



# Media Fact Sheet

## Hill Country Flooding

Disaster Unemployment Assistance provides unemployment benefits to qualifying individuals who lost their job or self-employment directly due to a major disaster declared by the president. Under the presidential disaster declaration ([DR-4879-TX](#)), people in Burnet, Kerr, San Saba, Tom Green, Travis, and Williamson counties may be eligible.

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Benefits are paid every 2 weeks.

**4-6**

Processing time for claims is typically 4-6 weeks, depending on the circumstances of the disaster declaration.

### Two Ways to Apply

**1.**

Use the online [Unemployment Benefit Services](#) portal and select "Apply for Benefits"

OR

**2.**

Call 800-939-6631 and apply by phone

Indicate you are applying for benefits due to damages from "Hill Country Flooding."

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Days from filing when all required documentation must be submitted.

**Applications Due**  
**Sept. 4, 2025**

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, someone must be unable to work directly because of the disaster. This includes people who:

- Applied for and were denied regular unemployment benefits.
- Lost a job that provided more than 50% of their total income.
- Lived in, worked in, or traveled through the disaster area.
- Had a place of employment that was damaged or closed.
- Had a job scheduled to start that no longer exists or is unreachable.
- Became the primary breadwinner or support for a household.
- Temporary and seasonal workers: Eligible for weeks they would have been employed if the disaster hadn't happened.

*If someone is eligible for regular UI benefits, Texas Workforce Commission must pay those benefits before taking a disaster unemployment assistance application.*

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Applications Received  
for Disaster Unemployment  
Assistance.

**1,516**

Applications Received  
for Disaster-Related  
Regular Unemployment  
Insurance.