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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

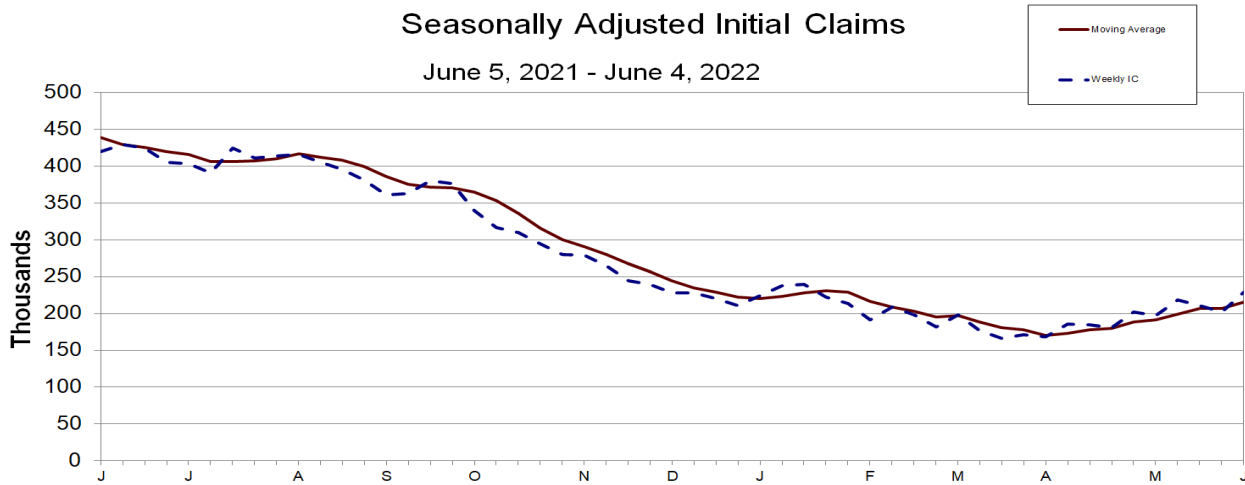
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 229,000, an increase of 27,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 200,000 to 202,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 206,500 to 207,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 0.9 percent for the week ending May 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 28 was 1,306,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,309,000 to 1,306,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,317,500, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 10, 1970 when it was 1,310,250. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,327,250 to 1,326,500.

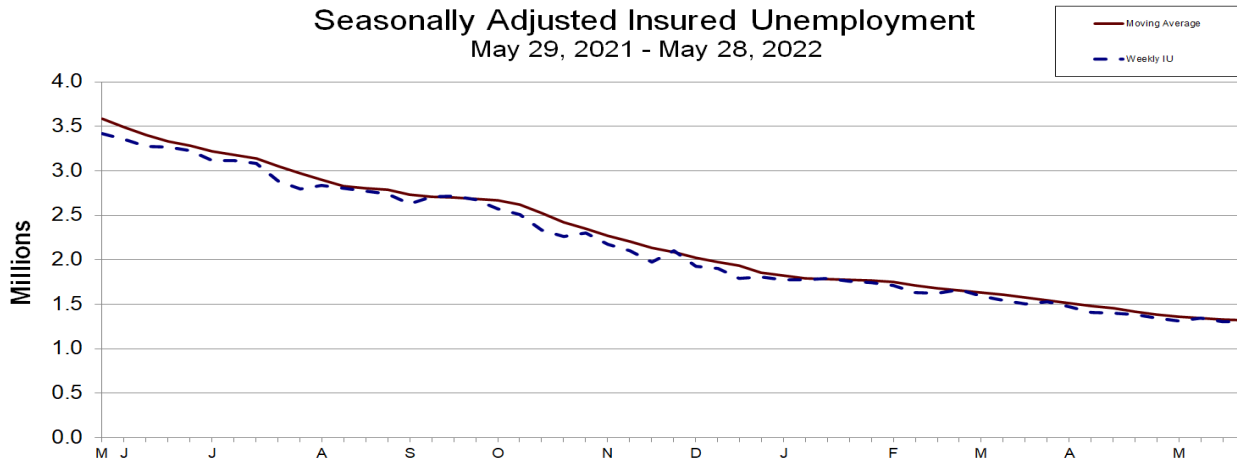
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 5, 2021 - June 4, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

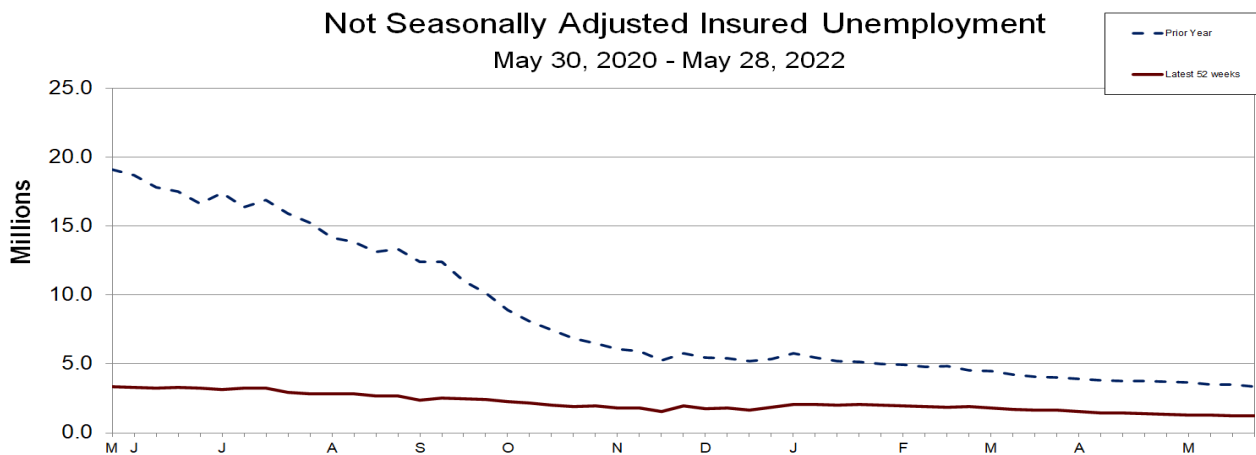
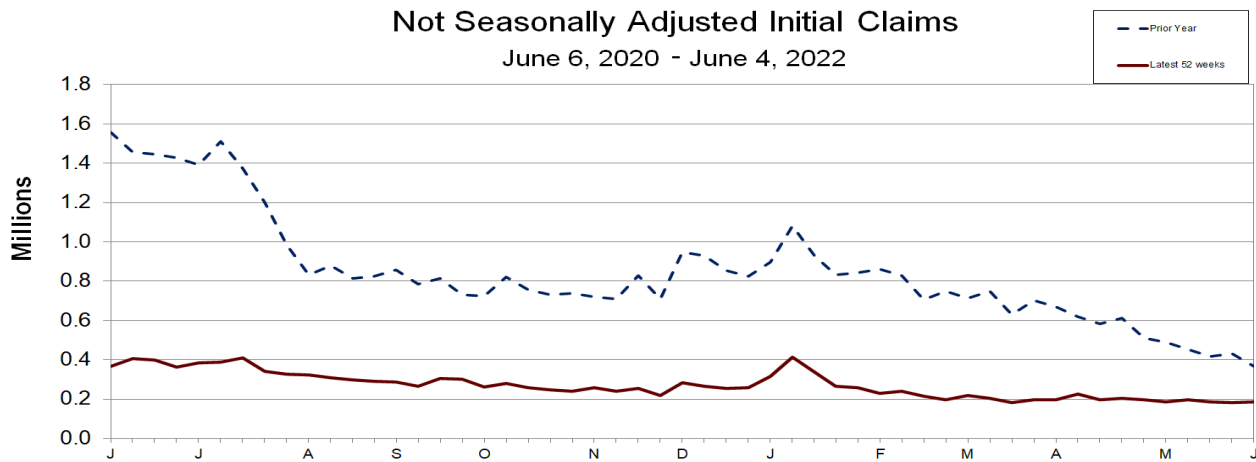
May 29, 2021 - May 28, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 184,604 in the week ending June 4, an increase of 1,008 (or 0.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 21,362 (or -11.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 364,577 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending May 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,255,052, a decrease of 1,631 (or -0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,306 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.4 percent and the volume was 3,333,477.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 21 was 1,283,684, a decrease of 35,619 from the previous week. There were 15,385,233 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending May 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 465 in the week ending May 28, an increase of 41 from the prior week. There were 310 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 26 from the preceding week.

There were 6,114 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 21, an increase of 111 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,333, a decrease of 44 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 21 were in California (1.9), New Jersey (1.8), Alaska (1.5), New York (1.4), Puerto Rico (1.4), Pennsylvania (1.3), Illinois (1.2), Massachusetts (1.2), Rhode Island (1.2), and the Virgin Islands (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 28 were in Mississippi (+1,935), California (+1,911), New York (+1,054), Oklahoma (+753), and Michigan (+582), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-3,523), Pennsylvania (-2,127), Georgia (-1,762), Florida (-1,520), and Indiana (-426).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	229,000	202,000	+27,000	211,000	420,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	184,604	183,596	+1,008	185,248	364,577
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,000	207,000	+8,000	207,000	438,750

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,306,000	1,306,000	0	1,343,000	3,422,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,255,052	1,256,683	-1,631	1,290,390	3,333,477
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,317,500	1,326,500	-9,000	1,346,750	3,588,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	1.0%	2.5%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	2.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	465	424	+41	810
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	310	336	-26	458

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,253,975	1,287,455	-33,480	3,472,887
Federal Employees	6,114	6,003	+111	11,749
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,333	4,377	-44	7,327
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	7,644	9,410	-1,766	196,261
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,884	1,985	-101	1,580
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	9,734	10,073	-339	88,963
TOTAL <sup>7</sup>	1,283,684	1,319,303	-35,619	15,385,233

**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: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
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: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,431	2,606	-175	3,314	3,903	-589
Alaska	800	946	-146	4,363	4,448	-85
Arizona	3,278	3,266	12	17,451	18,770	-1,319
Arkansas	1,704	1,534	170	6,591	7,064	-473
California	42,144	41,430	714	299,535	306,840	-7,305
Colorado	2,400	2,362	38	16,437	15,995	442
Connecticut	2,063	2,380	-317	15,681	17,567	-1,886
Delaware	295	292	3	2,758	2,691	67
District of Columbia	221	201	20	2,505	3,314	-809
Florida	5,393	3,698	1,695	28,186	31,828	-3,642
Georgia	4,632	2,815	1,817	48,659	24,364	24,295
Hawaii	1,287	1,220	67	5,891	6,097	-206
Idaho	910	734	176	2,848	3,103	-255
Illinois	9,410	8,593	817	62,327	67,548	-5,221
Indiana	3,455	3,439	16	17,518	17,341	177
Iowa	1,658	1,438	220	6,190	5,974	216
Kansas	934	1,246	-312	5,945	3,932	2,013
Kentucky	1,032	1,272	-240	2,310	9,196	-6,886
Louisiana	1,893	2,111	-218	9,638	10,060	-422
Maine	389	378	11	3,576	3,867	-291
Maryland	1,611	1,836	-225	13,534	13,345	189
Massachusetts	3,704	4,130	-426	40,314	39,676	638
Michigan	4,621	6,699	-2,078	28,357	31,813	-3,456
Minnesota	2,865	2,721	144	26,259	25,817	442
Mississippi	1,785	3,610	-1,825	5,898	4,796	1,102
Missouri	4,543	3,703	840	12,661	12,558	103
Montana	658	588	70	2,949	3,101	-152
Nebraska	712	861	-149	3,072	2,702	370
Nevada	1,929	1,743	186	12,491	13,406	-915
New Hampshire	235	211	24	1,475	1,689	-214
New Jersey	5,098	5,823	-725	67,056	69,095	-2,039
New Mexico	1,065	624	441	7,036	7,714	-678
New York	12,411	12,968	-557	119,163	119,979	-816
North Carolina	2,685	2,970	-285	13,077	13,386	-309
North Dakota	297	263	34	1,197	1,196	1
Ohio	9,299	8,827	472	28,999	28,703	296
Oklahoma	1,691	2,571	-880	10,782	10,205	577
Oregon	3,152	2,997	155	19,487	19,907	-420
Pennsylvania	7,628	6,539	1,089	72,145	70,391	1,754
Puerto Rico	1,647	1,234	413	10,262	11,646	-1,384
Rhode Island	580	583	-3	5,572	5,546	26
South Carolina	2,054	1,913	141	9,866	10,296	-430
South Dakota	138	170	-32	561	681	-120
Tennessee	2,996	2,599	397	10,977	11,048	-71
Texas	14,257	14,219	38	94,223	91,310	2,913
Utah	1,159	1,291	-132	5,428	5,384	44
Vermont	250	214	36	1,938	1,946	-8
Virgin Islands	51	34	17	270	432	-162
Virginia	1,292	1,376	-84	10,730	9,426	1,304
Washington	3,698	3,943	-245	34,021	33,259	762
West Virginia	664	914	-250	5,940	5,453	487
Wisconsin	3,263	3,168	95	16,118	15,394	724
Wyoming	237	293	-56	1,471	1,481	-10
US Total	184,604	183,596	1,008	1,255,052	1,256,683	-1,631

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	
May 29, 2021	427	-14	457.25	3,422	-153	3,588.00	2.5
June 5, 2021	420	-7	438.75	3,352	-70	3,491.75	2.4
June 12, 2021	429	9	429.25	3,271	-81	3,405.00	2.3
June 19, 2021	424	-5	425.00	3,266	-5	3,327.75	2.3
June 26, 2021	405	-19	419.50	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-2	415.25	3,116	-114	3,220.75	2.3
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
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
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 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	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,306	0	1,317.50	0.9
June 4, 2022	229	27	215.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MAY 28

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
MAY 21

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2,606	348	-4,641	9	8	3,903	0.2	-591	-9,664	31	19	3,953	
Alaska	946	131	-2,013	2	1	4,448	1.5	-303	-6,703	44	13	4,505	
Arizona	3,266	65	-1,109	14	1	18,770	0.7	504	-35,973	54	17	18,841	
Arkansas	1,534	160	-969	2	2	7,064	0.6	22	-13,491	34	30	7,128	
California	41,430	1,911	-30,573	112	62	306,840	1.9	-22,016	-360,341	1,218	935	308,993	
Colorado	2,362	105	-1,564	3	8	15,995	0.6	-540	-24,291	131	154	16,280	
Connecticut	2,380	-165	-1,966	6	0	17,567	1.1	836	-47,223	57	45	17,669	
Delaware	292	-26	-5,440	1	1	2,691	0.6	109	-9,596	10	3	2,704	
District of Columbia	201	-218	-960	7	1	3,314	0.6	34	-14,975	132	1	3,447	
Florida	3,698	-1,520	-4,559	10	22	31,828	0.4	-560	-81,033	163	105	32,096	
Georgia	2,815	-1,762	-21,807	22	11	24,364	0.6	-1,873	-95,586	233	126	24,723	
Hawaii	1,220	56	-955	1	14	6,097	1.1	89	-9,803	46	75	6,218	
Idaho	734	62	-921	1	5	3,103	0.4	-84	-3,601	23	3	3,129	
Illinois	8,593	-160	-14,923	16	1	67,548	1.2	1,851	-134,457	425	124	68,097	
Indiana	3,439	-426	-2,501	5	5	17,341	0.6	-653	-37,578	72	25	17,438	
Iowa	1,438	194	-1,942	0	3	5,974	0.4	-261	-19,614	19	5	5,998	
Kansas	1,246	117	-564	1	1	3,932	0.3	309	-5,855	17	14	3,963	
Kentucky	1,272	-3,523	-5,046	0	0	9,196	0.5	-2,146	-9,879	58	32	9,286	
Louisiana	2,111	273	-3,462	2	3	10,060	0.6	261	-37,620	57	14	10,131	
Maine	378	-81	-998	0	0	3,867	0.7	-239	-6,901	18	12	3,897	
Maryland	1,836	17	-8,307	18	0	13,345	0.5	204	-30,005	174	71	13,590	
Massachusetts	4,130	49	-4,268	6	7	39,676	1.2	-400	-42,024	104	67	39,847	
Michigan	6,699	582	-6,166	2	1	31,813	0.8	-4,002	-91,589	67	38	31,918	
Minnesota	2,721	-230	-2,148	6	2	25,817	1.0	-2,188	-41,389	57	57	25,931	
Mississippi	3,610	1,935	780	1	1	4,796	0.4	438	-20,941	66	7	4,869	
Missouri	3,703	-383	-4,963	1	2	12,558	0.5	1,146	-43,175	63	23	12,644	
Montana	588	70	-633	5	0	3,101	0.7	-177	-5,205	51	8	3,160	
Nebraska	861	138	-611	2	0	2,702	0.3	-38	-4,729	4	1	2,707	
Nevada	1,743	97	-3,300	1	2	13,406	1.0	-86	-47,754	73	85	13,564	
New Hampshire	211	-41	-695	0	0	1,689	0.3	-66	-14,191	4	3	1,696	
New Jersey	5,823	-299	-6,948	14	14	69,095	1.8	-3,056	-51,106	278	233	69,606	
New Mexico	624	-51	-4,188	5	1	7,714	1.0	-124	-17,486	83	28	7,825	
New York	12,968	1,054	-6,647	28	15	119,979	1.4	1,305	-201,503	431	205	120,615	
North Carolina	2,970	-83	-2,962	3	1	13,386	0.3	243	-33,904	35	76	13,497	
North Dakota	263	-17	-238	10	1	1,196	0.3	-323	-2,244	13	2	1,211	
Ohio	8,827	510	-5,186	8	5	28,703	0.6	-1,566	-64,492	65	77	28,845	
Oklahoma	2,571	753	-10,151	6	4	10,205	0.7	16	-23,241	43	71	10,319	
Oregon	2,997	-96	-3,535	11	6	19,907	1.1	-396	-36,394	153	43	20,103	
Pennsylvania	6,539	-2,127	-24,778	13	3	70,391	1.3	5,282	-135,025	224	125	70,740	
Puerto Rico	1,234	188	-1,235	4	1	11,646	1.4	-361	-21,826	205	83	11,934	
Rhode Island	583	-133	-9,027	1	0	5,546	1.2	38	-14,333	19	23	5,588	
South Carolina	1,913	170	-74	2	2	10,296	0.5	297	-28,083	74	43	10,413	
South Dakota	170	28	-93	6	1	681	0.2	-31	-1,484	62	2	745	
Tennessee	2,599	407	-4,337	6	3	11,048	0.3	84	-40,715	32	11	11,091	
Texas	14,219	-97	-7,708	75	70	91,310	0.8	-3,413	-115,176	583	834	92,727	
Utah	1,291	-86	-1,812	9	2	5,384	0.4	31	-5,838	30	15	5,429	
Vermont	214	-100	-158	0	0	1,946	0.7	11	-5,671	1	0	1,947	
Virgin Islands	34	-3	-182	0	0	432	1.2	6	-288	0	0	432	
Virginia	1,376	170	-6,714	1	1	9,426	0.3	-138	-42,802	57	64	9,547	
Washington	3,943	360	-6,374	2	14	33,259	1.0	-987	-33,429	139	250	33,648	
West Virginia	914	122	-1,680	0	0	5,453	0.9	183	-10,768	30	19	5,502	
Wisconsin	3,168	-101	-5,201	4	2	15,394	0.6	-425	-50,373	45	13	15,452	
Wyoming	293	4	-123	1	0	1,481	0.6	37	-1,437	7	4	1,492	
Totals	183,596	-1,652	-246,575	465	310	1,256,683	0.9	-33,707	-2,242,804	6,114	4,333	1,267,130	

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 28, 2022**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MS	+1,935	No comment.
CA	+1,911	No comment.
NY	+1,054	Layoffs in the accommodations and food services, construction, and educational services industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
KY	-3,523	No comment.
PA	-2,127	Fewer layoffs in the accommodations and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
GA	-1,762	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, and health care and social assistance industries.
FL	-1,520	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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