

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is Available to Montana Survivors Impacted by Flooding

Helena, Mont.— Montana residents living or working in Park, Carbon and Stillwater counties who lost work due to June's floods and who are not eligible for regular state unemployment insurance may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

Most regular W-2 employees who lost work due to June's flooding may be eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. Individuals seeking to file a regular UI claim should visit [MontanaWorks.gov](https://montanaworks.gov) and create or log into their account. Individuals can also call the Department's Claims Processing Center at (406) 444-2545 for assistance.

To apply for DUA, call the Montana Department of Labor & Industry at **(406) 444-3454** to file a claim.

- DUA claims agents will be available **Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.**
- Claims will be accepted until **August 4, 2022.**

Individuals will need their Social Security Number, a copy of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs, and documentation to support they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred.

The Disaster Assistance Period is effective June 12, 2022. Survivors who experienced unemployment beginning on this date are eligible to apply for DUA. Claims may be backdated to the effective date.

General Requirements

To be eligible for DUA, individuals must:

- Live or work in Park, Stillwater or Carbon counties;



- Not be eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance;
- Be unemployed or partially unemployed as a direct result of Montana's flooding disaster;
- Be able and available for work, unless injured as a direct result of the disaster;
- File an application for DUA within 30 days of the date of the announcement of availability of DUA; and
- Have not refused an offer of employment in a suitable position.

For more information about FEMA's support to Montana's flooding and severe storms recovery, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4655. Follow the FEMA Region 8 Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/femaregion8>

