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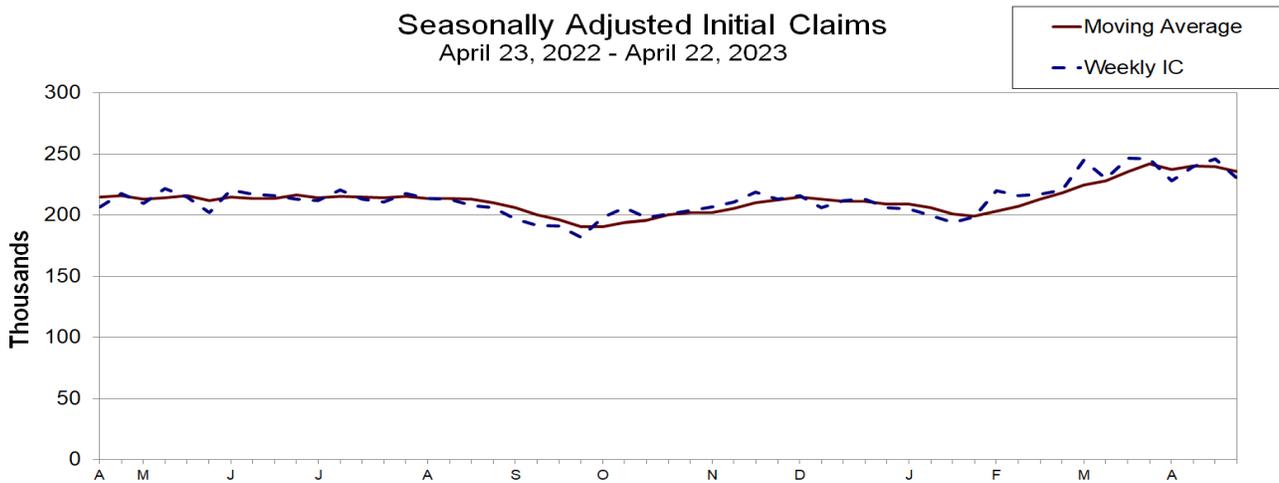
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

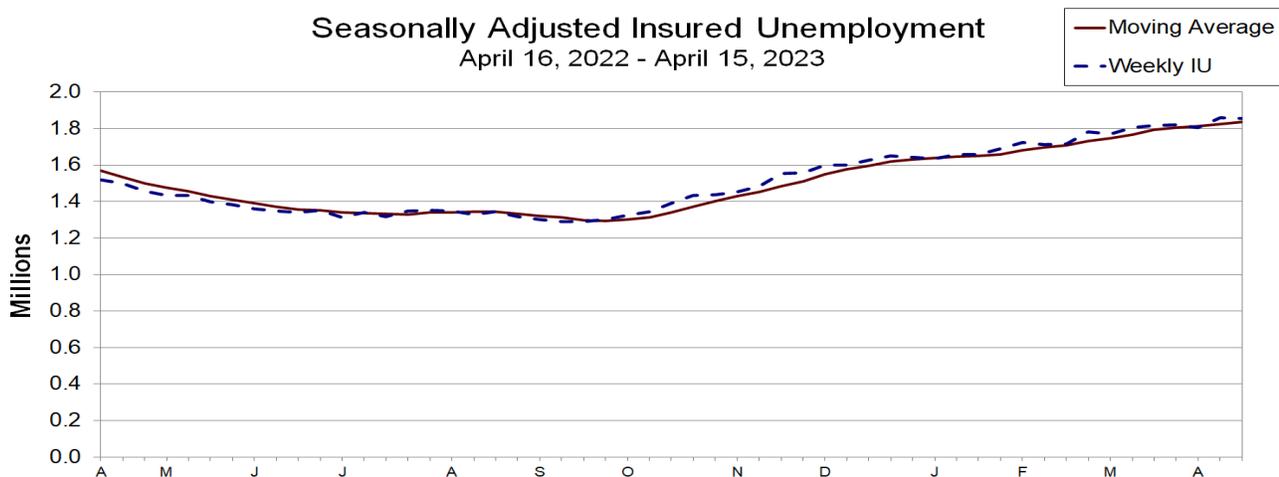
In the week ending April 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 230,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 245,000 to 246,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 239,750 to 240,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending April 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 15 was 1,858,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,865,000 to 1,861,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,836,500, an increase of 10,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since December 18, 2021 when it was 1,838,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,827,250 to 1,826,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 23, 2022 - April 22, 2023



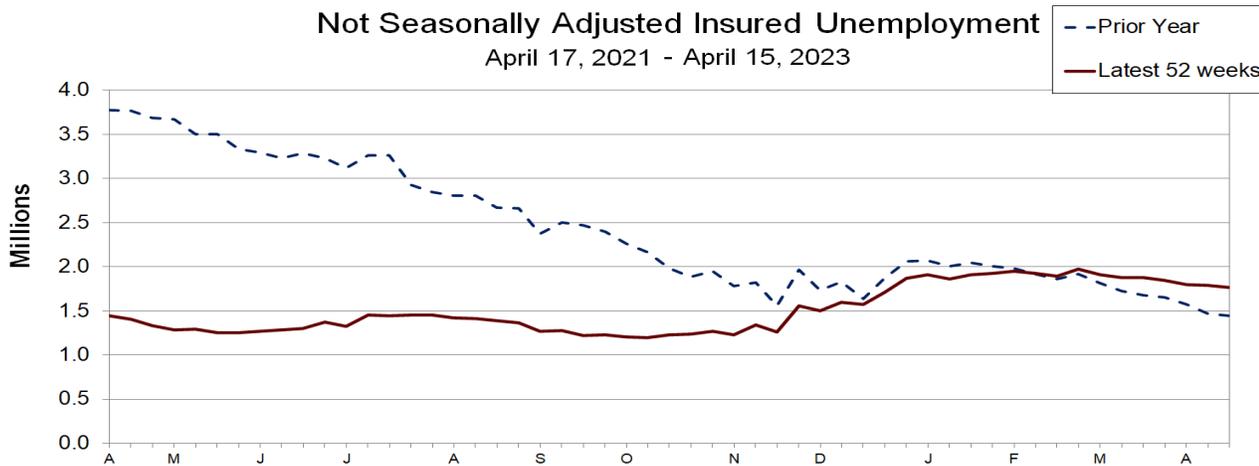
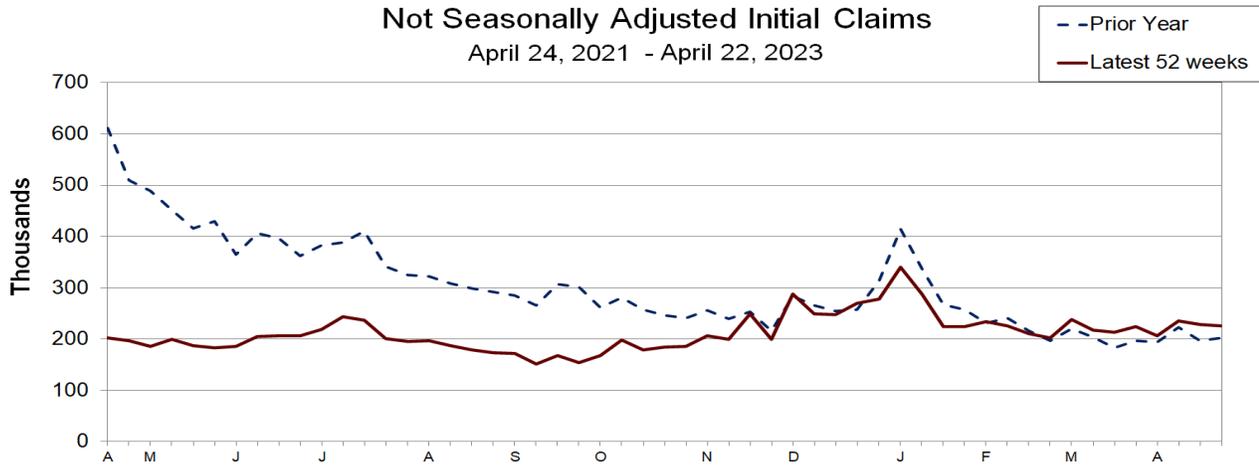
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 16, 2022 - April 15, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 225,841 in the week ending April 22, a decrease of 3,478 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 12,044 (or 5.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 202,952 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,766,484, a decrease of 22,140 (or -1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,612 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,441,824.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 8 was 1,815,491, a decrease of 6,419 from the previous week. There were 1,515,977 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 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 379 in the week ending April 15, a decrease of 8 from the prior week. There were 334 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 14 from the preceding week.

There were 5,611 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 8, a decrease of 170 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,049, a decrease of 18 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 8 were in California (2.4), New Jersey (2.4), Massachusetts (2.1), Minnesota (2.0), Rhode Island (1.9), Illinois (1.8), New York (1.8), Alaska (1.7), Oregon (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.6), and Washington (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 15 were in New York (+6,600), Georgia (+3,245), Connecticut (+1,223), Rhode Island (+1,058), and South Carolina (+688), while the largest decreases were in California (-4,456), Texas (-2,801), Pennsylvania (-1,789), Indiana (-1,516), and Oregon (-1,202).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 22	April 15	Change	April 8	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	230,000	246,000	-16,000	240,000	207,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	225,841	229,319	-3,478	235,237	202,952
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,000	240,000	-4,000	240,250	215,000

WEEK ENDING	April 15	April 8	Change	April 1	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,858,000	1,861,000	-3,000	1,804,000	1,521,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,766,484	1,788,624	-22,140	1,795,471	1,441,824
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,836,500	1,826,250	+10,250	1,812,000	1,567,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 15	April 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	379	387	-8	504
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	334	320	+14	368

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

WEEK ENDING	April 8	April 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,782,648	1,789,165	-6,517	1,463,890
Federal Employees	5,611	5,781	-170	8,133
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,049	4,067	-18	4,328
Extended Benefits ³	1,295	1,150	+145	25,954
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,864	1,963	-99	2,121
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,024	19,784	+240	11,551
TOTAL	1,815,491	1,821,910	-6,419	1,515,977

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 April 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,212	2,121	91	7,973	8,579	-606
Alaska	790	662	128	5,057	5,084	-27
Arizona	4,344	4,201	143	20,613	20,763	-150
Arkansas	1,434	1,402	32	6,275	6,813	-538
California	43,131	46,134	-3,003	434,218	426,513	7,705
Colorado	3,333	2,657	676	23,705	23,954	-249
Connecticut	3,023	5,022	-1,999	25,809	21,950	3,859
Delaware	316	717	-401	4,514	3,947	567
District of Columbia	387	353	34	5,143	5,605	-462
Florida	4,881	5,535	-654	33,662	36,060	-2,398
Georgia	7,315	7,443	-128	31,081	32,897	-1,816
Hawaii	1,070	1,159	-89	5,854	5,908	-54
Idaho	932	1,045	-113	6,336	7,189	-853
Illinois	11,562	8,926	2,636	96,302	104,266	-7,964
Indiana	3,014	3,294	-280	20,806	25,247	-4,441
Iowa	1,656	1,208	448	7,832	9,591	-1,759
Kansas	1,402	1,251	151	4,558	4,448	110
Kentucky	1,019	1,524	-505	7,564	7,938	-374
Louisiana	1,542	1,946	-404	10,337	11,151	-814
Maine	874	663	211	6,862	7,209	-347
Maryland	1,710	2,109	-399	18,147	20,600	-2,453
Massachusetts	24,670	15,948	8,722	69,833	72,907	-3,074
Michigan	5,093	4,520	573	48,068	54,717	-6,649
Minnesota	2,914	3,214	-300	53,062	55,109	-2,047
Mississippi	2,249	1,078	1,171	13,352	5,537	7,815
Missouri	2,167	2,241	-74	13,644	14,196	-552
Montana	589	608	-19	5,849	6,250	-401
Nebraska	517	470	47	3,371	3,647	-276
Nevada	2,112	2,077	35	18,635	19,168	-533
New Hampshire	343	378	-35	2,412	2,678	-266
New Jersey	8,060	11,133	-3,073	99,700	97,247	2,453
New Mexico	636	682	-46	8,942	9,167	-225
New York	22,941	21,393	1,548	166,615	164,476	2,139
North Carolina	3,025	3,266	-241	17,854	18,813	-959
North Dakota	239	250	-11	3,157	3,873	-716
Ohio	5,769	9,049	-3,280	45,040	48,935	-3,895
Oklahoma	1,152	1,162	-10	9,839	10,117	-278
Oregon	3,927	4,871	-944	31,422	32,576	-1,154
Pennsylvania	8,448	9,380	-932	75,919	81,269	-5,350
Puerto Rico	1,117	1,375	-258	12,785	14,766	-1,981
Rhode Island	750	2,178	-1,428	10,067	8,801	1,266
South Carolina	2,253	2,879	-626	12,798	13,413	-615
South Dakota	102	130	-28	1,688	2,164	-476
Tennessee	2,249	2,291	-42	13,352	13,751	-399
Texas	14,340	14,646	-306	126,243	122,231	4,012
Utah	1,663	1,663	0	11,641	11,673	-32
Vermont	759	359	400	2,997	3,095	-98
Virgin Islands	23	24	-1	232	150	82
Virginia	2,031	1,760	271	13,121	11,672	1,449
Washington	5,033	5,504	-471	57,710	54,096	3,614
West Virginia	605	578	27	6,976	6,878	98
Wisconsin	3,746	4,322	-576	25,249	27,344	-2,095
Wyoming	372	518	-146	2,263	2,196	67
US Total	225,841	229,319	-3,478	1,766,484	1,788,624	-22,140

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	
April 16, 2022	217	-5	216.75	1,521	-6	1,567.75	1.1
April 23, 2022	207	-10	215.00	1,498	-23	1,534.00	1.1
April 30, 2022	218	11	216.00	1,457	-41	1,500.75	1.0
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	1,858	-3	1,836.50	1.3
April 22, 2023	230	-16	236.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 15

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 8

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	2,121	-102	36	7	6	8,579	0.4	651	5,012	25	12	8,616
Alaska	662	-37	-191	4	2	5,084	1.7	-143	-287	51	11	5,146
Arizona	4,201	-141	313	2	0	20,763	0.7	732	6,618	71	23	20,857
Arkansas	1,402	225	207	1	1	6,813	0.6	-424	-33	30	16	6,859
California	46,134	-4,456	-166	87	57	426,513	2.4	8,903	63,052	1,148	931	428,592
Colorado	2,657	-394	167	3	8	23,954	0.9	538	4,901	187	112	24,253
Connecticut	5,022	1,223	1,279	0	0	21,950	1.3	-1,426	2,619	14	22	21,986
Delaware	717	339	505	0	3	3,947	0.9	-11	894	13	8	3,968
District of Columbia	353	-67	-283	14	1	5,605	1.0	411	1,565	163	2	5,770
Florida	5,535	-743	-133	11	24	36,060	0.4	714	3,146	74	99	36,233
Georgia	7,443	3,245	3,814	22	9	32,897	0.7	6,682	7,357	139	116	33,152
Hawaii	1,159	92	131	1	6	5,908	1.0	220	-73	42	50	6,000
Idaho	1,045	-109	226	2	2	7,189	0.9	-459	3,134	47	16	7,252
Illinois	8,926	-574	1,357	3	2	104,266	1.8	1,754	21,042	236	94	104,596
Indiana	3,294	-1,516	-2,464	2	2	25,247	0.8	-1,365	1,398	58	18	25,323
Iowa	1,208	-60	55	2	2	9,591	0.6	-2,636	-2,078	17	2	9,610
Kansas	1,251	314	361	2	2	4,448	0.3	-337	558	16	6	4,470
Kentucky	1,524	-266	-244	3	0	7,938	0.4	-365	82	28	49	8,015
Louisiana	1,946	149	315	4	1	11,151	0.6	-41	1,484	26	9	11,186
Maine	663	-84	158	0	1	7,209	1.2	-255	1,231	21	10	7,240
Maryland	2,109	-442	-99	15	0	20,600	0.8	234	6,434	153	36	20,789
Massachusetts	15,948	226	11,964	6	7	72,907	2.1	-5,253	21,178	94	80	73,081
Michigan	4,520	-950	-3,863	4	2	54,717	1.3	-6,618	9,074	72	47	54,836
Minnesota	3,214	-366	49	5	2	55,109	2.0	-2,972	8,122	68	60	55,237
Mississippi	1,078	-199	168	5	1	5,537	0.5	312	1,569	55	5	5,597
Missouri	2,241	-325	-382	1	4	14,196	0.5	-1,262	882	71	27	14,294
Montana	608	-40	-392	8	3	6,250	1.3	-1,014	1,528	189	14	6,453
Nebraska	470	-183	-46	1	2	3,647	0.4	-217	673	7	2	3,656
Nevada	2,077	-643	-30	2	4	19,168	1.3	146	5,389	80	45	19,293
New Hampshire	378	-27	137	0	2	2,678	0.4	-141	581	0	8	2,686
New Jersey	11,133	15	3,442	26	11	97,247	2.4	796	16,429	236	169	97,652
New Mexico	682	-57	-18	3	1	9,167	1.2	-43	987	72	18	9,257
New York	21,393	6,600	10,198	20	18	164,476	1.8	3,114	23,303	299	240	165,015
North Carolina	3,266	-184	974	1	2	18,813	0.4	150	6,075	67	87	18,967
North Dakota	250	-9	-18	5	0	3,873	1.0	-41	629	12	3	3,888
Ohio	9,049	-1,078	-1,854	3	7	48,935	0.9	-2,919	4,011	59	79	49,073
Oklahoma	1,162	-56	-616	1	4	10,117	0.7	106	-1,302	45	37	10,199
Oregon	4,871	-1,202	1,327	7	10	32,576	1.7	-25	11,145	270	50	32,896
Pennsylvania	9,380	-1,789	307	13	11	81,269	1.4	-4,336	9,425	187	111	81,567
Puerto Rico	1,375	309	459	10	5	14,766	1.6	948	4,080	141	87	14,994
Rhode Island	2,178	1,058	938	4	3	8,801	1.9	-761	1,857	11	10	8,822
South Carolina	2,879	688	1,120	3	2	13,413	0.6	1,215	4,652	21	35	13,469
South Dakota	130	-5	35	10	2	2,164	0.5	-56	683	21	1	2,186
Tennessee	2,291	-116	132	4	6	13,751	0.4	-108	2,224	50	32	13,833
Texas	14,646	-2,801	1,435	40	69	122,231	1.0	468	31,213	421	805	123,457
Utah	1,663	-273	77	3	1	11,673	0.7	94	5,976	73	13	11,759
Vermont	359	-69	-28	0	0	3,095	1.1	-147	345	1	0	3,096
Virgin Islands	24	5	-1	0	0	150	0.4	-54	-162	0	2	152
Virginia	1,760	202	-101	3	1	11,672	0.3	-9	4,642	62	75	11,809
Washington	5,504	-575	978	3	18	54,096	1.6	1,382	14,942	233	235	54,564
West Virginia	578	-93	-84	0	1	6,878	1.1	-320	988	27	16	6,921
Wisconsin	4,322	-627	518	2	6	27,344	1.0	-2,712	1,637	68	10	27,422
Wyoming	518	50	-69	1	0	2,196	0.8	53	447	40	4	2,240
Totals	229,319	-5,918	32,100	379	334	1,788,624	1.2	-6,847	321,278	5,611	4,049	1,798,284

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 APRIL 15, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+6,600	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and public administration industries.
GA	+3,245	Layoffs in the manufacturing, information, trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
CT	+1,223	No comment.
RI	+1,058	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-4,456	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
TX	-2,801	No comment.
PA	-1,789	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.
IN	-1,516	No comment.
OR	-1,202	No comment.
OH	-1,078	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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