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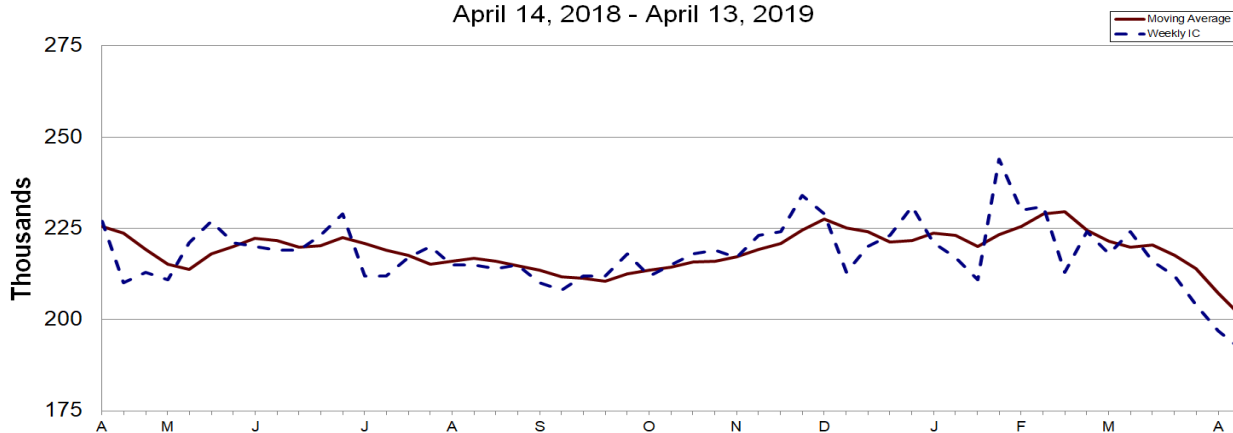
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 192,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since September 6, 1969 when it was 182,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 196,000 to 197,000. The 4-week moving average was 201,250, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since November 1, 1969 when it was 200,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 207,000 to 207,250.

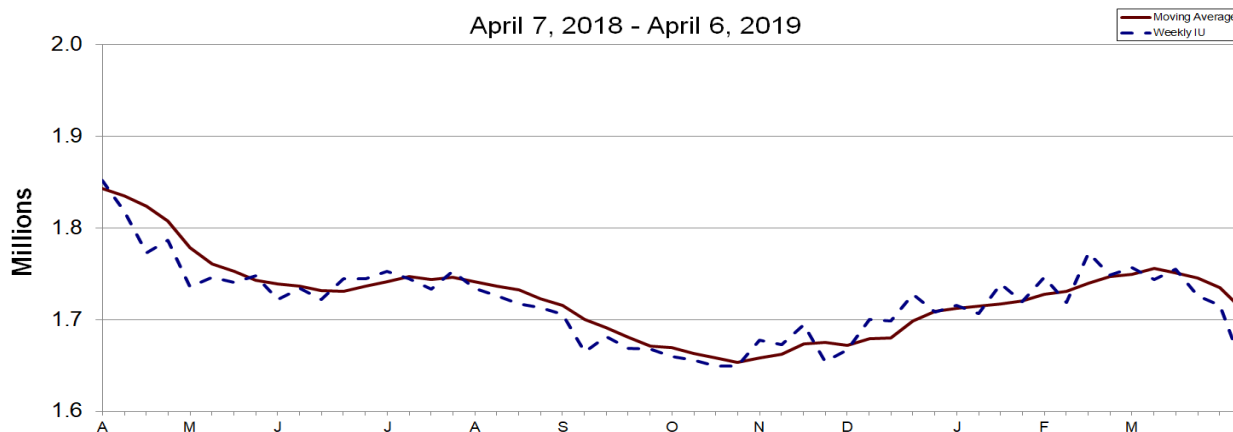
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 6, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 6 was 1,653,000, a decrease of 63,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,713,000 to 1,716,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,712,500, a decrease of 22,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,734,500 to 1,735,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 14, 2018 - April 13, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

April 7, 2018 - April 6, 2019



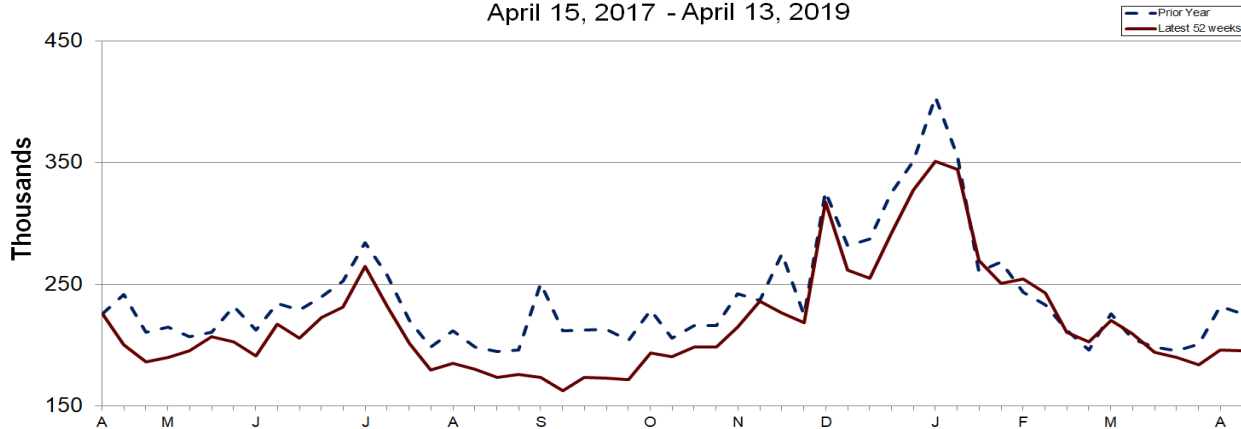
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 195,374 in the week ending April 13, a decrease of 796 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,939 (or 2.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 226,090 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 6, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,728,810, a decrease of 133,023 (or -7.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 66,923 (or -3.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,929,729.

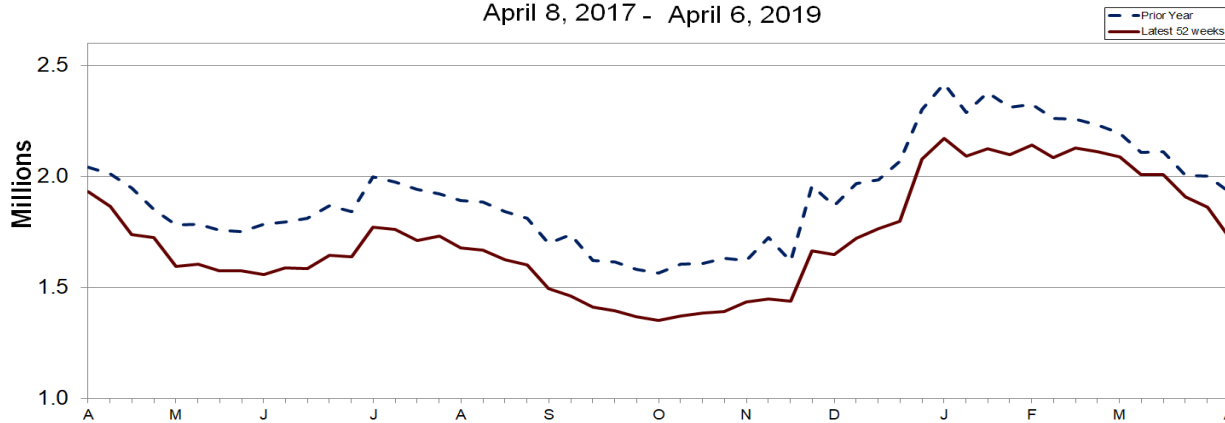
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

April 15, 2017 - April 13, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

April 8, 2017 - April 6, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending March 30 was 1,890,575, a decrease of 46,767 from the previous week. There were 2,034,634 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 552 in the week ending April 6, a decrease of 19 from the prior week. There were 553 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 106 from the preceding week.

There were 10,434 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 30, an increase of 358 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,879, a decrease of 224 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 30 were in Alaska (2.8), New Jersey (2.4), California (2.2), Connecticut (2.2), Rhode Island (2.2), Montana (2.1), Illinois (2.0), Massachusetts (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), and Minnesota (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 6 were in Michigan (+1,945), Tennessee (+1,833), Arizona (+1,289), Florida (+1,098), and Arkansas (+1,031), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,301), New York (-406), Illinois (-354), Missouri (-327), and Wisconsin (-297).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 13	April 6	Change	March 30	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	192,000	197,000	-5,000	204,000	227,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	195,374	196,170	-796	183,801	226,090
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	201,250	207,250	-6,000	214,000	225,500
WEEK ENDING	April 6	March 30	Change	March 23	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,653,000	1,716,000	-63,000	1,726,000	1,852,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,728,810	1,861,833	-133,023	1,908,509	1,929,729
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,712,500	1,735,250	-22,750	1,745,500	1,843,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 6	March 30	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	552	571	-19	795
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	553	447	+106	697

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 30	March 23	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,859,079	1,905,781	-46,702	1,999,031
Federal Employees	10,434	10,076	+358	10,678
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,879	6,103	-224	7,777
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	0	1	-1	1,010
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	6,117	6,019	+98	7,029
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	9,066	9,362	-296	9,109
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,890,575	1,937,342	-46,767	2,034,634

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 143,629,179 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended April 13			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 6		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,236	2,891	-655	13,850	14,581	-731
Alaska	1,170	891	279	7,739	8,583	-844
Arizona	5,241	5,029	212	17,605	18,755	-1,150
Arkansas	1,334	2,250	-916	9,280	9,788	-508
California	40,214	36,227	3,987	353,478	373,823	-20,345
Colorado	2,088	1,903	185	18,686	20,735	-2,049
Connecticut	3,453	2,396	1,057	34,520	36,128	-1,608
Delaware	459	470	-11	4,761	4,815	-54
District of Columbia	480	439	41	6,497	6,753	-256
Florida	6,096	6,402	-306	28,860	33,253	-4,393
Georgia	5,061	4,642	419	23,852	23,020	832
Hawaii	1,152	1,285	-133	6,805	6,601	204
Idaho	862	917	-55	6,144	7,427	-1,283
Illinois	7,749	8,876	-1,127	111,374	119,157	-7,783
Indiana	2,517	3,038	-521	16,226	18,760	-2,534
Iowa	2,058	1,780	278	20,838	23,639	-2,801
Kansas	1,310	1,357	-47	7,991	8,643	-652
Kentucky	2,030	2,774	-744	16,021	18,087	-2,066
Louisiana	1,687	1,656	31	11,662	13,668	-2,006
Maine	681	739	-58	7,459	7,613	-154
Maryland	2,681	2,482	199	24,578	26,559	-1,981
Massachusetts	4,420	4,296	124	63,821	70,991	-7,170
Michigan	5,438	6,682	-1,244	59,112	71,366	-12,254
Minnesota	2,923	3,136	-213	51,160	54,561	-3,401
Mississippi	920	949	-29	5,735	6,676	-941
Missouri	2,641	2,639	2	17,339	20,567	-3,228
Montana	882	739	143	8,380	9,428	-1,048
Nebraska	567	589	-22	4,189	5,078	-889
Nevada	2,262	2,008	254	16,193	18,298	-2,105
New Hampshire	439	497	-58	3,563	4,098	-535
New Jersey	7,539	7,707	-168	90,497	95,817	-5,320
New Mexico	806	874	-68	8,875	9,393	-518
New York	12,263	12,603	-340	133,825	140,011	-6,186
North Carolina	2,904	3,139	-235	17,973	19,429	-1,456
North Dakota	328	272	56	4,928	5,013	-85
Ohio	5,268	6,011	-743	55,458	59,590	-4,132
Oklahoma	1,624	2,024	-400	12,915	13,647	-732
Oregon	4,352	4,468	-116	28,715	30,036	-1,321
Pennsylvania	11,558	11,127	431	102,184	117,131	-14,947
Puerto Rico	1,317	1,163	154	12,693	15,524	-2,831
Rhode Island	771	669	102	9,048	10,112	-1,064
South Carolina	1,959	2,109	-150	13,375	14,039	-664
South Dakota	68	143	-75	2,052	2,666	-614
Tennessee	2,026	4,318	-2,292	16,728	16,781	-53
Texas	13,636	13,093	543	106,756	111,714	-4,958
Utah	1,372	1,026	346	7,962	9,000	-1,038
Vermont	687	519	168	4,650	4,675	-25
Virgin Islands	10	37	-27	540	364	176
Virginia	2,458	2,187	271	19,642	20,020	-378
Washington	7,163	6,299	864	53,993	53,624	369
West Virginia	920	678	242	11,996	10,966	1,030
Wisconsin	4,734	5,381	-647	33,731	38,304	-4,573
Wyoming	560	344	216	2,556	2,526	30
US Total	195,374	196,170	-796	1,728,810	1,861,833	-133,023

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
April 7, 2018	227	-4	224.00	1,852	0	1,843.25	1.3
April 14, 2018	227	0	225.50	1,818	-34	1,835.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	210	-17	223.75	1,773	-45	1,823.75	1.3
April 28, 2018	213	3	219.25	1,787	14	1,807.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	-2	215.25	1,736	-51	1,778.50	1.2
May 12, 2018	221	10	213.75	1,746	10	1,760.50	1.2
May 19, 2018	227	6	218.00	1,741	-5	1,752.50	1.2
May 26, 2018	221	-6	220.00	1,748	7	1,742.75	1.2
June 2, 2018	220	-1	222.25	1,722	-26	1,739.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	219	-1	221.75	1,734	12	1,736.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	219	0	219.75	1,722	-12	1,731.50	1.2
June 23, 2018	223	4	220.25	1,745	23	1,730.75	1.2
June 30, 2018	229	6	222.50	1,745	0	1,736.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	212	-17	220.75	1,753	8	1,741.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	212	0	219.00	1,745	-8	1,747.00	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	5	217.50	1,733	-12	1,744.00	1.2
July 28, 2018	220	3	215.25	1,753	20	1,746.00	1.2
August 4, 2018	215	-5	216.00	1,734	-19	1,741.25	1.2
August 11, 2018	215	0	216.75	1,726	-8	1,736.50	1.2
August 18, 2018	214	-1	216.00	1,717	-9	1,732.50	1.2
August 25, 2018	215	1	214.75	1,713	-4	1,722.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	210	-5	213.50	1,706	-7	1,715.50	1.2
September 8, 2018	208	-2	211.75	1,665	-41	1,700.25	1.2
September 15, 2018	212	4	211.25	1,682	17	1,691.50	1.2
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,653	-63	1,712.50	1.2
April 13, 2019	192	-5	201.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 6					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 30						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM				
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
Alabama	2891	641	429	1	6	14581	0.8	450	-548	65	65	14711
Alaska	891	4	-334	3	3	8583	2.8	60	-1659	137	17	8737
Arizona	5029	1289	-1186	3	1	18755	0.7	-357	-2954	181	50	18986
Arkansas	2250	1031	41	3	2	9788	0.8	-1215	-2146	68	37	9893
California	36227	-2301	-4845	122	82	373823	2.2	5165	-13907	2400	1320	377543
Colorado	1903	420	-245	9	14	20735	0.8	381	-1626	264	202	21201
Connecticut	2396	434	-184	6	1	36128	2.2	-3062	-6100	64	58	36250
Delaware	470	45	-876	1	0	4815	1.1	-1134	-550	13	5	4833
District of Columbia	439	60	136	20	1	6753	1.2	-264	-1173	361	7	7121
Florida	6402	1098	-1193	20	41	33253	0.4	-1324	-4793	172	87	33512
Georgia	4642	471	-1224	26	18	23020	0.5	-924	-4673	149	164	23333
Hawaii	1285	36	-256	3	11	6601	1.1	-44	-751	77	56	6734
Idaho	917	-274	-134	6	3	7427	1.1	-584	40	154	11	7592
Illinois	8876	-354	-1032	8	8	119157	2.0	-277	-560	380	142	119679
Indiana	3038	1005	369	1	4	18760	0.6	660	410	30	28	18818
Iowa	1780	-102	-494	3	2	23639	1.5	-3330	317	41	31	23711
Kansas	1357	-133	-334	5	1	8643	0.6	-552	-1252	35	23	8701
Kentucky	2774	606	-55	2	2	18087	1.0	-330	-1279	96	106	18289
Louisiana	1656	-10	-737	3	2	13668	0.7	-615	-1972	57	16	13741
Maine	739	63	-108	0	0	7613	1.3	-740	-345	35	8	7656
Maryland	2482	86	-981	16	6	26559	1.1	-1648	-5922	228	91	26878
Massachusetts	4296	585	-536	10	8	70991	2.0	-6339	-8042	128	76	71195
Michigan	6682	1945	991	8	9	71366	1.7	925	2849	199	65	71630
Minnesota	3136	68	-371	5	3	54561	1.9	-926	-3660	105	56	54722
Mississippi	949	93	-139	1	3	6676	0.6	-520	-772	85	12	6773
Missouri	2639	-327	-1338	3	2	20567	0.8	-2525	-5625	115	18	20700
Montana	739	38	-275	11	1	9428	2.1	-551	-14	328	19	9775
Nebraska	589	-74	-22	3	0	5078	0.5	-985	-441	24	8	5110
Nevada	2008	-5	-709	2	3	18298	1.4	-481	-2120	161	41	18500
New Hampshire	497	64	-91	1	1	4098	0.6	-186	-600	0	1	4099
New Jersey	7707	813	-7186	15	18	95817	2.4	-4207	-6814	223	192	96232
New Mexico	874	43	-80	1	2	9393	1.2	-146	-610	225	41	9659
New York	12603	-406	-3918	27	20	140011	1.5	-8006	-14758	345	316	140672
North Carolina	3139	367	293	10	25	19429	0.5	-349	-721	105	106	19640
North Dakota	272	6	-151	2	0	5013	1.2	-394	-1107	17	4	5034
Ohio	6011	-186	-813	8	15	59590	1.1	-2187	-5324	106	136	59832
Oklahoma	2024	318	416	4	5	13647	0.9	89	157	60	66	13773
Oregon	4468	302	-364	26	12	30036	1.6	950	494	495	66	30597
Pennsylvania	11127	607	-3659	40	34	117131	2.0	-21	-14454	517	241	117889
Puerto Rico	1163	15	-310	2	2	15524	1.8	21	-6964	144	42	15710
Rhode Island	669	-2	-231	0	2	10112	2.2	-914	-366	21	20	10153
South Carolina	2109	301	-317	4	9	14039	0.7	-66	-501	51	76	14166
South Dakota	143	-6	-50	1	1	2666	0.6	-256	-3	44	3	2713
Tennessee	4318	1833	1676	5	9	16781	0.6	-833	-2711	80	63	16924
Texas	13093	766	-2015	59	115	111714	0.9	-1925	-10689	876	1024	113614
Utah	1026	171	-159	14	3	9000	0.6	-653	-22	132	17	9149
Vermont	519	122	-104	1	1	4675	1.5	-166	-181	13	0	4688
Virgin Islands	37	12	23	0	0	364	1.1	-232	-1864	4	0	368
Virginia	2187	87	-600	3	8	20020	0.5	-780	-2810	181	181	20382
Washington	6299	829	-239	14	30	53624	1.6	-2711	2410	438	424	54486
West Virginia	678	31	-457	2	0	10966	1.7	-579	-481	46	20	11032
Wisconsin	5381	-297	-1467	4	3	38304	1.4	-1779	-1050	93	14	38411
Wyoming	344	141	-144	5	1	2526	1.0	-260	-1488	66	7	2599
Totals	196170	12369	-35589	552	553	1861833	1.3	-46676	-139725	10434	5879	1878146

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 6, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+1,945	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TN	+1,833	No comment.
AZ	+1,289	No comment.
FL	+1,098	Layoffs in the wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
AR	+1,031	No comment.
IN	+1,005	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,301	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

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