



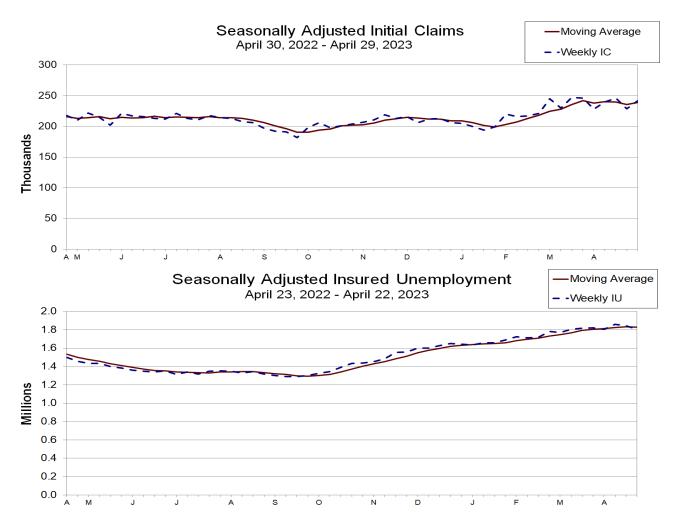
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 242,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 230,000 to 229,000. The 4-week moving average was 239,250, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 236,000 to 235,750.

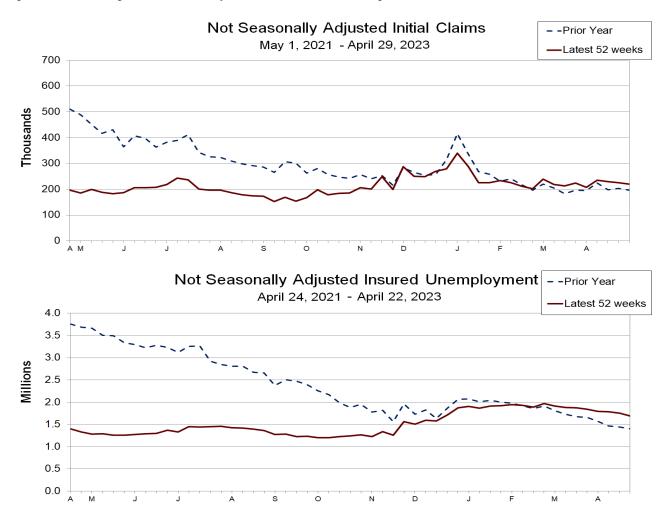
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 22, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 22 was 1,805,000, a decrease of 38,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 15,000 from 1,858,000 to 1,843,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,828,250, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,750 from 1,836,500 to 1,832,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,619 in the week ending April 29, a decrease of 5,518 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 16,966 (or -7.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 196,422 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,692,746, a decrease of 60,011 (or -3.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 23,960 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,403,640.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 15 was 1,779,249, a decrease of 36,249 from the previous week. There were 1,477,620 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 371 in the week ending April 22, a decrease of 8 from the prior week. There were 314 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 20 from the preceding week.

There were 5,360 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 15, a decrease of 251 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,134, an increase of 85 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 15 were in California (2.4), New Jersey (2.4), Rhode Island (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), Minnesota (1.8), New York (1.8), Alaska (1.7), Illinois (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.6), and Washington (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 22 were in Massachusetts (+8,774), Illinois (+2,482), New York (+1,487), Michigan (+625), and Colorado (+604), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,754), Ohio (-3,236), New Jersey (-2,962), Connecticut (-2,076), and Rhode Island (-1,426).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 29	April 22	Change	April 15	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	242,000	229,000	+13,000	246,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	219,619	225,137	-5,518	229,319	196,422
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	239,250	235,750	+3,500	240,000	216,000
WEEK ENDING	April 22	April 15	Change	April 8	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,805,000	1,843,000	-38,000	1,861,000	1,498,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,692,746	1,752,757	-60,011	1,788,631	1,403,640
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,828,250	1,832,750	-4,500	1,826,250	1,534,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 22	April 15	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	371	379	-8	489
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	314	334	-20	391

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

WEEK ENDING	April 15	April 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,746,821	1,782,655	-35,834	1,438,295
Federal Employees	5,360	5,611	-251	7,333
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,134	4,049	+85	4,306
Extended Benefits ³	1,246	1,295	-49	13,980
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,909	1,864	+45	2,015
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,779	20,024	-245	11,691
TOTAL	1,779,249	1,815,498	-36,249	1,477,620

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 146,891,243 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: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Claims	Filed During Week	Ended April 29	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 22			
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	
Alabama	2,049	2,295	-246	7,974	8,712	-738	
Alaska	796	602	194	5,046	5,117	-71	
Arizona	4,379	4,684	-305	21,963	21,955	8	
Arkansas	1,137	1,515	-378	6,443	6,757	-314	
California	43,992	42,380	1,612	428,355	427,236	1,119	
Colorado	3,998	3,261	737	22,140	23,291	-1,151	
Connecticut	2,670	2,946	-276	21,854	25,039	-3,185	
Delaware	224	328	-104	3,835	4,234	-399	
District of Columbia	407	302	105	4,869	5,323	-454	
Florida	5,396	5,093	303	32,773	37,279	-4,506	
Georgia	6,015	7,499	-1,484	30,442	31,862	-1,420	
Hawaii	1,104	1,066	38	5,713	5,746	-33	
Idaho	878	940	-62	5,915	6,541	-626	
		11,408		90,056			
Illinois	8,754		-2,654		95,198	-5,142	
Indiana	3,084	2,989	95	20,817	20,721	96	
Iowa	1,881	1,538	343	7,302	7,731	-429	
Kansas	1,256	1,396	-140	4,701	4,261	440	
Kentucky	4,664	995	3,669	7,779	7,292	487	
Louisiana	1,627	1,666	-39	10,164	11,426	-1,262	
Maine	583	749	-166	6,872	6,664	208	
Maryland	1,720	2,027	-307	17,789	19,738	-1,949	
Massachusetts	28,478	24,722	3,756	75,148	70,150	4,998	
Michigan	4,687	5,145	-458	42,703	49,303	-6,600	
Minnesota	3,306	2,901	405	48,908	50,281	-1,373	
Mississippi	931	1,030	-99	4,883	5,475	-592	
Missouri	2,372	2,332	40	13,713	13,979	-266	
Montana	558	621	-63	5,361	5,841	-480	
Nebraska	505	515	-10	3,228	3,365	-137	
Nevada	2,201	2,162	39	18,050	19,480	-1,430	
New Hampshire	750	393	357	2,350	2,607	-257	
New Jersey	7,132	8,171	-1,039	91,501	98,720	-7,219	
New Mexico	661	657	4	8,987	9,109	-122	
New York	13,522	22,880	-9,358	151,098	164,653	-13,555	
North Carolina	3,148	3,144	4	17,621	18,810	-1,189	
North Dakota	224	223	1	2,715	2,956	-241	
Ohio	5,146	5,813	-667	42,401	45,288	-2,887	
Oklahoma	1,369	1,117	252	9,651	10,126	-475	
Oregon	4,007	3,937	70	31,877	31,370	507	
Pennsylvania	9,528	8,511	1,017	72,483	76,613	-4,130	
Puerto Rico	1,033	1,198	-165	12,717	14,431	-1,714	
Rhode Island	688	752	-64	7,837	9,915	-2,078	
South Carolina	1,945	2,332	-387	12,625	13,215	-590	
South Dakota	136	115	21	1,264	1,693	-429	
Tennessee	2,186	2,321	-135	12,348	13,861	-1,513	
Texas	14,189	14,467	-278	123,404	127,621	-4,217	
Utah	1,477	1,661	-184	10,416	10,571	-4,217	
Vermont	564 12	764 36	-200 -24	3,257 148	2,854	403	
Virgin Islands		36			228	-80	
Virginia	2,859	1,838	1,021	13,343	11,830	1,513	
Washington	4,528	4,990	-462	56,647	53,679	2,968	
West Virginia	622	627	-5 201	6,744	6,477	267	
Wisconsin	3,965	3,684	281	24,348	24,123	225	
Wyoming	276	399	-123	2,168	2,010	158	
US Total	219,619	225,137	-5,518	1,692,746	1,752,757	-60,011	

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.

		Change from			Change from		
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
April 23, 2022	207	-10	215.00	1,498	-23	1,534.00	1.1
April 30, 2022	218	11	216.00	1,457	-41	1,500.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	210	-8	213.00	1,434	-23	1,477.50	1.0
May 14, 2022	222	12	214.25	1,432	-2	1,455.25	1.0
May 21, 2022	215	-7	216.25	1,399	-33	1,430.50	1.0
May 28, 2022	202	-13	212.25	1,382	-17	1,411.75	1.0
June 4, 2022	221	19	215.00	1,359	-23	1,393.00	1.0
June 11, 2022	217	-4	213.75	1,350	-9	1,372.50	1.0
June 18, 2022	216	-1	214.00	1,340	-10	1,357.75	1.0
June 25, 2022	213	-3	216.75	1,354	14	1,350.75	1.0
July 2, 2022	212	-1	214.50	1,314	-40	1,339.50	0.9
July 9, 2022	221	9	215.50	1,341	27	1,337.25	0.9
July 16, 2022	213	-8	214.75	1,317	-24	1,331.50	0.9
July 23, 2022	211	-2	214.25	1,350	33	1,330.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	218	7	215.75	1,352	2	1,340.00	1.0
August 6, 2022	214	-4	214.00	1,350	-2	1,342.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,772	32	1,740.23	1.2
		-13 17					
March 18, 2023	247		235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,805	-38	1,828.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 22

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 15

	APRIL 22								AP	RIL 15		
		CHANG	E EDOM					CHANC	E FROM			ALL PROGRAMS
		LAST	YEAR					LAST	YEAR			EXCLUDING RAILROAD
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE 1	LICX 1	STATE	(%) 2		AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	RETIREMENT
Alabama	2,295	174	273	4	3	8,712	0.4	133	5,104	21	18	8,751
Alaska	602	-60	-252	0	0	5,117	1.7	33	-280	45	12	5,174
Arizona	4,684	483	956	2	0	21,955	0.7	1,192	6,525	48	30	22,033
Arkansas	1,515	113	128	0	0	6,757	0.7	-56	194	25	12	6,794
California	42,380		-1,060	84	50		2.4				804	429,176
Colorado		-3,754 604	803	2	4	427,236 23,291	0.9	723	83,459	1,136 104	165	
Connecticut	3,261 2,946		-1,842	1	0	25,039	1.5	-663	5,001 3,271	54	28	23,560 25,121
		-2,076		0				3,089				
Delaware District of Columbia	328 302	-389	-343	10	1 0	4,234	0.9	287 -282	1,098	13 145	11 3	4,258
		-51	-316			5,323			1,154			5,471
Florida	5,093	-442	-147	14	22	37,279	0.4	1,219	4,284	69	107	37,455
Georgia	7,499	56	2,938	43	34	31,862	0.7	-1,035	4,251	137	92	32,091
Hawaii	1,066	-93	-77	0	2	5,746	1.0	-169	-476	41	69	5,856
Idaho	940	-105	182	4	2	6,541	0.8	-648	2,533	27	15	6,583
Illinois	11,408	2,482	3,793	4	7	95,198	1.6	-9,068	13,325	277	142	95,617
Indiana	2,989	-305	-3,410	3	5	20,721	0.7	-4,526	-2,606	45	22	20,788
Iowa	1,538	330	367	2	1	7,731	0.5	-1,860	-1,807	18	6	7,755
Kansas	1,396	145	517	0	1	4,261	0.3	-187	393	29	8	4,298
Kentucky	995	-529	-993	0	0	7,292	0.4	-646	-960	41	62	7,395
Louisiana	1,666	-280	62	1	3	11,426	0.6	275	1,872	20	10	11,456
Maine	749	86	99	0	1	6,664	1.1	-545	1,036	20	7	6,691
Maryland	2,027	-82	-121	9	0	19,738	0.8	-862	4,469	114	37	19,889
Massachusetts	24,722	8,774	17,247	4	6	70,150	2.0	-2,757	22,858	104	70	70,324
Michigan	5,145	625	-1,351	4	4	49,303	1.2	-5,414	-6,378	70	29	49,402
Minnesota	2,901	-313	189	2	4	50,281	1.8	-4,828	7,166	67	58	50,406
Mississippi	1,030	-48	51	4	0	5,475	0.5	-62	1,513	49	11	5,535
Missouri	2,332	91	-310	1	3	13,979	0.5	-217	2,120	64	33	14,076
Montana	621	13	-168	6	0	5,841	1.2	-409	824	126	20	5,987
Nebraska	515	45	68	1	1	3,365	0.3	-282	602	5	2	3,372
Nevada	2,162	85	164	3	1	19,480	1.4	312	5,788	85	47	19,612
New Hampshire	393	15	112	0	0	2,607	0.4	-71	678	0	4	2,611
New Jersey	8,171	-2,962	-408	22	6	98,720	2.4	1,473	21,260	259	146	99,125
New Mexico	657	-25	-57	1	0	9,109	1.1	-58	1,088	64	26	9,199
New York	22,880	1,487	6,925	24	15	164,653	1.8	177	27,870	282	253	165,188
North Carolina	3,144	-122	527	3	1	18,810	0.4	-3	5,813	90	97	18,997
North Dakota	223	-27	-99	2	1	2,956	0.7	-917	-507	12	2	2,970
Ohio	5,813	-3,236	-2,481	5	7	45,288	0.9	-3,647	3,992	83	86	45,457
Oklahoma	1,117	-45	-811	1	4	10,126	0.7	9	-1,009	45	37	10,208
Oregon	3,937	-934	205	9	3	31,370	1.6	-1,206	9,571	187	51	31,608
Pennsylvania	8,511	-869	-428	13	13	76,613	1.3	-4,656	4,920	201	101	76,915
Puerto Rico	1,198	-177	-26	7	1	14,431	1.6	-335	1,746	162	88	14,681
Rhode Island	752	-1,426	-1,264	0	0	9,915	2.1	1,114	3,534	15	12	9,942
South Carolina	2,332	-547	-55	3	5	13,215	0.6	-198	3,705	17	35	13,267
South Dakota	115	-15	-25	1	1	1,693	0.4	-471	382	23	13	1,729
Tennessee	2,321	30	389	5	5	13,861	0.4	110	2,388	39	33	13,933
Texas	14,467	-179	1,371	36	71	127,621	1.0	5,390	31,110	419	867	128,907
Utah	1,661	-2	17	9	1	10,571	0.7	-1,102	4,869	55	11	10,637
Vermont	764	405	102	0	0	2,854	1.0	-241	379	1	0	2,855
Virgin Islands	36	12	7	0	0	228	0.7	78	-130	0	0	228
Virginia Virginia	1,838	78	, -7	4	2	11,830	0.7	158	4,578	59	76	11,965
Washington	4,990	-514	939	10	20	53,679	1.6	-417	16,399	218	237	54,134
West Virginia	627	-314 49	-28	10	0	6,477	1.0	-417 -401	725	37	14	6,528
Wisconsin	3,684		-28 -75	4	2	24,123	0.9	-3,221	1,087	54	9	24,186
	3,684 399	-638 -119	-75 -92		1				1,087	34 39	6	
Wyoming				3 371		2,010	0.8	-186 25.874				2,055
Totals	225,137	-4,182	22,185	3/1	314	1,752,757	1.2	-35,874	310,933	5,360	4,134	1,762,251

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 22, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+8,774	No comment.
IL	+2,482	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
NY	+1,487	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, real estate and rental and
		leasing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,754	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
OH	-3,236	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and automobile industries.
NJ	-2,962	No comment.
CT	-2,076	No comment.
RI	-1,426	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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