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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report now includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

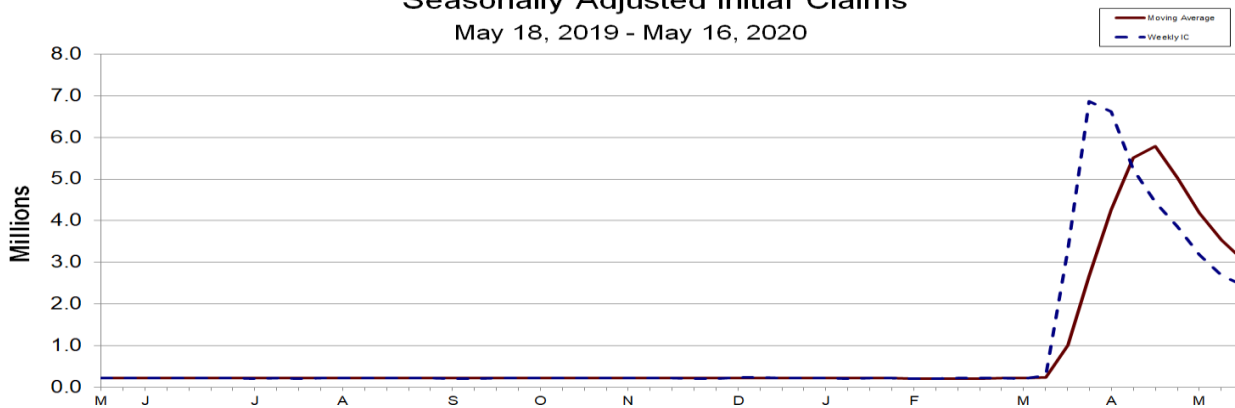
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 2,438,000, a decrease of 249,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 294,000 from 2,981,000 to 2,687,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,042,000, a decrease of 501,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 73,500 from 3,616,500 to 3,543,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 17.2 percent for the week ending May 9, an increase of 1.7 percentage points from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.2 from 15.7 to 15.5 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 9 was 25,073,000, an increase of 2,525,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 285,000 from 22,833,000 to 22,548,000. The 4-week moving average was 22,002,250, an increase of 2,313,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 71,250 from 19,760,000 to 19,688,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 18, 2019 - May 16, 2020



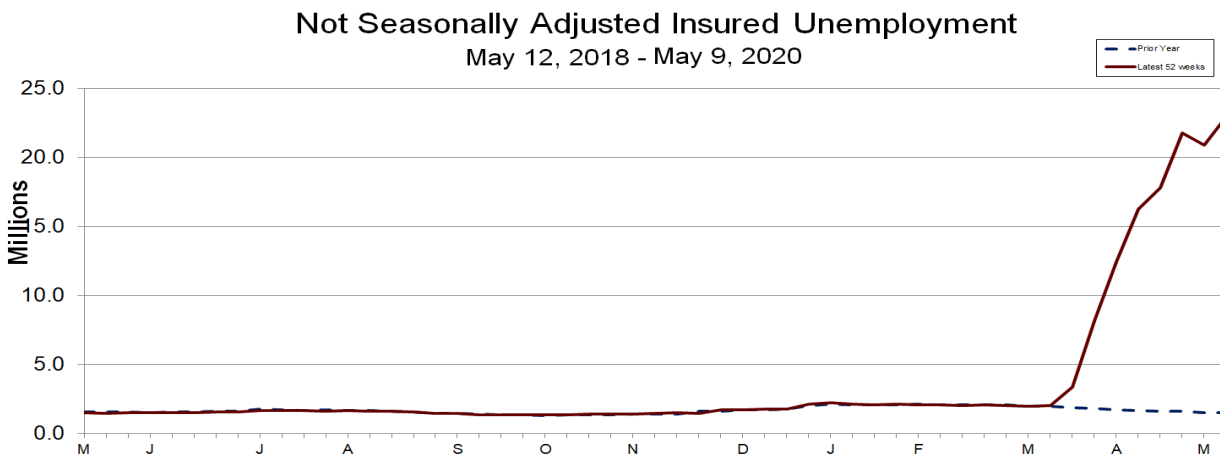
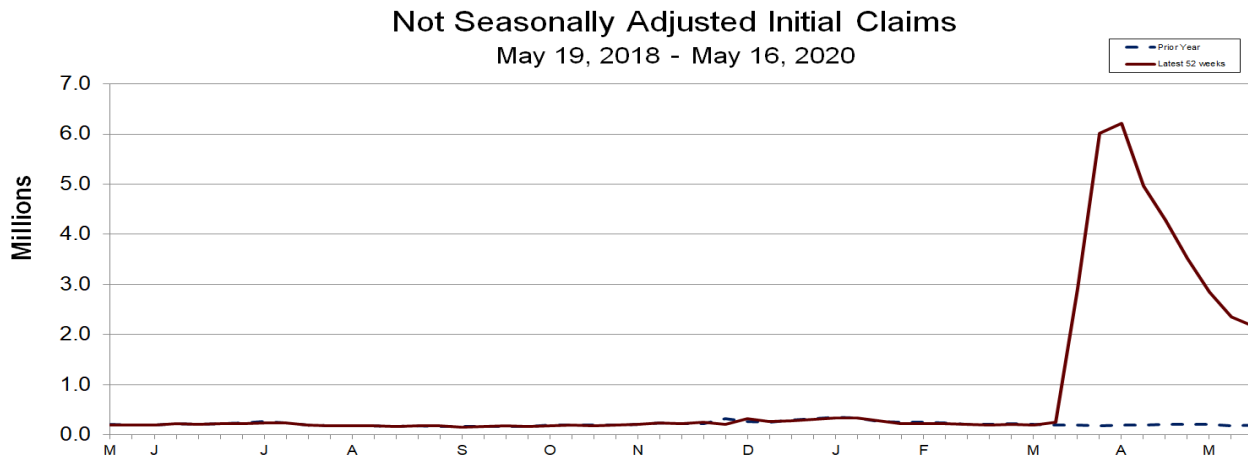
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 11, 2019 - May 9, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 2,174,329 in the week ending May 16, a decrease of 182,265 (or -7.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 40,307 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 191,931 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending May 16, 35 states reported 2,226,921 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 15.7 percent during the week ending May 9, an increase of 1.4 percentage points from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 22,942,103, an increase of 2,062,552 (or 9.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 248,029 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,543,472.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 2 was 27,263,538, an increase of 1,900,327 from the previous week. There were 1,564,588 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

Extended Benefits were available in Connecticut, Michigan, and Rhode Island during the week ending May 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,723 in the week ending May 9, a decrease of 310 from the prior week. There were 1,076 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 176 from the preceding week.

There were 15,405 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 2, a decrease of 1,449 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,930, a decrease of 828 from the prior week.

During the week ending May 2, 27 states reported 6,121,221 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 15 states reported 162,727 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 2 were in Nevada (23.5), Michigan (22.6), Washington (22.1), Rhode Island (19.9), New York (19.6), Connecticut (19.3), Puerto Rico (19.2), Mississippi (18.8), Vermont (18.8), and Georgia (18.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 9 were in Florida (+48,222), Georgia (+14,420), Washington (+8,615), New York (+4,309), and South Dakota (+1,340), while the largest decreases were in California (-103,590), Texas (-102,382), Oklahoma (-54,806), North Carolina (-28,602), and Missouri (-21,382).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

| WEEK ENDING | May 16 | May 9 | Change | May 2 | Prior Year ¹ |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Initial Claims (SA) | 2,438,000 | 2,687,000 | -249,000 | 3,176,000 | 213,000 |
| Initial Claims (NSA) | 2,174,329 | 2,356,594 | -182,265 | 2,855,561 | 191,931 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 3,042,000 | 3,543,000 | -501,000 | 4,180,500 | 221,250 |

| WEEK ENDING | May 9 | May 2 | Change | April 25 | Prior Year ¹ |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Insured Unemployment (SA) | 25,073,000 | 22,548,000 | +2,525,000 | 22,377,000 | 1,683,000 |
| Insured Unemployment (NSA) | 22,942,103 | 20,879,551 | +2,062,552 | 21,772,595 | 1,543,472 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 22,002,250 | 19,688,750 | +2,313,500 | 17,030,250 | 1,681,750 |
| Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ² | 17.2% | 15.5% | +1.7 | 15.4% | 1.2% |
| Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ² | 15.7% | 14.3% | +1.4 | 14.9% | 1.1% |

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | May 16 | May 9 | Change | May 2 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Pandemic Unemployment Assistance | 2,226,921 | 850,184 | +1,376,737 | 1,002,606 |

| WEEK ENDING | May 9 | May 2 | Change | Prior Year ¹ |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------------------------|
| Federal Employees (UCFE) | 1,723 | 2,033 | -310 | 526 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX) | 1,076 | 1,252 | -176 | 488 |

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | May 2 | April 25 | Change | Prior Year ¹ |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Regular State | 20,823,141 | 21,723,233 | -900,092 | 1,536,651 |
| Federal Employees | 15,405 | 16,854 | -1,449 | 7,544 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 10,930 | 11,758 | -828 | 5,606 |
| Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³ | 6,121,221 | 3,402,409 | +2,718,812 | NA |
| Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴ | 162,727 | 79,538 | +83,189 | NA |
| Extended Benefits ⁵ | 426 | 434 | -8 | 0 |
| State Additional Benefits ⁶ | 5,803 | 6,527 | -724 | 6,127 |
| STC / Workshare ⁷ | 142,725 | 122,458 | +20,267 | 8,660 |
| TOTAL ⁸ | 27,282,378 | 25,363,211 | +1,919,167 | 1,564,588 |

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 145,671,710 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

| STATE | Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 16 | | | Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 9 | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------|----------|---|------------|-----------|
| | Advance | Prior Wk | Change | Advance | Prior Wk | Change |
| Alabama | 24,528 | 26,666 | -2,138 | 194,875 | 216,856 | -21,981 |
| Alaska | 8,117 | 7,807 | 310 | 49,501 | 50,971 | -1,470 |
| Arizona | 32,295 | 31,570 | 725 | 222,856 | 228,806 | -5,950 |
| Arkansas | 10,662 | 13,152 | -2,490 | 118,565 | 122,522 | -3,957 |
| California | 246,115 | 212,667 | 33,448 | 3,586,825 | 2,850,204 | 736,621 |
| Colorado | 17,958 | 22,732 | -4,774 | 246,735 | 261,951 | -15,216 |
| Connecticut | 26,013 | 30,046 | -4,033 | 300,033 | 319,529 | -19,496 |
| Delaware | 5,437 | 5,197 | 240 | 58,434 | 50,205 | 8,229 |
| District of Columbia | 5,079 | 5,782 | -703 | 67,244 | 65,298 | 1,946 |
| Florida | 223,927 | 223,082 | 845 | 2,131,478 | 1,035,207 | 1,096,271 |
| Georgia | 176,548 | 242,772 | -66,224 | 786,170 | 812,913 | -26,743 |
| Hawaii | 11,038 | 12,297 | -1,259 | 146,352 | 110,757 | 35,595 |
| Idaho | 5,475 | 5,795 | -320 | 58,770 | 65,478 | -6,708 |
| Illinois | 72,816 | 72,671 | 145 | 733,466 | 755,912 | -22,446 |
| Indiana | 30,311 | 29,668 | 643 | 278,192 | 285,460 | -7,268 |
| Iowa | 13,040 | 15,820 | -2,780 | 187,375 | 189,643 | -2,268 |
| Kansas | 11,779 | 12,234 | -455 | 113,294 | 117,977 | -4,683 |
| Kentucky | 47,036 | 69,372 | -22,336 | 246,320 | 253,250 | -6,930 |
| Louisiana | 28,843 | 40,125 | -11,282 | 321,710 | 325,136 | -3,426 |
| Maine | 846 | 10,386 | -9,540 | 90,503 | 87,280 | 3,223 |
| Maryland | 34,304 | 45,485 | -11,181 | 247,803 | 254,473 | -6,670 |
| Massachusetts | 38,328 | 44,915 | -6,587 | 584,313 | 575,569 | 8,744 |
| Michigan* | 54,460 | 55,166 | -706 | 950,775 | 973,278 | -22,503 |
| Minnesota | 31,539 | 37,669 | -6,130 | 442,309 | 429,187 | 13,122 |
| Mississippi | 23,697 | 23,618 | 79 | 188,743 | 208,270 | -19,527 |
| Missouri | 26,029 | 31,145 | -5,116 | 259,270 | 266,230 | -6,960 |
| Montana | 3,384 | 3,762 | -378 | 52,782 | 58,905 | -6,123 |
| Nebraska | 5,923 | 6,362 | -439 | 61,571 | 68,089 | -6,518 |
| Nevada | 20,401 | 21,635 | -1,234 | 364,933 | 324,444 | 40,489 |
| New Hampshire | 8,333 | 10,016 | -1,683 | 114,232 | 116,768 | -2,536 |
| New Jersey | 41,323 | 69,689 | -28,366 | 601,963 | 715,433 | -113,470 |
| New Mexico | 7,948 | 8,024 | -76 | 106,813 | 101,132 | 5,681 |
| New York | 226,521 | 199,419 | 27,102 | 1,882,786 | 1,846,154 | 36,632 |
| North Carolina | 45,974 | 57,354 | -11,380 | 601,068 | 619,809 | -18,741 |
| North Dakota | 3,031 | 2,753 | 278 | 36,717 | 35,921 | 796 |
| Ohio | 46,594 | 52,255 | -5,661 | 687,618 | 745,886 | -58,268 |
| Oklahoma | 23,880 | 39,079 | -15,199 | 132,894 | 178,122 | -45,228 |
| Oregon | 22,281 | 33,936 | -11,655 | 477,688 | 309,543 | 168,145 |
| Pennsylvania | 64,078 | 73,688 | -9,610 | 1,015,955 | 1,049,464 | -33,509 |
| Puerto Rico | 10,763 | 15,067 | -4,304 | 109,023 | 164,034 | -55,011 |
| Rhode Island | 3,852 | 6,245 | -2,393 | 90,056 | 94,083 | -4,027 |
| South Carolina | 29,446 | 33,191 | -3,745 | 254,670 | 268,701 | -14,031 |
| South Dakota | 3,806 | 5,269 | -1,463 | 25,255 | 23,388 | 1,867 |
| Tennessee | 28,692 | 28,377 | 315 | 326,923 | 343,212 | -16,289 |
| Texas | 134,381 | 141,553 | -7,172 | 1,321,424 | 1,181,609 | 139,815 |
| Utah | 6,275 | 7,076 | -801 | 86,212 | 91,591 | -5,379 |
| Vermont | 2,098 | 2,913 | -815 | 54,961 | 57,040 | -2,079 |
| Virgin Islands | 31 | 70 | -39 | 3,578 | 2,812 | 766 |
| Virginia | 45,788 | 52,139 | -6,351 | 403,848 | 392,673 | 11,175 |
| Washington | 145,228 | 110,831 | 34,397 | 1,081,020 | 739,795 | 341,225 |
| West Virginia | 4,853 | 6,045 | -1,192 | 108,395 | 107,405 | 990 |
| Wisconsin | 31,314 | 38,710 | -7,396 | 308,890 | 313,248 | -4,358 |
| Wyoming | 1,911 | 3,297 | -1,386 | 18,917 | 17,928 | 989 |
| US Total | 2,174,329 | 2,356,594 | -182,265 | 22,942,103 | 20,879,551 | 2,062,552 |

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 state 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 11, 2019 | 217 | -8 | 224.50 | 1,683 | 5 | 1,681.75 | 1.2 |
| May 18, 2019 | 213 | -4 | 221.25 | 1,675 | -8 | 1,680.00 | 1.2 |
| May 25, 2019 | 218 | 5 | 218.25 | 1,695 | 20 | 1,682.75 | 1.2 |
| June 1, 2019 | 220 | 2 | 217.00 | 1,700 | 5 | 1,688.25 | 1.2 |
| June 8, 2019 | 220 | 0 | 217.75 | 1,677 | -23 | 1,686.75 | 1.2 |
| June 15, 2019 | 219 | -1 | 219.25 | 1,692 | 15 | 1,691.00 | 1.2 |
| June 22, 2019 | 224 | 5 | 220.75 | 1,699 | 7 | 1,692.00 | 1.2 |
| June 29, 2019 | 222 | -2 | 221.25 | 1,717 | 18 | 1,696.25 | 1.2 |
| July 6, 2019 | 211 | -11 | 219.00 | 1,694 | -23 | 1,700.50 | 1.2 |
| July 13, 2019 | 217 | 6 | 218.50 | 1,682 | -12 | 1,698.00 | 1.2 |
| July 20, 2019 | 211 | -6 | 215.25 | 1,699 | 17 | 1,698.00 | 1.2 |
| July 27, 2019 | 216 | 5 | 213.75 | 1,692 | -7 | 1,691.75 | 1.2 |
| August 3, 2019 | 214 | -2 | 214.50 | 1,719 | 27 | 1,698.00 | 1.2 |
| August 10, 2019 | 218 | 4 | 214.75 | 1,687 | -32 | 1,699.25 | 1.2 |
| August 17, 2019 | 215 | -3 | 215.75 | 1,699 | 12 | 1,699.25 | 1.2 |
| August 24, 2019 | 215 | 0 | 215.50 | 1,683 | -16 | 1,697.00 | 1.2 |
| August 31, 2019 | 219 | 4 | 216.75 | 1,683 | 0 | 1,688.00 | 1.2 |
| September 7, 2019 | 208 | -11 | 214.25 | 1,675 | -8 | 1,685.00 | 1.2 |
| September 14, 2019 | 211 | 3 | 213.25 | 1,672 | -3 | 1,678.25 | 1.2 |
| September 21, 2019 | 215 | 4 | 213.25 | 1,667 | -5 | 1,674.25 | 1.2 |
| September 28, 2019 | 218 | 3 | 213.00 | 1,698 | 31 | 1,678.00 | 1.2 |
| October 5, 2019 | 212 | -6 | 214.00 | 1,689 | -9 | 1,681.50 | 1.2 |
| October 12, 2019 | 218 | 6 | 215.75 | 1,691 | 2 | 1,686.25 | 1.2 |
| October 19, 2019 | 213 | -5 | 215.25 | 1,700 | 9 | 1,694.50 | 1.2 |
| October 26, 2019 | 217 | 4 | 215.00 | 1,695 | -5 | 1,693.75 | 1.2 |
| November 2, 2019 | 212 | -5 | 215.00 | 1,702 | 7 | 1,697.00 | 1.2 |
| November 9, 2019 | 222 | 10 | 216.00 | 1,697 | -5 | 1,698.50 | 1.2 |
| November 16, 2019 | 223 | 1 | 218.50 | 1,665 | -32 | 1,689.75 | 1.2 |
| November 23, 2019 | 211 | -12 | 217.00 | 1,697 | 32 | 1,690.25 | 1.2 |
| November 30, 2019 | 206 | -5 | 215.50 | 1,700 | 3 | 1,689.75 | 1.2 |
| December 7, 2019 | 237 | 31 | 219.25 | 1,725 | 25 | 1,696.75 | 1.2 |
| December 14, 2019 | 229 | -8 | 220.75 | 1,716 | -9 | 1,709.50 | 1.2 |
| December 21, 2019 | 218 | -11 | 222.50 | 1,728 | 12 | 1,717.25 | 1.2 |
| December 28, 2019 | 220 | 2 | 226.00 | 1,775 | 47 | 1,736.00 | 1.2 |
| January 4, 2020 | 212 | -8 | 219.75 | 1,759 | -16 | 1,744.50 | 1.2 |
| January 11, 2020 | 207 | -5 | 214.25 | 1,735 | -24 | 1,749.25 | 1.2 |
| January 18, 2020 | 220 | 13 | 214.75 | 1,704 | -31 | 1,743.25 | 1.2 |
| January 25, 2020 | 212 | -8 | 212.75 | 1,753 | 49 | 1,737.75 | 1.2 |
| February 1, 2020 | 201 | -11 | 210.00 | 1,678 | -75 | 1,717.50 | 1.2 |
| February 8, 2020 | 204 | 3 | 209.25 | 1,729 | 51 | 1,716.00 | 1.2 |
| February 15, 2020 | 215 | 11 | 208.00 | 1,693 | -36 | 1,713.25 | 1.2 |
| February 22, 2020 | 220 | 5 | 210.00 | 1,720 | 27 | 1,705.00 | 1.2 |
| February 29, 2020 | 217 | -3 | 214.00 | 1,699 | -21 | 1,710.25 | 1.2 |
| March 7, 2020 | 211 | -6 | 215.75 | 1,702 | 3 | 1,703.50 | 1.2 |
| March 14, 2020 | 282 | 71 | 232.50 | 1,784 | 82 | 1,726.25 | 1.2 |
| March 21, 2020 | 3,307 | 3,025 | 1,004.25 | 3,059 | 1,275 | 2,061.00 | 2.1 |
| March 28, 2020 | 6,867 | 3,560 | 2,666.75 | 7,446 | 4,387 | 3,497.75 | 5.1 |
| April 4, 2020 | 6,615 | -252 | 4,267.75 | 11,914 | 4,468 | 6,050.75 | 8.2 |
| April 11, 2020 | 5,237 | -1,378 | 5,506.50 | 15,819 | 3,905 | 9,559.50 | 10.9 |
| April 18, 2020 | 4,442 | -795 | 5,790.25 | 18,011 | 2,192 | 13,297.50 | 12.4 |
| April 25, 2020 | 3,867 | -575 | 5,040.25 | 22,377 | 4,366 | 17,030.25 | 15.4 |
| May 2, 2020 | 3,176 | -691 | 4,180.50 | 22,548 | 171 | 19,688.75 | 15.5 |
| May 9, 2020 | 2,687 | -489 | 3,543.00 | 25,073 | 2,525 | 22,002.25 | 17.2 |
| May 16, 2020 | 2,438 | -249 | 3,042.00 | | | | |

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

| STATE | PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 16 | | | PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended May 2 | | |
|----------------------|---|----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| | Advance | Prior Wk | Change | May 2 | Apr 25 | Change |
| Alabama | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alaska | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arkansas | 1,498 | 0 | 1,498 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| California | 112,791 | 136,659 | -23,868 | 1,755,752 | 528,585 | 1,227,167 |
| Colorado | 7,633 | 9,125 | -1,492 | 92,584 | 92,190 | 394 |
| Connecticut | 7,450 | 11,750 | -4,300 | 80,570 | 0 | 80,570 |
| Delaware | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| District of Columbia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Florida | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hawaii | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 5,193 | 3,985 | 1,208 | 2,370 | 0 | 2,370 |
| Illinois | 74,515 | 0 | 74,515 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana | 0 | 68,834 | -68,834 | 60,354 | 0 | 60,354 |
| Iowa | 4,552 | 3,910 | 642 | 15,219 | 13,075 | 2,144 |
| Kansas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kentucky | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,700 | -4,700 |
| Louisiana | 3,396 | 17,556 | -14,160 | 142,979 | 86,524 | 56,455 |
| Maine | 7,043 | 11,488 | -4,445 | 41,030 | 49,652 | -8,622 |
| Maryland | 15,448 | 18,982 | -3,534 | 129,069 | 111,998 | 17,071 |
| Massachusetts | 1,184,792 | 70,464 | 1,114,328 | 657,621 | 493,083 | 164,538 |
| Michigan | 164,689 | 138,051 | 26,638 | 1,221,309 | 1,006,060 | 215,249 |
| Minnesota | 3,036 | 7,680 | -4,644 | 60,871 | 27,993 | 32,878 |
| Mississippi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missouri | 7,787 | 7,082 | 705 | 109,019 | 62,350 | 46,669 |
| Montana | 2,466 | 2,163 | 303 | 24,161 | 57,607 | -33,446 |
| Nebraska | 1,700 | 1,784 | -84 | 16,470 | 17,001 | -531 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Hampshire | 7,666 | 0 | 7,666 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Jersey | 34,000 | 51,241 | -17,241 | 262,403 | 150,500 | 111,903 |
| New Mexico | 3,256 | 4,714 | -1,458 | 46,117 | 56,070 | -9,953 |
| New York | 177,684 | 53,042 | 124,642 | 90,280 | 20,985 | 69,295 |
| North Carolina | 42,002 | 52,351 | -10,349 | 68,684 | 134,767 | -66,083 |
| North Dakota | 638 | 526 | 112 | 14,302 | 6,808 | 7,494 |
| Ohio | 134,468 | 0 | 134,468 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oklahoma | 3,016 | 7,162 | -4,146 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oregon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pennsylvania | 60,750 | 51,591 | 9,159 | 671,703 | 0 | 671,703 |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhode Island | 3,768 | 4,954 | -1,186 | 41,348 | 26,554 | 14,794 |
| South Carolina | 19,706 | 0 | 19,706 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dakota | 901 | 693 | 208 | 1,416 | 123 | 1,293 |
| Tennessee | 3,615 | 5,741 | -2,126 | 100,005 | 86,810 | 13,195 |
| Texas | 43,997 | 47,088 | -3,091 | 127,634 | 127,634 | 0 |
| Utah | 2,600 | 0 | 2,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vermont | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Virgin Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Virginia | 13,906 | 0 | 13,906 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | 61,471 | 48,665 | 12,806 | 284,555 | 241,340 | 43,215 |
| West Virginia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wisconsin | 8,591 | 11,194 | -2,603 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wyoming | 897 | 1,709 | -812 | 3,396 | 0 | 3,396 |
| US Total | 2,226,921 | 850,184 | 1,376,737 | 6,121,221 | 3,402,409 | 2,718,812 |

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

| STATE | PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended: | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| | May 2 | April 25 | Change | April 18 | April 11 |
| Alabama | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alaska | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| California | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Connecticut | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delaware | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| District of Columbia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Florida | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hawaii | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 782 | 193 | 589 | 0 | 0 |
| Illinois | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indiana | 4,528 | 0 | 4,528 | 0 | 0 |
| Iowa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kansas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kentucky | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Louisiana | 17 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Maine | 12 | 15 | -3 | 10 | 3 |
| Maryland | 3,473 | 2,361 | 1,112 | 0 | 0 |
| Massachusetts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Michigan | 26,986 | 8,457 | 18,529 | 0 | 0 |
| Minnesota | 11,934 | 10,619 | 1,315 | 8,363 | 2,378 |
| Mississippi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missouri | 10,884 | 213 | 10,671 | 0 | 0 |
| Montana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nebraska | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Hampshire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Jersey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| New Mexico | 1,185 | 1,030 | 155 | 0 | 0 |
| New York | 48,190 | 43,414 | 4,776 | 33,362 | 18,010 |
| North Carolina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Dakota | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohio | 5,102 | 0 | 5,102 | 0 | 0 |
| Oklahoma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oregon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,365 | 1,251 | 114 | 1,076 | 0 |
| Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhode Island | 503 | 0 | 503 | 0 | 0 |
| South Carolina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dakota | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tennessee | 41 | 60 | -19 | 0 | 0 |
| Texas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Utah | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vermont | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Virgin Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Virginia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | 47,725 | 11,899 | 35,826 | 9,471 | 7,015 |
| West Virginia | 0 | 15 | -15 | 16 | 2 |
| Wisconsin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wyoming | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| US Total | 162,727 | 79,538 | 83,189 | 52,305 | 27,416 |

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MAY 9

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MAY 2

| STATE NAME | STATE | CHANGE FROM | | UCFE ¹ | UCX ¹ | INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED | | CHANGE FROM | | UCFE ¹ | UCX ¹ | ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| | | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | | | STATE | (%) ² | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | | | |
| Alabama | 26,666 | -2,319 | 24,262 | 35 | 23 | 216,856 | 11.2 | 2,172 | 202,847 | 118 | 62 | 217,036 |
| Alaska | 7,807 | -911 | 7,036 | 9 | 1 | 50,971 | 16.5 | 1,078 | 43,691 | 143 | 31 | 51,145 |
| Arizona | 31,570 | -11,453 | 27,306 | 6 | 6 | 228,806 | 7.9 | 10,046 | 203,927 | 202 | 125 | 229,133 |
| Arkansas | 13,152 | -296 | 11,470 | 3 | 1 | 122,522 | 10.2 | 3,190 | 113,174 | 109 | 52 | 122,683 |
| California | 212,667 | -103,590 | 173,049 | 201 | 174 | 2,850,204 | 16.4 | -1,958,157 | 2,519,441 | 2,595 | 1,813 | 2,854,612 |
| Colorado | 22,732 | -5,628 | 20,967 | 13 | 31 | 261,951 | 9.8 | 33,268 | 243,857 | 213 | 202 | 262,366 |
| Connecticut | 30,046 | -6,092 | 27,896 | 55 | 19 | 319,529 | 19.3 | 21,980 | 290,575 | 121 | 101 | 319,751 |
| Delaware | 5,197 | -1,100 | 4,631 | 2 | 5 | 50,205 | 11.3 | -2,296 | 46,373 | 9 | 18 | 50,232 |
| District of Columbia | 5,782 | -2,331 | 5,386 | 39 | 3 | 65,298 | 11.3 | 6,664 | 58,992 | 739 | 12 | 66,049 |
| Florida | 223,082 | 48,222 | 216,680 | 45 | 21 | 1,035,207 | 12.1 | 590,646 | 1,001,510 | 293 | 425 | 1,035,925 |
| Georgia | 242,772 | 14,420 | 237,700 | 38 | 33 | 812,913 | 18.5 | -72,851 | 789,170 | 469 | 326 | 813,708 |
| Hawaii | 12,297 | -2,817 | 11,068 | 2 | 0 | 110,757 | 17.8 | 22,815 | 104,112 | 120 | 75 | 110,952 |
| Idaho | 5,795 | -1,700 | 5,059 | 16 | 3 | 65,478 | 8.9 | -6,316 | 60,335 | 71 | 35 | 65,584 |
| Illinois | 72,671 | -1,805 | 63,835 | 10 | 15 | 755,912 | 12.8 | 59,941 | 669,381 | 485 | 198 | 756,595 |
| Indiana | 29,668 | -12,622 | 27,619 | 21 | 14 | 285,460 | 9.4 | 14,212 | 271,958 | 59 | 92 | 285,611 |
| Iowa | 15,820 | -7,421 | 13,616 | 25 | 4 | 189,643 | 12.4 | 10,033 | 174,326 | 144 | 57 | 189,844 |
| Kansas | 12,234 | -3,725 | 10,688 | 3 | 3 | 117,977 | 8.6 | -2,724 | 109,724 | 69 | 52 | 118,098 |
| Kentucky | 69,372 | -13,063 | 67,663 | 2 | 5 | 253,250 | 13.4 | -3,067 | 237,908 | 106 | 167 | 253,523 |
| Louisiana | 40,125 | -10,816 | 38,097 | 44 | 25 | 325,136 | 17.2 | 15,123 | 311,727 | 105 | 42 | 325,283 |
| Maine | 10,386 | -5,727 | 9,922 | 1 | 1 | 87,280 | 14.5 | 10,507 | 81,897 | 49 | 13 | 87,342 |
| Maryland | 45,485 | -17,768 | 42,982 | 8 | 31 | 254,473 | 10.0 | 27,501 | 231,276 | 214 | 178 | 254,865 |
| Massachusetts | 44,915 | -10,969 | 40,848 | 71 | 16 | 575,569 | 16.1 | 5,613 | 523,798 | 245 | 219 | 576,033 |
| Michigan | 55,166 | -12,233 | 50,150 | 31 | 21 | 973,278 | 22.6 | -23,096 | 930,816 | 226 | 221 | 973,725 |
| Minnesota | 37,669 | -3,823 | 34,961 | 25 | 16 | 429,187 | 15.0 | 8,975 | 395,422 | 188 | 125 | 429,500 |
| Mississippi | 23,618 | -2,127 | 22,270 | 7 | 4 | 208,270 | 18.8 | 46,192 | 200,875 | 148 | 44 | 208,462 |
| Missouri | 31,145 | -21,382 | 28,161 | 6 | 4 | 266,230 | 9.5 | 19,567 | 249,071 | 131 | 64 | 266,425 |
| Montana | 3,762 | -834 | 3,167 | 12 | 3 | 58,905 | 12.9 | -4,229 | 53,296 | 216 | 42 | 59,163 |
| Nebraska | 6,362 | -56 | 5,674 | 7 | 1 | 68,089 | 7.1 | -793 | 64,984 | 18 | 9 | 68,116 |
| Nevada | 21,635 | -6,915 | 19,544 | 5 | 4 | 324,444 | 23.5 | 20,871 | 307,127 | 150 | 99 | 324,693 |
| New Hampshire | 10,016 | -2,459 | 9,609 | 14 | 1 | 116,768 | 18.0 | 1,188 | 113,481 | 46 | 17 | 116,831 |
| New Jersey | 69,689 | -18,637 | 62,017 | 21 | 20 | 715,433 | 17.8 | 72,782 | 636,708 | 409 | 406 | 716,248 |
| New Mexico | 8,024 | -5,651 | 7,411 | 4 | 0 | 101,132 | 12.6 | 4,975 | 92,392 | 117 | 65 | 101,314 |
| New York | 199,419 | 4,309 | 186,868 | 74 | 30 | 1,846,154 | 19.6 | 96,583 | 1,730,029 | 581 | 504 | 1,847,239 |
| North Carolina | 57,354 | -28,602 | 54,143 | 69 | 62 | 619,809 | 14.1 | 28,764 | 601,408 | 491 | 531 | 620,831 |
| North Dakota | 2,753 | -1,291 | 2,231 | 6 | 3 | 35,921 | 8.7 | 94 | 33,704 | 28 | 20 | 35,969 |
| Ohio | 52,255 | -9,232 | 46,482 | 12 | 32 | 745,886 | 14.0 | -13,549 | 702,394 | 197 | 452 | 746,535 |
| Oklahoma | 39,079 | -54,806 | 37,350 | 26 | 17 | 178,122 | 11.4 | 23,451 | 164,562 | 71 | 98 | 178,291 |
| Oregon | 33,936 | -14,184 | 30,603 | 56 | 11 | 309,543 | 16.2 | 554 | 284,182 | 523 | 99 | 310,165 |
| Pennsylvania | 73,688 | -20,757 | 62,751 | 321 | 95 | 1,049,464 | 18.0 | -183,835 | 960,338 | 2,704 | 751 | 1,052,919 |
| Puerto Rico | 15,067 | -6,819 | 13,931 | 3 | 5 | 164,034 | 19.2 | 18,894 | 150,216 | 241 | 76 | 164,351 |
| Rhode Island | 6,245 | -2,843 | 5,514 | 9 | 2 | 94,083 | 19.9 | -3,490 | 87,138 | 97 | 58 | 94,238 |
| South Carolina | 33,191 | -14,482 | 31,238 | 39 | 27 | 268,701 | 12.9 | 8,292 | 255,978 | 70 | 111 | 268,882 |
| South Dakota | 5,269 | 1,340 | 5,082 | 16 | 1 | 23,388 | 5.6 | -403 | 22,205 | 81 | 19 | 23,488 |
| Tennessee | 28,377 | -7,946 | 25,956 | 37 | 29 | 343,212 | 10.5 | 2,963 | 328,658 | 137 | 125 | 343,474 |
| Texas | 141,553 | -102,382 | 128,594 | 188 | 207 | 1,181,609 | 9.6 | 48,285 | 1,073,507 | 636 | 1,340 | 1,183,585 |
| Utah | 7,076 | -1,916 | 6,153 | 6 | 6 | 91,591 | 6.2 | -1,281 | 84,507 | 114 | 43 | 91,748 |
| Vermont | 2,913 | -962 | 2,479 | 0 | 0 | 57,040 | 18.8 | -3,495 | 53,751 | 8 | 6 | 57,054 |
| Virgin Islands | 70 | 25 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 2,812 | 7.9 | 930 | 2,412 | 4 | 0 | 2,816 |
| Virginia | 52,139 | -7,492 | 49,658 | 16 | 19 | 392,673 | 10.5 | 15,984 | 374,869 | 411 | 416 | 393,500 |
| Washington | 110,831 | 8,615 | 105,708 | 22 | 13 | 739,795 | 22.1 | 135,747 | 693,577 | 440 | 765 | 741,000 |
| West Virginia | 6,045 | -7,182 | 5,298 | 2 | 2 | 107,405 | 16.1 | -2,972 | 98,485 | 74 | 53 | 107,532 |
| Wisconsin | 38,710 | 825 | 34,480 | 37 | 7 | 313,248 | 11.0 | -777 | 288,410 | 132 | 70 | 313,450 |
| Wyoming | 3,297 | 443 | 3,032 | 3 | 0 | 17,928 | 6.6 | 407 | 15,964 | 38 | 6 | 17,972 |
| Totals | 2,356,594 | -498,967 | 2,168,330 | 1,723 | 1,076 | 20,879,551 | 14.3 | -893,044 | 19,340,465 | 15,405 | 10,930 | 20,905,886 |

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 9, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| FL | +48,222 | Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries. Increase in initial claims due to COVID-19. |
| GA | +14,420 | Layoffs in the health care and social assistance and retail trade industries. |
| WA | +8,615 | Layoffs in the utilities, information, finance and insurance, educational services, and public administration industries. |
| NY | +4,309 | Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and public administration industries. |
| SD | +1,340 | No comment. |

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| CA | -103,590 | No comment. |
| TX | -102,382 | No comment. |
| OK | -54,806 | No comment. |
| NC | -28,602 | Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries. |
| MO | -21,382 | Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and retail trade industries. |
| PA | -20,757 | Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, other services, and health care and social assistance industries. |
| NJ | -18,637 | No comment. |
| MD | -17,768 | No comment. |
| SC | -14,482 | No comment. |
| OR | -14,184 | No comment. |
| KY | -13,063 | No comment. |
| IN | -12,622 | No comment. |
| MI | -12,233 | Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and health care and social assistance industries. |
| AZ | -11,453 | No comment. |
| MA | -10,969 | No comment. |
| LA | -10,816 | No comment. |
| OH | -9,232 | No comment. |
| TN | -7,946 | No comment. |
| VA | -7,492 | No comment. |
| IA | -7,421 | No comment. |
| WV | -7,182 | No comment. |
| NV | -6,915 | No comment. |
| PR | -6,819 | No comment. |
| CT | -6,092 | No comment. |
| ME | -5,727 | Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, educational services, accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, professional, scientific, and technical services, public administration, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries. |
| NM | -5,651 | No comment. |
| CO | -5,628 | No comment. |
| MN | -3,823 | No comment. |
| KS | -3,725 | No comment. |
| RI | -2,843 | No comment. |
| HI | -2,817 | No comment. |
| NH | -2,459 | No comment. |
| DC | -2,331 | No comment. |
| AL | -2,319 | Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries. |
| MS | -2,127 | No comment. |
| UT | -1,916 | No comment. |

| | | |
|----|--------|-------------|
| IL | -1,805 | No comment. |
| ID | -1,700 | No comment. |
| ND | -1,291 | No comment. |
| DE | -1,100 | 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)

[Weekly Claims Data](#)

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