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Note: Calendar Year (CY) 2021 seasonal factors and revised seasonal factors for CY 2016-2020 for both initial claims and continued claims will be available at <https://www.bls.gov/lau/seasonal-adjustment-for-weekly-unemployment-insurance-claims.htm> by 12:00 pm (Eastern) on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Revisions to the historical series for CY 2016-2020 for both initial claims and continued claims will be published on April 1, 2021, with the release of the Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims News Release.

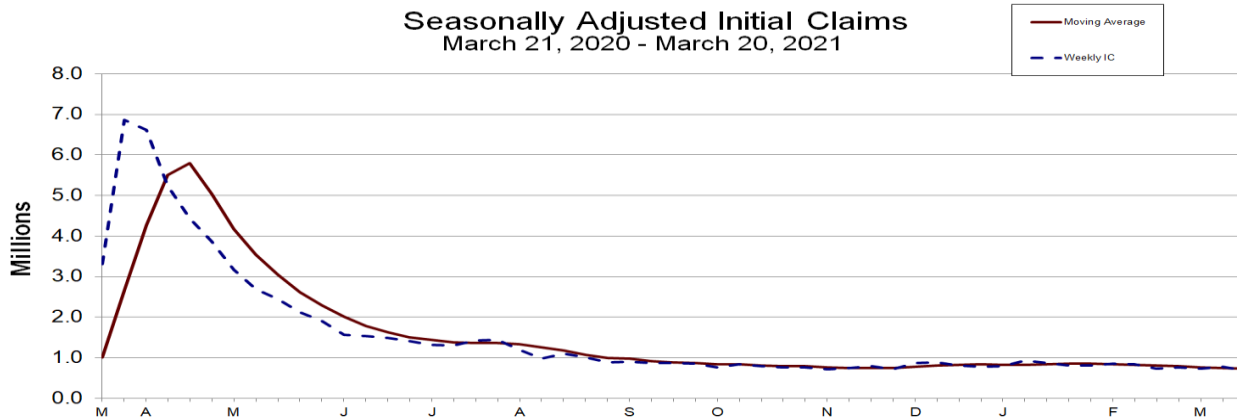
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

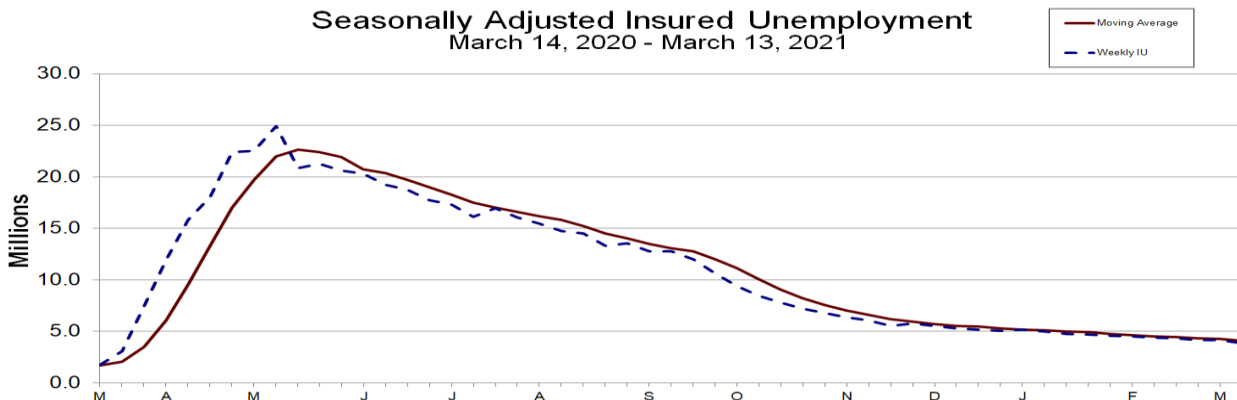
In the week ending March 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 684,000, a decrease of 97,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 11,000 from 770,000 to 781,000. The 4-week moving average was 736,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,750 from 746,250 to 749,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.7 percent for the week ending March 13, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 13 was 3,870,000, a decrease of 264,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 10,000 from 4,124,000 to 4,134,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,120,750, a decrease of 137,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,500 from 4,255,500 to 4,258,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
March 21, 2020 - March 20, 2021



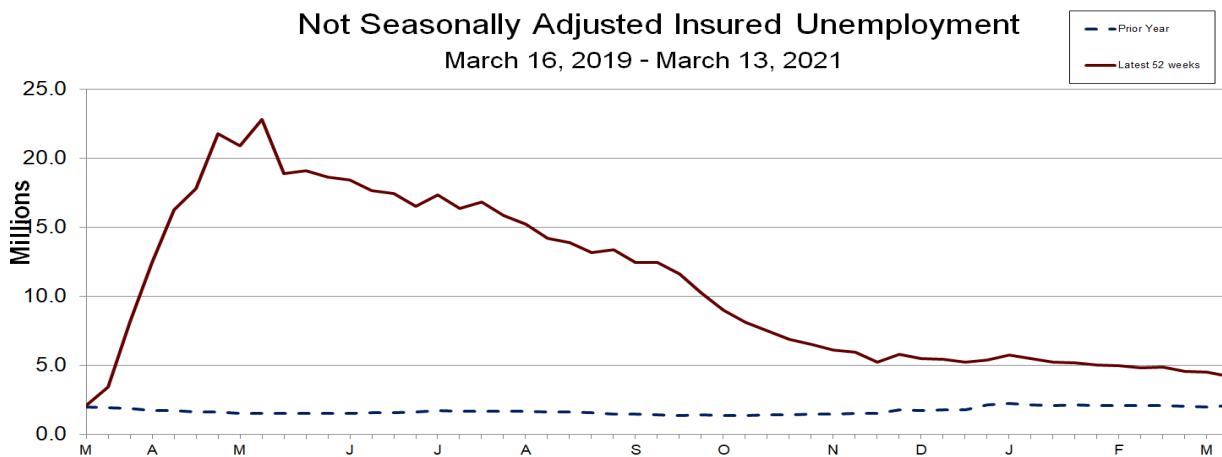
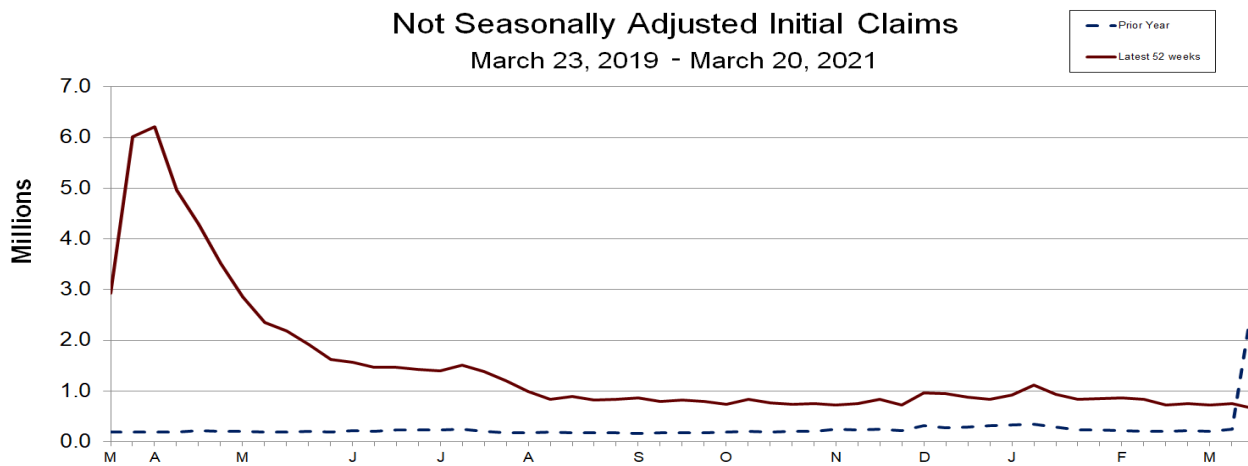
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
March 14, 2020 - March 13, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 656,789 in the week ending March 20, a decrease of 100,412 (or -13.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,865 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 2,920,162 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending March 20, 51 states reported 241,745 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.0 percent during the week ending March 13, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 4,217,259, a decrease of 278,573 (or -6.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,896 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,074,782.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 6 was 18,952,795, an increase of 733,862 from the previous week. There were 2,006,387 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending March 6, Extended Benefits were available in the following 16 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and the Virgin Islands.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,248 in the week ending March 13, a decrease of 38 from the prior week. There were 737 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 38 from the preceding week.

There were 19,074 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 6, a decrease of 573 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,638, an increase of 366 from the prior week.

During the week ending March 6, 51 states reported 7,735,491 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 5,551,215 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 6 were in Pennsylvania (5.8), the Virgin Islands (5.6), Nevada (5.4), Alaska (5.3), New York (4.9), Connecticut (4.8), Illinois (4.3), Rhode Island (4.3), Massachusetts (4.1), and New Mexico (4.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 13 were in Texas (+24,492), Illinois (+13,692), Indiana (+4,728), Alabama (+2,914), and Massachusetts (+2,560), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-12,987), West Virginia (-3,321), South Carolina (-2,711), Mississippi (-2,117), and New York (-935).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 20	March 13	Change	March 6	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	684,000	781,000	-97,000	725,000	3,307,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	656,789	757,201	-100,412	722,180	2,920,162
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	736,000	749,000	-13,000	762,250	1,004,250

WEEK ENDING	March 13	March 6	Change	February 27	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	3,870,000	4,134,000	-264,000	4,142,000	1,784,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	4,217,259	4,495,832	-278,573	4,582,017	2,074,782
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,120,750	4,258,000	-137,250	4,354,500	1,726,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.7%	2.9%	-0.2	2.9%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.0%	3.2%	-0.2	3.2%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 20	March 13	Change	March 6
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	241,745	284,254	-42,509	478,916

WEEK ENDING	March 13	March 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,248	1,286	-38	573
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	737	699	+38	436

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

WEEK ENDING	March 6	February 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	4,458,888	4,547,888	-89,000	1,973,584
Federal Employees	19,074	19,647	-573	9,644
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,638	8,272	+366	5,207
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	7,735,491	7,616,593	+118,898	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	5,551,215	4,816,523	+734,692	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	1,067,905	1,104,427	-36,522	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,819	1,807	+12	5,584
STC / Workshare ⁷	109,765	103,776	+5,989	12,368
TOTAL⁸	18,952,795	18,218,933	+733,862	2,006,387

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 142,133,208 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 March 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	13,476	16,506	-3,030	13,098	16,637	-3,539
Alaska	2,897	3,233	-336	14,694	15,751	-1,057
Arizona	4,399	5,220	-821	45,544	46,404	-860
Arkansas	1,931	3,291	-1,360	20,530	23,969	-3,439
California	95,863	109,327	-13,464	691,905	679,163	12,742
Colorado	12,468	11,669	799	90,075	91,327	-1,252
Connecticut	8,818	4,638	4,180	73,432	76,829	-3,397
Delaware	1,392	1,914	-522	12,093	12,363	-270
District of Columbia	1,727	1,289	438	17,921	19,164	-1,243
Florida	13,892	20,340	-6,448	111,552	135,291	-23,739
Georgia	23,021	24,700	-1,679	131,400	140,830	-9,430
Hawaii	3,289	2,662	627	18,843	18,977	-134
Idaho	3,871	3,683	188	10,833	12,838	-2,005
Illinois	14,828	71,175	-56,347	225,225	243,921	-18,696
Indiana	14,138	13,965	173	58,594	65,352	-6,758
Iowa	5,498	5,750	-252	38,165	40,145	-1,980
Kansas	2,398	1,682	716	10,900	18,812	-7,912
Kentucky	8,606	10,278	-1,672	35,079	36,610	-1,531
Louisiana	6,909	7,195	-286	37,832	46,170	-8,338
Maine	1,469	1,399	70	14,552	15,975	-1,423
Maryland	10,585	8,879	1,706	47,820	57,896	-10,076
Massachusetts	30,243	19,530	10,713	126,374	141,154	-14,780
Michigan	11,437	12,285	-848	134,536	161,290	-26,754
Minnesota	8,145	9,103	-958	103,943	103,054	889
Mississippi	4,201	5,286	-1,085	25,585	28,836	-3,251
Missouri	6,936	7,511	-575	44,578	50,329	-5,751
Montana	2,049	1,639	410	14,165	15,198	-1,033
Nebraska	1,527	1,548	-21	12,372	13,464	-1,092
Nevada	20,126	10,086	10,040	69,579	71,247	-1,668
New Hampshire	939	2,568	-1629	21,396	24,552	-3,156
New Jersey	9,404	10,272	-868	118,791	126,305	-7,514
New Mexico	2,418	2,690	-272	29,726	32,289	-2,563
New York	41,501	47,289	-5,788	396,542	439,356	-42,814
North Carolina	6,108	8,305	-2,197	49,178	57,132	-7,954
North Dakota	679	611	68	9,029	8,768	261
Ohio	68,760	115,205	-46,445	196,835	186,212	10,623
Oklahoma	7,210	8,422	-1,212	27,853	32,514	-4,661
Oregon	7,343	6,839	504	66,507	64,856	1,651
Pennsylvania	19,232	19,938	-706	275,403	287,259	-11,856
Puerto Rico	1,238	1,266	-28	29,501	29,744	-243
Rhode Island	3,714	4,227	-513	17,982	19,307	-1,325
South Carolina	3,066	2,769	297	35,311	38,746	-3,435
South Dakota	248	355	-107	4,944	4,952	-8
Tennessee	7,332	8,277	-945	41,951	47,464	-5,513
Texas	80,392	73,858	6,534	306,315	359,539	-53,224
Utah	2,696	2,269	427	13,574	14,540	-966
Vermont	745	846	-101	11,427	11,691	-264
Virgin Islands	108	214	-106	1,564	2,062	-498
Virginia	28,232	15,525	12,707	60,877	59,976	901
Washington	11,788	12,163	-375	130,675	123,687	6,988
West Virginia	4,993	4,222	771	20,319	21,294	-975
Wisconsin	11,729	12,481	-752	95,121	99,532	-4,411
Wyoming	775	807	-32	5,219	5,059	160
US Total	656,789	757,201	-100,412	4,217,259	4,495,832	-278,573

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,781	254	5,941.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	862	146	778.25	5,507	-274	5,726.00	3.8
December 12, 2020	892	30	814.25	5,322	-185	5,534.25	3.6
December 19, 2020	806	-86	819.00	5,198	-124	5,452.00	3.5
December 26, 2020	782	-24	835.50	5,072	-126	5,274.75	3.5
January 2, 2021	784	2	816.00	5,175	103	5,191.75	3.6
January 9, 2021	927	143	824.75	4,975	-200	5,105.00	3.5
January 16, 2021	875	-52	842.00	4,785	-190	5,001.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	812	-63	849.50	4,691	-94	4,906.50	3.3
January 30, 2021	812	0	856.50	4,558	-133	4,752.25	3.2
February 6, 2021	848	36	836.75	4,520	-38	4,638.50	3.2
February 13, 2021	834	-14	826.50	4,419	-101	4,547.00	3.1
February 20, 2021	736	-98	807.50	4,337	-82	4,458.50	3.1
February 27, 2021	754	18	793.00	4,142	-195	4,354.50	2.9
March 6, 2021	725	-29	762.25	4,134	-8	4,258.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	781	56	749.00	3,870	-264	4,120.75	2.7
March 20, 2021	684	-97	736.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended March 20			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Mar 6		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Mar 6	Feb 27	Change
Alabama	2,634	2,714	-80	30,701	30,105	596
Alaska	684	272	412	9,576	9,700	-124
Arizona	0	2,004	-2,004	83,237	85,121	-1,884
Arkansas	681	881	-200	43,435	41,200	2,235
California	20,780	27,545	-6,765	1,633,490	1,130,582	502,908
Colorado	1,922	1,473	449	50,077	48,923	1,154
Connecticut	408	471	-63	38,636	38,515	121
Delaware	52	59	-7	5,299	5,837	-538
District of Columbia	117	111	6	16,238	15,536	702
Florida	3,886	3,860	26	0	0	0
Georgia	2,007	2,495	-488	191,577	178,958	12,619
Hawaii	620	565	55	39,797	44,772	-4,975
Idaho	22	117	-95	7,087	6,436	651
Illinois	4,993	21,163	-16,170	189,271	210,557	-21,286
Indiana	11,790	23,751	-11,961	259,888	250,585	9,303
Iowa	605	623	-18	12,325	12,628	-303
Kansas	313	429	-116	16,524	19,075	-2,551
Kentucky	12,352	11,905	447	25,231	21,197	4,034
Louisiana	3,188	2,782	406	99,916	112,342	-12,426
Maine	0	309	-309	13,562	13,449	113
Maryland	13,570	14,911	-1,341	298,049	247,037	51,012
Massachusetts	3,358	3,114	244	287,934	286,455	1,479
Michigan	744	3,615	-2,871	256,063	503,305	-247,242
Minnesota	3	4	-1	41,642	41,985	-343
Mississippi	860	755	105	30,229	31,190	-961
Missouri	588	1,195	-607	41,940	41,757	183
Montana	1,272	572	700	15,200	16,172	-972
Nebraska	72	119	-47	3,231	3,216	15
Nevada	2,973	4,086	-1,113	74,370	76,896	-2,526
New Hampshire	144	65	79	9,277	10,685	-1,408
New Jersey	4,491	4,844	-353	356,013	347,019	8,994
New Mexico	1,774	1,766	8	37,006	36,611	395
New York	41,705	43,017	-1,312	1,281,018	1,290,712	-9,694
North Carolina	3,426	3,473	-47	94,612	95,448	-836
North Dakota	120	216	-96	3,002	3,639	-637
Ohio	19,698	44,767	-25,069	493,508	674,318	-180,810
Oklahoma	365	672	-307	19,522	19,643	-121
Oregon	6,809	13,964	-7,155	226,759	220,591	6,168
Pennsylvania	14,355	12,893	1,462	313,419	363,048	-49,629
Puerto Rico	37,452	5,267	32,185	228,452	187,476	40,976
Rhode Island	1,716	2,034	-318	39,552	40,338	-786
South Carolina	1,721	1,681	40	52,207	52,780	-573
South Dakota	8	7	1	474	767	-293
Tennessee	2,306	2,980	-674	65,922	66,524	-602
Texas	5,388	5,748	-360	536,563	372,414	164,149
Utah	366	436	-70	1,816	2,102	-286
Vermont	61	69	-8	8,809	8,745	64
Virgin Islands	43	1	42	0	0	0
Virginia	2,379	1,630	749	25,551	171,364	-145,813
Washington	3,389	3,053	336	104,740	104,744	-4
West Virginia	1,276	1,120	156	9,609	9,961	-352
Wisconsin	2,240	2,556	-316	11,534	12,489	-955
Wyoming	19	95	-76	1,601	1,644	-43
US Total	241,745	284,254	-42,509	7,735,491	7,616,593	118,898

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	March 6	February 27	Change	February 20	February 13
Alabama	66,246	64,171	2,075	62,895	61,730
Alaska	16,595	15,633	962	15,289	13,777
Arizona	69,925	75,836	-5,911	75,982	71,918
Arkansas	23,591	23,271	320	23,792	16,859
California	1,703,952	1,012,743	691,209	1,793,290	813,651
Colorado	78,421	75,589	2,832	74,893	21,652
Connecticut	80,694	80,858	-164	80,858	71,767
Delaware	13,388	13,270	118	13,063	12,569
District of Columbia	9,083	9,781	-698	10,110	10,926
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	33,640	35,794	-2,154	60,347	55,428
Idaho	8,013	7,761	252	7,992	7,122
Illinois	265,605	272,019	-6,414	250,834	251,700
Indiana	81,597	80,649	948	80,427	79,817
Iowa	41,866	39,406	2,460	72,604	46,909
Kansas	16,522	14,098	2,424	5,470	1,664
Kentucky	36,602	39,440	-2,838	36,783	39,672
Louisiana	82,166	81,316	850	80,650	78,092
Maine	19,776	19,687	89	19,647	19,292
Maryland	84,413	82,313	2,100	80,169	80,310
Massachusetts	72,532	79,615	-7,083	83,638	86,831
Michigan	163,353	254,543	-91,190	128,905	237,242
Minnesota	143,350	141,818	1,532	140,119	139,207
Mississippi	29,015	29,707	-692	30,035	30,781
Missouri	21,479	22,090	-611	24,226	22,519
Montana	9,590	9,458	132	9,519	9,089
Nebraska	5,656	5,769	-113	5,504	5,156
Nevada	96,381	71,695	24,686	56,295	56,507
New Hampshire	11,433	11,472	-39	11,390	11,118
New Jersey	210,083	207,332	2,751	213,885	255,935
New Mexico	21,562	21,619	-57	24,025	23,087
New York	772,466	779,633	-7,167	775,548	754,700
North Carolina	198,758	198,643	115	198,159	193,528
North Dakota	8,109	8,118	-9	8,079	8,220
Ohio	136,777	136,376	401	136,221	131,907
Oklahoma	48,588	49,960	-1,372	49,705	49,336
Oregon	96,760	95,964	796	83,270	76,994
Pennsylvania	372,778	274,564	98,214	258,073	264,750
Puerto Rico	76,554	62,484	14,070	80,800	64,351
Rhode Island	20,242	19,948	294	18,029	17,417
South Carolina	84,085	84,979	-894	85,691	86,981
South Dakota	1,371	1,241	130	1,409	1,162
Tennessee	61,174	61,613	-439	61,083	59,696
Texas	11,395	10,054	1,341	10,947	10,394
Utah	13,009	12,989	20	12,931	12,690
Vermont	14,238	13,755	483	13,881	13,376
Virgin Islands	16	36	-20	20	96
Virginia	27,070	29,425	-2,355	35,203	37,021
Washington	4,001	3,554	447	3,133	3,153
West Virginia	22,677	22,807	-130	22,370	21,709
Wisconsin	58,957	46,130	12,827	23,538	23,458
Wyoming	5,661	5,497	164	5,354	5,123
US Total	5,551,215	4,816,523	734,692	5,456,080	4,468,389

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

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	March 6	February 27	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	430	605	-175
Arizona	6,830	9,008	-2,178
Arkansas	72	66	6
California	347,583	410,030	-62,447
Colorado	243	268	-25
Connecticut	12,249	12,974	-725
Delaware	13	1	12
District of Columbia	13	23	-10
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	79	124	-45
Idaho	50	52	-2
Illinois	54,720	47,592	7,128
Indiana	10	22	-12
Iowa	37	37	0
Kansas	751	535	216
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	77	91	-14
Maine	59	69	-10
Maryland	581	642	-61
Massachusetts	41,938	44,927	-2,989
Michigan	57,574	2	57,572
Minnesota	0	15	-15
Mississippi	251	243	8
Missouri	99	122	-23
Montana	33	40	-7
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	39,933	64,961	-25,028
New Hampshire	155	182	-27
New Jersey	77,122	75,118	2,004
New Mexico	20,084	20,587	-503
New York	191,214	204,141	-12,927
North Carolina	258	404	-146
North Dakota	3	4	-1
Ohio	117	184	-67
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	465	591	-126
Pennsylvania	24,479	48,702	-24,223
Puerto Rico	13,402	20,695	-7,293
Rhode Island	5,085	5,496	-411
South Carolina	115	136	-21
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	134	150	-16
Texas	150,170	112,142	38,028
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	33	19	14
Virgin Islands	38	16	22
Virginia	537	612	-75
Washington	20,622	22,135	-1,513
West Virginia	15	46	-31
Wisconsin	218	604	-386
Wyoming	14	14	0
US Total	1,067,905	1,104,427	-36,522

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 13

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 6

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	16,506	2,914	14,687	35	14	16,637	0.9	-342	3,567	67	36	16,740
Alaska	3,233	-107	2,113	8	0	15,751	5.3	-871	7,229	244	34	16,029
Arizona	5,220	976	1,376	5	4	46,404	1.6	-13,867	28,809	276	105	46,785
Arkansas	3,291	-515	1,909	5	1	23,969	2.0	-879	12,455	138	36	24,143
California	109,327	2,556	51,721	284	101	679,163	4.0	-25,900	327,819	3,979	1,492	684,634
Colorado	11,669	-297	9,348	3	7	91,327	3.5	-402	70,067	260	151	91,738
Connecticut	4,638	-289	1,198	12	2	76,829	4.8	-2,810	37,043	334	71	77,234
Delaware	1,914	187	1,442	2	4	12,363	2.7	-230	7,053	79	20	12,462
District of Columbia	1,289	96	76	41	0	19,164	3.4	-335	12,418	1,014	9	20,187
Florida	20,340	1,059	13,877	49	59	135,291	1.6	-6,193	103,047	487	437	136,215
Georgia	24,700	-274	19,255	55	39	140,830	3.3	-88	115,478	662	326	141,818
Hawaii	2,662	191	1,073	28	9	18,977	3.2	404	12,773	183	116	19,276
Idaho	3,683	-515	2,652	17	3	12,838	1.7	-1,130	3,502	260	17	13,115
Illinois	71,175	13,692	59,870	12	2	243,921	4.3	-5,335	113,628	798	203	244,922
Indiana	13,965	4,728	11,369	35	12	65,352	2.2	-3,991	43,879	230	87	65,669
Iowa	5,750	568	3,521	7	4	40,145	2.7	-3,868	12,329	108	31	40,284
Kansas	1,682	-882	-73	0	1	18,812	1.4	-3,421	9,041	40	19	18,871
Kentucky	10,278	1,001	7,493	1	4	36,610	2.0	-8,090	13,670	61	106	36,777
Louisiana	7,195	95	4,940	10	7	46,170	2.5	-1,846	32,183	101	24	46,295
Maine	1,399	-80	765	0	1	15,975	2.7	-367	7,524	51	13	16,039
Maryland	8,879	1,175	5,015	23	2	57,896	2.4	-3,338	30,857	273	67	58,236
Massachusetts	19,530	2,560	12,081	20	26	141,154	4.1	-8,977	66,818	374	148	141,676
Michigan	12,285	892	6,947	10	1	161,290	3.9	3,132	85,533	241	45	161,576
Minnesota	9,103	992	5,093	6	6	103,054	3.7	-5,201	41,273	226	83	103,363
Mississippi	5,286	-2,117	4,139	7	6	28,836	2.7	-2,147	21,738	119	21	28,976
Missouri	7,511	35	3,495	4	0	50,329	1.9	-4,625	27,948	131	23	50,483
Montana	1,639	176	822	34	4	15,198	3.4	-974	5,086	494	17	15,709
Nebraska	1,548	-3	753	3	1	13,464	1.4	-974	8,388	18	9	13,491
Nevada	10,086	-462	3,730	4	3	71,247	5.4	-811	51,772	176	94	71,517
New Hampshire	2,568	-375	1,926	3	2	24,552	3.9	-499	20,643	40	5	24,597
New Jersey	10,272	415	805	25	26	126,305	3.3	-1,543	22,022	397	244	126,946
New Mexico	2,690	352	1,821	6	3	32,289	4.1	-660	22,723	387	77	32,753
New York	47,289	-935	33,017	27	34	439,356	4.9	13,071	281,088	488	398	440,242
North Carolina	8,305	150	4,772	25	50	57,132	1.3	-2,065	37,449	269	271	57,672
North Dakota	611	30	196	4	1	8,768	2.2	-383	2,419	34	7	8,809
Ohio	115,205	-12,987	108,159	13	18	186,212	3.5	3,392	117,696	271	201	186,684
Oklahoma	8,422	1,346	6,586	8	6	32,514	2.1	-2,019	16,032	167	43	32,724
Oregon	6,839	-276	2,570	30	9	64,856	3.5	-4,366	35,854	877	130	65,863
Pennsylvania	19,938	-899	4,499	96	26	287,259	5.8	-15,126	158,417	1,337	364	288,960
Puerto Rico	1,266	-13	94	3	4	29,744	3.6	2,610	11,040	326	45	30,115
Rhode Island	4,227	-599	3,119	3	1	19,307	4.3	-1,283	8,615	86	19	19,412
South Carolina	2,769	-2,711	676	12	17	38,746	1.9	-3,153	23,714	45	72	38,863
South Dakota	355	57	165	8	0	4,952	1.2	-719	2,082	84	1	5,037
Tennessee	8,277	278	5,575	22	9	47,464	1.4	-3,169	29,014	75	38	47,577
Texas	73,858	24,492	57,682	163	170	359,539	3.0	43,957	231,634	1,091	1,935	362,565
Utah	2,269	-173	964	22	3	14,540	1.0	-611	3,839	180	20	14,740
Vermont	846	-144	187	0	0	11,691	4.0	-504	6,795	23	0	11,714
Virgin Islands	214	51	170	0	0	2,062	5.6	180	1,470	2	6	2,070
Virginia	15,525	1,789	12,819	12	4	59,976	1.6	-2,293	38,640	326	225	60,527
Washington	12,163	-71	-2,077	13	26	123,687	3.7	-6,578	68,099	611	586	124,884
West Virginia	4,222	-3,321	3,357	0	0	21,294	3.3	-184	5,900	213	45	21,552
Wisconsin	12,481	265	7,291	20	4	99,532	3.6	-626	58,794	218	62	99,812
Wyoming	807	-52	290	13	1	5,059	2.0	-138	1,684	103	4	5,166
Totals	757,201	35,021	505,350	1,248	737	4,495,832	3.2	-86,185	2,518,590	19,074	8,638	4,523,544

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 13, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+24,492	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and health care and social assistance industries.
IL	+13,692	Layoffs in the other services, wholesale trade, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
IN	+4,728	No comment.
AL	+2,914	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, professional, scientific, and technical services, educational services, finance and insurance, and public administration industries.
MA	+2,560	No comment.
CA	+2,556	Fewer layoffs the construction, trade, accommodations and food services, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
VA	+1,789	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social industries.
OK	+1,346	No comment.
MD	+1,175	No comment.
FL	+1,059	No comment.
KY	+1,001	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-12,987	No comment.
WV	-3,321	No comment.
SC	-2,711	No comment.
MS	-2,117	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.

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