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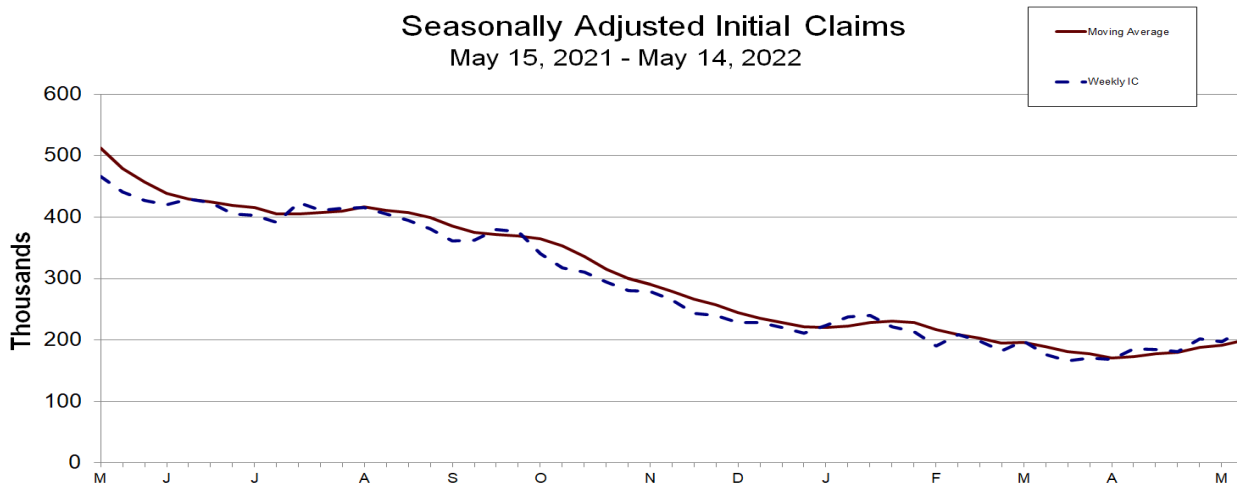
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

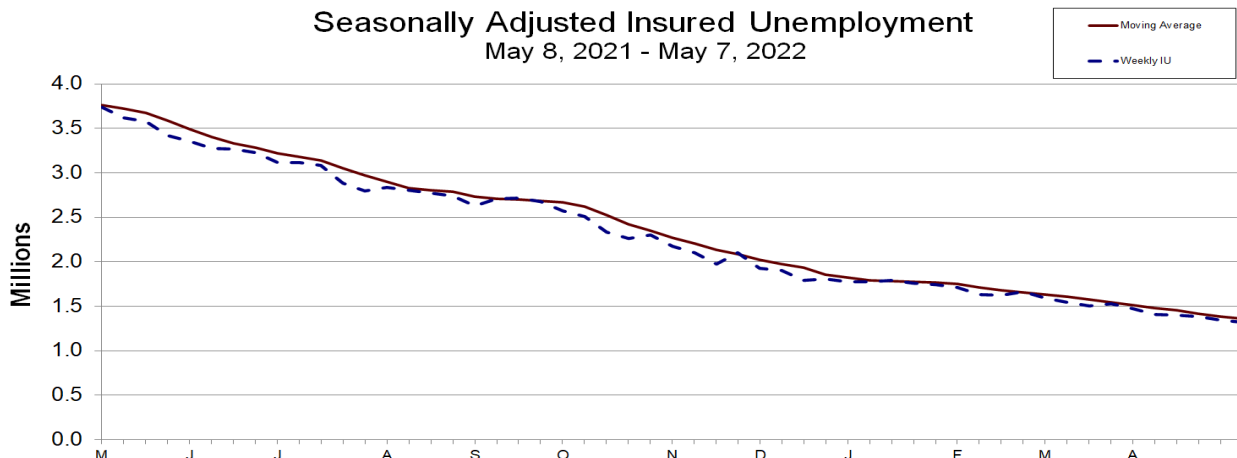
In the week ending May 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 203,000 to 197,000. The 4-week moving average was 199,500, an increase of 8,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 192,750 to 191,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 0.9 percent for the week ending May 7, 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 7 was 1,317,000, a decrease of 25,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since December 27, 1969 when it was 1,304,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,343,000 to 1,342,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,362,250, a decrease of 22,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 24, 1970 when it was 1,361,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,385,000 to 1,384,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
May 15, 2021 - May 14, 2022



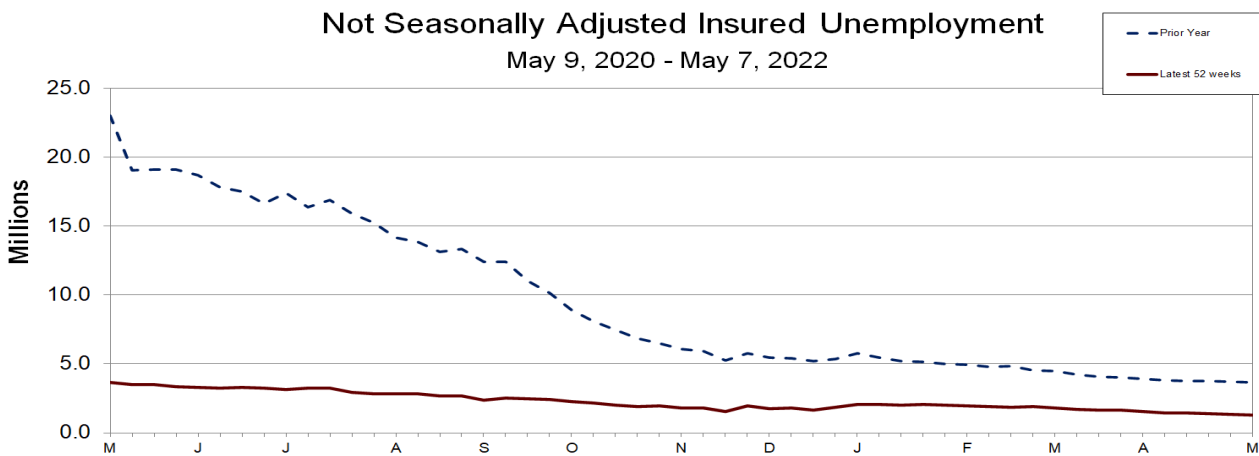
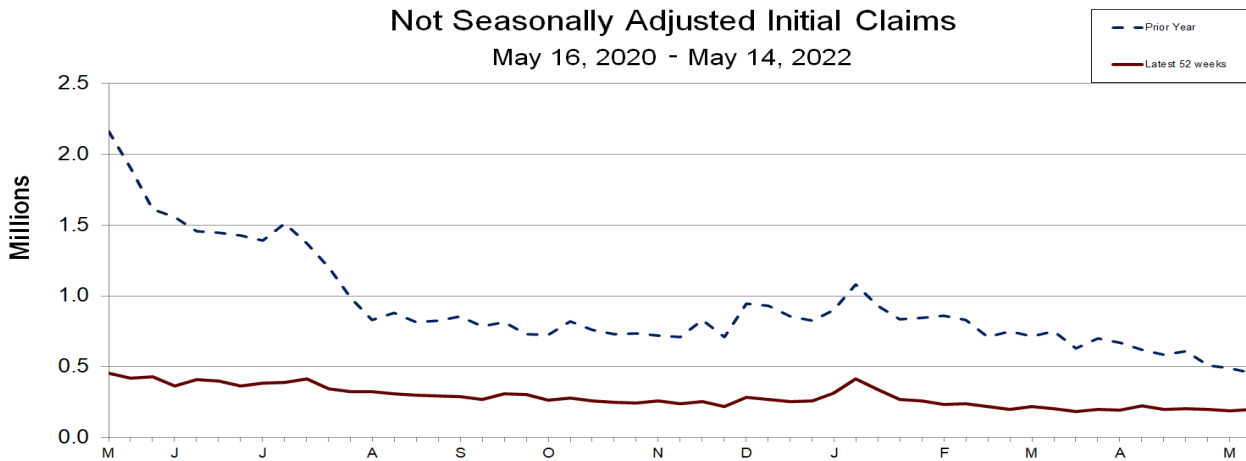
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
May 8, 2021 - May 7, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,711 in the week ending May 14, an increase of 12,811 (or 6.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,111 (or -3.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 451,302 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending May 7, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,285,490, a decrease of 48,063 (or -3.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 24,149 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.6 percent and the volume was 3,666,448.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 30 was 1,371,448, a decrease of 68,885 from the previous week. There were 15,970,923 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 473 in the week ending May 7, an increase of 34 from the prior week. There were 389 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 11 from the preceding week.

There were 6,546 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 30, a decrease of 617 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,499, an increase of 111 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 30 were in California (2.1), New Jersey (2.0), Alaska (1.8), New York (1.5), Puerto Rico (1.4), Rhode Island (1.4), Massachusetts (1.3), Minnesota (1.3), and Illinois (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 7 were in California (+3,046), Ohio (+772), Texas (+452), Arkansas (+393), and Iowa (+337), while the largest decreases were in New York (-9,899), Kentucky (-1,479), Indiana (-1,341), Florida (-746), and Massachusetts (-615).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	197,000	+21,000	202,000	467,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,711	185,900	+12,811	198,357	451,302
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	199,500	191,250	+8,250	188,500	513,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,317,000	1,342,000	-25,000	1,387,000	3,737,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,285,490	1,333,553	-48,063	1,405,954	3,666,448
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,362,250	1,384,750	-22,500	1,417,750	3,759,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1	1.0%	2.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1	1.0%	2.6%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	473	439	+34	931
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	389	378	+11	605

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,330,381	1,402,547	-72,166	3,662,467
Federal Employees	6,546	7,163	-617	13,742
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,499	4,388	+111	7,288
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	17,268	12,445	+4,823	456,806
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	2,108	1,936	+172	1,753
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	10,646	11,854	-1,208	80,299
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,371,448</b>	<b>1,440,333</b>	<b>-68,885</b>	<b>15,970,923</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 140,025,048 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,189	2,021	168	3,120	3,433	-313
Alaska	778	799	-21	4,936	5,265	-329
Arizona	2,986	3,391	-405	15,941	17,079	-1,138
Arkansas	1,446	1,694	-248	6,083	6,529	-446
California	46,985	43,670	3,315	329,724	341,049	-11,325
Colorado	2,207	2,419	-212	17,495	17,113	382
Connecticut	2,276	2,031	245	16,806	16,970	-164
Delaware	296	290	6	3,002	2,836	166
District of Columbia	542	809	-267	3,650	4,106	-456
Florida	4,776	4,475	301	29,358	31,786	-2,428
Georgia	3,738	4,296	-558	25,195	25,105	90
Hawaii	1,252	1,262	-10	5,992	5,999	-7
Idaho	622	641	-19	3,098	3,486	-388
Illinois	12,920	11,093	1,827	66,215	68,964	-2,749
Indiana	4,456	4,438	18	17,853	18,646	-793
Iowa	1,379	1,540	-161	7,171	7,315	-144
Kansas	969	1,119	-150	3,623	3,639	-16
Kentucky	8,389	1,661	6,728	7,189	8,512	-1,323
Louisiana	1,543	1,692	-149	8,776	9,525	-749
Maine	457	455	2	4,291	4,771	-480
Maryland	1,588	1,742	-154	12,880	14,665	-1,785
Massachusetts	4,029	3,831	198	41,866	43,936	-2,070
Michigan	6,652	7,025	-373	33,737	41,483	-7,746
Minnesota	3,038	2,905	133	32,372	35,500	-3,128
Mississippi	1,063	1,051	12	3,660	4,003	-343
Missouri	2,744	2,570	174	11,521	11,547	-26
Montana	462	501	-39	3,398	3,766	-368
Nebraska	777	581	196	2,572	2,518	54
Nevada	1,845	2,000	-155	12,922	13,307	-385
New Hampshire	221	309	-88	1,589	2,391	-802
New Jersey	6,046	5,847	199	73,144	74,357	-1,213
New Mexico	774	722	52	7,749	8,035	-286
New York	13,319	13,385	-66	123,687	125,004	-1,317
North Carolina	2,585	2,445	140	12,088	13,126	-1,038
North Dakota	237	227	10	1,750	2,325	-575
Ohio	8,131	7,048	1,083	30,010	33,407	-3,397
Oklahoma	1,610	1,714	-104	10,464	11,398	-934
Oregon	3,106	3,295	-189	20,859	20,817	42
Pennsylvania	10,333	8,231	2,102	66,457	60,652	5,805
Puerto Rico*	874	1,099	-225	10,919	11,591	-672
Rhode Island	570	658	-88	5,885	6,087	-202
South Carolina	1,765	1,799	-34	9,194	9,336	-142
South Dakota	129	118	11	709	941	-232
Tennessee	1,991	2,186	-195	10,444	10,758	-314
Texas	13,557	13,429	128	86,828	94,313	-7,485
Utah	1,344	1,460	-116	5,390	5,493	-103
Vermont	261	301	-40	2,228	2,179	49
Virgin Islands	24	38	-14	440	402	38
Virginia	1,518	1,370	148	9,454	7,509	1,945
Washington	3,861	4,037	-176	36,433	35,218	1,215
West Virginia	586	677	-91	5,742	5,535	207
Wisconsin	3,242	3,228	14	17,793	18,253	-460
Wyoming	223	275	-52	1,788	1,573	215
US Total	198,711	185,900	12,811	1,285,490	1,333,553	-48,063

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.

## 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 8, 2021	494	-23	537.75	3,737	-19	3,759.00	2.7
May 15, 2021	467	-27	513.00	3,618	-119	3,719.50	2.6
May 22, 2021	441	-26	479.75	3,575	-43	3,671.50	2.6
May 29, 2021	427	-14	457.25	3,422	-153	3,588.00	2.5
June 5, 2021	420	-7	438.75	3,352	-70	3,491.75	2.4
June 12, 2021	429	9	429.25	3,271	-81	3,405.00	2.3
June 19, 2021	424	-5	425.00	3,266	-5	3,327.75	2.3
June 26, 2021	405	-19	419.50	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-2	415.25	3,116	-114	3,220.75	2.3
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,317	-25	1,362.25	.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MAY 7

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
APRIL 30

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				CHANGE FROM						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	2,021	10	-8,820	10	7	3,433	0.2	-379	-14,513	30	21	3,484
Alaska	799	-12	-2,294	4	0	5,265	1.8	-119	-7,176	52	11	5,328
Arizona	3,391	-103	-2,568	1	4	17,079	0.6	1,003	-38,077	57	23	17,159
Arkansas	1,694	393	-1,097	0	1	6,529	0.6	211	-14,356	46	31	6,606
California	43,670	3,046	-26,257	98	64	341,049	2.1	-2,828	-249,493	1,560	988	343,597
Colorado	2,419	139	-1,755	3	10	17,113	0.7	-382	-24,599	127	130	17,370
Connecticut	2,031	-438	-2,916	7	3	16,970	1.1	-3,123	-55,172	36	41	17,047
Delaware	290	-81	-3,947	2	3	2,836	0.7	-703	-8,473	6	5	2,847
District of Columbia	809	58	-1,061	9	0	4,106	0.8	-253	-15,472	66	17	4,189
Florida	4,475	-746	-13,080	14	32	31,786	0.4	-663	-98,283	164	119	32,069
Georgia	4,296	-143	-28,537	30	23	25,105	0.6	-2,225	-96,292	246	123	25,474
Hawaii	1,262	158	-1,515	2	10	5,999	1.1	-123	-11,169	49	77	6,125
Idaho	641	4	-1,689	3	0	3,486	0.5	-322	-4,627	29	6	3,521
Illinois	11,093	-599	-7,262	16	2	68,964	1.2	-2,519	-147,212	348	116	69,428
Indiana	4,438	-1,341	-3,348	5	8	18,646	0.7	-1,813	-46,284	74	30	18,750
Iowa	1,540	337	-1,750	3	2	7,315	0.5	-1,115	-18,399	24	9	7,348
Kansas	1,119	224	-719	0	1	3,639	0.3	-247	-6,171	22	14	3,675
Kentucky	1,661	-1,479	-9,506	5	0	8,512	0.5	1,271	-15,878	28	41	8,581
Louisiana	1,692	47	-5,437	4	3	9,525	0.5	-550	-41,031	52	13	9,590
Maine	455	-84	-844	0	0	4,771	0.8	-804	-7,642	13	14	4,798
Maryland	1,742	-49	-3,894	9	2	14,665	0.6	-803	-29,116	140	251	15,056
Massachusetts	3,831	-615	-7,006	5	8	43,936	1.3	-7,523	-46,264	129	52	44,117
Michigan	7,025	-563	-10,341	3	4	41,483	1.0	2,786	-84,120	101	47	41,631
Minnesota	2,905	254	-1,157	6	5	35,500	1.3	-3,573	-43,340	114	71	35,685
Mississippi	1,051	188	-3,002	4	0	4,003	0.4	-78	-23,293	71	9	4,083
Missouri	2,570	-96	-4,657	5	2	11,547	0.4	-1,482	-47,158	56	19	11,622
Montana	501	-60	-983	7	5	3,766	0.8	-394	-5,646	76	12	3,854
Nebraska	581	102	-913	1	0	2,518	0.3	-24	-4,452	8	2	2,528
Nevada	2,000	162	-4,144	2	0	13,307	1.0	-328	-64,506	113	42	13,462
New Hampshire	309	-441	-970	0	0	2,391	0.4	442	-16,865	1	2	2,394
New Jersey	5,847	-266	-7,609	14	10	74,357	2.0	-4,543	-39,753	324	195	74,876
New Mexico	722	-12	-3,235	2	3	8,035	1.1	-188	-19,106	104	29	8,168
New York	13,385	-9,899	-10,032	45	17	125,004	1.5	-17,642	-228,985	400	257	125,661
North Carolina	2,445	-325	-4,888	3	0	13,126	0.3	119	-35,196	67	66	13,259
North Dakota	227	16	-443	1	2	2,325	0.6	-540	-1,767	18	3	2,346
Ohio	7,048	772	-13,020	8	12	33,407	0.7	-2,826	-77,595	57	71	33,535
Oklahoma	1,714	-521	-7,761	5	3	11,398	0.8	545	-25,204	45	46	11,489
Oregon	3,295	97	-6,419	11	9	20,817	1.1	-747	-35,415	215	40	21,072
Pennsylvania	8,231	-231	-15,885	14	11	60,652	1.1	-13,933	-152,244	239	118	61,009
Puerto Rico	1,099	-113	-1,870	2	2	11,591	1.4	-1,577	-26,187	175	61	11,827
Rhode Island	658	-150	-6,863	1	1	6,087	1.4	-1,873	-13,064	19	23	6,129
South Carolina	1,799	-75	-1,324	3	2	9,336	0.5	-146	-29,992	40	36	9,412
South Dakota	118	16	-187	2	1	941	0.2	-127	-1,698	23	2	966
Tennessee	2,186	239	-6,357	6	1	10,758	0.3	-425	-42,465	32	17	10,807
Texas	13,429	452	-17,913	79	84	94,313	0.8	2,405	-157,767	545	839	95,697
Utah	1,460	47	-1,880	8	0	5,493	0.4	-41	-7,769	42	18	5,553
Vermont	301	-45	-236	0	0	2,179	0.8	-550	-9,956	1	0	2,180
Virgin Islands	38	11	-159	0	0	402	1.1	190	-1,056	0	0	402
Virginia	1,370	-562	-9,900	3	1	7,509	0.2	256	-50,335	55	60	7,624
Washington	4,037	269	-12,854	7	26	35,218	1.1	-658	-37,871	178	241	35,637
West Virginia	677	74	-4,945	0	3	5,535	0.9	-255	-11,889	46	24	5,605
Wisconsin	3,228	-484	-7,167	1	1	18,253	0.7	-2,949	-61,900	55	14	18,322
Wyoming	275	-39	-499	0	1	1,573	0.6	-236	-2,197	28	3	1,604
Totals	185,900	-12,457	-302,915	473	389	1,333,553	1.0	-72,401	-2,354,490	6,546	4,499	1,344,598

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 7, 2022**

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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>
CA	+3,046	Layoffs in the service industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NY	-9,899	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and accommodation and food services industries.
KY	-1,479	No comment.
IN	-1,341	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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