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### COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

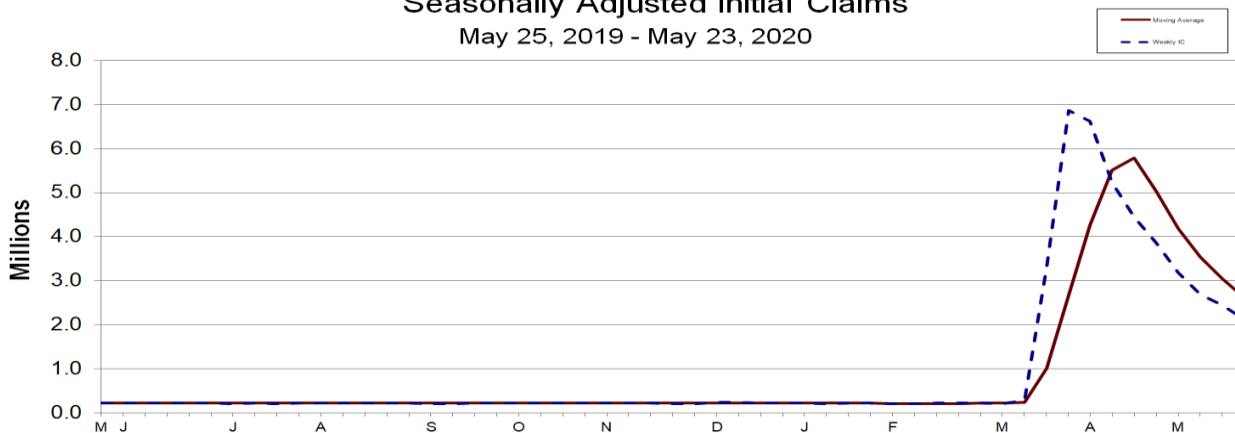
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

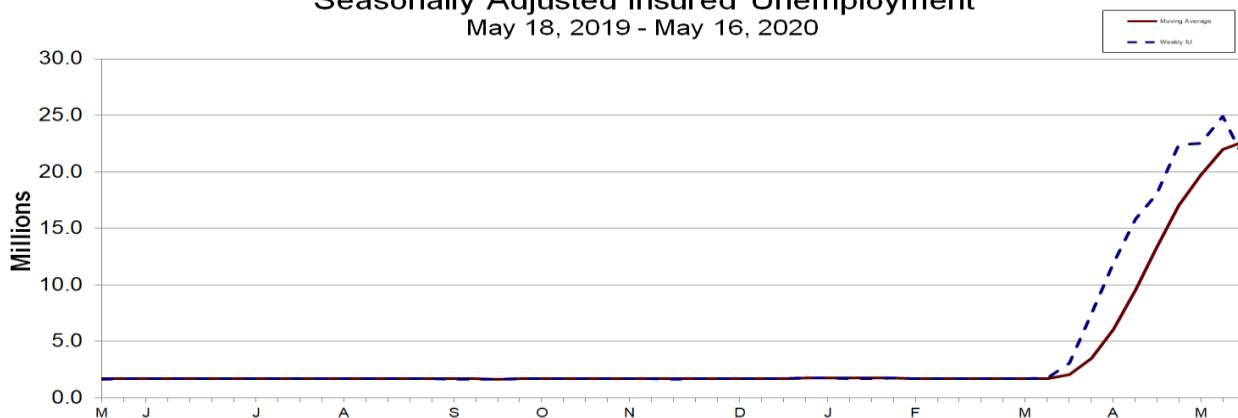
In the week ending May 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 2,123,000, a decrease of 323,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 8,000 from 2,438,000 to 2,446,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,608,000, a decrease of 436,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 3,042,000 to 3,044,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 14.5 percent for the week ending May 16, a decrease of 2.6 percentage points from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 17.2 to 17.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 16 was 21,052,000, a decrease of 3,860,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 161,000 from 25,073,000 to 24,912,000. The 4-week moving average was 22,722,250, an increase of 760,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 40,250 from 22,002,250 to 21,962,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
May 25, 2019 - May 23, 2020



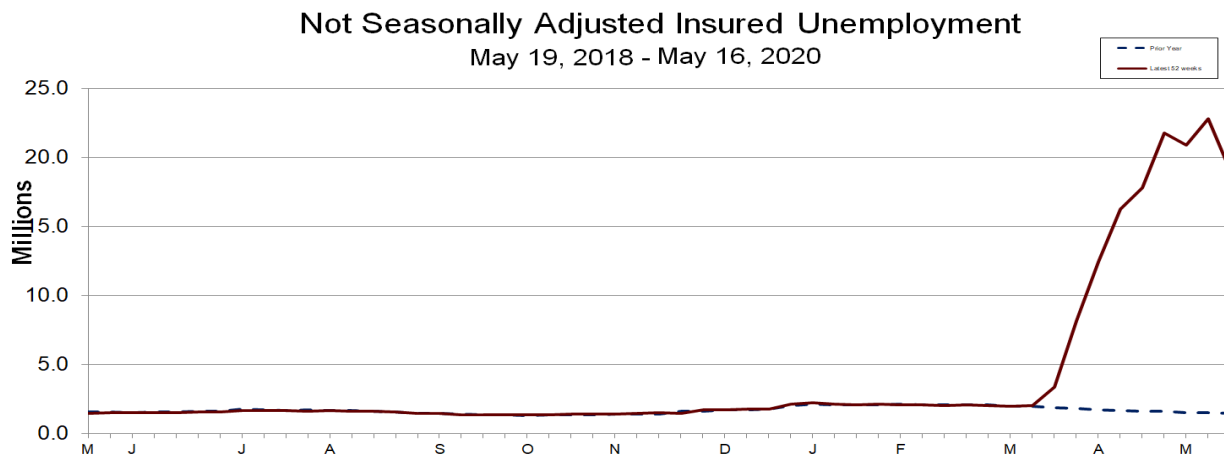
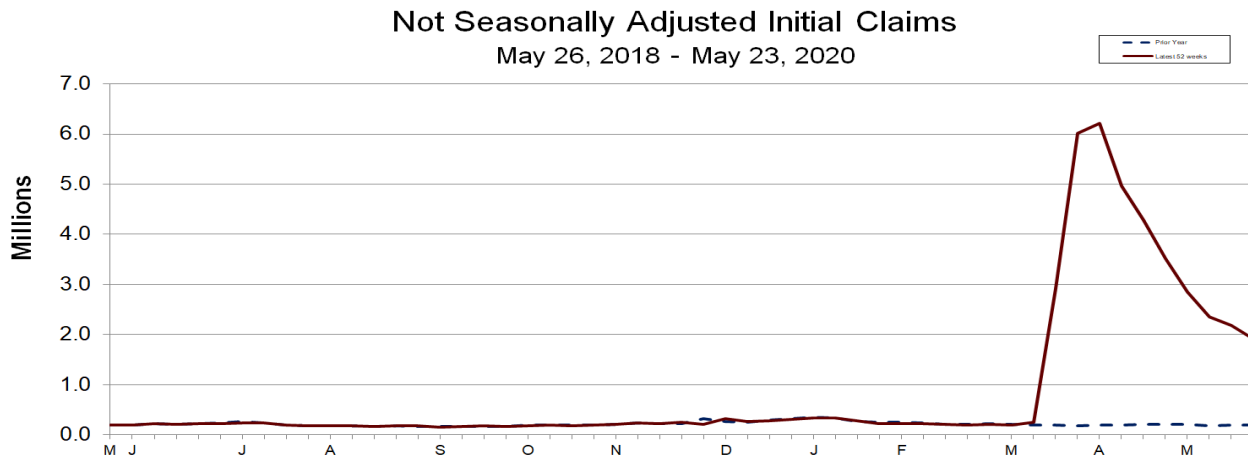
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
May 18, 2019 - May 16, 2020



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,914,958 in the week ending May 23, a decrease of 266,682 (or -12.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,458 (or 1.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 198,194 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending May 23, 32 states reported 1,192,616 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 13.1 percent during the week ending May 16, a decrease of 2.5 percentage points from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 19,051,706, a decrease of 3,742,432 (or -16.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 249,116 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,509,265.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 9 was 30,957,122, an increase of 3,675,484 from the previous week. There were 1,569,212 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

Extended Benefits were available in Alaska, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia during the week ending May 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,824 in the week ending May 16, an increase of 101 from the prior week. There were 1,213 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 137 from the preceding week.

There were 16,612 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 9, an increase of 1,207 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 14,289, an increase of 3,359 from the prior week.

For the week ending May 9, 33 states reported 7,793,066 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 22 states reported 222,300 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 9 were in Washington (31.2), Nevada (26.7), Florida (25.0), Hawaii (23.4), Michigan (23.1), California (20.6), New York (19.9), Rhode Island (18.8), Vermont (18.2), Connecticut (18.0), and Georgia (18.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 16 were in California (+31,764), Washington (+29,288), New York (+24,543), Florida (+2,322), and Michigan (+1,549), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-65,041), New Jersey (-27,324), Kentucky (-22,051), Louisiana (-11,580), and Pennsylvania (-11,172).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 23	May 16	Change	May 9	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	2,123,000	2,446,000	-323,000	2,687,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	1,914,958	2,181,640	-266,682	2,356,626	198,194
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,608,000	3,044,000	-436,000	3,543,000	218,250

WEEK ENDING	May 16	May 9	Change	May 2	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	21,052,000	24,912,000	-3,860,000	22,548,000	1,675,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	19,051,706	22,794,138	-3,742,432	20,879,704	1,509,265
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	22,722,250	21,962,000	+760,250	19,688,750	1,680,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	14.5%	17.1%	-2.6	15.5%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	13.1%	15.6%	-2.5	14.3%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 23	May 16	Change	May 9
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	1,192,616	1,246,871	-54,255	850,184

WEEK ENDING	May 16	May 9	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,824	1,723	+101	547
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,213	1,076	+137	460

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 9	May 2	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	22,725,217	20,823,294	+1,901,923	1,540,485
Federal Employees	16,612	15,405	+1,207	7,474
Newly Discharged Veterans	14,289	10,930	+3,359	5,675
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,793,066	6,120,328	+1,672,738	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	222,300	162,727	+59,573	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	931	426	+505	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	5,823	5,803	+20	6,214
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	178,884	142,725	+36,159	9,364
TOTAL <sup>8</sup>	30,957,122	27,281,638	+3,675,484	1,569,212

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 145,671,710 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	27,289	25,150	2,139	185,242	203,677	-18,435
Alaska	8,537	7,741	796	47,670	50,049	-2,379
Arizona	26,878	31,957	-5,079	212,223	230,566	-18,343
Arkansas	10,464	11,427	-963	116,116	122,408	-6,292
California*	212,343	244,431	-32,088	2,122,719	3,565,153	-1,442,434
Colorado	15,731	18,054	-2,323	266,470	246,507	19,963
Connecticut	16,584	25,960	-9,376	275,504	297,088	-21,584
Delaware*	4,783	5,554	-771	59,030	51,010	8,020
District of Columbia	5,123	5,196	-73	69,091	68,844	247
Florida	173,731	225,404	-51,673	508,632	2,151,108	-1,642,476
Georgia	164,350	177,731	-13,381	728,728	790,178	-61,450
Hawaii**	8,683	10,964	-2,281	187,023	145,543	41,480
Idaho	4,472	5,800	-1,328	55,400	60,121	-4,721
Illinois	58,359	72,780	-14,421	764,194	733,542	30,652
Indiana	26,278	29,436	-3,158	260,939	270,385	-9,446
Iowa	14,586	12,056	2,530	180,679	184,641	-3,962
Kansas*	11,614	11,238	376	111,583	108,565	3,018
Kentucky	53,738	47,321	6,417	245,098	246,865	-1,767
Louisiana	23,853	28,545	-4,692	320,536	326,504	-5,968
Maine**	4,116	4,726	-610	99,968	92,207	7,761
Maryland	33,240	35,111	-1,871	249,849	253,212	-3,363
Massachusetts	37,740	38,684	-944	589,448	589,545	-97
Michigan	57,714	56,715	999	958,927	994,188	-35,261
Minnesota	28,615	28,893	-278	433,254	427,690	5,564
Mississippi	24,348	24,242	106	198,376	189,886	8,490
Missouri	25,917	28,244	-2,327	253,148	261,840	-8,692
Montana	3,617	3,660	-43	48,919	53,786	-4,867
Nebraska	5,875	5,839	36	60,296	62,962	-2,666
Nevada	18,102	17,837	265	339,899	369,041	-29,142
New Hampshire	6,973	8,794	-1821	108,935	114,450	-5,515
New Jersey	33,290	42,365	-9,075	586,650	601,770	-15,120
New Mexico	7,347	7,356	-9	108,286	103,949	4,337
New York	192,193	223,962	-31,769	1,824,663	1,873,935	-49,272
North Carolina	43,221	46,913	-3,692	558,978	605,709	-46,731
North Dakota	3,277	2,619	658	35,613	32,399	3,214
Ohio	42,363	46,862	-4,499	617,480	704,784	-87,304
Oklahoma	32,127	33,440	-1,313	135,504	135,229	275
Oregon	27,514	23,539	3,975	487,159	290,151	197,008
Pennsylvania*	69,408	62,516	6,892	913,268	1,008,886	-95,618
Puerto Rico**	10,923	10,923	0	192,050	152,823	39,227
Rhode Island	2,920	3,883	-963	88,562	89,247	-685
South Carolina	24,950	29,899	-4,949	240,276	256,676	-16,400
South Dakota	3,410	3,891	-481	22,588	25,186	-2,598
Tennessee	26,041	27,990	-1,949	322,094	332,745	-10,651
Texas	128,105	134,065	-5,960	1,301,355	1,300,576	779
Utah	5,455	6,228	-773	82,005	86,298	-4,293
Vermont	1,480	2,199	-719	50,095	55,103	-5,008
Virgin Islands	42	66	-24	4,542	3,572	970
Virginia*	58,591	44,699	13,892	378,641	403,557	-24,916
Washington	53,280	140,119	-86,839	630,477	1,045,456	-414,979
West Virginia	4,762	5,026	-264	102,112	98,794	3,318
Wisconsin	28,308	31,287	-2,979	292,699	308,397	-15,698
Wyoming*	2,298	2,303	-5	18,713	17,335	1,378
US Total	1,914,958	2,181,640	-266,682	19,051,706	22,794,138	-3,742,432

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.

\* Denotes state estimate

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## 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	
May 18, 2019	213	-4	221.25	1,675	-8	1,680.00	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	5	218.25	1,695	20	1,682.75	1.2
June 1, 2019	220	2	217.00	1,700	5	1,688.25	1.2
June 8, 2019	220	0	217.75	1,677	-23	1,686.75	1.2
June 15, 2019	219	-1	219.25	1,692	15	1,691.00	1.2
June 22, 2019	224	5	220.75	1,699	7	1,692.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-2	221.25	1,717	18	1,696.25	1.2
July 6, 2019	211	-11	219.00	1,694	-23	1,700.50	1.2
July 13, 2019	217	6	218.50	1,682	-12	1,698.00	1.2
July 20, 2019	211	-6	215.25	1,699	17	1,698.00	1.2
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	21,052	-3,860	22,722.25	14.5
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 23			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended May 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	May 9	May 2	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
California*	94,732	112,791	-18,059	1,148,937	1,754,859	-605,922
Colorado	6,635	7,633	-998	96,779	92,584	4,195
Connecticut	4,491	7,450	-2,959	65,560	80,570	-15,010
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	925	5,193	-4,268	4,561	2,370	2,191
Illinois	15,450	74,515	-59,065	159,646	0	159,646
Indiana	26,484	0	26,484	67,577	60,354	7,223
Iowa	2,946	4,552	-1,606	16,186	15,219	967
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	25,188	3,396	21,792	118,817	142,979	-24,162
Maine	0	7,043	-7,043	35,713	41,030	-5,317
Maryland	14,297	15,448	-1,151	170,722	129,069	41,653
Massachusetts	147,594	115,952	31,642	1,184,792	657,621	527,171
Michigan	196,235	165,230	31,005	1,642,002	1,221,309	420,693
Minnesota	883	3,036	-2,153	78,807	60,871	17,936
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	6,717	7,787	-1,070	89,665	109,019	-19,354
Montana	4,812	2,466	2,346	31,028	24,161	6,867
Nebraska	1,511	1,700	-189	20,206	16,470	3,736
Nevada	37,567	27,399	10,168	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	89,255	103,220	-13,965	302,590	262,403	40,187
New Mexico	3,139	3,253	-114	49,504	46,117	3,387
New York	250,130	177,684	72,446	226,631	90,280	136,351
North Carolina	43,056	42,002	1,054	59,343	68,684	-9,341
North Dakota	1,141	638	503	8,142	14,302	-6,160
Ohio	44,158	134,468	-90,310	592,141	0	592,141
Oklahoma	0	3,016	-3,016	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	80,053	60,750	19,303	721,664	671,703	49,961
Puerto Rico	0	1,022	-1,022	3,948	0	3,948
Rhode Island	3,995	3,768	227	35,932	41,348	-5,416
South Carolina	17,562	19,706	-2,144	98,189	0	98,189
South Dakota	875	901	-26	2,892	1,416	1,476
Tennessee	4,043	3,390	653	79,363	100,005	-20,642
Texas	40,635	43,997	-3,362	166,633	127,634	38,999
Utah	1,511	2,600	-1,089	10,169	0	10,169
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	13,906	-13,906	193,227	0	193,227
Washington	21,288	61,471	-40,183	310,163	284,555	25,608
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	4,458	8,591	-4,133	0	0	0
Wyoming*	850	897	-897	1,537	3,396	-1,859
US Total	1,192,616	1,246,871	-54,255	7,793,066	6,120,328	1,672,738

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

\* Denotes state estimate

- DOL does not estimate PUA claims data when data is not supplied by the state. Zeroes indicate unavailable data.

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed For Weeks Ended:				
	May 9	May 2	Change	April 25	April 18
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	6,633	0	6,633	0	0
California	183	0	183	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	1,442	0	1,442	0	0
District of Columbia	1,314	0	1,314	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1,239	782	457	193	0
Illinois	29,423	0	29,423	0	0
Indiana	14,094	4,528	9,566	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	17	-17	11	7
Maine	21	12	9	15	10
Maryland	0	3,473	-3,473	2,361	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	12,794	26,986	-14,192	8,457	0
Minnesota	12,935	11,934	1,001	10,619	8,363
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	9,347	10,884	-1,537	213	0
Montana	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	518	0	518	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	2,083	1,185	898	1,030	0
New York	50,117	48,190	1,927	43,414	33,362
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	3,061	0	3,061	0	0
Ohio	8,356	5,102	3,254	0	0
Oklahoma	317	0	317	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	1,500	1,365	135	1,251	1,076
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	1,592	503	1,089	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	15	0	15	0	0
Tennessee	0	41	-41	60	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	59,766	47,725	12,041	11,899	9,471
West Virginia	5,550	0	5,550	15	16
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	222,300	162,727	59,573	79,538	52,305

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

- DOL does not estimate PEUC claims data when data is not supplied by the state. Zeroes indicate unavailable data.



STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 16						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 9						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM						
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	25,150	-1,516	22,669	18	24	203,677	10.6	-13,179	189,176	138	68	203,883	
Alaska	7,741	-66	6,922	10	5	50,049	16.2	-922	43,188	161	28	50,238	
Arizona	31,957	387	27,677	13	2	230,566	8.0	1,760	205,069	196	147	230,909	
Arkansas	11,427	-1,725	9,730	3	0	122,408	10.2	-114	112,785	147	71	122,626	
California	244,431	31,764	207,003	329	193	3,565,153	20.6	714,949	3,220,418	2,812	2,223	3,570,188	
Colorado	18,054	-4,678	16,437	15	37	246,507	9.2	-15,444	227,974	233	270	247,010	
Connecticut	25,960	-4,086	23,378	73	5	297,088	18.0	-22,441	268,503	149	2,120	299,357	
Delaware	5,554	357	5,127	6	11	51,010	11.4	805	47,137	15	19	51,044	
District of Columbia	5,196	-586	4,696	60	1	68,844	11.9	3,546	62,528	772	18	69,634	
Florida	225,404	2,322	219,050	41	17	2,151,108	25.0	1,115,901	2,117,151	698	933	2,152,739	
Georgia	177,731	-65,041	173,445	51	59	790,178	18.0	-22,735	766,148	479	358	791,015	
Hawaii	10,964	-1,365	9,722	8	14	145,543	23.4	34,633	138,853	242	141	145,926	
Idaho	5,800	5	5,076	4	3	60,121	8.2	-5,357	55,381	65	38	60,224	
Illinois	72,780	109	65,398	8	13	733,542	12.4	-22,370	642,299	428	218	734,188	
Indiana	29,436	-232	27,427	26	22	270,385	8.9	-15,075	257,107	74	110	270,569	
Iowa	12,056	-3,764	10,097	21	10	184,641	12.1	-5,002	170,541	139	58	184,838	
Kansas	11,238	-996	9,836	2	0	108,565	8.0	-9,412	100,482	83	63	108,711	
Kentucky	47,321	-22,051	45,049	1	0	246,865	13.0	-6,385	231,187	172	182	247,219	
Louisiana	28,545	-11,580	26,249	51	24	326,504	17.3	1,368	313,115	95	47	326,646	
Maine	4,726	-853	4,198	2	0	92,207	15.3	4,927	87,275	51	19	92,277	
Maryland	35,111	-10,374	32,399	60	25	253,212	9.9	-1,261	231,320	218	196	253,626	
Massachusetts	38,684	-6,231	33,939	70	33	589,545	16.5	13,976	539,221	277	193	590,015	
Michigan	56,715	1,549	50,849	50	15	994,188	23.1	20,910	951,586	245	156	994,589	
Minnesota	28,893	-8,776	26,180	19	10	427,690	14.9	-1,497	398,339	189	143	428,022	
Mississippi	24,242	624	22,338	11	5	189,886	17.1	-18,384	182,815	200	45	190,131	
Missouri	28,244	-2,901	24,940	2	2	261,840	9.4	-4,390	245,022	135	67	262,042	
Montana	3,660	-102	3,036	9	6	53,786	11.8	-5,119	48,734	224	37	54,047	
Nebraska	5,839	-523	5,181	7	4	62,962	6.5	-5,127	59,758	19	17	62,998	
Nevada	17,837	-3,798	15,856	3	2	369,041	26.7	44,597	351,521	181	122	369,344	
New Hampshire	8,794	-1,222	8,376	9	5	114,450	17.6	-2,318	111,272	52	10	114,512	
New Jersey	42,365	-27,324	35,311	14	4	601,770	14.9	-113,663	525,193	453	372	602,595	
New Mexico	7,356	-668	6,572	3	1	103,949	12.9	2,817	95,657	122	70	104,141	
New York	223,962	24,543	212,088	69	67	1,873,935	19.9	27,781	1,760,893	675	603	1,875,213	
North Carolina	46,913	-10,441	43,527	64	81	605,709	13.8	-14,100	586,992	429	702	606,840	
North Dakota	2,619	-134	2,319	5	2	32,399	7.8	-3,522	30,260	30	19	32,448	
Ohio	46,862	-5,393	36,921	18	46	704,784	13.2	-41,102	661,872	200	437	705,421	
Oklahoma	33,440	-5,639	31,710	30	19	135,229	8.6	-42,893	121,721	65	80	135,374	
Oregon	23,539	-10,397	20,281	61	17	290,151	15.2	-19,392	265,425	648	148	290,947	
Pennsylvania	62,516	-11,172	50,587	262	65	1,008,886	17.4	-40,578	917,954	2,282	575	1,011,743	
Puerto Rico	10,923	-4,144	9,810	6	6	152,823	17.9	-11,211	139,677	238	74	153,135	
Rhode Island	3,883	-2,362	3,170	14	2	89,247	18.8	-4,836	82,453	80	53	89,380	
South Carolina	29,899	-3,292	27,898	31	32	256,676	12.3	-12,025	243,640	56	113	256,845	
South Dakota	3,891	-1,378	3,727	0	0	25,186	6.0	1,798	24,072	99	14	25,299	
Tennessee	27,990	-387	25,444	38	23	332,745	10.1	-10,467	317,498	145	122	333,012	
Texas	134,065	-7,488	120,258	157	255	1,300,576	10.6	118,967	1,190,071	985	1,391	1,302,952	
Utah	6,228	-848	5,330	7	4	86,298	5.9	-5,293	79,392	97	46	86,441	
Vermont	2,199	-714	1,671	1	0	55,103	18.2	-1,937	51,924	12	2	55,117	
Virgin Islands	66	-4	35	1	0	3,572	10.1	760	3,204	10	0	3,582	
Virginia	44,699	-7,440	42,055	14	17	403,557	10.8	10,884	385,380	442	432	404,431	
Washington	140,119	29,288	134,606	15	12	1,045,456	31.2	305,661	1,000,363	426	764	1,046,646	
West Virginia	5,026	-1,019	4,236	2	3	98,794	14.8	-8,611	90,128	68	56	98,918	
Wisconsin	31,287	-7,423	27,777	25	10	308,397	10.8	-4,851	285,448	131	78	308,606	
Wyoming	2,303	-994	2,096	5	0	17,335	6.4	-593	15,544	30	21	17,386	
Totals	2,181,640	-170,179	1,989,709	1,824	1,213	22,794,138	15.6	1,914,434	21,250,666	16,612	14,289	22,825,039	

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 16, 2020**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+31,764	Layoffs in the service industry.
WA	+29,288	Layoffs in the insurance, educational services, and public administration industries.
NY	+24,543	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and information industries.
FL	+2,322	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
MI	+1,549	No comment.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
GA	-65,041	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, retail trade, manufacturing, educational services, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.
NJ	-27,324	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, transportation and warehousing, construction, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
KY	-22,051	No comment.
LA	-11,580	No comment.
PA	-11,172	Fewer layoffs in the educational services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and construction industries.
NC	-10,441	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	-10,397	No comment.
MD	-10,374	No comment.
MN	-8,776	No comment.
TX	-7,488	No comment.
VA	-7,440	No comment.
WI	-7,423	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and health care and social assistance industries.
MA	-6,231	No comment.
OK	-5,639	No comment.
OH	-5,393	No comment.
CO	-4,678	No comment.
PR	-4,144	No comment.
CT	-4,086	No comment.
NV	-3,798	No comment.
IA	-3,764	No comment.
SC	-3,292	No comment.
MO	-2,901	No comment.
RI	-2,362	No comment.
AR	-1,725	No comment.
AL	-1,516	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing industries.
SD	-1,378	No comment.
HI	-1,365	No comment.
NH	-1,222	No comment.
WV	-1,019	No comment.

## 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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