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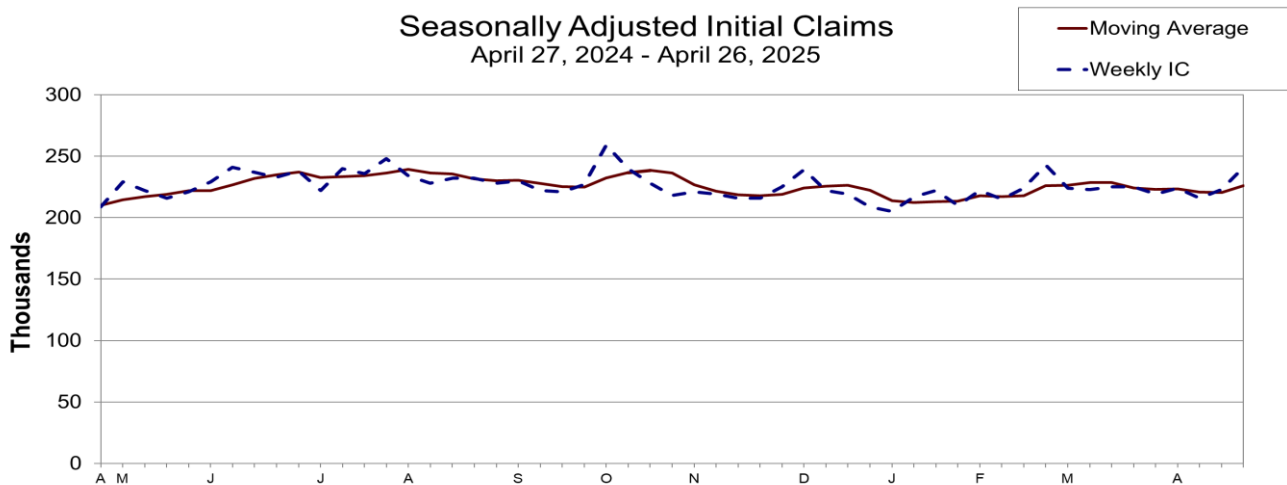
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

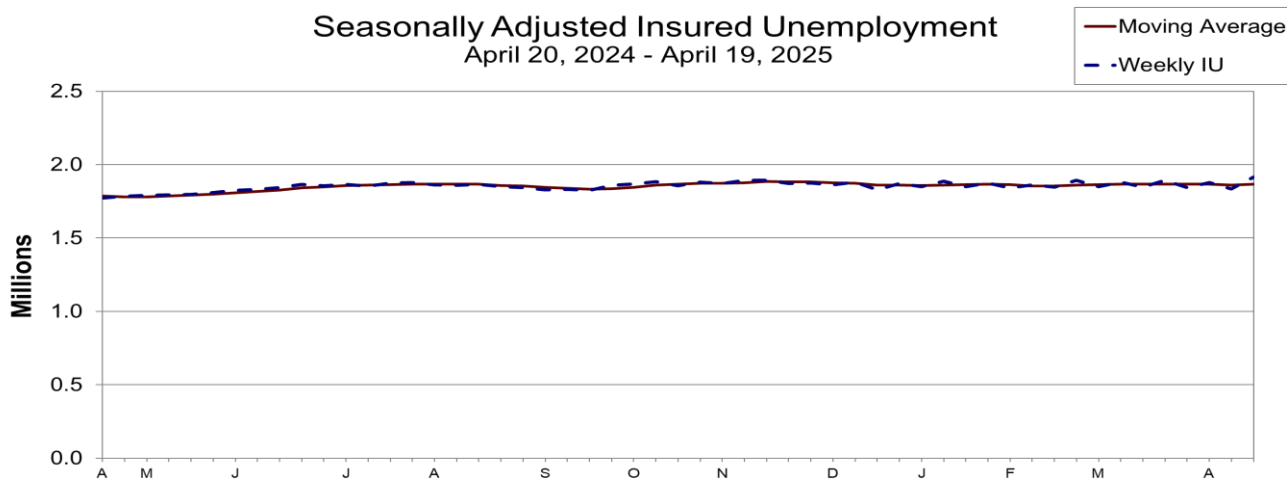
In the week ending April 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 241,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 222,000 to 223,000. The 4-week moving average was 226,000, an increase of 5,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 220,250 to 220,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending April 19, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 19 was 1,916,000, an increase of 83,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 13, 2021 when it was 1,970,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,841,000 to 1,833,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,867,750, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,864,000 to 1,862,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 27, 2024 - April 26, 2025



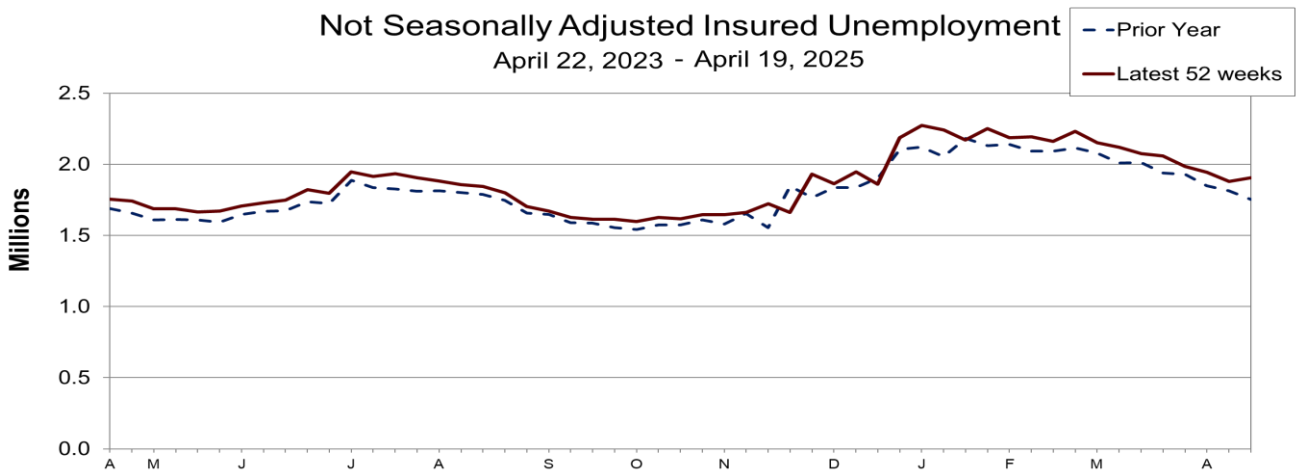
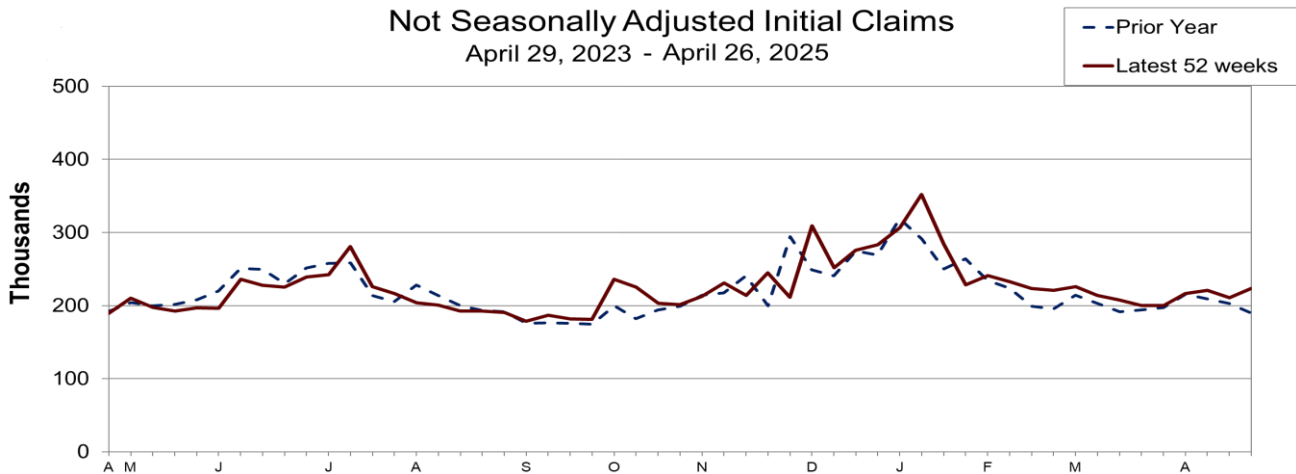
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 20, 2024 - April 19, 2025



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 223,614 in the week ending April 26, an increase of 12,901 (or 6.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,791 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 189,634 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending April 19, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,906,278, an increase of 25,766 (or 1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 56,819 (or -3.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,753,465.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 12 was 1,909,168, a decrease of 64,391 from the previous week. There were 1,837,523 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 470 in the week ending April 19, a decrease of 187 from the prior week. There were 358 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 18 from the preceding week.

There were 6,634 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 12, a decrease of 391 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,397, an increase of 33 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 12 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.2), Rhode Island (2.2), Washington (2.2), Illinois (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), Minnesota (1.9), District of Columbia (1.8), New York (1.7), and Oregon (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 19 were in New Jersey (+2,875), Connecticut (+2,231), Rhode Island (+1,868), Maryland (+452), and Arizona (+450), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-4,613), Texas (-1,896), Oklahoma (-1,336), California (-1,226), and Virginia (-886).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 26	April 19	Change	April 12	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	241,000	223,000	+18,000	216,000	209,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	223,614	210,713	+12,901	220,993	189,634
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	226,000	220,500	+5,500	221,000	210,250

WEEK ENDING	April 19	April 12	Change	April 5	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,916,000	1,833,000	+83,000	1,878,000	1,771,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,906,278	1,880,512	+25,766	1,943,696	1,753,465
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,867,750	1,862,000	+5,750	1,865,500	1,786,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 19	April 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	470	657	-187	365
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	358	340	+18	360

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 12	April 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,874,478	1,936,797	-62,319	1,807,953
Federal Employees	6,634	7,025	-391	5,091
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,397	4,364	+33	4,457
Extended Benefits ³	103	163	-60	274
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,062	3,175	-113	2,645
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,494	22,035	-1,541	17,103
TOTAL	1,909,168	1,973,559	-64,391	1,837,523

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 152,470,762 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 benefits, and when applicable, extended 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 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended April 26			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,044	1,787	257	7,827	8,300	-473
Alaska	796	540	256	4,397	4,470	-73
Arizona	4,439	4,889	-450	25,964	25,875	89
Arkansas	1,191	1,328	-137	6,781	7,441	-660
California	41,952	42,114	-162	410,265	400,824	9,441
Colorado	3,246	3,224	22	31,736	31,163	573
Connecticut	3,299	5,599	-2,300	28,358	23,593	4,765
Delaware	672	239	433	5,281	4,721	560
District of Columbia	763	734	29	11,112	10,214	898
Florida	5,660	6,060	-400	30,442	32,707	-2,265
Georgia	5,325	4,358	967	29,399	28,436	963
Hawaii	998	841	157	5,630	5,030	600
Idaho	870	989	-119	5,797	6,684	-887
Illinois	8,711	9,289	-578	106,989	110,084	-3,095
Indiana	2,583	2,609	-26	21,753	22,250	-497
Iowa	2,179	1,554	625	9,378	10,476	-1,098
Kansas	1,072	1,180	-108	9,766	8,618	1,148
Kentucky	1,650	1,978	-328	10,671	13,251	-2,580
Louisiana	1,533	1,508	25	9,315	10,480	-1,165
Maine	617	518	99	7,608	7,791	-183
Maryland	3,315	3,224	91	25,567	24,697	870
Massachusetts	8,129	4,878	3,251	65,549	69,418	-3,869
Michigan	5,350	6,817	-1,467	56,010	60,938	-4,928
Minnesota	3,104	3,386	-282	55,504	54,809	695
Mississippi	884	945	-61	5,606	6,102	-496
Missouri	2,245	4,069	-1,824	16,399	17,405	-1,006
Montana	517	478	39	6,344	6,501	-157
Nebraska	1,077	533	544	4,561	4,880	-319
Nevada	2,561	2,831	-270	24,351	24,314	37
New Hampshire	392	394	-2	3,356	3,694	-338
New Jersey	12,155	12,653	-498	104,642	100,260	4,382
New Mexico	765	744	21	10,511	10,472	39
New York	30,043	14,518	15,525	176,144	161,863	14,281
North Carolina	3,235	3,156	79	23,137	23,830	-693
North Dakota	371	228	143	3,479	3,717	-238
Ohio	5,782	5,626	156	51,414	54,504	-3,090
Oklahoma	1,161	1,212	-51	9,977	10,160	-183
Oregon	4,169	4,102	67	34,298	32,600	1,698
Pennsylvania	10,147	10,924	-777	88,986	91,112	-2,126
Puerto Rico	1,417	452	965	15,223	12,691	2,532
Rhode Island	894	2,750	-1,856	12,132	10,440	1,692
South Carolina	3,285	2,889	396	15,893	14,804	1,089
South Dakota	156	137	19	1,627	1,793	-166
Tennessee	2,887	2,659	228	14,824	14,990	-166
Texas	15,386	15,319	67	154,089	148,251	5,838
Utah	1,705	1,671	34	12,165	12,239	-74
Vermont	771	496	275	3,266	3,193	73
Virgin Islands	23	14	9	254	228	26
Virginia	2,507	2,384	123	19,000	17,457	1,543
Washington	5,118	5,784	-666	80,049	77,349	2,700
West Virginia	579	591	-12	7,128	6,638	490
Wisconsin	3,521	3,074	447	23,958	24,668	-710
Wyoming	363	437	-74	2,366	2,087	279
US Total	223,614	210,713	12,901	1,906,278	1,880,512	25,766

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 20, 2024	209	-2	213.75	1,771	-5	1,786.00	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	0	210.25	1,786	15	1,781.50	1.2
May 4, 2024	229	20	214.50	1,790	4	1,780.75	1.2
May 11, 2024	222	-7	217.25	1,793	3	1,785.00	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-6	219.00	1,798	5	1,791.75	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	222.00	1,810	12	1,797.75	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.00	1,825	15	1,806.50	1.2
June 8, 2024	241	12	226.75	1,832	7	1,816.25	1.2
June 15, 2024	237	-4	232.00	1,844	12	1,827.75	1.2
June 22, 2024	233	-4	235.00	1,864	20	1,841.25	1.2
June 29, 2024	238	5	237.25	1,856	-8	1,849.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	222	-16	232.50	1,866	10	1,857.50	1.2
July 13, 2024	240	18	233.25	1,853	-13	1,859.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	236	-4	234.00	1,874	21	1,862.25	1.2
July 27, 2024	248	12	236.50	1,876	2	1,867.25	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-14	239.50	1,863	-13	1,866.50	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.50	1,859	-4	1,868.00	1.2
August 17, 2024	232	4	235.50	1,864	5	1,865.50	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	0	231.50	1,849	-15	1,858.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.00	1,845	-4	1,854.25	1.2
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.50	1,827	-18	1,846.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-8	228.00	1,831	4	1,838.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	221	-1	225.25	1,825	-6	1,832.00	1.2
September 28, 2024	227	6	225.00	1,858	33	1,835.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	259	32	232.25	1,869	11	1,845.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	240	-19	236.75	1,884	15	1,859.00	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-12	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	226.75	1,872	-8	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,916	83	1,867.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 19

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 12

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM				TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
Alabama	1,787	-322	-623	10	1	8,300	0.4	232	-150	23	21	8,344
Alaska	540	-15	-130	0	0	4,470	1.4	-122	-354	34	2	4,506
Arizona	4,889	450	63	4	5	25,875	0.8	1,105	2,292	81	30	25,986
Arkansas	1,328	-167	33	1	0	7,441	0.6	456	-697	21	13	7,475
California	42,114	-1,226	-2,913	87	77	400,824	2.2	-8,307	-9,733	1,059	1,124	403,007
Colorado	3,224	-92	-22	3	4	31,163	1.1	226	1,378	165	160	31,488
Connecticut	5,599	2,231	1,360	1	2	23,593	1.4	-1,584	-2,064	45	30	23,668
Delaware	239	-43	18	2	0	4,721	1.0	-84	-119	6	5	4,732
District of Columbia	734	-131	257	23	0	10,214	1.8	-504	5,005	892	4	11,110
Florida	6,060	-771	-291	27	23	32,707	0.3	247	-2,111	113	72	32,892
Georgia	4,358	-531	-405	45	15	28,436	0.6	-772	-784	168	90	28,694
Hawaii	841	-137	-193	3	3	5,030	0.8	-185	-1,098	42	58	5,130
Idaho	989	-83	12	0	0	6,684	0.8	-623	139	36	7	6,727
Illinois	9,289	-6	1,845	4	2	110,084	1.9	-6,478	452	312	124	110,520
Indiana	2,609	-495	156	3	2	22,250	0.7	-590	505	67	15	22,332
Iowa	1,554	-80	5	3	0	10,476	0.7	-2,261	2,165	17	7	10,500
Kansas	1,180	-223	80	0	0	8,618	0.6	-709	4,107	20	10	8,648
Kentucky	1,978	-4,613	571	2	1	13,251	0.7	2,525	4,645	32	40	13,323
Louisiana	1,508	-179	-187	1	3	10,480	0.6	-330	-600	35	9	10,524
Maine	518	-17	-192	4	0	7,791	1.2	-566	1,016	16	7	7,814
Maryland	3,224	452	936	35	9	24,697	1.0	374	2,032	181	69	24,947
Massachusetts	4,878	23	-3,235	5	11	69,418	1.9	-4,128	3,236	127	70	69,615
Michigan	6,817	195	1,993	3	4	60,938	1.4	-3,373	7,441	103	37	61,078
Minnesota	3,386	-520	350	4	5	54,809	1.9	-7,759	2,414	74	56	54,939
Mississippi	945	-135	-33	3	0	6,102	0.5	69	283	47	6	6,155
Missouri	4,069	-848	1,684	2	3	17,405	0.6	-562	1,397	46	18	17,469
Montana	478	0	-90	2	2	6,501	1.3	-1,394	513	156	12	6,669
Nebraska	533	-198	25	0	1	4,880	0.5	-341	441	15	6	4,901
Nevada	2,831	63	455	1	3	24,314	1.6	-468	1,487	70	53	24,437
New Hampshire	394	59	-12	2	1	3,694	0.5	-166	272	5	1	3,700
New Jersey	12,653	2,875	3,958	16	21	100,260	2.4	-3,979	-3,601	210	247	100,717
New Mexico	744	-99	-45	2	0	10,472	1.3	-127	766	84	20	10,576
New York	14,518	-338	1,677	22	13	161,863	1.7	-3,881	4	270	164	162,297
North Carolina	3,156	-410	59	2	0	23,830	0.5	-962	4,521	41	70	23,941
North Dakota	228	-200	-3	2	1	3,717	0.9	-779	809	34	2	3,753
Ohio	5,626	-85	936	6	12	54,504	1.0	-2,202	10,792	97	73	54,674
Oklahoma	1,212	-1,336	-27	9	7	10,160	0.6	135	1,019	23	43	10,226
Oregon	4,102	-401	-987	5	3	32,600	1.7	-56	6,482	267	40	32,907
Pennsylvania	10,924	-271	2,097	9	8	91,112	1.5	-1,460	859	223	100	91,435
Puerto Rico	452	-868	-672	1	0	12,691	1.4	-2,983	-1,095	122	29	12,842
Rhode Island	2,750	1,868	270	2	0	10,440	2.2	-849	1,381	17	18	10,475
South Carolina	2,889	332	535	1	1	14,804	0.7	939	1,204	38	29	14,871
South Dakota	137	-34	-33	4	1	1,793	0.4	-466	93	17	0	1,810
Tennessee	2,659	-191	-1,017	1	3	14,990	0.5	-1,476	-2,173	54	32	15,076
Texas	15,319	-1,896	-206	67	89	148,251	1.1	-3,136	4,626	461	845	149,557
Utah	1,671	61	14	13	1	12,239	0.7	-630	891	77	17	12,333
Vermont	496	64	42	0	0	3,193	1.1	11	352	1	0	3,194
Virgin Islands	14	-7	-1	0	0	228	0.6	-42	30	2	0	230
Virginia	2,384	-886	53	9	3	17,457	0.4	-1,002	2,203	138	72	17,667
Washington	5,784	-580	701	9	18	77,349	2.2	-942	17,924	350	396	78,095
West Virginia	591	-97	-266	1	0	6,638	1.0	-453	-1,612	27	17	6,682
Wisconsin	3,074	-457	-516	5	0	24,668	0.8	-2,666	-1,427	41	24	24,733
Wyoming	437	35	8	4	0	2,087	0.8	-106	143	32	3	2,122
Totals	210,713	-10,280	8,094	470	358	1,880,512	1.2	-63,184	67,701	6,634	4,397	1,891,543

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 19, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+2,875	Layoffs in educational services industry.
CT	+2,231	No comment.
RI	+1,868	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-4,613	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
TX	-1,896	No comment.
OK	-1,336	No comment.
CA	-1,226	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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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