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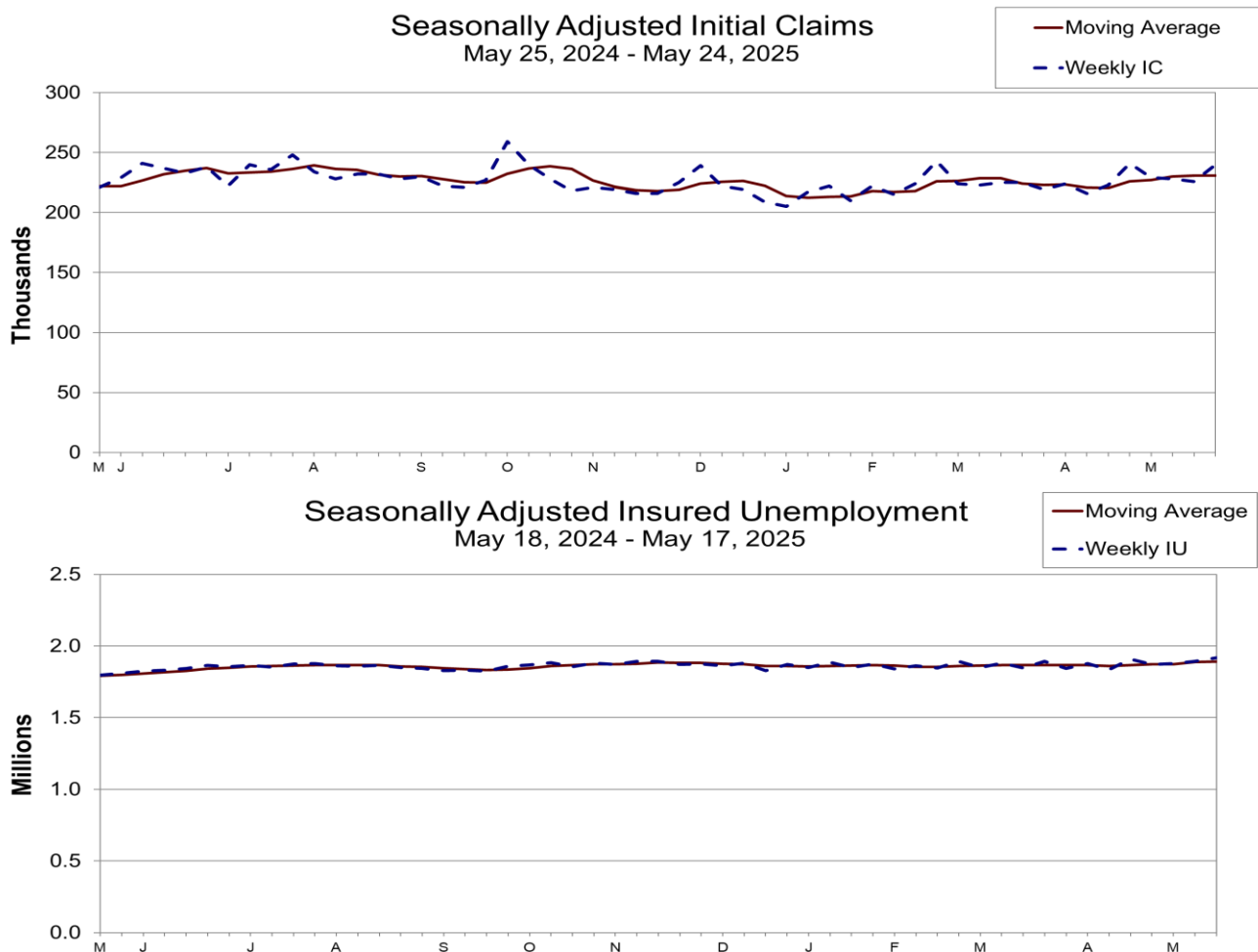
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 240,000, an increase of 14,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 227,000 to 226,000. The 4-week moving average was 230,750, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 231,500 to 231,000.

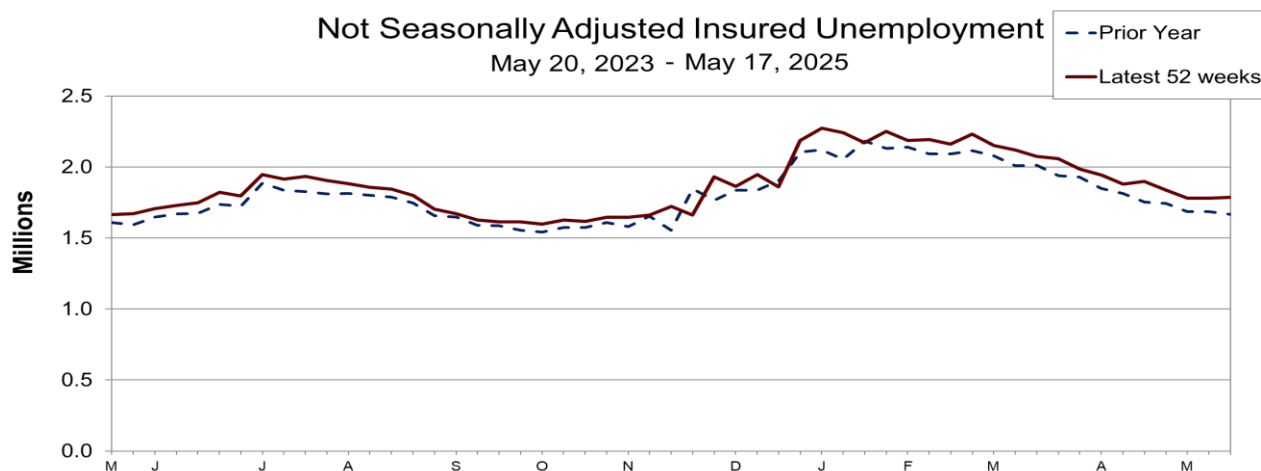
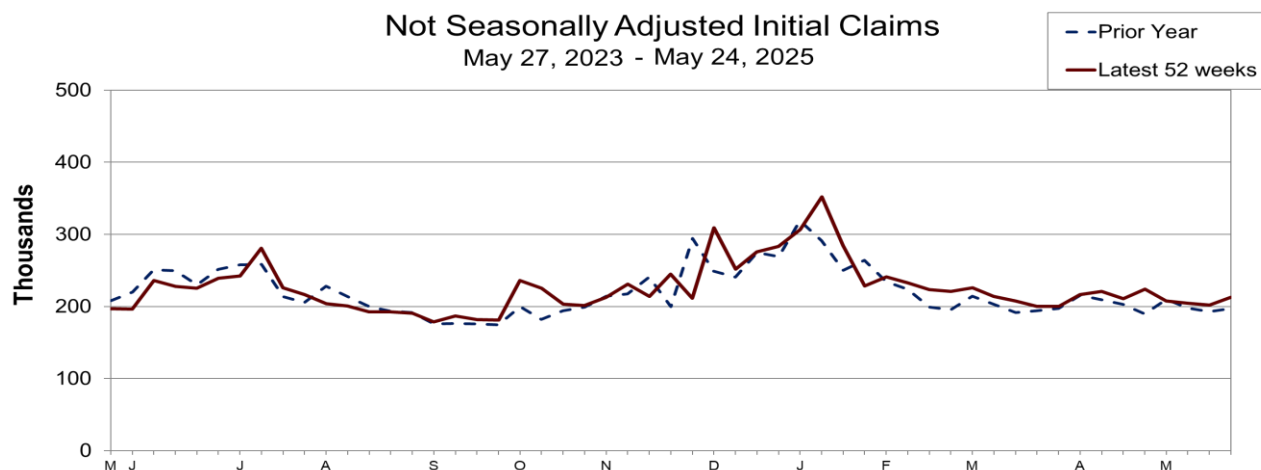
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending May 17, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 17 was 1,919,000, an increase of 26,000 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 10,000 from 1,903,000 to 1,893,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,890,250, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,887,500. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,923,500.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 212,506 in the week ending May 24, an increase of 10,742 (or 5.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,131 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 197,164 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending May 17, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,786,881, an increase of 7,122 (or 0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 17,040 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,666,648.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 10 was 1,808,372, an increase of 492 from the previous week. There were 1,710,932 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 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 610 in the week ending May 17, an increase of 15 from the prior week. There were 374 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 4 from the preceding week.

There were 6,378 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 10, a decrease of 96 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,569, an increase of 188 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 10 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.1), Washington (2.1), Rhode Island (1.9), District of Columbia (1.8), Massachusetts (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 17 were in Illinois (+1,162), Missouri (+447), Louisiana (+383), Connecticut (+246), and New York (+234), while the largest decreases were in Virginia (-1,277), Michigan (-1,192), California (-686), Florida (-547), and Massachusetts (-399).

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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	240,000	226,000	+14,000	228,000	221,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	212,506	201,764	+10,742	204,652	197,164
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	230,750	231,000	-250	230,250	222,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,919,000	1,893,000	+26,000	1,877,000	1,798,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,786,881	1,779,759	+7,122	1,779,757	1,666,648
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,890,250	1,887,500	+2,750	1,872,500	1,791,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%

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## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	610	595	+15	338
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	374	370	+4	368

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,773,756	1,773,582	+174	1,681,953
Federal Employees	6,378	6,474	-96	4,494
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,569	4,381	+188	4,386
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	45	27	+18	283
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	3,060	3,009	+51	2,664
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	20,564	20,407	+157	17,152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,808,372</b>	<b>1,807,880</b>	<b>+492</b>	<b>1,710,932</b>

## 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 24			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,016	2,091	-75	8,433	8,808	-375
Alaska	639	501	138	4,133	4,349	-216
Arizona	3,736	3,687	49	28,533	30,313	-1,780
Arkansas	1,322	1,263	59	6,769	7,293	-524
California **	41,552	40,128	1,424	390,026	384,724	5,302
Colorado	3,129	2,836	293	31,860	31,254	606
Connecticut	2,895	2,898	-3	23,219	21,794	1,425
Delaware	285	295	-10	5,104	4,607	497
District of Columbia	868	880	-12	11,269	10,210	1,059
Florida	6,969	6,177	792	30,786	34,118	-3,332
Georgia	4,428	4,716	-288	28,090	29,422	-1,332
Hawaii	950	985	-35	5,600	5,429	171
Idaho	981	964	17	4,975	5,326	-351
Illinois	10,065	10,735	-670	97,610	95,794	1,816
Indiana	3,267	2,512	755	27,867	20,537	7,330
Iowa	2,135	1,696	439	8,223	8,659	-436
Kansas	1,261	1,347	-86	9,552	8,391	1,161
Kentucky	1,901	1,712	189	9,820	9,860	-40
Louisiana	2,053	1,996	57	9,195	10,086	-891
Maine	432	536	-104	6,247	6,435	-188
Maryland	3,489	3,948	-459	24,492	24,072	420
Massachusetts	6,469	6,126	343	68,152	65,602	2,550
Michigan	8,560	5,231	3,329	45,542	57,170	-11,628
Minnesota	4,281	3,571	710	40,745	39,364	1,381
Mississippi	1,397	1,240	157	6,023	6,364	-341
Missouri	3,682	2,905	777	16,505	16,611	-106
Montana	410	441	-31	5,214	5,435	-221
Nebraska	2,145	823	1,322	4,523	4,500	23
Nevada	2,556	2,408	148	23,532	24,203	-671
New Hampshire	355	349	6	3,199	3,830	-631
New Jersey	8,706	8,865	-159	94,001	93,884	117
New Mexico	925	901	24	10,229	10,218	11
New York	13,988	14,083	-95	149,180	150,290	-1,110
North Carolina *	3,368	3,614	-246	23,309	22,822	487
North Dakota	912	317	595	2,475	2,206	269
Ohio	5,556	5,324	232	46,226	48,242	-2,016
Oklahoma	1,495	1,457	38	10,109	10,237	-128
Oregon	4,107	3,735	372	32,907	31,097	1,810
Pennsylvania	10,248	10,461	-213	84,619	84,925	-306
Puerto Rico	1,332	1,026	306	7,237	15,007	-7,770
Rhode Island	1,156	955	201	9,278	9,084	194
South Carolina	2,265	2,228	37	14,463	14,418	45
South Dakota	214	197	17	1,232	1,174	58
Tennessee	2,824	2,853	-29	15,201	15,041	160
Texas	16,266	16,890	-624	158,826	151,013	7,813
Utah	1,503	1,366	137	12,110	12,329	-219
Vermont	367	285	82	2,873	2,692	181
Virgin Islands	16	18	-2	248	226	22
Virginia	3,640	2,715	925	21,069	19,765	1,304
Washington	5,354	5,649	-295	77,616	73,816	3,800
West Virginia	713	677	36	6,705	6,019	686
Wisconsin	3,093	2,846	247	19,721	18,839	882
Wyoming	230	305	-75	2,009	1,855	154
US Total	212,506	201,764	10,742	1,786,881	1,779,759	7,122

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 OUI estimate.

\*\*Denotes state estimate.

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,872	-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	1,919	26	1,890.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	240	14	230.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 17						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 10						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,091	-177	-294	9	2	8,808	0.4	391	-255	32	20	8,860
Alaska	501	-11	-111	1	0	4,349	1.4	-156	-300	24	2	4,375
Arizona	3,687	112	-231	8	0	30,313	0.9	3,228	2,421	54	27	30,394
Arkansas	1,263	-66	-88	5	1	7,293	0.6	166	-514	16	13	7,322
California	40,128	-686	238	158	106	384,724	2.1	-5,385	-3,222	1,010	1,188	386,922
Colorado	2,836	-253	147	6	14	31,254	1.1	354	3,935	97	170	31,521
Connecticut	2,898	246	85	0	7	21,794	1.3	-257	360	52	48	21,894
Delaware	295	-1	132	1	1	4,607	1.0	-19	1,214	10	6	4,623
District of Columbia	880	54	274	17	2	10,210	1.8	17	4,708	1,085	5	11,300
Florida	6,177	-547	-435	24	17	34,118	0.4	541	-889	141	77	34,336
Georgia	4,716	205	285	47	15	29,422	0.6	323	326	242	78	29,742
Hawaii	985	-39	-64	0	7	5,429	0.9	77	-754	38	49	5,516
Idaho	964	90	182	0	1	5,326	0.6	-314	-102	19	7	5,352
Illinois	10,735	1,162	2,562	5	2	95,794	1.6	-2,696	-1,400	297	108	96,199
Indiana	2,512	-52	-15	2	3	20,537	0.7	-600	397	44	16	20,597
Iowa	1,696	-39	-50	2	1	8,659	0.6	3,173	1,332	20	7	8,686
Kansas	1,347	102	83	2	0	8,391	0.6	-230	3,720	25	14	8,430
Kentucky	1,712	95	197	0	1	9,860	0.5	-528	1,951	36	23	9,919
Louisiana	1,996	383	41	1	3	10,086	0.5	-186	-1,339	30	8	10,124
Maine	536	-171	68	1	0	6,435	1.0	-153	1,178	21	9	6,465
Maryland	3,948	135	1,537	110	8	24,072	0.9	403	1,050	209	62	24,343
Massachusetts	6,126	-399	1,487	1	0	65,602	1.8	2,225	7,862	105	73	65,780
Michigan	5,231	-1,192	-560	3	2	57,170	1.3	8,002	15,425	62	39	57,271
Minnesota	3,571	137	370	1	1	39,364	1.4	-3,927	1,299	61	60	39,485
Mississippi	1,240	126	-130	2	4	6,364	0.6	205	163	60	14	6,438
Missouri	2,905	447	-175	4	5	16,611	0.6	322	574	52	26	16,689
Montana	441	-11	6	0	0	5,435	1.1	-235	403	54	16	5,505
Nebraska	823	-161	86	0	0	4,500	0.5	-156	299	16	6	4,522
Nevada	2,408	-176	205	1	3	24,203	1.6	-434	1,235	49	74	24,326
New Hampshire	349	-60	-17	1	0	3,830	0.6	-472	709	9	1	3,840
New Jersey	8,865	-367	297	21	16	93,884	2.2	-1,600	-1,757	225	247	94,356
New Mexico	901	-35	188	2	1	10,218	1.2	1	1,038	55	18	10,291
New York	14,083	234	956	19	19	150,290	1.6	-587	4,817	302	174	150,766
North Carolina	3,614	-29	199	5	1	22,822	0.5	-78	3,165	51	89	22,962
North Dakota	317	43	50	0	1	2,206	0.5	-303	447	12	2	2,220
Ohio	5,324	-203	130	11	12	48,242	0.9	-861	10,193	90	69	48,401
Oklahoma	1,457	-83	-178	4	5	10,237	0.6	37	870	33	41	10,311
Oregon	3,735	-145	458	3	3	31,097	1.6	-179	5,960	119	42	31,258
Pennsylvania	10,461	-53	129	20	4	84,925	1.4	750	645	228	96	85,249
Puerto Rico	1,026	-162	-2	4	5	15,007	1.6	-196	1,856	143	49	15,199
Rhode Island	955	135	268	3	0	9,084	1.9	-186	1,322	23	20	9,127
South Carolina	2,228	-156	240	4	2	14,418	0.7	398	800	31	37	14,486
South Dakota	197	20	50	6	0	1,174	0.3	-142	1	20	0	1,194
Tennessee	2,853	-73	-265	3	7	15,041	0.5	52	-4,260	59	37	15,137
Texas	16,890	170	375	69	68	151,013	1.1	-1,706	6,505	502	883	152,398
Utah	1,366	-256	-49	6	1	12,329	0.7	135	1,040	42	15	12,386
Vermont	285	-112	4	0	0	2,692	0.9	-147	470	0	0	2,692
Virgin Islands	18	-6	0	1	0	226	0.6	0	-2	0	0	226
Virginia	2,715	-1,277	491	7	2	19,765	0.5	1,621	3,914	156	63	19,984
Washington	5,649	112	548	4	18	73,816	2.1	946	17,551	252	400	74,468
West Virginia	677	3	-82	1	0	6,019	0.9	-127	-1,299	21	15	6,055
Wisconsin	2,846	78	-611	4	1	18,839	0.6	-1,327	-2,208	36	24	18,899
Wyoming	305	21	36	1	2	1,855	0.7	-178	123	8	2	1,865
Totals	201,764	-2,888	9,047	610	374	1,779,759	1.2	2	92,977	6,378	4,569	1,790,706

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 17, 2025**

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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>
IL	+1,162	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
VA	-1,277	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MI	-1,192	Fewer layoffs in the 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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