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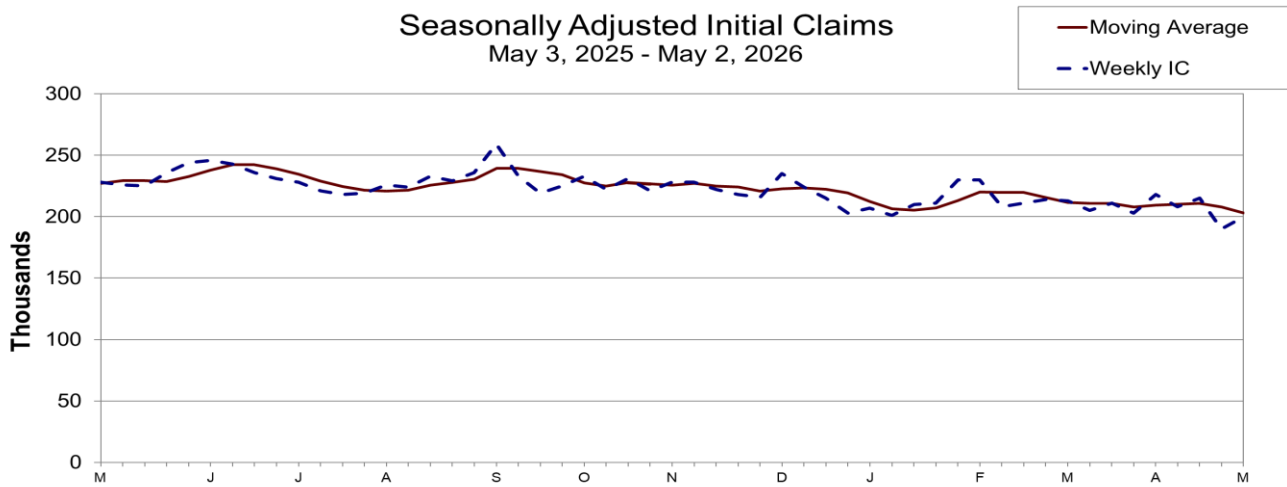
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

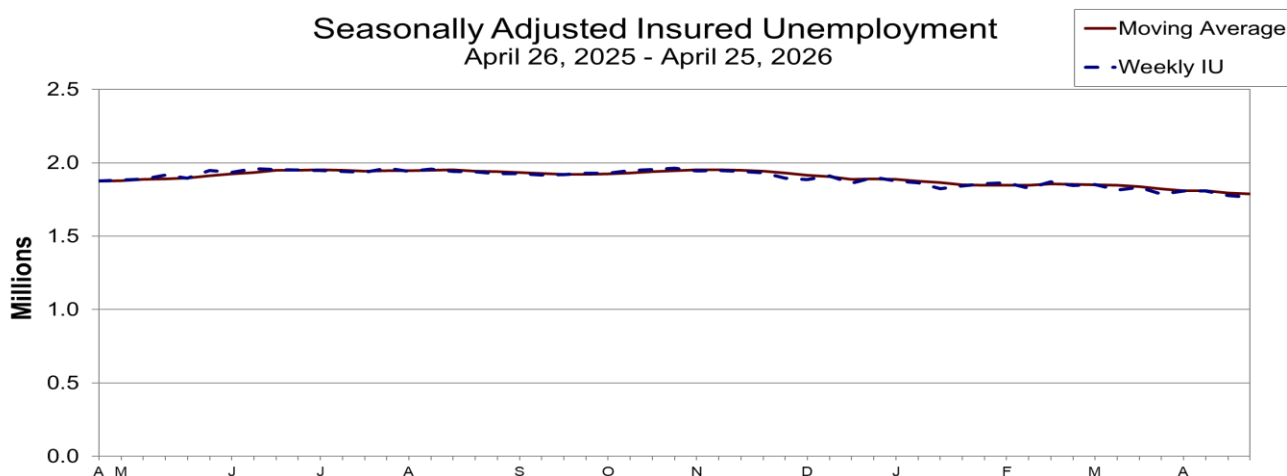
In the week ending May 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 200,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 189,000 to 190,000. The 4-week moving average was 203,250, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 207,500 to 207,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 25 was 1,766,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 9,000 from 1,785,000 to 1,776,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,789,750, a decrease of 5,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,250 from 1,797,250 to 1,795,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 3, 2025 - May 2, 2026



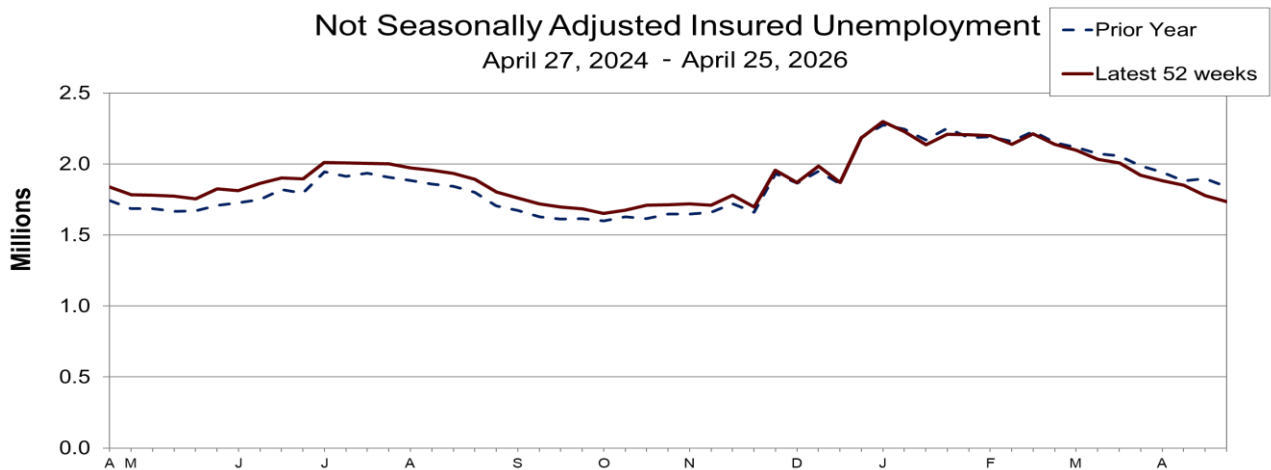
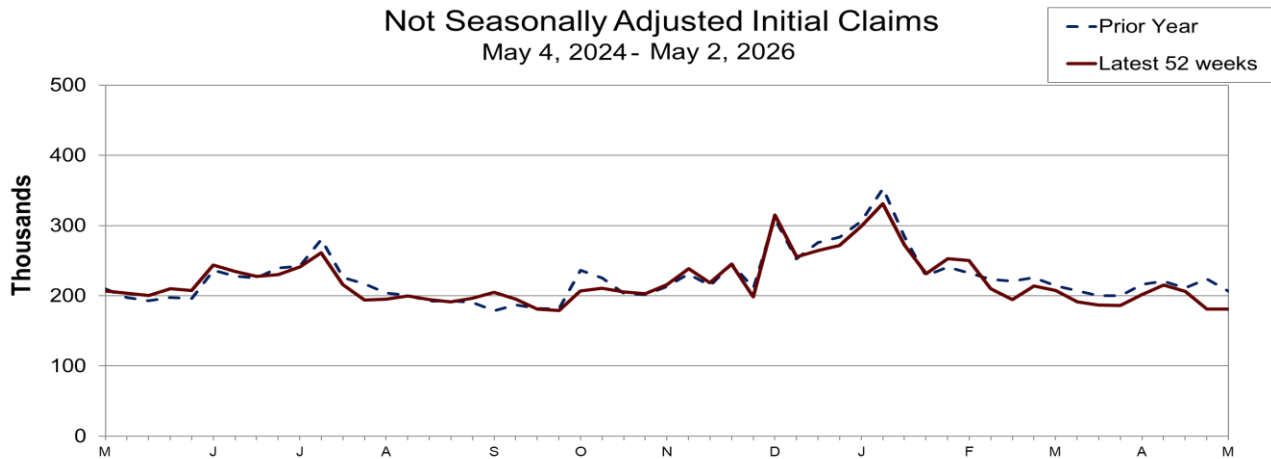
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 26, 2025 - April 25, 2026



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 180,968 in the week ending May 2, an increase of 299 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,748 (or -4.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 206,710 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending April 25, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,735,798, a decrease of 40,153 (or -2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 30,191 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,838,279.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 18 was 1,807,617, a decrease of 72,898 from the previous week. There were 1,926,928 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 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 438 in the week ending April 25, a decrease of 8 from the prior week. There were 371 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 10 from the preceding week.

There were 8,670 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 18, a decrease of 673 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,546, a decrease of 19 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 18 were in New Jersey (2.3), Washington (2.2), Massachusetts (2.1), California (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Oregon (1.8), Minnesota (1.7), New York (1.7), Illinois (1.6), Nevada (1.6), and Puerto Rico (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 25 were in Rhode Island (+2,037), Arkansas (+1,137), Vermont (+348), Massachusetts (+341), and Mississippi (+269), while the largest decreases were in New York (-10,952), California (-4,677), Connecticut (-2,276), South Carolina (-1,906), and Kentucky (-1,416).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 2	April 25	Change	April 18	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	200,000	190,000	+10,000	215,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	180,968	180,669	+299	206,433	206,710
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	203,250	207,750	-4,500	211,000	227,000

WEEK ENDING	April 25	April 18	Change	April 11	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,766,000	1,776,000	-10,000	1,808,000	1,876,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,735,798	1,775,951	-40,153	1,849,143	1,838,279
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,789,750	1,795,000	-5,250	1,809,000	1,874,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 25	April 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	438	446	-8	465
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	371	361	+10	339

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

WEEK ENDING	April 18	April 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,769,706	1,843,081	-73,375	1,891,928
Federal Employees	8,670	9,343	-673	6,716
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,546	4,565	-19	4,372
Extended Benefits ³	21	23	-2	71
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,686	3,437	+249	3,015
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,988	20,066	+922	20,826
TOTAL	1,807,617	1,880,515	-72,898	1,926,928

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 May 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,461	1,638	-177	6,865	7,489	-624
Alaska	755	471	284	4,279	4,283	-4
Arizona	2,916	3,652	-736	19,484	21,097	-1,613
Arkansas	1,558	1,987	-429	4,314	4,780	-466
California	40,310	37,787	2,523	361,160	362,677	-1,517
Colorado	3,264	3,448	-184	33,530	33,219	311
Connecticut	2,364	2,981	-617	22,428	25,533	-3,105
Delaware	217	256	-39	5,128	4,890	238
District of Columbia	669	613	56	7,674	6,966	708
Florida	5,400	5,587	-187	26,590	30,320	-3,730
Georgia	3,955	3,973	-18	24,021	25,168	-1,147
Hawaii	981	1,115	-134	5,818	5,910	-92
Idaho	607	717	-110	5,086	5,742	-656
Illinois	6,940	7,184	-244	94,241	98,397	-4,156
Indiana *	3,029	2,138	891	19,844	20,087	-243
Iowa	1,480	1,320	160	7,139	8,106	-967
Kansas	971	1,097	-126	7,567	6,983	584
Kentucky	1,414	1,456	-42	10,703	13,440	-2,737
Louisiana	1,198	1,427	-229	4,971	6,057	-1,086
Maine	552	599	-47	7,490	7,478	12
Maryland	1,720	2,099	-379	22,425	22,411	14
Massachusetts	4,505	4,670	-165	77,880	74,441	3,439
Michigan	5,991	4,176	1,815	55,933	62,452	-6,519
Minnesota	2,968	3,002	-34	47,306	49,229	-1,923
Mississippi	983	1,199	-216	5,747	5,903	-156
Missouri	2,099	2,170	-71	15,058	15,383	-325
Montana	505	462	43	6,184	6,599	-415
Nebraska	518	468	50	5,071	5,291	-220
Nevada	2,427	2,376	51	24,676	24,970	-294
New Hampshire	859	403	456	3,233	3,991	-758
New Jersey	7,707	7,543	164	93,393	95,737	-2,344
New Mexico	702	792	-90	10,394	9,918	476
New York	12,820	13,421	-601	161,901	165,381	-3,480
North Carolina	2,964	3,006	-42	17,275	18,520	-1,245
North Dakota	427	219	208	2,906	3,321	-415
Ohio	4,282	4,250	32	41,489	44,976	-3,487
Oklahoma	1,085	1,190	-105	9,967	9,982	-15
Oregon	4,633	4,208	425	36,990	35,236	1,754
Pennsylvania	8,412	8,028	384	76,361	78,973	-2,612
Puerto Rico *	1,087	1,073	14	14,070	15,082	-1,012
Rhode Island	935	2,750	-1,815	11,438	9,665	1,773
South Carolina	1,838	1,991	-153	13,436	15,131	-1,695
South Dakota	160	169	-9	1,450	1,632	-182
Tennessee	2,843	2,817	26	15,028	14,923	105
Texas	15,640	15,030	610	141,617	147,362	-5,745
Utah	1,328	1,394	-66	12,090	12,414	-324
Vermont	346	759	-413	3,609	3,073	536
Virgin Islands	11	24	-13	192	214	-22
Virginia	2,374	2,172	202	20,633	18,975	1,658
Washington	5,249	5,513	-264	80,441	77,078	3,363
West Virginia	535	666	-131	6,223	5,920	303
Wisconsin	2,699	2,817	-118	20,607	21,049	-442
Wyoming	275	366	-91	2,443	2,097	346
US Total	180,968	180,669	299	1,735,798	1,775,951	-40,153

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 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	1,808	-1	1,809.00	1.2
April 18, 2026	215	7	211.00	1,776	-32	1,795.00	1.2
April 25, 2026	190	-25	207.75	1,766	-10	1,789.75	1.2
May 2, 2026	200	10	203.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 25						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18					
	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	1,638	-134	-490	4	7	7,489	0.4	79	-954	50	14	7,553
Alaska	471	-19	-95	2	0	4,283	1.4	-67	-186	45	3	4,331
Arizona	3,652	-463	-1,014	5	5	21,097	0.7	1,651	-6,303	78	36	21,211
Arkansas	1,987	1,137	727	3	3	4,780	0.4	268	-2,427	5	6	4,791
California	37,787	-4,677	-3,701	112	87	362,677	2.0	-7,006	-42,354	1,375	1,096	365,148
Colorado	3,448	36	311	1	9	33,219	1.2	398	2,238	220	202	33,641
Connecticut	2,981	-2,276	-278	1	3	25,533	1.5	1,689	-2,097	45	31	25,609
Delaware	256	-72	-421	0	1	4,890	1.0	-611	113	13	1	4,904
District of Columbia	613	104	-124	21	0	6,966	1.2	-230	-3,319	791	5	7,762
Florida	5,587	-72	-255	17	32	30,320	0.3	324	-3,377	127	74	30,521
Georgia	3,973	-1,041	-1,592	21	14	25,168	0.5	-1,290	-5,201	269	87	25,524
Hawaii	1,115	-216	126	3	10	5,910	1.0	-106	481	45	50	6,005
Idaho	717	-1	-177	0	0	5,742	0.7	-96	-455	28	7	5,777
Illinois	7,184	66	-1,520	20	4	98,397	1.6	-7,396	-7,641	457	122	98,976
Indiana	2,138	-341	-428	1	5	20,087	0.6	-913	-1,649	43	23	20,153
Iowa	1,320	114	-770	4	1	8,106	0.5	-675	-1,336	12	2	8,120
Kansas	1,097	-187	-16	0	0	6,983	0.5	-359	-1,944	26	23	7,032
Kentucky	1,456	-1,416	-522	1	0	13,440	0.7	3,163	189	42	57	13,539
Louisiana	1,427	130	-258	3	2	6,057	0.3	19	-4,367	36	10	6,103
Maine	599	51	-7	0	1	7,478	1.2	-522	137	27	8	7,513
Maryland	2,099	174	-594	25	7	22,411	0.9	-530	-2,986	519	56	22,986
Massachusetts	4,670	341	-3,509	1	0	74,441	2.1	-4,853	8,248	289	65	74,795
Michigan	4,176	-297	-1,205	3	2	62,452	1.4	-5,943	5,231	112	18	62,582
Minnesota	3,002	-228	-105	5	1	49,229	1.7	-5,769	-470	83	52	49,364
Mississippi	1,199	269	227	1	0	5,903	0.5	1,878	-113	61	7	5,971
Missouri	2,170	-97	-203	1	3	15,383	0.5	-160	-1,438	79	7	15,469
Montana	462	-120	-72	5	0	6,599	1.3	-76	283	80	12	6,691
Nebraska	468	-90	-635	0	1	5,291	0.5	-321	609	15	2	5,308
Nevada	2,376	-130	-288	2	3	24,970	1.6	-930	-303	72	76	25,118
New Hampshire	403	-2	-56	1	2	3,991	0.6	-309	347	3	1	3,995
New Jersey	7,543	-958	-4,726	22	17	95,737	2.3	-10,529	-8,096	280	270	96,287
New Mexico	792	8	0	5	3	9,918	1.2	-171	-518	64	24	10,006
New York	13,421	-10,952	-16,515	18	17	165,381	1.7	-23,638	-9,654	446	221	166,048
North Carolina	3,006	-98	-303	5	1	18,520	0.4	1,327	-5,393	104	80	18,704
North Dakota	219	-63	-129	1	0	3,321	0.8	-752	127	6	3	3,330
Ohio	4,250	-1,156	-1,569	9	8	44,976	0.8	-2,367	-6,867	99	85	45,160
Oklahoma	1,190	-37	-42	3	5	9,982	0.6	176	-213	38	26	10,046
Oregon	4,208	-198	387	6	5	35,236	1.8	-117	3,251	275	64	35,575
Pennsylvania	8,028	-131	-2,197	10	6	78,973	1.3	-4,719	-11,076	420	105	79,498
Puerto Rico	1,073	8	-391	3	4	15,082	1.6	-373	-1,499	295	60	15,437
Rhode Island	2,750	2,037	1,850	1	1	9,665	2.0	-559	-2,288	41	13	9,719
South Carolina	1,991	-1,906	-1,391	4	2	15,131	0.7	-576	-1,159	40	42	15,213
South Dakota	169	22	-4	7	1	1,632	0.4	-227	2	11	0	1,643
Tennessee	2,817	-1,198	-49	2	4	14,923	0.5	1,011	36	30	37	14,990
Texas	15,030	-1,203	-476	54	76	147,362	1.1	3,280	-8,509	665	860	148,887
Utah	1,394	-160	-311	9	0	12,414	0.7	-109	206	108	22	12,544
Vermont	759	348	-19	0	0	3,073	1.0	-195	45	1	0	3,074
Virgin Islands	24	-7	1	0	0	214	0.6	44	-32	14	0	228
Virginia	2,172	-74	-344	9	3	18,975	0.5	-1,359	1,337	227	78	19,280
Washington	5,513	-456	429	2	10	77,078	2.2	-2,481	1,596	359	381	77,818
West Virginia	666	93	53	1	1	5,920	0.8	-53	-691	37	5	5,962
Wisconsin	2,817	-122	-649	4	4	21,049	0.7	-2,023	-1,764	36	15	21,100
Wyoming	366	-104	-13	0	0	2,097	0.8	-89	1	27	2	2,126
Totals	180,669	-25,764	-43,352	438	371	1,775,951	1.2	-73,192	-122,202	8,670	4,546	1,789,167

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 25, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
RI	+2,037	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing and in accommodation and food services industries.
AR	+1,137	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-10,952	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and in educational services industries.
CA	-4,677	No comment.
CT	-2,276	No comment.
SC	-1,906	No comment.
KY	-1,416	No comment.
TX	-1,203	Fewer layoffs in retail trade industry.
OH	-1,156	No comment.
GA	-1,041	Fewer layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, and in health care and social assistance industries.

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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