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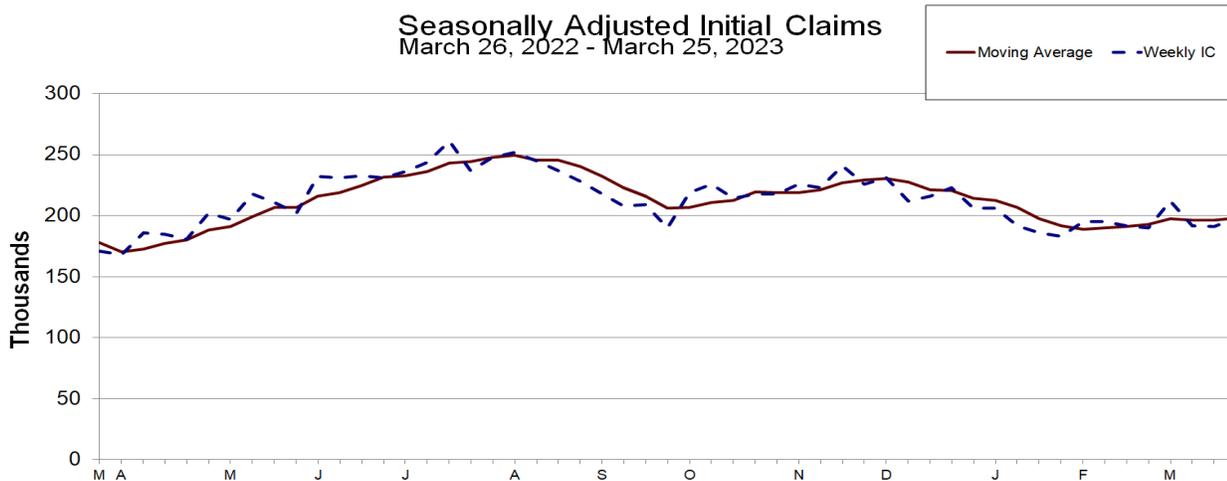
Note: Calendar Year (CY) 2023 seasonal factors and revised seasonal factors for CY 2018-2022 for both initial claims and continued claims will be available at <https://www.bls.gov/lau/seasonal-adjustment-for-weekly-unemploymentinsurance-claims.htm> by 12:00 pm (Eastern) on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Revisions to the historical series for CY 2018-2022 for both initial claims and continued claims will be published on April 6, 2023, with the release of the Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims News Release.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

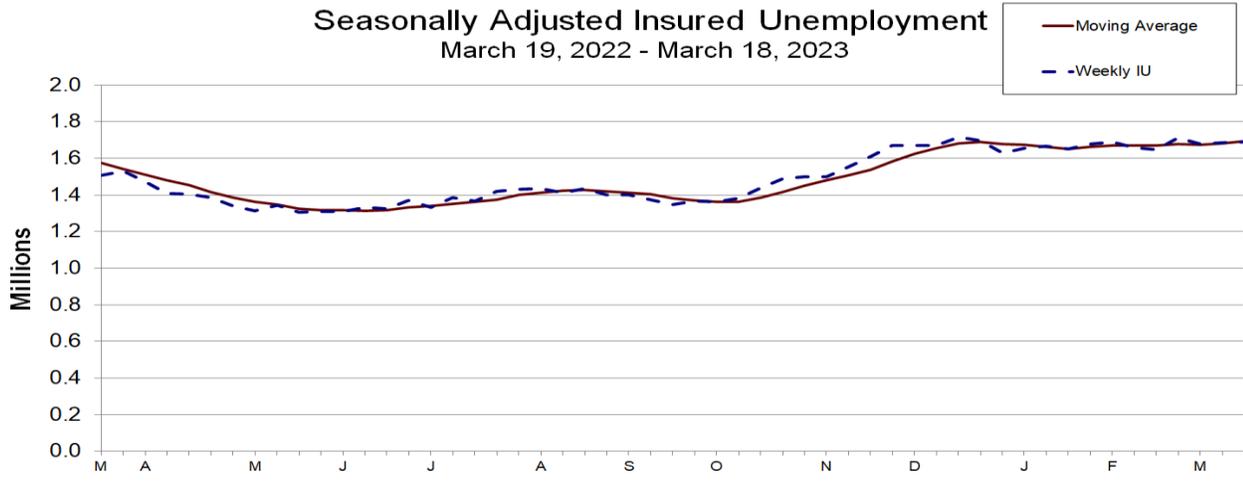
In the week ending March 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 198,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 191,000. The 4-week moving average was 198,250, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 196,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 18, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 18 was 1,689,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 9,000 from 1,694,000 to 1,685,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,691,750, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,250 from 1,684,000 to 1,681,750.



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

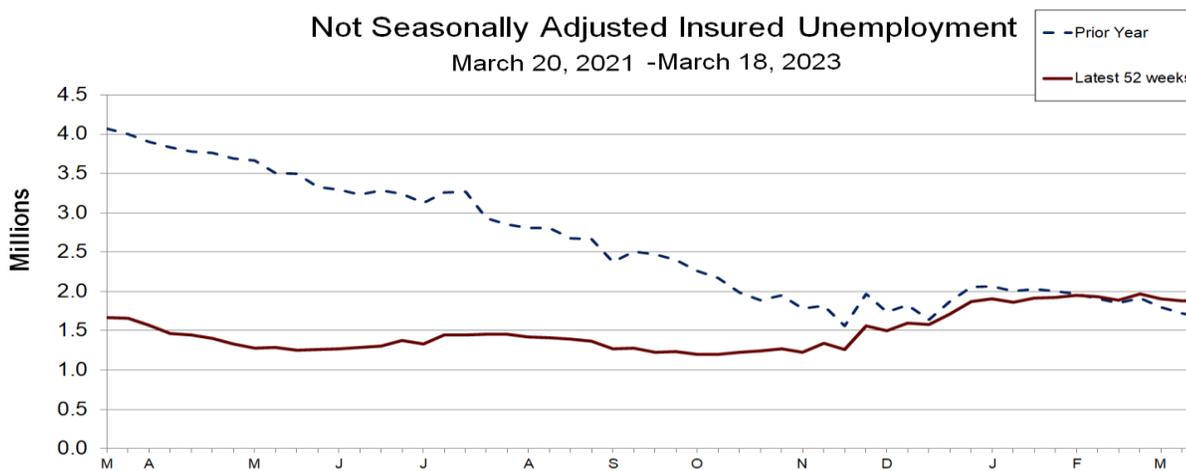
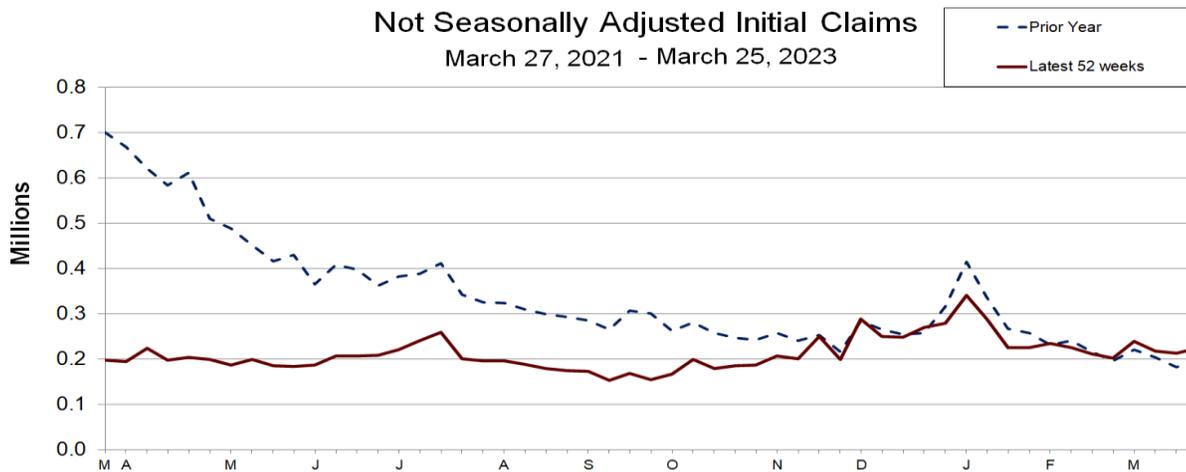
March 19, 2022 - March 18, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 223,913 in the week ending March 25, an increase of 10,906 (or 5.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,051 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 196,811 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending March 18, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,884,710, an increase of 6,445 (or 0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,685 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,671,160.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 11 was 1,906,497, a decrease of 32,255 from the previous week. There were 1,775,830 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 March 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 372 in the week ending March 18, an increase of 19 from the prior week. There were 305 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 31 from the preceding week.

There were 6,798 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 11, an increase of 76 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,952, a decrease of 277 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 11 were in New Jersey (2.6), Rhode Island (2.4), California (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), Minnesota (2.2), Illinois (2.0), Alaska (1.9), Montana (1.9), New York (1.9), and Connecticut (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 18 were in Massachusetts (+1,293), Mississippi (+729), Georgia (+627), District of Columbia (+607), and Tennessee (+513), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,813), Illinois (-1,085), New York (-1,056), New Jersey (-678), and Michigan (-644).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 25	March 18	Change	March 11	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	198,000	191,000	+7,000	192,000	171,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	223,913	213,007	+10,906	218,084	196,811
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	198,250	196,250	+2,000	196,500	178,000

WEEK ENDING	March 18	March 11	Change	March 4	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,689,000	1,685,000	+4,000	1,680,000	1,506,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,884,710	1,878,265	+6,445	1,910,042	1,671,160
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,691,750	1,681,750	+10,000	1,675,500	1,576,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 18	March 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	372	353	+19	499
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	305	336	-31	376

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

WEEK ENDING	March 11	March 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,871,876	1,903,431	-31,555	1,718,356
Federal Employees	6,798	6,722	+76	9,729
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,952	4,229	-277	4,630
Extended Benefits ³	1,474	1,835	-361	27,995
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,942	2,038	-96	1,880
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,455	20,497	-42	13,240
TOTAL	1,906,497	1,938,752	-32,255	1,775,830

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 145,292,485 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 March 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,237	2,135	102	8,314	9,247	-933
Alaska	783	741	42	5,556	5,669	-113
Arizona	2,969	3,007	-38	18,888	19,726	-838
Arkansas	1,084	1,325	-241	7,148	7,710	-562
California	47,333	44,830	2,503	419,606	403,898	15,708
Colorado	2,413	2,395	18	24,930	24,671	259
Connecticut	2,601	3,321	-720	29,307	28,863	444
Delaware	212	256	-44	4,654	4,192	462
District of Columbia	2,825	1,578	1,247	5,525	4,993	532
Florida	4,854	5,078	-224	33,191	36,229	-3,038
Georgia	4,770	5,037	-267	26,873	30,083	-3,210
Hawaii *	1,182	1,035	147	5,826	5,583	243
Idaho	1,286	1,162	124	8,355	9,156	-801
Illinois	7,977	8,151	-174	110,961	113,997	-3,036
Indiana	1,696	3,838	-2,142	24,993	25,625	-632
Iowa	1,563	2,061	-498	18,765	18,836	-71
Kansas	1,058	1,113	-55	5,395	5,120	275
Kentucky	5,324	4,638	686	10,551	10,671	-120
Louisiana	1,431	1,639	-208	10,216	11,284	-1,068
Maine	709	636	73	8,094	7,687	407
Maryland	1,433	1,866	-433	19,934	22,244	-2,310
Massachusetts	14,038	11,345	2,693	83,213	83,489	-276
Michigan	9,196	4,731	4,465	62,060	64,690	-2,630
Minnesota	3,642	3,393	249	63,378	60,376	3,002
Mississippi	921	1,642	-721	5,226	5,169	57
Missouri	4,527	3,018	1,509	16,895	17,303	-408
Montana	641	549	92	8,379	8,743	-364
Nebraska	527	572	-45	4,958	5,326	-368
Nevada	2,018	2,089	-71	18,645	19,615	-970
New Hampshire	299	379	-80	2,871	3,088	-217
New Jersey	7,474	7,396	78	105,326	104,220	1,106
New Mexico	703	770	-67	9,510	9,587	-77
New York	15,372	13,630	1,742	173,067	170,034	3,033
North Carolina	3,309	3,386	-77	17,830	18,768	-938
North Dakota	243	243	0	4,863	4,748	115
Ohio	15,720	14,824	896	56,515	57,215	-700
Oklahoma	1,104	1,313	-209	10,251	10,104	147
Oregon	3,948	4,211	-263	32,634	32,046	588
Pennsylvania	8,859	8,767	92	93,129	94,404	-1,275
Puerto Rico	951	968	-17	13,270	13,862	-592
Rhode Island	708	846	-138	11,067	11,205	-138
South Carolina	1,473	2,126	-653	12,184	12,921	-737
South Dakota	136	168	-32	2,575	2,713	-138
Tennessee	2,055	2,793	-738	14,399	14,930	-531
Texas	15,523	13,954	1,569	122,902	121,142	1,760
Utah	1,505	1,546	-41	12,029	12,565	-536
Vermont	291	352	-61	3,696	3,683	13
Virgin Islands	20	27	-7	218	188	30
Virginia	2,082	1,623	459	13,087	11,781	1,306
Washington	4,990	4,815	175	58,787	55,479	3,308
West Virginia	586	649	-63	8,679	8,280	399
Wisconsin	5,028	4,667	361	33,316	32,578	738
Wyoming	284	373	-89	2,669	2,529	140
US Total	223,913	213,007	10,906	1,884,710	1,878,265	6,445

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	
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	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,498	0	1,480.25	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	53	1,508.50	1.1
November 19, 2022	241	18	227.00	1,609	58	1,539.00	1.1
November 26, 2022	226	-15	229.00	1,670	61	1,582.00	1.2
December 3, 2022	231	5	230.25	1,669	-1	1,624.75	1.2
December 10, 2022	212	-19	227.50	1,669	0	1,654.25	1.2
December 17, 2022	216	4	221.25	1,718	49	1,681.50	1.2
December 24, 2022	223	7	220.50	1,697	-21	1,688.25	1.2
December 31, 2022	206	-17	214.25	1,630	-67	1,678.50	1.1
January 7, 2023	206	0	212.75	1,655	25	1,675.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	192	-14	206.75	1,666	11	1,662.00	1.1
January 21, 2023	186	-6	197.50	1,650	-16	1,650.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	183	-3	191.75	1,680	30	1,662.75	1.2
February 4, 2023	195	12	189.00	1,691	11	1,671.75	1.2
February 11, 2023	195	0	189.75	1,660	-31	1,670.25	1.1
February 18, 2023	192	-3	191.25	1,649	-11	1,670.00	1.1
February 25, 2023	190	-2	193.00	1,713	64	1,678.25	1.2
March 4, 2023	212	22	197.25	1,680	-33	1,675.50	1.2
March 11, 2023	192	-20	196.50	1,685	5	1,681.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	191	-1	196.25	1,689	4	1,691.75	1.2
March 25, 2023	198	7	198.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 18

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 11

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	2,135	-103	305	9	3	9,247	0.5	107	5,372	27	15	9,289
Alaska	741	16	-176	0	0	5,669	1.9	-175	-746	94	12	5,775
Arizona	3,007	65	649	1	0	19,726	0.7	211	6,516	108	22	19,856
Arkansas	1,325	-22	411	2	2	7,710	0.6	-321	-503	41	19	7,770
California	44,830	-2,813	5,775	86	54	403,898	2.3	-2,011	7,821	1,241	832	405,971
Colorado	2,395	-112	427	1	2	24,671	0.9	-1,039	2,237	187	102	24,960
Connecticut	3,321	35	972	0	4	28,863	1.8	-724	1,944	23	23	28,909
Delaware	256	-36	-153	3	2	4,192	0.9	-515	252	16	6	4,214
District of Columbia	1,578	607	97	6	0	4,993	0.9	233	-1,256	176	2	5,171
Florida	5,078	-383	212	11	20	36,229	0.4	-177	3,029	92	82	36,403
Georgia	5,037	627	932	34	15	30,083	0.7	-313	-1,629	116	111	30,310
Hawaii	1,035	-102	-232	3	10	5,583	1.0	-352	-1,383	49	44	5,676
Idaho	1,162	27	269	4	0	9,156	1.2	-594	2,813	136	18	9,310
Illinois	8,151	-1,085	1,308	3	1	113,997	2.0	2,201	9,566	248	115	114,360
Indiana	3,838	-434	564	5	5	25,625	0.8	-1,280	2,231	40	16	25,681
Iowa	2,061	390	475	1	2	18,836	1.3	-1,139	-561	18	6	18,860
Kansas	1,113	113	144	0	0	5,120	0.4	-245	-1,591	27	11	5,158
Kentucky	4,638	107	136	0	0	10,671	0.6	-2,234	-7,493	31	51	10,753
Louisiana	1,639	-76	182	2	6	11,284	0.6	-10	-96	36	9	11,329
Maine	636	-146	99	1	1	7,687	1.3	-106	520	32	12	7,731
Maryland	1,866	1	205	9	4	22,244	0.7	-897	247	169	45	22,458
Massachusetts	11,345	1,293	7,537	7	4	83,489	2.3	-1,089	14,653	121	76	83,686
Michigan	4,731	-644	-157	1	4	64,690	1.5	-1,026	7,260	118	37	64,845
Minnesota	3,393	-26	351	5	1	60,376	2.2	-2,056	3,926	81	65	60,522
Mississippi	1,642	729	674	7	2	5,169	0.5	-106	750	26	12	5,207
Missouri	3,018	439	175	4	2	17,303	0.6	-1,006	2,006	87	18	17,408
Montana	549	-1	-62	12	2	8,743	1.9	-40	878	355	23	9,121
Nebraska	572	-41	7	0	1	5,326	0.6	-239	469	8	2	5,336
Nevada	2,089	-152	353	1	0	19,615	1.4	-727	4,223	136	40	19,791
New Hampshire	379	-30	62	1	2	3,088	0.5	-469	500	1	2	3,091
New Jersey	7,396	-678	117	19	14	104,220	2.6	-3,514	16,634	268	140	104,628
New Mexico	770	111	166	1	0	9,587	1.2	-85	445	152	27	9,766
New York	13,630	-1,056	881	19	23	170,034	1.9	-3,637	-937	286	235	170,555
North Carolina	3,386	-85	983	4	2	18,768	0.4	129	5,066	56	85	18,909
North Dakota	243	-45	19	0	1	4,748	1.2	-113	-403	16	4	4,768
Ohio	14,824	-311	2,222	8	8	57,215	1.1	-1,970	6,016	86	86	57,387
Oklahoma	1,313	2	-948	5	8	10,104	0.7	-173	-1,518	35	32	10,171
Oregon	4,211	-338	1,060	18	1	32,046	1.7	-1,170	6,788	402	43	32,491
Pennsylvania	8,767	-638	992	9	10	94,404	1.7	-3,402	2,873	308	137	94,849
Puerto Rico	968	-166	59	4	4	13,862	1.6	-3,110	1,032	143	105	14,110
Rhode Island	846	76	198	3	0	11,205	2.4	-377	1,464	13	25	11,243
South Carolina	2,126	226	484	4	2	12,921	0.6	427	3,304	29	39	12,989
South Dakota	168	-45	54	2	0	2,713	0.6	13	203	26	1	2,740
Tennessee	2,793	513	673	3	3	14,930	0.4	-826	1,867	40	39	15,009
Texas	13,954	-560	794	24	56	121,142	1.0	5,305	24,697	417	763	122,322
Utah	1,546	65	251	8	1	12,565	0.8	-333	4,955	141	12	12,718
Vermont	352	64	23	0	0	3,683	1.3	-149	159	1	1	3,685
Virgin Islands	27	-4	-9	0	0	188	0.5	-18	-218	6	0	194
Virginia	1,623	-77	77	2	3	11,781	0.3	-56	4,827	60	82	11,923
Washington	4,815	-318	864	10	16	55,479	1.6	-845	11,587	315	237	56,031
West Virginia	649	-10	81	0	1	8,280	1.3	-248	821	25	14	8,319
Wisconsin	4,667	-78	-96	4	3	32,578	1.2	-1,469	-1,240	82	10	32,670
Wyoming	373	32	-60	6	0	2,529	1.0	-18	180	51	7	2,587
Totals	213,007	-5,077	30,426	372	305	1,878,265	1.3	-31,777	150,557	6,798	3,952	1,889,015

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 MARCH 18, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+1,293	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,813	Fewer layoffs in the service and construction industries.
IL	-1,085	No comment.
NY	-1,056	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and manufacturing industries.

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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