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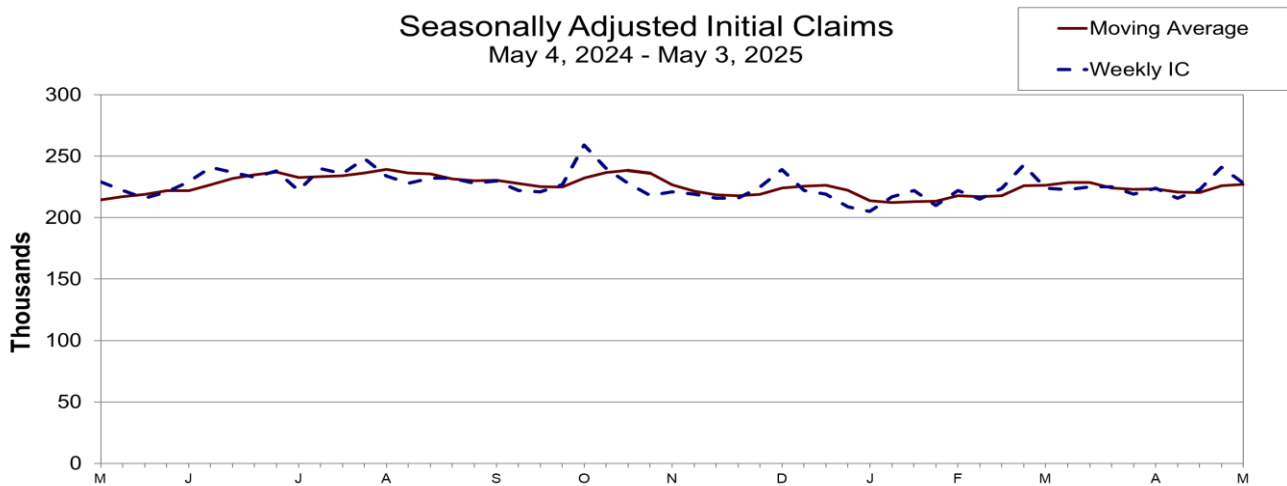
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

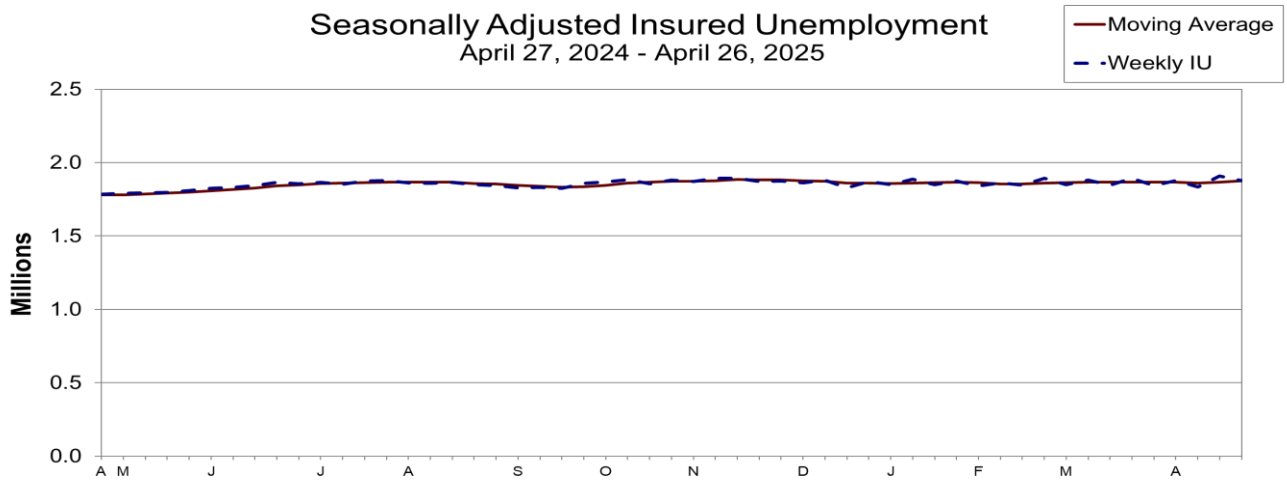
In the week ending May 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 228,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 241,000. The 4-week moving average was 227,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 226,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 26, a decrease 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 26 was 1,879,000, a decrease of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,916,000 to 1,908,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,874,500, an increase of 8,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,867,750 to 1,865,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 4, 2024 - May 3, 2025



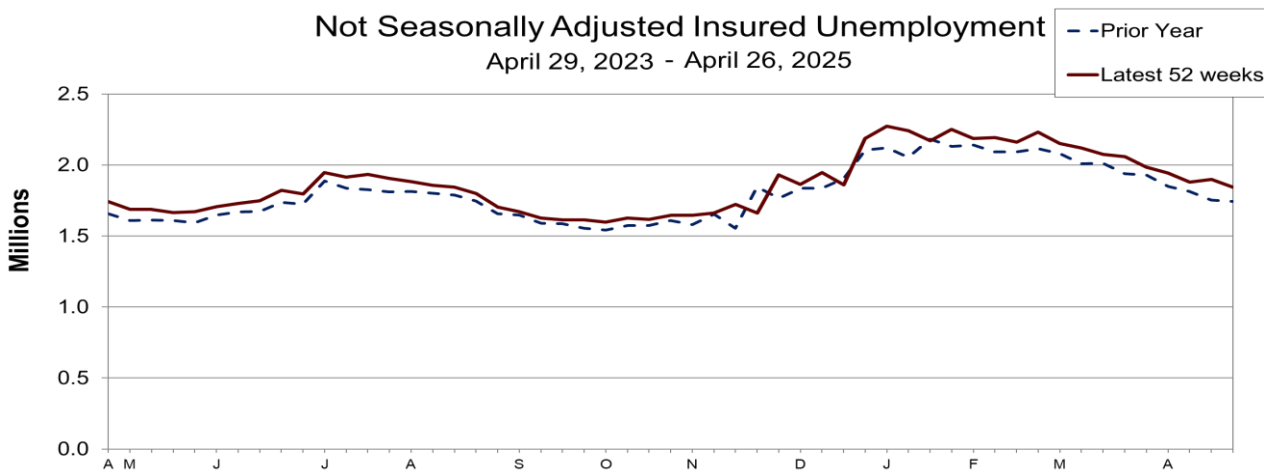
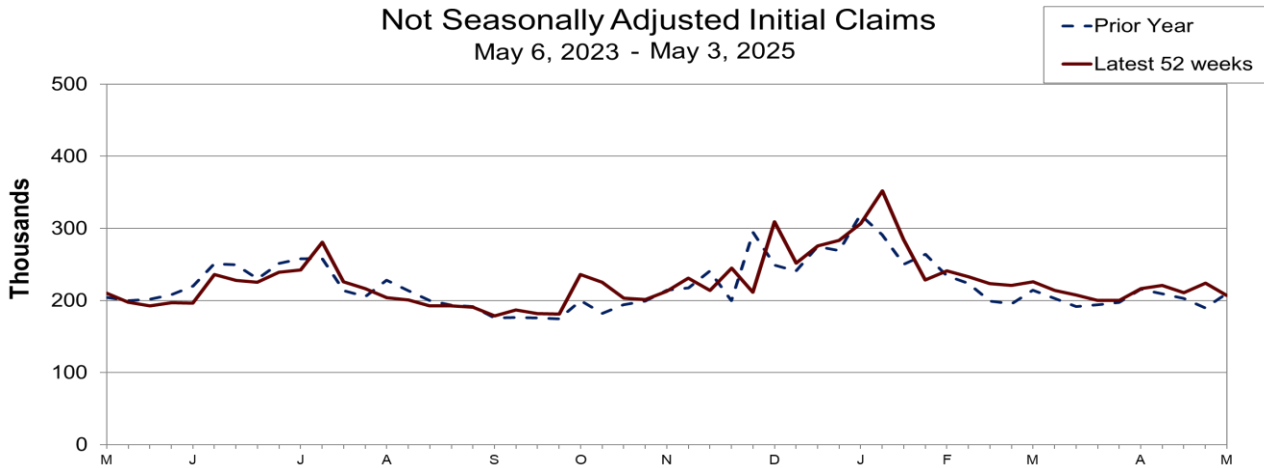
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 27, 2024 - April 26, 2025



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 206,937 in the week ending May 3, a decrease of 16,972 (or -7.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,584 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 210,050 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,845,566, a decrease of 52,707 (or -2.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 24,802 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,743,445.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 19 was 1,927,048, an increase of 17,861 from the previous week. There were 1,778,469 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 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 468 in the week ending April 26, a decrease of 2 from the prior week. There were 339 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 19 from the preceding week.

There were 6,716 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 19, an increase of 82 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,372, a decrease of 25 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 19 were in New Jersey (2.5), Rhode Island (2.5), California (2.3), Washington (2.1), District of Columbia (1.8), Illinois (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), New York (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Minnesota (1.7), and Nevada (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 26 were in New York (+15,418), Massachusetts (+3,301), Georgia (+1,207), Puerto Rico (+1,012), and Nebraska (+570), while the largest decreases were in Connecticut (-2,340), Rhode Island (-1,850), Missouri (-1,696), Michigan (-1,436), and Washington (-700).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 3	April 26	Change	April 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	228,000	241,000	-13,000	223,000	229,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	206,937	223,909	-16,972	210,713	210,050
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	227,000	226,000	+1,000	220,500	214,500

WEEK ENDING	April 26	April 19	Change	April 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,879,000	1,908,000	-29,000	1,833,000	1,786,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,845,566	1,898,273	-52,707	1,880,531	1,743,445
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,874,500	1,865,750	+8,750	1,862,000	1,781,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 26	April 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	468	470	-2	343
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	339	358	-19	351

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

WEEK ENDING	April 19	April 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,892,048	1,874,497	+17,551	1,748,559
Federal Employees	6,716	6,634	+82	5,030
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,372	4,397	-25	4,370
Extended Benefits ³	71	103	-32	200
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,015	3,062	-47	2,750
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,826	20,494	+332	17,560
TOTAL	1,927,048	1,909,187	+17,861	1,778,469

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 May 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,832	2,128	-296	7,958	8,443	-485
Alaska	689	566	123	4,443	4,469	-26
Arizona	3,956	4,666	-710	26,939	27,400	-461
Arkansas	1,067	1,260	-193	6,647	7,207	-560
California	43,160	41,488	1,672	406,621	405,031	1,590
Colorado	3,190	3,137	53	31,748	30,981	767
Connecticut	2,392	3,259	-867	23,715	27,630	-3,915
Delaware	259	677	-418	5,812	4,777	1,035
District of Columbia	813	737	76	11,174	10,285	889
Florida	6,227	5,842	385	29,727	33,697	-3,970
Georgia	4,634	5,565	-931	28,525	30,369	-1,844
Hawaii	988	989	-1	5,361	5,410	-49
Idaho	855	894	-39	5,522	6,197	-675
Illinois	9,202	8,704	498	103,423	106,038	-2,615
Indiana	2,789	2,566	223	21,424	21,736	-312
Iowa	1,773	2,090	-317	9,630	9,442	188
Kansas	1,116	1,113	3	10,690	8,927	1,763
Kentucky	1,650	1,978	-328	10,671	13,251	-2,580
Louisiana	1,539	1,685	-146	9,256	10,424	-1,168
Maine	523	606	-83	7,345	7,341	4
Maryland	3,365	2,581	784	24,615	25,536	-921
Massachusetts	4,187	8,179	-3,992	65,263	66,193	-930
Michigan	12,287	5,381	6,906	53,287	57,221	-3,934
Minnesota	3,470	3,107	363	49,279	49,699	-420
Mississippi	850	972	-122	5,635	6,016	-381
Missouri	2,206	2,373	-167	16,116	16,821	-705
Montana	525	534	-9	5,774	6,316	-542
Nebraska	579	1,103	-524	4,843	4,682	161
Nevada	2,488	2,664	-176	24,061	25,273	-1,212
New Hampshire	831	459	372	3,323	3,644	-321
New Jersey	8,709	12,269	-3,560	103,197	103,833	-636
New Mexico	787	792	-5	10,382	10,436	-54
New York	14,847	29,936	-15,089	157,928	175,035	-17,107
North Carolina	3,333	3,309	24	22,605	23,913	-1,308
North Dakota	317	348	-31	2,998	3,194	-196
Ohio	6,356	5,819	537	50,298	51,843	-1,545
Oklahoma	1,158	1,232	-74	10,002	10,195	-193
Oregon	4,213	3,821	392	33,976	31,985	1,991
Pennsylvania	9,839	10,225	-386	84,419	90,049	-5,630
Puerto Rico	1,203	1,464	-261	13,774	16,581	-2,807
Rhode Island	751	900	-149	9,833	11,953	-2,120
South Carolina	2,220	3,382	-1,162	15,584	16,290	-706
South Dakota	145	173	-28	1,479	1,630	-151
Tennessee	2,842	2,866	-24	14,831	14,887	-56
Texas	16,368	15,506	862	148,396	155,871	-7,475
Utah	1,542	1,705	-163	12,295	12,208	87
Vermont	377	778	-401	3,514	3,028	486
Virgin Islands	21	23	-2	206	246	-40
Virginia	2,754	2,516	238	19,250	17,638	1,612
Washington	5,544	5,084	460	79,399	75,482	3,917
West Virginia	621	613	8	6,730	6,611	119
Wisconsin	3,185	3,466	-281	23,283	22,813	470
Wyoming	363	379	-16	2,360	2,096	264
US Total	206,937	223,909	-16,972	1,845,566	1,898,273	-52,707

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 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	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,879	-29	1,874.50	1.2
May 3, 2025	228	-13	227.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 26					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 19						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,128	341	-131	7	4	8,443	0.4	143	-228	24	16	8,483
Alaska	566	26	-76	0	0	4,469	1.4	-1	-255	37	1	4,507
Arizona	4,666	-223	10	2	2	27,400	0.9	1,525	2,419	80	33	27,513
Arkansas	1,260	-68	195	1	1	7,207	0.6	-234	-1,286	16	11	7,234
California	41,488	-626	1,544	97	73	405,031	2.3	4,207	292	1,141	1,059	407,231
Colorado	3,137	-87	131	3	5	30,981	1.1	-182	3,554	127	142	31,250
Connecticut	3,259	-2,340	429	4	0	27,630	1.6	4,037	2,816	42	43	27,715
Delaware	677	438	482	0	1	4,777	1.0	56	140	8	5	4,790
District of Columbia	737	3	231	32	0	10,285	1.8	71	4,967	996	3	11,284
Florida	5,842	-218	-147	10	23	33,697	0.4	990	-1,197	125	74	33,896
Georgia	5,565	1,207	989	40	12	30,369	0.6	1,933	1,718	212	78	30,659
Hawaii	989	148	8	4	7	5,410	0.9	361	-581	42	41	5,493
Idaho	894	-95	9	2	2	6,197	0.7	-487	105	28	8	6,233
Illinois	8,704	-585	33	6	2	106,038	1.8	-4,046	8,312	298	117	106,453
Indiana	2,566	-43	222	6	4	21,736	0.7	-514	1,405	35	18	21,789
Iowa	2,090	536	-911	4	2	9,442	0.6	-1,034	1,290	19	8	9,469
Kansas	1,113	-67	-119	0	1	8,927	0.6	309	4,592	27	8	8,962
Kentucky	1,978	0	272	2	1	13,251	0.7	0	5,362	32	40	13,323
Louisiana	1,685	177	112	1	1	10,424	0.6	-56	-728	32	11	10,467
Maine	606	88	61	0	0	7,341	1.2	-450	648	22	7	7,370
Maryland	2,581	-643	289	39	5	25,536	1.0	839	2,483	196	65	25,797
Massachusetts	8,179	3,301	3,372	11	3	66,193	1.8	-3,225	-2,159	108	84	66,385
Michigan	5,381	-1,436	227	2	2	57,221	1.3	-3,717	9,942	81	34	57,336
Minnesota	3,107	-279	50	0	5	49,699	1.7	-5,110	2,018	61	55	49,815
Mississippi	972	27	-32	3	3	6,016	0.5	-86	224	48	8	6,072
Missouri	2,373	-1,696	-57	1	1	16,821	0.6	-584	961	54	18	16,893
Montana	534	56	-6	1	1	6,316	1.3	-185	796	125	13	6,454
Nebraska	1,103	570	553	0	0	4,682	0.5	-198	386	13	6	4,701
Nevada	2,664	-167	35	1	1	25,273	1.7	959	2,261	62	54	25,389
New Hampshire	459	65	-435	1	2	3,644	0.5	-50	313	5	0	3,649
New Jersey	12,269	-384	4,152	28	19	103,833	2.5	3,573	4,508	209	260	104,302
New Mexico	792	48	120	0	1	10,436	1.2	-36	1,303	73	22	10,531
New York	29,936	15,418	16,811	20	7	175,035	1.8	13,172	20,566	279	160	175,474
North Carolina	3,309	153	149	3	3	23,913	0.5	83	4,512	45	84	24,042
North Dakota	348	120	145	1	0	3,194	0.8	-523	750	4	2	3,200
Ohio	5,819	193	789	12	10	51,843	1.0	-2,661	11,072	92	75	52,010
Oklahoma	1,232	20	-8	6	8	10,195	0.6	35	949	27	37	10,259
Oregon	3,821	-281	461	1	6	31,985	1.6	-615	6,128	261	46	32,292
Pennsylvania	10,225	-699	1,165	18	7	90,049	1.5	-1,063	3,712	231	108	90,388
Puerto Rico	1,464	1,012	385	10	2	16,581	1.8	3,890	3,358	126	43	16,750
Rhode Island	900	-1,850	46	0	1	11,953	2.5	1,513	1,329	18	17	11,988
South Carolina	3,382	493	1,275	4	5	16,290	0.7	1,486	2,869	38	26	16,354
South Dakota	173	36	21	0	1	1,630	0.4	-163	130	20	0	1,650
Tennessee	2,866	207	-478	6	3	14,887	0.5	-103	-2,729	58	32	14,977
Texas	15,506	187	1,119	47	70	155,871	1.1	7,620	17,592	529	856	157,256
Utah	1,705	34	341	11	1	12,208	0.7	-31	822	68	16	12,292
Vermont	778	282	290	0	0	3,028	1.0	-165	471	1	0	3,029
Virgin Islands	23	9	-2	0	0	246	0.7	18	10	0	0	246
Virginia	2,516	132	250	10	2	17,638	0.5	181	2,120	148	67	17,853
Washington	5,084	-700	166	4	23	75,482	2.1	-1,867	17,002	310	416	76,208
West Virginia	613	22	-298	1	1	6,611	1.0	-27	-1,168	24	18	6,653
Wisconsin	3,466	392	-5	4	5	22,813	0.8	-1,855	-1,214	45	24	22,882
Wyoming	379	-58	41	2	0	2,096	0.8	9	146	14	3	2,113
Totals	223,909	13,196	34,275	468	339	1,898,273	1.2	17,742	144,808	6,716	4,372	1,909,361

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 26, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+15,418	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, public administration, and the educational services industries.
MA	+3,301	Layoffs in educational services industry.
GA	+1,207	Layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, professional, scientific and technical services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
PR	+1,012	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CT	-2,340	No comment.
RI	-1,850	Fewer layoffs in the educational services industry.
MO	-1,696	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
MI	-1,436	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.

TECHNICAL NOTES

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

A. Initial Claims

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

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. 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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