

# Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available for Kentucky Disaster Survivors

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**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – For residents in Boyd, Carter, Fayette, Greenup, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Mason, Oldham, Union and Whitley, if you had a loss of income due to the April 2 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) may provide you with much-needed help.

Even if you are self-employed, you may be eligible for DUA. DUA is available to individuals who:

- Worked or were self-employed, or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment;
- Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of a disaster, which can also include the physical inaccessibility of the place of employment due to its closure by the federal, state or local government in immediate response to the disaster;
- Establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income;
- Do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits from any state;
- Cannot work or resume self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster; or
- As a result of the disaster, became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of the household.

To qualify for DUA benefits, claimants in eligible counties must show that their employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a direct result of the April 2 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides.

## How to File a Claim



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Affected individuals should visit the Kentucky Career Center website at [kcc.ky.gov](http://kcc.ky.gov) or call **502-875-0442** to file their initial claim. The deadline to apply for this assistance is **Aug. 12, 2024**.

Homeowners and renters in the designated counties can apply for FEMA assistance online at [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov), by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the [FEMA mobile app](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

For the latest information on Kentucky's recovery from the April 2 severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, landslides and mudslides, please visit [fema.gov/disaster/4782](http://fema.gov/disaster/4782). Follow FEMA on X, formerly called Twitter, at [twitter.com/femaregion4](https://twitter.com/femaregion4) and at [facebook.com/fema](https://facebook.com/fema).



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