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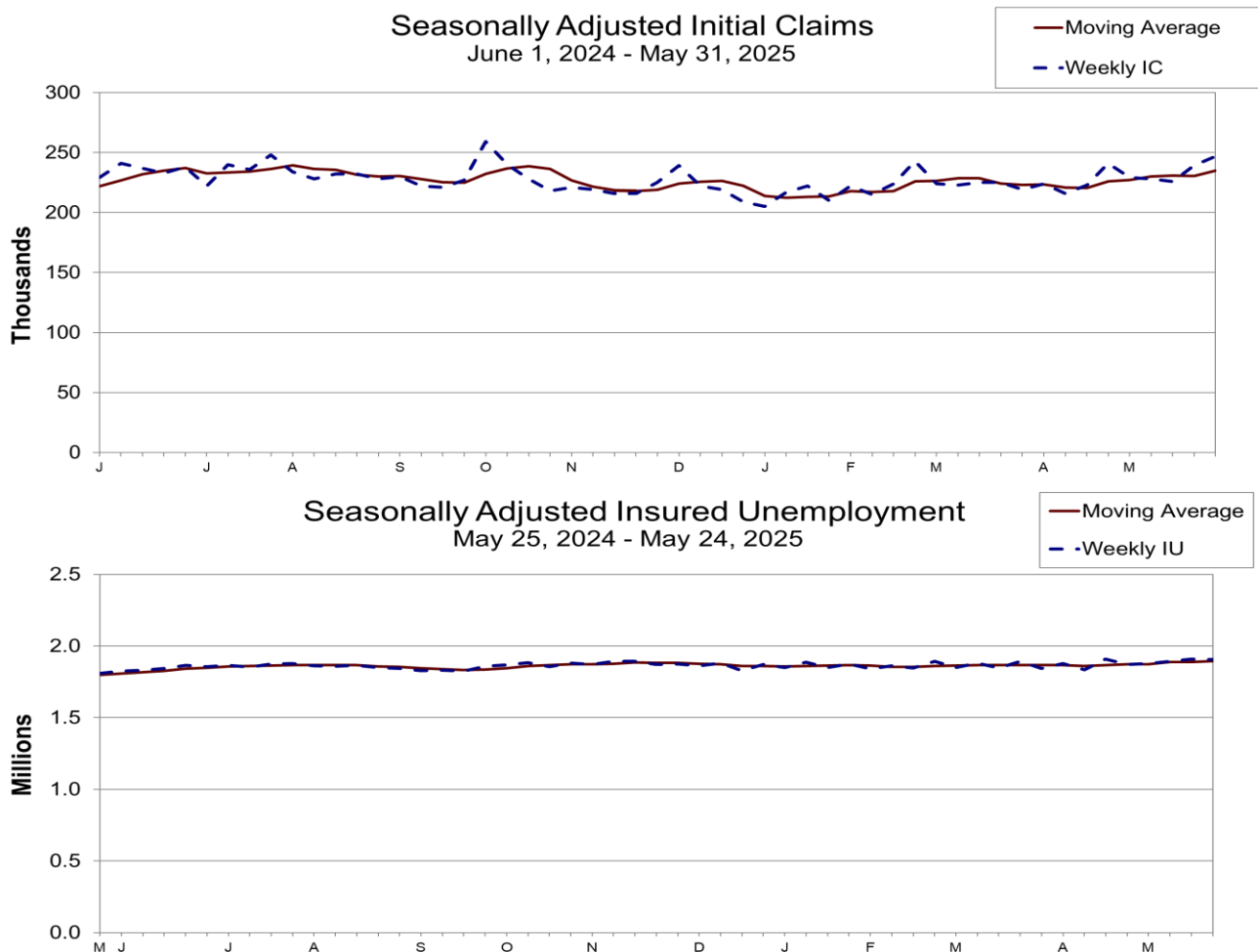
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 31, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 247,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 240,000 to 239,000. The 4-week moving average was 235,000, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 230,750 to 230,500.

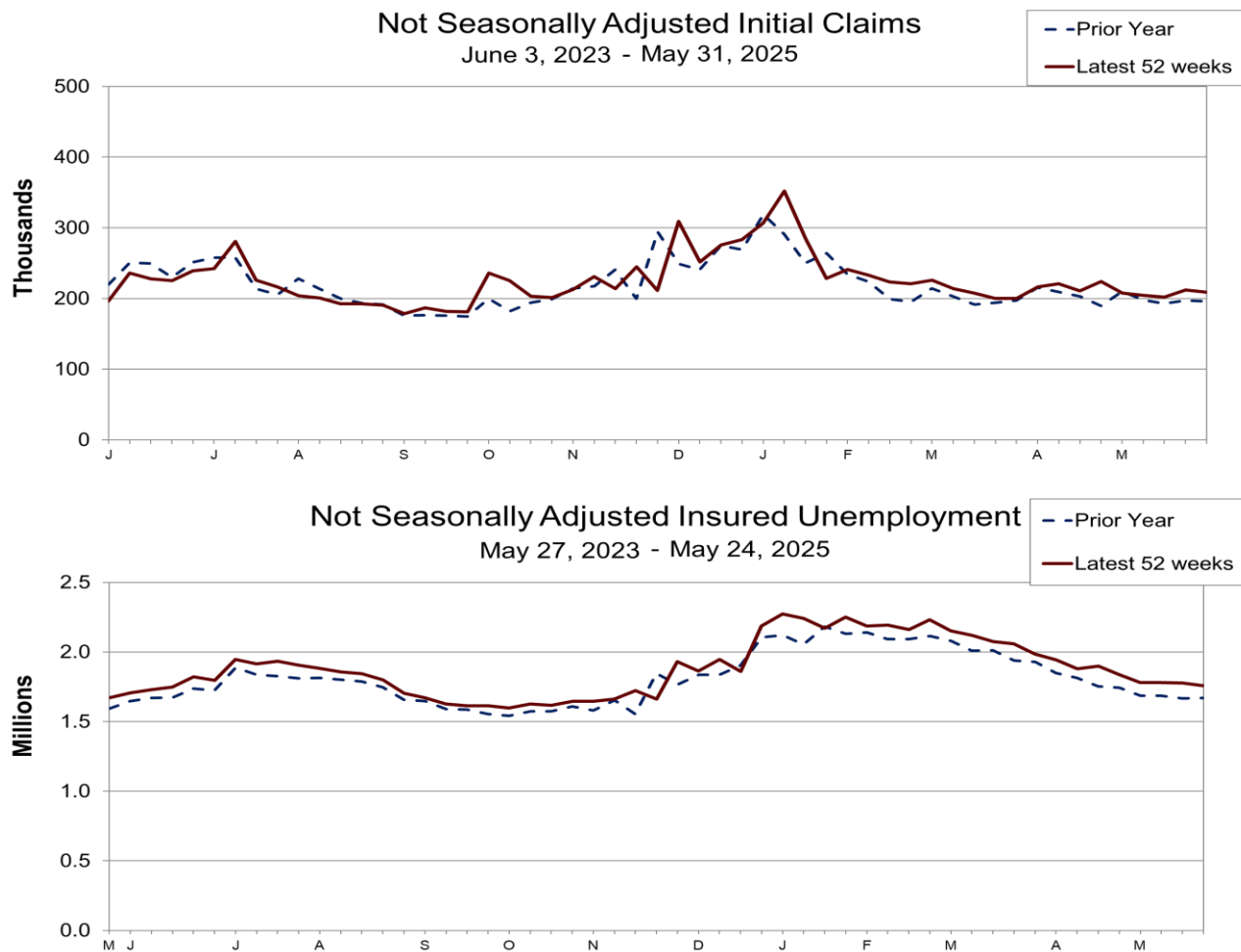
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 24, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 24 was 1,904,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 12,000 from 1,919,000 to 1,907,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,895,250, an increase of 8,000 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 3,000 from 1,890,250 to 1,887,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 208,642 in the week ending May 31, a decrease of 3,128 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,505 (or -5.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 196,177 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending May 24, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,757,031, a decrease of 18,524 (or -1.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,257 (or -0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,670,550.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 17 was 1,804,746, a decrease of 3,639 from the previous week. There were 1,690,823 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 17.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 538 in the week ending May 24, a decrease of 72 from the prior week. There were 295 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 79 from the preceding week.

There were 6,719 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 17, an increase of 341 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,486, a decrease of 83 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 17 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.1), Washington (2.1), Massachusetts (1.9), Rhode Island (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 24 were in Michigan (+3,259), Nebraska (+1,328), California (+1,041), Florida (+977), and Virginia (+947), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-747), Illinois (-744), Texas (-601), Washington (-307), and New York (-259).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 31	May 24	Change	May 17	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	247,000	239,000	+8,000	226,000	229,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	208,642	211,770	-3,128	201,764	196,177
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	235,000	230,500	+4,500	231,000	222,000

WEEK ENDING	May 24	May 17	Change	May 10	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,904,000	1,907,000	-3,000	1,893,000	1,810,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,757,031	1,775,555	-18,524	1,779,771	1,670,550
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,895,250	1,887,250	+8,000	1,887,500	1,797,750
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%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 24	May 17	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	538	610	-72	353
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	295	374	-79	304

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

WEEK ENDING	May 17	May 10	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,769,493	1,773,767	-4,274	1,661,657
Federal Employees	6,719	6,378	+341	4,648
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,486	4,569	-83	4,457
Extended Benefits ³	37	45	-8	243
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,041	3,060	-19	2,511
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,970	20,566	+404	17,307
TOTAL	1,804,746	1,808,385	-3,639	1,690,823

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 31			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 24		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,018	2,135	-117	8,454	9,057	-603
Alaska	639	579	60	4,015	4,197	-182
Arizona	3,644	3,809	-165	28,908	30,390	-1,482
Arkansas	1,436	1,414	22	6,725	7,117	-392
California	40,693	41,169	-476	367,930	383,736	-15,806
Colorado	2,865	3,051	-186	31,499	31,003	496
Connecticut	2,432	2,807	-375	22,992	22,376	616
Delaware	260	290	-30	5,138	4,613	525
District of Columbia	800	863	-63	11,197	10,304	893
Florida	5,523	7,154	-1,631	30,009	33,980	-3,971
Georgia	4,207	4,625	-418	27,030	29,072	-2,042
Hawaii	963	931	32	5,525	5,429	96
Idaho	1,120	988	132	4,999	5,305	-306
Illinois	10,468	9,991	477	97,014	96,522	492
Indiana	2,521	2,504	17	20,227	20,644	-417
Iowa	1,276	2,084	-808	8,153	8,286	-133
Kansas	1,731	1,305	426	10,191	8,168	2,023
Kentucky	5,879	1,903	3,976	9,844	9,837	7
Louisiana	1,986	2,232	-246	9,428	10,401	-973
Maine	399	411	-12	6,123	6,204	-81
Maryland	2,936	4,323	-1,387	24,358	24,464	-106
Massachusetts	4,678	5,379	-701	66,195	68,570	-2,375
Michigan	4,732	8,490	-3,758	49,146	46,792	2,354
Minnesota	6,625	4,248	2,377	41,423	37,851	3,572
Mississippi	1,776	1,483	293	6,355	6,389	-34
Missouri	3,750	3,724	26	17,718	16,953	765
Montana	377	428	-51	4,920	5,243	-323
Nebraska	1,075	2,151	-1,076	5,073	4,656	417
Nevada	2,752	2,612	140	23,301	24,386	-1,085
New Hampshire	267	391	-124	3,196	3,802	-606
New Jersey	7,903	8,815	-912	93,719	93,378	341
New Mexico	1,091	942	149	10,184	10,186	-2
New York	13,594	13,824	-230	148,115	148,342	-227
North Carolina	3,177	3,410	-233	21,602	22,582	-980
North Dakota	1,482	859	623	2,984	2,268	716
Ohio	6,736	5,590	1,146	45,384	46,499	-1,115
Oklahoma	1,300	1,575	-275	10,241	10,358	-117
Oregon	4,122	3,775	347	32,412	31,136	1,276
Pennsylvania	10,683	10,318	365	85,157	85,543	-386
Puerto Rico	1,395	1,370	25	13,829	14,579	-750
Rhode Island	742	1,171	-429	9,645	9,229	416
South Carolina	2,346	2,357	-11	14,399	14,782	-383
South Dakota	164	230	-66	1,233	1,223	10
Tennessee	4,591	2,826	1,765	14,974	15,261	-287
Texas	15,709	16,289	-580	153,881	159,743	-5,862
Utah	1,339	1,503	-164	12,050	12,153	-103
Vermont	235	371	-136	2,814	2,680	134
Virgin Islands	14	17	-3	260	246	14
Virginia	2,810	3,662	-852	21,646	19,652	1,994
Washington	5,175	5,342	-167	76,875	73,297	3,578
West Virginia	698	732	-34	6,815	6,237	578
Wisconsin	3,217	3,076	141	19,833	18,618	1,215
Wyoming	291	242	49	1,893	1,816	77
US Total	208,642	211,770	-3,128	1,757,031	1,775,555	-18,524

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	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,904	-3	1,895.25	1.2
May 31, 2025	247	8	235.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 24						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 17						
STATE NAME	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	2,135	44	-214	4	5	9,057	0.4	249	-156	35	19	9,111
Alaska	579	78	-4	1	0	4,197	1.3	-152	-225	25	1	4,223
Arizona	3,809	122	-410	11	3	30,390	0.9	77	1,956	57	32	30,479
Arkansas	1,414	151	112	2	0	7,117	0.6	-176	-604	27	16	7,160
California	41,169	1,041	2,344	86	53	383,736	2.1	-988	4,582	975	1,118	385,829
Colorado	3,051	215	191	1	8	31,003	1.1	-251	3,747	102	176	31,281
Connecticut	2,807	-91	217	1	0	22,376	1.3	582	511	45	42	22,463
Delaware	290	-5	54	5	1	4,613	1.0	6	-86	10	5	4,628
District of Columbia	863	-17	305	18	1	10,304	1.8	94	4,718	1,095	5	11,404
Florida	7,154	977	878	22	36	33,980	0.4	-138	-916	138	91	34,209
Georgia	4,625	-91	387	38	6	29,072	0.6	-350	409	256	104	29,432
Hawaii	931	-54	-483	2	7	5,429	0.9	-13	-1,017	42	39	5,510
Idaho	988	24	-54	0	2	5,305	0.6	-21	-76	17	10	5,332
Illinois	9,991	-744	1,068	13	2	96,522	1.6	728	5,597	404	104	97,030
Indiana	2,504	-8	-91	2	2	20,644	0.7	107	1,186	35	21	20,700
Iowa	2,084	388	305	1	3	8,286	0.5	-373	840	20	7	8,313
Kansas	1,305	-42	113	0	0	8,168	0.6	-223	3,495	17	13	8,198
Kentucky	1,903	191	427	1	0	9,837	0.5	-23	2,003	32	32	9,901
Louisiana	2,232	236	48	0	2	10,401	0.6	315	-1,183	38	8	10,447
Maine	411	-125	-15	0	0	6,204	1.0	-231	1,138	20	12	6,236
Maryland	4,323	375	1,975	52	5	24,464	0.9	392	1,714	275	64	24,803
Massachusetts	5,379	-747	680	2	0	68,570	1.9	2,968	11,620	117	84	68,771
Michigan	8,490	3,259	1,142	2	4	46,792	1.1	-10,378	5,924	86	38	46,916
Minnesota	4,248	677	291	6	0	37,851	1.3	-1,513	1,251	63	49	37,963
Mississippi	1,483	243	-80	1	1	6,389	0.6	25	-27	54	12	6,455
Missouri	3,724	819	-195	2	2	16,953	0.6	342	479	58	20	17,031
Montana	428	-13	-4	1	0	5,243	1.1	-192	793	46	13	5,302
Nebraska	2,151	1,328	966	0	1	4,656	0.5	156	287	17	5	4,678
Nevada	2,612	204	43	5	2	24,386	1.6	183	1,764	59	54	24,499
New Hampshire	391	42	70	1	2	3,802	0.6	-28	716	8	1	3,811
New Jersey	8,815	-50	311	20	20	93,378	2.2	-506	-863	207	241	93,826
New Mexico	942	41	214	2	0	10,186	1.2	-32	1,181	68	17	10,271
New York	13,824	-259	1,160	22	15	148,342	1.6	-1,948	4,481	328	173	148,843
North Carolina	3,410	-204	235	0	0	22,582	0.5	-240	2,342	54	79	22,715
North Dakota	859	542	375	15	1	2,268	0.5	62	657	7	3	2,278
Ohio	5,590	266	942	13	12	46,499	0.9	-1,743	9,041	103	69	46,671
Oklahoma	1,575	118	-215	1	4	10,358	0.6	121	749	38	46	10,442
Oregon	3,775	40	580	23	2	31,136	1.6	39	6,603	124	43	31,303
Pennsylvania	10,318	-143	804	17	8	85,543	1.4	619	931	238	93	85,874
Puerto Rico	1,370	344	277	5	1	14,579	1.6	-428	1,924	121	35	14,735
Rhode Island	1,171	216	368	1	1	9,229	1.9	145	1,471	21	23	9,273
South Carolina	2,357	129	272	4	3	14,782	0.7	364	1,069	36	37	14,855
South Dakota	230	33	13	33	0	1,223	0.3	49	37	22	0	1,245
Tennessee	2,826	-27	-2,172	0	2	15,261	0.5	220	-4,297	55	40	15,356
Texas	16,289	-601	-420	72	53	159,743	1.2	8,730	18,815	641	876	161,260
Utah	1,503	137	216	3	2	12,153	0.7	-176	915	40	12	12,205
Vermont	371	86	70	0	0	2,680	0.9	-12	518	0	0	2,680
Virgin Islands	17	-1	-5	0	0	246	0.7	20	30	0	0	246
Virginia	3,662	947	1,596	14	2	19,652	0.5	-113	3,745	148	69	19,869
Washington	5,342	-307	227	5	15	73,297	2.1	-519	12,096	228	399	73,924
West Virginia	732	55	-82	1	2	6,237	0.9	218	-1,229	17	13	6,267
Wisconsin	3,076	230	-219	6	4	18,618	0.6	-221	-1,985	41	19	18,678
Wyoming	242	-63	-7	1	0	1,816	0.7	-39	236	9	4	1,829
Totals	211,770	10,006	14,606	538	295	1,775,555	1.2	-4,216	108,907	6,719	4,486	1,786,760

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 24, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+3,259	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NE	+1,328	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	+1,041	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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