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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

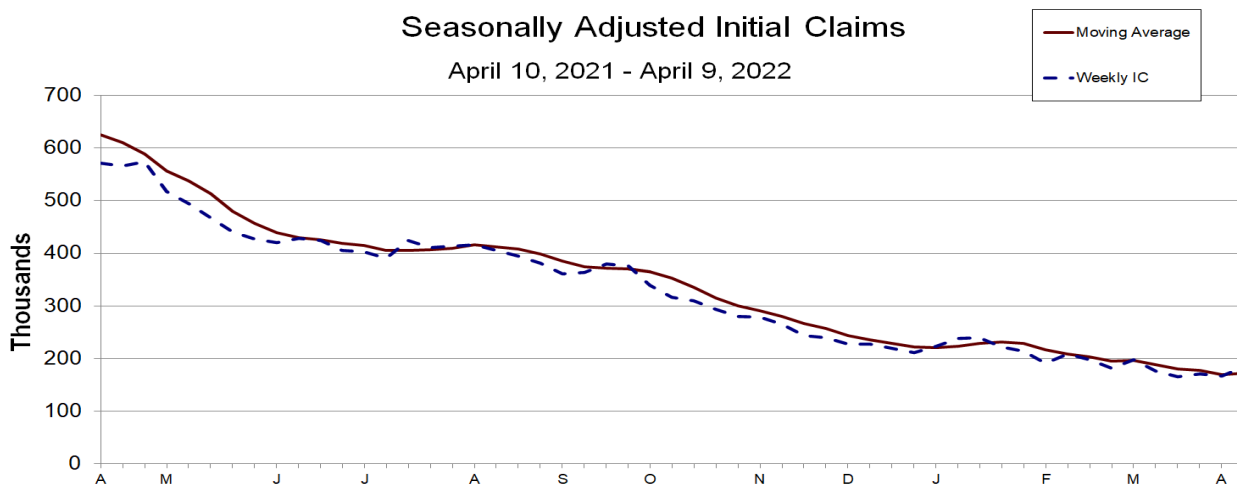
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 185,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 166,000 to 167,000. The 4-week moving average was 172,250, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 170,000 to 170,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending April 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 2 was 1,475,000, a decrease of 48,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,523,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,511,500, a decrease of 29,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,541,250.

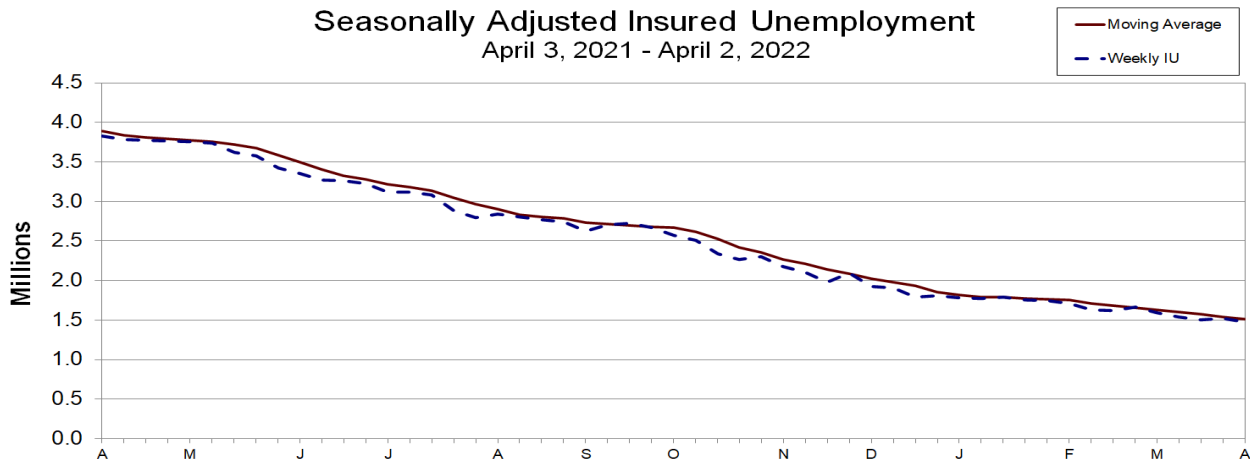
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

April 10, 2021 - April 9, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

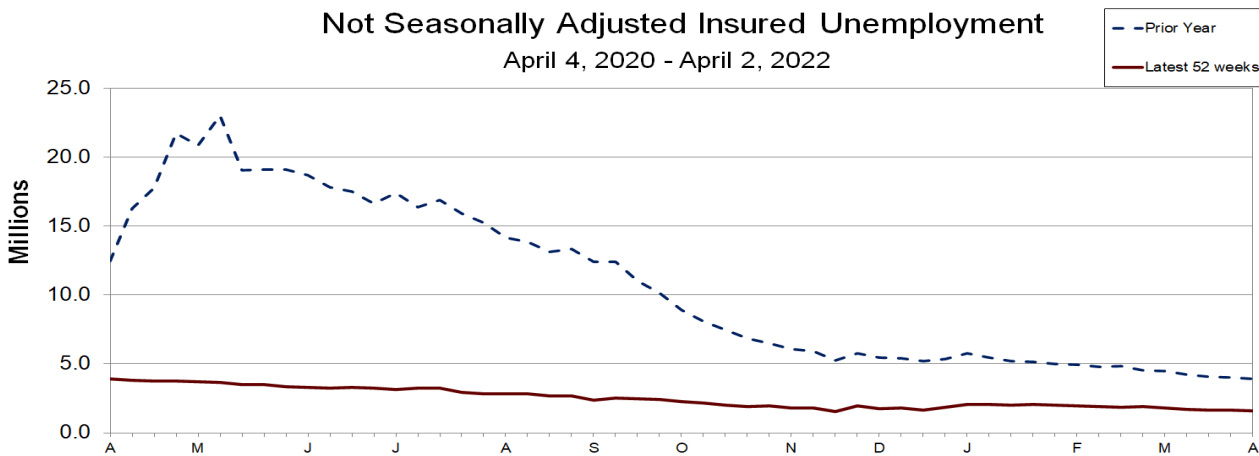
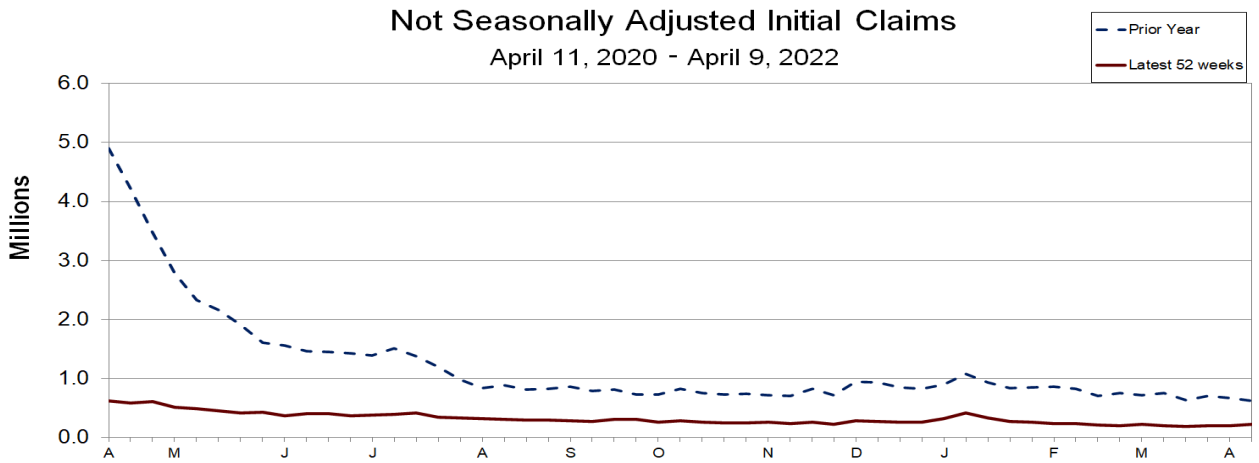
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UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 222,545 in the week ending April 9, an increase of 28,151 (or 14.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,692 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 620,420 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending April 2, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,571,118, a decrease of 80,061 (or -4.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 28,941 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.8 percent and the volume was 3,902,729.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 26 was 1,703,298, a decrease of 19,733 from the previous week. There were 17,005,545 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending March 26, Extended Benefits were available in the following state: New Jersey.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 522 in the week ending April 2, an increase of 33 from the prior week. There were 395 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 57 from the preceding week.

There were 9,349 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 26, an increase of 572 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,504, an increase of 173 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 26 were in California (2.4), New Jersey (2.3), Alaska (2.1), Minnesota (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), Rhode Island (1.9), New York (1.8), Georgia (1.7), Illinois (1.7), and Puerto Rico (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 2 were in Ohio (+1,509), Pennsylvania (+1,478), California (+1,082), Illinois (+509), and Florida (+466), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,491), Texas (-2,487), New Jersey (-1,105), Kentucky (-1,046), and New York (-866).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 9	April 2	Change	March 26	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	185,000	167,000	+18,000	171,000	571,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	222,545	194,394	+28,151	196,811	620,420
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	172,250	170,250	+2,000	178,000	625,250

WEEK ENDING	April 2	March 26	Change	March 19	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,475,000	1,523,000	-48,000	1,506,000	3,830,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,571,118	1,651,179	-80,061	1,671,160	3,902,729
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,511,500	1,541,250	-29,750	1,576,500	3,886,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	2.8%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	2.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	April 2	March 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	522	489	+33	1,112
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	395	338	+57	566

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

WEEK ENDING	March 26	March 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,647,760	1,667,495	-19,735	3,974,381
Federal Employees	9,349	8,777	+572	16,575
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,504	4,331	+173	7,816
Extended Benefits ⁴	27,953	28,140	-187	612,698
State Additional Benefits ⁵	2,042	1,906	+136	2,154
STC / Workshare ⁶	11,690	12,382	-692	83,864
TOTAL⁷	1,703,298	1,723,031	-19,733	17,005,545

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 140,025,048 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 April 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,011	2,240	-229	2,745	4,308	-1,563
Alaska	1,082	825	257	5,536	5,929	-393
Arizona	3,874	2,786	1,088	11,764	13,624	-1,860
Arkansas	1,079	988	91	6,111	7,973	-1,862
California	47,497	43,393	4,104	374,122	388,338	-14,216
Colorado	2,687	1,492	1,195	19,519	13,941	5,578
Connecticut	2,351	2,097	254	21,710	23,214	-1,504
Delaware	291	298	-7	3,647	3,266	381
District of Columbia	685	950	-265	3,963	4,635	-672
Florida	6,363	5,167	1,196	29,576	34,535	-4,959
Georgia	3,949	4,034	-85	55,399	74,171	-18,772
Hawaii	1,402	1,604	-202	6,498	7,050	-552
Idaho	748	857	-109	4,250	5,356	-1,106
Illinois	9,257	8,216	1,041	93,788	94,157	-369
Indiana	6,864	3,383	3,481	22,121	21,312	809
Iowa	1,369	1,371	-2	14,140	16,293	-2,153
Kansas	1,134	1,000	134	4,235	4,766	-531
Kentucky	1,792	1,422	370	8,628	10,368	-1,740
Louisiana	1,878	1,477	401	9,151	10,865	-1,714
Maine	649	727	-78	6,399	6,663	-264
Maryland	1,849	1,681	168	15,639	17,991	-2,352
Massachusetts	4,117	3,555	562	56,517	62,979	-6,462
Michigan	11,870	5,942	5,928	53,389	49,856	3,533
Minnesota	3,226	3,188	38	53,159	52,799	360
Mississippi	1,046	889	157	3,661	4,160	-499
Missouri	9,988	2,927	7,061	11,796	14,897	-3,101
Montana	649	548	101	5,233	5,954	-721
Nebraska	585	468	117	3,248	3,826	-578
Nevada	2,432	2,014	418	12,557	14,466	-1,909
New Hampshire	215	273	-58	2,020	2,330	-310
New Jersey	6,451	6,153	298	86,594	85,965	629
New Mexico	945	731	214	8,188	8,658	-470
New York	14,199	12,644	1,555	150,897	154,141	-3,244
North Carolina	2,583	2,643	-60	12,747	13,601	-854
North Dakota	283	212	71	4,060	4,218	-158
Ohio	13,603	17,691	-4,088	50,016	47,305	2,711
Oklahoma	1,748	2,712	-964	10,700	12,167	-1,467
Oregon	3,376	3,607	-231	22,154	23,499	-1,345
Pennsylvania	10,318	8,714	1,604	80,636	83,306	-2,670
Puerto Rico	822	892	-70	9,293	13,983	-4,690
Rhode Island	873	692	181	7,703	8,404	-701
South Carolina	2,017	1,521	496	8,339	8,830	-491
South Dakota	116	110	6	1,757	1,973	-216
Tennessee	2,300	2,344	-44	11,628	11,771	-143
Texas	15,276	12,924	2,352	87,858	94,918	-7,060
Utah	1,544	1,814	-270	6,244	6,511	-267
Vermont	416	303	113	3,112	3,194	-82
Virgin Islands	17	30	-13	538	526	12
Virginia	2,134	1,838	296	7,859	6,707	1,152
Washington	4,708	4,309	399	41,221	40,360	861
West Virginia	762	581	181	6,742	6,343	399
Wisconsin	4,676	5,823	-1,147	30,207	32,077	-1,870
Wyoming	439	294	145	2,104	2,700	-596
US Total	222,545	194,394	28,151	1,571,118	1,651,179	-80,061

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 3, 2021	645	-13	657.25	3,830	-29	3,886.50	2.8
April 10, 2021	571	-74	625.25	3,779	-51	3,838.75	2.7
April 17, 2021	566	-5	610.00	3,776	-3	3,811.00	2.7
April 24, 2021	574	8	589.00	3,767	-9	3,788.00	2.7
May 1, 2021	517	-57	557.00	3,756	-11	3,769.50	2.7
May 8, 2021	494	-23	537.75	3,737	-19	3,759.00	2.7
May 15, 2021	467	-27	513.00	3,618	-119	3,719.50	2.6
May 22, 2021	441	-26	479.75	3,575	-43	3,671.50	2.6
May 29, 2021	427	-14	457.25	3,422	-153	3,588.00	2.5
June 5, 2021	420	-7	438.75	3,352	-70	3,491.75	2.4
June 12, 2021	429	9	429.25	3,271	-81	3,405.00	2.3
June 19, 2021	424	-5	425.00	3,266	-5	3,327.75	2.3
June 26, 2021	405	-19	419.50	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-2	415.25	3,116	-114	3,220.75	2.3
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,523	17	1,541.25	1.1
April 2, 2022	167	-4	170.25	1,475	-48	1,511.50	1.1
April 9, 2022	185	18	172.25				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	March 26	March 19	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	10	17	-7
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	938	1,340	-402
Colorado	0	0	0
Connecticut	23	56	-33
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	60	78	-18
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	36	3	33
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	1	2	-1
Kansas	6	7	-1
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1	1	0
Maine	2	3	-1
Maryland	16	7	9
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	12	7	5
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	1	1	0
Missouri	5	4	1
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	1	2	-1
New Hampshire	1	4	-3
New Jersey	26,381	26,217	164
New Mexico	1	0	1
New York	120	69	51
North Carolina	20	9	11
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	0	5	-5
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	1	11	-10
Pennsylvania	136	85	51
Puerto Rico	109	67	42
Rhode Island	0	1	-1
South Carolina	11	12	-1
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0
Texas	35	114	-79
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	1	-1
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	2	1
Wisconsin	22	14	8
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	27,953	28,140	-187

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 2

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 26

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	2,240	163	-3,152	7	5	4,308	0.2	551	-12,190	28	18	4,354
Alaska	825	-31	-2,882	6	1	5,929	2.1	-197	-8,078	106	15	6,050
Arizona	2,786	115	-2,391	7	1	13,624	0.5	715	-36,186	149	11	13,784
Arkansas	988	-446	-1,129	1	0	7,973	0.7	645	-13,703	46	10	8,029
California	43,393	1,082	-37,980	99	63	388,338	2.4	534	-241,788	2,329	1,012	391,679
Colorado	1,492	32	-3,092	1	11	13,941	0.5	-719	-37,032	193	103	14,237
Connecticut	2,097	-114	-3,538	4	6	23,214	1.5	-2,083	-56,884	48	46	23,308
Delaware	298	-122	-2,099	2	2	3,266	0.8	-341	-7,417	6	4	3,276
District of Columbia	950	-514	-1,879	10	0	4,635	0.9	-612	-17,618	201	1	4,837
Florida	5,167	466	-9,858	16	22	34,535	0.4	2,023	-100,361	188	113	34,836
Georgia	4,034	8	-29,589	25	25	74,171	1.7	44,727	-63,507	352	190	74,713
Hawaii	1,604	450	-2,983	3	11	7,050	1.4	577	-9,781	79	85	7,214
Idaho	857	-260	-4,366	7	1	5,356	0.7	-335	-6,141	151	5	5,512
Illinois	8,216	509	-7,966	19	6	94,157	1.7	-20,419	-152,292	477	141	94,775
Indiana	3,383	157	-4,688	8	3	21,312	0.8	-681	-34,246	81	28	21,421
Iowa	1,371	-176	-4,754	2	0	16,293	1.1	-1,205	-21,579	24	10	16,327
Kansas	1,000	-118	-450	0	1	4,766	0.4	-473	-3,520	29	11	4,806
Kentucky	1,422	-1,046	-20,001	0	4	10,368	0.6	-198	-21,256	110	77	10,555
Louisiana	1,477	45	-10,786	6	3	10,865	0.6	95	-35,665	69	15	10,949
Maine	727	122	-1,420	0	0	6,663	1.2	-367	-8,832	27	9	6,699
Maryland	1,681	-340	-6,461	6	3	17,991	0.7	-2,852	-32,938	186	91	18,268
Massachusetts	3,555	-262	-17,365	6	6	62,979	1.9	-2,601	-69,290	138	66	63,183
Michigan	5,942	-2,491	-8,565	3	3	49,856	1.3	-7,666	-61,801	105	40	50,001
Minnesota	3,188	88	-7,304	4	5	52,799	2.0	-1,231	-46,350	97	73	52,969
Mississippi	889	43	-4,862	1	2	4,160	0.4	-345	-23,275	75	10	4,245
Missouri	2,927	70	-6,653	2	5	14,897	0.6	861	-32,673	66	20	14,983
Montana	548	-37	-1,865	4	1	5,954	1.3	-617	-6,403	341	14	6,309
Nebraska	468	-19	-1,530	8	1	3,826	0.4	-466	-7,540	8	6	3,840
Nevada	2,014	284	-8,716	6	1	14,466	1.1	-638	-54,298	146	33	14,645
New Hampshire	273	4	-871	2	2	2,330	0.4	-140	-19,413	8	2	2,340
New Jersey	6,153	-1,105	-13,722	23	19	85,965	2.3	-3,020	-23,150	260	244	86,469
New Mexico	731	-36	-5,162	3	1	8,658	1.2	-111	-19,062	154	24	8,836
New York	12,644	-866	-29,823	29	18	154,141	1.8	-9,275	-213,461	444	249	154,834
North Carolina	2,643	113	-5,134	2	0	13,601	0.3	-279	-40,813	80	68	13,749
North Dakota	212	23	-609	2	1	4,218	1.1	-367	-3,277	7	1	4,226
Ohio	17,691	1,509	-27,469	5	15	47,305	0.9	-363	-111,432	66	92	47,463
Oklahoma	2,712	-234	-11,140	7	6	12,167	0.8	246	-29,993	65	60	12,292
Oregon	3,607	102	-5,878	17	5	23,499	1.3	-229	-35,445	515	40	24,054
Pennsylvania	8,714	1,478	-14,646	21	14	83,306	1.5	-4,651	-144,778	312	107	83,725
Puerto Rico	892	51	-579	5	5	13,983	1.7	1,126	-16,776	177	83	14,243
Rhode Island	692	98	-4,625	1	0	8,404	1.9	-715	-9,537	30	30	8,464
South Carolina	1,521	-60	-3,471	3	0	8,830	0.4	-344	-28,591	36	48	8,914
South Dakota	110	-7	-204	5	0	1,973	0.5	-296	-1,769	25	2	2,000
Tennessee	2,344	459	-9,063	6	9	11,771	0.4	-667	-32,897	28	17	11,816
Texas	12,924	-2,487	-71,064	89	85	94,918	0.8	-4,510	-204,608	607	811	96,336
Utah	1,814	177	-2,275	13	4	6,511	0.4	-458	-6,110	134	18	6,663
Vermont	303	6	-1,458	0	0	3,194	1.2	-150	-6,847	2	0	3,196
Virgin Islands	30	7	-56	0	0	526	1.5	-72	-402	2	0	528
Virginia	1,838	211	-26,688	1	1	6,707	0.2	23	-50,637	48	55	6,810
Washington	4,309	52	-7,912	12	17	40,360	1.3	-1,925	-54,361	300	257	40,917
West Virginia	581	23	-4,598	1	1	6,343	1.0	-559	-12,366	43	22	6,408
Wisconsin	5,823	414	-8,601	5	0	32,077	1.2	73	-60,592	90	15	32,182
Wyoming	294	-7	-580	7	0	2,700	1.1	0	-1,890	61	2	2,763
Totals	194,394	-2,417	-473,952	522	395	1,651,179	1.2	-19,981	-2,350,851	9,349	4,504	1,665,032

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 2, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	+1,509	No comment.
PA	+1,478	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
CA	+1,082	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,491	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	-2,487	No comment.
NJ	-1,105	No comment.
KY	-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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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