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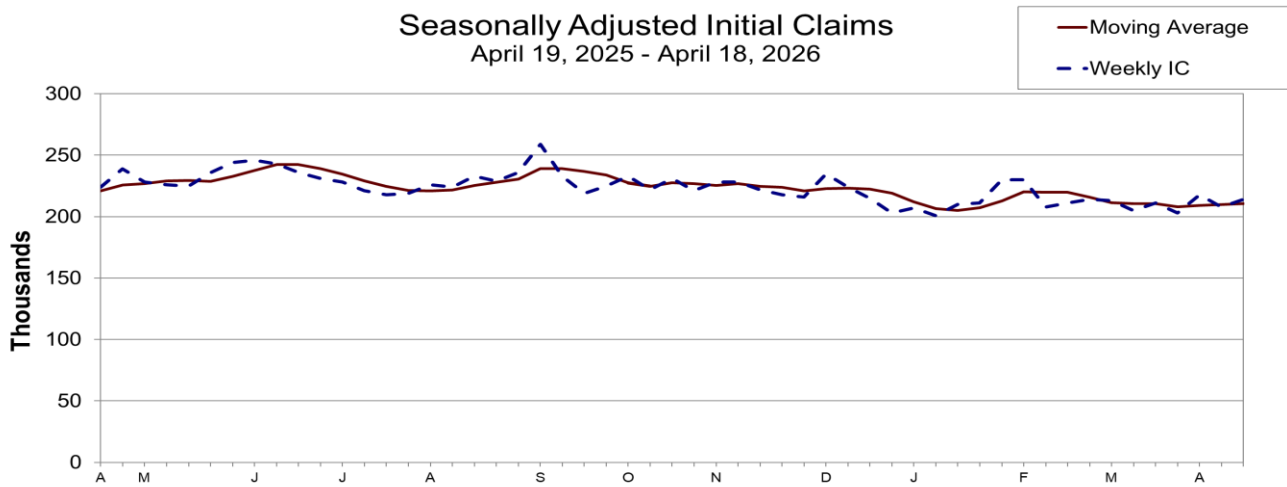
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

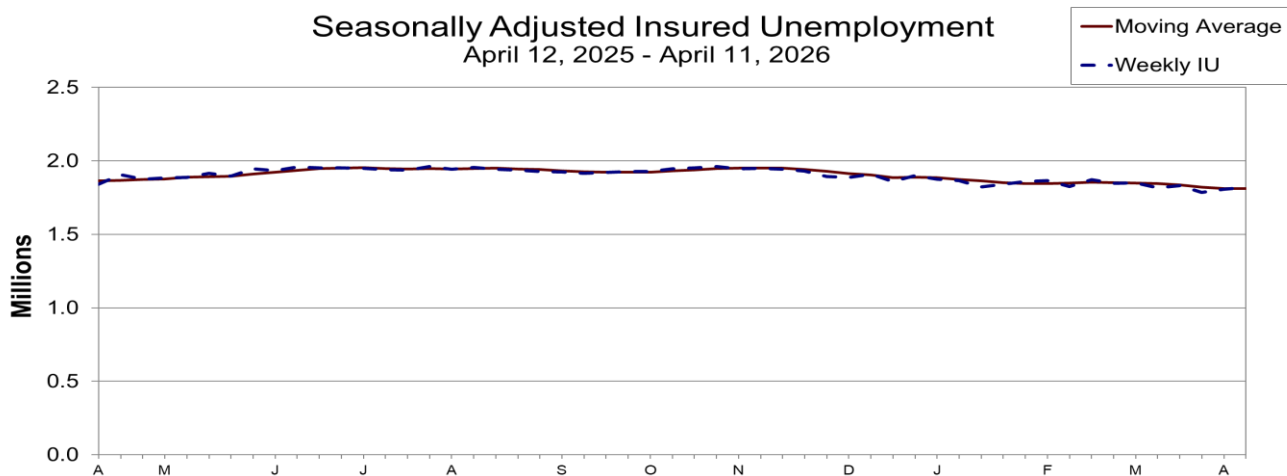
In the week ending April 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 207,000 to 208,000. The 4-week moving average was 210,750, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 209,750 to 210,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 11 was 1,821,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 9,000 from 1,818,000 to 1,809,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,812,250, an increase of 1,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,250 from 1,813,250 to 1,811,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 19, 2025 - April 18, 2026



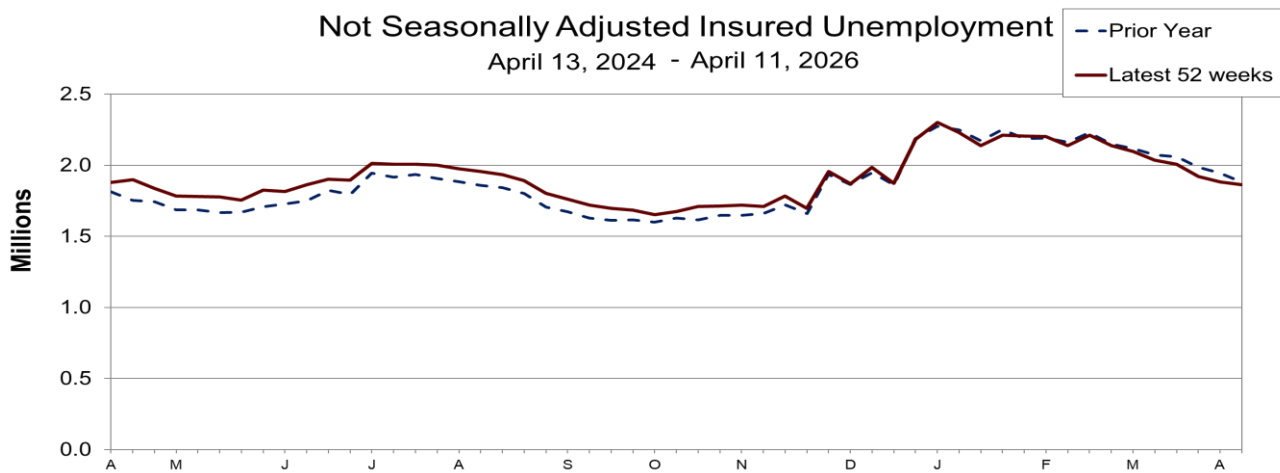
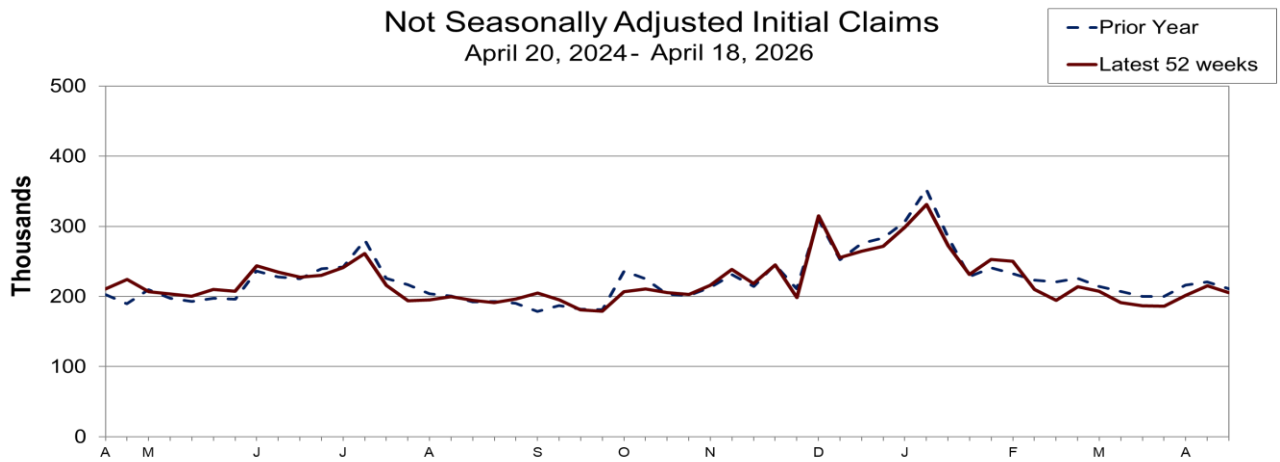
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 12, 2025 - April 11, 2026



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 205,306 in the week ending April 18, a decrease of 9,736 (or -4.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,998 (or -7.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 210,816 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,863,090, a decrease of 20,212 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 32,564 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,880,372.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 4 was 1,916,361, a decrease of 37,945 from the previous week. There were 1,973,275 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 April 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 452 in the week ending April 11, a decrease of 60 from the prior week. There were 380 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 56 from the preceding week.

There were 10,034 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 4, a decrease of 277 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,483, an increase of 91 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 4 were in New Jersey (2.5), Massachusetts (2.4), Rhode Island (2.3), Washington (2.2), Minnesota (2.1), California (2.0), New York (1.9), Oregon (1.9), Illinois (1.8), Michigan (1.7), Nevada (1.7), and Puerto Rico (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 11 were in New York (+8,145), Connecticut (+1,747), Georgia (+1,288), Virginia (+1,227), and Texas (+1,074), while the largest decreases were in Oregon (-3,773), Illinois (-2,112), Maryland (-910), New Jersey (-864), and Ohio (-492).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 18	April 11	Change	April 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	208,000	+6,000	218,000	224,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	205,306	215,042	-9,736	201,757	210,816
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	210,750	210,000	+750	209,250	221,000

WEEK ENDING	April 11	April 4	Change	March 28	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,821,000	1,809,000	+12,000	1,787,000	1,840,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,863,090	1,883,302	-20,212	1,921,541	1,880,372
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,812,250	1,811,000	+1,250	1,821,500	1,864,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 11	April 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	452	512	-60	657
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	380	436	-56	340

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

WEEK ENDING	April 4	March 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,876,885	1,914,946	-38,061	1,936,519
Federal Employees	10,034	10,311	-277	7,019
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,483	4,392	+91	4,364
Extended Benefits ³	22	23	-1	163
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,599	3,495	+104	3,175
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,338	21,139	+199	22,035
TOTAL	1,916,361	1,954,306	-37,945	1,973,275

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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,706	1,812	-106	6,840	7,506	-666
Alaska	622	497	125	4,258	4,451	-193
Arizona	3,687	4,020	-333	17,541	18,631	-1,090
Arkansas	816	1,466	-650	4,140	4,537	-397
California	43,085	40,874	2,211	373,652	362,122	11,530
Colorado	3,522	3,645	-123	33,672	32,114	1,558
Connecticut	5,306	4,162	1,144	25,169	25,020	149
Delaware	297	757	-460	5,926	5,236	690
District of Columbia	526	651	-125	7,912	7,313	599
Florida	5,483	6,387	-904	26,594	29,169	-2,575
Georgia	4,818	4,828	-10	25,295	25,721	-426
Hawaii	1,352	1,072	280	6,212	5,821	391
Idaho	705	776	-71	5,452	6,523	-1,071
Illinois	7,093	7,646	-553	106,748	109,002	-2,254
Indiana	2,487	3,629	-1,142	21,063	20,966	97
Iowa	1,197	1,354	-157	8,375	10,211	-1,836
Kansas	1,260	1,957	-697	7,841	6,945	896
Kentucky	2,879	1,693	1,186	10,392	14,649	-4,257
Louisiana	1,183	1,540	-357	4,933	5,935	-1,002
Maine	554	605	-51	8,250	8,556	-306
Maryland	1,580	2,412	-832	22,973	24,511	-1,538
Massachusetts	4,326	4,335	-9	79,068	84,857	-5,789
Michigan	4,435	4,472	-37	67,284	72,066	-4,782
Minnesota	3,215	4,047	-832	58,167	61,168	-3,001
Mississippi	869	1,058	-189	5,379	5,726	-347
Missouri	2,185	2,544	-359	15,344	16,036	-692
Montana	584	561	23	6,667	7,867	-1,200
Nebraska	549	724	-175	5,431	5,813	-382
Nevada	2,424	2,796	-372	26,049	26,068	-19
New Hampshire	294	475	-181	3,537	4,445	-908
New Jersey	8,415	12,781	-4,366	107,052	106,150	902
New Mexico	779	768	11	10,508	9,889	619
New York	24,521	21,488	3,033	191,043	185,651	5,392
North Carolina	2,980	3,214	-234	17,902	18,905	-1,003
North Dakota	307	276	31	4,419	4,665	-246
Ohio	5,358	4,886	472	47,139	50,741	-3,602
Oklahoma	1,160	1,267	-107	9,624	9,654	-30
Oregon	4,809	4,324	485	37,779	36,553	1,226
Pennsylvania	8,077	10,901	-2,824	83,234	90,685	-7,451
Puerto Rico *	939	1,277	-338	14,657	16,133	-1,476
Rhode Island	711	683	28	10,470	11,261	-791
South Carolina	3,794	2,782	1,012	16,012	14,080	1,932
South Dakota	148	188	-40	1,869	2,119	-250
Tennessee	4,037	2,453	1,584	13,910	14,576	-666
Texas	16,081	17,263	-1,182	141,400	143,371	-1,971
Utah	1,554	1,722	-168	12,479	12,741	-262
Vermont	409	480	-71	3,463	3,213	250
Virgin Islands	31	20	11	176	192	-16
Virginia	2,239	3,774	-1,535	22,062	19,270	2,792
Washington	5,988	6,485	-497	84,529	79,496	5,033
West Virginia	556	579	-23	6,495	6,400	95
Wisconsin	2,969	4,187	-1,218	24,220	26,358	-2,138
Wyoming	405	449	-44	2,484	2,214	270
US Total	205,306	215,042	-9,736	1,863,090	1,883,302	-20,212

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

* Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,809	22	1,811.00	1.2
April 11, 2026	208	-10	210.00	1,821	12	1,812.25	1.2
April 18, 2026	214	6	210.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 11

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 4

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	1,812	137	-297	4	7	7,506	0.4	66	-562	51	14	7,571
Alaska	497	44	-58	3	0	4,451	1.4	-256	-141	53	2	4,506
Arizona	4,020	1,053	-419	7	5	18,631	0.6	797	-6,139	59	35	18,725
Arkansas	1,466	199	-29	0	0	4,537	0.4	-628	-2,448	14	4	4,555
California	40,874	734	-2,466	84	73	362,122	2.0	-7,484	-47,009	1,666	1,066	364,854
Colorado	3,645	177	329	5	5	32,114	1.1	-460	1,177	241	207	32,562
Connecticut	4,162	1,747	794	1	1	25,020	1.5	-4,272	-157	61	28	25,109
Delaware	757	502	475	1	3	5,236	1.1	-498	431	17	2	5,255
District of Columbia	651	44	-214	24	0	7,313	1.3	78	-3,405	919	6	8,238
Florida	6,387	803	-444	23	28	29,169	0.3	-870	-3,291	136	68	29,373
Georgia	4,828	1,288	-61	31	28	25,721	0.5	1,465	-3,487	296	96	26,113
Hawaii	1,072	-54	94	1	10	5,821	1.0	-76	600	41	62	5,924
Idaho	776	60	-296	1	0	6,523	0.8	-509	-784	43	8	6,574
Illinois	7,646	-2,112	-1,649	11	3	109,002	1.8	-3,159	-7,560	466	115	109,583
Indiana	3,629	902	525	4	2	20,966	0.7	-6	-1,874	45	25	21,036
Iowa	1,354	-18	-280	3	1	10,211	0.7	-2,299	-2,526	12	5	10,228
Kansas	1,957	928	585	0	3	6,945	0.5	-172	-2,098	24	20	6,989
Kentucky	1,693	-33	-4,898	1	0	14,649	0.7	3,231	3,923	63	40	14,752
Louisiana	1,540	630	-147	0	5	5,935	0.3	-31	-4,875	38	11	5,984
Maine	605	13	70	0	0	8,556	1.4	-380	199	30	5	8,591
Maryland	2,412	-910	-360	32	3	24,511	0.9	407	188	597	63	25,171
Massachusetts	4,335	-209	-520	1	0	84,857	2.4	-4,929	11,311	252	102	85,211
Michigan	4,472	-419	-2,150	2	2	72,066	1.7	-4,167	7,755	138	26	72,230
Minnesota	4,047	318	141	4	0	61,168	2.1	-1,360	-1,400	113	57	61,338
Mississippi	1,058	138	-22	2	0	5,726	0.5	137	-307	56	9	5,791
Missouri	2,544	-105	-2,373	3	1	16,036	0.6	-1,369	-1,931	67	17	16,120
Montana	561	-7	83	2	2	7,867	1.6	-81	-28	144	13	8,024
Nebraska	724	141	-7	1	0	5,813	0.6	-338	592	18	3	5,834
Nevada	2,796	23	28	0	0	26,068	1.7	667	1,286	89	72	26,229
New Hampshire	475	-29	140	0	1	4,445	0.7	-12	585	9	1	4,455
New Jersey	12,781	-864	3,003	18	23	106,150	2.5	948	1,911	343	229	106,722
New Mexico	768	-105	-75	3	0	9,889	1.2	-336	-710	82	25	9,996
New York	21,488	8,145	6,632	25	20	185,651	1.9	1,129	19,907	566	227	186,444
North Carolina	3,214	237	-352	7	0	18,905	0.4	-163	-5,887	105	74	19,084
North Dakota	276	75	-152	2	1	4,665	1.1	-383	169	8	4	4,677
Ohio	4,886	-492	-825	9	8	50,741	0.9	-1,727	-5,965	125	57	50,923
Oklahoma	1,267	-297	-1,281	5	5	9,654	0.6	-784	-371	43	30	9,727
Oregon	4,324	-3,773	-179	5	1	36,553	1.9	-4,489	3,897	386	73	37,012
Pennsylvania	10,901	-53	-294	15	12	90,685	1.5	-2,061	-1,887	499	109	91,293
Puerto Rico	1,277	575	-43	7	7	16,133	1.7	1,550	459	309	58	16,500
Rhode Island	683	130	-199	1	1	11,261	2.3	-907	-28	43	13	11,317
South Carolina	2,782	805	225	5	5	14,080	0.6	221	215	35	42	14,157
South Dakota	188	45	17	1	1	2,119	0.5	-317	-140	10	0	2,129
Tennessee	2,453	-130	-397	3	9	14,576	0.5	-981	-1,890	35	33	14,644
Texas	17,263	1,074	48	55	76	143,371	1.0	-1,057	-8,016	676	798	144,845
Utah	1,722	76	112	9	1	12,741	0.8	-223	-128	135	20	12,896
Vermont	480	118	48	0	0	3,213	1.1	-253	31	1	0	3,214
Virgin Islands	20	9	-1	0	0	192	0.6	58	-78	10	0	202
Virginia	3,774	1,227	504	20	9	19,270	0.5	-10	811	254	76	19,600
Washington	6,485	480	121	7	17	79,496	2.2	-1,034	1,205	471	396	80,363
West Virginia	579	0	-109	1	0	6,400	0.9	-78	-691	51	6	6,457
Wisconsin	4,187	-95	656	3	1	26,358	0.9	-652	-976	47	28	26,433
Wyoming	449	113	47	0	0	2,214	0.8	-182	21	42	3	2,259
Totals	215,042	13,285	-5,920	452	380	1,883,302	1.2	-38,239	-60,116	10,034	4,483	1,897,819

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 11, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+8,145	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and public administration industries.
CT	+1,747	No comments.
GA	+1,288	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and in professional, scientific, and technical industries.
VA	+1,227	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
TX	+1,074	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
AZ	+1,053	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OR	-3,773	No comments.
IL	-2,112	No comments.

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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