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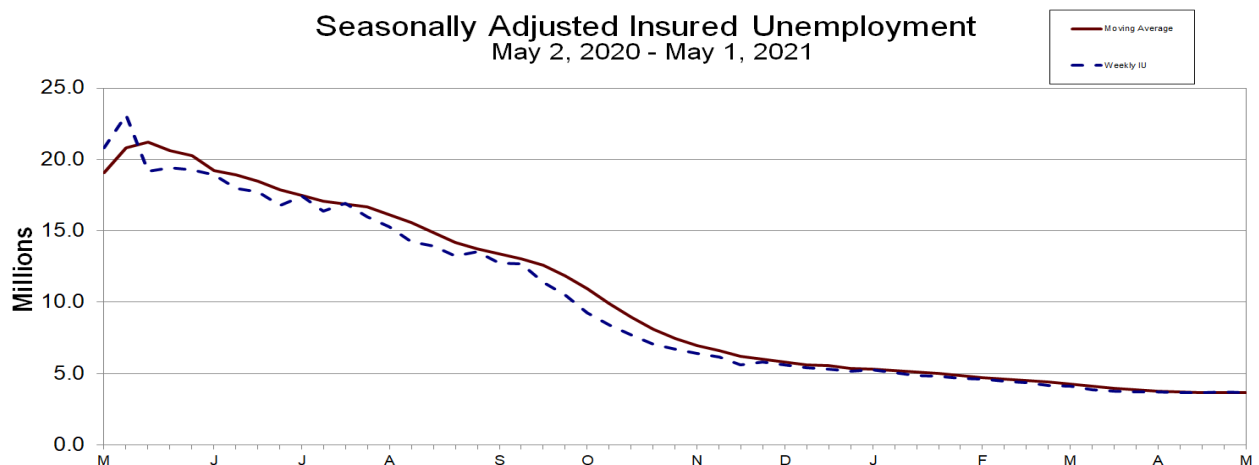
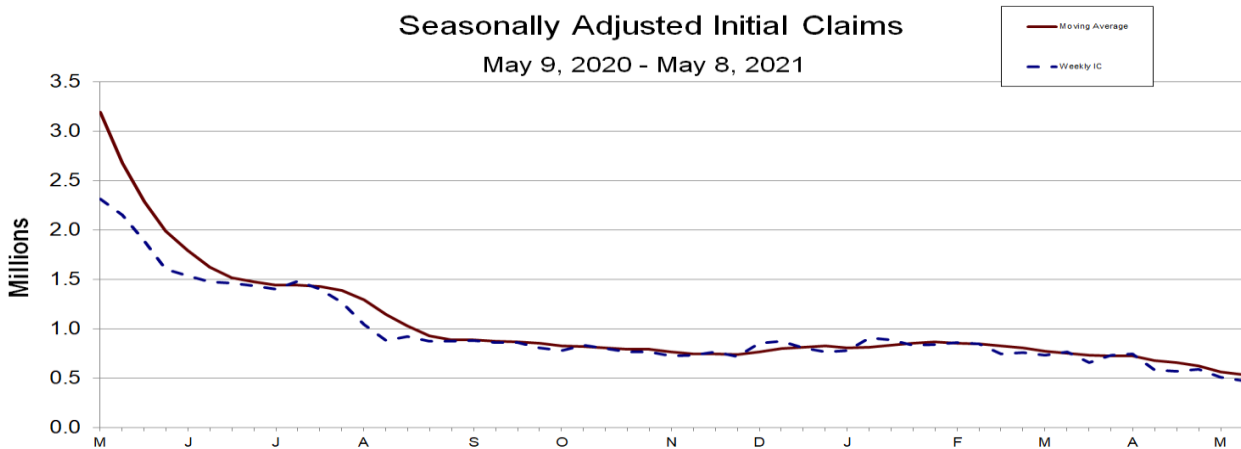
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 473,000, a decrease of 34,000 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 9,000 from 498,000 to 507,000. The 4-week moving average was 534,000, a decrease of 28,250 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 2,250 from 560,000 to 562,250.

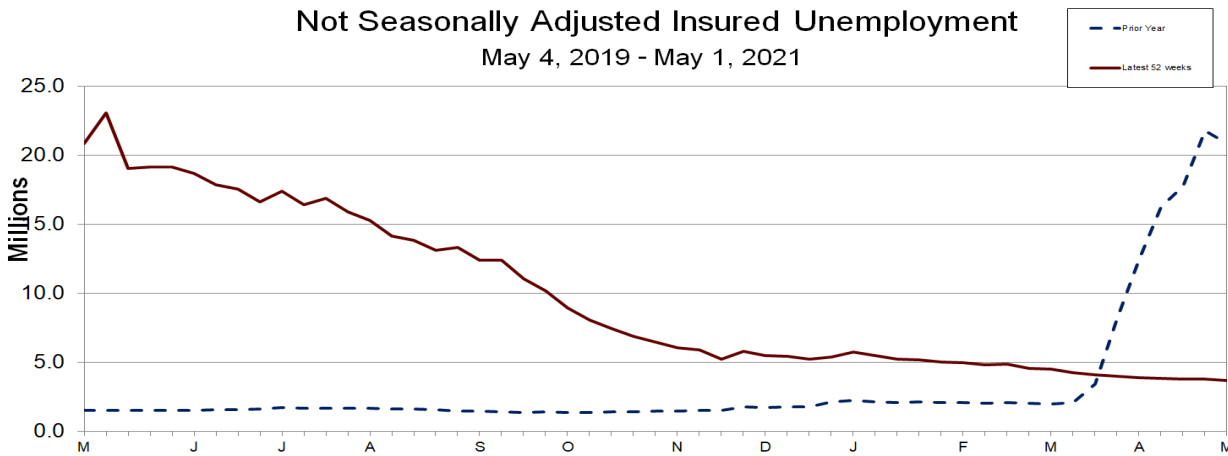
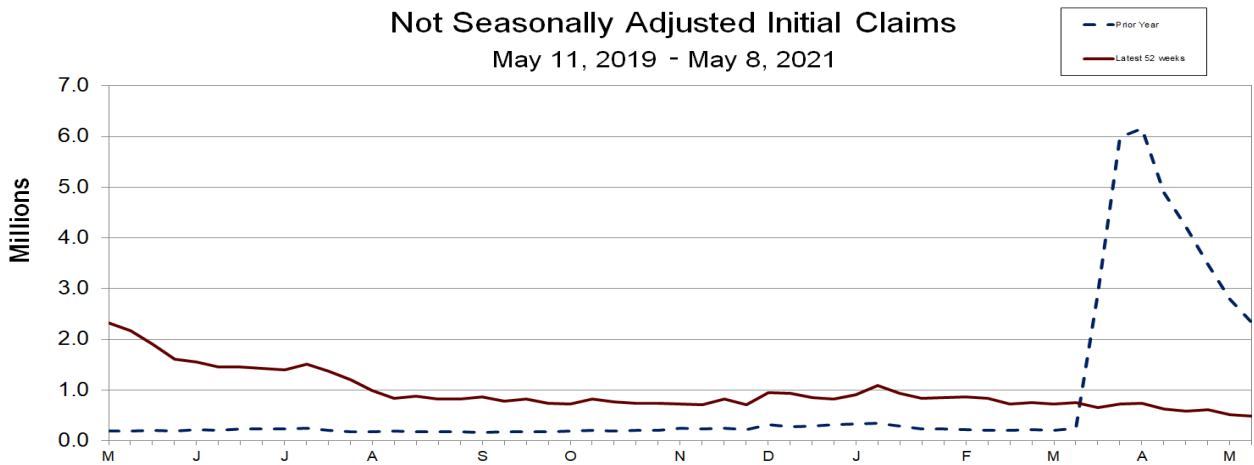
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.6 percent for the week ending May 1, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 2.6 to 2.7 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 1 was 3,655,000, a decrease of 45,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 10,000 from 3,690,000 to 3,700,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,665,000, a decrease of 13,250 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 up by 2,500 from 3,675,750 to 3,678,250.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 487,436 in the week ending May 8, a decrease of 26,286 (or -5.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 7,909 (or 1.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 2,326,632 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending May 8, 52 states reported 103,571 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.7 percent during the week ending May 1, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 3,709,566, a decrease of 86,659 (or -2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 41,615 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 14.3 percent and the volume was 20,855,301.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 24 was 16,855,264, an increase of 696,152 from the previous week. There were 21,863,056 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending April 24, 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 927 in the week ending May 1, a decrease of 47 from the prior week. There were 526 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 45 from the preceding week.

There were 14,544 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 24, a decrease of 137 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,287, a decrease of 315 from the prior week.

During the week ending April 24, 51 states reported 7,283,703 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 5,265,193 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 24 were in Nevada (6.4), Connecticut (4.9), Rhode Island (4.6), Alaska (4.5), Vermont (4.5), Illinois (4.4), Puerto Rico (4.4), New York (4.2), Pennsylvania (4.0), and District of Columbia (3.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 1 were in Kentucky (+4,714), New Jersey (+2,002), Delaware (+1,294), Vermont (+1,142), and Puerto Rico (+824), while the largest decreases were in Virginia (-25,125), New York (-9,533), Florida (-8,252), California (-7,840), and Oklahoma (-6,392).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	473,000	507,000	-34,000	590,000	2,315,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	487,436	513,722	-26,286	612,060	2,326,632
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	534,000	562,250	-28,250	621,000	3,188,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	3,655,000	3,700,000	-45,000	3,653,000	20,823,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	3,709,566	3,796,225	-86,659	3,783,595	20,855,301
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,665,000	3,678,250	-13,250	3,682,500	19,053,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.6%	2.7%	-0.1	2.6%	14.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	2.7%	2.7%	0.0	2.7%	14.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>April 24</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	103,571	101,815	+1,756	121,406

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	927	974	-47	2,032
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	526	571	-45	1,257

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	3,767,444	3,756,019	+11,425	21,704,813
Federal Employees	14,544	14,681	-137	16,851
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,287	7,602	-315	11,756
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,283,703	6,863,451	+420,252	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	5,265,193	4,973,804	+291,389	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	433,209	453,666	-20,457	434
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,665	1,667	-2	6,527
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	82,219	88,222	-6,003	122,675
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>16,855,264</b>	<b>16,159,112</b>	<b>+696,152</b>	<b>21,863,056</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 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 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	9,311	10,325	-1,014	15,350	18,099	-2,749
Alaska	3,477	2,829	648	12,263	12,949	-686
Arizona	5,537	7,267	-1,730	53,138	54,641	-1,503
Arkansas	2,474	2,654	-180	19,095	20,053	-958
California	70,442	70,766	-324	601,735	583,538	18,197
Colorado	4,712	4,503	209	61,286	61,309	-23
Connecticut	4,959	4,918	41	74,117	76,013	-1,896
Delaware	4,168	5,466	-1,298	12,029	11,312	717
District of Columbia	1,864	1,551	313	19,230	19,891	-661
Florida	14,872	19,765	-4,893	121,032	126,561	-5,529
Georgia	32,466	25,429	7,037	121,316	139,595	-18,279
Hawaii	2,786	2,794	-8	17,287	17,405	-118
Idaho	2,162	3,392	-1,230	7,653	9,680	-2,027
Illinois	17,931	15,134	2,797	218,034	247,832	-29,798
Indiana	8,130	8,581	-451	64,143	64,342	-199
Iowa	3,649	3,145	504	26,193	27,764	-1,571
Kansas	1,669	2,390	-721	10,627	8,551	2,076
Kentucky	11,115	12,151	-1,036	24,140	21,323	2,817
Louisiana	6,712	6,783	-71	48,863	52,018	-3,155
Maine	1,241	1,391	-150	12,088	13,721	-1,633
Maryland	8,098	8,677	-579	41,529	45,129	-3,600
Massachusetts	10,476	11,881	-1,405	83,630	111,869	-28,239
Michigan	16,767	31,356	-14,589	122,323	122,497	-174
Minnesota	6,203	4,310	1,893	80,717	80,853	-136
Mississippi	3,805	3,528	277	25,817	27,390	-1,573
Missouri	6,306	8,305	-1,999	55,669	57,477	-1,808
Montana	1,416	1,484	-68	9,342	10,267	-925
Nebraska	1,527	1,409	118	7,002	8,421	-1,419
Nevada	8,896	8,979	-83	76,334	82,203	-5,869
New Hampshire	1,224	499	725	19,133	19,319	-186
New Jersey	13,101	14,324	-1,223	113,010	113,091	-81
New Mexico	4,140	3,953	187	26,796	27,449	-653
New York	23,082	31,523	-8,441	354,570	369,325	-14,755
North Carolina	6,709	7,051	-342	45,816	48,704	-2,888
North Dakota	748	770	-22	4,342	4,626	-284
Ohio	19,538	18,697	841	109,671	115,209	-5,538
Oklahoma	10,551	10,977	-426	31,469	25,131	6,338
Oregon	9,015	10,993	-1,978	60,046	58,994	1,052
Pennsylvania	23,951	21,960	1,991	214,768	214,640	128
Puerto Rico	2,878	2,777	101	37,221	35,925	1,296
Rhode Island	7,478	7,764	-286	18,913	20,379	-1,466
South Carolina	3,088	2,899	189	38,244	39,552	-1,308
South Dakota	266	264	2	2,576	3,202	-626
Tennessee	8,194	8,255	-61	51,671	52,236	-565
Texas	30,538	30,225	313	255,938	250,868	5,070
Utah	3,731	3,729	2	13,509	13,570	-61
Vermont	512	6,372	-5,860	12,508	12,595	-87
Virgin Islands	116	209	-93	1,502	1,316	186
Virginia	12,411	12,231	180	68,517	55,195	13,322
Washington	16,381	10,780	5,601	81,491	76,346	5,145
West Virginia	5,490	5,098	392	19,672	17,209	2,463
Wisconsin	10,426	10,351	75	82,152	84,704	-2,552
Wyoming	697	858	-161	4,049	3,937	112
US Total	487,436	513,722	-26,286	3,709,566	3,796,225	-86,659

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	
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	3,700	47	3,678.25	2.7
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,655	-45	3,665.00	2.6
May 8, 2021	473	-34	534.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 8			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Apr 24		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Apr 24	Apr 17	Change
Alabama	2,404	2,961	-557	15,624	13,081	2,543
Alaska	227	278	-51	9,202	9,637	-435
Arizona	1,878	1,891	-13	128,154	83,181	44,973
Arkansas	1,088	1,060	28	42,719	41,952	767
California	18,823	17,591	1,232	1,726,234	1,290,024	436,210
Colorado	616	618	-2	40,898	42,630	-1,732
Connecticut	241	250	-9	35,286	36,243	-957
Delaware	51	43	8	1,810	5,429	-3,619
District of Columbia	32	32	0	13,271	13,481	-210
Florida	2,118	3,905	-1,787	0	0	0
Georgia	899	979	-80	126,521	127,389	-868
Hawaii	323	341	-18	37,565	38,842	-1,277
Idaho	51	37	14	4,874	4,841	33
Illinois	2,619	2,077	542	232,110	233,422	-1,312
Indiana	3,751	4,870	-1,119	122,723	154,859	-32,136
Iowa	402	461	-59	14,750	9,140	5,610
Kansas	273	277	-4	11,330	10,973	357
Kentucky	1,625	3,005	-1,380	12,524	13,389	-865
Louisiana	1,741	2,043	-302	105,433	106,651	-1,218
Maine	89	284	-195	13,207	12,976	231
Maryland	4,827	3,996	831	173,706	172,495	1,211
Massachusetts	1,423	1,404	19	249,571	249,026	545
Michigan	2,189	2,592	-403	515,103	330,468	184,635
Minnesota	0	3	-3	39,870	39,510	360
Mississippi	558	497	61	28,855	35,220	-6,365
Missouri	907	1,155	-248	37,240	39,550	-2,310
Montana	267	213	54	12,359	12,817	-458
Nebraska	72	42	30	2,746	2,749	-3
Nevada	360	391	-31	47,547	48,594	-1,047
New Hampshire	76	29	47	8,931	9,412	-481
New Jersey	2,662	3,756	-1,094	311,765	334,493	-22,728
New Mexico	6,462	5,393	1,069	33,129	32,506	623
New York	2,073	2,192	-119	1,082,728	1,143,609	-60,881
North Carolina	2,324	2,241	83	83,370	84,448	-1,078
North Dakota	97	90	7	3,212	3,120	92
Ohio	8,556	3,671	4,885	340,369	359,170	-18,801
Oklahoma	3,548	2,564	984	17,554	16,908	646
Oregon	3,441	1,888	1,553	81,954	79,381	2,573
Pennsylvania	7,429	8,688	-1,259	517,664	544,382	-26,718
Puerto Rico	3,226	3,225	1	214,961	209,817	5,144
Rhode Island	1,982	2,255	-273	37,951	37,400	551
South Carolina	1,248	845	403	48,517	50,346	-1,829
South Dakota	1	7	-6	534	583	-49
Tennessee	1,502	1,578	-76	56,638	58,122	-1,484
Texas	2,745	3,148	-403	344,440	441,794	-97,354
Utah	302	343	-41	1,763	1,760	3
Vermont	16	2,215	-2,199	10,480	10,364	116
Virgin Islands	6	7	-1	0	0	0
Virginia	1,175	214	961	150,448	130,431	20,017
Washington	2,494	1,863	631	104,162	103,581	581
West Virginia	686	743	-57	8,424	8,952	-528
Wisconsin	1,628	1,546	82	22,406	23,252	-846
Wyoming	38	18	20	1,071	1,051	20
US Total	103,571	101,815	1,756	7,283,703	6,863,451	420,252

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 24	April 17	Change	April 10	April 3
Alabama	51,452	50,755	697	49,658	53,615
Alaska	16,153	16,274	-121	16,542	16,409
Arizona	51,736	54,002	-2,266	57,614	60,937
Arkansas	21,003	20,394	609	18,987	21,835
California	1,074,171	723,379	350,792	1,047,166	1,318,684
Colorado	67,171	67,603	-432	68,047	68,844
Connecticut	88,028	82,109	5,919	77,004	72,320
Delaware	2,962	14,214	-11,252	14,222	14,046
District of Columbia	5,353	5,904	-551	6,516	6,720
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	9,563	31,814	-22,251	35,187	32,215
Idaho	6,493	5,990	503	5,700	5,944
Illinois	264,207	260,760	3,447	260,222	262,153
Indiana	67,277	68,456	-1,179	66,012	72,774
Iowa	24,367	23,526	841	24,074	23,361
Kansas	9,364	9,446	-82	11,325	8,156
Kentucky	27,067	29,176	-2,109	24,800	29,166
Louisiana	72,961	73,002	-41	72,261	73,505
Maine	17,108	17,164	-56	17,408	17,903
Maryland	86,570	85,960	610	84,974	84,913
Massachusetts	227,662	223,986	3,676	222,385	218,546
Michigan	259,966	256,547	3,419	286,913	251,775
Minnesota	181,599	180,590	1,009	180,124	176,651
Mississippi	23,855	29,613	-5,758	25,479	23,456
Missouri	53,585	53,943	-358	55,363	57,924
Montana	7,677	8,014	-337	8,140	8,601
Nebraska	5,367	5,158	209	4,850	5,097
Nevada	96,614	98,195	-1,581	95,574	104,185
New Hampshire	6,773	6,880	-107	7,014	7,226
New Jersey	227,406	197,613	29,793	197,529	192,757
New Mexico	39,931	38,372	1,559	40,267	42,688
New York	665,144	677,876	-12,732	706,023	740,243
North Carolina	166,668	167,808	-1,140	171,110	171,926
North Dakota	6,724	6,976	-252	5,846	7,435
Ohio	121,234	121,884	-650	122,863	123,283
Oklahoma	34,238	36,208	-1,970	37,770	35,295
Oregon	82,597	81,918	679	85,120	87,349
Pennsylvania	291,439	286,351	5,088	307,907	291,434
Puerto Rico	123,238	8,648	114,590	4,853	6,785
Rhode Island	18,567	18,519	48	19,005	19,885
South Carolina	71,491	77,607	-6,116	77,607	79,034
South Dakota	1,277	1,245	32	1,170	1,171
Tennessee	55,969	57,738	-1,769	58,324	58,973
Texas	441,882	602,468	-160,586	426,994	553,093
Utah	11,417	11,156	261	10,884	11,065
Vermont	10,849	10,697	152	10,728	10,371
Virgin Islands	20	22	-2	21	26
Virginia	14,497	16,507	-2,010	16,936	17,561
Washington	2,255	2,337	-82	2,560	2,795
West Virginia	17,637	17,368	269	17,057	17,146
Wisconsin	29,640	26,650	2,990	25,130	38,087
Wyoming	4,969	4,982	-13	4,834	572
US Total	5,265,193	4,973,804	291,389	5,194,099	5,605,935

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 24	April 17	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	13	17	-4
Arizona	335	1,122	-787
Arkansas	27	15	12
California	190,968	152,949	38,019
Colorado	28	22	6
Connecticut	1,166	959	207
Delaware	1	10	-9
District of Columbia	7	6	1
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	9	10	-1
Idaho	11	6	5
Illinois	6,906	8,228	-1,322
Indiana	0	18	-18
Iowa	14	83	-69
Kansas	642	619	23
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	20	22	-2
Maine	4	7	-3
Maryland	7	510	-503
Massachusetts	3,392	3,933	-541
Michigan	2,009	3,119	-1,110
Minnesota	0	4	-4
Mississippi	208	201	7
Missouri	160	59	101
Montana	2	10	-8
Nebraska	3	0	3
Nevada	11,385	12,749	-1,364
New Hampshire	16	13	3
New Jersey	11,031	50,161	-39,130
New Mexico	418	472	-54
New York	181,938	185,496	-3,558
North Carolina	103	103	0
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	38	13	25
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	79	131	-52
Pennsylvania	6,553	7,318	-765
Puerto Rico	4,196	720	3,476
Rhode Island	410	473	-63
South Carolina	39	87	-48
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	34	38	-4
Texas	10,136	23,014	-12,878
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	3	5	-2
Virgin Islands	14	10	4
Virginia	360	351	9
Washington	32	11	21
West Virginia	8	9	-1
Wisconsin	481	556	-75
Wyoming	3	7	-4
US Total	433,209	453,666	-20,457

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MAY 1

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
APRIL 24

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	10,325	509	-18,660	25	14	18,099	1.0	-507	-196,585	38	37	18,174
Alaska	2,829	-569	-5,889	13	0	12,949	4.5	-494	-36,944	117	23	13,089
Arizona	7,267	-406	-35,756	4	1	54,641	1.9	2,804	-164,119	182	125	54,948
Arkansas	2,654	-453	-10,794	5	1	20,053	1.7	67	-99,279	125	29	20,207
California	70,766	-7,840	-245,491	180	83	583,538	3.5	2,030	-4,224,823	2,545	1,278	587,361
Colorado	4,503	-1,340	-23,857	4	9	61,309	2.4	-638	-167,374	142	130	61,581
Connecticut	4,918	-984	-31,220	11	8	76,013	4.9	-5,459	-221,536	293	64	76,370
Delaware	5,466	1,294	-831	5	3	11,312	2.6	621	-41,189	63	25	11,400
District of Columbia	1,551	-1,237	-6,562	37	1	19,891	3.6	-85	-38,743	1,025	6	20,922
Florida	19,765	-8,252	-155,095	34	35	126,561	1.5	-3,067	-318,000	458	241	127,260
Georgia	25,429	-3,335	-202,923	26	10	139,595	3.3	9,628	-746,169	623	309	140,527
Hawaii	2,794	-411	-12,383	2	11	17,405	3.1	-431	-70,705	106	120	17,631
Idaho	3,392	-1	-4,103	4	4	9,680	1.3	269	-62,114	64	18	9,762
Illinois	15,134	-2,007	-59,342	12	6	247,832	4.4	17,097	-448,139	815	184	248,831
Indiana	8,581	-5,926	-33,709	32	14	64,342	2.2	4,726	-206,906	282	87	64,711
Iowa	3,145	-810	-20,096	5	2	27,764	1.9	-2,768	-151,846	70	17	27,851
Kansas	2,390	236	-9,526	0	0	8,551	0.6	240	-93,778	34	20	8,605
Kentucky	12,151	4,714	-57,221	2	1	21,323	1.2	-2,249	-234,877	69	52	21,444
Louisiana	6,783	-331	-44,158	9	4	52,018	2.9	710	-257,995	94	19	52,131
Maine	1,391	-298	-5,602	4	1	13,721	2.4	-133	-63,052	36	11	13,768
Maryland	8,677	117	-54,628	16	3	45,129	2.1	474	-181,914	292	112	45,533
Massachusetts	11,881	-3,240	-44,003	46	10	111,869	3.3	14,644	-458,087	289	119	112,277
Michigan	31,356	352	-36,043	5	2	122,497	3.1	12,548	-873,877	152	43	122,692
Minnesota	4,310	-348	-37,182	12	6	80,853	3.0	-5,681	-339,359	154	83	81,090
Mississippi	3,528	-455	-22,217	0	1	27,390	2.6	-668	-134,688	177	21	27,588
Missouri	8,305	-4,183	-44,222	8	3	57,477	2.2	4,565	-189,186	188	16	57,681
Montana	1,484	-315	-3,112	8	3	10,267	2.3	-74	-52,867	141	18	10,426
Nebraska	1,409	52	-5,009	3	3	8,421	0.9	377	-60,461	11	5	8,437
Nevada	8,979	-2,075	-19,571	4	1	82,203	6.4	2,283	-221,370	127	97	82,427
New Hampshire	499	-1,010	-11,976	1	1	19,319	3.1	-758	-96,261	39	1	19,359
New Jersey	14,324	2,002	-74,002	19	18	113,091	3.0	-4,617	-529,560	293	182	113,566
New Mexico	3,953	373	-9,722	2	2	27,449	3.6	-246	-68,708	194	51	27,694
New York	31,523	-9,533	-163,587	14	22	369,325	4.2	-5,746	-1,380,246	406	364	370,095
North Carolina	7,051	-3,058	-78,905	2	8	48,704	1.1	-782	-542,341	186	208	49,098
North Dakota	770	-425	-3,274	1	0	4,626	1.2	-820	-31,201	14	5	4,645
Ohio	18,697	-2,844	-42,790	13	13	115,209	2.2	-6,196	-644,127	183	158	115,550
Oklahoma	10,977	-6,392	-82,908	13	6	25,131	1.7	-907	-129,540	93	42	25,266
Oregon	10,993	-397	-37,127	44	12	58,994	3.2	-1,135	-249,995	501	87	59,582
Pennsylvania	21,960	-2,327	-36,280	117	26	214,640	4.0	-4,071	-1,018,659	1,235	426	216,301
Puerto Rico	2,777	824	-19,109	4	4	35,925	4.4	12,002	-109,215	299	36	36,260
Rhode Island	7,764	-277	-1,324	4	2	20,379	4.6	2,515	-77,194	67	48	20,494
South Carolina	2,899	-192	-44,774	13	11	39,552	2.0	-1,292	-220,857	55	76	39,683
South Dakota	264	-124	-3,665	3	0	3,202	0.8	254	-20,589	43	3	3,248
Tennessee	8,255	-1,582	-28,068	14	11	52,236	1.6	-1,302	-288,013	75	43	52,354
Texas	30,225	-3,618	-213,710	79	114	250,868	2.1	-19,630	-882,456	1,007	1,405	253,280
Utah	3,729	-2,840	-5,263	19	8	13,570	0.9	1,211	-79,302	82	20	13,672
Vermont	6,372	1,142	2,497	0	0	12,595	4.5	1,073	-47,940	19	0	12,614
Virgin Islands	209	14	164	1	0	1,316	3.6	-464	-566	0	6	1,322
Virginia	12,231	-25,125	-47,400	19	8	55,195	1.5	914	-321,494	267	244	55,706
Washington	10,780	-1,134	-91,436	11	14	76,346	2.3	-1,565	-527,702	391	495	77,232
West Virginia	5,098	-2,967	-8,129	3	1	17,209	2.7	608	-93,168	167	28	17,404
Wisconsin	10,351	-1,001	-27,534	13	5	84,704	2.7	-7,175	-229,321	166	49	84,919
Wyoming	858	-305	-1,996	2	0	3,937	1.6	-70	-13,584	50	1	3,988
Totals	513,722	-98,338	-2,279,523	927	526	3,796,225	2.7	12,630	-17,958,021	14,544	7,287	3,818,056

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 1, 2021**

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
KY	+4,714	No comment.
NJ	+2,002	No comment.
DE	+1,294	No comment.
VT	+1,142	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
VA	-25,125	No comment.
NY	-9,533	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, and accommodation and food services industries.
FL	-8,252	No comment.
CA	-7,840	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
OK	-6,392	No comment.
IN	-5,926	No comment.
MO	-4,183	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
TX	-3,618	No comment.
GA	-3,335	Fewer layoffs in the trade, educational services, and accommodation and food services industries.
MA	-3,240	No comment.
NC	-3,058	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
WV	-2,967	No comment.
OH	-2,844	No comment.
UT	-2,840	No comment.
PA	-2,327	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and construction industries.
NV	-2,075	No comment.
IL	-2,007	No comment.
TN	-1,582	No comment.
CO	-1,340	No comment.
DC	-1,237	No comment.
WA	-1,134	No comment.
NH	-1,010	No comment.
WI	-1,001	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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