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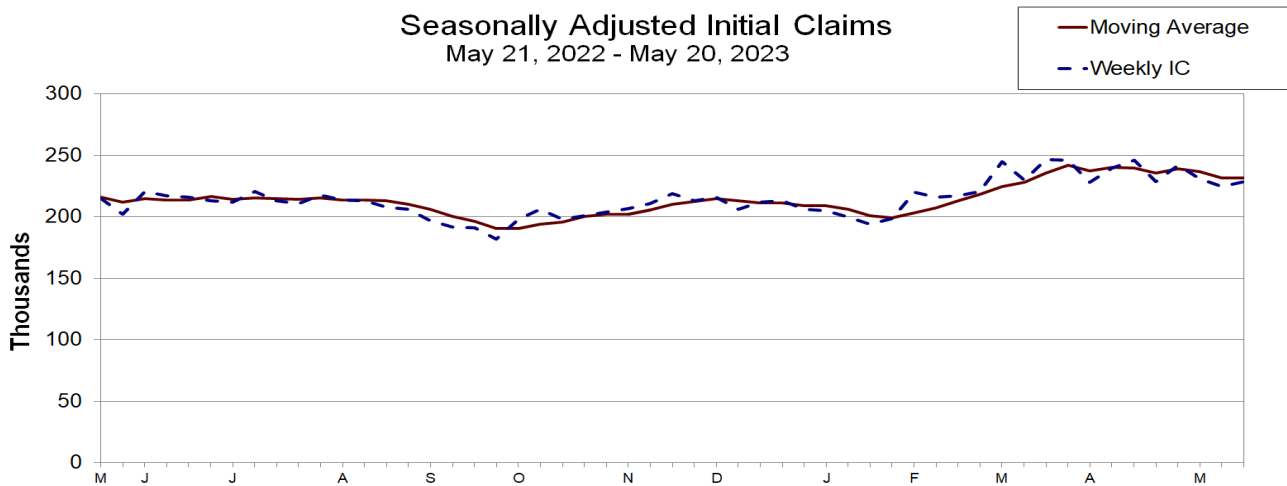
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

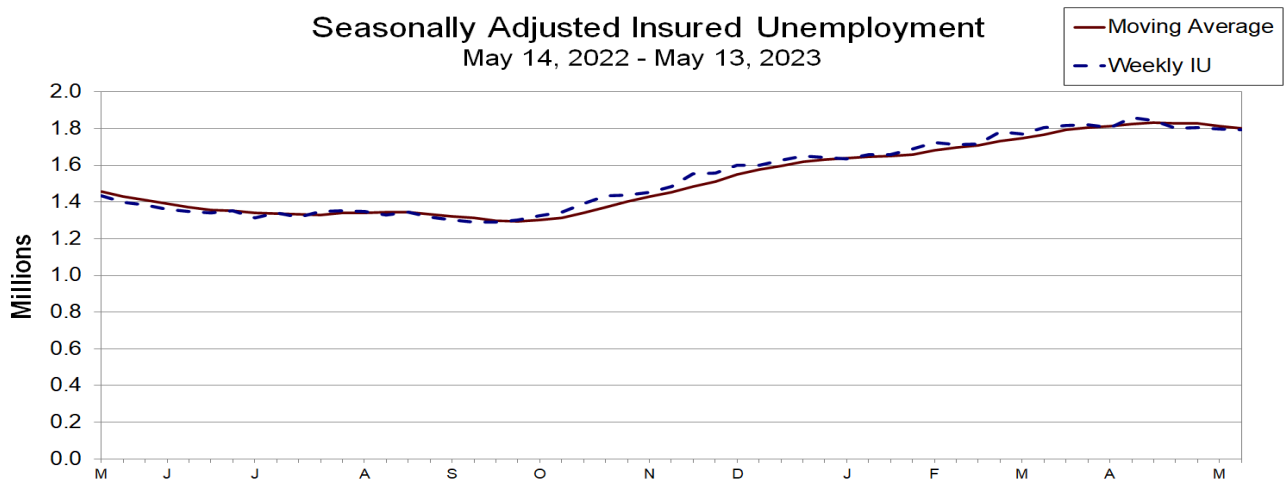
In the week ending May 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 229,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 17,000 from 242,000 to 225,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,750, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 12,500 from 244,250 to 231,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 13 was 1,794,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,799,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,800,250, a decrease of 12,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,812,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
May 21, 2022 - May 20, 2023



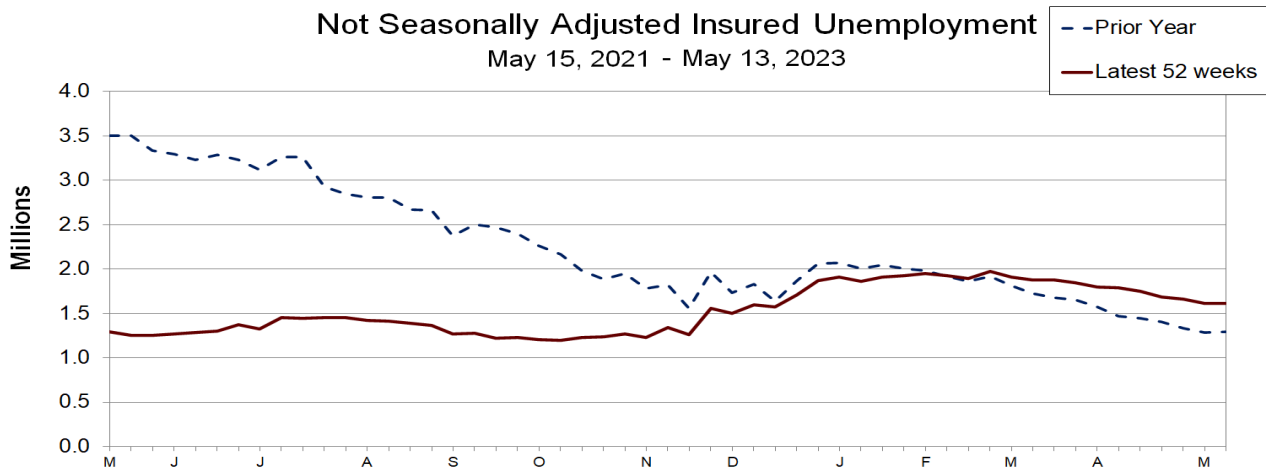
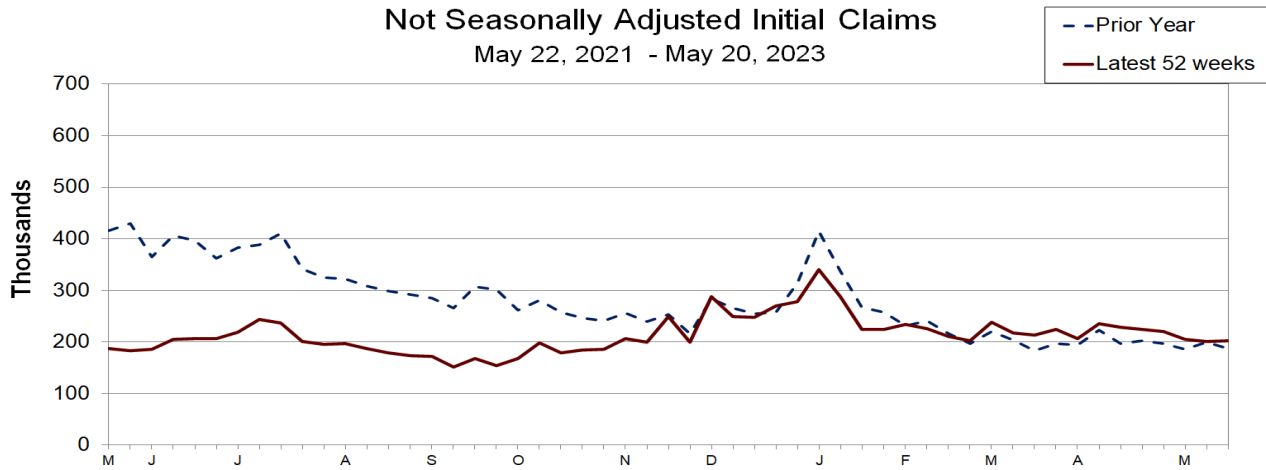
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
May 14, 2022 - May 13, 2023



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 202,044 in the week ending May 20, an increase of 1,306 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,697 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 187,695 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 13, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,616,326, an increase of 4,189 (or 0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,996 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,290,047.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 6 was 1,637,970, a decrease of 48,031 from the previous week. There were 1,316,875 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 May 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 317 in the week ending May 13, a decrease of 66 from the prior week. There were 324 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 44 from the preceding week.

There were 4,694 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 6, a decrease of 337 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,096, a decrease of 193 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 6 were in California (2.3), New Jersey (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), Alaska (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Washington (1.5), and Illinois (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 13 were in Ohio (+1,608), Connecticut (+975), Illinois (+868), Tennessee (+640), and Colorado (+599), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-2,234), Massachusetts (-1,660), New Jersey (-1,016), Pennsylvania (-742), and Virginia (-715).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	229,000	225,000	+4,000	231,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	202,044	200,738	+1,306	204,962	187,695
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,750	231,750	0	237,000	216,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,794,000	1,799,000	-5,000	1,807,000	1,432,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,616,326	1,612,137	+4,189	1,660,410	1,290,047
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,800,250	1,812,500	-12,250	1,828,000	1,455,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	317	383	-66	432
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	324	368	-44	339

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,606,695	1,654,570	-47,875	1,280,326
Federal Employees	4,694	5,031	-337	6,555
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,096	4,289	-193	4,535
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	1,291	992	+299	13,500
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,059	2,046	+13	1,979
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	19,135	19,073	+62	9,980
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,637,970</b>	<b>1,686,001</b>	<b>-48,031</b>	<b>1,316,875</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 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 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,436	2,545	-109	8,408	8,668	-260
Alaska	705	624	81	4,397	4,675	-278
Arizona	3,803	3,982	-179	24,423	25,388	-965
Arkansas	1,795	1,769	26	7,448	7,052	396
California	45,667	44,823	844	397,620	394,846	2,774
Colorado	2,939	3,060	-121	20,167	21,022	-855
Connecticut	5,942	3,444	2,498	20,844	19,344	1,500
Delaware	266	237	29	3,778	3,540	238
District of Columbia	507	491	16	4,628	4,428	200
Florida	5,578	5,869	-291	34,901	37,080	-2,179
Georgia	5,275	5,282	-7	37,693	34,435	3,258
Hawaii	1,094	962	132	5,683	5,599	84
Idaho	824	866	-42	5,054	5,342	-288
Illinois	8,347	9,270	-923	83,135	83,363	-228
Indiana	2,875	2,915	-40	19,533	19,757	-224
Iowa	2,253	1,466	787	6,778	6,758	20
Kansas	1,247	1,000	247	4,989	5,139	-150
Kentucky	1,483	1,489	-6	7,193	7,048	145
Louisiana	1,780	2,079	-299	10,610	11,251	-641
Maine	428	463	-35	5,445	5,631	-186
Maryland	1,722	1,975	-253	17,866	18,742	-876
Massachusetts	1,640	3,830	-2,190	70,997	72,450	-1,453
Michigan	4,687	5,757	-1,070	38,620	39,223	-603
Minnesota	2,899	2,898	1	34,781	35,187	-406
Mississippi	1,204	1,274	-70	5,200	5,502	-302
Missouri	3,002	2,789	213	13,951	15,379	-1,428
Montana	522	547	-25	3,870	4,106	-236
Nebraska	728	617	111	3,280	3,214	66
Nevada	2,111	2,078	33	18,560	17,700	860
New Hampshire	364	377	-13	2,336	2,480	-144
New Jersey	7,447	7,397	50	87,598	87,541	57
New Mexico	688	679	9	8,925	9,036	-111
New York	13,949	14,447	-498	144,428	145,206	-778
North Carolina	3,490	3,594	-104	18,243	18,505	-262
North Dakota	229	229	0	1,523	1,540	-17
Ohio	8,151	7,920	231	38,762	40,057	-1,295
Oklahoma	1,569	1,426	143	9,715	10,104	-389
Oregon	3,557	4,116	-559	29,736	30,195	-459
Pennsylvania	9,823	9,327	496	71,780	72,559	-779
Puerto Rico	1,083	1,030	53	12,958	13,422	-464
Rhode Island	696	803	-107	7,028	7,042	-14
South Carolina	2,224	2,033	191	12,454	12,152	302
South Dakota	130	151	-21	786	833	-47
Tennessee	2,738	3,165	-427	13,601	13,230	371
Texas	18,773	16,093	2,680	128,053	122,651	5,402
Utah	1,347	1,488	-141	9,931	9,946	-15
Vermont	250	234	16	2,463	2,467	-4
Virgin Islands	34	35	-1	212	198	14
Virginia	2,570	2,621	-51	13,731	12,724	1,007
Washington	4,889	4,977	-88	53,793	51,033	2,760
West Virginia	748	746	2	6,751	6,296	455
Wisconsin	3,270	3,199	71	19,912	19,304	608
Wyoming	266	250	16	1,755	1,747	8
US Total	202,044	200,738	1,306	1,616,326	1,612,137	4,189

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 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	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,794	-5	1,800.25	1.2
May 20, 2023	229	4	231.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MAY 13

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
MAY 6

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>		UCX <sup>1</sup>
Alabama	2,545	250	202	5	3	8,668	0.4	96	4,756	18	24	8,710
Alaska	624	-13	-92	2	0	4,675	1.6	-270	-334	32	12	4,719
Arizona	3,982	-658	869	0	0	25,388	0.8	796	7,693	41	27	25,456
Arkansas	1,769	-83	197	2	2	7,052	0.6	105	256	26	18	7,096
California	44,823	-269	-815	65	51	394,846	2.3	-22,076	72,565	909	867	396,622
Colorado	3,060	599	942	3	1	21,022	0.8	-805	4,456	85	145	21,252
Connecticut	3,444	975	1,153	0	0	19,344	1.2	-521	2,800	11	25	19,380
Delaware	237	-69	-68	2	3	3,540	0.8	52	801	14	10	3,564
District of Columbia	491	19	-67	5	0	4,428	0.8	-136	880	120	3	4,551
Florida	5,869	-28	765	11	29	37,080	0.4	336	5,237	74	134	37,288
Georgia	5,282	-23	1,311	14	11	34,435	0.8	1,559	8,601	155	116	34,706
Hawaii	962	-111	-281	0	5	5,599	1.0	41	-315	31	51	5,681
Idaho	866	-18	207	3	0	5,342	0.7	-441	2,032	14	12	5,368
Illinois	9,270	868	-3,240	5	4	83,363	1.4	-7,546	18,341	221	94	83,678
Indiana	2,915	-653	-1,342	7	4	19,757	0.6	-1,315	2,050	57	19	19,833
Iowa	1,466	-112	162	0	0	6,758	0.4	-146	-259	13	3	6,774
Kansas	1,000	56	14	0	0	5,139	0.4	215	1,411	18	12	5,169
Kentucky	1,489	-139	-6,884	0	2	7,048	0.4	-193	-144	22	48	7,118
Louisiana	2,079	378	340	0	4	11,251	0.6	100	1,605	33	11	11,295
Maine	463	-89	13	0	0	5,631	0.9	-486	1,327	29	13	5,673
Maryland	1,975	-95	233	1	4	18,742	0.8	-713	5,320	108	46	18,896
Massachusetts	3,830	-1,660	-254	4	5	72,450	2.0	-110	30,203	110	62	72,622
Michigan	5,757	70	-884	4	7	39,223	0.9	-1,493	4,278	57	44	39,324
Minnesota	2,898	13	-47	3	1	35,187	1.3	-5,568	4,684	53	53	35,293
Mississippi	1,274	193	80	2	1	5,502	0.5	115	1,382	77	12	5,591
Missouri	2,789	-2,234	-119	4	1	15,379	0.6	1,271	3,553	65	29	15,473
Montana	547	0	56	2	1	4,106	0.9	-479	672	63	15	4,184
Nebraska	617	27	-161	0	0	3,214	0.3	-26	651	6	3	3,223
Nevada	2,078	-61	257	1	1	17,700	1.2	-174	3,982	54	54	17,808
New Hampshire	377	-38	126	0	0	2,480	0.4	-538	711	0	3	2,483
New Jersey	7,397	-1,016	1,167	10	9	87,541	2.2	-2,071	15,255	313	170	88,024
New Mexico	679	-33	-110	3	2	9,036	1.1	-75	1,206	97	19	9,152
New York	14,447	-189	1,083	33	14	145,206	1.6	-912	22,935	308	215	145,729
North Carolina	3,594	-22	863	0	2	18,505	0.4	354	5,762	41	86	18,632
North Dakota	229	25	14	0	1	1,540	0.4	-431	-140	9	3	1,552
Ohio	7,920	1,608	-317	7	15	40,057	0.8	218	9,750	65	70	40,192
Oklahoma	1,426	-71	-464	1	4	10,104	0.7	-109	-1,162	31	38	10,173
Oregon	4,116	-267	1,006	11	6	30,195	1.6	-502	9,530	116	52	30,363
Pennsylvania	9,327	-742	-964	17	11	72,559	1.3	-119	5,790	200	111	72,870
Puerto Rico	1,030	-187	-127	11	4	13,422	1.5	139	1,389	149	97	13,668
Rhode Island	803	9	215	1	0	7,042	1.5	-280	1,289	10	11	7,063
South Carolina	2,033	68	158	3	3	12,152	0.6	-115	2,625	23	48	12,223
South Dakota	151	-10	5	0	0	833	0.2	-207	73	54	3	890
Tennessee	3,165	640	1,075	6	6	13,230	0.4	204	2,187	41	34	13,305
Texas	16,093	104	2,203	51	73	122,651	1.0	-3,627	34,275	409	794	123,854
Utah	1,488	19	145	5	2	9,946	0.6	-325	4,531	37	10	9,993
Vermont	234	-154	-30	0	0	2,467	0.8	-304	371	0	0	2,467
Virgin Islands	35	3	-2	0	0	198	0.6	28	-228	0	2	200
Virginia	2,621	-715	1,320	10	7	12,724	0.3	-45	4,213	70	83	12,877
Washington	4,977	-146	1,092	0	21	51,033	1.5	-567	16,707	141	255	51,429
West Virginia	746	23	134	1	1	6,296	1.0	308	895	20	15	6,331
Wisconsin	3,199	-229	-34	1	2	19,304	0.7	-1,351	2,376	38	11	19,353
Wyoming	250	-37	2	1	1	1,747	0.7	-134	155	6	4	1,757
Totals	200,738	-4,224	1,107	317	324	1,612,137	1.1	-48,273	328,979	4,694	4,096	1,620,927

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 13, 2023**

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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>
OH	+1,608	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MO	-2,234	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, professional, scientific, and technical services, and other services industries.
MA	-1,660	No comment.
NJ	-1,016	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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