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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

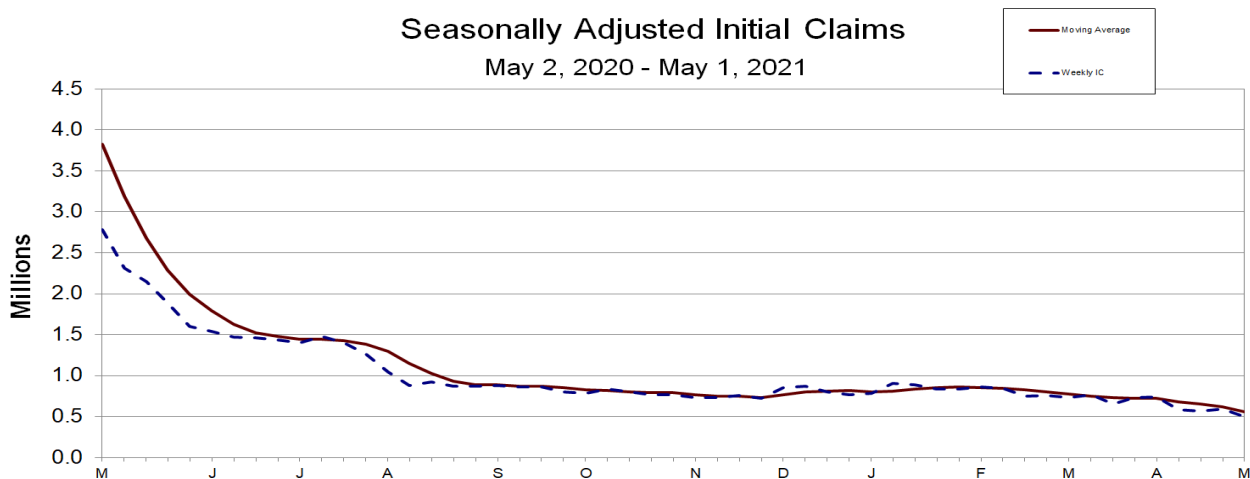
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 498,000, a decrease of 92,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020 when it was 256,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 37,000 from 553,000 to 590,000. The 4-week moving average was 560,000, a decrease of 61,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 9,250 from 611,750 to 621,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.6 percent for the week ending April 24, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 24 was 3,690,000, an increase of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 3,660,000 to 3,653,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,675,750, a decrease of 6,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 28, 2020 when it was 3,611,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 3,684,000 to 3,682,500.

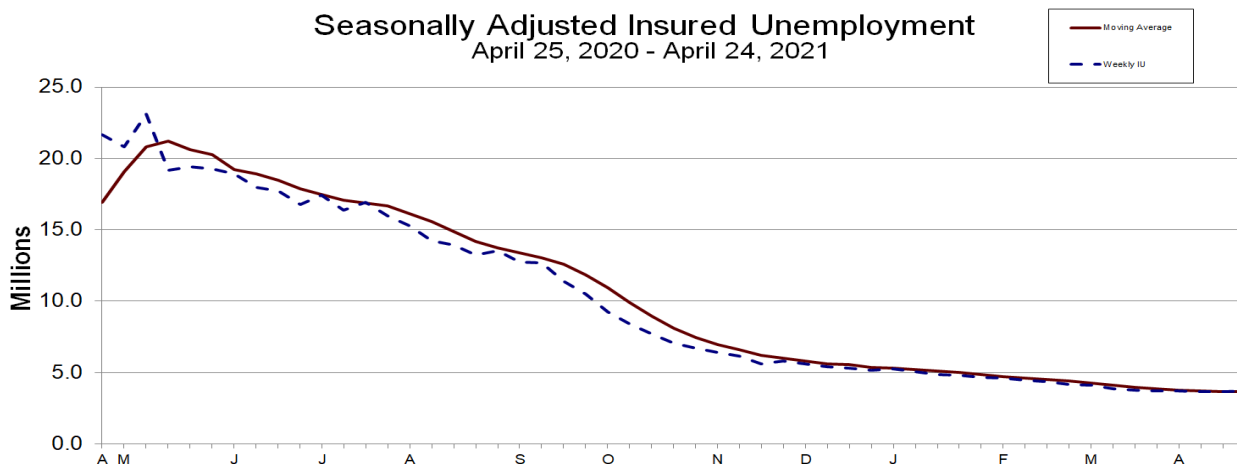
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

May 2, 2020 - May 1, 2021



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

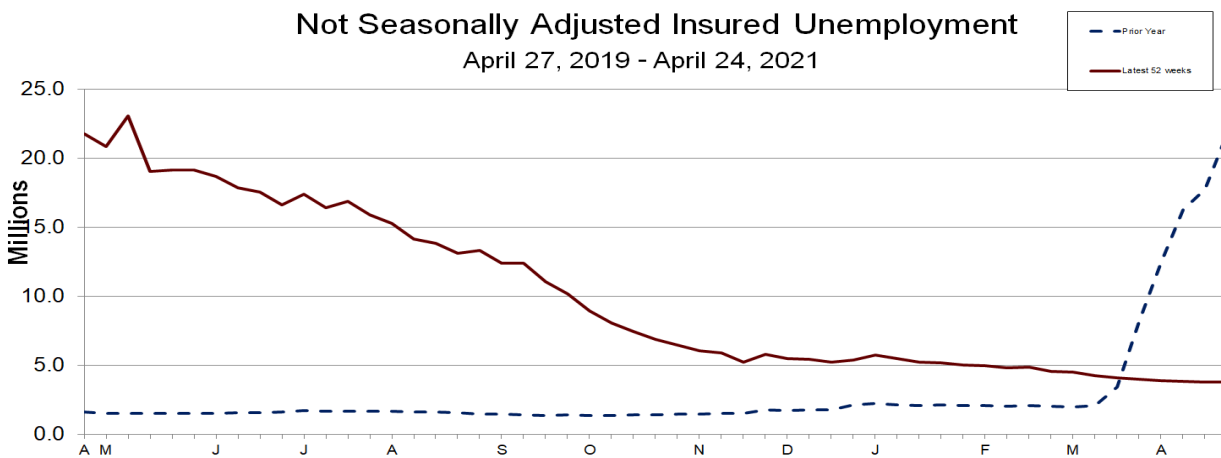
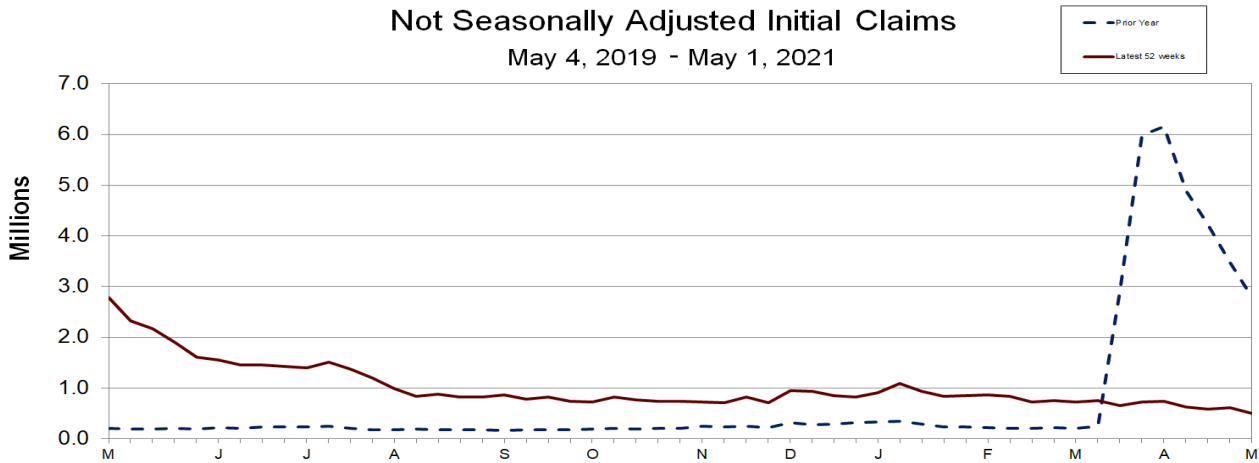
April 25, 2020 - April 24, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 504,670 in the week ending May 1, a decrease of 107,390 (or -17.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,508 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 2,793,245 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending May 1, 52 states reported 101,214 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.7 percent during the week ending April 24, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 3,786,096, an increase of 2,533 (or 0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 34,614 (or -0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 14.9 percent and the volume was 21,754,246.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 17 was 16,157,024, a decrease of 404,509 from the previous week. There were 17,847,707 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending April 17, Extended Benefits were available in the following 15 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, 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 974 in the week ending April 24, a decrease of 129 from the prior week. There were 571 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 15 from the preceding week.

There were 14,681 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 17, a decrease of 708 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,602, a decrease of 207 from the prior week.

During the week ending April 17, 51 states reported 6,862,705 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,972,507 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 17 were in Nevada (6.2), Connecticut (5.2), the Virgin Islands (4.9), Alaska (4.7), New York (4.3), Illinois (4.1), Pennsylvania (4.1), Vermont (4.1), Rhode Island (4.0), and District of Columbia (3.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 24 were in Virginia (+23,605), Florida (+9,179), Michigan (+8,234), California (+5,731), and Oregon (+4,064), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-12,673), Wisconsin (-7,504), Tennessee (-4,063), Georgia (-3,617), and Iowa (-3,026).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 1	April 24	Change	April 17	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	498,000	590,000	-92,000	566,000	2,784,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	504,670	612,060	-107,390	584,836	2,793,245
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	560,000	621,000	-61,000	655,750	3,826,500

WEEK ENDING	April 24	April 17	Change	April 10	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	3,690,000	3,653,000	+37,000	3,652,000	21,664,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	3,786,096	3,783,563	+2,533	3,840,457	21,754,246
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,675,750	3,682,500	-6,750	3,707,500	16,912,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.6%	2.6%	0.0	2.6%	14.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.7%	2.7%	0.0	2.8%	14.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 1	April 24	Change	April 17
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	101,214	121,414	-20,200	133,342

WEEK ENDING	April 24	April 17	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	974	1,103	-129	1,914
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	571	556	+15	1,263

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

WEEK ENDING	April 17	April 10	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	3,755,987	3,813,137	-57,150	17,731,217
Federal Employees	14,681	15,389	-708	13,766
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,602	7,809	-207	8,664
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	6,862,705	6,974,909	-112,204	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,972,507	5,194,099	-221,592	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	453,653	471,216	-17,563	328
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,667	1,634	+33	4,962
STC / Workshare ⁷	88,222	83,340	+4,882	88,770
TOTAL⁸	16,157,024	16,561,533	-404,509	17,847,707

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 139,248,565 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 1			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 24		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	9,917	9,816	101	15,828	18,606	-2,778
Alaska	3,177	3,398	-221	12,758	13,443	-685
Arizona	6,849	7,673	-824	52,213	51,837	376
Arkansas	2,319	3,107	-788	18,352	19,986	-1,634
California	71,204	78,606	-7,402	593,983	581,508	12,475
Colorado	4,742	5,843	-1,101	62,854	61,947	907
Connecticut	4,938	5,902	-964	78,245	81,472	-3,227
Delaware	5,378	4,172	1,206	11,406	10,691	715
District of Columbia	1,538	2,788	-1,250	19,472	19,976	-504
Florida	18,355	28,017	-9,662	116,304	129,628	-13,324
Georgia	25,322	28,764	-3,442	141,142	129,967	11,175
Hawaii	2,804	3,205	-401	17,669	17,804	-135
Idaho	2,775	3,393	-618	8,142	9,411	-1,269
Illinois	14,822	17,141	-2,319	249,239	230,735	18,504
Indiana	8,914	14,507	-5,593	63,308	59,616	3,692
Iowa	3,375	3,955	-580	28,451	30,532	-2,081
Kansas	2,232	2,154	78	9,518	8,311	1,207
Kentucky	12,094	7,437	4,657	21,041	23,572	-2,531
Louisiana	6,370	7,114	-744	49,190	51,308	-2,118
Maine	1,335	1,689	-354	13,355	13,854	-499
Maryland	6,907	8,560	-1,653	41,427	44,655	-3,228
Massachusetts	11,483	15,121	-3,638	91,030	97,225	-6,195
Michigan	30,816	31,004	-188	117,657	109,949	7,708
Minnesota	5,893	4,658	1,235	84,691	86,534	-1,843
Mississippi	3,382	3,983	-601	26,592	28,058	-1,466
Missouri	7,487	12,488	-5,001	54,338	52,912	1,426
Montana	1,376	1,799	-423	10,267	10,341	-74
Nebraska	1,361	1,357	4	7,369	8,044	-675
Nevada	8,979	11,054	-2,075	80,509	79,920	589
New Hampshire	1,833	1,509	324	19,140	20,077	-937
New Jersey	13,537	12,322	1,215	111,728	117,708	-5,980
New Mexico	4,216	3,580	636	27,045	27,695	-650
New York	28,908	41,056	-12,148	371,096	375,071	-3,975
North Carolina	6,668	10,109	-3,441	46,052	49,486	-3,434
North Dakota	845	1,195	-350	4,961	5,446	-485
Ohio	18,216	21,541	-3,325	113,877	121,405	-7,528
Oklahoma	11,356	17,369	-6,013	32,981	26,038	6,943
Oregon	10,451	11,390	-939	62,292	60,129	2,163
Pennsylvania	21,758	24,287	-2,529	215,929	218,711	-2,782
Puerto Rico	2,694	1,953	741	34,903	23,923	10,980
Rhode Island	7,761	8,041	-280	20,396	17,864	2,532
South Carolina	2,856	3,091	-235	38,396	40,844	-2,448
South Dakota	230	388	-158	3,231	2,948	283
Tennessee	7,872	9,837	-1,965	50,175	53,538	-3,363
Texas	28,848	33,843	-4,995	250,167	270,498	-20,331
Utah	3,731	6,569	-2,838	13,509	12,359	1,150
Vermont	6,337	5,230	1,107	12,995	11,522	1,473
Virgin Islands	144	195	-51	1,396	1,780	-384
Virginia	13,447	37,356	-23,909	63,041	54,281	8,760
Washington	10,620	11,914	-1,294	86,034	77,911	8,123
West Virginia	4,976	8,065	-3,089	19,453	16,601	2,852
Wisconsin	10,451	11,352	-901	86,674	91,879	-5,205
Wyoming	771	1,163	-392	4,275	4,007	268
US Total	504,670	612,060	-107,390	3,786,096	3,783,563	2,533

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	
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	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,690	37	3,675.75	2.6
May 1, 2021	498	-92	560.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 1			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Apr 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Apr 17	Apr 10	Change
Alabama	2,961	4,090	-1,129	13,081	8,156	4,925
Alaska	278	523	-245	9,637	11,196	-1,559
Arizona	1,339	1,269	70	83,181	82,560	621
Arkansas	1,060	1,084	-24	41,952	43,495	-1,543
California	17,591	18,600	-1,009	1,290,024	979,660	310,364
Colorado	618	830	-212	42,630	45,189	-2,559
Connecticut	250	287	-37	36,243	35,708	535
Delaware	43	55	-12	5,429	5,639	-210
District of Columbia	32	63	-31	13,481	12,563	918
Florida	3,905	2,025	1,880	0	0	0
Georgia	979	1,018	-39	127,389	155,624	-28,235
Hawaii	341	440	-99	38,842	38,964	-122
Idaho	47	37	10	4,841	5,102	-261
Illinois	2,077	2,387	-310	233,422	245,346	-11,924
Indiana	4,870	10,763	-5,893	154,859	202,937	-48,078
Iowa	461	589	-128	9,140	10,793	-1,653
Kansas	277	240	37	10,973	11,088	-115
Kentucky	3,005	1,603	1,402	13,389	11,000	2,389
Louisiana	2,038	2,137	-99	106,651	109,935	-3,284
Maine	284	149	135	12,976	13,201	-225
Maryland	3,996	3,832	164	172,495	170,005	2,490
Massachusetts	1,404	1,583	-179	249,026	259,424	-10,398
Michigan	2,579	3,009	-430	330,468	566,501	-236,033
Minnesota	0	1	-1	39,510	40,450	-940
Mississippi	497	616	-119	35,220	30,093	5,127
Missouri	1,155	1,429	-274	39,550	38,547	1,003
Montana	213	291	-78	12,817	14,319	-1,502
Nebraska	41	52	-11	2,749	2,840	-91
Nevada	331	279	52	48,594	47,073	1,521
New Hampshire	29	32	-3	9,412	9,447	-35
New Jersey	3,756	4,195	-439	334,493	354,311	-19,818
New Mexico	5,408	3,298	2,110	32,506	31,679	827
New York	2,192	2,826	-634	1,143,609	1,164,859	-21,250
North Carolina	2,239	2,356	-117	84,448	84,884	-436
North Dakota	90	130	-40	3,120	2,899	221
Ohio	3,671	5,514	-1,843	359,170	412,203	-53,033
Oklahoma	2,570	2,654	-84	16,162	16,862	-700
Oregon	1,888	1,525	363	79,381	94,325	-14,944
Pennsylvania	8,688	9,301	-613	544,382	541,275	3,107
Puerto Rico	3,225	3,821	-596	209,817	239,267	-29,450
Rhode Island	2,255	1,952	303	37,400	38,507	-1,107
South Carolina	845	1,022	-177	50,346	52,176	-1,830
South Dakota	7	6	1	583	688	-105
Tennessee	1,582	2,082	-500	58,122	59,382	-1,260
Texas	3,148	3,541	-393	441,794	352,798	88,996
Utah	343	358	-15	1,760	1,729	31
Vermont	2,215	3,131	-916	10,364	9,412	952
Virgin Islands	7	6	1	0	0	0
Virginia	214	9,883	-9,669	130,431	167,637	-37,206
Washington	1,863	1,830	33	103,581	104,900	-1,319
West Virginia	743	1,203	-460	8,952	8,743	209
Wisconsin	1,546	1,425	121	23,252	28,639	-5,387
Wyoming	18	42	-24	1,051	879	172
US Total	101,214	121,414	-20,200	6,862,705	6,974,909	-112,204

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:				
	April 17	April 10	Change	April 3	March 27
Alabama	50,755	49,658	1,097	53,615	58,423
Alaska	16,274	16,542	-268	16,409	16,362
Arizona	54,002	57,614	-3,612	60,937	64,484
Arkansas	20,394	18,987	1,407	21,835	21,883
California	723,379	1,047,166	-323,787	1,318,684	911,742
Colorado	67,603	68,047	-444	68,844	72,405
Connecticut	82,109	77,004	5,105	72,320	71,781
Delaware	14,214	14,222	-8	14,046	14,031
District of Columbia	5,904	6,516	-612	6,720	6,929
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	31,814	35,187	-3,373	32,215	36,610
Idaho	5,990	5,700	290	5,944	6,654
Illinois	260,760	260,222	538	262,153	240,789
Indiana	68,456	66,012	2,444	72,774	74,041
Iowa	23,526	24,074	-548	23,361	25,301
Kansas	9,446	11,325	-1,879	8,156	7,755
Kentucky	29,176	24,800	4,376	29,166	34,633
Louisiana	73,002	72,261	741	73,505	74,222
Maine	17,164	17,408	-244	17,903	17,832
Maryland	85,960	84,974	986	84,913	84,833
Massachusetts	223,986	222,385	1,601	218,546	219,137
Michigan	256,547	286,913	-30,366	251,775	280,453
Minnesota	180,590	180,124	466	176,651	173,344
Mississippi	29,613	25,479	4,134	23,456	24,067
Missouri	53,943	55,363	-1,420	57,924	62,577
Montana	8,014	8,140	-126	8,601	8,636
Nebraska	5,158	4,850	308	5,097	5,216
Nevada	98,195	95,574	2,621	104,185	104,810
New Hampshire	6,880	7,014	-134	7,226	8,404
New Jersey	197,613	197,529	84	192,757	196,499
New Mexico	38,372	40,267	-1,895	42,688	46,519
New York	677,876	706,023	-28,147	740,243	754,875
North Carolina	167,808	171,110	-3,302	171,926	175,623
North Dakota	6,976	5,846	1,130	7,435	7,321
Ohio	121,884	122,863	-979	123,283	125,421
Oklahoma	34,911	37,770	-2,859	35,295	40,392
Oregon	81,918	85,120	-3,202	87,349	88,226
Pennsylvania	286,351	307,907	-21,556	291,434	307,187
Puerto Rico	8,648	4,853	3,795	6,785	6,267
Rhode Island	18,519	19,005	-486	19,885	20,440
South Carolina	77,607	77,607	0	79,034	80,424
South Dakota	1,245	1,170	75	1,171	1,237
Tennessee	57,738	58,324	-586	58,973	63,355
Texas	602,468	426,994	175,474	553,093	410,948
Utah	11,156	10,884	272	11,065	11,695
Vermont	10,697	10,728	-31	10,371	9,931
Virgin Islands	22	21	1	26	52
Virginia	16,507	16,936	-429	17,561	19,765
Washington	2,337	2,560	-223	2,795	2,931
West Virginia	17,368	17,057	311	17,146	18,039
Wisconsin	26,650	25,130	1,520	38,087	38,566
Wyoming	4,982	4,834	148	572	5,164
US Total	4,972,507	5,194,099	-221,592	5,605,935	5,158,231

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:		
	April 17	April 10	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	17	24	-7
Arizona	1,122	1,423	-301
Arkansas	15	25	-10
California	152,949	151,473	1,476
Colorado	22	28	-6
Connecticut	959	1,054	-95
Delaware	10	10	0
District of Columbia	6	4	2
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	10	9	1
Idaho	6	7	-1
Illinois	8,228	9,560	-1,332
Indiana	18	15	3
Iowa	70	53	17
Kansas	619	599	20
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	22	21	1
Maine	7	8	-1
Maryland	510	509	1
Massachusetts	3,933	4,931	-998
Michigan	3,119	8,516	-5,397
Minnesota	4	2	2
Mississippi	201	184	17
Missouri	59	64	-5
Montana	10	3	7
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	12,749	15,235	-2,486
New Hampshire	13	16	-3
New Jersey	50,161	53,358	-3,197
New Mexico	472	582	-110
New York	185,496	186,951	-1,455
North Carolina	103	102	1
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	13	93	-80
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	131	155	-24
Pennsylvania	7,318	9,563	-2,245
Puerto Rico	720	767	-47
Rhode Island	473	633	-160
South Carolina	87	51	36
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	38	41	-3
Texas	23,014	23,997	-983
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	5	5	0
Virgin Islands	10	15	-5
Virginia	351	393	-42
Washington	11	19	-8
West Virginia	9	8	1
Wisconsin	556	701	-145
Wyoming	7	9	-2
US Total	453,653	471,216	-17,563

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 24

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 17

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	9,816	833	-65,150	25	13	18,606	1.0	-918	-155,249	38	38	18,682
Alaska	3,398	-506	-6,915	12	0	13,443	4.7	-672	-38,579	125	26	13,594
Arizona	7,673	1,365	-44,908	5	2	51,837	1.8	461	-144,564	184	174	52,195
Arkansas	3,107	-106	-14,564	5	2	19,986	1.7	1,674	-89,351	139	39	20,164
California	78,606	5,731	-246,737	174	107	581,508	3.5	8,254	-1,306,067	2,408	1,183	585,099
Colorado	5,843	-898	-32,819	3	8	61,947	2.4	-1,509	-166,766	202	143	62,292
Connecticut	5,902	-1,321	-27,139	11	2	81,472	5.2	-988	-227,639	304	66	81,842
Delaware	4,172	330	-3,775	6	3	10,691	2.4	128	-34,286	79	27	10,797
District of Columbia	2,788	-480	-5,920	39	0	19,976	3.7	-535	-32,558	1,007	15	20,998
Florida	28,017	9,179	-405,086	46	52	129,628	1.6	6,071	-410,926	440	355	130,423
Georgia	28,764	-3,617	-237,801	21	21	129,967	3.1	-13,931	-628,889	600	308	130,875
Hawaii	3,205	-393	-19,291	2	9	17,804	3.2	193	-50,833	160	80	18,044
Idaho	3,393	-1,091	-5,434	4	4	9,411	1.3	-730	-62,005	61	17	9,489
Illinois	17,141	1,893	-84,181	17	1	230,735	4.1	-9,092	-450,267	900	184	231,819
Indiana	14,507	481	-41,267	10	12	59,616	2.0	1,283	-194,313	257	106	59,979
Iowa	3,955	-3,026	-23,265	4	1	30,532	2.1	-2,418	-138,439	84	19	30,635
Kansas	2,154	165	-20,572	0	0	8,311	0.6	-486	-85,886	34	22	8,367
Kentucky	7,437	1,479	-83,786	2	3	23,572	1.3	8,506	-237,090	106	88	23,766
Louisiana	7,114	-1,715	-59,027	12	4	51,308	2.9	-1,390	-249,349	81	20	51,409
Maine	1,689	29	-5,972	2	1	13,854	2.4	-770	-59,287	30	12	13,896
Maryland	8,560	1,005	-29,435	19	4	44,655	2.1	-2,137	-179,660	311	82	45,048
Massachusetts	15,121	1,540	-56,237	33	16	97,225	2.9	-6,365	-435,283	243	114	97,582
Michigan	31,004	8,234	-51,000	3	5	109,949	2.7	7,228	-824,650	190	52	110,191
Minnesota	4,658	-672	-43,937	13	4	86,534	3.2	-7,341	-330,459	154	75	86,763
Mississippi	3,983	-15	-25,923	4	2	28,058	2.6	51	-107,664	155	28	28,241
Missouri	12,488	1,227	-42,811	4	2	52,912	2.0	2,369	-202,886	160	15	53,087
Montana	1,799	-47	-5,253	11	2	10,341	2.3	-714	-57,132	158	15	10,514
Nebraska	1,357	-162	-6,872	4	0	8,044	0.9	-385	-68,584	11	7	8,062
Nevada	11,054	226	-31,487	8	2	79,920	6.2	4,735	-194,930	144	98	80,162
New Hampshire	1,509	-274	-13,492	4	0	20,077	3.2	-391	-86,764	41	2	20,120
New Jersey	12,322	1,786	-59,644	17	8	117,708	3.1	-6,199	-504,045	366	246	118,320
New Mexico	3,580	-595	-8,513	2	3	27,695	3.6	-410	-66,454	202	78	27,975
New York	41,056	-599	-178,357	17	30	375,071	4.3	-26,018	-1,241,738	491	347	375,909
North Carolina	10,109	1,398	-88,832	2	2	49,486	1.2	2,403	-505,553	201	260	49,947
North Dakota	1,195	-599	-5,079	2	3	5,446	1.4	-533	-30,067	10	5	5,461
Ohio	21,541	-820	-72,058	10	15	121,405	2.3	-6,862	-655,809	211	172	121,788
Oklahoma	17,369	613	-35,131	25	4	26,038	1.7	-3,104	-108,512	114	41	26,193
Oregon	11,390	4,064	-37,910	27	14	60,129	3.3	3,987	-224,357	512	108	60,749
Pennsylvania	24,287	1,931	-58,127	129	28	218,711	4.1	8,193	-696,538	1,240	288	220,239
Puerto Rico	1,953	-216	-15,333	3	1	23,923	2.9	-1,763	-129,498	289	59	24,271
Rhode Island	8,041	2,375	-5,043	2	2	17,864	4.0	78	-78,799	59	15	17,938
South Carolina	3,091	-1,962	-63,347	11	9	40,844	2.0	1,034	-200,112	51	77	40,972
South Dakota	388	53	-5,147	9	0	2,948	0.7	-146	-19,759	50	3	3,001
Tennessee	9,837	-4,063	-32,968	17	12	53,538	1.6	4,794	-287,495	73	24	53,635
Texas	33,843	-12,673	-220,241	103	106	270,498	2.3	-13,156	-691,624	858	1,533	272,889
Utah	6,569	-1,843	-5,169	35	5	12,359	0.8	456	-77,136	94	0	12,453
Vermont	5,230	2,689	113	0	0	11,522	4.1	-72	-64,935	20	0	11,542
Virgin Islands	195	2	92	1	0	1,780	4.9	614	312	0	6	1,786
Virginia	37,356	23,605	-35,132	20	20	54,281	1.5	-992	-287,014	263	258	54,802
Washington	11,914	-1,656	-127,591	11	21	77,911	2.4	-5,685	-495,463	375	569	78,855
West Virginia	8,065	2,684	-21,753	5	1	16,601	2.6	-812	-129,965	184	36	16,821
Wisconsin	11,352	-7,504	-38,641	20	5	91,879	2.9	-2,938	-229,184	157	59	92,095
Wyoming	1,163	-840	-2,334	3	0	4,007	1.6	56	-12,559	55	8	4,070
Totals	612,060	27,224	-2,856,201	974	571	3,783,563	2.7	-56,894	-13,986,659	14,681	7,602	3,805,846

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 APRIL 24, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
VA	+23,605	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance.
FL	+9,179	No comment.
MI	+8,234	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+5,731	Layoffs in the service industry.
OR	+4,064	No comment.
VT	+2,689	No comment.
WV	+2,684	Layoffs in the utilities, educational services, and public administration industries.
RI	+2,375	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+1,931	Layoffs in the professional, scientific and technical services, health care and social assistance, construction, and wholesale trade industries.
IL	+1,893	Layoffs in other services, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
NJ	+1,786	No comment.
MA	+1,540	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing industry.
KY	+1,479	No comment.
NC	+1,398	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and retail trade industries.
AZ	+1,365	No comment.
MO	+1,227	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MD	+1,005	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-12,673	No comment.
WI	-7,504	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and manufacturing industries.
TN	-4,063	No comment.
GA	-3,617	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries.
IA	-3,026	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
SC	-1,962	No comment.
UT	-1,843	No comment.
LA	-1,715	No comment.
WA	-1,656	No comment.
CT	-1,321	No comment.
ID	-1,091	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.

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