



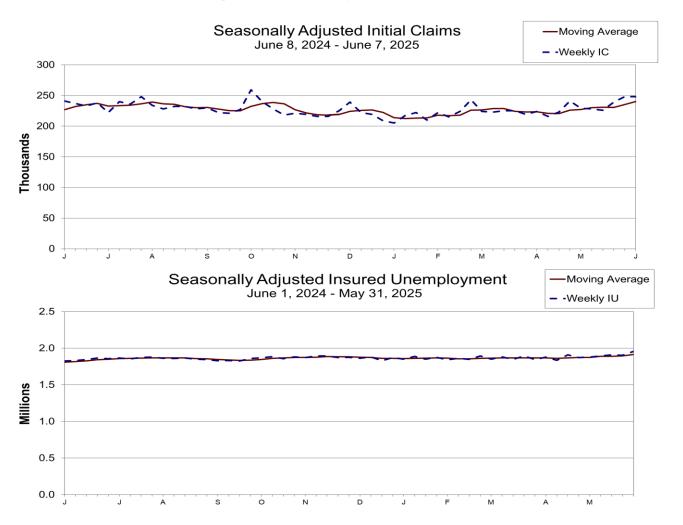
# TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, June 12, 2025

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 248,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 247,000 to 248,000. The 4-week moving average was 240,250, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since August 26, 2023 when it was 245,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 235,000 to 235,250.

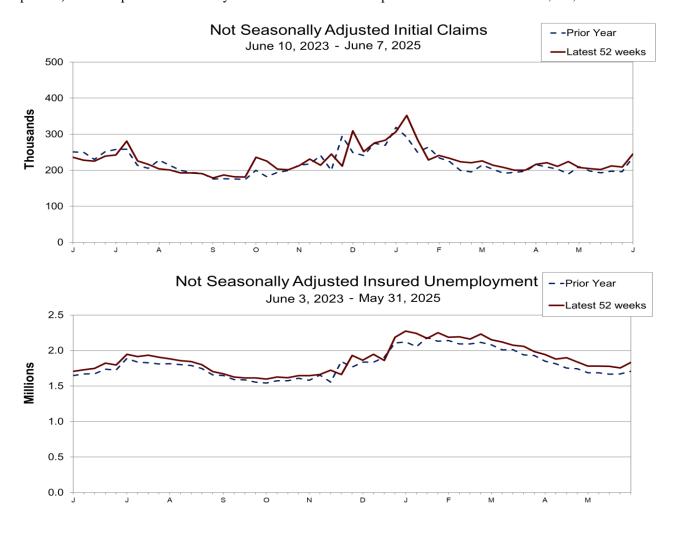
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending May 31, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 31 was 1,956,000, an increase of 54,000 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 2,000 from 1,904,000 to 1,902,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,914,500, an increase of 19,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,923,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,895,250 to 1,894,750.



### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 244,752 in the week ending June 7, an increase of 35,783 (or 17.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 35,200 (or 16.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 236,046 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending May 31, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,830,560, an increase of 75,146 (or 4.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,724 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,708,158.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 24 was 1,783,802, a decrease of 20,961 from the previous week. There were 1,693,748 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 May 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 561 in the week ending May 31, an increase of 23 from the prior week. There were 328 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 33 from the preceding week.

There were 6,315 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 24, a decrease of 404 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,238, a decrease of 248 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 24 were in New Jersey (2.2), Washington (2.1), California (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), District of Columbia (1.8), Illinois (1.6), Nevada (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), and Puerto Rico (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 31 were in Kentucky (+3,967), Minnesota (+2,364), Tennessee (+1,764), Ohio (+1,271), and North Dakota (+593), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-3,783), Massachusetts (-1,585), Florida (-1,456), Iowa (-1,074), and Nebraska (-1,065).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 7	May 31	Change	May 24	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>	
Initial Claims (SA)	248,000	248,000	0	239,000	241,000	
Initial Claims (NSA)	244,752	208,969	+35,783	211,770	236,046	
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	240,250	235,250	+5,000	230,500	226,750	
WEEK ENDING	May 31	May 24	Change	<b>May 17</b>	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>	
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,956,000	1,902,000	+54,000	1,907,000	1,825,000	
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,830,560	1,755,414	+75,146	1,775,572	1,708,158	
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,914,500	1,894,750	+19,750	1,887,250	1,806,500	
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.3%	1.2%	
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%	

### INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 31	<b>May 24</b>	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	561	538	+23	400
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	328	295	+33	305

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

WEEK ENDING	May 24	<b>May 17</b>	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	1,749,438	1,769,510	-20,072	1,665,850
Federal Employees	6,315	6,719	-404	4,401
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,238	4,486	-248	4,320
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	28	37	-9	216
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,852	3,041	-189	2,449
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	20,931	20,970	-39	16,512
TOTAL	1,783,802	1,804,763	-20,961	1,693,748

### **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: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Clain	ns Filed During Wee	k Ended June 7	Insured Unemplo	yment For Week Ended	l May 31
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,252	2,111	141	8,994	9,220	-226
Alaska	601	589	12	4,056	4,109	-53
Arizona	4,054	3,689	365	29,750	30,862	-1,112
Arkansas	1,656	1,532	124	7,500	7,167	333
California	49,629	40,196	9,433	393,755	362,955	30,800
Colorado	3,289	2,778	511	31,429	30,652	777
Connecticut	2,647	2,365	282	23,675	23,974	-299
Delaware	311	265	46	5,098	5,098	0
District of Columbia	975	788	187	11,434	10,355	1,079
Florida	8,549	5,698	2,851	31,953	33,498	-1,545
Georgia	5,349	4,408	941	28,172	28,203	-31
Hawaii	1,560	939	621	5,765	5,352	413
Idaho	1,079	1,138	-59	5,242	5,381	-139
				96,002	95,905	-139 97
Illinois	12,132	10,396	1,736			
Indiana	3,489	2,504	985	21,755	20,243	1,512
Iowa	2,783	1,010	1,773	7,496	9,211	-1,715
Kansas	1,567	1,770	-203	9,886	8,729	1,157
Kentucky	1,625	5,870	-4,245	12,069	9,781	2,288
Louisiana	2,274	2,131	143	9,924	10,569	-645
Maine	554	381	173	5,824	6,102	-278
Maryland	3,594	3,663	-69	24,967	24,329	638
Massachusetts	5,692	3,794	1,898	74,819	67,259	7,560
Michigan	5,674	4,707	967	44,736	50,789	-6,053
Minnesota	11,294	6,612	4,682	46,328	38,467	7,861
Mississippi	1,472	1,875	-403	7,523	6,941	582
Missouri	3,744	3,896	-152	19,248	18,851	397
Montana	502	394	108	4,814	4,961	-147
Nebraska	1,134	1,086	48	5,724	5,183	541
Nevada	2,603	2,855	-252	24,298	24,102	196
New Hampshire	319	310	9	3,121	3,779	-658
New Jersey	9,042	8,112	930	94,914	93,110	1,804
New Mexico	1,327	1,117	210	10,322	10,173	149
New York	14,818	13,493	1,325	151,282	147,132	4,150
North Carolina	3,674	3,240	434	21,682	22,319	-637
North Dakota	517	1,452	-935	3,990	2,751	1,239
Ohio	6,781	6,861	-80	47,552	45,678	1,874
Oklahoma	1,722	1,402	320	10,630	10,513	117
	4,844					
Oregon		3,743	1,101	32,161	30,769	1,392
Pennsylvania	14,592	10,732	3,860	86,870	86,272	598
Puerto Rico	2,350	1,427	923	14,992	14,741	251
Rhode Island	781	734	47	9,538	9,435	103
South Carolina	3,125	2,458	667	15,363	14,848	515
South Dakota	207	176	31	1,241	1,237	4
Tennessee	3,924	4,590	-666	17,485	14,971	2,514
Texas	19,169	15,825	3,344	164,179	154,662	9,517
Utah	1,576	1,339	237	12,229	12,096	133
Vermont	338	239	99	2,605	2,625	-20
Virgin Islands	26	16	10	290	256	34
Virginia	3,273	2,827	446	21,061	20,185	876
Washington	5,754	5,214	540	77,200	72,880	4,320
West Virginia	809	725	84	7,364	6,329	1,035
Wisconsin	3,387	3,178	209	20,351	18,693	1,658
Wyoming	313	319	-6	1,902	1,712	190
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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.

		Change from					
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
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	-19	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-12 -10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
	218		236.23		-8		1.2
November 2, 2024	219	3 -2	221.50	1,872	-8 20	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024				1,892		1,874.75	
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	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,956	54	1,914.50	1.3
June 7, 2025	248	0	240.25	1,730	J <b>-</b>	1,717.50	1.3

## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 31

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 24

	MAY 31									AY 24		
		CHANG							E FROM			TOTAL
		LAST	YEAR					LAST	YEAR			INSURED
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE 1	UCX <sup>1</sup>		$E(\%)^2$	WEEK	AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	UNEMPLOYMENT
Alabama	2,111	-24	-475	4	10	9,220	0.5	163	-221	27	22	9,269
Alaska	589	10	4	0	1	4,109	1.3	-88	-252	23	1	4,133
Arizona	3,689	-120	-438	29	4	30,862	1.0	472	1,857	56	30	30,948
Arkansas	1,532	118	131	3	0	7,167	0.6	50	-663	21	14	7,202
California	40,196	-973	-603	86	72	362,95	5 2.0	-20,781	-12,319	925	1,104	364,984
Colorado	2,778	-273	60	2	3	30,652	1.1	-351	3,925	104	165	30,921
Connecticut	2,365	-442	125	0	2	23,974		1,598	610	52	34	24,060
Delaware	265	-25	-5	2	0	5,098	1.1	485	145	9	8	5,115
District of Columbia	788	-75	267	21	1	10,355		51	4,776	1,050	7	11,412
Florida	5,698	-1,456	-1,362	12	26	33,498		-482	-1,826	126	66	33,690
Georgia	4,408	-217	979	34	11	28,203		-869	228	248	72	28,523
Hawaii	939	8	-18	0	5		0.9	-94	-526	40	49	
						5,352						5,441
Idaho	1,138	150	-61	2	1	5,381	0.6	76	-10	15	9	5,405
Illinois	10,396	405	1,255	2	0	95,905		-617	5,019	284	101	96,290
Indiana	2,504	0	165	2	2	20,243		-401	848	38	15	20,296
Iowa	1,010	-1,074	-1,149	0	0	9,211	0.6	925	1,743	18	4	9,233
Kansas	1,770	465	250	0	1	8,729	0.6	561	3,327	18	11	8,758
Kentucky	5,870	3,967	4,187	1	0	9,781	0.5	-56	2,063	32	17	9,830
Louisiana	2,131	-101	85	1	2	10,569	0.6	168	-1,655	37	3	10,609
Maine	381	-30	-34	1	0	6,102	1.0	-102	1,332	20	10	6,132
Maryland	3,663	-660	1,391	43	5	24,329	0.9	-135	1,949	273	64	24,666
Massachusetts	3,794	-1,585	-712	2	0	67,259	1.9	-1,311	10,736	97	77	67,433
Michigan	4,707	-3,783	65	3	4	50,789	1.2	3,997	8,615	66	36	50,891
Minnesota	6,612	2,364	-133	5	3	38,467		616	1,308	68	48	38,583
Mississippi	1,875	392	229	0	0	6,941	0.6	552	-78	57	11	7,009
Missouri	3,896	172	-28	2	1	18,851		1,898	682	61	16	18,928
Montana	394	-34	-90	0	0	4,961	1.0	-282	411	40	16	5,017
Nebraska	1,086	-1,065	221	1	2	5,183	0.5	527	585	14	5	5,202
Nevada	2,855	243	289	2	2	24,102		-284	2,529	53	60	24,215
New Hampshire	310	-81	38	1	0	3,779	0.6	-23	742	4	1	3,784
*			369	14				-268		219	259	
New Jersey	8,112	-703			11	93,110			-419			93,588
New Mexico	1,117	175	193	7	0	10,173		-13	1,226	57	16	10,246
New York	13,493	-331	1,845	16	17	147,132		-1,210	5,956	281	163	147,576
North Carolina	3,240	-170	247	4	1	22,319		-263	2,101	46	83	22,448
North Dakota	1,452	593	188	112	1	2,751	0.7	483	1,025	12	2	2,765
Ohio	6,861	1,271	521	4	10	45,678		-821	8,615	101	72	45,851
Oklahoma	1,402	-173	21	3	2	10,513		155	533	38	36	10,587
Oregon	3,743	-32	664	26	1	30,769	1.6	-367	6,321	141	43	30,953
Pennsylvania	10,732	414	-348	12	18	86,272	1.5	729	1,721	231	96	86,599
Puerto Rico	1,427	57	782	2	2	14,741	1.6	162	1,930	151	31	14,923
Rhode Island	734	-437	-14	0	6	9,435	2.0	206	1,734	23	15	9,473
South Carolina	2,458	101	429	6	6	14,848	0.7	66	871	33	33	14,914
South Dakota	176	-54	-44	16	1	1,237	0.3	14	83	44	0	1,281
Tennessee	4,590	1,764	887	1	3	14,971	0.5	-290	-6,576	42	38	15,051
Texas	15,825	-464	938	48	65	154,660	2 1.1	-5,081	8,880	538	771	155,971
Utah	1,339	-164	233	6	5	12,096	0.7	-57	998	40	10	12,146
Vermont	239	-132	-14	0	0	2,625	0.9	-55	482	0	0	2,625
Virgin Islands	16	-1	-8	0	0	256	0.7	10	46	2	0	258
Virginia Virginia	2,827	-835	829	11	3	20,185		533	4,262	145	75	20,405
Washington	5,214	-128	571	7	16	72,880		-417	11,855	227	384	73,491
West Virginia	725	-128 -7	-26	2	10	6,329	1.0	92	-965	21	11	6,361
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Wisconsin	3,178	102	-171		1	18,693		75 104	-1,917	40	22	18,755
Wyoming	319	77	67	0	0	1,712	0.6	-104	222	7	2	1,721
Totals	208,969	-2,801	12,792	561	328	1,755,41	14 1.2	-20,158	84,864	6,315	4,238	1,765,967

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 MAY 31, 2025

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

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	+3,967	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MN	+2,364	Layoffs in the educational services industry.
TN	+1,764	No comment.
OH	+1,271	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-3,783	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MA	-1,585	No comment.
FL	-1,585	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
IA	-1,074	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NE	-1,065	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.

# **Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data**

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