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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

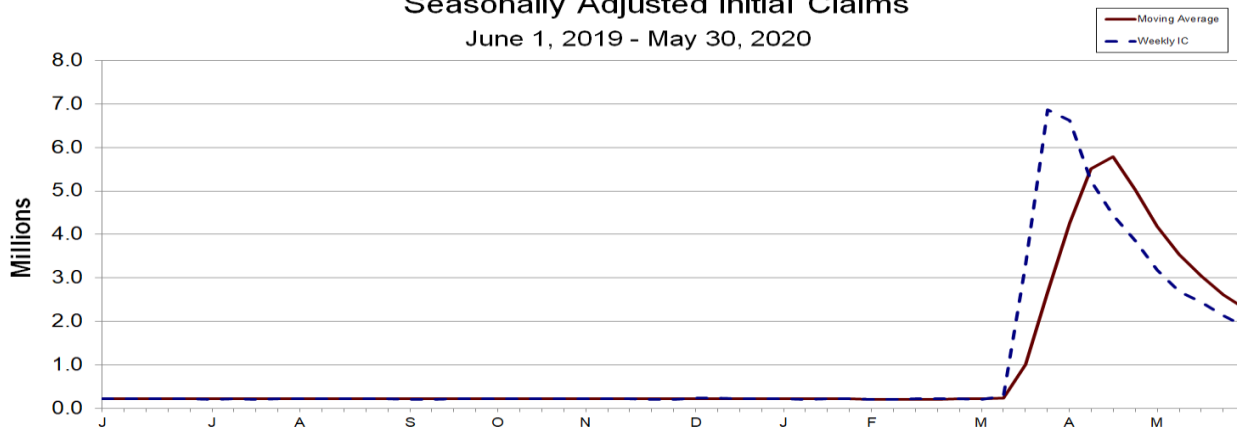
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,877,000, a decrease of 249,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 2,123,000 to 2,126,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,284,000, a decrease of 324,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 2,608,000 to 2,608,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 14.8 percent for the week ending May 23, an increase of 0.5 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.2 from 14.5 to 14.3 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 23 was 21,487,000, an increase of 649,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 214,000 from 21,052,000 to 20,838,000. The 4-week moving average was 22,446,250, a decrease of 222,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 53,500 from 22,722,250 to 22,668,750.

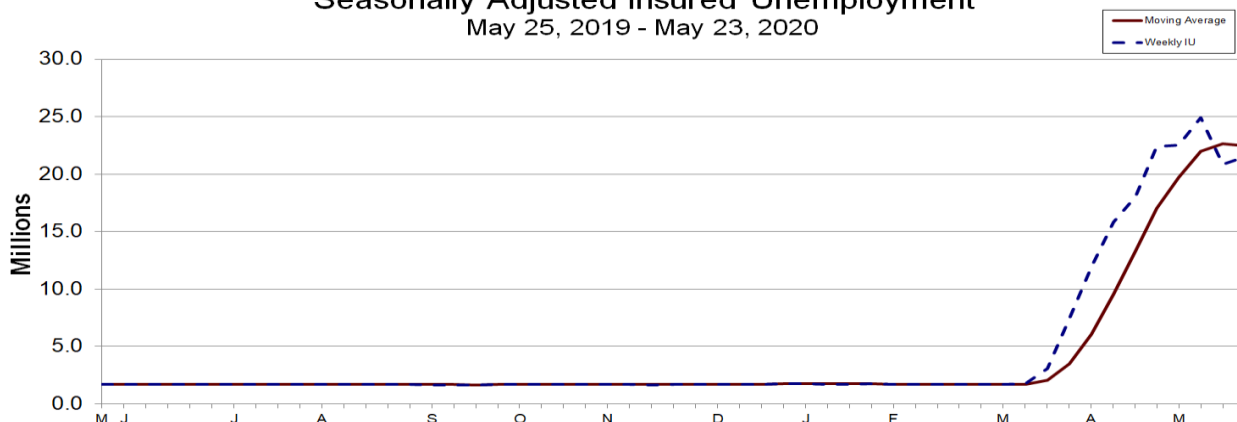
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 1, 2019 - May 30, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

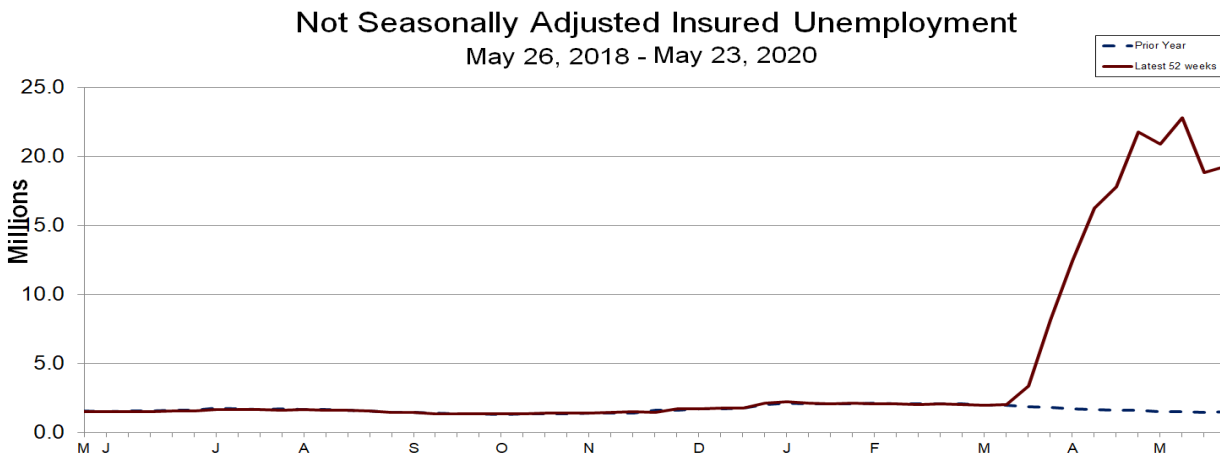
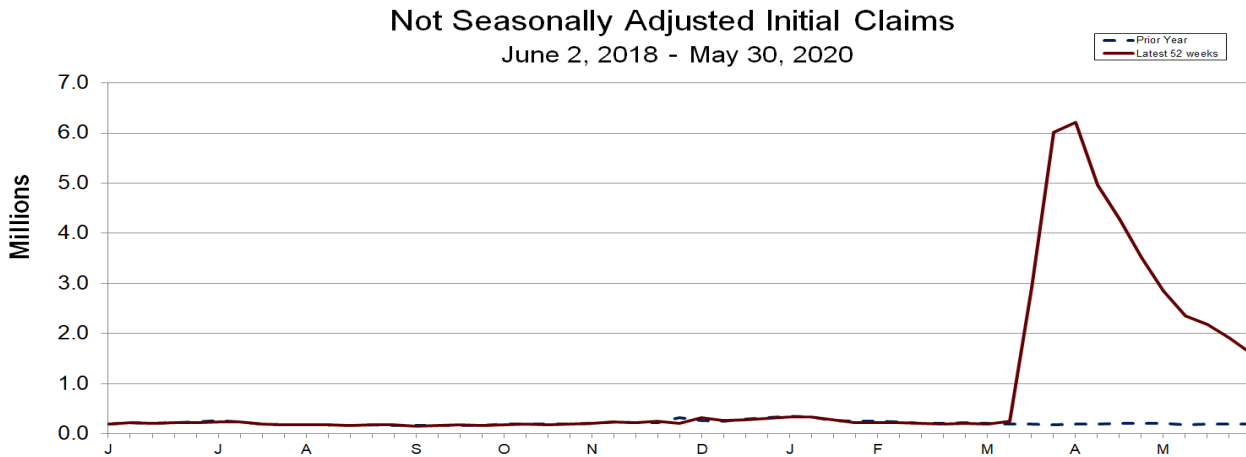
May 25, 2019 - May 23, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,603,000 in the week ending May 30, a decrease of 314,604 (or -16.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 102,045 (or -5.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 189,577 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending May 30, 36 states reported 623,073 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 13.2 percent during the week ending May 23, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 19,295,200, an increase of 437,072 (or 2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 145,864 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,521,741.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 16 was 29,965,415, a decrease of 991,744 from the previous week. There were 1,534,449 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

Extended Benefits were available in 22 states during the week ending May 16. Those states included Alaska, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,053 in the week ending May 23, an increase of 229 from the prior week. There were 1,414 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 201 from the preceding week.

There were 14,856 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 16, a decrease of 1,756 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 11,401, a decrease of 2,888 from the prior week.

During the week ending May 16, 35 states reported 10,740,918 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 28 states reported 209,692 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 16 were in Nevada (24.9), Maine (22.9), Michigan (22.9), Puerto Rico (22.7), Hawaii (20.6), New York (19.2), Rhode Island (18.6), Washington (17.7), Louisiana (17.4), and New Hampshire (16.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 23 were in Maine (+11,941), Oklahoma (+10,274), Michigan (+7,859), Kentucky (+6,417), and Oregon (+4,913), while the largest decreases were in Washington (-90,683), Florida (-49,993), California (-41,169), New York (-34,875), and Illinois (-14,517).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 30	May 23	Change	May 16	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,877,000	2,126,000	-249,000	2,446,000	220,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	1,603,000	1,917,604	-314,604	2,181,640	189,577
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,284,000	2,608,750	-324,750	3,044,000	217,000

WEEK ENDING	May 23	May 16	Change	May 9	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	21,487,000	20,838,000	+649,000	24,912,000	1,695,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	19,295,200	18,858,128	+437,072	22,794,145	1,521,741
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	22,446,250	22,668,750	-222,500	21,962,000	1,682,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	14.8%	14.3%	+0.5	17.1%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	13.2%	12.9%	+0.3	15.6%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 30	May 23	Change	May 16
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	623,073	1,295,048	-671,975	1,246,871

WEEK ENDING	May 23	May 16	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,053	1,824	+229	566
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,414	1,213	+201	436

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 16	May 9	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	18,788,626	22,725,217	-3,936,591	1,506,500
Federal Employees	14,856	16,612	-1,756	6,939
Newly Discharged Veterans	11,401	14,289	-2,888	5,781
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	10,740,918	7,793,066	+2,947,852	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	209,692	222,300	-12,608	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	1,381	931	+450	1
State Additional Benefits ⁶	4,603	5,823	-1,220	6,002
STC / Workshare ⁷	193,938	178,921	+15,017	9,226
TOTAL ⁸	29,965,415	30,957,159	-991,744	1,534,449

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 145,671,710 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 30			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 23		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	20,785	27,919	-7,134	177,727	190,205	-12,478
Alaska	7,818	8,152	-334	46,832	48,000	-1,168
Arizona	22,067	26,868	-4,801	202,581	217,968	-15,387
Arkansas	8,050	10,825	-2,775	111,499	120,043	-8,544
California	230,461	203,262	27,199	2,773,742	2,155,310	618,432
Colorado	12,102	15,719	-3,617	245,445	265,499	-20,054
Connecticut	14,268	16,603	-2,335	249,752	272,695	-22,943
Delaware	2,966	4,651	-1,685	56,963	50,780	6,183
District of Columbia	3,532	5,135	-1,603	68,979	70,103	-1,124
Florida	206,494	175,411	31,083	606,364	529,384	76,980
Georgia	148,095	165,499	-17,404	750,918	731,762	19,156
Hawaii	7,766	9,140	-1,374	125,506	127,921	-2,415
Idaho	3,435	4,727	-1,292	49,558	56,692	-7,134
Illinois	46,522	58,263	-11,741	720,580	762,367	-41,787
Indiana	23,591	25,523	-1,932	241,224	253,536	-12,312
Iowa	6,920	13,653	-6,733	165,195	178,619	-13,424
Kansas	10,429	11,232	-803	108,633	104,553	4,080
Kentucky	42,793	53,738	-10,945	205,007	244,342	-39,335
Louisiana	19,810	23,961	-4,151	301,753	328,409	-26,656
Maine	11,191	16,667	-5,476	161,182	138,219	22,963
Maryland	31,343	33,991	-2,648	241,168	255,017	-13,849
Massachusetts	27,174	38,332	-11,158	577,396	594,515	-17,119
Michigan*	41,035	64,574	-23,539	915,383	985,294	-69,911
Minnesota	22,466	27,211	-4,745	417,084	416,668	416
Mississippi	23,945	23,856	89	177,986	184,150	-6,164
Missouri	19,139	27,436	-8,297	235,679	255,374	-19,695
Montana	2,874	3,821	-947	47,350	49,917	-2,567
Nebraska	5,135	5,812	-677	57,962	61,604	-3,642
Nevada	13,879	15,607	-1,728	330,740	343,030	-12,290
New Hampshire	6,036	7,266	-1,230	103,704	109,184	-5,480
New Jersey	25,632	34,410	-8,778	547,795	586,532	-38,737
New Mexico	5,856	9,524	-3,668	108,938	105,568	3,370
New York	82,981	189,087	-106,106	1,767,703	1,811,012	-43,309
North Carolina	36,400	44,202	-7,802	543,011	564,068	-21,057
North Dakota	2,546	2,978	-432	35,409	31,100	4,309
Ohio	34,638	42,585	-7,947	548,375	636,869	-88,494
Oklahoma	37,986	43,714	-5,728	167,999	139,196	28,803
Oregon	19,506	28,452	-8,946	430,076	293,081	136,995
Pennsylvania*	50,462	66,980	-16,518	1,026,339	907,252	119,087
Puerto Rico	7,139	13,521	-6,382	160,299	194,272	-33,973
Rhode Island	2,747	2,937	-190	79,639	87,966	-8,327
South Carolina	18,986	25,380	-6,394	220,346	241,793	-21,447
South Dakota	1,435	3,471	-2,036	19,593	22,454	-2,861
Tennessee	22,784	25,439	-2,655	313,639	327,768	-14,129
Texas	106,821	127,717	-20,896	1,429,410	1,272,557	156,853
Utah	4,996	5,405	-409	79,269	82,054	-2,785
Vermont	1,382	1,552	-170	46,060	50,285	-4,225
Virgin Islands	20	47	-27	4,648	4,534	114
Virginia	32,202	39,242	-7,040	399,273	402,926	-3,653
Washington	34,873	49,436	-14,563	514,461	593,287	-78,826
West Virginia	4,535	4,904	-369	92,822	93,086	-264
Wisconsin	25,026	28,967	-3,941	269,055	291,677	-22,622
Wyoming	1,926	2,800	-874	17,149	17,631	-482
US Total	1,603,000	1,917,604	-314,604	19,295,200	18,858,128	437,072

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	
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	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,838	-4,074	22,668.75	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,126	-320	2,608.75	21,487	649	22,446.25	14.8
May 30, 2020	1,877	-249	2,284.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 30			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended May 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	May 16	May 9	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	1,571	0	1,571	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
California*	72,785	94,732	-21,947	699,745	1,148,937	-449,192
Colorado	6,414	6,635	-221	101,510	96,779	4,731
Connecticut	2,682	4,491	-1,809	55,117	65,560	-10,443
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	76	925	-849	633	4,561	-3,928
Illinois	9,792	14,450	-4,658	373,443	159,646	213,797
Indiana	14,470	26,482	-12,012	285,913	67,577	218,336
Iowa	2,007	2,946	-939	17,545	16,186	1,359
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	5,723	25,187	-19,464	174,070	118,817	55,253
Maine	13,487	20,577	-7,090	135,681	35,713	99,968
Maryland	10,181	14,297	-4,116	236,342	170,722	65,620
Massachusetts	54,281	147,594	-93,313	1,612,010	1,184,792	427,218
Michigan	79,045	196,236	-117,191	2,116,842	1,642,002	474,840
Minnesota	562	883	-321	73,411	78,807	-5,396
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	5,117	6,717	-1,600	83,638	89,665	-6,027
Montana	4,648	4,812	-164	53,390	31,028	22,362
Nebraska	1,310	1,511	-201	20,352	20,206	146
Nevada	18,700	37,567	-18,867	172,346	0	172,346
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	47,483	89,261	-41,778	547,887	302,590	245,297
New Mexico	0	3,141	-3,141	43,236	49,504	-6,268
New York	2,658	250,130	-247,472	1,111,488	226,631	884,857
North Carolina	33,742	43,056	-9,314	72,422	59,343	13,079
North Dakota	602	1,141	-539	7,956	8,142	-186
Ohio	30,381	44,158	-13,777	615,968	592,141	23,827
Oklahoma	1,375	1,747	-372	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	94,601	80,053	14,548	1,010,651	721,664	288,987
Puerto Rico	15,706	67,611	-51,905	338,484	3,948	334,536
Rhode Island	2,820	3,995	-1,175	38,972	35,932	3,040
South Carolina	11,373	17,562	-6,189	88,160	98,189	-10,029
South Dakota	337	875	-538	4,107	2,892	1,215
Tennessee	6,135	4,040	2,095	81,439	79,363	2,076
Texas	46,063	40,635	5,428	164,386	166,633	-2,247
Utah	1561	2,300	-739	11,038	10,169	869
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	8,685	12,705	-4,020	193,684	193,227	457
Washington	12,971	21,288	-8,317	193,276	310,163	-116,887
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	3,290	4,458	-1,168	567	0	567
Wyoming	439	850	-411	5,209	1,537	3,672
US Total	623,073	1,295,048	-671,975	10,740,918	7,793,066	2,947,852

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

* Denotes State estimate.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	May 16	May 9	Change	May 2	April 25
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	6,058	6,633	-575	0	0
California	324	183	141	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	1,547	1,442	105	0	0
District of Columbia	1,104	1,314	-210	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1,774	1,239	535	782	193
Illinois	28,873	29,423	-550	0	0
Indiana	9,097	14,094	-4,997	4,528	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	304	0	304	17	11
Maine	70	21	49	12	15
Maryland	5,575	0	5,575	3,473	2,361
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	33,561	12,794	20,767	26,986	8,457
Minnesota	13,405	12,935	470	11,934	10,619
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	7,437	9,347	-1,910	10,884	213
Montana	1,612	0	1,612	0	0
Nebraska	10	0	10	0	0
Nevada	4,745	518	4,227	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	2,595	2,083	512	1,185	1,030
New York	53,737	50,117	3,620	48,190	43,414
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	3,609	3,061	548	0	0
Ohio	11,024	8,356	2,668	5,102	0
Oklahoma	1,732	317	1,415	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	531	1,500	-969	1,365	1,251
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	2,139	1,592	547	503	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	48	15	33	0	0
Tennessee	100	0	100	41	60
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	1,080	0	1,080	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	13,825	59,766	-45,941	47,725	11,899
West Virginia	3,776	5,550	-1,774	0	15
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	209,692	222,300	-12,608	162,727	79,538

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 23						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 16						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	27,919	2,769	25,190	36	25	190,205	9.9	-13,472	175,524	125	70	190,400	
Alaska	8,152	411	7,165	11	1	48,000	15.6	-2,049	41,399	148	29	48,177	
Arizona	26,868	-5,089	22,739	26	7	217,968	7.6	-12,598	192,359	168	153	218,289	
Arkansas	10,825	-602	8,834	30	1	120,043	10.0	-2,365	110,228	113	89	120,245	
California	203,262	-41,169	164,987	503	357	2,155,310	12.4	-1,409,843	1,836,154	1,798	1,332	2,158,440	
Colorado	15,719	-2,335	13,839	13	46	265,499	10.0	18,992	247,333	179	239	265,917	
Connecticut	16,603	-9,357	13,911	48	1	272,695	16.5	-24,393	244,235	89	126	272,910	
Delaware	4,651	-903	4,254	3	8	50,780	11.4	-230	46,931	11	16	50,807	
District of Columbia	5,135	-61	4,683	45	0	70,103	12.1	1,259	63,875	803	13	70,919	
Florida	175,411	-49,993	169,307	43	36	529,384	6.2	-1,621,724	495,397	347	305	530,036	
Georgia	165,499	-12,232	161,308	80	52	731,762	16.7	-58,416	707,720	563	382	732,707	
Hawaii	9,140	-1,824	7,937	2	18	127,921	20.6	-17,622	121,097	224	132	128,277	
Idaho	4,727	-1,073	3,868	1	1	56,692	7.7	-3,429	52,238	35	37	56,764	
Illinois	58,263	-14,517	50,597	9	3	762,367	12.9	28,825	677,841	482	233	763,082	
Indiana	25,523	-3,913	23,618	21	15	253,536	8.3	-16,849	240,200	93	98	253,727	
Iowa	13,653	1,597	11,525	15	7	178,619	11.7	-6,022	165,118	131	56	178,806	
Kansas	11,232	-6	9,208	0	1	104,553	7.7	-4,012	96,842	72	67	104,692	
Kentucky	53,738	6,417	51,100	0	0	244,342	12.9	-2,523	228,704	116	208	244,666	
Louisiana	23,961	-4,584	21,219	41	25	328,409	17.4	1,905	314,881	145	53	328,607	
Maine	16,667	11,941	16,191	0	1	138,219	22.9	46,012	133,448	56	29	138,304	
Maryland	33,991	-1,120	30,817	65	41	255,017	10.0	1,798	230,385	325	217	255,559	
Massachusetts	38,332	-352	33,803	65	51	594,515	16.7	4,970	544,816	293	216	595,024	
Michigan	64,574	7,859	56,171	39	22	985,294	22.9	-8,894	944,599	219	206	985,719	
Minnesota	27,211	-1,682	24,519	13	6	416,668	14.5	-11,022	388,904	215	140	417,023	
Mississippi	23,856	-386	21,646	4	3	184,150	16.6	-5,736	176,395	180	70	184,400	
Missouri	27,436	-808	23,086	3	3	255,374	9.1	-6,466	238,299	119	67	255,560	
Montana	3,821	161	3,042	4	7	49,917	10.9	-3,869	45,057	148	31	50,096	
Nebraska	5,812	-27	4,944	7	5	61,604	6.4	-1,358	58,456	19	17	61,640	
Nevada	15,607	-2,230	13,465	40	5	343,030	24.9	-26,011	325,986	117	119	343,266	
New Hampshire	7,266	-1,528	6,870	8	7	109,184	16.8	-5,266	106,087	44	13	109,241	
New Jersey	34,410	-7,955	26,482	51	38	586,532	14.6	-15,238	510,712	331	377	587,240	
New Mexico	9,524	2,168	8,493	3	0	105,568	13.1	1,619	97,312	146	83	105,797	
New York	189,087	-34,875	176,338	57	63	1,811,012	19.2	-62,923	1,699,263	650	707	1,812,369	
North Carolina	44,202	-2,711	40,793	70	78	564,068	12.8	-41,641	545,138	420	530	565,018	
North Dakota	2,978	359	2,650	28	4	31,100	7.5	-1,299	29,297	23	19	31,142	
Ohio	42,585	-4,277	35,917	11	42	636,869	11.9	-67,915	590,576	208	429	637,506	
Oklahoma	43,714	10,274	41,992	30	17	139,196	8.9	3,967	126,005	61	78	139,335	
Oregon	28,452	4,913	24,801	41	14	293,081	15.3	2,930	268,521	474	138	293,693	
Pennsylvania	66,980	4,464	57,118	282	84	907,252	15.6	-101,634	819,154	2,490	720	910,462	
Puerto Rico	13,521	2,598	12,116	15	1	194,272	22.7	41,449	180,164	287	85	194,644	
Rhode Island	2,937	-946	2,253	9	4	87,966	18.6	-1,281	81,015	91	24	88,081	
South Carolina	25,380	-4,519	23,387	19	23	241,793	11.6	-14,883	228,489	64	127	241,984	
South Dakota	3,471	-420	3,191	1	1	22,454	5.4	-2,732	21,404	94	20	22,568	
Tennessee	25,439	-2,551	22,462	35	22	327,768	10.0	-4,977	311,943	161	185	328,114	
Texas	127,717	-6,348	113,362	160	229	1,272,557	10.3	-28,019	1,159,297	822	1,689	1,275,068	
Utah	5,405	-823	4,352	13	7	82,054	5.6	-4,244	75,200	68	38	82,160	
Vermont	1,552	-647	1,122	0	0	50,285	16.6	-4,818	47,082	9	2	50,296	
Virgin Islands	47	-19	22	0	0	4,534	12.8	962	4,062	6	0	4,540	
Virginia	39,242	-5,457	36,674	17	14	402,926	10.8	-631	384,563	431	449	403,806	
Washington	49,436	-90,683	43,937	13	12	593,287	17.7	-452,169	548,243	415	787	594,489	
West Virginia	4,904	-122	4,069	1	0	93,086	13.9	-5,708	84,415	72	58	93,216	
Wisconsin	28,967	-2,320	25,453	18	6	291,677	10.2	-16,720	270,069	122	80	291,879	
Wyoming	2,800	497	2,583	4	0	17,631	6.5	296	16,431	34	13	17,678	
Totals	1,917,604	-264,036	1,719,410	2,053	1,414	18,858,128	12.9	-3,936,017	17,348,863	14,856	11,401	18,884,385	

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 23, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
ME	+11,941	No comment.
OK	+10,274	No comment.
MI	+7,859	Layoffs in the educational services industry.
KY	+6,417	No comment.
OR	+4,913	No comment.
PA	+4,464	No comment.
AL	+2,769	Layoffs in the manufacturing, educational services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
PR	+2,598	No comment.
NM	+2,168	No comment.
IA	+1,597	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WA	-90,683	No comment.
FL	-49,993	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
CA	-41,169	No comment.
NY	-34,875	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and retail trade industries.
IL	-14,517	No comment.
GA	-12,232	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, educational services, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.
CT	-9,357	No comment.
NJ	-7,955	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, retail trade, and transportation and warehousing industries.
TX	-6,348	No comment.
VA	-5,457	No comment.
AZ	-5,089	No comment.
LA	-4,584	No comment.
SC	-4,519	No comment.
OH	-4,277	No comment.
IN	-3,913	No comment.
NC	-2,711	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
TN	-2,551	No comment.
CO	-2,335	No comment.
WI	-2,320	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.
NV	-2,230	No comment.
HI	-1,824	No comment.
MN	-1,682	No comment.
NH	-1,528	No comment.
MD	-1,120	No comment.
ID	-1,073	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.

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