



# News Release

Connect with DOL at  
<https://blog.dol.gov>



TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL  
**8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, March 26, 2020**

## COVID-19 Impact

During the week ending March 21, the increase in initial claims are due to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus. Nearly every state providing comments cited the COVID-19 virus impacts. States continued to cite services industries broadly, particularly accommodation and food services. Additional industries heavily cited for the increases included the health care and social assistance, arts, entertainment and recreation, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.

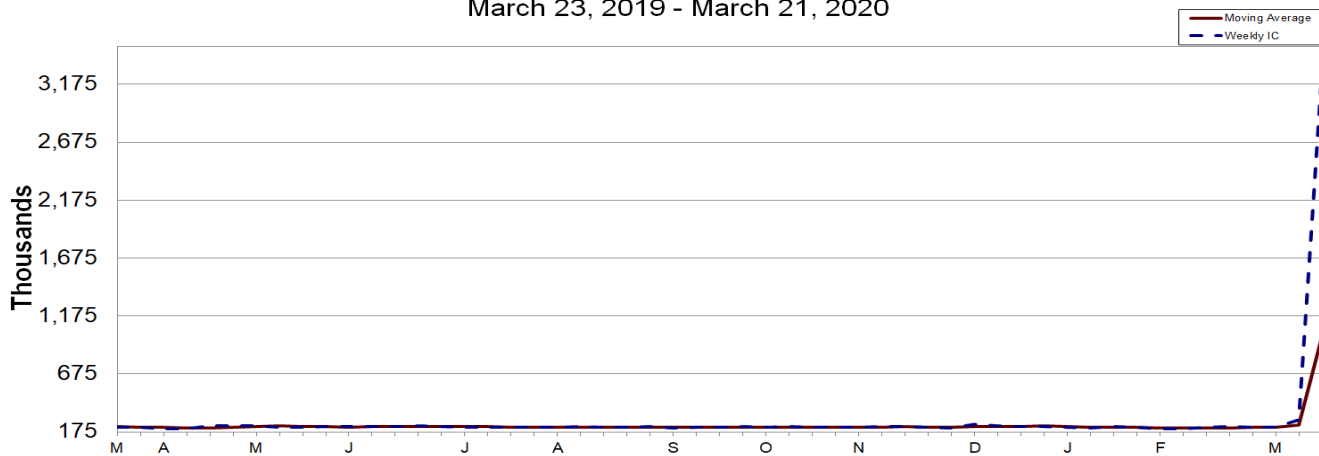
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 3,283,000, an increase of 3,001,000 from the previous week's revised level. This marks the highest level of seasonally adjusted initial claims in the history of the seasonally adjusted series. The previous high was 695,000 in October of 1982. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 281,000 to 282,000. The 4-week moving average was 998,250, an increase of 765,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 232,250 to 232,500.

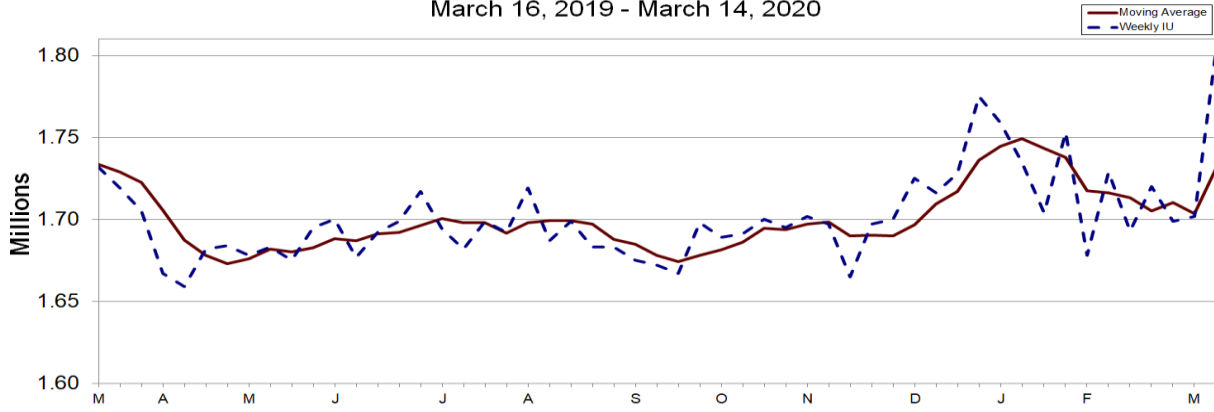
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 14 was 1,803,000, an increase of 101,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since April 14, 2018 when it was 1,824,000. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,701,000 to 1,702,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,731,000, an increase of 27,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,703,250 to 1,703,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
March 23, 2019 - March 21, 2020



## Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

March 16, 2019 - March 14, 2020



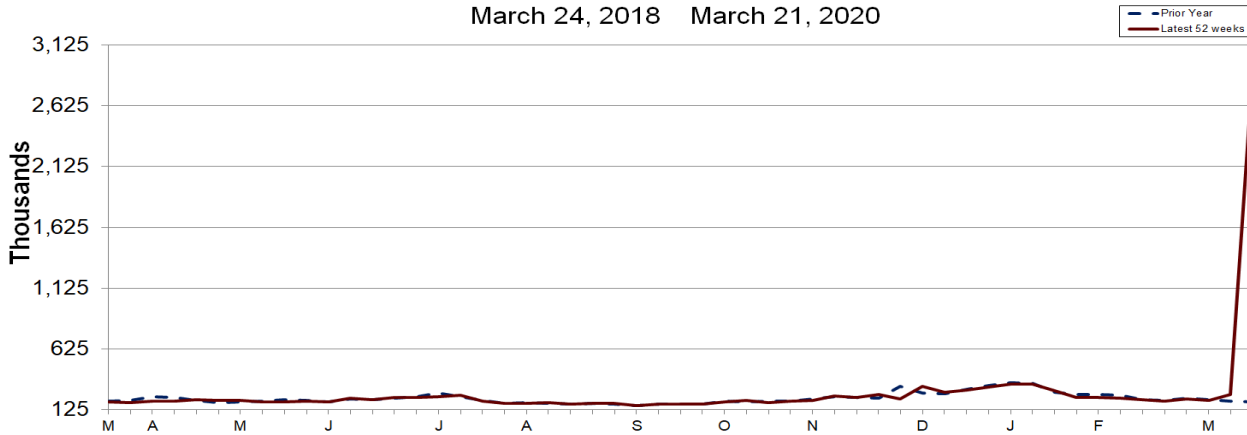
### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 2,898,450 in the week ending March 21, an increase of 2,647,034 (or 1,052.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,815 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 190,023 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending March 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,097,193, an increase of 119,945 (or 6.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,702 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,009,317.

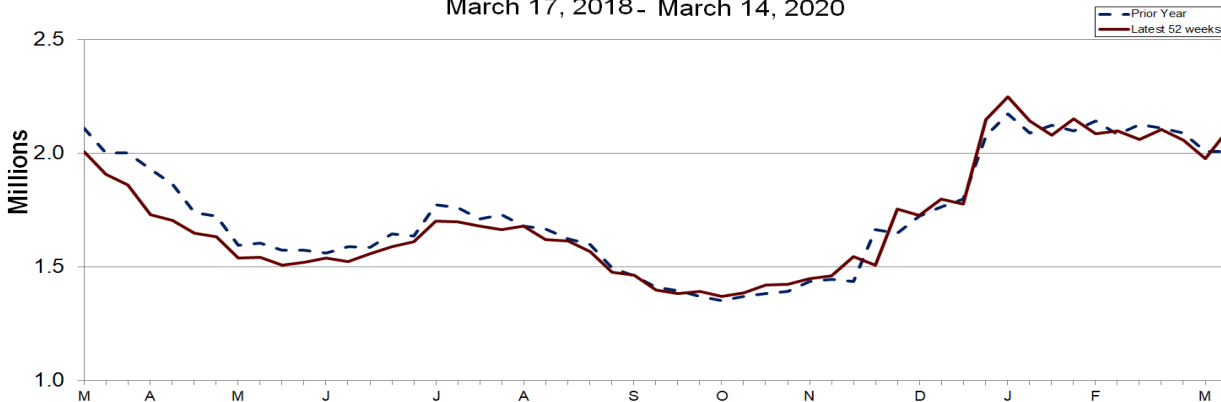
## Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

March 24, 2018 - March 21, 2020



## Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

March 17, 2018 - March 14, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending March 7 was 2,006,363, a decrease of 80,856 from the previous week. There were 2,039,322 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 573 in the week ending March 14, an increase of 20 from the prior week. There were 436 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 71 from the preceding week.

There were 9,644 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 7, a decrease of 852 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,207, a decrease of 145 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 7 were in Alaska (2.8), New Jersey (2.6), Connecticut (2.4), Rhode Island (2.3), West Virginia (2.3), Illinois (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), Montana (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), and Puerto Rico (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 14 were in California (+14,221), Washington (+7,624), Nevada (+4,047), Pennsylvania (+3,212), and Massachusetts (+2,737), while the largest decreases were in Arkansas (-461), Alabama (-341), Puerto Rico (-171), West Virginia (-168), and Maine (-81).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 21	March 14	Change	March 7	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	3,283,000	282,000	+3,001,000	211,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	2,898,450	251,416	+2,647,034	200,382	190,023
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	998,250	232,500	+765,750	215,750	219,500

WEEK ENDING	March 14	March 7	Change	February 29	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,803,000	1,702,000	+101,000	1,699,000	1,732,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,097,193	1,977,248	+119,945	2,057,280	2,009,317
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,731,000	1,703,500	+27,500	1,710,250	1,733,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 14	March 7	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	573	553	+20	579
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	436	507	-71	507

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 7	February 29	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	1,973,560	2,054,152	-80,592	2,005,466
Federal Employees	9,644	10,496	-852	10,705
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,207	5,352	-145	6,135
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	1
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,584	5,641	-57	6,063
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	12,368	11,578	+790	10,952
TOTAL	2,006,363	2,087,219	-80,856	2,039,322

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 145,230,691 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended March 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	9,490	1,819	7,671	11,070	13,070	-2,000
Alaska	8,225	1,120	7,105	8,407	8,522	-115
Arizona	29,268	3,844	25,424	16,076	17,595	-1,519
Arkansas	8,958	1,382	7,576	9,851	11,514	-1,663
California	186,809	57,606	129,203	430,335	351,344	78,991
Colorado	19,429	2,321	17,108	21,987	21,260	727
Connecticut	25,098	3,440	21,658	45,284	39,786	5,498
Delaware	10,720	472	10,248	5,627	5,310	317
District of Columbia	13,473	1,213	12,260	7,093	6,746	347
Florida	74,021	6,463	67,558	29,612	32,244	-2,632
Georgia	11,746	5,445	6,301	26,644	25,352	1,292
Hawaii	8,904	1,589	7,315	6,700	6,171	529
Idaho	13,314	1,031	12,283	7,562	9,336	-1,774
Illinois	114,663	10,870	103,793	125,914	130,325	-4,411
Indiana	61,635	2,596	59,039	22,440	21,473	967
Iowa	41,890	2,229	39,661	27,172	27,816	-644
Kansas	23,687	1,755	21,932	10,245	9,771	474
Kentucky	48,847	2,785	46,062	21,885	22,940	-1,055
Louisiana	72,620	2,255	70,365	12,052	13,987	-1,935
Maine	21,197	634	20,563	8,620	8,451	169
Maryland	41,882	3,864	38,018	26,072	27,046	-974
Massachusetts	147,995	7,449	140,546	82,475	74,336	8,139
Michigan	129,298	5,338	123,960	78,824	75,757	3,067
Minnesota	116,438	4,010	112,428	70,530	61,781	8,749
Mississippi	6,723	1,147	5,576	5,714	7,098	-1,384
Missouri	40,508	4,016	36,492	22,188	22,381	-193
Montana	14,704	817	13,887	10,054	10,112	-58
Nebraska	15,668	795	14,873	4,603	5,076	-473
Nevada	93,036	6,356	86,680	20,852	19,475	1,377
New Hampshire	21,878	642	21,236	3,731	3,909	-178
New Jersey	155,454	9,467	145,987	108,091	104,283	3,808
New Mexico	17,187	869	16,318	9,707	9,566	141
New York	80,334	14,272	66,062	168,921	158,268	10,653
North Carolina	93,587	3,533	90,054	19,377	19,683	-306
North Dakota	5,968	415	5,553	7,165	6,349	816
Ohio*	187,784	7,046	180,738	68,743	68,516	227
Oklahoma	17,720	1,836	15,884	15,863	16,482	-619
Oregon	22,824	4,269	18,555	30,488	29,002	1,486
Pennsylvania*	378,908	15,439	363,469	128,932	128,842	90
Puerto Rico*	1,471	1,172	299	17,198	18,704	-1,506
Rhode Island	35,436	1,108	34,328	11,011	10,692	319
South Carolina	31,064	2,093	28,971	14,780	15,032	-252
South Dakota	1,703	190	1,513	2,657	2,870	-213
Tennessee	39,096	2,702	36,394	17,235	18,450	-1,215
Texas	155,657	16,176	139,481	126,955	127,905	-950
Utah	1,314	1,305	9	10,324	10,701	-377
Vermont	3,667	659	3,008	5,055	4,896	159
Virgin Islands	58	44	14	588	592	-4
Virginia	46,885	2,706	44,179	22,291	21,336	955
Washington	133,478	14,240	119,238	67,415	55,588	11,827
West Virginia	3,435	865	2,570	16,571	15,394	1,177
Wisconsin	50,957	5,190	45,767	44,278	40,738	3,540
Wyoming	2,339	517	1,822	3,929	3,375	554
US Total	2,898,450	251,416	2,647,034	2,097,193	1,977,248	119,945

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 estimate.

## 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 16, 2019	219	-5	221.75	1,732	-2	1,733.75	1.2
March 23, 2019	215	-4	219.50	1,719	-13	1,728.75	1.2
March 30, 2019	211	-4	217.25	1,705	-14	1,722.50	1.2
April 6, 2019	203	-8	212.00	1,667	-38	1,705.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	203	0	208.00	1,659	-8	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	226	23	210.75	1,682	23	1,678.25	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	4	215.50	1,684	2	1,673.00	1.2
May 4, 2019	225	-5	221.00	1,678	-6	1,675.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	217	-8	224.50	1,683	5	1,681.75	1.2
May 18, 2019	213	-4	221.25	1,675	-8	1,680.00	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	5	218.25	1,695	20	1,682.75	1.2
June 1, 2019	220	2	217.00	1,700	5	1,688.25	1.2
June 8, 2019	220	0	217.75	1,677	-23	1,686.75	1.2
June 15, 2019	219	-1	219.25	1,692	15	1,691.00	1.2
June 22, 2019	224	5	220.75	1,699	7	1,692.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-2	221.25	1,717	18	1,696.25	1.2
July 6, 2019	211	-11	219.00	1,694	-23	1,700.50	1.2
July 13, 2019	217	6	218.50	1,682	-12	1,698.00	1.2
July 20, 2019	211	-6	215.25	1,699	17	1,698.00	1.2
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,803	101	1,731.00	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,283	3,001	998.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MARCH 14					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 7						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	1819	-341	-330	6	3	13070	0.7	-2707	-1302	58	46	13174
Alaska	1120	305	165	6	0	8522	2.8	256	-412	127	9	8658
Arizona	3844	487	456	1	2	17595	0.6	2	-1493	183	30	17808
Arkansas	1382	-461	-60	2	3	11514	1.0	-104	541	51	31	11596
California	57606	14221	16478	127	57	351344	2.0	-27520	-20962	2225	1003	354572
Colorado	2321	456	815	14	19	21260	0.8	-1648	71	219	122	21601
Connecticut	3440	913	619	2	5	39786	2.4	-852	-1282	45	62	39893
Delaware	472	-46	12	0	1	5310	1.2	-170	-425	13	10	5333
District of Columbia	1213	742	783	11	3	6746	1.2	-46	-513	186	5	6937
Florida	6463	1138	662	20	26	32244	0.4	-18	-2507	148	91	32483
Georgia	5445	876	1058	23	14	25352	0.6	273	670	180	123	25655
Hawaii	1589	314	434	2	4	6171	1.0	127	-431	62	60	6293
Idaho	1031	93	-12	10	1	9336	1.3	-831	-361	259	12	9607
Illinois	10870	2143	2883	5	3	130325	2.2	-6071	4863	369	148	130842
Indiana	2596	373	508	3	3	21473	0.7	-1113	791	25	25	21523
Iowa	2229	8	-119	4	1	27816	1.8	-1608	-2518	57	22	27895
Kansas	1755	390	107	0	0	9771	0.7	-1232	-1422	24	21	9816
Kentucky	2785	322	680	3	3	22940	1.2	170	2795	108	127	23175
Louisiana	2255	557	594	5	2	13987	0.7	-212	-281	40	14	14041
Maine	634	-81	15	0	1	8451	1.4	-288	-42	45	6	8502
Maryland	3864	1189	1271	13	4	27046	1.1	-1022	-3571	175	74	27295
Massachusetts	7449	2737	3095	10	7	74336	2.1	-1216	-5238	136	91	74563
Michigan	5338	188	182	14	12	75757	1.8	-1904	-327	198	88	76043
Minnesota	4010	522	781	4	4	61781	2.2	-986	3247	122	62	61965
Mississippi	1147	268	12	5	2	7098	0.6	-318	-258	72	17	7187
Missouri	4016	1022	783	3	1	22381	0.8	-2844	-3410	83	27	22491
Montana	817	103	43	20	0	10112	2.2	-670	-1489	434	19	10565
Nebraska	795	294	7	6	0	5076	0.5	-505	-1995	18	9	5103
Nevada	6356	4047	4068	7	1	19475	1.4	-375	-113	137	43	19655
New Hampshire	642	147	124	0	0	3909	0.6	-566	-575	8	3	3920
New Jersey	9467	1471	1614	27	23	104283	2.6	-3363	-3045	224	265	104772
New Mexico	869	179	192	2	4	9566	1.2	-279	-56	212	35	9813
New York	14272	237	1357	14	18	158268	1.7	-3624	1292	291	316	158875
North Carolina	3533	958	865	13	20	19683	0.4	-513	1070	114	85	19882
North Dakota	415	-8	127	2	0	6349	1.5	-194	188	16	3	6368
Ohio	7046	501	597	7	12	68516	1.3	-4607	1130	106	117	68739
Oklahoma	1836	267	-833	8	5	16482	1.1	-585	2955	52	48	16582
Oregon	4269	115	563	20	6	29002	1.5	-515	-2987	557	51	29610
Pennsylvania	15439	3212	2361	70	26	128842	2.2	-8089	-1259	483	199	129524
Puerto Rico	1172	-171	-3	3	4	18704	2.2	47	2896	179	72	18955
Rhode Island	1108	408	221	2	3	10692	2.3	-438	-1108	15	6	10713
South Carolina	2093	204	16	3	2	15032	0.7	-309	596	39	56	15127
South Dakota	190	5	47	2	0	2870	0.7	-189	-442	55	4	2929
Tennessee	2702	670	454	4	4	18450	0.6	-585	297	82	49	18581
Texas	16176	1821	4596	34	89	127905	1.0	2653	14449	418	838	129161
Utah	1305	290	391	5	3	10701	0.7	-376	-57	161	14	10876
Vermont	659	213	18	0	1	4896	1.6	-323	-323	11	1	4908
Virgin Islands	44	-20	24	0	0	592	1.7	6	46	4	0	596
Virginia	2706	179	496	5	8	21336	0.6	-1378	-591	169	179	21684
Washington	14240	7624	8453	7	23	55588	1.7	-925	-7301	450	400	56438
West Virginia	865	-168	25	0	3	15394	2.3	-716	1862	42	38	15474
Wisconsin	5190	138	-809	5	0	40738	1.4	-1599	-3209	96	28	40862
Wyoming	517	-17	195	14	0	3375	1.3	-133	446	61	3	3439
Totals	251416	51034	57081	573	436	1977248	1.4	-80032	-31100	9644	5207	1992099

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 14, 2020**

---

**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

---

<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+14,221	Layoffs in the service industry.
WA	+7,624	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, real estate rental and leasing, arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodation and food services, and service industries.
NV	+4,047	Increase in layoffs are due to the COVID-19 virus.
PA	+3,212	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and educational service industries.
MA	+2,737	Increase in layoffs are due to the COVID-19 virus.
IL	+2,143	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.
TX	+1,821	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and arts, entertainment and recreation industries.
NJ	+1,471	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and educational service industries. Increase due to the COVID-19 virus.
MD	+1,189	No comment.
FL	+1,138	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
MO	+1,022	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

---

<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

---



## 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.

#### [Weekly Claims Archives](#)

#### [Weekly Claims Data](#)

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The Department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts Departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20210  
Release Number: USDL 20-510-NAT

Program Contacts:  
Kevin Stapleton: (202) 693-3009  
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676