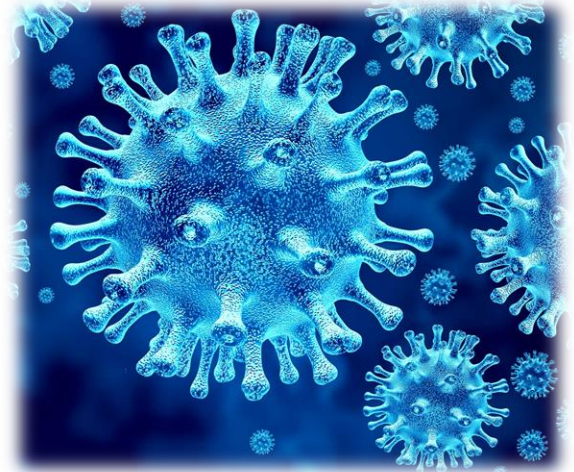


# COVID-19 Ventura County Business Recovery Update

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## Ventura County Highlights

- The [Stay Well at Home Order Update \(April 9\)](#) includes additional Essential Business guidance for automotive dealerships, real estate transactions, and bicycle repair & supply shops.
- Essential Businesses in Ventura County are now required to complete a [Social Distancing Protocol form](#). Spanish version [here](#).



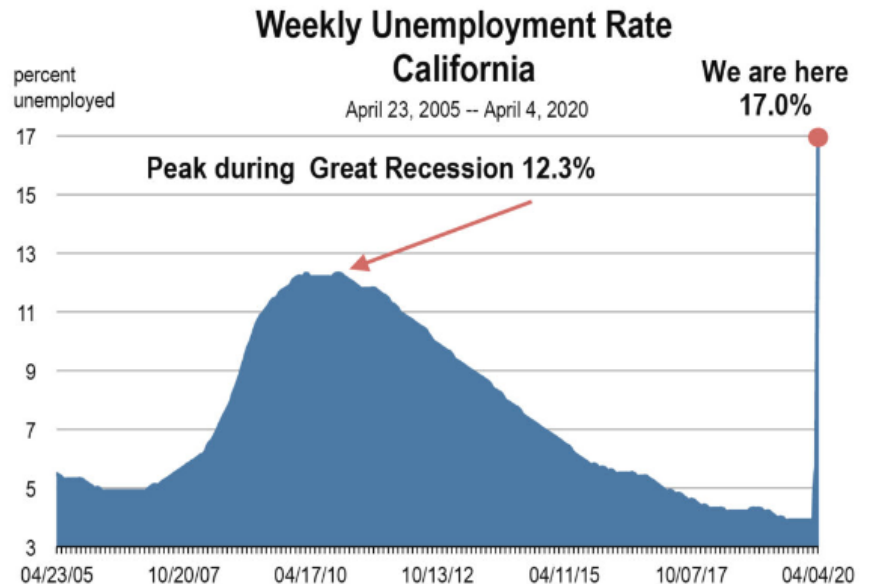
## Business Updates

- The Economic Development Collaborative [EDC](#) and Women's Economic Ventures [WEV](#) continue to offer weekly webinars with up to date information.
- Pacific Western Bank has contributed half a million dollars to the EDC Disaster Loan Fund. For application information visit the EDC website ([EDCollaborative.com](#)). This fund is ideally suited for businesses that need a bridge loan, until their traditional SBA (EIDL or PPP) loan funds come through.
- Click these links for a side by side comparison of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).
- The EDC Business Resource Guide is updated daily and is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Edison has increased the amount of bill relief provided by the Energy Assistance Fund. The CARE and FERA programs are also available to reduce your monthly bill. Apply [here](#).
- SoCalGas launched "SoCalGas CAREs" offering impacted customers a 20% discount on their natural gas bills. Customers experiencing financial hardship can apply [here](#).

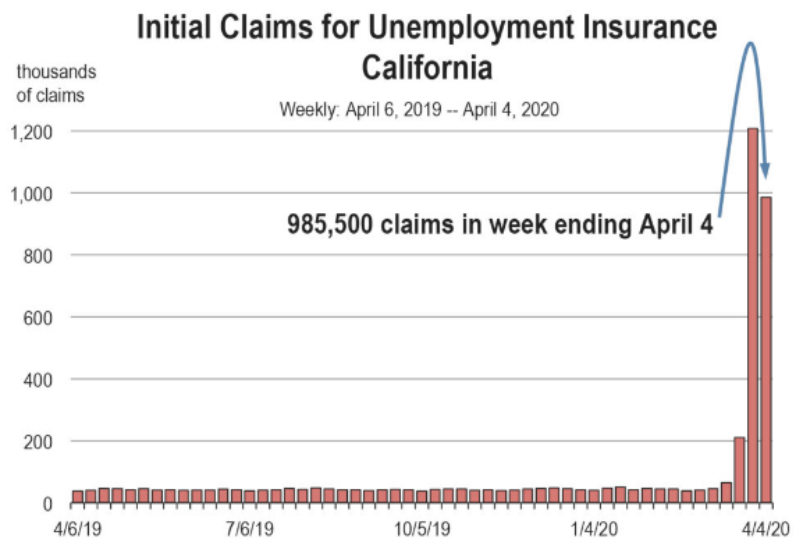


# Workforce Updates

- The California Unemployment rate reached 17% for the week ending April 4.
- The United States Unemployment rate reached 17.3% for the week ending April 4.
- Over 2 million Californians have filed unemployment claims in the last two weeks.
- The [EDD](#) created a new [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\) website](#). The PUA program, through the CARES Act, provides assistance for self-employed, independent contractors, and gig workers who may not be eligible for traditional UI benefits. EDD is working hard to process UI claims, and to implement the new PUA program in the next few weeks. See the update [here](#).



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[COVID 19 Resources](#)

- Since March 15, 6,733 individuals from Ventura County have registered at CalJOBS.
- Since March 15, twenty WARN notifications received – 4,393 employees affected. Online job resources are available at [America's Job Center](#) serving Ventura County.

WORKER ADJUSTMENT AND RETRAINING NOTIFICATION (WARN)

Ventura County Tracking

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Number of WARN Letters Received This Week

# 1,608

Number of Employees Affected This Week

# 4,393

Total Number of Employees Affected Since March 15, 2020

## Links to Partner Websites and Resources:

- [VC Emergency](#) website for County news and resources. Including a section for [Business and Workers](#).
- [Economic Development Collaborative](#) - Small Business Development Center (Ventura County) – Offering business consulting and loans.
- [Women’s Economic Ventures Ventura County](#) – Offering business consulting and loans.
- CalJOBS is an Internet-based virtual job center where all job seekers participating in employment services are registered. CalJOBS gives businesses and employers access to thousands of job seekers and tools to facilitate hiring and employment. In Ventura County, our local portal to CalJOBS can be found at our local [America’s Job Center of CA](#) website.

### Chambers of Commerce Coronavirus Resources: Business Resources, FAQ’s, What our Community is Doing

- [Camarillo Chamber](#)
- [Greater Conejo Valley Chamber](#)
- [Ojai Valley Chamber](#)
- [Oxnard Chamber](#)
- [Santa Paula Chamber](#)
- [Simi Valley Chamber](#)
- [Ventura Chamber](#)

### Stay Informed with What’s Happening in Your City:

- [City of Camarillo](#)
- [City of Fillmore](#)
- [City of Moorpark](#)
- [City of Ojai](#)
- [City of Oxnard](#)
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