



# 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, April 8, 2021

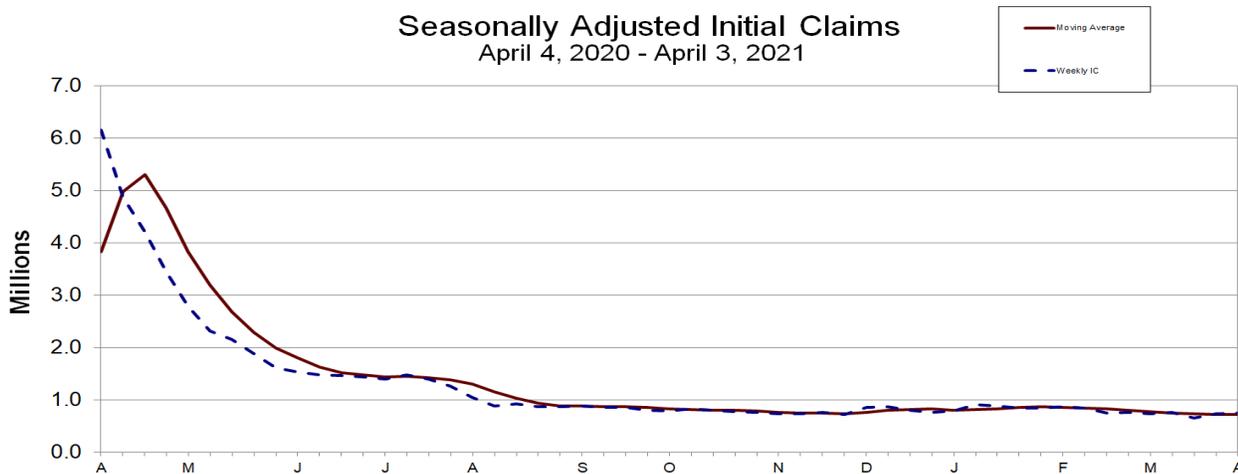
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

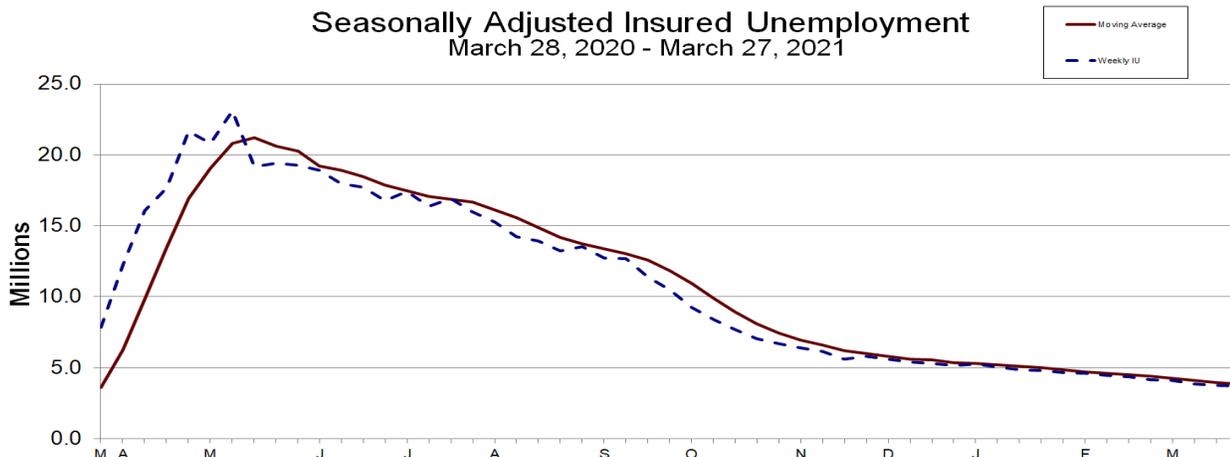
In the week ending April 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 744,000, an increase of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 9,000 from 719,000 to 728,000. The 4-week moving average was 723,750, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 719,000 to 721,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.6 percent for the week ending March 27, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 2.7 to 2.6 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 27 was 3,734,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 21, 2020 when it was 3,094,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 44,000 from 3,794,000 to 3,750,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,862,000, a decrease of 105,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 10,750 from 3,978,500 to 3,967,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
April 4, 2020 - April 3, 2021



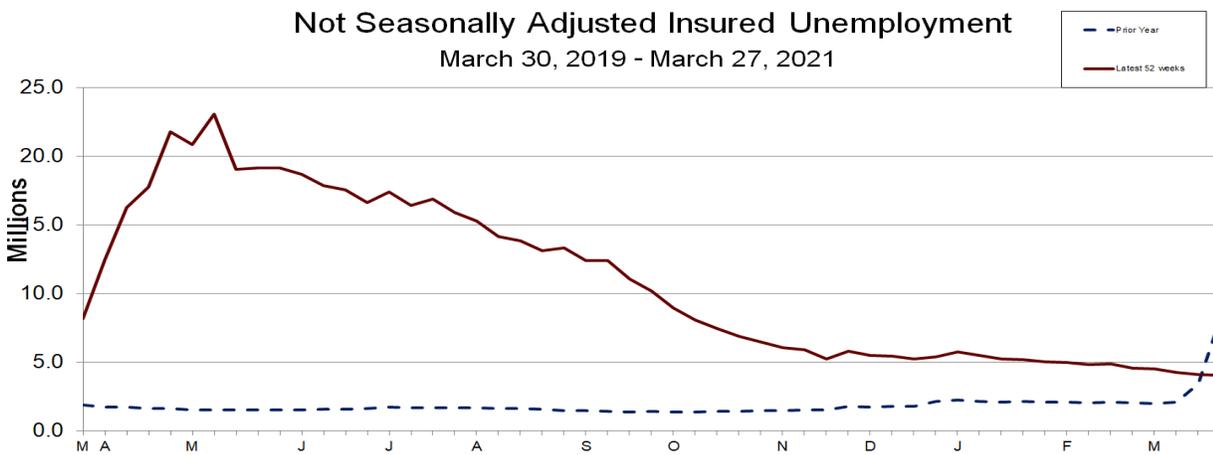
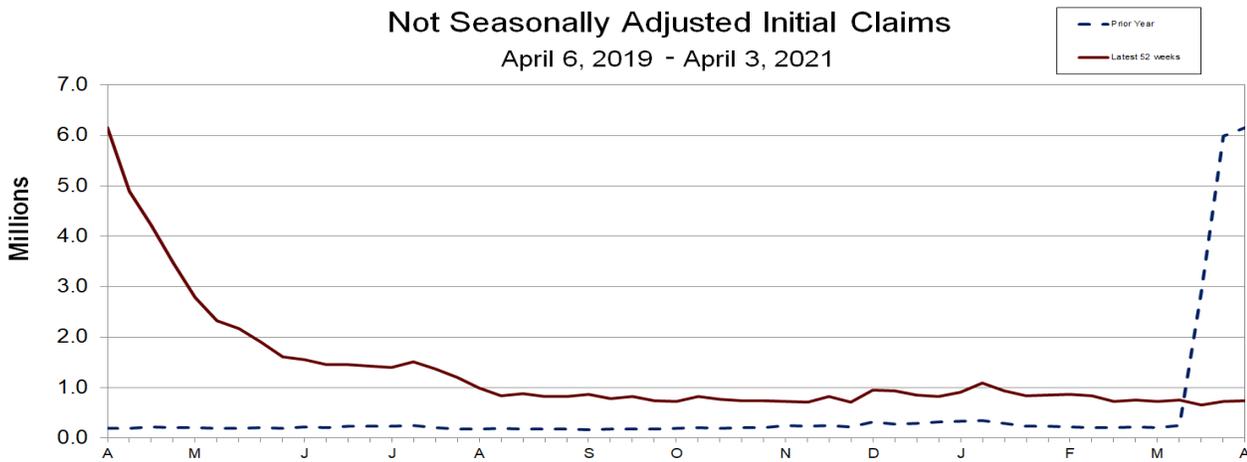
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
March 28, 2020 - March 27, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 740,787 in the week ending April 3, an increase of 18,172 (or 2.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,208 (or 0.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 6,161,308 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending April 3, 53 states reported 151,752 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.8 percent during the week ending March 27, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 4,031,531, a decrease of 67,664 (or -1.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 51,374 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 5.6 percent and the volume was 8,158,208.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 20 was 18,164,588, a decrease of 50,862 from the previous week. There were 3,443,666 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending March 20, Extended Benefits were available in the following 16 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and the Virgin Islands.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,181 in the week ending March 27, an increase of 21 from the prior week. There were 558 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 16 from the preceding week.

There were 17,125 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 20, a decrease of 1,342 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,985, an increase of 10 from the prior week.

During the week ending March 20, 50 states reported 7,553,628 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 5,633,595 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 20 were in Puerto Rico (6.0), the Virgin Islands (5.6), Nevada (5.3), Alaska (5.0), Pennsylvania (5.0), Connecticut (4.6), New York (4.1), Rhode Island (3.9), Illinois (3.8), and California (3.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 27 were in Kentucky (+16,100), Georgia (+14,493), Virginia (+10,684), California (+10,408), and New York (+8,557), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-14,879), Massachusetts (-12,001), Indiana (-3,785), Florida (-1,633), and Michigan (-1,622).

---

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


---

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	744,000	728,000	+16,000	658,000	6,149,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	740,787	722,615	+18,172	651,153	6,161,308
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	723,750	721,250	+2,500	729,500	3,828,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	3,734,000	3,750,000	-16,000	3,841,000	7,868,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	4,031,531	4,099,195	-67,664	4,233,702	8,158,208
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,862,000	3,967,750	-105,750	4,126,000	3,611,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.6%	2.6%	0.0	2.7%	5.4%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	2.8%	2.9%	-0.1	3.0%	5.6%

---

**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


---

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>March 20</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	151,752	237,065	-85,313	241,137

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,181	1,160	+21	2,486
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	558	574	-16	1,767

---

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


---

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	4,067,784	4,200,238	-132,454	3,406,911
Federal Employees	17,125	18,467	-1,342	9,400
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,985	7,975	+10	5,479
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,553,628	7,350,339	+203,289	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	5,633,595	5,516,487	+117,108	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	786,962	1,017,742	-230,780	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,814	1,702	+112	5,449
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	95,695	102,500	-6,805	16,427
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>18,164,588</b>	<b>18,215,450</b>	<b>-50,862</b>	<b>3,443,666</b>

**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 142,133,208 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 April 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,766	18,710	-13,944	14,833	15,945	-1,112
Alaska	3,919	3,330	589	13,786	14,918	-1,132
Arizona	4,746	5,373	-627	48,004	47,675	329
Arkansas	1,667	2,836	-1,169	20,022	21,180	-1,158
California	145,367	106,404	38,963	639,895	633,592	6,303
Colorado	10,020	10,288	-268	83,882	95,096	-11,214
Connecticut	7,106	9,719	-2,613	79,762	73,233	6,529
Delaware	2,278	1,539	739	11,376	11,016	360
District of Columbia	2,902	2,377	525	22,118	20,118	2,000
Florida	11,891	15,716	-3,825	123,253	116,512	6,741
Georgia	31,725	39,282	-7,557	134,180	132,821	1,359
Hawaii	4,575	5,598	-1,023	17,024	15,797	1,227
Idaho	4,937	5,983	-1,046	10,858	10,784	74
Illinois	15,101	14,189	912	247,464	215,164	32,300
Indiana	7,339	9,260	-1,921	55,548	58,181	-2,633
Iowa	6,770	4,602	2,168	38,642	39,657	-1,015
Kansas	1,176	2,552	-1,376	8,911	10,174	-1,263
Kentucky	21,252	24,838	-3,586	31,216	33,377	-2,161
Louisiana	11,818	12,845	-1,027	43,112	42,546	566
Maine	2,039	1,603	436	15,046	15,092	-46
Maryland	6,778	10,295	-3,517	45,440	51,544	-6,104
Massachusetts	20,274	18,915	1,359	110,988	125,298	-14,310
Michigan	13,383	11,143	2,240	108,576	139,441	-30,865
Minnesota	10,419	10,495	-76	106,751	99,791	6,960
Mississippi	5,409	4,937	472	25,586	26,070	-484
Missouri	8,875	8,225	650	45,286	47,080	-1,794
Montana	2,253	2,598	-345	12,522	13,016	-494
Nebraska	2,015	1,881	134	11,373	11,937	-564
Nevada	11,019	11,677	-658	67,035	70,509	-3,474
New Hampshire	893	1,613	-720	21,665	22,275	-610
New Jersey	18,470	16,728	1,742	108,789	115,656	-6,867
New Mexico	5,979	2,867	3,112	27,167	28,512	-1,345
New York	67,309	51,595	15,714	395,879	368,231	27,648
North Carolina	6,972	5,896	1,076	51,711	51,826	-115
North Dakota	830	868	-38	8,196	7,926	270
Ohio	44,016	54,518	-10,502	157,695	184,255	-26,560
Oklahoma	11,894	10,357	1,537	28,308	32,368	-4,060
Oregon	9,032	9,790	-758	62,128	56,576	5,552
Pennsylvania	22,372	21,571	801	230,299	249,044	-18,745
Puerto Rico	1,370	1,674	-304	22,756	50,083	-27,327
Rhode Island	5,195	4,536	659	17,963	17,675	288
South Carolina	4,969	3,146	1,823	36,396	34,470	1,926
South Dakota	243	299	-56	3,792	4,849	-1,057
Tennessee	10,847	8,150	2,697	42,448	43,961	-1,513
Texas	79,279	87,313	-8,034	310,513	320,564	-10,051
Utah	4,090	3,255	835	12,533	13,004	-471
Vermont	1,700	1,511	189	10,340	10,548	-208
Virgin Islands	53	113	-60	956	2,074	-1,118
Virginia	31,380	28,244	3,136	62,057	57,072	4,985
Washington	12,067	11,836	231	107,312	102,372	4,940
West Virginia	4,832	5,644	-812	20,440	18,407	2,033
Wisconsin	14,369	13,029	1,340	94,621	95,123	-502
Wyoming	807	852	-45	5,078	4,760	318
US Total	740,787	722,615	18,172	4,031,531	4,099,195	-67,664

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 28, 2020	5,985	3,062	2,344.00	7,868	4,774	3,611.75	5.4
April 4, 2020	6,149	164	3,828.25	12,261	4,393	6,248.25	8.4
April 11, 2020	4,869	-1,280	4,981.50	16,070	3,809	9,823.25	11.0
April 18, 2020	4,202	-667	5,301.25	17,656	1,586	13,463.75	12.1
April 25, 2020	3,451	-751	4,667.75	21,664	4,008	16,912.75	14.9
May 2, 2020	2,784	-667	3,826.50	20,823	-841	19,053.25	14.3
May 9, 2020	2,315	-469	3,188.00	23,128	2,305	20,817.75	15.9
May 16, 2020	2,149	-166	2,674.75	19,181	-3,947	21,199.00	13.2
May 23, 2020	1,887	-262	2,283.75	19,396	215	20,632.00	13.3
May 30, 2020	1,605	-282	1,989.00	19,287	-109	20,248.00	13.2
June 6, 2020	1,537	-68	1,794.50	18,927	-360	19,197.75	13.0
June 13, 2020	1,472	-65	1,625.25	17,993	-934	18,900.75	12.4
June 20, 2020	1,460	-12	1,518.50	17,713	-280	18,480.00	12.2
June 27, 2020	1,436	-24	1,476.25	16,780	-933	17,853.25	11.5
July 4, 2020	1,398	-38	1,441.50	17,413	633	17,474.75	11.9
July 11, 2020	1,479	81	1,443.25	16,385	-1,028	17,072.75	11.2
July 18, 2020	1,398	-81	1,427.75	16,913	528	16,872.75	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,262	-136	1,384.25	15,964	-949	16,668.75	10.9
August 1, 2020	1,043	-219	1,295.50	15,303	-661	16,141.25	10.5
August 8, 2020	883	-160	1,146.50	14,217	-1,086	15,599.25	9.7
August 15, 2020	920	37	1,027.00	13,948	-269	14,858.00	9.5
August 22, 2020	872	-48	929.50	13,246	-702	14,178.50	9.1
August 29, 2020	875	3	887.50	13,528	282	13,734.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	881	6	887.00	12,755	-773	13,369.25	8.7
September 12, 2020	860	-21	872.00	12,706	-49	13,058.75	8.7
September 19, 2020	860	0	869.00	11,381	-1,325	12,592.50	7.8
September 26, 2020	803	-57	851.00	10,477	-904	11,829.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,750	-91	3,967.75	2.6
March 27, 2021	728	70	721.25	3,734	-16	3,862.00	2.6
April 3, 2021	744	16	723.75				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended April 3			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Mar 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Mar 20	Mar 13	Change
Alabama	4,552	3,215	1,337	27,497	28,432	-935
Alaska	260	503	-243	8,676	9,308	-632
Arizona	5,078	0	5,078	0	0	0
Arkansas	812	757	55	38,970	42,417	-3,447
California	24,535	16,635	7,900	1,471,412	963,535	507,877
Colorado	2,180	1,747	433	56,765	50,535	6,230
Connecticut	298	332	-34	37,434	39,296	-1,862
Delaware	68	59	9	5,263	5,632	-369
District of Columbia	87	81	6	13,610	15,233	-1,623
Florida	5,672	4,944	728	0	0	0
Georgia	1,567	1,989	-422	187,939	226,740	-38,801
Hawaii	504	573	-69	60,645	39,082	21,563
Idaho	58	84	-26	6,480	6,934	-454
Illinois	2,217	2,440	-223	181,923	173,988	7,935
Indiana	6,364	10,630	-4,266	206,303	162,605	43,698
Iowa	800	709	91	10,563	11,698	-1,135
Kansas	271	330	-59	15,894	16,345	-451
Kentucky	49	19,625	-19,576	25,889	22,075	3,814
Louisiana	3,272	3,195	77	110,631	105,050	5,581
Maine	204	366	-162	13,460	13,133	327
Maryland	1,799	1,938	-139	177,080	320,302	-143,222
Massachusetts	3,270	3,090	180	383,491	285,437	98,054
Michigan	3,663	5,906	-2,243	253,289	475,651	-222,362
Minnesota	3	4	-1	40,559	41,745	-1,186
Mississippi	618	508	110	30,051	38,362	-8,311
Missouri	934	999	-65	41,071	41,447	-376
Montana	428	556	-128	25,240	15,119	10,121
Nebraska	56	63	-7	3,274	2,990	284
Nevada	291	746	-455	58,548	69,945	-11,397
New Hampshire	381	192	189	8,529	9,025	-496
New Jersey	4,335	5,596	-1,261	350,986	348,815	2,171
New Mexico	7,983	1,386	6,597	36,524	36,510	14
New York	3,617	4,521	-904	1,348,738	1,311,947	36,791
North Carolina	2,574	2,557	17	92,463	92,659	-196
North Dakota	155	257	-102	3,587	3,352	235
Ohio	13,265	88,777	-75,512	300,722	385,277	-84,555
Oklahoma	777	717	60	23,093	20,906	2,187
Oregon	2,059	3,098	-1,039	112,705	150,324	-37,619
Pennsylvania	13,563	14,603	-1,040	476,494	445,639	30,855
Puerto Rico	10,087	13,070	-2,983	380,826	496,107	-115,281
Rhode Island	2,489	2,104	385	39,122	38,622	500
South Carolina	1,775	1,662	113	50,993	51,532	-539
South Dakota	6	13	-7	715	749	-34
Tennessee	2,398	1,795	603	64,801	61,808	2,993
Texas	6,021	4,946	1,075	466,489	369,892	96,597
Utah	396	404	-8	1,686	1,657	29
Vermont	89	54	35	8,700	8,714	-14
Virgin Islands	3	22	-19	0	0	0
Virginia	4,652	3,807	845	169,645	169,294	351
Washington	2,104	2,407	-303	105,286	103,634	1,652
West Virginia	818	987	-169	9,080	8,970	110
Wisconsin	2,240	2,022	218	9,105	10,444	-1,339
Wyoming	55	44	11	1,382	1,426	-44
US Total	151,752	237,065	-85,313	7,553,628	7,350,339	203,289

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	March 20	March 13	Change	March 6	February 27
Alabama	64,947	66,540	-1,593	66,246	64,171
Alaska	15,604	16,463	-859	16,595	15,633
Arizona	67,943	74,810	-6,867	69,925	75,836
Arkansas	22,172	22,441	-269	23,591	23,271
California	1,334,080	1,189,737	144,343	1,703,952	1,012,743
Colorado	76,308	79,178	-2,870	78,421	75,589
Connecticut	74,756	81,260	-6,504	80,694	80,858
Delaware	13,880	13,642	238	13,388	13,270
District of Columbia	7,438	8,334	-896	9,083	9,781
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	32,563	40,297	-7,734	33,640	35,794
Idaho	7,395	7,799	-404	8,013	7,761
Illinois	255,324	271,217	-15,893	265,605	272,019
Indiana	79,521	80,410	-889	81,597	80,649
Iowa	29,055	38,616	-9,561	41,866	39,406
Kansas	11,539	13,079	-1,540	16,522	14,098
Kentucky	33,408	38,002	-4,594	36,602	39,440
Louisiana	80,201	76,984	3,217	82,166	81,316
Maine	18,658	19,104	-446	19,776	19,687
Maryland	84,465	81,988	2,477	84,413	82,313
Massachusetts	198,327	203,887	-5,560	207,829	201,364
Michigan	208,239	268,412	-60,173	163,353	254,543
Minnesota	167,551	141,501	26,050	143,350	141,818
Mississippi	26,847	36,210	-9,363	29,015	29,707
Missouri	63,508	19,829	43,679	21,479	22,090
Montana	8,913	9,170	-257	9,590	9,458
Nebraska	5,388	5,460	-72	5,656	5,769
Nevada	98,706	107,056	-8,350	96,381	71,695
New Hampshire	9,373	11,222	-1,849	11,433	11,472
New Jersey	174,956	203,471	-28,515	210,083	207,332
New Mexico	18,898	19,557	-659	21,562	21,619
New York	752,208	736,592	15,616	772,466	779,633
North Carolina	184,039	191,710	-7,671	198,758	198,643
North Dakota	7,317	7,739	-422	8,109	8,118
Ohio	131,334	133,601	-2,267	136,777	136,376
Oklahoma	46,572	49,991	-3,419	49,829	49,960
Oregon	93,680	97,336	-3,656	96,760	95,964
Pennsylvania	300,790	336,237	-35,447	372,778	274,564
Puerto Rico	15,430	39,821	-24,391	76,554	62,484
Rhode Island	20,784	20,715	69	20,242	19,948
South Carolina	79,262	81,439	-2,177	84,085	84,979
South Dakota	1,224	1,374	-150	1,371	1,241
Tennessee	63,011	59,401	3,610	61,174	61,613
Texas	534,327	380,468	153,859	544,134	346,836
Utah	12,197	12,426	-229	13,009	12,989
Vermont	12,328	14,000	-1,672	14,238	13,755
Virgin Islands	51	62	-11	16	36
Virginia	22,571	24,550	-1,979	27,070	29,425
Washington	3,172	3,644	-472	4,001	3,554
West Virginia	19,991	22,562	-2,571	22,677	22,807
Wisconsin	38,137	51,705	-13,568	58,957	46,130
Wyoming	5,207	5,438	-231	5,661	5,497
US Total	5,633,595	5,516,487	117,108	6,220,492	5,275,054

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

## Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	March 20	March 13	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	428	209	219
Arizona	4,530	6,267	-1,737
Arkansas	31	53	-22
California	225,873	370,486	-144,613
Colorado	51	132	-81
Connecticut	4,892	11,444	-6,552
Delaware	34	20	14
District of Columbia	5	23	-18
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	19	92	-73
Idaho	12	37	-25
Illinois	60,539	51,964	8,575
Indiana	55	65	-10
Iowa	13	22	-9
Kansas	671	576	95
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	60	136	-76
Maine	14	45	-31
Maryland	480	549	-69
Massachusetts	28,296	33,918	-5,622
Michigan	34,944	61,758	-26,814
Minnesota	22	3	19
Mississippi	220	228	-8
Missouri	70	89	-19
Montana	18	63	-45
Nebraska	0	16	-16
Nevada	25,549	28,296	-2,747
New Hampshire	53	142	-89
New Jersey	65,115	69,609	-4,494
New Mexico	4,293	19,203	-14,910
New York	201,585	220,511	-18,926
North Carolina	14	236	-222
North Dakota	1	6	-5
Ohio	114	44	70
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	325	450	-125
Pennsylvania	22,704	29,067	-6,363
Puerto Rico	2,503	7,117	-4,614
Rhode Island	3,490	4,494	-1,004
South Carolina	0	87	-87
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	60	104	-44
Texas	98,417	82,155	16,262
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	6	19	-13
Virgin Islands	7	39	-32
Virginia	494	468	26
Washington	444	17,225	-16,781
West Virginia	11	16	-5
Wisconsin	494	244	250
Wyoming	6	15	-9
US Total	786,962	1,017,742	-230,780

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MARCH 27

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
MARCH 20

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	18,710	4,716	-62,274	27	11	15,945	0.8	281	-2,138	51	33	16,029
Alaska	3,330	557	-10,444	12	3	14,918	5.0	21	3,745	190	38	15,146
Arizona	5,373	551	-83,567	1	2	47,675	1.7	-475	21,288	247	114	48,036
Arkansas	2,836	511	-24,920	1	1	21,180	1.8	-1,351	5,032	131	39	21,350
California	106,404	10,408	-951,921	225	91	633,592	3.7	-46,193	233,027	3,476	1,355	638,423
Colorado	10,288	-1,309	-51,550	4	9	95,096	3.6	6,465	73,140	184	174	95,454
Connecticut	9,719	911	-23,508	13	3	73,233	4.6	-686	-7,628	331	59	73,623
Delaware	1,539	57	-17,598	1	4	11,016	2.4	-438	-490	68	30	11,114
District of Columbia	2,377	394	-13,492	51	0	20,118	3.6	1,746	2,457	1,058	8	21,184
Florida	15,716	-1,633	-212,768	25	35	116,512	1.4	-7,409	81,436	393	313	117,218
Georgia	39,282	14,493	-94,538	55	34	132,821	3.1	-3,141	24,944	596	328	133,745
Hawaii	5,598	2,311	-42,998	3	7	15,797	2.7	-2,820	4,800	140	66	16,003
Idaho	5,983	1,936	-26,958	11	3	10,784	1.5	-623	-4,739	211	19	11,014
Illinois	14,189	-1,406	-171,386	6	3	215,164	3.8	-9,134	83,106	813	176	216,153
Indiana	9,260	-3,785	-129,914	30	5	58,181	2.0	-1,005	29,194	247	104	58,532
Iowa	4,602	-527	-51,364	1	3	39,657	2.6	2,117	-13,993	101	31	39,789
Kansas	2,552	-76	-41,151	1	0	10,174	0.8	-871	-3,315	38	17	10,229
Kentucky	24,838	16,100	-88,311	1	5	33,377	1.8	-2,179	9,016	2	78	33,457
Louisiana	12,845	6,377	-84,555	9	8	42,546	2.3	1,706	-15,481	99	25	42,670
Maine	1,603	153	-22,167	4	0	15,092	2.6	178	-6,875	48	20	15,160
Maryland	10,295	-1,189	-75,082	22	4	51,544	2.1	-3,583	3,590	286	39	51,869
Massachusetts	18,915	-12,001	-162,508	63	21	125,298	3.6	-9,025	-57,807	326	136	125,760
Michigan	11,143	-1,622	-293,192	18	3	139,441	3.4	913	51,258	261	48	139,750
Minnesota	10,495	2,120	-98,600	10	7	99,791	3.6	905	-61,082	198	104	100,093
Mississippi	4,937	474	-27,078	6	3	26,070	2.4	-1,375	16,489	123	43	26,236
Missouri	8,225	412	-96,066	6	3	47,080	1.8	903	-2,390	149	18	47,247
Montana	2,598	474	-18,165	24	1	13,016	2.9	-1,025	-6,083	325	19	13,360
Nebraska	1,881	255	-22,844	3	1	11,937	1.2	-988	-4,704	15	5	11,957
Nevada	11,677	4,036	-60,265	3	3	70,509	5.3	-1,216	11,711	212	103	70,824
New Hampshire	1,613	604	-29,765	4	0	22,275	3.5	683	-5,046	36	3	22,314
New Jersey	16,728	6,287	-189,525	24	22	115,656	3.0	-4,503	-40,525	407	220	116,283
New Mexico	2,867	365	-24,982	2	2	28,512	3.6	-1,390	8,425	319	63	28,894
New York	51,595	8,557	-315,000	19	23	368,231	4.1	-24,891	53,521	485	394	369,110
North Carolina	5,896	-1,274	-166,249	6	7	51,826	1.2	-95	-23,394	217	219	52,262
North Dakota	868	190	-10,950	1	0	7,926	2.0	-443	-608	15	6	7,947
Ohio	54,518	-14,879	-219,770	10	20	184,255	3.4	-13,145	-30,018	239	183	184,677
Oklahoma	10,357	2,216	-37,387	17	5	32,368	2.1	-1,175	7,100	121	74	32,563
Oregon	9,790	1,878	-37,708	15	4	56,576	3.0	-4,036	-7,354	711	138	57,425
Pennsylvania	21,571	1,823	-352,485	120	29	249,044	5.0	-24,272	113,336	1,246	393	250,683
Puerto Rico	1,674	82	-43,720	4	2	50,083	6.0	8,874	30,853	374	83	50,540
Rhode Island	4,536	683	-23,264	2	1	17,675	3.9	-276	-14,172	66	17	17,758
South Carolina	3,146	-51	-63,329	8	8	34,470	1.7	-1,895	4,129	44	66	34,580
South Dakota	299	4	-6,502	6	0	4,849	1.2	22	1,311	74	5	4,928
Tennessee	8,150	1,719	-84,350	16	5	43,961	1.3	209	6,420	67	47	44,075
Texas	87,313	5,856	-188,872	193	109	320,564	2.6	23,696	175,867	878	1,624	323,066
Utah	3,255	679	-25,277	45	4	13,004	0.9	-1,078	-11,631	146	14	13,164
Vermont	1,511	729	-13,122	0	0	10,548	3.6	-526	-3,249	22	0	10,570
Virgin Islands	113	-79	-137	0	1	2,074	5.6	606	1,562	0	2	2,076
Virginia	28,244	10,684	-84,253	19	6	57,072	1.6	-1,161	15,245	322	244	57,638
Washington	11,836	-41	-171,013	12	32	102,372	3.1	-13,190	-55,653	529	555	103,456
West Virginia	5,644	448	-8,879	1	1	18,407	2.9	-122	-2,738	196	30	18,633
Wisconsin	13,029	1,236	-97,905	9	2	95,123	3.4	1,775	-4,451	196	61	95,380
Wyoming	852	48	-5,544	12	2	4,760	1.8	128	241	96	2	4,858
Totals	722,615	71,462	-5,259,172	1,181	558	4,099,195	2.9	-134,507	686,679	17,125	7,985	4,124,305

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 27, 2021**

---

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

---

<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
KY	+16,100	No comment.
GA	+14,493	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
VA	+10,684	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
CA	+10,408	Layoffs in the service industry.
NY	+8,557	Layoffs in the educational services, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food services industries.
LA	+6,377	No comment.
NJ	+6,287	No comment.
TX	+5,856	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and manufacturing industries.
AL	+4,716	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries.
NV	+4,036	No comment.
HI	+2,311	No comment.
OK	+2,216	No comment.
MN	+2,120	No comment.
ID	+1,936	No comment.
OR	+1,878	No comment.
PA	+1,823	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
TN	+1,719	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
WI	+1,236	Layoffs in the manufacturing and accommodation and food services industries.

---

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

---

<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
OH	-14,879	No comment.
MA	-12,001	No comment.
IN	-3,785	No comment.
FL	-1,633	No comment.
MI	-1,622	No comment.
IL	-1,406	No comment.
CO	-1,309	No comment.
NC	-1,274	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
MD	-1,189	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.

#### [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 21-646-NAT

Program Contacts:  
Thomas Stengle: (202) 693-2991  
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676