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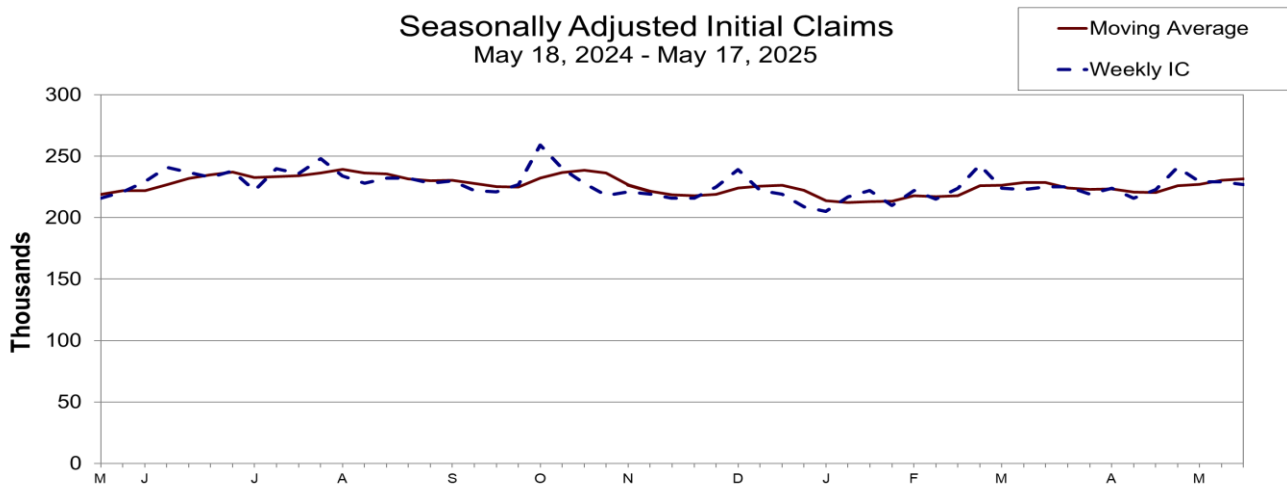
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

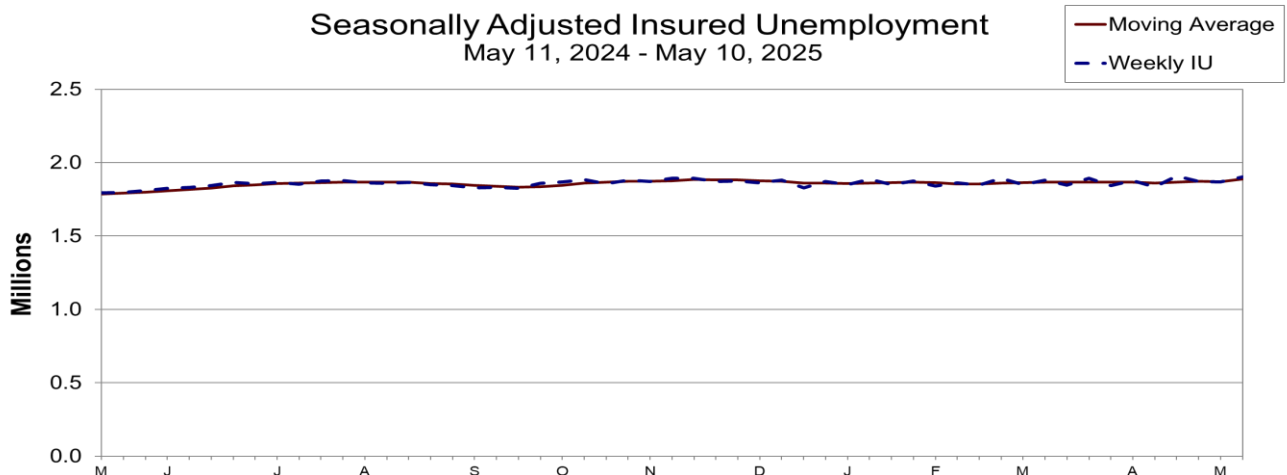
In the week ending May 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 229,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,500, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 230,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 10 was 1,903,000, an increase of 36,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 14,000 from 1,881,000 to 1,867,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,887,500, an increase of 17,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,923,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,500 from 1,873,500 to 1,870,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 18, 2024 - May 17, 2025



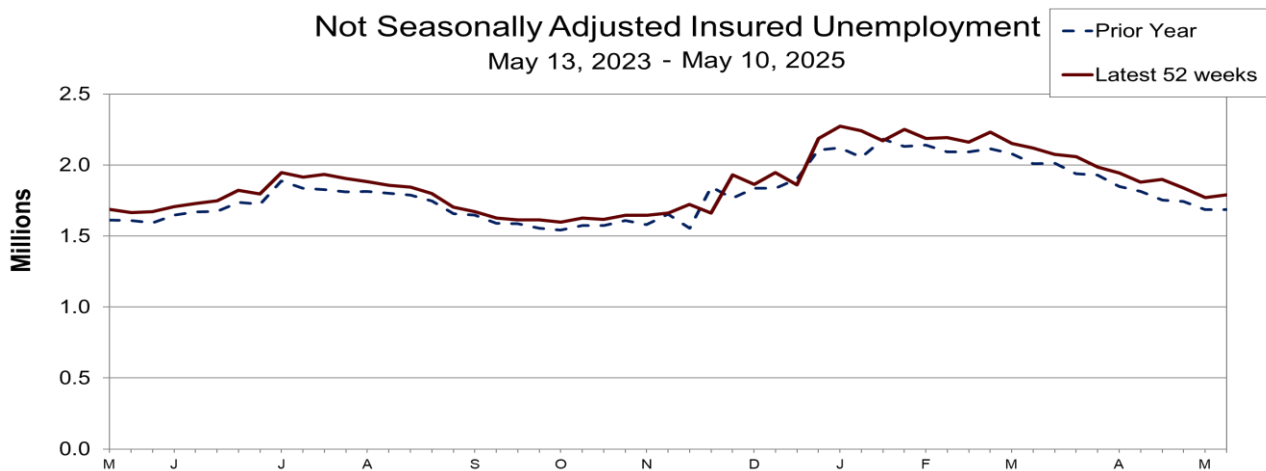
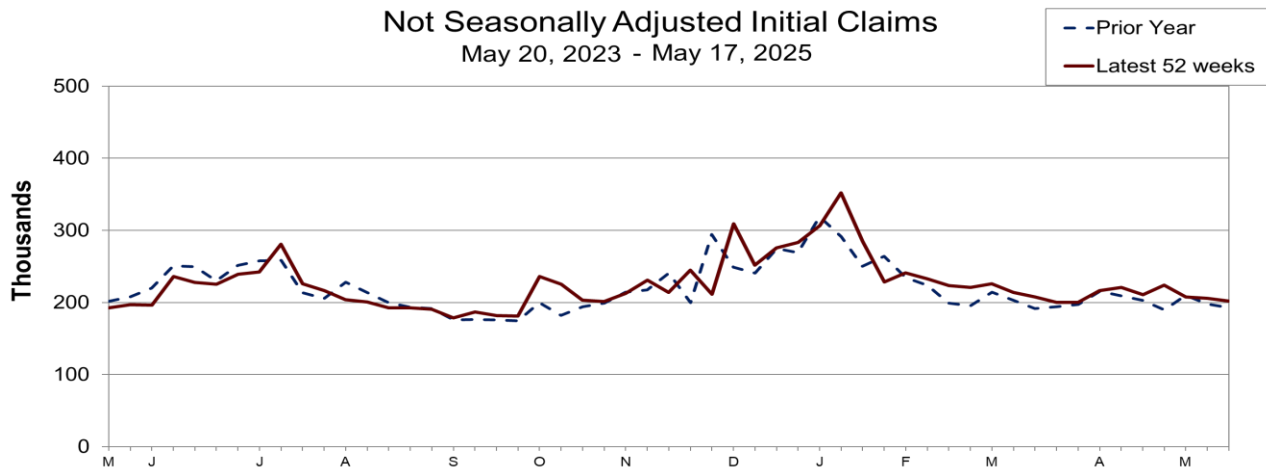
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 11, 2024 - May 10, 2025



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 202,088 in the week ending May 17, a decrease of 3,635 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,147 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 192,717 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending May 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,789,044, an increase of 19,495 (or 1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,933 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,686,782.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 3 was 1,797,523, a decrease of 70,635 from the previous week. There were 1,710,947 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 May 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 595 in the week ending May 10, an increase of 157 from the prior week. There were 370 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 57 from the preceding week.

There were 6,386 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 3, a decrease of 185 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,337, a decrease of 127 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 3 were in New Jersey (2.3), California (2.2), Washington (2.1), Rhode Island (1.9), District of Columbia (1.8), Illinois (1.7), Nevada (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), and Puerto Rico (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 10 were in Massachusetts (+3,410), Virginia (+1,272), Pennsylvania (+595), Illinois (+442), and Nebraska (+395), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-5,827), California (-1,861), Ohio (-868), New York (-859), and New Hampshire (-475).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 17	May 10	Change	May 3	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	229,000	-2,000	229,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	202,088	205,723	-3,635	207,814	192,717
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,500	230,500	+1,000	227,250	219,000

WEEK ENDING	May 10	May 3	Change	April 26	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,903,000	1,867,000	+36,000	1,872,000	1,793,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,789,044	1,769,549	+19,495	1,838,382	1,686,782
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,887,500	1,870,000	+17,500	1,872,750	1,785,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	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 10	May 3	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	595	438	+157	386
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	370	427	-57	405

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

WEEK ENDING	May 3	April 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,763,375	1,831,457	-68,082	1,681,412
Federal Employees	6,386	6,571	-185	4,737
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,337	4,464	-127	4,260
Extended Benefits ³	27	63	-36	287
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,995	3,233	-238	2,973
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,403	22,370	-1,967	17,278
TOTAL	1,797,523	1,868,158	-70,635	1,710,947

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 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,959	2,268	-309	8,212	8,417	-205
Alaska	580	512	68	4,260	4,505	-245
Arizona	3,491	3,575	-84	28,371	27,085	1,286
Arkansas	1,175	1,329	-154	6,900	7,127	-227
California	40,617	40,814	-197	390,160	390,109	51
Colorado	2,916	3,089	-173	32,086	30,900	1,186
Connecticut	2,979	2,652	327	22,637	22,051	586
Delaware	287	296	-9	5,110	4,626	484
District of Columbia	886	826	60	11,114	10,193	921
Florida	5,976	6,724	-748	30,817	33,577	-2,760
Georgia	4,494	4,511	-17	28,310	29,099	-789
Hawaii	1,006	1,024	-18	5,583	5,334	249
Idaho	934	874	60	4,952	5,640	-688
Illinois	10,896	9,573	1,323	96,607	98,490	-1,883
Indiana	2,497	2,564	-67	20,544	21,137	-593
Iowa	1,799	1,735	64	8,573	5,486	3,087
Kansas	1,312	1,245	67	10,174	8,621	1,553
Kentucky	1,714	1,617	97	9,872	10,388	-516
Louisiana	1,793	1,613	180	9,006	10,272	-1,266
Maine	556	707	-151	6,526	6,588	-62
Maryland	3,501	3,813	-312	24,100	23,669	431
Massachusetts	7,396	7,596	-200	65,105	53,101	12,004
Michigan	5,303	6,423	-1,120	56,025	49,168	6,857
Minnesota	3,601	3,434	167	42,330	43,291	-961
Mississippi	1,158	1,114	44	5,891	6,159	-268
Missouri	2,737	2,458	279	16,125	16,289	-164
Montana	435	452	-17	5,405	5,670	-265
Nebraska	803	984	-181	4,376	4,656	-280
Nevada	2,372	2,584	-212	23,378	24,637	-1,259
New Hampshire	311	409	-98	3,249	4,302	-1,053
New Jersey	8,735	9,232	-497	94,564	95,484	-920
New Mexico	896	936	-40	10,297	10,217	80
New York	14,227	13,849	378	151,194	150,877	317
North Carolina *	3,527	3,643	-116	23,426	22,900	526
North Dakota	361	274	87	2,407	2,509	-102
Ohio	5,302	5,527	-225	48,000	49,103	-1,103
Oklahoma	1,377	1,540	-163	10,000	10,200	-200
Oregon	4,099	3,880	219	33,067	31,276	1,791
Pennsylvania	10,414	10,514	-100	83,786	84,175	-389
Puerto Rico	990	1,188	-198	14,051	15,203	-1,152
Rhode Island	947	820	127	9,290	9,270	20
South Carolina	2,105	2,384	-279	14,047	14,020	27
South Dakota	182	177	5	1,210	1,316	-106
Tennessee	2,877	2,926	-49	14,989	15,075	-86
Texas	16,749	16,720	29	149,672	152,719	-3,047
Utah	1,367	1,622	-255	12,282	12,194	88
Vermont	280	397	-117	2,894	2,839	55
Virgin Islands	16	24	-8	232	226	6
Virginia	2,729	3,992	-1,263	21,184	18,144	3,040
Washington	5,625	5,537	88	78,152	72,870	5,282
West Virginia	644	674	-30	6,460	6,146	314
Wisconsin	2,872	2,768	104	19,988	20,166	-178
Wyoming	283	284	-1	2,054	2,033	21
US Total	202,088	205,723	-3,635	1,789,044	1,769,549	19,495

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 for insured unemployment.

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 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	1,867	-5	1,870.00	1.2
May 10, 2025	229	0	230.50	1,903	36	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	227	-2	231.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 10					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 3						
	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	2,268	334	-330	8	5	8,417	0.4	-163	-366	29	19	8,465
Alaska	512	-14	-117	1	0	4,505	1.4	-34	-216	28	2	4,535
Arizona	3,575	-271	-713	2	1	27,085	0.8	885	71	58	29	27,172
Arkansas	1,329	169	59	3	1	7,127	0.6	135	-422	19	15	7,161
California	40,814	-1,861	-1,536	115	77	390,109	2.2	-11,136	2,036	1,030	1,101	392,240
Colorado	3,089	-7	246	0	6	30,900	1.1	39	3,819	109	157	31,166
Connecticut	2,652	288	12	0	2	22,051	1.3	-2,899	455	38	35	22,124
Delaware	296	27	27	7	1	4,626	1.0	-1,170	91	7	10	4,643
District of Columbia	826	22	314	22	0	10,193	1.8	-89	4,794	1,092	4	11,289
Florida	6,724	298	-500	34	25	33,577	0.4	483	-990	131	85	33,793
Georgia	4,511	-302	-436	56	16	29,099	0.6	-404	314	259	86	29,444
Hawaii	1,024	70	21	3	9	5,334	0.9	108	-714	46	45	5,425
Idaho	874	11	15	1	2	5,640	0.7	-318	4	18	8	5,666
Illinois	9,573	442	1,633	4	2	98,490	1.7	-3,991	6,901	304	106	98,900
Indiana	2,564	-185	-1,068	9	4	21,137	0.7	-71	-982	42	19	21,198
Iowa	1,735	70	210	4	1	5,486	0.4	-4,153	-2,247	21	7	5,514
Kansas	1,245	90	37	0	0	8,621	0.6	-296	3,934	16	14	8,651
Kentucky	1,617	-362	35	2	0	10,388	0.5	-2,849	2,659	32	35	10,455
Louisiana	1,613	-101	-284	2	1	10,272	0.5	15	-847	34	10	10,316
Maine	707	196	225	0	0	6,588	1.0	-537	1,086	25	10	6,623
Maryland	3,813	159	1,418	23	8	23,669	0.9	-897	714	190	63	23,922
Massachusetts	7,596	3,410	2,615	2	1	53,101	1.5	-12,184	-5,965	92	64	53,257
Michigan	6,423	-5,827	1,407	4	3	49,168	1.1	-5,703	7,708	63	41	49,272
Minnesota	3,434	-9	-289	3	3	43,291	1.5	-2,676	597	65	72	43,428
Mississippi	1,114	163	-111	5	0	6,159	0.5	12	224	67	10	6,236
Missouri	2,458	84	-161	1	2	16,289	0.6	-963	634	55	17	16,361
Montana	452	-93	-33	0	0	5,670	1.1	-126	706	58	16	5,744
Nebraska	984	395	305	2	2	4,656	0.5	-314	423	13	7	4,676
Nevada	2,584	30	199	3	0	24,637	1.6	-310	1,734	59	58	24,754
New Hampshire	409	-475	12	4	0	4,302	0.6	706	1,077	9	1	4,312
New Jersey	9,232	206	974	26	25	95,484	2.3	-7,033	-1,426	217	251	95,952
New Mexico	936	124	185	1	1	10,217	1.2	-137	1,133	55	22	10,294
New York	13,849	-859	96	31	23	150,877	1.6	-6,118	-140	285	172	151,334
North Carolina	3,643	200	292	1	0	22,900	0.5	-403	3,385	51	82	23,033
North Dakota	274	-3	-6	1	1	2,509	0.6	-257	589	9	4	2,522
Ohio	5,527	-868	-167	9	5	49,103	0.9	-1,481	10,608	95	68	49,266
Oklahoma	1,540	323	239	8	4	10,200	0.6	-29	741	35	35	10,270
Oregon	3,880	-5	215	3	4	31,276	1.6	-580	5,862	160	44	31,480
Pennsylvania	10,514	595	202	16	6	84,175	1.4	-1,294	816	245	93	84,513
Puerto Rico	1,188	-66	135	6	3	15,203	1.6	150	1,738	120	34	15,357
Rhode Island	820	71	206	3	1	9,270	1.9	-417	1,250	22	17	9,309
South Carolina	2,384	51	368	2	10	14,020	0.6	-1,978	889	35	26	14,081
South Dakota	177	20	-15	2	0	1,316	0.3	-172	80	17	0	1,333
Tennessee	2,926	112	-182	1	2	15,075	0.5	233	-3,755	3	0	15,078
Texas	16,720	284	1,003	133	80	152,719	1.1	3,978	17,738	497	827	154,043
Utah	1,622	81	141	12	4	12,194	0.7	-146	851	49	12	12,255
Vermont	397	17	52	0	0	2,839	0.9	-456	535	0	0	2,839
Virgin Islands	24	2	5	0	0	226	0.6	28	-64	2	0	228
Virginia	3,992	1,272	1,606	6	3	18,144	0.5	248	2,297	147	67	18,358
Washington	5,537	-19	216	6	23	72,870	2.1	-2,095	15,560	253	394	73,517
West Virginia	674	28	-98	1	2	6,146	0.9	-96	-1,150	21	16	6,183
Wisconsin	2,768	-373	-581	7	1	20,166	0.7	-1,825	-1,671	47	22	20,235
Wyoming	284	-35	-55	0	0	2,033	0.7	-53	274	12	5	2,050
Totals	205,723	-2,091	8,043	595	370	1,769,549	1.2	-68,833	83,372	6,386	4,337	1,780,272

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 10, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+3,410	No comment.
VA	+1,272	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-5,827	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	-1,861	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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