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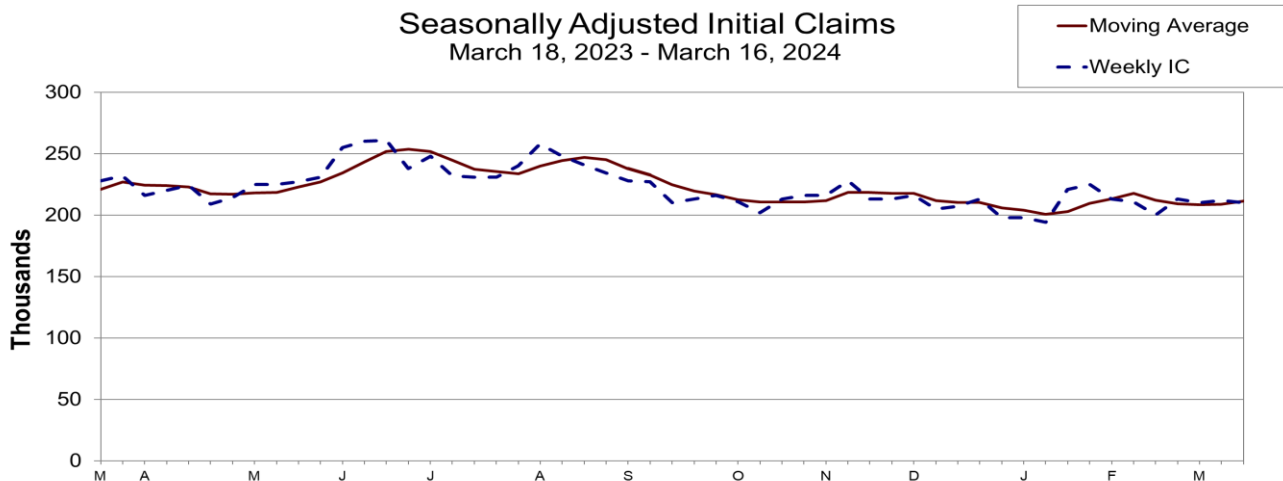
Note: Due to a technical issue, revised version of the updated seasonal adjustment factor files reflecting the new factors through March 2025 are available this week. Please see the links to the revised seasonal adjustment factors at the end of this news release. The technical issue impacted only the seasonal adjustment factors for weeks after July 27, 2024 and beyond and had no impact on last week's published claims data.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

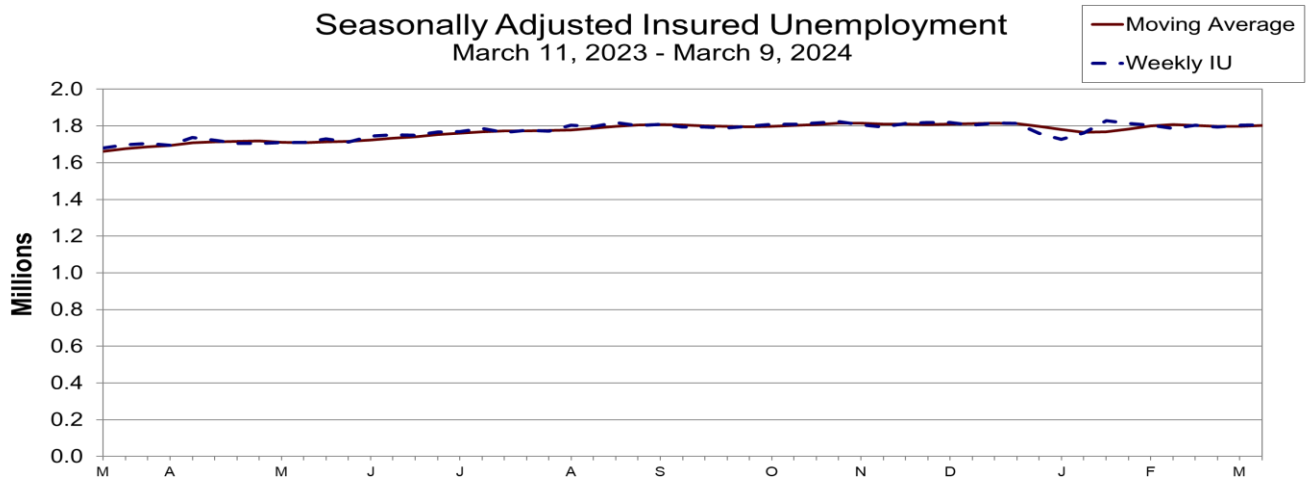
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 210,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 209,000 to 212,000. The 4-week moving average was 211,250, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 208,000 to 208,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 9, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 9 was 1,807,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,811,000 to 1,803,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,802,250, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,799,250 to 1,797,250.



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment March 11, 2023 - March 9, 2024

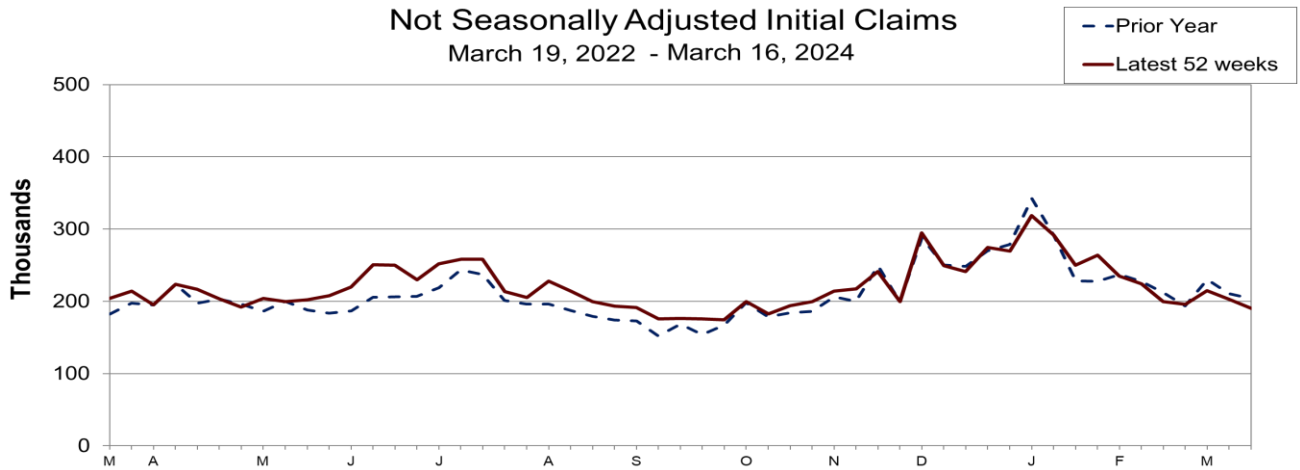


UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 189,992 in the week ending March 16, a decrease of 12,730 (or -6.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,015 (or -5.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 204,021 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

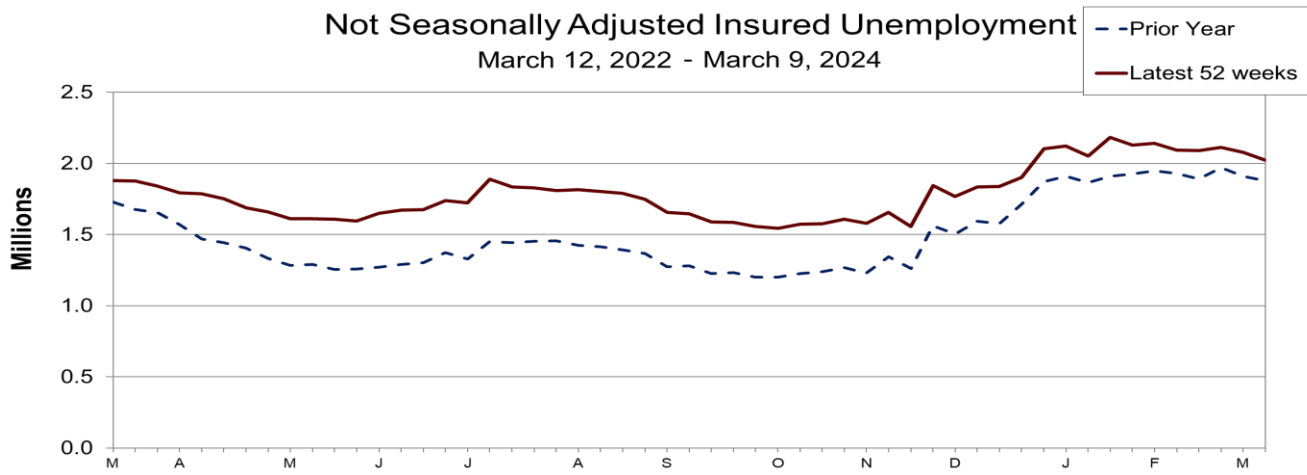
The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending March 9, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,021,814, a decrease of 56,778 (or -2.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 61,294 (or -2.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,878,293.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims March 19, 2022 - March 16, 2024



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

March 12, 2022 - March 9, 2024



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 2 was 2,107,026, a decrease of 36,850 from the previous week. There were 1,938,756 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 365 in the week ending March 9, a decrease of 28 from the prior week. There were 419 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 12 from the preceding week.

There were 6,205 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 2, a decrease of 664 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,467, an increase of 169 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 2 were in New Jersey (2.9), Rhode Island (2.7), California (2.5), Minnesota (2.5), Massachusetts (2.4), Illinois (2.2), Montana (2.0), New York (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), Alaska (1.9) Connecticut (1.9), and Washington (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 9 were in Oregon (+2,216), California (+462), Indiana (+427), Texas (+392), and Nevada (+342), while the largest decreases were in New York (-14,583), Ohio (-1,453), New Hampshire (-446), Massachusetts (-305), and Vermont (-289).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 16	March 9	Change	March 2	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	210,000	212,000	-2,000	210,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	189,992	202,722	-12,730	214,424	204,021
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	211,250	208,750	+2,500	208,500	221,000

WEEK ENDING	March 9	March 2	Change	February 24	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,807,000	1,803,000	+4,000	1,794,000	1,680,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,021,814	2,078,592	-56,778	2,113,068	1,878,293
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,802,250	1,797,250	+5,000	1,797,250	1,662,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.4%	-0.1	1.4%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 9	March 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	365	393	-28	353
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	419	407	+12	336

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

WEEK ENDING	March 2	February 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,072,171	2,105,599	-33,428	1,903,435
Federal Employees	6,205	6,869	-664	6,722
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,467	4,298	+169	4,229
Extended Benefits ³	297	298	-1	1,835
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,775	2,758	+17	2,038
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,111	24,054	-2,943	20,497
TOTAL	2,107,026	2,143,876	-36,850	1,938,756

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 149,943,945 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 March 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,032	1,981	51	8,048	8,896	-848
Alaska	789	729	60	5,393	5,696	-303
Arizona	3,241	3,386	-145	20,680	22,019	-1,339
Arkansas	1,240	1,034	206	8,740	9,537	-797
California	41,853	47,222	-5,369	426,706	447,661	-20,955
Colorado	2,501	2,608	-107	29,065	31,882	-2,817
Connecticut	2,970	3,001	-31	32,135	31,862	273
Delaware	208	216	-8	6,051	5,709	342
District of Columbia	513	564	-51	5,582	5,659	-77
Florida	5,216	5,944	-728	32,355	35,517	-3,162
Georgia	4,214	4,779	-565	29,102	30,194	-1,092
Hawaii	1,080	1,051	29	6,748	6,851	-103
Idaho	1,005	1,177	-172	9,738	10,438	-700
Illinois	7,544	8,106	-562	126,224	127,192	-968
Indiana	2,464	2,878	-414	24,381	26,237	-1,856
Iowa	2,059	1,857	202	16,850	18,311	-1,461
Kansas	1,096	1,070	26	6,057	5,716	341
Kentucky	1,340	1,538	-198	9,498	10,432	-934
Louisiana	1,389	1,635	-246	9,755	11,257	-1,502
Maine	615	588	27	8,520	8,363	157
Maryland	1,921	2,443	-522	24,267	24,690	-423
Massachusetts	4,629	5,129	-500	83,025	85,590	-2,565
Michigan	6,951	5,768	1,183	65,095	69,178	-4,083
Minnesota	3,668	3,757	-89	70,680	69,368	1,312
Mississippi	1,276	983	293	5,323	6,232	-909
Missouri	4,065	2,696	1,369	19,638	21,430	-1,792
Montana	592	603	-11	9,545	9,887	-342
Nebraska	920	671	249	5,815	6,199	-384
Nevada	2,474	2,616	-142	24,692	25,612	-920
New Hampshire	344	520	-176	3,744	4,421	-677
New Jersey	8,370	9,120	-750	118,075	119,187	-1,112
New Mexico	723	771	-48	10,344	10,110	234
New York	14,469	14,746	-277	184,840	185,748	-908
North Carolina	2,819	3,032	-213	19,434	20,111	-677
North Dakota	273	278	-5	5,580	5,387	193
Ohio	4,183	4,196	-13	51,830	54,395	-2,565
Oklahoma	1,130	1,124	6	9,189	9,565	-376
Oregon	2,436	5,016	-2,580	34,186	27,081	7,105
Pennsylvania	9,776	10,543	-767	110,470	115,117	-4,647
Puerto Rico	891	1,148	-257	13,420	15,723	-2,303
Rhode Island	771	738	33	12,437	12,680	-243
South Carolina	1,695	1,752	-57	13,194	13,723	-529
South Dakota	151	177	-26	2,665	2,744	-79
Tennessee	3,136	2,577	559	17,486	17,533	-47
Texas	14,654	15,626	-972	133,600	139,420	-5,820
Utah	1,326	1,412	-86	13,990	14,373	-383
Vermont	371	313	58	3,695	3,673	22
Virgin Islands	25	45	-20	282	206	76
Virginia	1,877	2,229	-352	16,716	15,629	1,087
Washington	5,140	5,685	-545	69,084	66,500	2,584
West Virginia	696	821	-125	10,239	9,298	941
Wisconsin	4,537	4,453	84	34,850	35,751	-901
Wyoming	334	370	-36	2,756	2,602	154
US Total	189,992	202,722	-12,730	2,021,814	2,078,592	-56,778

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 Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
March 11, 2023	221	-6	217.75	1,680	15	1,662.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	228	7	221.00	1,697	17	1,676.75	1.2
March 25, 2023	232	4	227.00	1,704	7	1,686.50	1.2
April 1, 2023	216	-16	224.25	1,696	-8	1,694.25	1.2
April 8, 2023	220	4	224.00	1,737	41	1,708.50	1.2
April 15, 2023	224	4	223.00	1,722	-15	1,714.75	1.2
April 22, 2023	209	-15	217.25	1,705	-17	1,715.00	1.2
April 29, 2023	214	5	216.75	1,706	1	1,717.50	1.2
May 6, 2023	225	11	218.00	1,710	4	1,710.75	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	0	218.25	1,710	0	1,707.75	1.2
May 20, 2023	227	2	222.75	1,729	19	1,713.75	1.2
May 27, 2023	231	4	227.00	1,712	-17	1,715.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	255	24	234.50	1,744	32	1,723.75	1.2
June 10, 2023	260	5	243.25	1,753	9	1,734.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	261	1	251.75	1,750	-3	1,739.75	1.2
June 24, 2023	238	-23	253.50	1,767	17	1,753.50	1.2
July 1, 2023	248	10	251.75	1,770	3	1,760.00	1.2
July 8, 2023	232	-16	244.75	1,786	16	1,768.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	231	-1	237.25	1,765	-21	1,772.00	1.2
July 22, 2023	231	0	235.50	1,776	11	1,774.25	1.2
July 29, 2023	240	9	233.50	1,773	-3	1,775.00	1.2
August 5, 2023	258	18	240.00	1,803	30	1,779.25	1.2
August 12, 2023	248	-10	244.25	1,797	-6	1,787.25	1.2
August 19, 2023	241	-7	246.75	1,819	22	1,798.00	1.2
August 26, 2023	234	-7	245.25	1,802	-17	1,805.25	1.2
September 2, 2023	228	-6	237.75	1,810	8	1,807.00	1.2
September 9, 2023	227	-1	232.50	1,793	-17	1,806.00	1.2
September 16, 2023	210	-17	224.75	1,795	2	1,800.00	1.2
September 23, 2023	213	3	219.50	1,789	-6	1,796.75	1.2
September 30, 2023	216	3	216.50	1,800	11	1,794.25	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
October 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
November 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,807	4	1,802.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	210	-2	211.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 9

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 2

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
Alabama	1,981	30	-257	3	2	8,896	0.4	-255	-244	31	26	8,953
Alaska	729	-26	4	4	1	5,696	1.9	-33	-148	81	7	5,784
Arizona	3,386	127	444	4	0	22,019	0.7	-328	2,504	123	24	22,166
Arkansas	1,034	-220	-313	1	0	9,537	0.8	-202	1,506	32	8	9,577
California	47,222	462	-421	96	125	447,661	2.5	19,259	41,752	1,135	1,095	449,891
Colorado	2,608	-124	101	0	9	31,882	1.1	-336	6,172	180	191	32,253
Connecticut	3,001	39	-285	3	1	31,862	1.9	-2,945	2,275	32	22	31,916
Delaware	216	1	-76	3	1	5,709	1.2	-411	1,002	5	5	5,719
District of Columbia	564	12	-407	4	1	5,659	1.0	42	899	110	4	5,773
Florida	5,944	145	483	17	23	35,517	0.4	-762	-889	94	97	35,708
Georgia	4,779	70	369	34	17	30,194	0.6	-272	-202	196	94	30,484
Hawaii	1,051	-22	-86	2	6	6,851	1.2	-326	912	41	40	6,932
Idaho	1,177	49	42	6	0	10,438	1.3	-419	688	148	20	10,606
Illinois	8,106	-17	-1,130	7	4	127,192	2.2	-2,612	15,396	250	149	127,591
Indiana	2,878	427	-1,394	1	4	26,237	0.8	1,083	-668	38	24	26,299
Iowa	1,857	258	186	1	1	18,311	1.2	-1,141	-1,664	17	2	18,330
Kansas	1,070	19	70	0	0	5,716	0.4	95	351	20	239	5,975
Kentucky	1,538	112	-2,993	1	0	10,432	0.5	418	-2,473	28	34	10,494
Louisiana	1,635	84	-80	3	2	11,257	0.6	8	-37	29	8	11,294
Maine	588	-28	-194	0	0	8,363	1.4	-446	570	24	8	8,395
Maryland	2,443	96	578	14	8	24,690	1.0	233	1,549	140	58	24,888
Massachusetts	5,129	-305	2,496	2	10	85,590	2.4	-6,449	1,012	109	49	85,748
Michigan	5,768	-175	393	4	2	69,178	1.6	-2,387	3,462	91	24	69,293
Minnesota	3,757	83	338	4	3	69,368	2.5	300	6,936	99	41	69,508
Mississippi	983	96	70	0	1	6,232	0.6	44	957	31	8	6,271
Missouri	2,696	183	117	5	7	21,430	0.8	-1,979	3,121	59	23	21,512
Montana	603	33	53	3	0	9,887	2.0	-55	1,104	254	7	10,148
Nebraska	671	115	58	0	3	6,199	0.6	-622	634	13	11	6,223
Nevada	2,616	342	375	5	2	25,612	1.7	-211	5,270	108	53	25,773
New Hampshire	520	-446	111	0	1	4,421	0.7	426	864	8	1	4,430
New Jersey	9,120	92	1,046	18	10	119,187	2.9	473	11,453	227	154	119,568
New Mexico	771	28	112	2	2	10,110	1.2	-38	438	143	25	10,278
New York	14,746	-14,583	60	9	18	185,748	2.0	-17,506	12,077	312	231	186,291
North Carolina	3,032	127	-439	1	1	20,111	0.4	-487	1,472	47	87	20,245
North Dakota	278	20	-10	0	1	5,387	1.3	-122	526	9	4	5,400
Ohio	4,196	-1,453	-10,939	3	6	54,395	1.0	-2,013	-4,790	64	69	54,528
Oklahoma	1,124	-60	-187	6	4	9,565	0.6	-140	-712	33	23	9,621
Oregon	5,016	2,216	467	2	2	27,081	1.4	-6,290	-6,135	300	29	27,410
Pennsylvania	10,543	93	1,138	11	7	115,117	2.0	-2,343	17,307	217	150	115,484
Puerto Rico	1,148	50	14	4	1	15,723	1.7	-184	-1,249	117	46	15,886
Rhode Island	738	-12	-32	8	0	12,680	2.7	-1,860	1,098	22	23	12,725
South Carolina	1,752	-31	-148	5	2	13,723	0.6	-267	1,229	29	41	13,793
South Dakota	177	36	-36	1	0	2,744	0.6	-102	44	33	1	2,778
Tennessee	2,577	-224	297	2	1	17,533	0.5	1,261	1,777	31	46	17,610
Texas	15,626	392	1,112	33	98	139,420	1.0	-1,480	23,583	375	762	140,557
Utah	1,412	177	-69	10	1	14,373	0.9	-664	1,475	155	13	14,541
Vermont	313	-289	25	0	0	3,673	1.2	35	-159	2	1	3,676
Virgin Islands	45	5	14	2	0	206	0.6	-100	0	0	2	208
Virginia	2,229	55	529	5	5	15,629	0.4	-198	3,792	81	79	15,789
Washington	5,685	291	552	5	19	66,500	1.9	-1,154	10,176	364	276	67,140
West Virginia	821	-59	162	0	3	9,298	1.4	-126	770	38	19	9,355
Wisconsin	4,453	-22	-292	8	4	35,751	1.2	-797	1,704	42	9	35,802
Wyoming	370	29	29	3	0	2,602	1.0	-91	55	38	5	2,645
Totals	202,722	-11,702	-7,943	365	419	2,078,592	1.4	-34,476	168,542	6,205	4,467	2,089,264

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 MARCH 9, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OR	+2,216	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-14,583	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and construction industries.
OH	-1,453	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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