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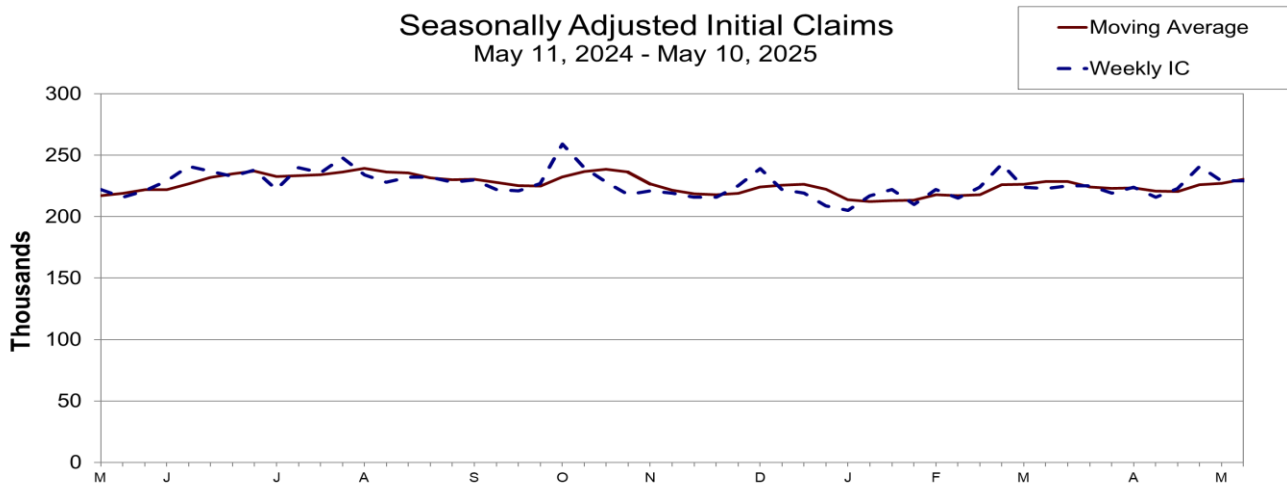
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

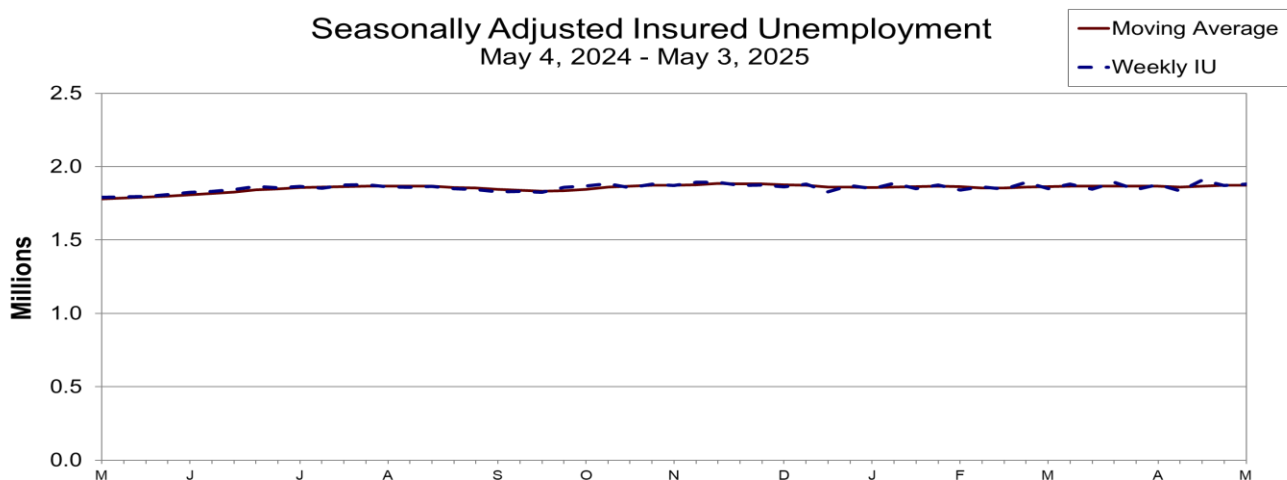
In the week ending May 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 229,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 228,000 to 229,000. The 4-week moving average was 230,500, an increase of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 227,000 to 227,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 3, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 3 was 1,881,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,879,000 to 1,872,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,873,500, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,874,500 to 1,872,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 11, 2024 - May 10, 2025



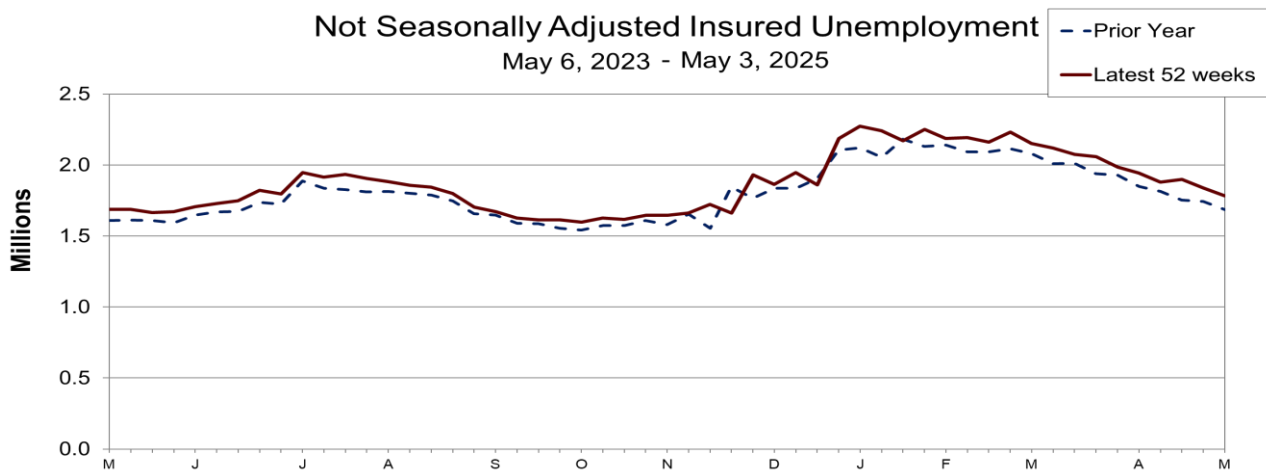
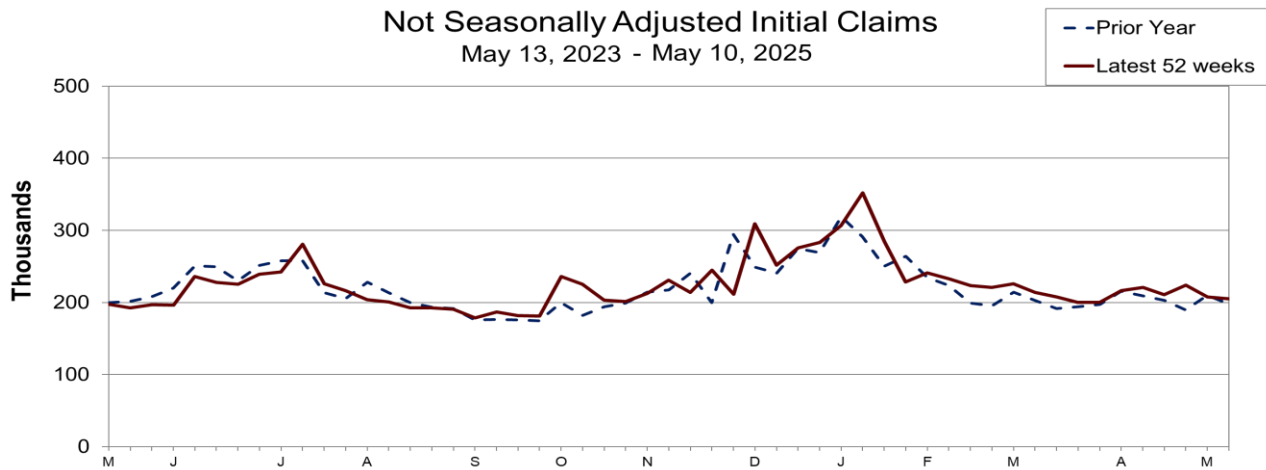
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 4, 2024 - May 3, 2025



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 205,183 in the week ending May 10, a decrease of 2,630 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,743 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 197,680 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending May 3, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,782,918, a decrease of 55,447 (or -3.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 63,650 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,686,177.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 26 was 1,868,141, a decrease of 58,923 from the previous week. There were 1,768,417 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 438 in the week ending May 3, a decrease of 30 from the prior week. There were 427 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 88 from the preceding week.

There were 6,571 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 26, a decrease of 145 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,464, an increase of 92 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 26 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.2), Washington (2.1), Rhode Island (2.0), District of Columbia (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), Illinois (1.7), New York (1.7), Minnesota (1.6), Nevada (1.6), Oregon (1.6), and Puerto Rico (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 3 were in Michigan (+6,869), California (+1,187), Maryland (+1,073), Texas (+930), and Florida (+584), while the largest decreases were in New York (-15,228), Massachusetts (-3,993), New Jersey (-3,243), South Carolina (-1,049), and Connecticut (-895).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 10	May 3	Change	April 26	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	229,000	229,000	0	241,000	222,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	205,183	207,813	-2,630	223,909	197,680
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	230,500	227,250	+3,250	226,000	217,250

WEEK ENDING	May 3	April 26	Change	April 19	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,881,000	1,872,000	+9,000	1,908,000	1,790,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,782,918	1,838,365	-55,447	1,898,289	1,686,177
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,873,500	1,872,750	+750	1,865,750	1,780,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 3	April 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	438	468	-30	385
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	427	339	+88	388

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

WEEK ENDING	April 26	April 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,831,440	1,892,064	-60,624	1,738,634
Federal Employees	6,571	6,716	-145	4,764
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,464	4,372	+92	4,339
Extended Benefits ³	63	71	-8	421
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,233	3,015	+218	2,683
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,370	20,826	+1,544	17,576
TOTAL	1,868,141	1,927,064	-58,923	1,768,417

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 152,470,762 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 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,157	1,934	223	7,807	8,580	-773
Alaska	619	526	93	4,423	4,539	-116
Arizona	3,618	3,846	-228	27,822	26,200	1,622
Arkansas	1,251	1,160	91	6,781	6,992	-211
California	41,324	42,675	-1,351	395,182	401,245	-6,063
Colorado	3,171	3,096	75	31,706	30,861	845
Connecticut	2,694	2,364	330	22,849	24,950	-2,101
Delaware	294	269	25	5,103	5,796	-693
District of Columbia	836	804	32	11,131	10,282	849
Florida	6,508	6,426	82	30,317	33,094	-2,777
Georgia	4,317	4,813	-496	28,021	29,503	-1,482
Hawaii	1,057	954	103	5,520	5,209	311
Idaho	852	863	-11	5,270	5,958	-688
Illinois	9,692	9,131	561	99,354	102,481	-3,127
Indiana	2,582	2,749	-167	21,214	21,208	6
Iowa	1,840	1,665	175	8,470	9,639	-1,169
Kansas	1,204	1,155	49	10,852	8,917	1,935
Kentucky	1,617	1,979	-362	10,426	13,237	-2,811
Louisiana	1,459	1,714	-255	9,171	10,257	-1,086
Maine	722	511	211	6,699	7,125	-426
Maryland	3,502	3,654	-152	23,717	24,566	-849
Massachusetts	7,632	4,186	3,446	52,806	65,285	-12,479
Michigan	6,347	12,250	-5,903	47,883	54,871	-6,988
Minnesota	3,478	3,443	35	45,353	45,967	-614
Mississippi	1,038	951	87	5,735	6,147	-412
Missouri	2,397	2,374	23	15,992	17,252	-1,260
Montana	439	545	-106	5,645	5,796	-151
Nebraska	975	589	386	4,489	4,970	-481
Nevada	2,521	2,554	-33	23,750	24,947	-1,197
New Hampshire	361	884	-523	3,728	3,596	132
New Jersey	9,104	9,026	78	96,005	102,517	-6,512
New Mexico	896	812	84	10,355	10,354	1
New York	14,000	14,708	-708	152,003	156,995	-4,992
North Carolina	3,547	3,443	104	22,135	23,303	-1,168
North Dakota	304	277	27	2,742	2,766	-24
Ohio	5,490	6,395	-905	48,917	50,584	-1,667
Oklahoma	1,484	1,217	267	9,988	10,229	-241
Oregon	4,226	3,885	341	33,379	31,856	1,523
Pennsylvania	10,420	9,919	501	83,103	85,469	-2,366
Puerto Rico	1,150	1,254	-104	14,119	15,053	-934
Rhode Island	814	749	65	9,347	9,687	-340
South Carolina	2,277	2,333	-56	13,739	15,998	-2,259
South Dakota	159	157	2	1,330	1,488	-158
Tennessee	2,930	2,813	117	14,918	14,842	76
Texas	16,635	16,436	199	151,249	148,741	2,508
Utah	1,622	1,541	81	12,145	12,340	-195
Vermont	393	380	13	3,042	3,295	-253
Virgin Islands	23	22	1	234	198	36
Virginia	3,920	2,720	1,200	19,519	17,896	1,623
Washington	5,564	5,556	8	77,195	74,965	2,230
West Virginia	653	646	7	6,599	6,242	357
Wisconsin	2,808	3,141	-333	21,357	21,991	-634
Wyoming	260	319	-59	2,282	2,086	196
US Total	205,183	207,813	-2,630	1,782,918	1,838,365	-55,447

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 4, 2024	229	20	214.50	1,790	4	1,780.75	1.2
May 11, 2024	222	-7	217.25	1,793	3	1,785.00	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-6	219.00	1,798	5	1,791.75	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	222.00	1,810	12	1,797.75	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.00	1,825	15	1,806.50	1.2
June 8, 2024	241	12	226.75	1,832	7	1,816.25	1.2
June 15, 2024	237	-4	232.00	1,844	12	1,827.75	1.2
June 22, 2024	233	-4	235.00	1,864	20	1,841.25	1.2
June 29, 2024	238	5	237.25	1,856	-8	1,849.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	222	-16	232.50	1,866	10	1,857.50	1.2
July 13, 2024	240	18	233.25	1,853	-13	1,859.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	236	-4	234.00	1,874	21	1,862.25	1.2
July 27, 2024	248	12	236.50	1,876	2	1,867.25	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-14	239.50	1,863	-13	1,866.50	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.50	1,859	-4	1,868.00	1.2
August 17, 2024	232	4	235.50	1,864	5	1,865.50	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	0	231.50	1,849	-15	1,858.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.00	1,845	-4	1,854.25	1.2
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.50	1,827	-18	1,846.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-8	228.00	1,831	4	1,838.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	221	-1	225.25	1,825	-6	1,832.00	1.2
September 28, 2024	227	6	225.00	1,858	33	1,835.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	259	32	232.25	1,869	11	1,845.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	240	-19	236.75	1,884	15	1,859.00	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-12	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	226.75	1,872	-8	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,881	9	1,873.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	229	0	230.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MAY 3

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 26

STATE NAME	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	1,934	-194	-452	2	6	8,580	0.4	137	-178	28	19	8,627
Alaska	526	-40	-148	1	0	4,539	1.5	70	-368	30	1	4,570
Arizona	3,846	-820	-833	1	3	26,200	0.8	-1,200	-13	60	31	26,291
Arkansas	1,160	-100	-37	1	1	6,992	0.6	-215	-1,609	20	13	7,025
California	42,675	1,187	-864	74	90	401,245	2.2	-3,786	-1,079	1,107	1,201	403,553
Colorado	3,096	-41	108	1	7	30,861	1.1	-120	3,300	137	158	31,156
Connecticut	2,364	-895	-132	0	1	24,950	1.5	-2,680	353	49	36	25,035
Delaware	269	-408	24	1	1	5,796	1.2	1,019	874	14	6	5,816
District of Columbia	804	67	244	23	2	10,282	1.8	-3	4,959	1,086	4	11,372
Florida	6,426	584	533	23	28	33,094	0.4	-603	-1,874	120	68	33,282
Georgia	4,813	-752	-184	32	10	29,503	0.6	-866	399	227	82	29,812
Hawaii	954	-35	-104	1	8	5,209	0.9	-217	-895	41	43	5,293
Idaho	863	-31	-76	2	1	5,958	0.7	-239	214	20	6	5,984
Illinois	9,131	427	-1,376	8	4	102,481	1.7	-3,557	4,485	284	116	102,881
Indiana	2,749	183	-1,962	1	2	21,208	0.7	-528	1,413	29	17	21,254
Iowa	1,665	-425	-159	4	1	9,639	0.6	197	346	16	7	9,662
Kansas	1,155	42	-18	0	0	8,917	0.6	-10	4,207	19	12	8,948
Kentucky	1,979	1	481	2	0	13,237	0.7	-14	5,191	32	6	13,275
Louisiana	1,714	29	354	0	2	10,257	0.5	-167	165	28	8	10,293
Maine	511	-95	11	0	0	7,125	1.1	-216	1,103	21	9	7,155
Maryland	3,654	1,073	1,225	23	10	24,566	0.9	-970	1,713	191	61	24,818
Massachusetts	4,186	-3,993	-432	4	33	65,285	1.8	-908	2,088	138	77	65,500
Michigan	12,250	6,869	6,721	3	6	54,871	1.3	-2,350	9,892	84	40	54,995
Minnesota	3,443	336	262	4	3	45,967	1.6	-3,732	2,268	65	64	46,096
Mississippi	951	-21	-18	0	1	6,147	0.5	131	253	54	12	6,213
Missouri	2,374	1	-57	2	2	17,252	0.6	431	869	55	25	17,332
Montana	545	11	43	1	1	5,796	1.2	-520	648	76	16	5,888
Nebraska	589	-514	-12	2	0	4,970	0.5	288	790	17	9	4,996
Nevada	2,554	-110	-103	5	2	24,947	1.6	-326	1,492	66	72	25,085
New Hampshire	884	425	425	0	0	3,596	0.5	-48	-244	3	0	3,599
New Jersey	9,026	-3,243	617	20	24	102,517	2.4	-1,316	3,975	211	248	102,976
New Mexico	812	20	106	2	1	10,354	1.2	-82	991	67	19	10,440
New York	14,708	-15,228	-8,588	35	10	156,995	1.7	-18,040	-5,282	281	168	157,444
North Carolina	3,443	134	19	5	0	23,303	0.5	-610	3,919	49	83	23,435
North Dakota	277	-71	-25	0	2	2,766	0.7	-428	773	11	1	2,778
Ohio	6,395	576	676	8	5	50,584	0.9	-1,259	11,627	97	69	50,750
Oklahoma	1,217	-15	-195	9	9	10,229	0.6	34	754	26	38	10,293
Oregon	3,885	64	225	4	1	31,856	1.6	-129	6,220	176	43	32,075
Pennsylvania	9,919	-306	531	18	8	85,469	1.4	-4,580	1,971	227	99	85,795
Puerto Rico	1,254	-210	105	10	5	15,053	1.6	-1,528	2,200	148	30	15,231
Rhode Island	749	-151	57	5	2	9,687	2.0	-2,266	1,241	18	19	9,724
South Carolina	2,333	-1,049	377	2	2	15,998	0.7	-292	2,775	37	33	16,068
South Dakota	157	-16	8	4	1	1,488	0.3	-142	179	29	0	1,517
Tennessee	2,813	-53	-484	0	10	14,842	0.5	-45	-3,049	52	31	14,925
Texas	16,436	930	796	73	87	148,741	1.1	-7,130	6,324	481	835	150,057
Utah	1,541	-164	-97	5	3	12,340	0.7	132	1,079	57	14	12,411
Vermont	380	-398	-60	0	0	3,295	1.1	267	726	0	0	3,295
Virgin Islands	22	-1	4	0	0	198	0.6	-48	36	2	0	200
Virginia	2,720	204	223	6	5	17,896	0.5	258	2,350	144	69	18,109
Washington	5,556	472	373	8	25	74,965	2.1	-517	17,281	262	409	75,636
West Virginia	646	33	-117	0	1	6,242	0.9	-369	-1,276	22	17	6,281
Wisconsin	3,141	-325	-287	2	0	21,991	0.8	-822	-853	39	18	22,048
Wyoming	319	-60	35	1	1	2,086	0.8	-10	197	18	2	2,106
Totals	207,813	-16,096	-2,237	438	427	1,838,365	1.2	-59,924	94,920	6,571	4,464	1,849,400

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 MAY 3, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+6,869	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	+1,187	No comment.
MD	+1,073	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-15,228	Fewer layoffs in educational services, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and in public administration industries.
MA	-3,993	No comment.
NJ	-3,243	No comment.
SC	-1,049	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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