	121
Military	-	-	↑	-	#DIV/0!	-	↑	-	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	29	2	↑	27	1350%	5	↑	24	2

Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

Berkshire County WDA
Cities and Towns:

Adams	Hinsdale	Peru	Williamstown
Alford	Lanesborough	Pittsfield	Windsor
Becket	Lee	Richmond	
Cheshire	Lenox	Sandisfield	
Clarksburg	Monterey	Savoy	
Dalton	Mount Washington	Sheffield	
Egremont	New Ashford	Stockbridge	
Florida	New Marlborough	Tyringham	
Great Barrington	North Adams	Washington	
Hancock	Otis	West Stockbridge	

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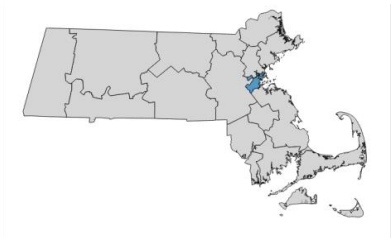

Boston WDA

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**47,123**	**8,152**	↑	**38,971**	**478%**	**4,296**	↑	**42,827**	**4,867**
Management	4,225	726	↑	3,499	482%	664	↑	3,561	593
Business and Financial Operations	1,305	261	↑	1,044	400%	215	↑	1,090	218
Computer and Mathematics	491	169	↑	322	191%	113	↑	378	139
Architecture and Engineering	317	48	↑	269	560%	43	↑	274	35
Life, Physical, and Social Science	183	54	↑	129	239%	41	↑	142	56
Community and Social Service	361	114	↑	247	217%	94	↑	267	103
Legal Occupations	161	28	↑	133	475%	33	↑	128	24
Education, Training, and Library	970	95	↑	875	921%	57	↑	913	59
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	1,114	179	↑	935	522%	110	↑	1,004	98
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,338	116	↑	1,222	1053%	66	↑	1,272	75
Healthcare Support	1,242	139	↑	1,103	794%	101	↑	1,141	75
Protective Service	709	126	↑	583	463%	63	↑	646	83
Food Preparation and Serving	10,809	2,172	↑	8,637	398%	411	↑	10,398	425
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,631	630	↑	2,001	318%	229	↑	2,402	472
Personal Care and Service	3,334	375	↑	2,959	789%	125	↑	3,209	162
Sales and Related	4,527	513	↑	4,014	782%	306	↑	4,221	309
Office and Administrative Support	4,461	706	↑	3,755	532%	566	↑	3,895	494
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	21	11	↑	10	91%	9	↑	12	12
Construction and Extraction	3,498	885	↑	2,613	295%	564	↑	2,934	858
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	803	130	↑	673	518%	90	↑	713	109
Production Occupations	1,245	194	↑	1,051	542%	125	↑	1,120	116
Transportation and Material Moving	3,144	451	↑	2,693	597%	248	↑	2,896	330
Military	15	-	↑	15	#DIV/0!	-	↑	15	5
INA - SOC Code Unknown	219	30	↑	189	630%	23	↑	196	17

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Cities and Towns: Boston

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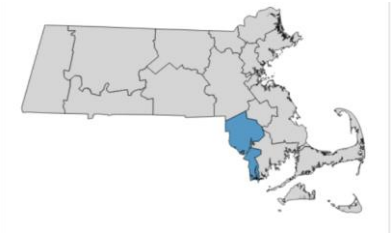
Bristol County WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**45,796**	**9,739**	↑	**36,057**	**370%**	**5,378**	↑	**40,418**	**7,638**
Management	3,933	697	↑	3,236	464%	585	↑	3,348	576
Business and Financial Operations	899	158	↑	741	469%	141	↑	758	147
Computer and Mathematics	305	112	↑	193	172%	116	↑	189	107
Architecture and Engineering	388	73	↑	315	432%	71	↑	317	75
Life, Physical, and Social Science	127	34	↑	93	274%	22	↑	105	31
Community and Social Service	398	61	↑	337	552%	59	↑	339	47
Legal Occupations	103	13	↑	90	692%	19	↑	84	9
Education, Training, and Library	1,136	131	↑	1,005	767%	31	↑	1,105	48
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	726	135	↑	591	438%	85	↑	641	89
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,020	136	↑	1,884	1385%	90	↑	1,930	67
Healthcare Support	1,552	182	↑	1,370	753%	75	↑	1,477	83
Protective Service	338	78	↑	260	333%	37	↑	301	47
Food Preparation and Serving	5,565	1,442	↑	4,123	286%	204	↑	5,361	246
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,437	1,060	↑	377	36%	373	↑	1,064	1,103
Personal Care and Service	2,017	283	↑	1,734	613%	116	↑	1,901	128
Sales and Related	4,736	488	↑	4,248	870%	328	↑	4,408	345
Office and Administrative Support	5,301	701	↑	4,600	656%	553	↑	4,748	544
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	157	118	↑	39	33%	52	↑	105	133
Construction and Extraction	5,458	2,203	↑	3,255	148%	1,295	↑	4,163	2,379
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,859	222	↑	1,637	737%	191	↑	1,668	227
Production Occupations	2,825	402	↑	2,423	603%	375	↑	2,450	375
Transportation and Material Moving	4,314	984	↑	3,330	338%	542	↑	3,772	812
Military	7	-	↑	7	#DIV/0!	-	↑	7	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	195	26	↑	169	650%	18	↑	177	20

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Bristol County WDA
Cities and Towns:

Attleborough
Berkley
Dighton
Fall River
Mansfield
North Attleborough
Norton
Raynham
Rehoboth
Seekonk
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Swansea
Taunton
Westport

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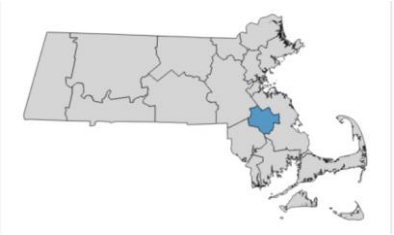

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**23,036**	**4,079**	↑	**18,957**	**465%**	**2,237**	↑	**20,799**	**2,905**
Management	1,840	328	↑	1,512	461%	260	↑	1,580	289
Business and Financial Operations	449	79	↑	370	468%	85	↑	364	72
Computer and Mathematics	155	46	↑	109	237%	40	↑	115	43
Architecture and Engineering	142	33	↑	109	330%	29	↑	113	25
Life, Physical, and Social Science	44	9	↑	35	389%	8	↑	36	8
Community and Social Service	163	33	↑	130	394%	38	↑	125	26
Legal Occupations	42	-	↑	42	#DIV/0!	-	↑	42	7
Education, Training, and Library	770	66	↑	704	1067%	21	↑	749	19
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	281	39	↑	242	621%	29	↑	252	30
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	884	82	↑	802	978%	26	↑	858	46
Healthcare Support	884	99	↑	785	793%	52	↑	832	43
Protective Service	207	27	↑	180	667%	19	↑	188	24
Food Preparation and Serving	2,940	686	↑	2,254	329%	95	↑	2,845	122
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	721	325	↑	396	122%	130	↑	591	333
Personal Care and Service	1,353	166	↑	1,187	715%	60	↑	1,293	78
Sales and Related	1,901	168	↑	1,733	1032%	130	↑	1,771	125
Office and Administrative Support	2,809	404	↑	2,405	595%	334	↑	2,475	322
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	20	13	↑	7	54%	-	↑	20	14
Construction and Extraction	2,715	702	↑	2,013	287%	444	↑	2,271	687
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	957	105	↑	852	811%	91	↑	866	87
Production Occupations	1,246	189	↑	1,057	559%	120	↑	1,126	154
Transportation and Material Moving	2,421	472	↑	1,949	413%	216	↑	2,205	348
Military	7	-	↑	7	#DIV/0!	-	↑	7	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	85	8	↑	77	963%	10	↑	75	3

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Brockton WDA
Cities and Towns:

Abington
Avon
Bridgewater
Brockton
East Bridgewater
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Hanson
Stoughton
West Bridgewater
Whitman

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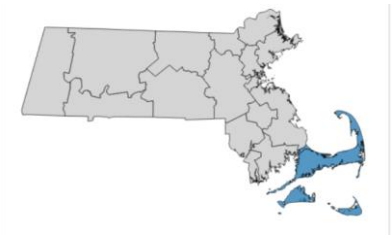
Cape & Islands WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**23,574**	**7,147**	↑	**16,427**	**230%**	**3,698**	↑	**19,876**	**6,136**
Management	2,796	769	↑	2,027	264%	567	↑	2,229	747
Business and Financial Operations	308	59	↑	249	422%	55	↑	253	56
Computer and Mathematics	113	32	↑	81	253%	23	↑	90	29
Architecture and Engineering	103	19	↑	84	442%	24	↑	79	23
Life, Physical, and Social Science	51	16	↑	35	219%	9	↑	42	15
Community and Social Service	140	29	↑	111	383%	36	↑	104	14
Legal Occupations	63	8	↑	55	688%	-	↑	63	6
Education, Training, and Library	453	55	↑	398	724%	20	↑	433	23
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	393	70	↑	323	461%	45	↑	348	54
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	981	102	↑	879	862%	51	↑	930	47
Healthcare Support	599	99	↑	500	505%	53	↑	546	60
Protective Service	108	47	↑	61	130%	31	↑	77	48
Food Preparation and Serving	5,146	2,065	↑	3,081	149%	954	↑	4,192	1,399
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,046	1,564	↑	482	31%	516	↑	1,530	1,695
Personal Care and Service	1,125	218	↑	907	416%	80	↑	1,045	134
Sales and Related	2,391	437	↑	1,954	447%	289	↑	2,102	383
Office and Administrative Support	2,403	487	↑	1,916	393%	349	↑	2,054	385
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	107	64	↑	43	67%	30	↑	77	68
Construction and Extraction	1,538	343	↑	1,195	348%	187	↑	1,351	358
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	912	199	↑	713	358%	113	↑	799	195
Production Occupations	477	100	↑	377	377%	78	↑	399	86
Transportation and Material Moving	1,232	349	↑	883	253%	178	↑	1,054	301
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INA - SOC Code Unknown	89	16	↑	73	456%	10	↑	79	10

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Cape & Islands WDA
Cities and Towns:

Aquinnah	Gosnold	Wellfleet
Barnstable	Harwich	West Tisbury
Bourne	Mashpee	Yarmouth
Brewster	Nantucket	
Chatham	Oak Bluffs	
Chilmark	Orleans	
Dennis	Provincetown	
Eastham	Sandwich	
Edgartown	Tisbury	
Falmouth	Truro	

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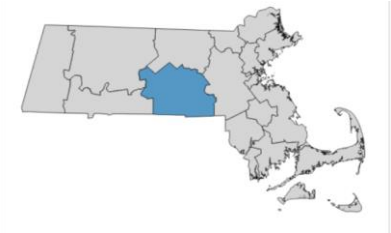

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**44,237**	**9,142**	↑	**35,095**	**384%**	**5,353**	↑	**38,884**	**6,725**
Management	4,056	796	↑	3,260	410%	655	↑	3,401	671
Business and Financial Operations	903	203	↑	700	345%	209	↑	694	200
Computer and Mathematics	451	174	↑	277	159%	166	↑	285	157
Architecture and Engineering	436	115	↑	321	279%	111	↑	325	113
Life, Physical, and Social Science	170	35	↑	135	386%	40	↑	130	36
Community and Social Service	454	77	↑	377	490%	62	↑	392	62
Legal Occupations	123	15	↑	108	720%	11	↑	112	14
Education, Training, and Library	1,342	141	↑	1,201	852%	52	↑	1,290	63
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	659	132	↑	527	399%	80	↑	579	89
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,085	185	↑	1,900	1027%	142	↑	1,943	91
Healthcare Support	1,479	192	↑	1,287	670%	97	↑	1,382	93
Protective Service	309	69	↑	240	348%	39	↑	270	44
Food Preparation and Serving	6,262	1,569	↑	4,693	299%	193	↑	6,069	243
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,338	905	↑	433	48%	356	↑	982	927
Personal Care and Service	2,796	392	↑	2,404	613%	141	↑	2,655	170
Sales and Related	4,177	463	↑	3,714	802%	355	↑	3,822	304
Office and Administrative Support	4,915	724	↑	4,191	579%	606	↑	4,309	589
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	80	34	↑	46	135%	10	↑	70	48
Construction and Extraction	3,991	1,437	↑	2,554	178%	985	↑	3,006	1,549
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,859	311	↑	1,548	498%	217	↑	1,642	283
Production Occupations	2,305	337	↑	1,968	584%	361	↑	1,944	323
Transportation and Material Moving	3,845	806	↑	3,039	377%	443	↑	3,402	629
Military	7	-	↑	7	#DIV/0!	-	↑	7	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	195	30	↑	165	550%	22	↑	173	27

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Central MA WDA
Cities and Towns:

Auburn	Holden	Northbridge	Upton
Blackstone	Hopedale	Oakham	Uxbridge
Boylston	Leicester	Oxford	Warren
Brookfield	Mendon	Paxton	Webster
Charlton	Milford	Rutland	West Boylston
Douglas	Millbury	Shrewsbury	West Brookfield
Dudley	Millville	Southbridge	Westborough
East Brookfield	New Braintree	Spencer	Worcester
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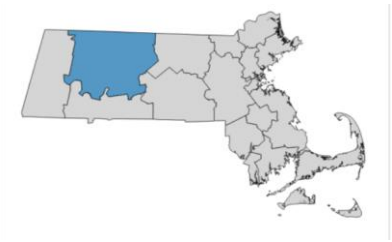
Franklin/Hampshire WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**14,800**	**3,221**	↑	**11,579**	**359%**	**1,837**	↑	**12,963**	**2,351**
Management	1,334	238	↑	1,096	461%	179	↑	1,155	204
Business and Financial Operations	242	51	↑	191	375%	37	↑	205	35
Computer and Mathematics	78	25	↑	53	212%	22	↑	56	28
Architecture and Engineering	86	17	↑	69	406%	24	↑	62	13
Life, Physical, and Social Science	59	16	↑	43	269%	14	↑	45	18
Community and Social Service	173	40	↑	133	333%	28	↑	145	31
Legal Occupations	38	-	↑	38	#DIV/0!	-	↑	38	-
Education, Training, and Library	452	54	↑	398	737%	36	↑	416	34
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	239	42	↑	197	469%	24	↑	215	31
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	812	59	↑	753	1276%	39	↑	773	34
Healthcare Support	479	51	↑	428	839%	38	↑	441	32
Protective Service	91	20	↑	71	355%	17	↑	74	17
Food Preparation and Serving	2,595	610	↑	1,985	325%	76	↑	2,519	101
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	502	366	↑	136	37%	117	↑	385	349
Personal Care and Service	709	121	↑	588	486%	56	↑	653	65
Sales and Related	1,270	130	↑	1,140	877%	113	↑	1,157	74
Office and Administrative Support	1,463	224	↑	1,239	553%	143	↑	1,320	149
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	46	24	↑	22	92%	20	↑	26	28
Construction and Extraction	1,331	604	↑	727	120%	468	↑	863	664
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	580	99	↑	481	486%	72	↑	508	91
Production Occupations	1,149	148	↑	1,001	676%	145	↑	1,004	137
Transportation and Material Moving	1,020	279	↑	741	266%	164	↑	856	214
Military	-	-	↑	-	#DIV/0!	-	↑	-	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	52	3	↑	49	1633%	5	↑	47	2

Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

Franklin/Hampshire WDA

Cities and Towns:

Amherst	Cummington	Hawley	Northfield	South Hadley
Ashfield	Deerfield	Heath	Orange	Southampton
Athol	Easthampton	Huntington	Pelham	Sunderland
Belchertown	Erving	Leverett	Petersham	Ware
Bernardston	Gill	Leyden	Phillipston	Warwick
Buckland	Goshen	Middlefield	Plainfield	Wendell
Charlemont	Granby	Monroe	Rowe	Westhampton
Chesterfield	Greenfield	Montague	Royalston	Whately
Colrain	Hadley	New Salem	Shelburne	Williamsburg
Conway	Hatfield	Northampton	Shutesbury	Worthington

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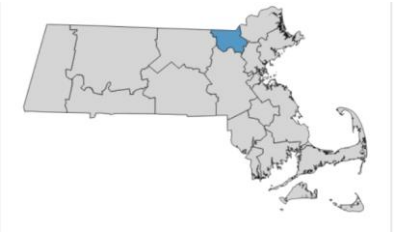

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**25,135**	**4,838**	↑	**20,297**	**420%**	**2,756**	↑	**22,379**	**3,396**
Management	2,249	429	↑	1,820	424%	346	↑	1,903	370
Business and Financial Operations	510	124	↑	386	311%	133	↑	377	114
Computer and Mathematics	288	134	↑	154	115%	157	↑	131	126
Architecture and Engineering	343	84	↑	259	308%	89	↑	254	86
Life, Physical, and Social Science	105	31	↑	74	239%	27	↑	78	18
Community and Social Service	147	27	↑	120	444%	33	↑	114	26
Legal Occupations	68	14	↑	54	386%	17	↑	51	15
Education, Training, and Library	930	97	↑	833	859%	22	↑	908	20
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	347	54	↑	293	543%	36	↑	311	34
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,178	89	↑	1,089	1224%	55	↑	1,123	41
Healthcare Support	917	93	↑	824	886%	44	↑	873	48
Protective Service	160	26	↑	134	515%	17	↑	143	15
Food Preparation and Serving	3,216	797	↑	2,419	304%	73	↑	3,143	80
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	615	368	↑	247	67%	123	↑	492	359
Personal Care and Service	1,688	202	↑	1,486	736%	50	↑	1,638	52
Sales and Related	1,671	184	↑	1,487	808%	132	↑	1,539	105
Office and Administrative Support	2,877	392	↑	2,485	634%	284	↑	2,593	294
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	22	15	↑	7	47%	8	↑	14	16
Construction and Extraction	3,439	964	↑	2,475	257%	564	↑	2,875	974
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,099	123	↑	976	793%	115	↑	984	114
Production Occupations	1,447	199	↑	1,248	627%	220	↑	1,227	173
Transportation and Material Moving	1,716	374	↑	1,342	359%	198	↑	1,518	303
Military	-	-	↑	-	#DIV/0!	8	↑	(8)	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	103	18	↑	85	472%	5	↑	98	13

Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

Greater Lowell WDA
Cities and Towns: Billerica
Chelmsford
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Dunstable
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Tewksbury
Tyngsborough
Westford

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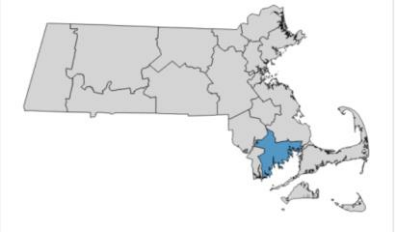

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**22,018**	**4,709**	↑	**17,309**	**368%**	**2,548**	↑	**19,470**	**3,756**
Management	1,391	229	↑	1,162	507%	177	↑	1,214	187
Business and Financial Operations	278	60	↑	218	363%	42	↑	236	48
Computer and Mathematics	95	15	↑	80	533%	14	↑	81	11
Architecture and Engineering	177	23	↑	154	670%	21	↑	156	21
Life, Physical, and Social Science	68	10	↑	58	580%	8	↑	60	10
Community and Social Service	221	43	↑	178	414%	35	↑	186	35
Legal Occupations	47	-	↑	47	#DIV/0!	-	↑	47	-
Education, Training, and Library	495	47	↑	448	953%	23	↑	472	20
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	296	46	↑	250	543%	24	↑	272	39
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,221	92	↑	1,129	1227%	55	↑	1,166	40
Healthcare Support	850	84	↑	766	912%	53	↑	797	50
Protective Service	158	41	↑	117	285%	21	↑	137	20
Food Preparation and Serving	2,859	777	↑	2,082	268%	99	↑	2,760	166
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	746	577	↑	169	29%	215	↑	531	616
Personal Care and Service	979	165	↑	814	493%	89	↑	890	72
Sales and Related	1,609	186	↑	1,423	765%	121	↑	1,488	122
Office and Administrative Support	2,273	285	↑	1,988	698%	219	↑	2,054	224
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	280	230	↑	50	22%	142	↑	138	294
Construction and Extraction	2,651	1,041	↑	1,610	155%	669	↑	1,982	1,103
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	751	113	↑	638	565%	85	↑	666	107
Production Occupations	2,290	174	↑	2,116	1216%	163	↑	2,127	197
Transportation and Material Moving	2,175	447	↑	1,728	387%	263	↑	1,912	353
Military	7	5	↑	2	40%	-	↑	7	5
INA - SOC Code Unknown	101	19	↑	82	432%	10	↑	91	16

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Greater New Bedford WDA
Cities and Towns: Acushnet
Dartmouth
Fairhaven
Freetown
Lakeville
Marion
Mattapoisett
New Bedford
Rochester
Wareham

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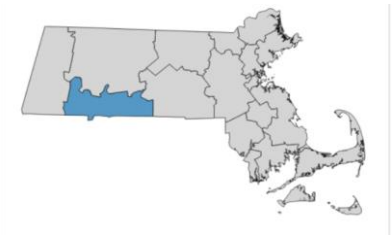

Hampden County WDA

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**33,050**	**7,124**	↑	**25,926**	**364%**	**5,086**	↑	**27,964**	**5,566**
Management	2,312	433	↑	1,879	434%	354	↑	1,958	345
Business and Financial Operations	562	111	↑	451	406%	100	↑	462	105
Computer and Mathematics	162	55	↑	107	195%	36	↑	126	41
Architecture and Engineering	204	34	↑	170	500%	27	↑	177	45
Life, Physical, and Social Science	88	21	↑	67	319%	17	↑	71	21
Community and Social Service	423	88	↑	335	381%	85	↑	338	88
Legal Occupations	90	8	↑	82	1025%	12	↑	78	8
Education, Training, and Library	805	95	↑	710	747%	44	↑	761	52
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	361	57	↑	304	533%	42	↑	319	38
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,510	126	↑	1,384	1098%	104	↑	1,406	75
Healthcare Support	1,471	206	↑	1,265	614%	134	↑	1,337	130
Protective Service	362	61	↑	301	493%	49	↑	313	47
Food Preparation and Serving	5,051	1,095	↑	3,956	361%	216	↑	4,835	212
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,212	640	↑	572	89%	320	↑	892	651
Personal Care and Service	2,101	481	↑	1,620	337%	389	↑	1,712	336
Sales and Related	2,929	379	↑	2,550	673%	356	↑	2,573	279
Office and Administrative Support	3,911	639	↑	3,272	512%	617	↑	3,294	505
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	54	30	↑	24	80%	18	↑	36	48
Construction and Extraction	2,355	1,218	↑	1,137	93%	1,041	↑	1,314	1,324
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,239	195	↑	1,044	535%	160	↑	1,079	187
Production Occupations	2,700	418	↑	2,282	546%	416	↑	2,284	416
Transportation and Material Moving	3,017	713	↑	2,304	323%	523	↑	2,494	600
Military	9	-	↑	9	#DIV/0!	-	↑	9	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	122	21	↑	101	481%	26	↑	96	13

Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

Hampden County WDA
Cities and Towns:

Agawam	Longmeadow	West Springfield
Blandford	Ludlow	Westfield
Brimfield	Monson	Wilbraham
Chester	Montgomery	
Chicopee	Palmer	
East Longmeadow	Russell	
Granville	Southwick	
Hampden	Springfield	
Holland	Tolland	
Holyoke	Wales	

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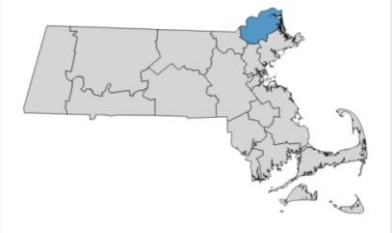
Lower Merrimack WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**32,537**	**6,185**	↑	**26,352**	**426%**	**3,814**	↑	**28,723**	**4,673**
Management	2,901	534	↑	2,367	443%	502	↑	2,399	488
Business and Financial Operations	681	168	↑	513	305%	119	↑	562	148
Computer and Mathematics	263	93	↑	170	183%	134	↑	129	85
Architecture and Engineering	308	85	↑	223	262%	67	↑	241	78
Life, Physical, and Social Science	87	22	↑	65	295%	25	↑	62	24
Community and Social Service	223	50	↑	173	346%	47	↑	176	47
Legal Occupations	90	19	↑	71	374%	17	↑	73	16
Education, Training, and Library	897	67	↑	830	1239%	38	↑	859	30
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	506	90	↑	416	462%	54	↑	452	62
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,418	132	↑	1,286	974%	84	↑	1,334	71
Healthcare Support	1,269	152	↑	1,117	735%	95	↑	1,174	64
Protective Service	191	28	↑	163	582%	24	↑	167	28
Food Preparation and Serving	4,083	932	↑	3,151	338%	144	↑	3,939	141
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,069	487	↑	582	120%	196	↑	873	474
Personal Care and Service	1,817	314	↑	1,503	479%	99	↑	1,718	124
Sales and Related	2,142	284	↑	1,858	654%	187	↑	1,955	179
Office and Administrative Support	3,747	508	↑	3,239	638%	384	↑	3,363	392
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	40	22	↑	18	82%	15	↑	25	23
Construction and Extraction	4,140	1,269	↑	2,871	226%	851	↑	3,289	1,299
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,198	183	↑	1,015	555%	107	↑	1,091	168
Production Occupations	2,542	282	↑	2,260	801%	273	↑	2,269	365
Transportation and Material Moving	2,765	449	↑	2,316	516%	340	↑	2,425	357
Military	10	-	↑	10	#DIV/0!	-	↑	10	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	150	15	↑	135	900%	12	↑	138	10

Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance

Lower Merrimack WDA
Cities and Towns:

Amesbury
Andover
Boxford
Georgetown
Groveland
Haverhill
Lawrence
Merrimac
Methuen
Newbury
Newburyport
North Andover
Rowley
Salisbury
West Newbury

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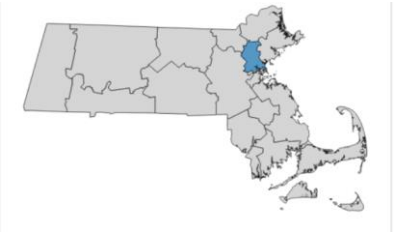
Metro North WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**55,490**	**9,058**	↑	**46,432**	**513%**	**4,668**	↑	**50,822**	**5,167**
Management	5,885	1,047	↑	4,838	462%	855	↑	5,030	829
Business and Financial Operations	1,395	295	↑	1,100	373%	276	↑	1,119	246
Computer and Mathematics	721	271	↑	450	166%	242	↑	479	253
Architecture and Engineering	486	106	↑	380	358%	89	↑	397	102
Life, Physical, and Social Science	329	126	↑	203	161%	76	↑	253	93
Community and Social Service	278	57	↑	221	388%	52	↑	226	47
Legal Occupations	170	32	↑	138	431%	36	↑	134	25
Education, Training, and Library	1,470	170	↑	1,300	765%	69	↑	1,401	71
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	1,338	231	↑	1,107	479%	129	↑	1,209	136
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,007	168	↑	1,839	1095%	87	↑	1,920	72
Healthcare Support	1,455	167	↑	1,288	771%	57	↑	1,398	49
Protective Service	491	72	↑	419	582%	48	↑	443	38
Food Preparation and Serving	11,349	2,288	↑	9,061	396%	283	↑	11,066	305
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,097	592	↑	1,505	254%	198	↑	1,899	492
Personal Care and Service	3,750	465	↑	3,285	706%	104	↑	3,646	135
Sales and Related	5,062	445	↑	4,617	1038%	329	↑	4,733	285
Office and Administrative Support	5,677	743	↑	4,934	664%	576	↑	5,101	471
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	47	21	↑	26	124%	9	↑	38	21
Construction and Extraction	4,517	1,023	↑	3,494	342%	684	↑	3,833	997
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,430	136	↑	1,294	951%	106	↑	1,324	108
Production Occupations	1,686	173	↑	1,513	875%	138	↑	1,548	104
Transportation and Material Moving	3,629	406	↑	3,223	794%	215	↑	3,414	276
Military	14	-	↑	14	#DIV/0!	-	↑	14	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	207	24	↑	183	763%	10	↑	197	12

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Metro North WDA
Cities and Towns:

Arlington	Reading
Belmont	Revere
Burlington	Somerville
Cambridge	Stoneham
Chelsea	Wakefield
Everett	Watertown
Malden	Wilmington
Medford	Winchester
Melrose	Winthrop
North Reading	Woburn

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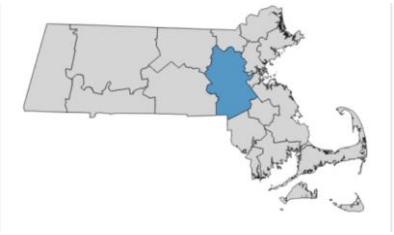
Metro South/West WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**48,631**	**8,849**	↑	**39,782**	**450%**	**5,093**	↑	**43,538**	**6,200**
Management	6,929	1,481	↑	5,448	368%	1,357	↑	5,572	1,297
Business and Financial Operations	1,531	332	↑	1,199	361%	320	↑	1,211	306
Computer and Mathematics	823	336	↑	487	145%	361	↑	462	302
Architecture and Engineering	518	110	↑	408	371%	117	↑	401	109
Life, Physical, and Social Science	291	128	↑	163	127%	92	↑	199	122
Community and Social Service	259	46	↑	213	463%	47	↑	212	35
Legal Occupations	186	42	↑	144	343%	54	↑	132	42
Education, Training, and Library	2,016	186	↑	1,830	984%	62	↑	1,954	57
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	1,381	240	↑	1,141	475%	127	↑	1,254	148
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	3,100	184	↑	2,916	1585%	86	↑	3,014	94
Healthcare Support	1,306	147	↑	1,159	788%	40	↑	1,266	37
Protective Service	280	57	↑	223	391%	24	↑	256	27
Food Preparation and Serving	6,005	1,278	↑	4,727	370%	161	↑	5,844	178
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,297	958	↑	339	35%	287	↑	1,010	1,000
Personal Care and Service	3,441	402	↑	3,039	756%	76	↑	3,365	108
Sales and Related	5,314	525	↑	4,789	912%	379	↑	4,935	367
Office and Administrative Support	5,299	687	↑	4,612	671%	525	↑	4,774	492
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	37	23	↑	14	61%	17	↑	20	29
Construction and Extraction	3,506	899	↑	2,607	290%	508	↑	2,998	918
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,399	177	↑	1,222	690%	124	↑	1,275	150
Production Occupations	1,148	111	↑	1,037	934%	109	↑	1,039	83
Transportation and Material Moving	2,381	473	↑	1,908	403%	208	↑	2,173	277
Military	7	-	↑	7	#DIV/0!	-	↑	7	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	177	27	↑	150	556%	12	↑	165	22

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Metro South/West WDA Cities and Towns:

Acton	Dover	Marlborough	Plainville	Weston
Ashland	Foxborough	Maynard	Sharon	Westwood
Bedford	Framingham	Medfield	Sherborn	Wrentham
Bellingham	Franklin	Medway	Southborough	
Boxborough	Holliston	Millis	Stow	
Brookline	Hopkinton	Natick	Sudbury	
Canton	Hudson	Needham	Walpole	
Carlisle	Lexington	Newton	Waltham	
Concord	Lincoln	Norfolk	Wayland	
Dedham	Littleton	Norwood	Wellesley	

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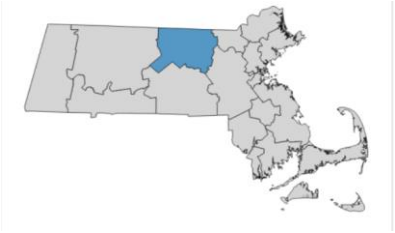
North Central WDA



Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**18,723**	**4,181**	↑	**14,542**	**348%**	**2,397**	↑	**16,326**	**3,126**
Management	1,682	344	↑	1,338	389%	284	↑	1,398	284
Business and Financial Operations	348	78	↑	270	346%	76	↑	272	74
Computer and Mathematics	169	64	↑	105	164%	68	↑	101	66
Architecture and Engineering	203	43	↑	160	372%	48	↑	155	42
Life, Physical, and Social Science	74	23	↑	51	222%	18	↑	56	25
Community and Social Service	170	31	↑	139	448%	24	↑	146	28
Legal Occupations	44	-	↑	44	#DIV/0!	7	↑	37	-
Education, Training, and Library	600	73	↑	527	722%	25	↑	575	28
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	271	55	↑	216	393%	29	↑	242	42
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	924	91	↑	833	915%	41	↑	883	46
Healthcare Support	731	96	↑	635	661%	39	↑	692	39
Protective Service	163	29	↑	134	462%	20	↑	143	23
Food Preparation and Serving	2,608	579	↑	2,029	350%	78	↑	2,530	70
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	619	460	↑	159	35%	162	↑	457	474
Personal Care and Service	999	130	↑	869	668%	55	↑	944	48
Sales and Related	1,619	189	↑	1,430	757%	132	↑	1,487	133
Office and Administrative Support	2,072	322	↑	1,750	543%	247	↑	1,825	230
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	33	15	↑	18	120%	12	↑	21	16
Construction and Extraction	2,017	836	↑	1,181	141%	566	↑	1,451	859
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	851	123	↑	728	592%	78	↑	773	111
Production Occupations	1,134	194	↑	940	485%	161	↑	973	182
Transportation and Material Moving	1,321	393	↑	928	236%	219	↑	1,102	297
Military	-	-	↑	-	#DIV/0!	-	↑	-	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	71	13	↑	58	446%	8	↑	63	9

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North Central WDA
Cities and Towns:

Ashburnham	Harvard	Townsend
Ashby	Hubbardston	Westminster
Ayer	Lancaster	Winchendon
Barre	Leominster	
Berlin	Lunenburg	
Bolton	Pepperell	
Clinton	Princeton	
Fitchburg	Shirley	
Gardner	Sterling	
Groton	Templeton	

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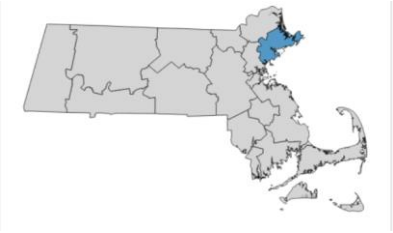

North Shore WDA

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**35,117**	**6,286**	↑	**28,831**	**459%**	**3,239**	↑	**31,878**	**3,876**
Management	3,583	605	↑	2,978	492%	523	↑	3,060	489
Business and Financial Operations	712	150	↑	562	375%	140	↑	572	137
Computer and Mathematics	241	88	↑	153	174%	79	↑	162	80
Architecture and Engineering	219	41	↑	178	434%	58	↑	161	36
Life, Physical, and Social Science	105	29	↑	76	262%	18	↑	87	26
Community and Social Service	217	40	↑	177	443%	28	↑	189	24
Legal Occupations	113	23	↑	90	391%	21	↑	92	17
Education, Training, and Library	1,044	95	↑	949	999%	40	↑	1,004	31
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	657	117	↑	540	462%	53	↑	604	77
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,300	146	↑	1,154	790%	66	↑	1,234	70
Healthcare Support	1,134	142	↑	992	699%	55	↑	1,079	46
Protective Service	254	34	↑	220	647%	28	↑	226	24
Food Preparation and Serving	5,880	1,500	↑	4,380	292%	270	↑	5,610	332
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,178	542	↑	636	117%	198	↑	980	525
Personal Care and Service	2,372	303	↑	2,069	683%	54	↑	2,318	71
Sales and Related	3,772	391	↑	3,381	865%	236	↑	3,536	232
Office and Administrative Support	3,899	498	↑	3,401	683%	368	↑	3,531	348
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	136	79	↑	57	72%	60	↑	76	75
Construction and Extraction	3,071	759	↑	2,312	305%	460	↑	2,611	746
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,189	124	↑	1,065	859%	92	↑	1,097	119
Production Occupations	1,348	148	↑	1,200	811%	158	↑	1,190	101
Transportation and Material Moving	2,541	411	↑	2,130	518%	222	↑	2,319	261
Military	8	-	↑	8	#DIV/0!	-	↑	8	-
INA - SOC Code Unknown	144	21	↑	123	586%	12	↑	132	9

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North Shore WDA
Cities and Towns:

Beverly
Danvers
Essex
Gloucester
Hamilton
Ipswich
Lynn
Lynnfield
Manchester-by-the- Sea
Marblehead
Middleton
Nahant
Peabody
Rockport
Salem
Saugus
Swampscott
Topsfield
Wenham

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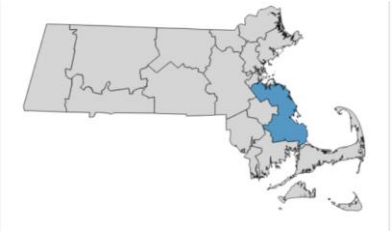

South Shore WDA

Claimants by Occupation

Occupation	Apr-20	Mar-20		M/M chng.	%	Apr-19		Y/Y chng.	Feb-20
Total	**48,336**	**8,504**	↑	**39,832**	**468%**	**4,191**	↑	**44,145**	**5,551**
Management	4,871	924	↑	3,947	427%	686	↑	4,185	792
Business and Financial Operations	1,102	263	↑	839	319%	213	↑	889	231
Computer and Mathematics	355	116	↑	239	206%	125	↑	230	93
Architecture and Engineering	335	82	↑	253	309%	64	↑	271	67
Life, Physical, and Social Science	139	47	↑	92	196%	28	↑	111	36
Community and Social Service	284	51	↑	233	457%	51	↑	233	41
Legal Occupations	134	19	↑	115	605%	20	↑	114	12
Education, Training, and Library	1,408	131	↑	1,277	975%	34	↑	1,374	41
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	883	124	↑	759	612%	77	↑	806	75
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,030	171	↑	1,859	1087%	107	↑	1,923	86
Healthcare Support	1,222	136	↑	1,086	799%	52	↑	1,170	51
Protective Service	342	77	↑	265	344%	25	↑	317	41
Food Preparation and Serving	8,746	1,733	↑	7,013	405%	274	↑	8,472	336
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,414	705	↑	709	101%	226	↑	1,188	589
Personal Care and Service	3,573	445	↑	3,128	703%	81	↑	3,492	148
Sales and Related	4,553	450	↑	4,103	912%	304	↑	4,249	301
Office and Administrative Support	4,921	670	↑	4,251	634%	463	↑	4,458	478
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	52	26	↑	26	100%	11	↑	41	28
Construction and Extraction	5,577	1,345	↑	4,232	315%	828	↑	4,749	1,330
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,712	224	↑	1,488	664%	134	↑	1,578	203
Production Occupations	1,415	187	↑	1,228	657%	104	↑	1,311	151
Transportation and Material Moving	3,064	554	↑	2,510	453%	266	↑	2,798	404
Military	17	7	↑	10	143%	-	↑	17	5
INA - SOC Code Unknown	187	17	↑	170	1000%	18	↑	169	12

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South Shore WDA
Cities and Towns:

Braintree	Marshfield	Scituate
Carver	Middleborough	Weymouth
Cohasset	Milton	
Duxbury	Norwell	
Halifax	Pembroke	
Hanover	Plymouth	
Hingham	Plympton	
Holbrook	Quincy	
Hull	Randolph	
Kingston	Rockland	