



January 19, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

As we kick off the new year, community outreach is underway for the 2022 CEDS Annual Update, as well as the 2023-2028 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The presentation focuses on the progress made toward the goals and objectives set in 2018. We welcome suggestions for new subcommittee members for the 5-year update.

We have scheduled meetings with most municipalities for a CEDS update. We will finalize meetings with the remaining towns shortly.

Bethany: TBA
Branford: January 19
East Haven: February 9
Guilford: February 1
Hamden: TBA
Madison: February 10
Meriden: TBA
Milford: January 26

New Haven: January 12
North Branford: January 25
North Haven: January 27
Orange: January 13
Wallingford: January 31
West Haven: TBA
Woodbridge: January 20

Earlier this month, we, in collaboration with the City of New Haven Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism, hosted a meet and greet with the new state Office of Tourism Director, Noelle Stevenson. As this sector has been profoundly impacted by the pandemic, we wanted to provide our stakeholders the opportunity to share information with Ms. Stevenson and hear what her plans are for the future. In addition, arts organizations located in the REX region received over \$2 million in CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant Awards. Finally, we attended the ISHA (International Society of Hotel Associations) Winter Conference in Scottsdale to collaborate with our peers on programs to assist the lodging industry.

If you are still interested in applying, the CEDAS Best Practices in Economic Development & Land Use Planning deadline has been extended to February 11, 2022. If you need assistance, please let us know.

Graphs of regional unemployment claims are attached. If you would like the spreadsheet by town, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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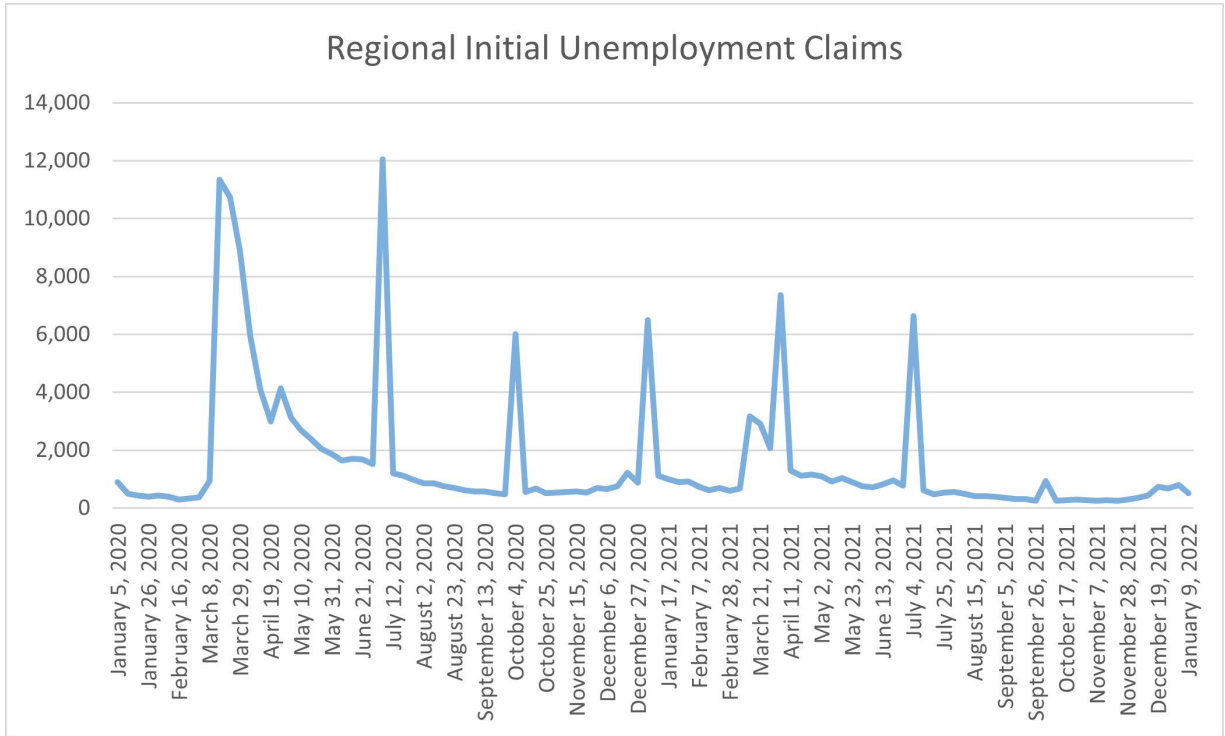
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Regional Initial Unemployment Claims – Updated January 18, 2022

Dept. of Labor Office of Research

Claims after December 19, 2021 are incomplete.

Note: The spikes, January 3, 2021 & April 4, 2021, July 4, 2021 and October 3, 2021, are due to the QRS (Quarterly Record Search)



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Regional Continuing Claims – Updated January 18, 2022
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 Claims after December 25, 2021 are incomplete.

