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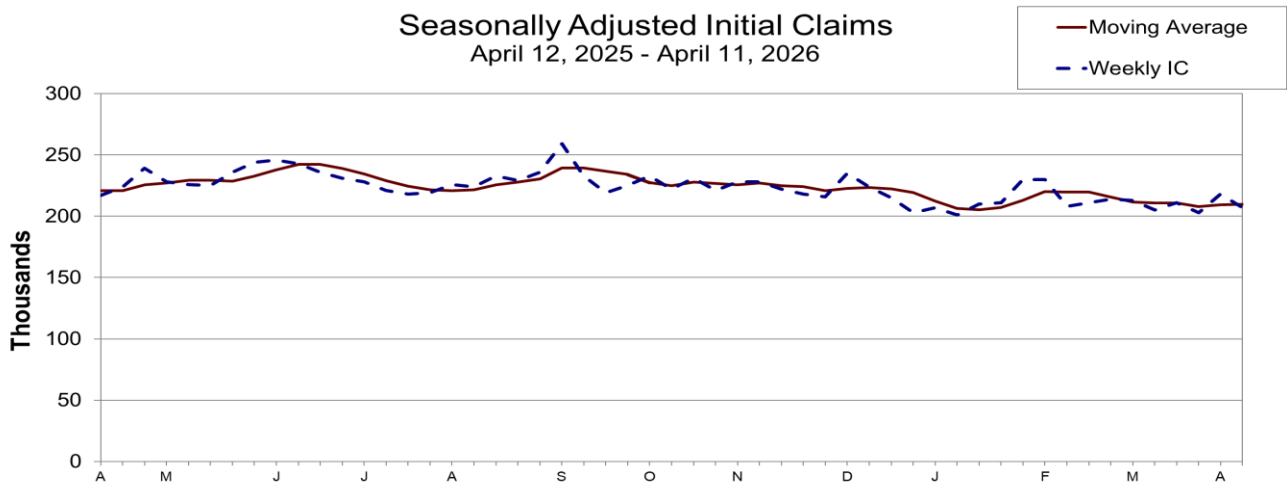
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

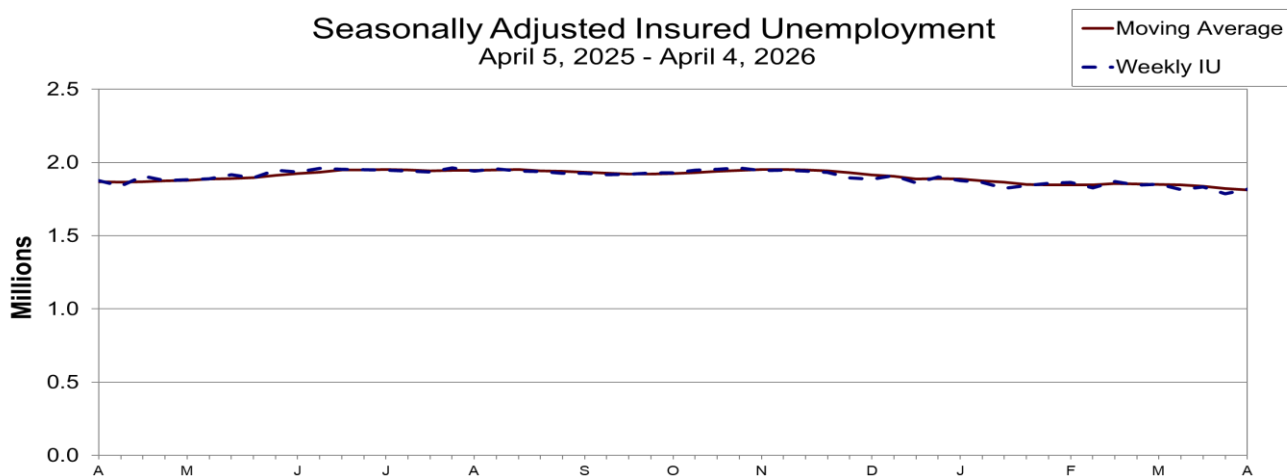
In the week ending April 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 207,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 219,000 to 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 209,750, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 209,500 to 209,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 4 was 1,818,000, an increase of 31,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,794,000 to 1,787,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,813,250, a decrease of 8,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since June 1, 2024 when it was 1,806,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,823,250 to 1,821,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 12, 2025 - April 11, 2026



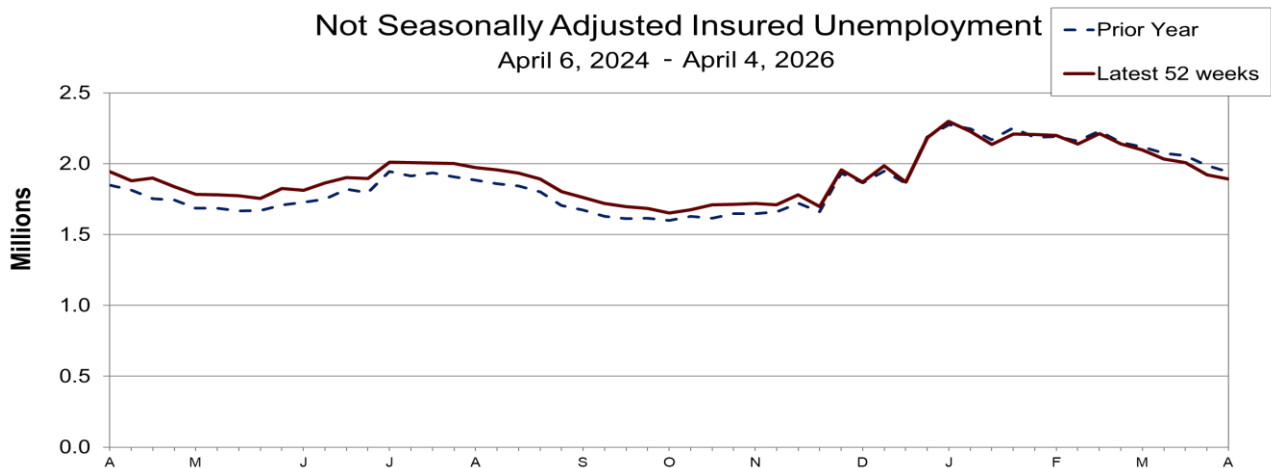
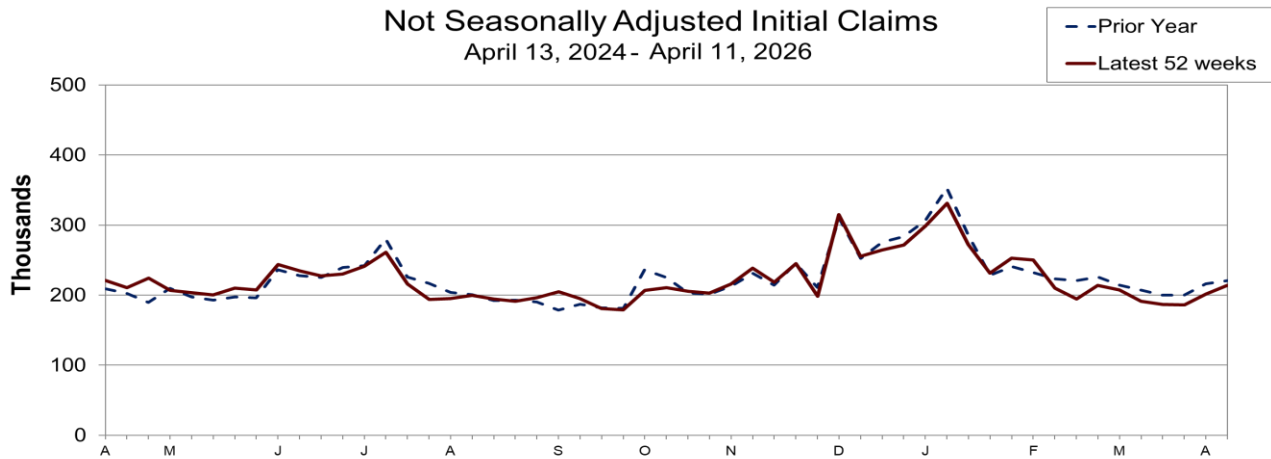
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 5, 2025 - April 4, 2026



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,873 in the week ending April 11, an increase of 12,116 (or 6.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 23,749 (or 11.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 220,962 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 4, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,892,872, a decrease of 28,654 (or -1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 60,774 (or -3.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,943,418.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 28 was 1,954,291, a decrease of 86,605 from the previous week. There were 2,015,031 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 512 in the week ending April 4, a decrease of 68 from the prior week. There were 436 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 41 from the preceding week.

There were 10,311 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 28, a decrease of 778 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,392, a decrease of 303 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 28 were in Massachusetts (2.5), New Jersey (2.5), Rhode Island (2.5), Washington (2.3), Minnesota (2.2), California (2.1), Oregon (2.1), Illinois (1.9), New York (1.9), Michigan (1.8), Connecticut (1.7), and Nevada (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 4 were in New Jersey (+5,603), Pennsylvania (+2,513), Oregon (+2,182), California (+2,130), and Illinois (+1,652), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,592), Texas (-1,299), Tennessee (-838), Hawaii (-422), and Louisiana (-315).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 11	April 4	Change	March 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	207,000	218,000	-11,000	203,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	213,873	201,757	+12,116	186,258	220,962
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	209,750	209,250	+500	208,000	221,000

WEEK ENDING	April 4	March 28	Change	March 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,818,000	1,787,000	+31,000	1,832,000	1,876,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,892,872	1,921,526	-28,654	2,006,576	1,943,418
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,813,250	1,821,500	-8,250	1,836,500	1,867,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 4	March 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	512	580	-68	542
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	436	395	+41	440

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

WEEK ENDING	March 28	March 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,914,931	1,999,712	-84,781	1,979,894
Federal Employees	10,311	11,089	-778	7,192
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,392	4,695	-303	4,444
Extended Benefits ³	23	31	-8	72
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,495	3,679	-184	3,059
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,139	21,690	-551	20,370
TOTAL	1,954,291	2,040,896	-86,605	2,015,031

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 153,547,535 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 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,720	1,675	45	6,905	7,440	-535
Alaska	571	453	118	4,375	4,707	-332
Arizona	3,622	2,967	655	16,733	17,834	-1,101
Arkansas	1,363	1,267	96	4,139	5,165	-1,026
California	41,436	40,140	1,296	365,874	369,606	-3,732
Colorado	3,769	3,468	301	32,992	32,574	418
Connecticut	4,196	2,415	1,781	26,377	29,292	-2,915
Delaware	732	255	477	5,626	5,734	-108
District of Columbia	666	607	59	8,164	7,235	929
Florida	6,146	5,584	562	25,579	30,039	-4,460
Georgia	4,628	3,540	1,088	24,671	24,256	415
Hawaii	1,100	1,126	-26	6,083	5,882	201
Idaho	777	716	61	6,102	7,032	-930
Illinois	7,642	9,758	-2,116	109,842	112,161	-2,319
Indiana	3,646	2,727	919	21,110	20,972	138
Iowa	1,349	1,372	-23	9,788	12,510	-2,722
Kansas	1,931	1,029	902	7,476	7,117	359
Kentucky	1,694	1,726	-32	14,951	11,418	3,533
Louisiana	1,388	910	478	4,761	5,966	-1,205
Maine	610	592	18	8,792	8,936	-144
Maryland	2,052	3,322	-1,270	24,549	24,104	445
Massachusetts	4,343	4,544	-201	84,552	89,786	-5,234
Michigan	4,440	4,891	-451	70,790	76,233	-5,443
Minnesota	4,046	3,729	317	63,349	62,528	821
Mississippi	985	920	65	5,359	5,589	-230
Missouri	2,487	2,649	-162	15,823	17,405	-1,582
Montana	548	568	-20	7,898	7,948	-50
Nebraska	714	583	131	5,650	6,151	-501
Nevada	2,692	2,773	-81	26,229	25,401	828
New Hampshire	373	504	-131	3,592	4,457	-865
New Jersey	12,669	13,645	-976	107,068	105,202	1,866
New Mexico	803	873	-70	10,685	10,225	460
New York	21,630	13,343	8,287	187,869	184,522	3,347
North Carolina	3,135	2,977	158	18,064	19,068	-1,004
North Dakota	313	201	112	5,037	5,048	-11
Ohio	4,814	5,378	-564	50,474	52,468	-1,994
Oklahoma	1,207	1,564	-357	9,461	10,438	-977
Oregon	4,862	8,097	-3,235	39,216	41,042	-1,826
Pennsylvania	10,839	10,954	-115	90,545	92,746	-2,201
Puerto Rico	1,217	702	515	14,572	14,583	-11
Rhode Island	687	553	134	11,369	12,168	-799
South Carolina	2,676	1,977	699	13,728	13,859	-131
South Dakota	189	143	46	2,157	2,436	-279
Tennessee	2,509	2,583	-74	14,517	15,557	-1,040
Texas	17,156	16,189	967	141,328	144,428	-3,100
Utah	1,722	1,646	76	12,694	12,964	-270
Vermont	474	362	112	3,416	3,466	-50
Virgin Islands	19	11	8	210	134	76
Virginia	3,625	2,547	1,078	20,980	19,280	1,700
Washington	6,491	6,005	486	84,488	80,530	3,958
West Virginia	558	579	-21	6,930	6,478	452
Wisconsin	4,228	4,282	-54	27,387	27,010	377
Wyoming	384	336	48	2,546	2,396	150
US Total	213,873	201,757	12,116	1,892,872	1,921,526	-28,654

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 5, 2025	223	3	223.00	1,876	24	1,867.25	1.2
April 12, 2025	217	-6	221.00	1,840	-36	1,864.25	1.2
April 19, 2025	224	7	221.00	1,906	66	1,868.50	1.3
April 26, 2025	239	15	225.75	1,876	-30	1,874.50	1.2
May 3, 2025	228	-11	227.00	1,884	8	1,876.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	226	-2	229.25	1,889	5	1,888.75	1.2
May 17, 2025	225	-1	229.50	1,917	28	1,891.50	1.3
May 24, 2025	236	11	228.75	1,896	-21	1,896.50	1.2
May 31, 2025	244	8	232.75	1,947	51	1,912.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	246	2	237.75	1,935	-12	1,923.75	1.3
June 14, 2025	243	-3	242.25	1,960	25	1,934.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	236	-7	242.25	1,954	-6	1,949.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	231	-5	239.00	1,952	-2	1,950.25	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-3	234.50	1,949	-3	1,953.75	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.00	1,941	-8	1,949.00	1.3
July 19, 2025	218	-3	224.50	1,936	-5	1,944.50	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	1	221.50	1,963	27	1,947.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	226	7	221.00	1,942	-21	1,945.50	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-2	221.75	1,957	15	1,949.50	1.3
August 16, 2025	233	9	225.50	1,942	-15	1,951.00	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-4	228.00	1,937	-5	1,944.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.50	1,927	-10	1,940.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	259	23	239.25	1,925	-2	1,932.75	1.3
September 13, 2025	233	-26	239.25	1,916	-9	1,926.25	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-14	236.75	1,921	5	1,922.25	1.3
September 27, 2025	225	6	234.00	1,929	8	1,922.75	1.3
October 4, 2025	233	8	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	222	-11	224.75	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	231	9	227.75	1,953	6	1,939.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	221	-10	226.75	1,962	9	1,947.50	1.3
November 1, 2025	228	7	225.50	1,946	-16	1,952.00	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	0	227.00	1,949	3	1,952.50	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,943	-6	1,950.00	1.3
November 22, 2025	218	-4	224.00	1,932	-11	1,942.50	1.3
November 29, 2025	216	-2	221.00	1,894	-38	1,929.50	1.2
December 6, 2025	235	19	222.75	1,887	-7	1,914.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-11	223.25	1,910	23	1,905.75	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	222.50	1,860	-50	1,887.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	203	-12	219.25	1,900	40	1,889.25	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	4	212.25	1,875	-25	1,886.25	1.2
January 10, 2026	201	-6	206.50	1,865	-10	1,875.00	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	9	205.25	1,823	-42	1,865.75	1.2
January 24, 2026	211	1	207.25	1,842	19	1,851.25	1.2
January 31, 2026	230	19	213.00	1,859	17	1,847.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	230	0	220.25	1,865	6	1,847.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-22	219.75	1,827	-38	1,848.25	1.2
February 21, 2026	211	3	219.75	1,871	44	1,855.50	1.2
February 28, 2026	214	3	215.75	1,847	-24	1,852.50	1.2
March 7, 2026	213	-1	211.50	1,851	4	1,849.00	1.2
March 14, 2026	205	-8	210.75	1,816	-35	1,846.25	1.2
March 21, 2026	211	6	210.75	1,832	16	1,836.50	1.2
March 28, 2026	203	-8	208.00	1,787	-45	1,821.50	1.2
April 4, 2026	218	15	209.25	1,818	31	1,813.25	1.2
April 11, 2026	207	-11	209.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 4					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 28						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,675	81	-278	10	5	7,440	0.4	-117	-943	55	16	7,511
Alaska	453	8	-19	0	0	4,707	1.5	-97	-47	55	2	4,764
Arizona	2,967	313	-834	2	4	17,834	0.6	-199	-5,949	49	31	17,914
Arkansas	1,267	-133	-111	1	13	5,165	0.4	564	-2,095	9	2	5,176
California	40,140	2,130	-6,496	102	91	369,606	2.1	-11,939	-40,722	1,647	1,089	372,342
Colorado	3,468	807	112	3	7	32,574	1.1	-673	934	241	211	33,026
Connecticut	2,415	15	2	0	1	29,292	1.7	-163	-52	62	22	29,376
Delaware	255	-193	29	1	4	5,734	1.2	228	289	17	3	5,754
District of Columbia	607	137	-353	36	0	7,235	1.3	-413	-3,498	1,005	4	8,244
Florida	5,584	474	-1,108	24	23	30,039	0.3	546	-1,664	187	69	30,295
Georgia	3,540	-211	-1,530	28	17	24,256	0.5	-1,336	-4,403	241	82	24,579
Hawaii	1,126	-422	110	1	7	5,882	1.0	-482	483	53	35	5,970
Idaho	716	-17	-321	1	0	7,032	0.8	-908	-982	58	11	7,101
Illinois	9,758	1,652	-857	15	2	112,161	1.9	-5,203	-5,593	389	110	112,660
Indiana	2,727	448	231	4	8	20,972	0.7	-1,002	-2,473	40	20	21,032
Iowa	1,372	-37	-423	2	0	12,510	0.8	-4,037	-3,308	16	7	12,533
Kansas	1,029	36	-71	1	2	7,117	0.5	-838	-1,747	31	19	7,167
Kentucky	1,726	326	-573	1	0	11,418	0.6	-4,951	-1,004	101	24	11,543
Louisiana	910	-315	-598	1	0	5,966	0.3	-111	-4,817	36	12	6,014
Maine	592	35	-74	2	2	8,936	1.4	-240	342	35	5	8,976
Maryland	3,322	1,243	653	39	9	24,104	0.9	-802	-1,247	615	60	24,779
Massachusetts	4,544	700	-348	4	2	89,786	2.5	-2,472	9,669	289	68	90,143
Michigan	4,891	135	-719	4	5	76,233	1.8	-4,487	7,767	155	39	76,427
Minnesota	3,729	-218	-306	4	7	62,528	2.2	-3,344	-1,120	104	69	62,701
Mississippi	920	166	-20	3	1	5,589	0.5	-94	-559	57	4	5,650
Missouri	2,649	-282	-294	2	1	17,405	0.6	-738	-1,530	76	9	17,490
Montana	568	54	119	8	2	7,948	1.6	-1,060	-34	168	11	8,127
Nebraska	583	45	-61	0	1	6,151	0.6	-754	551	20	4	6,175
Nevada	2,773	423	172	0	2	25,401	1.7	-192	729	96	73	25,570
New Hampshire	504	73	145	0	1	4,457	0.7	-167	484	4	0	4,461
New Jersey	13,645	5,603	4,737	19	18	105,202	2.5	-5,769	-1,873	329	219	105,750
New Mexico	873	86	-42	3	2	10,225	1.2	-370	-534	132	27	10,384
New York	13,343	-1,592	-693	27	13	184,522	1.9	-7,591	14,497	610	239	185,371
North Carolina	2,977	78	-612	2	1	19,068	0.4	-206	-5,971	105	76	19,249
North Dakota	201	-92	-173	2	1	5,048	1.2	-419	515	14	3	5,065
Ohio	5,378	504	-813	5	13	52,468	1.0	-3,530	-6,234	122	58	52,648
Oklahoma	1,564	106	-128	7	5	10,438	0.6	-51	429	49	25	10,512
Oregon	8,097	2,182	1,725	10	4	41,042	2.1	3,612	5,516	395	76	41,513
Pennsylvania	10,954	2,513	1,617	18	15	92,746	1.6	-6,178	-4,428	519	128	93,393
Puerto Rico	702	-208	-593	2	0	14,583	1.6	-1,659	-552	292	77	14,952
Rhode Island	553	-187	-170	0	2	12,168	2.5	-1,016	176	40	13	12,221
South Carolina	1,977	173	-82	8	6	13,859	0.6	-471	-59	41	45	13,945
South Dakota	143	-22	-42	3	0	2,436	0.5	-248	5	15	2	2,453
Tennessee	2,583	-838	-2,889	2	5	15,557	0.5	-631	538	39	39	15,635
Texas	16,189	-1,299	-602	66	97	144,428	1.0	-8,106	-2,790	599	763	145,790
Utah	1,646	304	239	4	0	12,964	0.8	-630	-126	153	23	13,140
Vermont	362	59	-87	0	0	3,466	1.1	-184	171	1	0	3,467
Virgin Islands	11	5	-13	0	0	134	0.4	-90	-142	4	0	138
Virginia	2,547	297	-1,167	9	9	19,280	0.5	-465	1,682	254	73	19,607
Washington	6,005	506	-523	10	23	80,530	2.3	-2,394	2,224	537	379	81,446
West Virginia	579	22	-43	0	2	6,478	1.0	-758	-638	51	8	6,537
Wisconsin	4,282	-189	-562	6	3	27,010	0.9	-2,420	-4,127	58	6	27,074
Wyoming	336	15	-40	10	0	2,396	0.9	5	56	41	2	2,439
Totals	201,757	15,499	-14,777	512	436	1,921,526	1.3	-85,050	-64,204	10,311	4,392	1,936,229

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 4, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+5,603	No comment.
PA	+2,513	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
OR	+2,182	Layoffs in the educational services industry.
CA	+2,130	No comment.
IL	+1,652	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and in health care and social assistance industries.
MD	+1,243	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-1,592	Fewer layoffs in accommodation and food services, construction, and manufacturing industries.
TX	-1,299	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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