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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

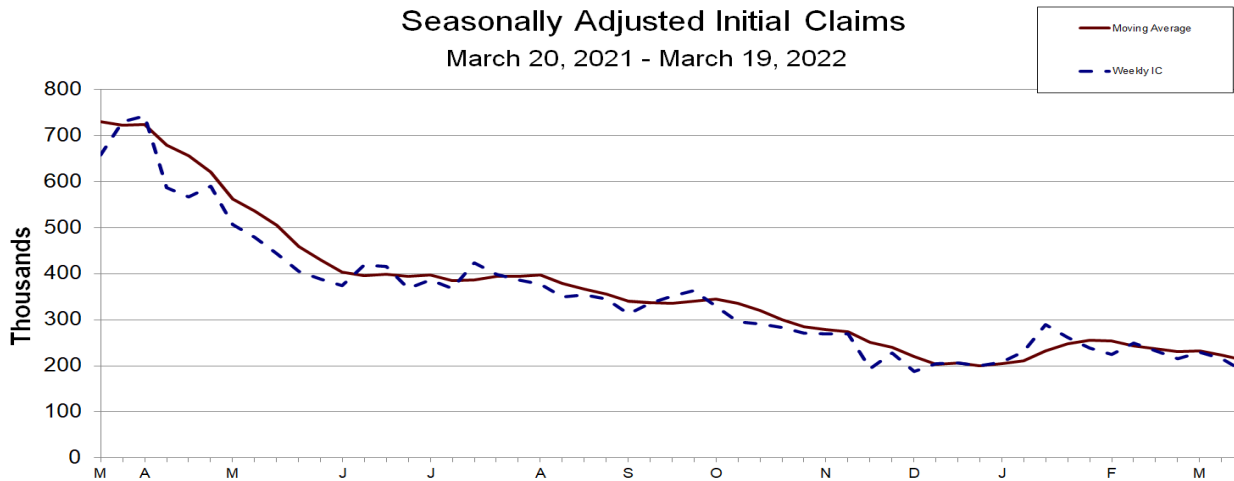
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 187,000, a decrease of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since September 6, 1969 when it was 182,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 214,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 211,750, a decrease of 11,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 223,000 to 223,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending March 12, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 12 was 1,350,000, a decrease of 67,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since January 3, 1970 when it was 1,332,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,419,000 to 1,417,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,431,500, a decrease of 31,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since February 28, 1970 when it was 1,421,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,463,000 to 1,462,500.

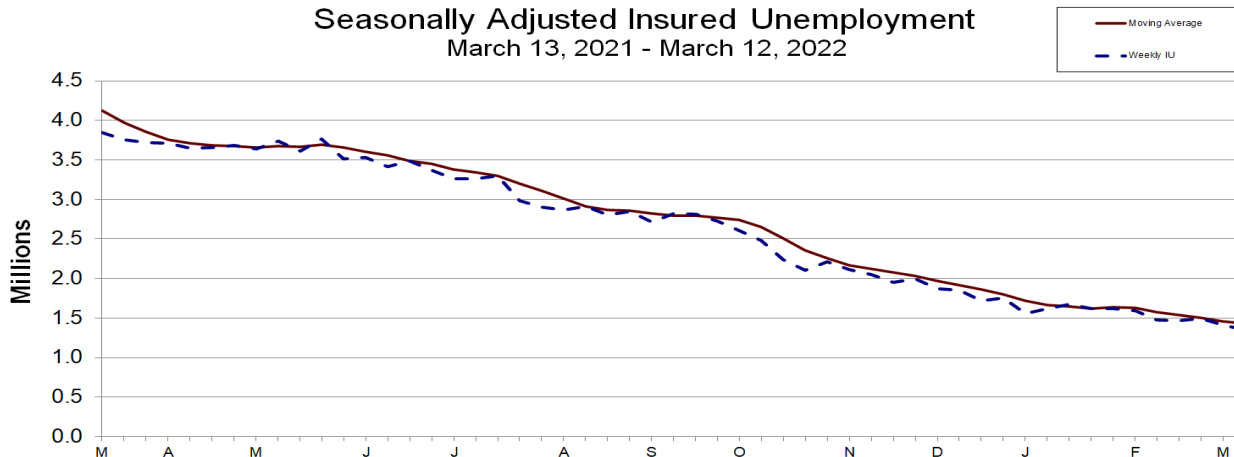
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

March 20, 2021 - March 19, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

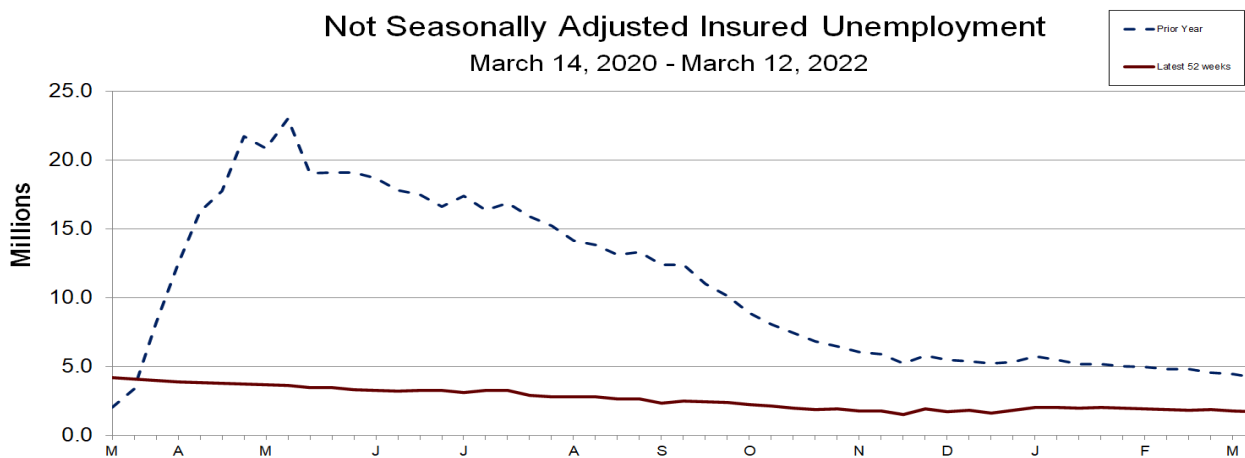
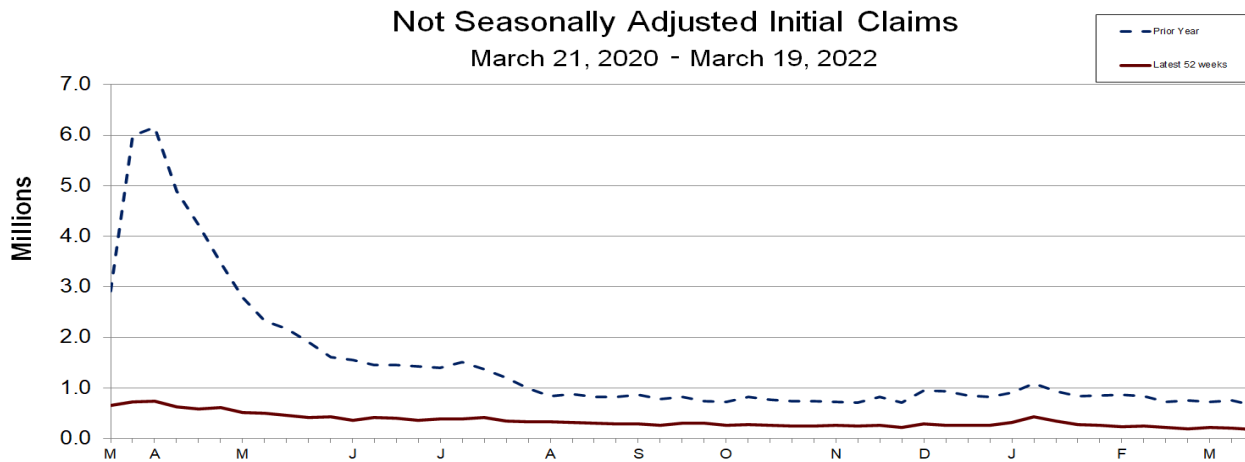
March 13, 2021 - March 12, 2022



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 181,087 in the week ending March 19, a decrease of 22,824 (or -11.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,080 (or 2.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 651,153 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending March 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,730,622, a decrease of 73,688 (or -4.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,851 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.0 percent and the volume was 4,233,702.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 5 was 1,857,797, a decrease of 110,749 from the previous week. There were 19,893,719 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending March 5, Extended Benefits were available in the following state: New Jersey.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 488 in the week ending March 12, a decrease of 77 from the prior week. There were 321 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 89 from the preceding week.

There were 9,624 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 5, a decrease of 1,076 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,258, a decrease of 425 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 5 were in California (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Alaska (2.3), Illinois (2.3), Rhode Island (2.3), Massachusetts (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), New York (2.1), Connecticut (1.9), and Pennsylvania (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 12 were in Michigan (+2,068), Ohio (+1,547), California (+1,274), Missouri (+850), and Illinois (+665), while the largest decreases were in New York (-16,098), Massachusetts (-1,116), New Jersey (-1,046), Washington (-992), and District of Columbia (-945).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 19	March 12	Change	March 5	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	187,000	215,000	-28,000	229,000	658,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	181,087	203,911	-22,824	219,875	651,153
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	211,750	223,250	-11,500	231,750	729,500

WEEK ENDING	March 12	March 5	Change	February 26	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,350,000	1,417,000	-67,000	1,490,000	3,841,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,730,622	1,804,310	-73,688	1,912,171	4,233,702
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,431,500	1,462,500	-31,000	1,505,500	4,126,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.1%	2.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.4%	3.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	March 12	March 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	488	565	-77	1,248
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	321	410	-89	737

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	March 5	February 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,799,777	1,907,693	-107,916	4,458,941
Federal Employees	9,624	10,700	-1,076	19,074
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,258	4,683	-425	8,638
Extended Benefits ⁴	27,330	28,233	-903	1,067,905
State Additional Benefits ⁵	2,332	2,209	+123	1,819
STC / Workshare ⁶	14,476	15,028	-552	109,765
TOTAL⁷	1,857,797	1,968,546	-110,749	19,893,719

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 138,088,262 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended March 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,744	2,004	-260	2,946	3,956	-1,010
Alaska	974	997	-23	6,313	6,471	-158
Arizona	2,285	2,658	-373	11,511	13,001	-1,490
Arkansas	796	1,059	-263	7,403	8,185	-782
California	39,545	44,886	-5,341	403,892	408,725	-4,833
Colorado	1,296	1,361	-65	16,003	16,802	-799
Connecticut	2,347	2,188	159	27,262	28,950	-1,688
Delaware	259	309	-50	4,139	3,929	210
District of Columbia	1,423	1,477	-54	6,197	5,681	516
Florida	4,704	3,910	794	32,129	35,566	-3,437
Georgia	3,950	3,987	-37	31,148	30,903	245
Hawaii	1,277	1,203	74	7,076	7,742	-666
Idaho	880	864	16	6,058	6,909	-851
Illinois	7,022	9,156	-2,134	105,631	124,158	-18,527
Indiana	3,425	3,508	-83	23,443	25,490	-2,047
Iowa	1,701	1,475	226	19,782	19,950	-168
Kansas	970	3,039	-2,069	6,674	6,245	429
Kentucky	4,488	7,081	-2,593	18,090	15,210	2,880
Louisiana	1,329	1,573	-244	10,464	11,818	-1,354
Maine	538	485	53	7,117	7,474	-357
Maryland	1,318	1,782	-464	21,515	23,960	-2,445
Massachusetts	3,765	4,464	-699	68,200	72,120	-3,920
Michigan	4,997	9,764	-4,767	56,776	63,128	-6,352
Minnesota	3,162	3,129	33	60,566	59,801	765
Mississippi	877	920	-43	3,738	4,501	-763
Missouri	2,706	3,793	-1,087	14,950	18,857	-3,907
Montana	610	668	-58	8,134	7,835	299
Nebraska	566	591	-25	4,898	5,255	-357
Nevada	1,829	1,858	-29	14,434	16,203	-1,769
New Hampshire	253	323	-70	2,390	3,127	-737
New Jersey	7,182	7,508	-326	89,144	88,577	567
New Mexico	602	556	46	9,037	9,449	-412
New York	12,813	13,304	-491	172,958	178,626	-5,668
North Carolina	2,365	2,616	-251	12,937	13,863	-926
North Dakota	244	385	-141	5,455	5,251	204
Ohio	12,587	13,473	-886	50,786	52,760	-1,974
Oklahoma	1,845	1,861	-16	10,631	11,847	-1,216
Oregon	3,151	3,321	-170	25,256	26,006	-750
Pennsylvania	7,873	7,492	381	91,946	99,283	-7,337
Puerto Rico *	895	936	-41	13,577	14,887	-1,310
Rhode Island	642	754	-112	9,998	10,232	-234
South Carolina	1,577	1,610	-33	9,264	9,462	-198
South Dakota	106	157	-51	2,456	2,642	-186
Tennessee	2,058	1,792	266	12,473	13,196	-723
Texas	13,074	13,639	-565	93,918	95,934	-2,016
Utah	1,295	1,332	-37	7,564	7,860	-296
Vermont	321	356	-35	3,734	3,801	-67
Virgin Islands	20	56	-36	418	488	-70
Virginia	1,697	1,854	-157	7,839	6,684	1,155
Washington	3,965	4,303	-338	47,146	45,316	1,830
West Virginia	538	641	-103	7,995	7,840	155
Wisconsin	4,781	5,052	-271	34,573	35,654	-1,081
Wyoming	420	401	19	2,638	2,700	-62
US Total	181,087	203,911	-22,824	1,730,622	1,804,310	-73,688

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
March 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	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,239	-241	2,512.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	283	-8	299.75	2,101	-138	2,355.75	1.6
October 30, 2021	271	-12	285.25	2,209	108	2,257.25	1.6
November 6, 2021	269	-2	278.50	2,109	-100	2,164.50	1.6
November 13, 2021	270	1	273.25	2,055	-54	2,118.50	1.5
November 20, 2021	194	-76	251.00	1,954	-101	2,081.75	1.4
November 27, 2021	227	33	240.00	1,999	45	2,029.25	1.5
December 4, 2021	188	-39	219.75	1,867	-132	1,968.75	1.4
December 11, 2021	205	17	203.50	1,856	-11	1,919.00	1.4
December 18, 2021	206	1	206.50	1,718	-138	1,860.00	1.3
December 25, 2021	200	-6	199.75	1,753	35	1,798.50	1.3
January 1, 2022	207	7	204.50	1,555	-198	1,720.50	1.1
January 8, 2022	231	24	211.00	1,624	69	1,662.50	1.2
January 15, 2022	290	59	232.00	1,672	48	1,651.00	1.2
January 22, 2022	261	-29	247.25	1,621	-51	1,618.00	1.2
January 29, 2022	239	-22	255.25	1,619	-2	1,634.00	1.2
February 5, 2022	225	-14	253.75	1,589	-30	1,625.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	249	24	243.50	1,474	-115	1,575.75	1.1
February 19, 2022	233	-16	236.50	1,469	-5	1,537.75	1.1
February 26, 2022	216	-17	230.75	1,490	21	1,505.50	1.1
March 5, 2022	229	13	231.75	1,417	-73	1,462.50	1.0
March 12, 2022	215	-14	223.25	1,350	-67	1,431.50	1.0
March 19, 2022	187	-28	211.75				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	March 5	February 26	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	1	6	-5
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	1,582	1,612	-30
Colorado	13	0	13
Connecticut	55	79	-24
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	7	1	6
Florida	72	71	1
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	8	18	-10
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	11	14	-3
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1	1	0
Maine	10	2	8
Maryland	13	5	8
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	19	14	5
Minnesota	1	0	1
Mississippi	1	1	0
Missouri	3	4	-1
Montana	0	1	-1
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	3	4	-1
New Hampshire	2	1	1
New Jersey	25,204	25,911	-707
New Mexico	1	17	-16
New York	57	94	-37
North Carolina	11	12	-1
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	0	36	-36
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	16	6	10
Pennsylvania	81	77	4
Puerto Rico	71	77	-6
Rhode Island	1	1	0
South Carolina	16	5	11
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	3	-3
Texas	56	153	-97
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	1	-1
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	3	-1
Wisconsin	9	0	9
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	27,330	28,233	-903

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 12

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 5

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	2,004	301	-14,502	9	5	3,956	0.2	-431	-12,681	30	20	4,006
Alaska	997	28	-2,236	2	2	6,471	2.3	-227	-9,280	143	9	6,623
Arizona	2,658	150	-2,562	2	1	13,001	0.5	-197	-33,403	149	9	13,159
Arkansas	1,059	34	-2,232	3	0	8,185	0.7	-464	-15,784	67	17	8,269
California	44,886	1,274	-64,441	107	45	408,725	2.5	-5,174	-270,438	2,383	917	412,025
Colorado	1,361	-92	-4,902	2	5	16,802	0.7	-367	-31,204	176	143	17,121
Connecticut	2,188	-376	-2,450	4	5	28,950	1.9	-1,371	-47,879	54	35	29,039
Delaware	309	-159	-1,605	0	3	3,929	0.9	-274	-8,434	12	5	3,946
District of Columbia	1,477	-945	188	5	0	5,681	1.1	623	-13,483	71	1	5,753
Florida	3,910	80	-16,430	14	15	35,566	0.4	-1,827	-99,725	222	132	35,920
Georgia	3,987	-640	-20,713	26	17	30,903	0.7	-51,314	-109,927	236	126	31,265
Hawaii	1,203	-109	-1,460	1	6	7,742	1.5	131	-11,292	67	75	7,884
Idaho	864	-113	-2,819	13	1	6,909	0.9	-1,117	-5,929	208	3	7,120
Illinois	9,156	665	-62,019	9	8	124,158	2.3	8,170	-119,763	355	114	124,627
Indiana	3,508	213	-10,457	7	3	25,490	1.0	-1,088	-39,862	62	27	25,579
Iowa	1,475	99	-4,275	1	0	19,950	1.4	-1,955	-20,195	30	16	19,996
Kansas	3,039	-101	-1,357	0	2	6,245	0.5	-843	-12,567	37	8	6,290
Kentucky	7,081	191	-3,197	0	0	15,210	0.8	1,483	-21,400	92	69	15,371
Louisiana	1,573	226	-5,622	4	1	11,818	0.7	-1,053	-34,352	43	17	11,878
Maine	485	-179	-914	0	0	7,474	1.3	-471	-8,501	22	12	7,508
Maryland	1,782	-209	-7,097	20	5	23,960	1.0	342	-33,936	246	119	24,325
Massachusetts	4,464	-1,116	-15,066	10	8	72,120	2.2	-5,355	-69,034	136	55	72,311
Michigan	9,764	2,068	-2,521	3	2	63,128	1.6	-2,148	-98,162	133	41	63,302
Minnesota	3,129	-465	-5,974	5	3	59,801	2.2	-1,660	-43,253	127	48	59,976
Mississippi	920	74	-4,366	8	3	4,501	0.4	-132	-24,335	56	11	4,568
Missouri	3,793	850	-3,718	3	0	18,857	0.7	-1,850	-31,472	70	24	18,951
Montana	668	-79	-971	11	2	7,835	1.7	-891	-7,363	462	15	8,312
Nebraska	591	-164	-957	1	1	5,255	0.6	-482	-8,209	14	4	5,273
Nevada	1,858	-23	-8,228	3	2	16,203	1.3	708	-55,044	132	34	16,369
New Hampshire	323	-337	-2,245	1	0	3,127	0.5	157	-21,425	8	3	3,138
New Jersey	7,508	-1,046	-2,764	18	9	88,577	2.4	-884	-37,728	273	191	89,041
New Mexico	556	-38	-2,134	0	0	9,449	1.3	-83	-22,840	201	27	9,677
New York	13,304	-16,098	-33,985	22	15	178,626	2.1	-19,959	-260,730	443	255	179,324
North Carolina	2,616	-30	-5,689	1	2	13,863	0.3	-803	-43,269	76	89	14,028
North Dakota	385	95	-226	2	0	5,251	1.4	-522	-3,517	9	2	5,262
Ohio	13,473	1,547	-101,732	7	12	52,760	1.1	-3,669	-133,452	82	84	52,926
Oklahoma	1,861	306	-5,052	9	4	11,847	0.8	-158	-29,707	66	45	11,958
Oregon	3,321	-538	-3,518	26	6	26,006	1.4	-409	-38,850	637	41	26,684
Pennsylvania	7,492	209	-12,446	9	8	99,283	1.8	-470	-187,976	255	81	99,619
Puerto Rico	936	-1	-330	10	2	14,887	1.8	2,071	-14,857	261	81	15,229
Rhode Island	754	-63	-3,473	4	1	10,232	2.3	-1,662	-9,075	30	24	10,286
South Carolina	1,610	-112	-1,159	1	3	9,462	0.5	-595	-29,284	27	35	9,524
South Dakota	157	-1	-198	3	0	2,642	0.6	-151	-2,310	37	3	2,682
Tennessee	1,792	-144	-6,485	8	7	13,196	0.4	-2,714	-34,268	27	14	13,237
Texas	13,639	301	-60,219	55	76	95,934	0.8	-2,872	-263,605	530	850	97,314
Utah	1,332	-116	-937	9	6	7,860	0.5	-496	-6,680	177	15	8,052
Vermont	356	-31	-490	0	0	3,801	1.4	-325	-7,890	1	0	3,802
Virgin Islands	56	10	-158	0	0	488	1.4	-82	-1,574	0	0	488
Virginia	1,854	25	-13,671	1	4	6,684	0.2	174	-53,292	44	38	6,766
Washington	4,303	-992	-7,860	11	15	45,316	1.4	-2,945	-78,371	374	238	45,928
West Virginia	641	-67	-3,581	4	6	7,840	1.3	-525	-13,454	57	23	7,920
Wisconsin	5,052	-319	-7,429	4	0	35,654	1.3	-1,705	-63,878	113	11	35,778
Wyoming	401	-7	-406	10	0	2,700	1.1	0	-2,359	61	2	2,763
Totals	203,911	-15,964	-546,376	488	321	1,804,310	1.3	-107,861	-2,657,298	9,624	4,258	1,818,192

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 12, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+2,068	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
OH	+1,547	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	+1,274	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-16,098	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
MA	-1,116	No comment.
NJ	-1,046	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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