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Note: This week's release reflects the annual revision to the weekly unemployment claims seasonal adjustment factors. The seasonal adjustment factors used for the UI Weekly Claims data from 2014 forward, along with the resulting seasonally adjusted values for initial claims and continuing claims, have been revised.

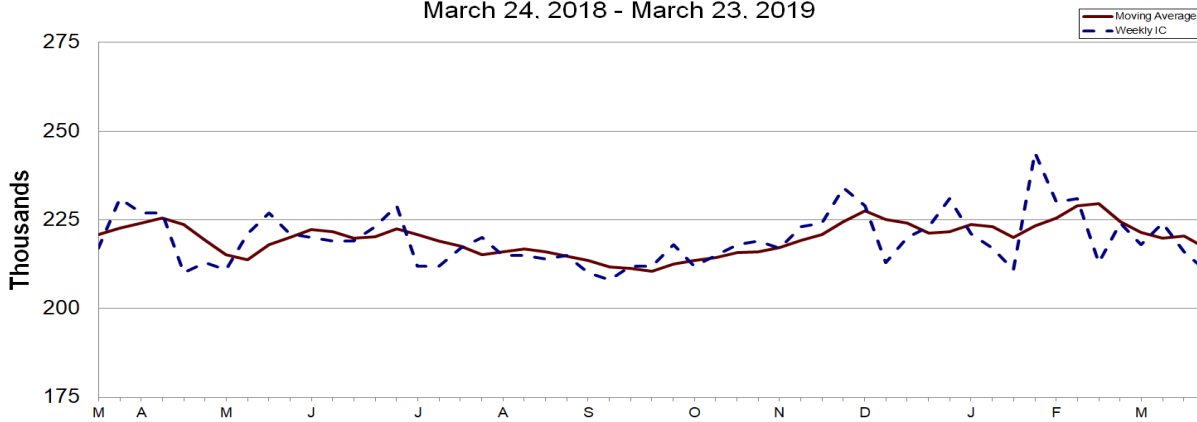
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 211,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 221,000 to 216,000. The 4-week moving average was 217,250, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 4,500 from 225,000 to 220,500.

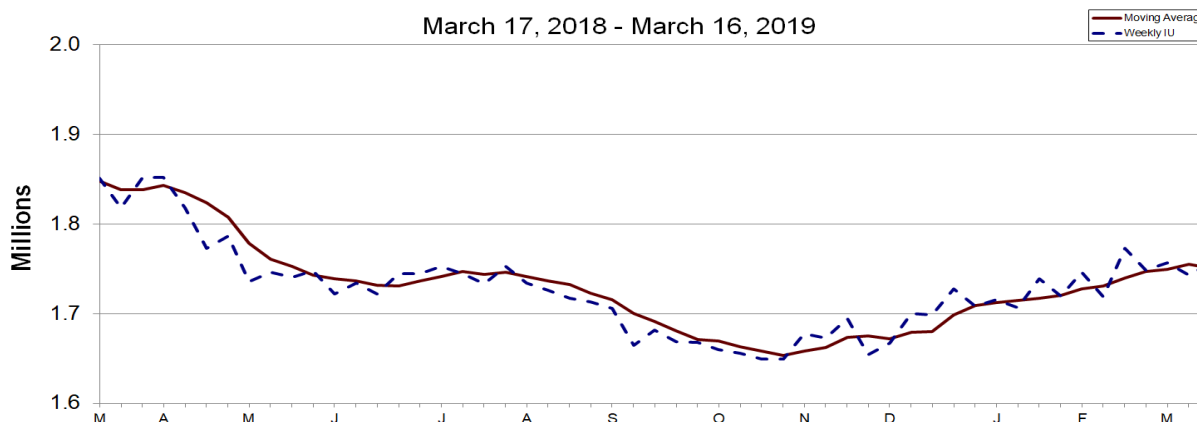
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 16 was 1,756,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,750,000 to 1,743,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,751,250, a decrease of 4,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 17,000 from 1,772,500 to 1,755,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
March 24, 2018 - March 23, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

March 17, 2018 - March 16, 2019



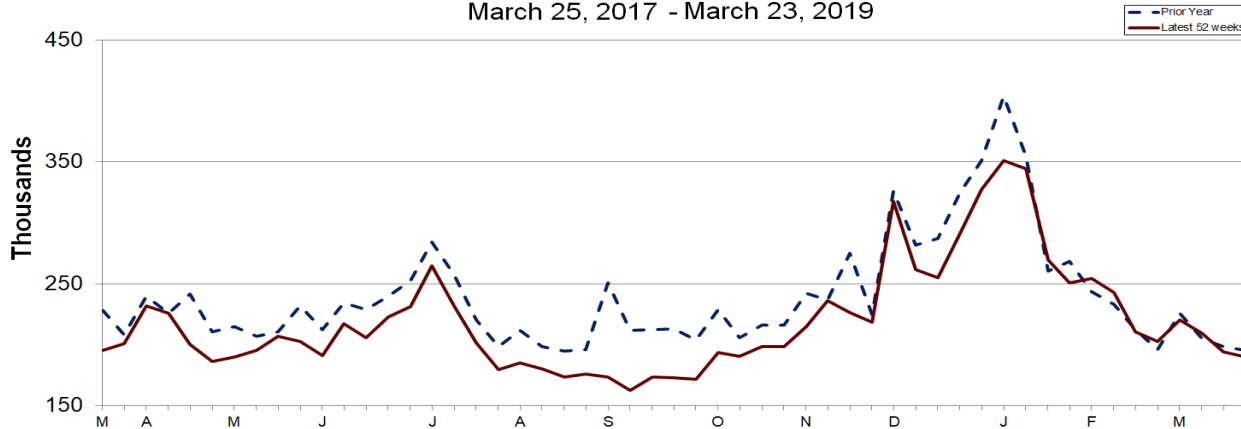
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 189,732 in the week ending March 23, a decrease of 4,650 (or -2.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 647 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 195,433 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending March 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,010,217, an increase of 1,719 (or 0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,204 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,111,985.

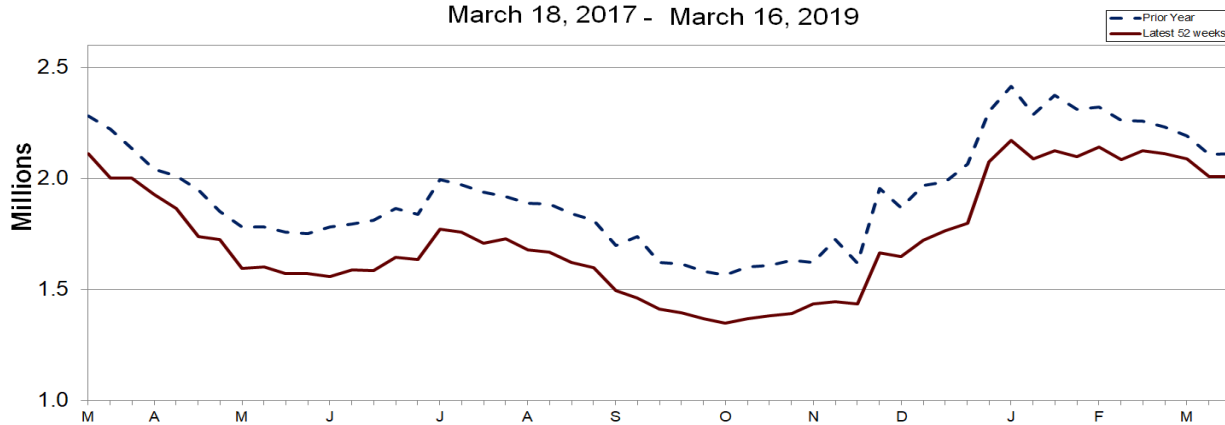
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

March 25, 2017 - March 23, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

March 18, 2017 - March 16, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending March 9 was 2,039,299, a decrease of 80,984 from the previous week. There were 2,141,049 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 579 in the week ending March 16, a decrease of 442 from the prior week. There were 507 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 1 from the preceding week.

There were 10,705 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 9, a decrease of 1,107 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,135, an increase of 104 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 9 were in Alaska (2.9), New Jersey (2.7), Montana (2.6), Connecticut (2.5), Rhode Island (2.5), Massachusetts (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.3), California (2.2), Illinois (2.1), and Minnesota (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 16 were in Oklahoma (+1,046), South Carolina (+270), California (+232), Tennessee (+221), and Mississippi (+211), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-3,586), Oregon (-3,026), Pennsylvania (-2,242), Washington (-1,284), and Texas (-1,180).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

| WEEK ENDING | March 23 | March 16 | Change | March 9 | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Initial Claims (SA) | 211,000 | 216,000 | -5,000 | 224,000 | 217,000 |
| Initial Claims (NSA) | 189,732 | 194,382 | -4,650 | 209,362 | 195,433 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 217,250 | 220,500 | -3,250 | 219,750 | 220,750 |
| WEEK ENDING | March 16 | March 9 | Change | March 2 | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
| Insured Unemployment (SA) | 1,756,000 | 1,743,000 | +13,000 | 1,757,000 | 1,851,000 |
| Insured Unemployment (NSA) | 2,010,217 | 2,008,498 | +1,719 | 2,088,573 | 2,111,985 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 1,751,250 | 1,755,500 | -4,250 | 1,749,500 | 1,847,750 |
| <u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>² | 1.2% | 1.2% | 0.0 | 1.2% | 1.3% |
| <u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>² | 1.4% | 1.4% | 0.0 | 1.5% | 1.5% |

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | March 16 | March 9 | Change | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Federal Employees (UCFE) | 579 | 1,021 | -442 | 568 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX) | 507 | 506 | +1 | 644 |

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | March 9 | March 2 | Change | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Regular State | 2,005,443 | 2,085,487 | -80,044 | 2,105,949 |
| Federal Employees | 10,705 | 11,812 | -1,107 | 10,466 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 6,135 | 6,031 | +104 | 8,251 |
| <u>Extended Benefits</u>³ | 1 | 0 | +1 | 948 |
| <u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴ | 6,063 | 5,776 | +287 | 6,957 |
| <u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵ | 10,952 | 11,177 | -225 | 8,478 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 2,039,299 | 2,120,283 | -80,984 | 2,141,049 |

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 143,051,794 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

| STATE | Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended March 23 | | | Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 16 | | |
|----------------------|---|----------|--------|--|-----------|--------|
| | Advance | Prior Wk | Change | Advance | Prior Wk | Change |
| Alabama | 2,110 | 2,149 | -39 | 14,048 | 14,372 | -324 |
| Alaska | 900 | 955 | -55 | 9,141 | 8,934 | 207 |
| Arizona | 3,262 | 3,388 | -126 | 16,767 | 19,088 | -2,321 |
| Arkansas | 2,138 | 1,442 | 696 | 9,317 | 10,973 | -1,656 |
| California | 40,399 | 41,128 | -729 | 391,929 | 372,306 | 19,623 |
| Colorado | 1,566 | 1,506 | 60 | 23,503 | 21,189 | 2,314 |
| Connecticut | 2,513 | 2,821 | -308 | 42,385 | 41,068 | 1,317 |
| Delaware | 442 | 460 | -18 | 5,613 | 5,735 | -122 |
| District of Columbia | 447 | 430 | 17 | 6,997 | 7,259 | -262 |
| Florida | 5,149 | 5,801 | -652 | 30,066 | 34,751 | -4,685 |
| Georgia | 4,021 | 4,387 | -366 | 22,776 | 24,682 | -1,906 |
| Hawaii | 1,077 | 1,155 | -78 | 6,836 | 6,575 | 261 |
| Idaho | 1,047 | 1,043 | 4 | 8,319 | 9,697 | -1,378 |
| Illinois | 7,978 | 7,987 | -9 | 132,535 | 125,462 | 7,073 |
| Indiana | 2,149 | 2,088 | 61 | 20,287 | 20,682 | -395 |
| Iowa | 2,490 | 2,348 | 142 | 29,982 | 30,334 | -352 |
| Kansas | 1,295 | 1,648 | -353 | 11,103 | 11,193 | -90 |
| Kentucky | 1,880 | 2,105 | -225 | 19,408 | 20,145 | -737 |
| Louisiana | 1,472 | 1,661 | -189 | 12,049 | 14,268 | -2,219 |
| Maine | 547 | 619 | -72 | 8,570 | 8,493 | 77 |
| Maryland | 2,824 | 2,593 | 231 | 28,067 | 30,617 | -2,550 |
| Massachusetts | 4,243 | 4,354 | -111 | 77,870 | 79,574 | -1,704 |
| Michigan | 4,750 | 5,156 | -406 | 77,000 | 76,084 | 916 |
| Minnesota | 3,406 | 3,229 | 177 | 60,262 | 58,534 | 1,728 |
| Mississippi | 792 | 1,135 | -343 | 6,448 | 7,356 | -908 |
| Missouri | 3,446 | 3,233 | 213 | 22,553 | 25,791 | -3,238 |
| Montana | 760 | 774 | -14 | 11,240 | 11,601 | -361 |
| Nebraska | 729 | 788 | -59 | 6,791 | 7,071 | -280 |
| Nevada | 2,240 | 2,288 | -48 | 17,916 | 19,588 | -1,672 |
| New Hampshire | 468 | 518 | -50 | 4,074 | 4,484 | -410 |
| New Jersey | 7,405 | 7,853 | -448 | 106,498 | 107,328 | -830 |
| New Mexico | 819 | 677 | 142 | 9,244 | 9,622 | -378 |
| New York | 12,748 | 12,915 | -167 | 153,607 | 156,976 | -3,369 |
| North Carolina | 2,681 | 2,668 | 13 | 18,659 | 18,613 | 46 |
| North Dakota | 264 | 288 | -24 | 6,511 | 6,161 | 350 |
| Ohio | 6,002 | 6,449 | -447 | 65,633 | 67,386 | -1,753 |
| Oklahoma | 1,385 | 2,669 | -1,284 | 13,577 | 13,527 | 50 |
| Oregon | 3,857 | 3,706 | 151 | 30,140 | 31,989 | -1,849 |
| Pennsylvania | 11,926 | 13,078 | -1,152 | 136,916 | 130,101 | 6,815 |
| Puerto Rico | 939 | 1,175 | -236 | 12,865 | 15,808 | -2,943 |
| Rhode Island | 750 | 887 | -137 | 11,713 | 11,800 | -87 |
| South Carolina | 1,661 | 2,077 | -416 | 14,170 | 14,436 | -266 |
| South Dakota | 154 | 143 | 11 | 3,202 | 3,312 | -110 |
| Tennessee | 2,304 | 2,248 | 56 | 16,570 | 18,153 | -1,583 |
| Texas | 14,410 | 11,580 | 2,830 | 116,097 | 113,456 | 2,641 |
| Utah | 885 | 914 | -29 | 10,069 | 10,758 | -689 |
| Vermont | 492 | 641 | -149 | 5,508 | 5,219 | 289 |
| Virgin Islands | 16 | 20 | -4 | 428 | 546 | -118 |
| Virginia | 2,337 | 2,257 | 80 | 22,284 | 22,104 | 180 |
| Washington | 5,695 | 5,787 | -92 | 61,409 | 62,889 | -1,480 |
| West Virginia | 693 | 840 | -147 | 15,096 | 13,532 | 1,564 |
| Wisconsin | 5,439 | 5,999 | -560 | 42,894 | 43,947 | -1,053 |
| Wyoming | 330 | 322 | 8 | 3,275 | 2,929 | 346 |
| US Total | 189,732 | 194,382 | -4,650 | 2,010,217 | 2,008,498 | 1,719 |

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 | |
| March 17, 2018 | 221 | -1 | 220.50 | 1,851 | 18 | 1,847.75 | 1.3 |
| March 24, 2018 | 217 | -4 | 220.75 | 1,818 | -33 | 1,838.75 | 1.3 |
| March 31, 2018 | 231 | 14 | 222.75 | 1,852 | 34 | 1,838.50 | 1.3 |
| April 7, 2018 | 227 | -4 | 224.00 | 1,852 | 0 | 1,843.25 | 1.3 |
| April 14, 2018 | 227 | 0 | 225.50 | 1,818 | -34 | 1,835.00 | 1.3 |
| April 21, 2018 | 210 | -17 | 223.75 | 1,773 | -45 | 1,823.75 | 1.3 |
| April 28, 2018 | 213 | 3 | 219.25 | 1,787 | 14 | 1,807.50 | 1.3 |
| May 5, 2018 | 211 | -2 | 215.25 | 1,736 | -51 | 1,778.50 | 1.2 |
| May 12, 2018 | 221 | 10 | 213.75 | 1,746 | 10 | 1,760.50 | 1.2 |
| May 19, 2018 | 227 | 6 | 218.00 | 1,741 | -5 | 1,752.50 | 1.2 |
| May 26, 2018 | 221 | -6 | 220.00 | 1,748 | 7 | 1,742.75 | 1.2 |
| June 2, 2018 | 220 | -1 | 222.25 | 1,722 | -26 | 1,739.25 | 1.2 |
| June 9, 2018 | 219 | -1 | 221.75 | 1,734 | 12 | 1,736.25 | 1.2 |
| June 16, 2018 | 219 | 0 | 219.75 | 1,722 | -12 | 1,731.50 | 1.2 |
| June 23, 2018 | 223 | 4 | 220.25 | 1,745 | 23 | 1,730.75 | 1.2 |
| June 30, 2018 | 229 | 6 | 222.50 | 1,745 | 0 | 1,736.50 | 1.2 |
| July 7, 2018 | 212 | -17 | 220.75 | 1,753 | 8 | 1,741.25 | 1.2 |
| July 14, 2018 | 212 | 0 | 219.00 | 1,745 | -8 | 1,747.00 | 1.2 |
| July 21, 2018 | 217 | 5 | 217.50 | 1,733 | -12 | 1,744.00 | 1.2 |
| July 28, 2018 | 220 | 3 | 215.25 | 1,753 | 20 | 1,746.00 | 1.2 |
| August 4, 2018 | 215 | -5 | 216.00 | 1,734 | -19 | 1,741.25 | 1.2 |
| August 11, 2018 | 215 | 0 | 216.75 | 1,726 | -8 | 1,736.50 | 1.2 |
| August 18, 2018 | 214 | -1 | 216.00 | 1,717 | -9 | 1,732.50 | 1.2 |
| August 25, 2018 | 215 | 1 | 214.75 | 1,713 | -4 | 1,722.50 | 1.2 |
| September 1, 2018 | 210 | -5 | 213.50 | 1,706 | -7 | 1,715.50 | 1.2 |
| September 8, 2018 | 208 | -2 | 211.75 | 1,665 | -41 | 1,700.25 | 1.2 |
| September 15, 2018 | 212 | 4 | 211.25 | 1,682 | 17 | 1,691.50 | 1.2 |
| September 22, 2018 | 212 | 0 | 210.50 | 1,669 | -13 | 1,680.50 | 1.2 |
| September 29, 2018 | 218 | 6 | 212.50 | 1,668 | -1 | 1,671.00 | 1.2 |
| October 6, 2018 | 212 | -6 | 213.50 | 1,660 | -8 | 1,669.75 | 1.2 |
| October 13, 2018 | 215 | 3 | 214.25 | 1,656 | -4 | 1,663.25 | 1.2 |
| October 20, 2018 | 218 | 3 | 215.75 | 1,649 | -7 | 1,658.25 | 1.2 |
| October 27, 2018 | 219 | 1 | 216.00 | 1,649 | 0 | 1,653.50 | 1.2 |
| November 3, 2018 | 217 | -2 | 217.25 | 1,678 | 29 | 1,658.00 | 1.2 |
| November 10, 2018 | 223 | 6 | 219.25 | 1,673 | -5 | 1,662.25 | 1.2 |
| November 17, 2018 | 224 | 1 | 220.75 | 1,695 | 22 | 1,673.75 | 1.2 |
| November 24, 2018 | 234 | 10 | 224.50 | 1,654 | -41 | 1,675.00 | 1.2 |
| December 1, 2018 | 229 | -5 | 227.50 | 1,667 | 13 | 1,672.25 | 1.2 |
| December 8, 2018 | 213 | -16 | 225.00 | 1,700 | 33 | 1,679.00 | 1.2 |
| December 15, 2018 | 220 | 7 | 224.00 | 1,699 | -1 | 1,680.00 | 1.2 |
| December 22, 2018 | 223 | 3 | 221.25 | 1,728 | 29 | 1,698.50 | 1.2 |
| December 29, 2018 | 231 | 8 | 221.75 | 1,708 | -20 | 1,708.75 | 1.2 |
| January 5, 2019 | 221 | -10 | 223.75 | 1,716 | 8 | 1,712.75 | 1.2 |
| January 12, 2019 | 217 | -4 | 223.00 | 1,707 | -9 | 1,714.75 | 1.2 |
| January 19, 2019 | 211 | -6 | 220.00 | 1,739 | 32 | 1,717.50 | 1.2 |
| January 26, 2019 | 244 | 33 | 223.25 | 1,720 | -19 | 1,720.50 | 1.2 |
| February 2, 2019 | 230 | -14 | 225.50 | 1,746 | 26 | 1,728.00 | 1.2 |
| February 9, 2019 | 231 | 1 | 229.00 | 1,719 | -27 | 1,731.00 | 1.2 |
| February 16, 2019 | 213 | -18 | 229.50 | 1,773 | 54 | 1,739.50 | 1.2 |
| February 23, 2019 | 224 | 11 | 224.50 | 1,749 | -24 | 1,746.75 | 1.2 |
| March 2, 2019 | 218 | -6 | 221.50 | 1,757 | 8 | 1,749.50 | 1.2 |
| March 9, 2019 | 224 | 6 | 219.75 | 1,743 | -14 | 1,755.50 | 1.2 |
| March 16, 2019 | 216 | -8 | 220.50 | 1,756 | 13 | 1,751.25 | 1.2 |
| March 23, 2019 | 211 | -5 | 217.25 | | | | |

| STATE NAME | INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MARCH 16 | | | | | INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 9 | | | | | ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT | |
|----------------------|--|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---|------------------|
| | STATE | CHANGE FROM | | | | STATE | CHANGE FROM | | | | | |
| | | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | UCFE ¹ | UCX ¹ | | (%) ² | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | UCFE ¹ | | UCX ¹ |
| Alabama | 2149 | 43 | -192 | 10 | 6 | 14372 | 0.8 | -418 | -1045 | 60 | 68 | 14500 |
| Alaska | 955 | 6 | -56 | 3 | 2 | 8934 | 2.9 | -715 | -1694 | 166 | 9 | 9109 |
| Arizona | 3388 | -15 | -300 | 7 | 7 | 19088 | 0.7 | 31 | -2409 | 212 | 52 | 19352 |
| Arkansas | 1442 | 46 | 180 | 5 | 5 | 10973 | 0.9 | -659 | -1791 | 68 | 39 | 11080 |
| California | 41128 | 232 | -999 | 150 | 115 | 372306 | 2.2 | -29832 | -5210 | 2600 | 1368 | 376274 |
| Colorado | 1506 | -385 | -66 | 6 | 9 | 21189 | 0.8 | -1953 | -1846 | 223 | 203 | 21615 |
| Connecticut | 2821 | 118 | -1125 | 2 | 5 | 41068 | 2.5 | -135 | -4904 | 66 | 67 | 41201 |
| Delaware | 460 | -53 | -87 | 1 | 1 | 5735 | 1.3 | -226 | -24 | 16 | 9 | 5760 |
| District of Columbia | 430 | 24 | 152 | 20 | 1 | 7259 | 1.3 | -170 | -1065 | 379 | 6 | 7644 |
| Florida | 5801 | -403 | -677 | 17 | 26 | 34751 | 0.4 | -610 | -4017 | 138 | 128 | 35017 |
| Georgia | 4387 | -779 | -129 | 32 | 22 | 24682 | 0.6 | -599 | -2068 | 146 | 206 | 25034 |
| Hawaii | 1155 | 22 | 124 | 2 | 7 | 6575 | 1.1 | -86 | -301 | 90 | 5 | 6670 |
| Idaho | 1043 | -114 | 47 | 10 | 3 | 9697 | 1.4 | -1136 | 680 | 241 | 9 | 9947 |
| Illinois | 7987 | -3586 | 253 | 12 | 7 | 125462 | 2.1 | -3654 | -9207 | 325 | 151 | 125938 |
| Indiana | 2088 | -757 | -8 | 2 | 4 | 20682 | 0.7 | -228 | -119 | 30 | 31 | 20743 |
| Iowa | 2348 | 116 | 175 | 1 | 2 | 30334 | 2.0 | -630 | 1535 | 42 | 27 | 30403 |
| Kansas | 1648 | 65 | 172 | 2 | 3 | 11193 | 0.8 | -286 | -123 | 32 | 26 | 11251 |
| Kentucky | 2105 | 59 | 159 | 0 | 2 | 20145 | 1.1 | -1030 | -1079 | 72 | 125 | 20342 |
| Louisiana | 1661 | 77 | -144 | 5 | 3 | 14268 | 0.8 | -297 | -1749 | 40 | 17 | 14325 |
| Maine | 619 | -91 | -42 | 0 | 1 | 8493 | 1.4 | -17 | -382 | 40 | 8 | 8541 |
| Maryland | 2593 | -292 | -558 | 9 | 10 | 30617 | 1.2 | -629 | -4722 | 240 | 91 | 30948 |
| Massachusetts | 4354 | -455 | -477 | 4 | 11 | 79574 | 2.3 | -1087 | -5134 | 150 | 90 | 79814 |
| Michigan | 5156 | -771 | 419 | 4 | 6 | 76084 | 1.8 | -6385 | -1590 | 225 | 68 | 76377 |
| Minnesota | 3229 | -195 | -165 | 2 | 2 | 58534 | 2.1 | -2974 | -2047 | 122 | 50 | 58706 |
| Mississippi | 1135 | 211 | -47 | 4 | 2 | 7356 | 0.7 | 97 | -808 | 87 | 17 | 7460 |
| Missouri | 3233 | 195 | 54 | 2 | 4 | 25791 | 0.9 | -986 | -1368 | 101 | 27 | 25919 |
| Montana | 774 | -130 | -94 | 17 | 1 | 11601 | 2.6 | -423 | 335 | 448 | 22 | 12071 |
| Nebraska | 788 | 64 | 68 | 4 | 1 | 7071 | 0.7 | -192 | -312 | 21 | 8 | 7100 |
| Nevada | 2288 | 59 | 206 | 4 | 2 | 19588 | 1.5 | -544 | -1742 | 171 | 51 | 19810 |
| New Hampshire | 518 | -54 | -43 | 1 | 1 | 4484 | 0.7 | -526 | -595 | 1 | 8 | 4493 |
| New Jersey | 7853 | -137 | -1064 | 10 | 20 | 107328 | 2.7 | -2154 | -4862 | 250 | 234 | 107812 |
| New Mexico | 677 | -5 | 31 | 5 | 3 | 9622 | 1.2 | -229 | -533 | 279 | 40 | 9941 |
| New York | 12915 | -879 | -2101 | 22 | 24 | 156976 | 1.7 | -1753 | -10015 | 367 | 322 | 157665 |
| North Carolina | 2668 | -457 | 89 | 2 | 18 | 18613 | 0.4 | -1948 | -2850 | 78 | 92 | 18783 |
| North Dakota | 288 | -25 | -61 | 2 | 0 | 6161 | 1.5 | -337 | -1038 | 17 | 4 | 6182 |
| Ohio | 6449 | -120 | 998 | 10 | 12 | 67386 | 1.3 | -874 | -4537 | 139 | 138 | 67663 |
| Oklahoma | 2669 | 1046 | 1418 | 5 | 9 | 13527 | 0.9 | -331 | -453 | 59 | 59 | 13645 |
| Oregon | 3706 | -3026 | 372 | 20 | 13 | 31989 | 1.7 | -2834 | 2108 | 554 | 71 | 32614 |
| Pennsylvania | 13078 | -2242 | -908 | 52 | 22 | 130101 | 2.3 | -9185 | -3041 | 420 | 301 | 130822 |
| Puerto Rico | 1175 | 55 | 24 | 5 | 3 | 15808 | 1.9 | 30 | -8171 | 150 | 43 | 16001 |
| Rhode Island | 887 | 137 | 53 | 4 | 1 | 11800 | 2.5 | 15 | 355 | 18 | 17 | 11835 |
| South Carolina | 2077 | 270 | 280 | 7 | 8 | 14436 | 0.7 | -424 | -1454 | 47 | 72 | 14555 |
| South Dakota | 143 | -71 | -11 | 2 | 0 | 3312 | 0.8 | -109 | 60 | 40 | 5 | 3357 |
| Tennessee | 2248 | 221 | -16 | 8 | 5 | 18153 | 0.6 | -950 | -3194 | 100 | 49 | 18302 |
| Texas | 11580 | -1180 | -257 | 30 | 69 | 113456 | 1.0 | 648 | -8336 | 508 | 1026 | 114990 |
| Utah | 914 | -66 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 10758 | 0.8 | -394 | -455 | 168 | 18 | 10944 |
| Vermont | 641 | 211 | -97 | 1 | 0 | 5219 | 1.7 | -226 | -131 | 10 | 0 | 5229 |
| Virgin Islands | 20 | -3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 546 | 1.6 | 106 | -1832 | 6 | 4 | 557 |
| Virginia | 2257 | -248 | -116 | 4 | 13 | 22104 | 0.6 | -567 | -2386 | 197 | 157 | 22458 |
| Washington | 5787 | -1284 | 360 | 33 | 8 | 62889 | 1.9 | -1711 | 6586 | 516 | 456 | 63861 |
| West Virginia | 840 | -31 | -261 | 2 | 2 | 13532 | 2.0 | 104 | 422 | 50 | 18 | 13600 |
| Wisconsin | 5999 | -374 | 148 | 8 | 1 | 43947 | 1.6 | -540 | -372 | 109 | 15 | 44071 |
| Wyoming | 322 | -29 | 40 | 6 | 1 | 2929 | 1.1 | -113 | -845 | 71 | 8 | 3008 |
| Totals | 194382 | -14980 | -4267 | 579 | 507 | 2008498 | 1.4 | -80075 | -99775 | 10705 | 6135 | 2025339 |

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 MARCH 16, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
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| OK | +1,046 | No comment. |

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
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| IL | -3,586 | No comment. |
| OR | -3,026 | No comment. |
| PA | -2,242 | Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries. |
| WA | -1,284 | No comment. |
| TX | -1,180 | 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

[2014 2019 seasonal factors.txt](#)
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