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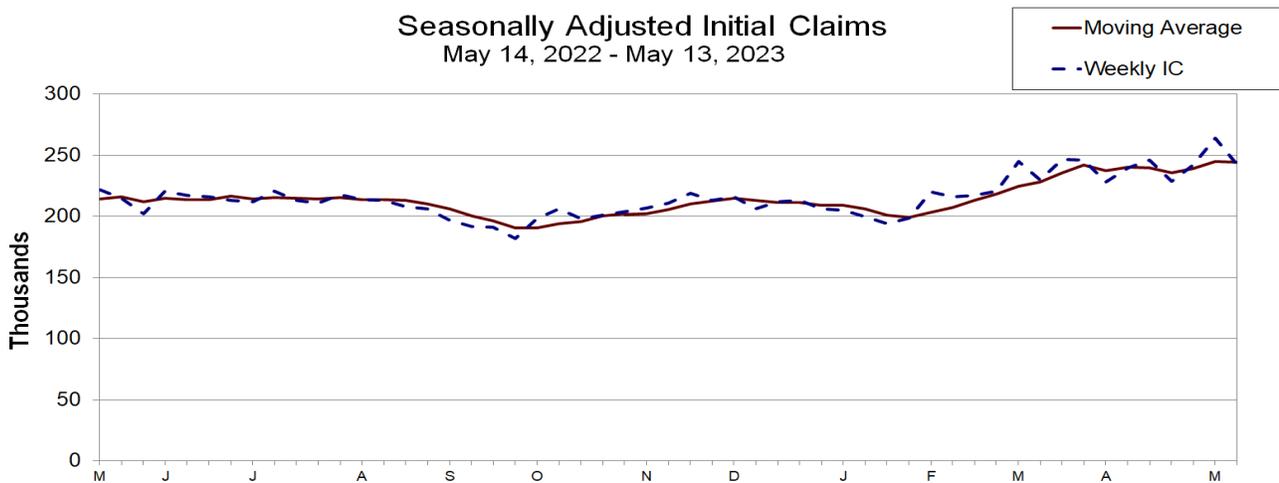
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

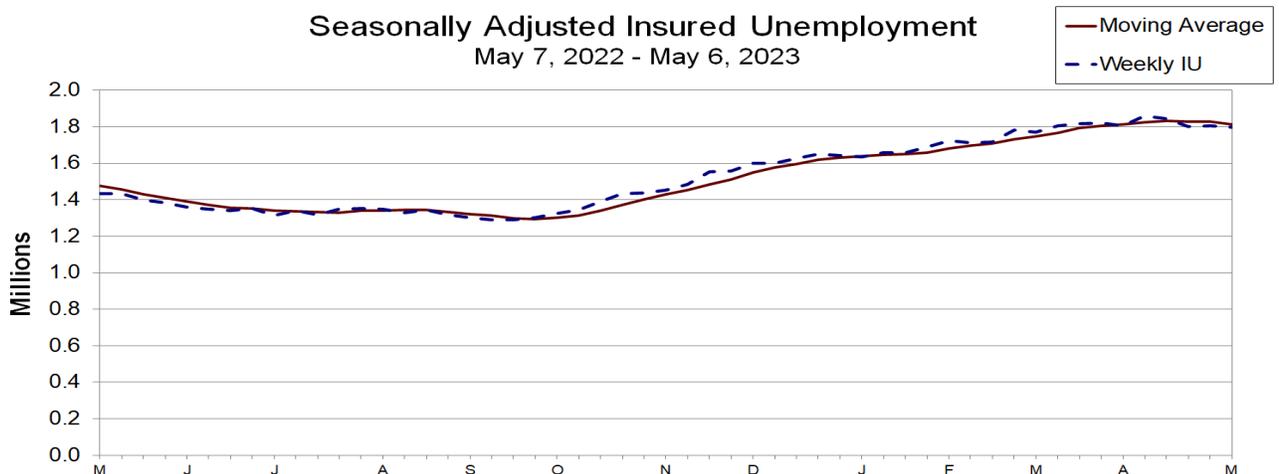
In the week ending May 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 242,000, a decrease of 22,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 264,000. The 4-week moving average was 244,250, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 245,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 6, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 6 was 1,799,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,813,000 to 1,807,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,812,500, a decrease of 15,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,829,500 to 1,828,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 14, 2022 - May 13, 2023



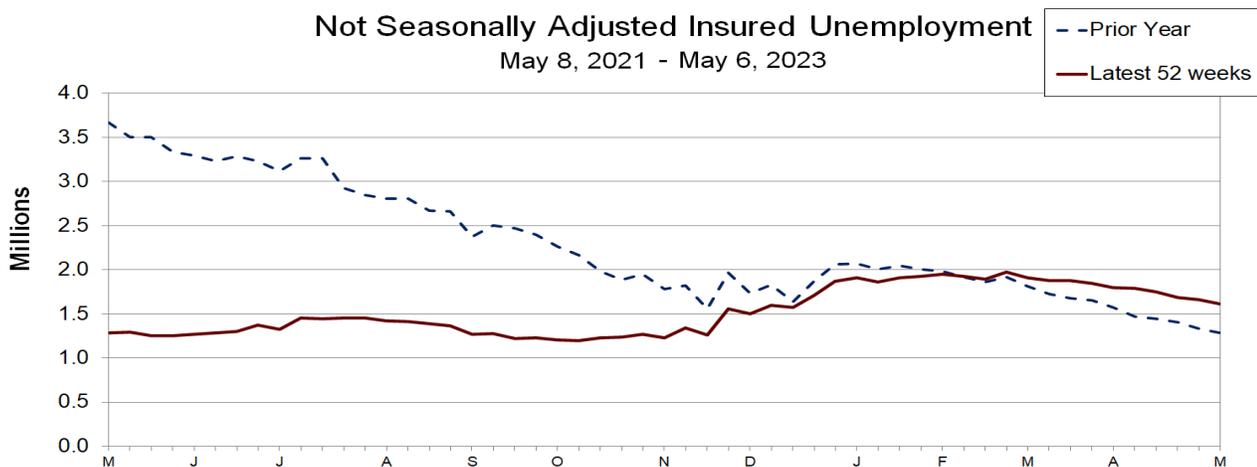
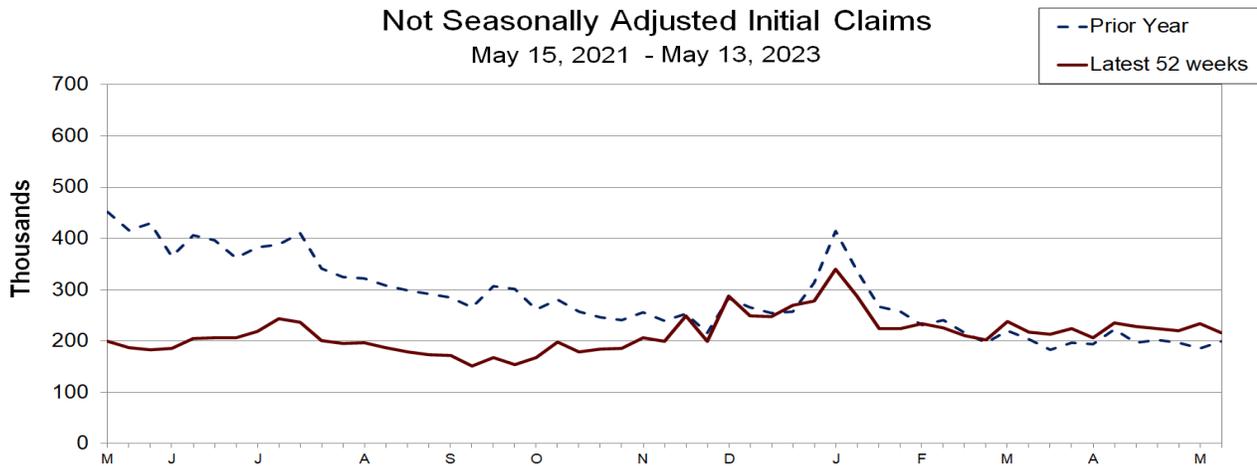
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 7, 2022 - May 6, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 215,810 in the week ending May 13, a decrease of 18,605 (or -7.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,320 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,631 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 6, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,611,533, a decrease of 48,868 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 41,555 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,283,158.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 29 was 1,685,985, a decrease of 29,380 from the previous week. There were 1,369,966 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 29.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 383 in the week ending May 6, an increase of 9 from the prior week. There were 368 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 48 from the preceding week.

There were 5,031 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 29, a decrease of 8 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,289, an increase of 193 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 29 were in California (2.4), New Jersey (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), Alaska (1.7), Illinois (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Minnesota (1.5), Puerto Rico (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 6 were in Massachusetts (+6,420), Missouri (+2,596), California (+1,997), Texas (+1,707), and New York (+1,212), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-3,026), Colorado (-1,526), Georgia (-916), Wisconsin (-494), and New Hampshire (-428).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 13	May 6	Change	April 29	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	242,000	264,000	-22,000	242,000	222,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	215,810	234,415	-18,605	220,115	199,631
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	244,250	245,250	-1,000	239,250	214,250

WEEK ENDING	May 6	April 29	Change	April 22	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,799,000	1,807,000	-8,000	1,801,000	1,434,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,611,533	1,660,401	-48,868	1,689,410	1,283,158
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,812,500	1,828,000	-15,500	1,827,250	1,477,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 6	April 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	383	374	+9	473
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	368	320	+48	389

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

WEEK ENDING	April 29	April 22	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,654,561	1,683,746	-29,185	1,328,902
Federal Employees	5,031	5,039	-8	6,542
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,289	4,096	+193	4,499
Extended Benefits ³	992	1,423	-431	17,269
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,039	2,052	-13	2,108
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,073	19,009	+64	10,646
TOTAL	1,685,985	1,715,365	-29,380	1,369,966

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 146,891,243 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 13			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 6		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,382	2,295	87	8,017	8,572	-555
Alaska	722	637	85	4,602	4,945	-343
Arizona	3,796	4,640	-844	23,772	24,592	-820
Arkansas	1,651	1,852	-201	6,643	6,947	-304
California	45,977	45,092	885	401,721	416,922	-15,201
Colorado	1,847	2,461	-614	12,380	21,827	-9,447
Connecticut	3,608	2,469	1,139	20,211	19,865	346
Delaware	229	306	-77	3,820	3,488	332
District of Columbia	487	472	15	4,177	4,564	-387
Florida	5,526	5,897	-371	33,869	36,744	-2,875
Georgia	5,044	5,305	-261	33,653	32,876	777
Hawaii	958	1,073	-115	5,659	5,549	110
Idaho	860	884	-24	5,136	5,783	-647
Illinois	9,408	8,402	1,006	84,456	90,909	-6,453
Indiana	2,900	3,568	-668	19,865	21,072	-1,207
Iowa	1,568	1,578	-10	6,839	6,904	-65
Kansas	991	944	47	5,372	4,924	448
Kentucky	1,482	1,628	-146	7,137	7,241	-104
Louisiana	1,857	1,701	156	10,359	11,151	-792
Maine	469	552	-83	5,758	6,117	-359
Maryland	1,691	2,070	-379	17,413	19,455	-2,042
Massachusetts	20,901	34,943	-14,042	74,479	72,560	1,919
Michigan	5,710	5,687	23	38,087	40,716	-2,629
Minnesota	2,998	2,885	113	37,284	40,755	-3,471
Mississippi	1,147	1,081	66	5,066	5,387	-321
Missouri	2,695	5,023	-2,328	15,140	14,108	1,032
Montana	515	547	-32	4,072	4,585	-513
Nebraska	609	590	19	3,226	3,240	-14
Nevada	2,164	2,139	25	18,189	17,874	315
New Hampshire	288	415	-127	2,279	3,018	-739
New Jersey	7,279	8,413	-1,134	88,290	89,612	-1,322
New Mexico	705	712	-7	8,958	9,111	-153
New York	14,586	14,636	-50	146,937	146,118	819
North Carolina	3,481	3,616	-135	17,740	18,151	-411
North Dakota	250	204	46	1,677	1,971	-294
Ohio	7,810	6,312	1,498	39,861	39,839	22
Oklahoma	1,400	1,497	-97	10,021	10,213	-192
Oregon	4,108	4,383	-275	30,470	30,697	-227
Pennsylvania	9,235	10,069	-834	71,941	72,678	-737
Puerto Rico	970	1,217	-247	12,057	13,283	-1,226
Rhode Island	812	794	18	7,182	7,322	-140
South Carolina	1,897	1,965	-68	11,816	12,267	-451
South Dakota	137	161	-24	809	1,040	-231
Tennessee	3,078	2,525	553	12,622	13,026	-404
Texas	15,966	15,989	-23	121,963	126,278	-4,315
Utah	1,489	1,469	20	9,929	10,271	-342
Vermont	228	388	-160	2,600	2,771	-171
Virgin Islands	23	32	-9	200	170	30
Virginia	2,727	3,336	-609	13,729	12,769	960
Washington	4,965	5,123	-158	54,672	51,600	3,072
West Virginia	710	723	-13	6,797	5,988	809
Wisconsin	3,252	3,428	-176	20,652	20,655	-3
Wyoming	222	287	-65	1,929	1,881	48
US Total	215,810	234,415	-18,605	1,611,533	1,660,401	-48,868

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	
May 7, 2022	210	-8	213.00	1,434	-23	1,477.50	1.0
May 14, 2022	222	12	214.25	1,432	-2	1,455.25	1.0
May 21, 2022	215	-7	216.25	1,399	-33	1,430.50	1.0
May 28, 2022	202	-13	212.25	1,382	-17	1,411.75	1.0
June 4, 2022	221	19	215.00	1,359	-23	1,393.00	1.0
June 11, 2022	217	-4	213.75	1,350	-9	1,372.50	1.0
June 18, 2022	216	-1	214.00	1,340	-10	1,357.75	1.0
June 25, 2022	213	-3	216.75	1,354	14	1,350.75	1.0
July 2, 2022	212	-1	214.50	1,314	-40	1,339.50	0.9
July 9, 2022	221	9	215.50	1,341	27	1,337.25	0.9
July 16, 2022	213	-8	214.75	1,317	-24	1,331.50	0.9
July 23, 2022	211	-2	214.25	1,350	33	1,330.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	218	7	215.75	1,352	2	1,340.00	1.0
August 6, 2022	214	-4	214.00	1,350	-2	1,342.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	264	22	245.25	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	242	-22	244.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MAY 6

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 29

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,295	150	274	5	2	8,572	0.4	-152	5,139	19	18	8,609
Alaska	637	11	-162	2	0	4,945	1.7	-185	-320	36	12	4,993
Arizona	4,640	-76	1,249	0	0	24,592	0.8	1,223	7,513	39	27	24,658
Arkansas	1,852	632	147	1	1	6,947	0.6	87	418	7	16	6,970
California	45,092	1,997	1,422	78	66	416,922	2.4	-4,438	75,873	1,005	828	418,755
Colorado	2,461	-1,526	42	3	12	21,827	0.8	-67	4,714	93	180	22,100
Connecticut	2,469	-56	438	1	4	19,865	1.2	-2,797	2,895	10	36	19,911
Delaware	306	76	16	0	0	3,488	0.8	-119	652	12	9	3,509
District of Columbia	472	62	-337	8	1	4,564	0.8	-487	458	168	2	4,734
Florida	5,897	287	1,422	7	28	36,744	0.4	230	4,958	82	86	36,912
Georgia	5,305	-916	1,009	16	25	32,876	0.7	1,626	7,771	174	102	33,152
Hawaii	1,073	-20	-189	1	8	5,549	1.0	-145	-462	41	48	5,638
Idaho	884	-1	243	0	0	5,783	0.7	-448	2,297	21	14	5,818
Illinois	8,402	-313	-2,691	5	2	90,909	1.6	2,014	21,945	280	156	91,345
Indiana	3,568	515	-870	2	3	21,072	0.7	298	2,426	33	19	21,124
Iowa	1,578	-201	38	5	1	6,904	0.5	-317	-411	14	3	6,921
Kansas	944	-297	-175	1	3	4,924	0.4	155	1,285	16	8	4,948
Kentucky	1,628	-3,026	-33	1	0	7,241	0.4	-448	-1,271	46	74	7,361
Louisiana	1,701	80	9	3	0	11,151	0.6	74	1,626	33	9	11,193
Maine	552	-17	97	0	1	6,117	1.0	-558	1,346	16	7	6,140
Maryland	2,070	100	328	12	10	19,455	0.8	-39	4,790	117	39	19,611
Massachusetts	34,943	6,420	31,112	6	8	72,560	2.0	-757	28,624	128	120	72,808
Michigan	5,687	950	-1,338	1	1	40,716	1.0	-3,796	-767	50	32	40,798
Minnesota	2,885	-379	-20	3	1	40,755	1.5	-5,570	5,255	59	55	40,869
Mississippi	1,081	62	30	2	0	5,387	0.5	-35	1,384	52	12	5,451
Missouri	5,023	2,596	2,453	6	4	14,108	0.5	-661	2,561	66	27	14,201
Montana	547	-22	46	3	2	4,585	1.0	-751	819	67	17	4,669
Nebraska	590	85	9	1	1	3,240	0.3	18	722	5	3	3,248
Nevada	2,139	32	139	1	2	17,874	1.2	274	4,567	88	51	18,013
New Hampshire	415	-428	106	0	0	3,018	0.5	513	627	0	1	3,019
New Jersey	8,413	1,025	2,566	19	10	89,612	2.2	-1,121	15,255	245	170	90,027
New Mexico	712	36	-10	2	0	9,111	1.1	-30	1,076	87	29	9,227
New York	14,636	1,212	1,251	55	15	146,118	1.6	-2,883	21,114	318	239	146,675
North Carolina	3,616	372	1,171	4	2	18,151	0.4	-525	5,025	50	89	18,290
North Dakota	204	-8	-23	4	0	1,971	0.5	-566	-354	15	4	1,990
Ohio	6,312	1,004	-736	3	9	39,839	0.8	-2,789	6,432	72	74	39,985
Oklahoma	1,497	134	-217	4	4	10,213	0.7	259	-1,185	30	41	10,284
Oregon	4,383	377	1,088	9	3	30,697	1.6	-484	9,880	131	54	30,882
Pennsylvania	10,069	566	1,934	12	7	72,678	1.3	-405	13,519	262	78	73,018
Puerto Rico	1,217	128	118	6	6	13,283	1.5	-1,173	1,692	139	102	13,524
Rhode Island	794	104	136	0	1	7,322	1.6	-383	1,235	12	13	7,347
South Carolina	1,965	-76	166	2	2	12,267	0.6	-837	2,931	20	47	12,334
South Dakota	161	13	43	4	1	1,040	0.2	-250	99	21	1	1,062
Tennessee	2,525	346	339	2	8	13,026	0.4	108	2,268	45	30	13,101
Texas	15,989	1,707	2,560	39	85	126,278	1.0	1,417	31,965	419	926	127,623
Utah	1,469	-8	9	6	1	10,271	0.6	-166	4,778	43	8	10,322
Vermont	388	-181	87	0	0	2,771	1.0	-303	592	0	0	2,771
Virgin Islands	32	14	-6	0	0	170	0.5	24	-232	0	0	170
Virginia	3,336	602	1,966	26	9	12,769	0.3	379	5,260	74	82	12,925
Washington	5,123	597	1,086	7	16	51,600	1.5	-1,159	16,382	169	263	52,032
West Virginia	723	72	46	1	2	5,988	0.9	-286	453	27	14	6,029
Wisconsin	3,428	-494	200	4	1	20,655	0.7	-2,485	2,402	60	10	20,725
Wyoming	287	-19	12	0	0	1,881	0.7	-93	308	15	4	1,900
Totals	234,415	14,300	48,600	383	368	1,660,401	1.1	-29,009	328,329	5,031	4,289	1,669,721

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 6, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+6,420	No comment.
MO	+2,596	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and wholesale trade industries.
CA	+1,997	No comment.
TX	+1,707	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance industry.
NY	+1,212	Layoffs in the information, professional, scientific, and technical services, and other services industries.
NJ	+1,025	No comment.
OH	+1,004	Layoffs in the manufacturing and automobile industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-3,026	No comment.
CO	-1,526	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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