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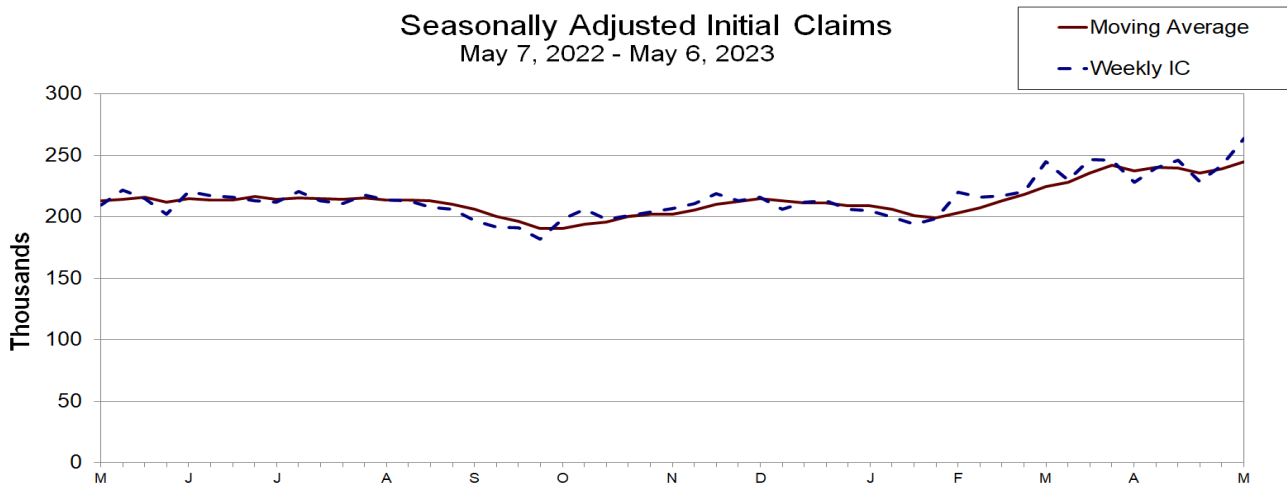
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

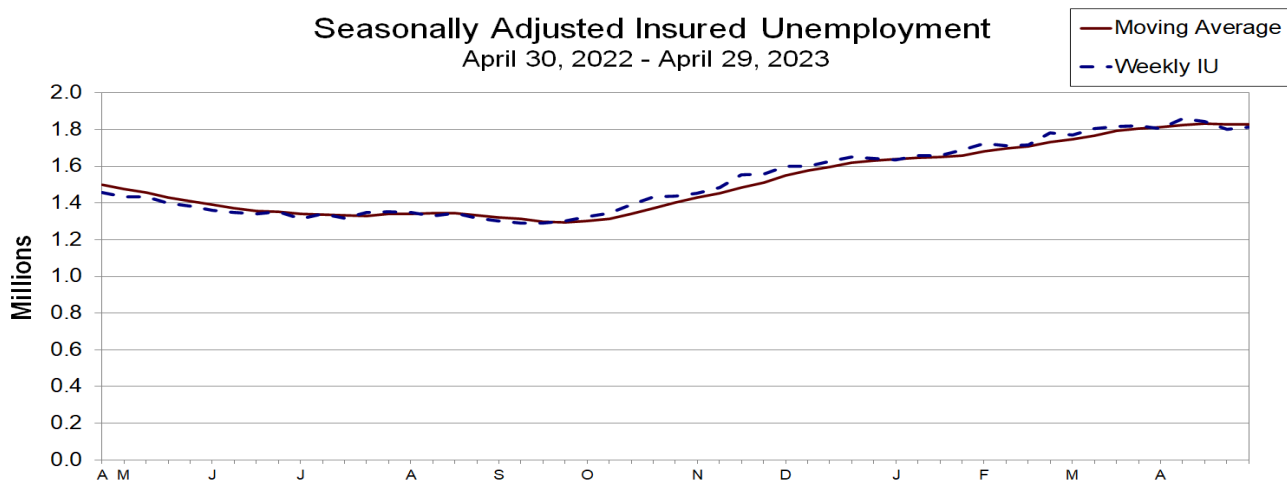
In the week ending May 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 264,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 242,000. This is the highest level for initial claims since October 30, 2021 when it was 264,000. The 4-week moving average was 245,250, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 239,250. This is the highest level for this average since November 20, 2021 when it was 249,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 29 was 1,813,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,805,000 to 1,801,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,829,500, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,828,250 to 1,827,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 7, 2022 - May 6, 2023



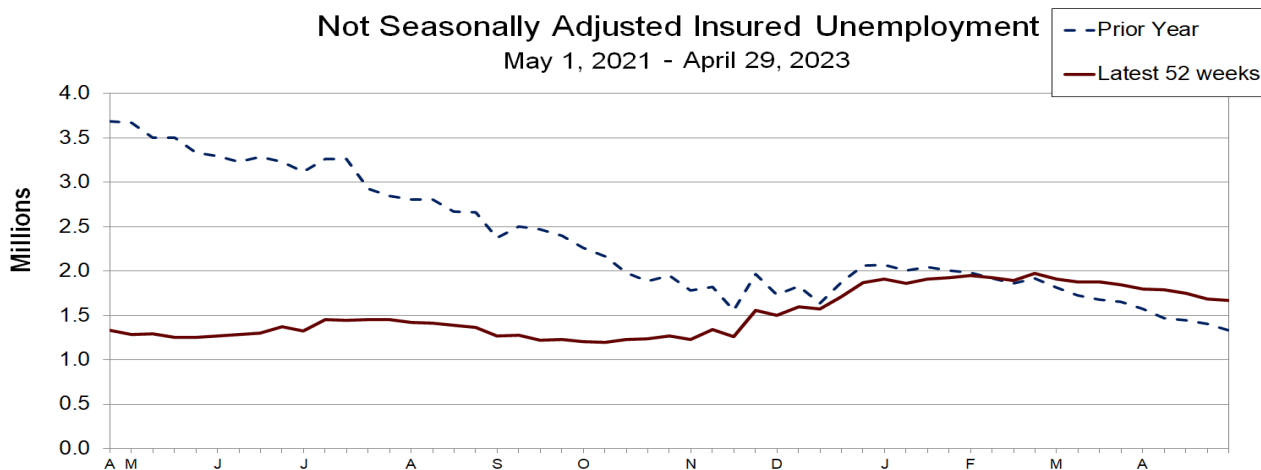
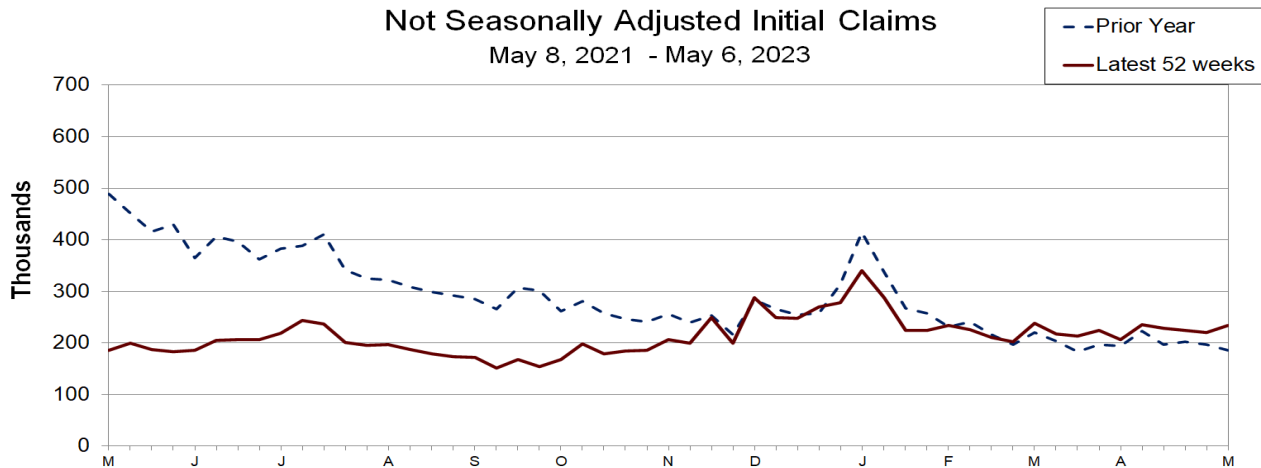
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 30, 2022 - April 29, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,084 in the week ending May 6, an increase of 13,969 (or 6.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,848 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 185,815 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending April 29, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,666,596, a decrease of 22,802 (or -1.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 34,220 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,332,072.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 22 was 1,715,353, a decrease of 63,903 from the previous week. There were 1,438,003 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 22.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 374 in the week ending April 29, an increase of 3 from the prior week. There were 320 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 6 from the preceding week.

There were 5,039 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 22, a decrease of 321 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,096, a decrease of 38 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 22 were in California (2.4), New Jersey (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), Alaska (1.7), Minnesota (1.7), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Illinois (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 29 were in Massachusetts (+3,801), Kentucky (+3,659), Pennsylvania (+992), Virginia (+896), and Colorado (+726), while the largest decreases were in New York (-9,456), Illinois (-2,693), Georgia (-1,278), New Jersey (-783), and Ohio (-505).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 6	April 29	Change	April 22	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	264,000	242,000	+22,000	229,000	210,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	234,084	220,115	+13,969	225,137	185,815
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	245,250	239,250	+6,000	235,750	213,000

WEEK ENDING	April 29	April 22	Change	April 15	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,813,000	1,801,000	+12,000	1,843,000	1,457,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,666,596	1,689,398	-22,802	1,752,764	1,332,072
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,829,500	1,827,250	+2,250	1,832,750	1,500,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 29	April 22	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	374	371	+3	439
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	320	314	+6	378

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

WEEK ENDING	April 22	April 15	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,683,734	1,746,828	-63,094	1,400,235
Federal Employees	5,039	5,360	-321	7,148
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,096	4,134	-38	4,388
Extended Benefits ³	1,423	1,246	+177	12,441
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,052	1,909	+143	1,936
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,009	19,779	-770	11,855
TOTAL	1,715,353	1,779,256	-63,903	1,438,003

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 146,891,243 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 6			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,195	2,145	50	7,922	8,724	-802
Alaska	771	626	145	4,872	5,130	-258
Arizona	4,381	4,716	-335	23,021	23,369	-348
Arkansas	1,748	1,220	528	6,542	6,860	-318
California	46,019	43,095	2,924	424,260	421,360	2,900
Colorado	2,470	3,987	-1,517	22,045	21,894	151
Connecticut	2,559	2,525	34	20,762	22,662	-1,900
Delaware	293	230	63	3,806	3,607	199
District of Columbia	482	410	72	4,384	5,051	-667
Florida	5,604	5,610	-6	33,418	36,514	-3,096
Georgia	5,105	6,221	-1,116	32,158	31,250	908
Hawaii	1,074	1,093	-19	5,655	5,682	-27
Idaho	862	885	-23	5,598	6,231	-633
Illinois	8,455	8,715	-260	92,275	88,895	3,380
Indiana	3,588	3,053	535	20,981	20,774	207
Iowa	1,691	1,779	-88	6,998	7,221	-223
Kansas	1,096	1,241	-145	5,124	4,769	355
Kentucky	1,639	4,654	-3,015	7,367	7,689	-322
Louisiana	1,704	1,621	83	10,263	11,077	-814
Maine	561	569	-8	6,265	6,675	-410
Maryland	1,785	1,970	-185	18,076	19,494	-1,418
Massachusetts	34,898	28,523	6,375	72,238	73,317	-1,079
Michigan	5,725	4,737	988	40,398	44,512	-4,114
Minnesota	2,963	3,264	-301	42,191	46,325	-4,134
Mississippi	980	1,019	-39	4,939	5,422	-483
Missouri	4,874	2,427	2,447	13,748	14,769	-1,021
Montana	515	569	-54	4,550	5,336	-786
Nebraska	592	505	87	3,251	3,222	29
Nevada	2,218	2,107	111	18,381	17,600	781
New Hampshire	346	843	-497	2,820	2,505	315
New Jersey	8,280	7,388	892	90,393	90,733	-340
New Mexico	699	676	23	9,002	9,141	-139
New York	14,748	13,424	1,324	147,973	149,001	-1,028
North Carolina	3,483	3,244	239	17,267	18,676	-1,409
North Dakota	216	212	4	2,100	2,537	-437
Ohio	6,353	5,308	1,045	39,559	42,628	-3,069
Oklahoma	1,520	1,363	157	9,912	9,954	-42
Oregon	4,379	4,006	373	30,731	31,181	-450
Pennsylvania	10,093	9,503	590	72,034	73,083	-1,049
Puerto Rico	1,160	1,089	71	11,916	14,456	-2,540
Rhode Island	789	690	99	7,412	7,705	-293
South Carolina	1,839	2,041	-202	11,835	13,104	-1,269
South Dakota	135	148	-13	1,019	1,290	-271
Tennessee	2,536	2,179	357	12,471	12,918	-447
Texas	15,753	14,282	1,471	125,481	124,861	620
Utah	1,469	1,477	-8	10,252	10,437	-185
Vermont	377	569	-192	2,918	3,074	-156
Virgin Islands *	23	18	5	219	146	73
Virginia	3,456	2,734	722	13,770	12,390	1,380
Washington	5,152	4,526	626	55,468	52,759	2,709
West Virginia	696	651	45	6,479	6,274	205
Wisconsin	3,462	3,922	-460	21,996	23,140	-1,144
Wyoming	273	306	-33	2,081	1,974	107
US Total	234,084	220,115	13,969	1,666,596	1,689,398	-22,802

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.

*Denote 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	
April 30, 2022	218	11	216.00	1,457	-41	1,500.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	210	-8	213.00	1,434	-23	1,477.50	1.0
May 14, 2022	222	12	214.25	1,432	-2	1,455.25	1.0
May 21, 2022	215	-7	216.25	1,399	-33	1,430.50	1.0
May 28, 2022	202	-13	212.25	1,382	-17	1,411.75	1.0
June 4, 2022	221	19	215.00	1,359	-23	1,393.00	1.0
June 11, 2022	217	-4	213.75	1,350	-9	1,372.50	1.0
June 18, 2022	216	-1	214.00	1,340	-10	1,357.75	1.0
June 25, 2022	213	-3	216.75	1,354	14	1,350.75	1.0
July 2, 2022	212	-1	214.50	1,314	-40	1,339.50	0.9
July 9, 2022	221	9	215.50	1,341	27	1,337.25	0.9
July 16, 2022	213	-8	214.75	1,317	-24	1,331.50	0.9
July 23, 2022	211	-2	214.25	1,350	33	1,330.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	218	7	215.75	1,352	2	1,340.00	1.0
August 6, 2022	214	-4	214.00	1,350	-2	1,342.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,813	12	1,829.50	1.2
May 6, 2023	264	22	245.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 29

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 22

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,145	-150	123	9	4	8,724	0.4	12	5,116	25	19	8,768
Alaska	626	24	-228	0	1	5,130	1.7	13	-267	38	11	5,179
Arizona	4,716	32	988	3	0	23,369	0.8	1,414	7,939	53	35	23,457
Arkansas	1,220	-295	-167	1	0	6,860	0.6	103	297	6	12	6,878
California	43,095	715	-345	87	69	421,360	2.4	-5,876	77,583	1,049	816	423,225
Colorado	3,987	726	1,529	3	6	21,894	0.8	-1,397	3,604	94	97	22,085
Connecticut	2,525	-421	-2,263	0	1	22,662	1.4	-2,377	894	20	31	22,713
Delaware	230	-98	-441	1	3	3,607	0.8	-627	471	12	8	3,627
District of Columbia	410	108	-208	11	1	5,051	0.9	-272	882	147	2	5,200
Florida	5,610	517	370	14	25	36,514	0.4	-765	3,519	71	101	36,686
Georgia	6,221	-1,278	1,660	23	15	31,250	0.7	-612	3,639	155	103	31,508
Hawaii	1,093	27	-50	4	5	5,682	1.0	-71	-540	46	45	5,773
Idaho	885	-55	127	3	0	6,231	0.8	-310	2,223	25	12	6,268
Illinois	8,715	-2,693	1,100	7	3	88,895	1.5	-6,303	7,022	226	90	89,211
Indiana	3,053	64	-3,346	6	3	20,774	0.7	53	-2,553	33	18	20,825
Iowa	1,779	241	608	0	1	7,221	0.5	-510	-2,317	18	7	7,246
Kansas	1,241	-155	362	0	0	4,769	0.4	508	901	16	118	4,903
Kentucky	4,654	3,659	2,666	2	2	7,689	0.4	397	-563	26	56	7,771
Louisiana	1,621	-45	17	2	4	11,077	0.6	-349	1,523	27	9	11,113
Maine	569	-180	-81	1	0	6,675	1.1	11	1,047	19	10	6,704
Maryland	1,970	-57	-178	8	9	19,494	0.8	-244	4,225	137	39	19,670
Massachusetts	28,523	3,801	21,048	3	8	73,317	2.0	3,167	26,025	97	74	73,488
Michigan	4,737	-408	-1,759	2	4	44,512	1.1	-4,791	-11,169	59	76	44,647
Minnesota	3,264	363	552	4	2	46,325	1.7	-3,956	3,210	64	55	46,444
Mississippi	1,019	-11	40	0	3	5,422	0.5	-53	1,460	47	6	5,475
Missouri	2,427	95	-215	2	1	14,769	0.5	790	2,910	57	31	14,857
Montana	569	-52	-220	4	1	5,336	1.1	-505	319	111	18	5,465
Nebraska	505	-10	58	0	0	3,222	0.3	-143	459	5	4	3,231
Nevada	2,107	-55	109	4	1	17,600	1.2	-1,880	3,908	66	50	17,716
New Hampshire	843	450	562	0	0	2,505	0.4	-102	576	0	3	2,508
New Jersey	7,388	-783	-1,191	27	9	90,733	2.2	-7,987	13,273	294	178	91,205
New Mexico	676	19	-38	1	0	9,141	1.2	32	1,120	82	22	9,245
New York	13,424	-9,456	-2,531	13	15	149,001	1.6	-15,652	12,218	323	252	149,576
North Carolina	3,244	100	627	7	1	18,676	0.4	-134	5,679	51	88	18,815
North Dakota	212	-11	-110	1	0	2,537	0.6	-419	-926	13	2	2,552
Ohio	5,308	-505	-2,986	6	6	42,628	0.8	-2,660	1,332	76	84	42,788
Oklahoma	1,363	246	-565	3	3	9,954	0.7	-172	-1,181	36	41	10,031
Oregon	4,006	69	274	6	6	31,181	1.6	-189	9,382	161	51	31,393
Pennsylvania	9,503	992	564	14	3	73,083	1.3	-3,530	1,390	188	92	73,363
Puerto Rico	1,089	-109	-135	8	3	14,456	1.6	25	1,771	152	86	14,694
Rhode Island	690	-62	-1,326	1	0	7,705	1.6	-2,210	1,324	10	13	7,728
South Carolina	2,041	-291	-346	4	2	13,104	0.6	-111	3,594	19	39	13,162
South Dakota	148	33	8	1	0	1,290	0.3	-403	-21	24	4	1,318
Tennessee	2,179	-142	247	1	6	12,918	0.4	-943	1,445	42	30	12,990
Texas	14,282	-185	1,186	44	69	124,861	1.0	-2,760	28,350	393	796	126,050
Utah	1,477	-184	-167	4	1	10,437	0.7	-134	4,735	52	11	10,500
Vermont	569	-195	-93	0	0	3,074	1.1	220	599	0	0	3,074
Virgin Islands	18	-18	-11	1	0	146	0.4	-82	-212	0	2	148
Virginia	2,734	896	889	15	6	12,390	0.3	560	5,138	70	79	12,539
Washington	4,526	-464	475	7	17	52,759	1.5	-920	15,479	197	243	53,199
West Virginia	651	24	-4	3	0	6,274	1.0	-203	522	28	13	6,315
Wisconsin	3,922	238	163	3	1	23,140	0.8	-983	104	57	9	23,206
Wyoming	306	-93	-185	0	0	1,974	0.7	-36	116	22	5	2,001
Totals	220,115	-5,022	17,163	374	320	1,689,398	1.1	-63,366	247,574	5,039	4,096	1,698,533

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 29, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+3,801	No comment.
KY	+3,659	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-9,456	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and accommodation and food service industries.
IL	-2,693	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction and wholesale trade and retail trade industries.

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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