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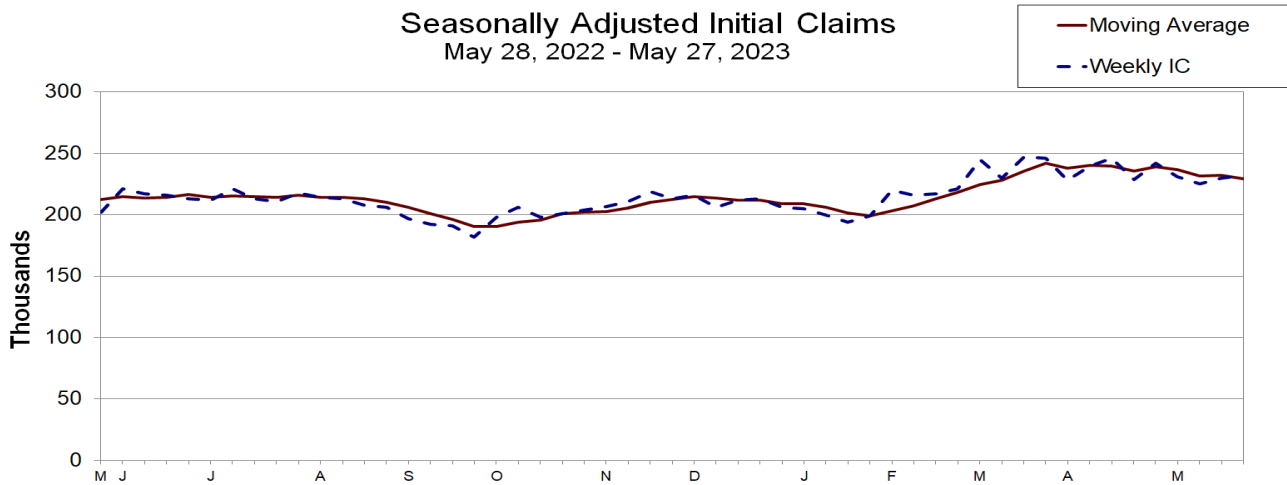
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

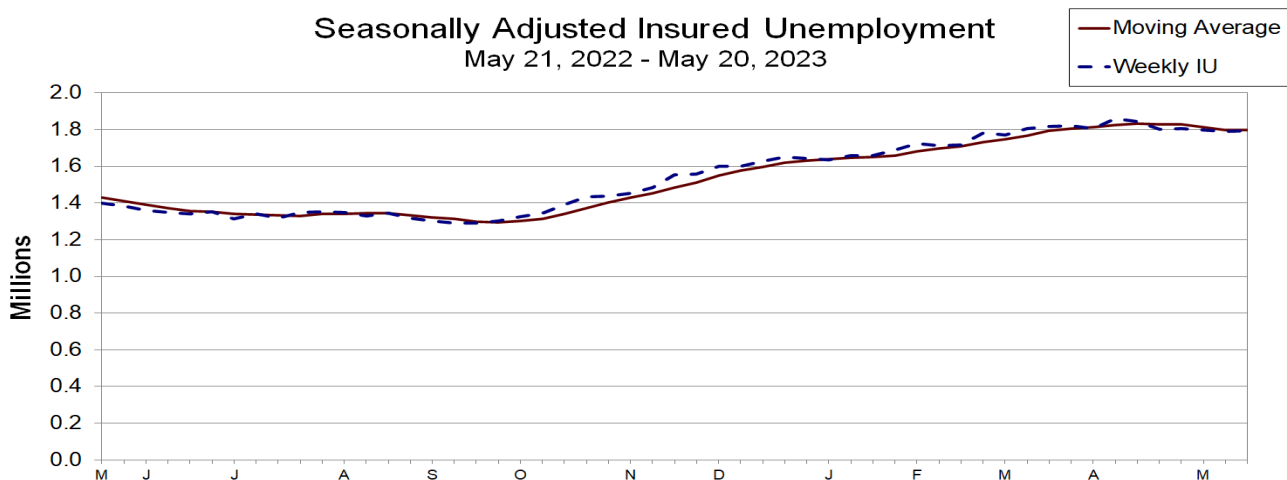
In the week ending May 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 232,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 229,000 to 230,000. The 4-week moving average was 229,500, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 231,750 to 232,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 20, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 20 was 1,795,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,794,000 to 1,789,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,797,500, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,800,250 to 1,799,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 28, 2022 - May 27, 2023



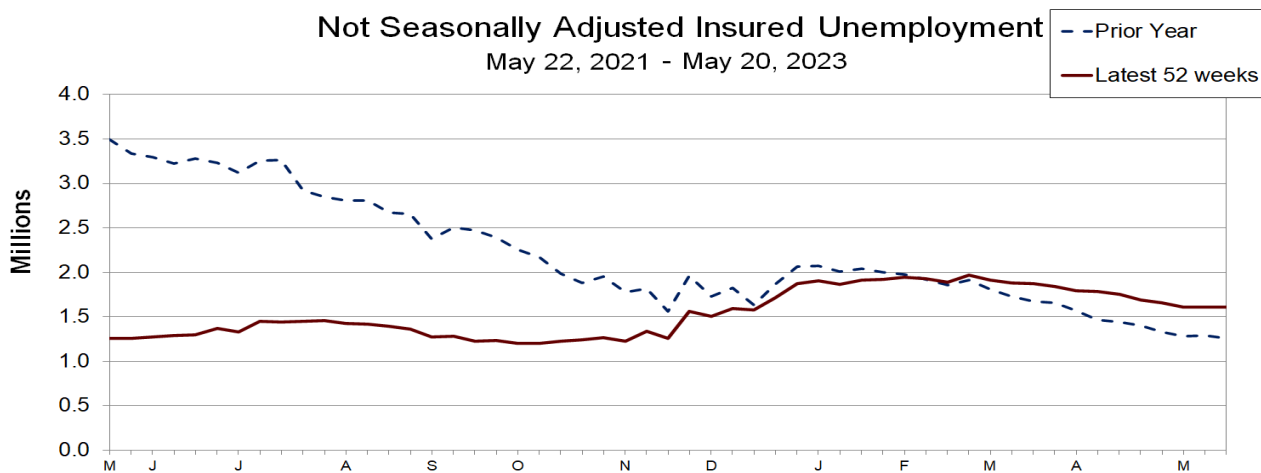
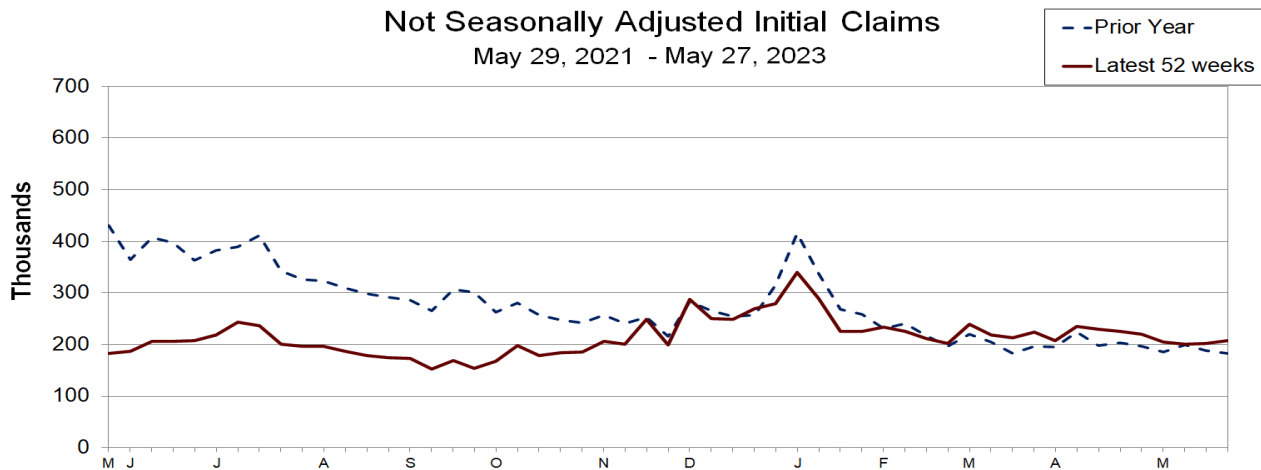
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 21, 2022 - May 20, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 207,941 in the week ending May 27, an increase of 5,296 (or 2.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,450 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 183,446 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 20, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,610,058, a decrease of 2,086 (or -0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,157 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,256,209.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 13 was 1,636,717, a decrease of 1,253 from the previous week. There were 1,318,964 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 May 13.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 389 in the week ending May 20, an increase of 72 from the prior week. There were 338 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 14 from the preceding week.

There were 4,394 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 13, a decrease of 300 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,282, an increase of 186 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 13 were in California (2.2), New Jersey (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.6), Alaska (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Washington (1.5), and Illinois (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 20 were in Texas (+2,808), Connecticut (+2,091), Iowa (+621), Pennsylvania (+540), and Missouri (+324), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-2,127), Michigan (-1,024), Illinois (-1,000), New York (-625), and Oregon (-565).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 27	May 20	Change	May 13	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	232,000	230,000	+2,000	225,000	202,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	207,941	202,645	+5,296	200,738	183,446
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	229,500	232,000	-2,500	231,750	212,250

WEEK ENDING	May 20	May 13	Change	May 6	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,795,000	1,789,000	+6,000	1,799,000	1,399,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,610,058	1,612,144	-2,086	1,612,137	1,256,209
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,797,500	1,799,000	-1,500	1,812,500	1,430,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 20	May 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	389	317	+72	424
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	338	324	+14	336

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

WEEK ENDING	May 13	May 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,607,118	1,606,695	+423	1,287,115
Federal Employees	4,394	4,694	-300	6,002
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,282	4,096	+186	4,377
Extended Benefits ³	1,410	1,291	+119	9,412
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,650	2,059	-409	1,985
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,863	19,135	-1,272	10,073
TOTAL	1,636,717	1,637,970	-1,253	1,318,964

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: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,490	2,589	-99	8,617	9,102	-485
Alaska	783	637	146	4,166	4,458	-292
Arizona	3,918	4,005	-87	24,959	26,211	-1,252
Arkansas	1,365	1,941	-576	7,571	7,818	-247
California *	44,402	44,348	54	397,422	390,586	6,836
Colorado	3,142	2,943	199	20,506	20,025	481
Connecticut	6,410	5,535	875	22,198	19,959	2,239
Delaware	316	274	42	3,754	3,509	245
District of Columbia	445	513	-68	4,682	4,745	-63
Florida	5,523	5,879	-356	34,544	38,088	-3,544
Georgia	5,108	5,502	-394	40,109	38,415	1,694
Hawaii	1,089	1,074	15	5,657	5,598	59
Idaho	1,282	853	429	4,780	5,223	-443
Illinois	9,451	8,270	1,181	83,913	81,968	1,945
Indiana	2,967	2,837	130	19,857	19,441	416
Iowa	1,798	2,087	-289	6,540	6,715	-175
Kansas *	1,015	1,250	-235	4,885	4,619	266
Kentucky	1,451	1,470	-19	7,130	7,116	14
Louisiana	2,244	1,988	256	11,065	11,566	-501
Maine	413	414	-1	5,103	5,345	-242
Maryland	1,791	1,941	-150	18,037	18,969	-932
Massachusetts	1,761	1,703	58	65,969	71,377	-5,408
Michigan	4,289	4,733	-444	37,511	39,674	-2,163
Minnesota	2,909	2,855	54	32,687	32,610	77
Mississippi	1,469	1,326	143	5,522	5,703	-181
Missouri	3,939	3,113	826	14,676	14,142	534
Montana	587	551	36	3,762	3,912	-150
Nebraska	845	720	125	3,407	3,281	126
Nevada	2,214	2,181	33	18,073	19,262	-1,189
New Hampshire	263	429	-166	2,328	2,546	-218
New Jersey	7,322	7,585	-263	87,545	86,853	692
New Mexico	836	695	141	8,829	9,035	-206
New York	15,099	13,822	1,277	145,488	142,625	2,863
North Carolina	3,028	3,635	-607	18,489	19,065	-576
North Dakota	252	204	48	1,405	1,420	-15
Ohio	10,346	8,213	2,133	38,931	39,040	-109
Oklahoma	1,537	1,726	-189	9,983	10,054	-71
Oregon	4,185	3,551	634	30,224	29,746	478
Pennsylvania	9,470	9,867	-397	72,871	72,442	429
Puerto Rico	1,302	1,117	185	6,656	14,167	-7,511
Rhode Island	684	703	-19	7,071	6,936	135
South Carolina	2,106	2,335	-229	12,554	12,870	-316
South Dakota	148	146	2	786	781	5
Tennessee	3,129	2,838	291	13,563	14,141	-578
Texas	19,344	18,901	443	127,937	129,033	-1,096
Utah	1,382	1,346	36	9,804	9,944	-140
Vermont	209	261	-52	2,419	2,359	60
Virgin Islands	18	44	-26	222	200	22
Virginia *	2,903	2,470	433	13,644	12,736	908
Washington	4,828	4,912	-84	54,070	50,320	3,750
West Virginia	729	785	-56	6,883	6,256	627
Wisconsin	3,169	3,246	-77	19,610	18,546	1,064
Wyoming	236	282	-46	1,644	1,592	52
US Total	207,941	202,645	5,296	1,610,058	1,612,144	-2,086

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 state estimates.

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 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	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	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	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,795	6	1,797.50	1.2
May 27, 2023	232	2	229.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MAY 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MAY 13

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,589	44	331	8	9	9,102	0.5	434	4,608	20	20	9,142
Alaska	637	13	-178	1	1	4,458	1.5	-217	-293	34	11	4,503
Arizona	4,005	23	804	4	0	26,211	0.9	823	7,945	35	37	26,283
Arkansas	1,941	172	567	1	1	7,818	0.6	766	776	25	22	7,865
California	44,348	-475	4,829	114	61	390,586	2.2	-4,260	61,730	873	834	392,293
Colorado	2,943	-117	686	2	2	20,025	0.7	-997	3,490	62	128	20,215
Connecticut	5,535	2,091	2,990	2	0	19,959	1.2	615	3,228	18	39	20,016
Delaware	274	37	-44	0	2	3,509	0.8	-31	927	12	10	3,531
District of Columbia	513	22	94	5	0	4,745	0.9	317	1,465	156	2	4,903
Florida	5,879	10	661	6	20	38,088	0.4	1,008	5,700	84	119	38,291
Georgia	5,502	220	925	22	14	38,415	0.8	3,980	12,178	125	121	38,661
Hawaii	1,074	112	-90	2	7	5,598	1.0	-1	-412	34	51	5,683
Idaho	853	-13	181	0	3	5,223	0.7	-119	2,036	13	13	5,249
Illinois	8,270	-1,000	-483	6	6	81,968	1.4	-1,395	16,271	289	123	82,380
Indiana	2,837	-78	-1,028	6	2	19,441	0.6	-316	1,447	37	38	19,516
Iowa	2,087	621	843	6	2	6,715	0.4	-43	480	13	3	6,731
Kansas	1,250	250	121	2	1	4,619	0.3	-520	996	15	10	4,644
Kentucky	1,470	-19	-3,325	1	0	7,116	0.4	68	-4,226	24	59	7,199
Louisiana	1,988	-91	150	2	4	11,566	0.6	315	1,767	32	8	11,606
Maine	414	-49	-45	0	0	5,345	0.9	-286	1,239	9	11	5,365
Maryland	1,941	-34	122	11	2	18,969	0.8	227	5,828	132	58	19,159
Massachusetts	1,703	-2,127	-2,378	3	13	71,377	2.0	-1,073	31,301	73	55	71,505
Michigan	4,733	-1,024	-1,384	2	2	39,674	0.9	451	3,859	43	46	39,763
Minnesota	2,855	-43	-96	3	4	32,610	1.2	-2,577	4,605	54	55	32,719
Mississippi	1,326	52	-349	1	1	5,703	0.5	201	1,345	67	8	5,778
Missouri	3,113	324	-973	3	6	14,142	0.5	-1,237	2,730	64	23	14,229
Montana	551	4	33	2	0	3,912	0.8	-194	634	47	13	3,972
Nebraska	720	103	-3	1	0	3,281	0.3	67	541	5	2	3,288
Nevada	2,181	103	535	6	2	19,262	1.3	1,562	5,770	56	61	19,379
New Hampshire	429	52	177	1	0	2,546	0.4	66	791	0	0	2,546
New Jersey	7,585	188	1,463	19	9	86,853	2.1	-688	14,702	262	172	87,287
New Mexico	695	16	20	1	3	9,035	1.1	-1	1,197	38	27	9,100
New York	13,822	-625	1,908	22	15	142,625	1.6	-2,581	23,951	296	230	143,151
North Carolina	3,635	41	582	5	0	19,065	0.4	560	5,922	59	88	19,212
North Dakota	204	-25	-76	1	1	1,420	0.4	-120	-99	8	4	1,432
Ohio	8,213	293	-104	7	14	39,040	0.7	-1,017	8,771	58	75	39,173
Oklahoma	1,726	300	-92	9	5	10,054	0.7	-50	-135	27	40	10,121
Oregon	3,551	-565	458	8	4	29,746	1.6	-449	9,443	98	54	29,898
Pennsylvania	9,867	540	-1,246	18	17	72,442	1.3	-117	7,678	186	105	72,733
Puerto Rico	1,117	87	71	2	6	14,167	1.6	745	2,160	140	79	14,386
Rhode Island	703	-100	-13	1	0	6,936	1.5	-106	1,428	14	42	6,992
South Carolina	2,335	302	592	5	6	12,870	0.6	718	2,871	21	43	12,934
South Dakota	146	-5	4	6	0	781	0.2	-52	69	18	5	804
Tennessee	2,838	-327	646	0	2	14,141	0.4	911	3,177	35	38	14,214
Texas	18,901	2,808	4,585	46	64	129,033	1.0	6,382	34,310	400	926	130,359
Utah	1,346	-142	-31	5	6	9,944	0.6	-2	4,591	33	9	9,986
Vermont	261	27	-53	0	0	2,359	0.8	-108	424	0	0	2,359
Virgin Islands	44	9	7	2	0	200	0.6	2	-226	2	0	202
Virginia	2,470	-151	1,264	5	5	12,736	0.3	12	3,172	69	86	12,891
Washington	4,912	-65	1,329	0	14	50,320	1.5	-713	16,074	108	250	50,678
West Virginia	785	39	-7	1	2	6,256	1.0	-40	986	22	12	6,290
Wisconsin	3,246	47	-23	3	0	18,546	0.7	-758	2,727	42	11	18,599
Wyoming	282	32	-7	0	0	1,592	0.6	-155	148	7	6	1,605
Totals	202,645	1,907	14,950	389	338	1,612,144	1.1	7	322,097	4,394	4,282	1,620,820

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 20, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+2,808	Layoffs in the wholesale trade and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
CT	+2,091	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	-2,127	No comment.
MI	-1,024	Fewer layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
IL	-1,000	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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