



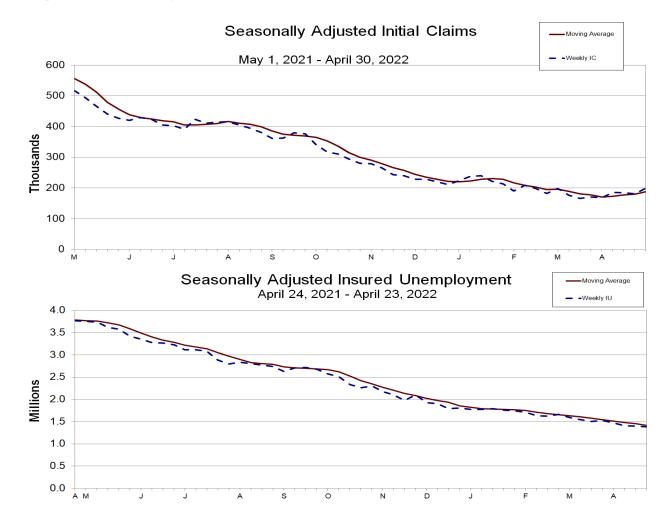
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 200,000, an increase of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 180,000 to 181,000. The 4-week moving average was 188,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 179,750 to 180,000.

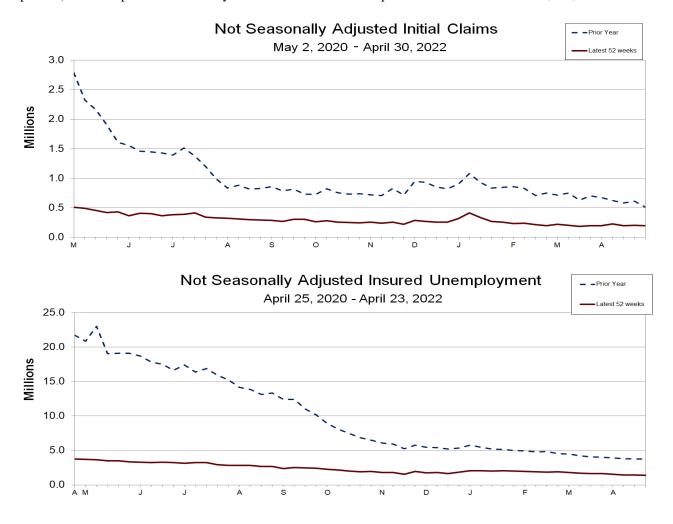
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending April 23, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 23 was 1,384,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since January 17, 1970 when it was 1,371,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,408,000 to 1,403,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,417,000, a decrease of 36,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since February 21, 1970 when it was 1,409,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,455,000 to 1,453,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 196,962 in the week ending April 30, a decrease of 7,164 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 25,765 (or -12.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 510,161 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending April 23, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,403,685, a decrease of 38,872 (or -2.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,646 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.7 percent and the volume was 3,763,243.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 16 was 1,478,348, a decrease of 35,165 from the previous week. There were 16,151,803 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No states were triggered "on" to the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 489 in the week ending April 23, a decrease of 14 from the prior week. There were 391 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 23 from the preceding week.

There were 7,333 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 16, a decrease of 798 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,306, a decrease of 22 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 16 were in California (2.1), New Jersey (2.1), Alaska (1.9), Minnesota (1.6), New York (1.6), Illinois (1.5), Puerto Rico (1.5), Connecticut (1.4), Massachusetts (1.4), Michigan (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 23 were in New York (+4,760), Massachusetts (+3,491), Connecticut (+1,045), Georgia (+932), and New Jersey (+888), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,860), Ohio (-2,609), Michigan (-1,887), Washington (-475), and Minnesota (-453).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 30	April 23	Change	April 16	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	200,000	181,000	+19,000	185,000	517,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	196,962	204,126	-7,164	197,978	510,161
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	188,000	180,000	+8,000	177,500	557,000
WEEK ENDING	April 23	April 16	Change	April 9	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,384,000	1,403,000	-19,000	1,407,000	3,767,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,403,685	1,442,557	-38,872	1,464,895	3,763,243
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,417,000	1,453,250	-36,250	1,479,000	3,788,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	April 23	April 16	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	489	503	-14	976
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	391	368	+23	568

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	April 16	April 9	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,439,025	1,461,438	-22,413	3,748,818
Federal Employees	7,333	8,131	-798	14,609
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,306	4,328	-22	7,564
Extended Benefits ⁴	13,978	25,944	-11,966	453,666
State Additional Benefits ⁵	2,015	2,121	-106	1,667
STC / Workshare ⁶	11,691	11,551	+140	88,224
TOTAL ⁷	1,478,348	1,513,513	-35,165	16,151,803
TOTAL	1,170,510	1,010,010	55,165	10,101,000

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

- 1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- 2. Most recent week used covered employment of 140,025,048 as denominator.
- 3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: <u>Weekly Pandemic Program Claims</u>
- 4. Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information
- 5. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: Extensions and Special Programs PDF
- 6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: <u>Extensions and Special</u> <u>Programs PDF</u>
- 7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Claims	s Filed During Week	Ended April 30	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 23			
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang	
Alabama	1,904	2,022	-118	3,008	3,608	-600	
Alaska	976	854	122	5,274	5,397	-123	
Arizona	3,232	3,728	-496	14,364	15,430	-1,066	
Arkansas	1,190	1,387	-197	5,717	6,563	-846	
California	41,305	43,440	-2,135	351,328	343,777	7,551	
Colorado	2,362	2,458	-96	18,617	18,290	327	
Connecticut	2,302	4,788	-2,316	20,327	21,768	-1,441	
Delaware	365	671	-306	3,789	3,136	653	
District of Columbia	629	618	-560	4,115	4,169	-54	
Florida	4,980	5,240	-260	29,365	32,995	-3,630	
						-933	
Georgia	4,216	4,561	-345	26,678	27,611		
Hawaii	1,117	1,143	-26	6,144	6,214	-70	
Idaho	584	758	-174	3,523	4,008	-485	
Illinois	11,721	8,552	3,169	72,629	81,873	-9,244	
Indiana	6,342	6,399	-57	20,899	23,327	-2,428	
Iowa	1,305	1,171	134	8,590	9,538	-948	
Kansas	882	879	3	3,846	3,868	-22	
Kentucky	3,168	1,988	1,180	7,240	8,252	-1,012	
Louisiana	1,474	1,604	-130	8,710	9,554	-844	
Maine	545	650	-105	5,567	5,628	-61	
Maryland	1,617	2,148	-531	14,664	15,269	-605	
Massachusetts	4,397	7,475	-3,078	50,212	47,292	2,920	
Michigan	7,544	6,496	1,048	37,181	55,681	-18,50	
Minnesota	2,721	2,712	9	41,577	43,115	-1,538	
Mississippi	785	979	-194	3,576	3,962	-386	
Missouri	2,467	2,642	-175	11,996	11,859	137	
Montana	518	789	-271	4,145	5,017	-872	
Nebraska	479	447	32	2,555	2,763	-208	
Nevada	1,871	1,998	-127	12,640	13,692	-1,052	
New Hampshire	685	281	404	1,719	1,929	-210	
New Jersey	5,838	8,579	-2,741	80,201	77,460	2,741	
•	695	714	-19	8,094		73	
New Mexico					8,021		
New York	23,297	15,955	7,342	144,314	136,783	7,531	
North Carolina	2,658	2,617	41	12,366	12,997	-631	
North Dakota	223	322	-99	3,003	3,463	-460	
Ohio	6,100	8,294	-2,194	36,044	41,296	-5,252	
Oklahoma	1,950	1,928	22	10,002	11,135	-1,133	
Oregon	3,192	3,732	-540	21,510	21,799	-289	
Pennsylvania	8,391	9,176	-785	72,363	72,434	-71	
Puerto Rico	1,161	1,224	-63	11,732	12,685	-953	
Rhode Island	800	2,016	-1,216	8,044	6,381	1,663	
South Carolina	1,783	2,387	-604	9,109	9,510	-401	
South Dakota	88	140	-52	1,048	1,311	-263	
Tennessee	1,865	1,932	-67	10,440	11,473	-1,033	
Texas	12,872	13,096	-224	89,958	96,511	-6,553	
Utah	1,413	1,644	-231	5,505	5,702	-197	
Vermont	343	662	-319	2,894	2,475	419	
Virgin Islands	14	29	-15	234	358	-124	
Virginia	2,100	1,845	255	8,125	7,252	873	
Washington	3,745	4,051	-306	38,273	37,280	993	
West Virginia	577	655	-78	6,210	5,752	458	
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Wisconsin	3,719	3,759	-40 206	22,159	23,036	-877	
Wyoming	285	491	-206	2,062	1,858	204	
US Total	196,962	204,126	-7,164	1,403,685	1,442,557	-38,87	

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)

		Change			Change		
	Initial	from Prior	4-Week	Insured	from Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	4-week Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
April 24, 2021	574	8	589.00	3,767	-9	3,788.00	2.7
May 1, 2021	517	-57	557.00	3,756	-11	3,769.50	2.7
May 8, 2021	494	-23	537.75	3,737	-19	3,759.00	2.7
May 15, 2021	467	-27	513.00	3,618	-119	3,719.50	2.6
May 22, 2021	441	-26	479.75	3,575	-43	3,671.50	2.6
May 29, 2021 May 29, 2021	427	-14	457.25	3,422	-153	3,588.00	2.0
June 5, 2021	427	-14 -7	437.23	3,352	-133	3,491.75	2.3
June 12, 2021	420	-7 9	438.75	3,271	-81	3,405.00	2.4
June 12, 2021 June 19, 2021	429	-5	429.23	3,266	-5	3,327.75	2.3
June 26, 2021	405	-19	425.00	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-19 -2	419.30	3,116	-30 -114	3,220.75	2.3 2.3
-	403 391	-2 -12	415.25 405.75	3,116	-114 0	3,220.75 3,182.00	2.3 2.3
July 10, 2021							2.5
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
anuary 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
anuary 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
anuary 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
anuary 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,384	-19	1,417.00	1.0
April 30, 2022	200	19	188.00	-,- 0 .		,	1.5

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 23

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 16

	APRIL 23								APR	RIL 16		
		CHANG	E FROM					CHANG	GE FROM			ALL PROGRAMS
		LAST	YEAR					LAST	YEAR			EXCLUDING RAILROAD
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	$(\%)^2$			UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	RETIREMENT
Alabama	2,022	-63	-7,794	6	4	3,608	0.2	41	-14,998	32	21	3,661
Alaska	854	1	-2,544	1	1	5,397	1.9	26	-8,046	65	11	5,473
Arizona	3,728	-160	-3,945	3	1	15,430	0.6	1,285	-36,407	72	16	15,518
Arkansas	1,387	192	-1,720	1	2	6,563	0.6	-283	-13,423	35	11	6,609
California	43,440	-2,860	-35,166	115	67	343,777	2.1	-19,684	-237,731	1,768	1,009	346,554
Colorado	2,458	-32	-2,561	5	5	18,290	0.7	-19,084	-25,061	1,708	1,009	18,577
Connecticut	2,438 4,788	-32 1,045	-1,114	11	3	21,768	1.4	2,437	-59,704	57	52	21,877
Delaware	4,788 671	459	-3,501	0	3	3,136	0.7	83	-7,555	6	2	3,144
District of Columbia	618	-18	-2,170	5	0	4,169	0.7	129	-15,807	166	1	4,336
Florida	5,240	-428	-22,777	22	22	32,995	0.8	81		177	124	33,296
		-428 932		38	22		0.4	2,071	-96,633	267	124	
Georgia Hawaii	4,561 1,143	932 116	-24,203 -2,062	38 1	29 11	27,611 6,214	1.2	2,071	-102,356 -11,623	107	66	28,037 6,387
				5	3		0.5	-47			6	
Idaho	758	-61	-2,635	12		4,008			-5,403	51		4,065 82,334
Illinois Indiana	8,552	471 641	-8,589	12	4	81,873	1.5 0.9	-1,351 -522	-148,862	341	120 24	
	6,399		-8,108		3	23,327			-36,289	76 25		23,427
Iowa	1,171	18	-2,784	2	1	9,538	0.6	-2,131	-20,994	25	6	9,569
Kansas	879	-11	-1,275	0	1	3,868	0.3	-22	-4,443	31	13	3,912
Kentucky	1,988	220	-5,449	0	2	8,252	0.4	396	-15,320	18	26	8,296
Louisiana	1,604	-27	-5,510	0	0	9,554	0.5	-113	-41,754	56	15	9,625
Maine	650	145	-1,039	2	1	5,628	1.0	-350	-8,226	18	13	5,659
Maryland	2,148	-60	-6,412	14	4	15,269	0.6	1,103	-29,386	130	64	15,463
Massachusetts	7,475	3,491	-7,646	6	6	47,292	1.4	-4,437	-49,933	110	88	47,490
Michigan	6,496	-1,887	-24,508	3	9	55,681	1.4	10,038	-54,268	58	41	55,780
Minnesota	2,712	-453	-1,946	6	4	43,115	1.6	-3,872	-43,419	92	63	43,270
Mississippi	979	69	-3,004	2	0	3,962	0.4	-6	-24,096	88	12	4,062
Missouri	2,642	19	-9,846	5	3	11,859	0.4	-1,455	-41,053	71	17	11,947
Montana	789	-211	-1,010	8	2	5,017	1.1	295	-5,324	140	12	5,169
Nebraska	447	-69	-910	0	0	2,763	0.3	-211	-5,281	8	6	2,777
Nevada	1,998	-109	-9,056	4	2	13,692	1.1	-87	-66,228	158	55	13,905
New Hampshire	281	40	-1,228	0	1	1,929	0.3	-168	-18,148	2	2	1,933
New Jersey	8,579	888	-3,743	27	21	77,460	2.1	-3,358	-40,248	286	164	77,910
New Mexico	714	14	-2,866	4	0	8,021	1.1	-159	-19,674	108	22	8,151
New York	15,955	4,760	-25,101	12	18	136,783	1.6	-4,390	-238,288	371	245	137,399
North Carolina	2,617	325	-7,492	1	3	12,997	0.3	259	-36,489	59	86	13,142
North Dakota	322	54	-873	6	1	3,463	0.9	219	-1,983	6	2	3,471
Ohio	8,294	-2,609	-13,247	9	12	41,296	0.8	-3,628	-80,109	77	85	41,458
Oklahoma	1,928	150	-15,441	4	7	11,135	0.7	-284	-26,298	76	42	11,253
Oregon	3,732	188	-7,658	15	7	21,799	1.2	368	-38,330	326	44	22,169
Pennsylvania	9,176	-145	-15,111	22	10	72,434	1.3	41	-146,277	243	94	72,771
Puerto Rico	1,224	308	-729	6	0	12,685	1.5	1,999	-11,238	196	54	12,935
Rhode Island	2,016	776	-6,025	1	2	6,381	1.4	-563	-11,483	22	23	6,426
South Carolina	2,387	628	-704	6	7	9,510	0.5	749	-31,334	61	36	9,607
South Dakota	140	45	-248	1	1	1,311	0.3	-170	-1,637	21	3	1,335
Tennessee	1,932	-227	-7,905	7	4	11,473	0.3	-54	-42,065	35	19	11,527
Texas	13,096	-115	-20,747	50	76	96,511	0.8	5,493	-173,987	514	850	97,875
Utah	1,644	58	-4,925	15	3	5,702	0.4	3,005	-6,657	67	18	5,787
Vermont	662	275	-4,568	0	0	2,475	0.9	-275	-9,047	2	0	2,477
Virgin Islands	29	4	-166	0	0	358	1.0	46	-1,422	0	0	358
Virginia	1,845	-16	-35,511	1	0	7,252	0.2	222	-47,029	61	54	7,367
Washington	4,051	-475	-7,863	4	17	37,280	1.2	-1,874	-40,631	248	255	37,783
West Virginia	655	-7	-7,410	1	7	5,752	0.9	-138	-10,849	49	22	5,823
Wisconsin	3,759	-45	-7,593	8	1	23,036	0.8	-2,671	-68,843	67	15	23,118
Wyoming	491	-96	-672	2	0	1,858	0.7	109	-2,149	40	4	1,902
Totals	204,126	6,148	-407,110		391	1,442,557			-2,333,838		4,306	1,454,196
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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 23, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+4,760	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and public
		administration industries.
MA	+3,491	No comment.
CT	+1,045	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,860	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
OH	-2,609	No comment.
MI	-1,887	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.

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 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.

Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data

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