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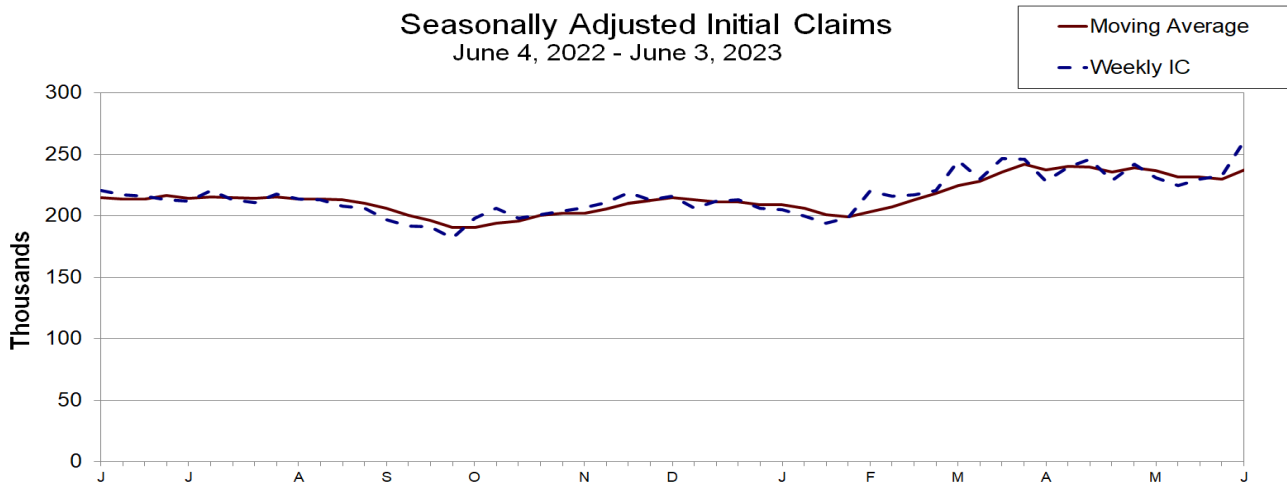
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

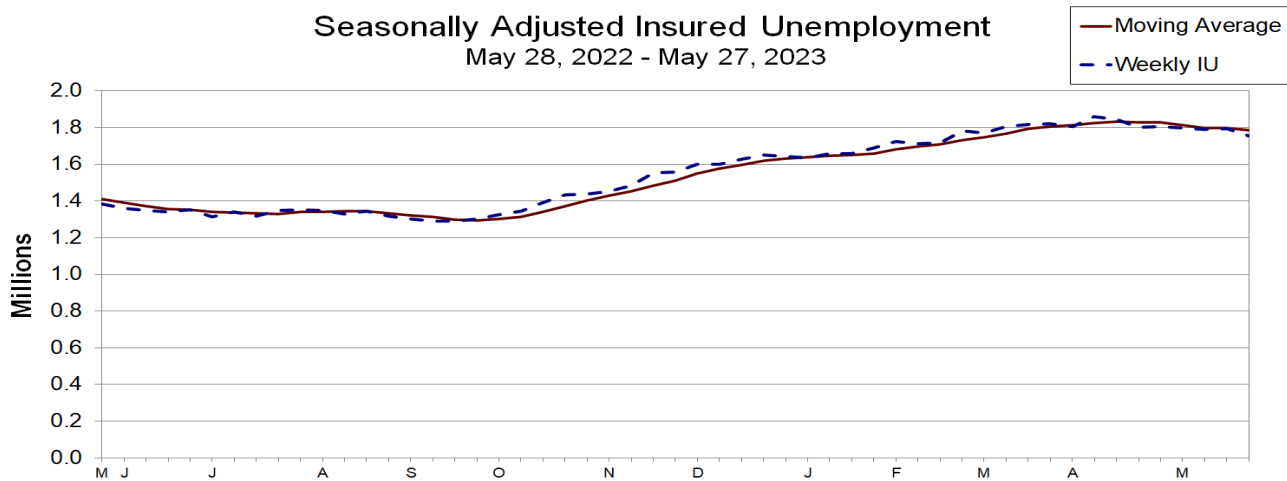
In the week ending June 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 261,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for initial claims since October 30, 2021 when it was 264,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 232,000 to 233,000. The 4-week moving average was 237,250, an increase of 7,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 229,500 to 229,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 27, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 27 was 1,757,000, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,795,000 to 1,794,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,784,750, a decrease of 12,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,797,500 to 1,797,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 4, 2022 - June 3, 2023



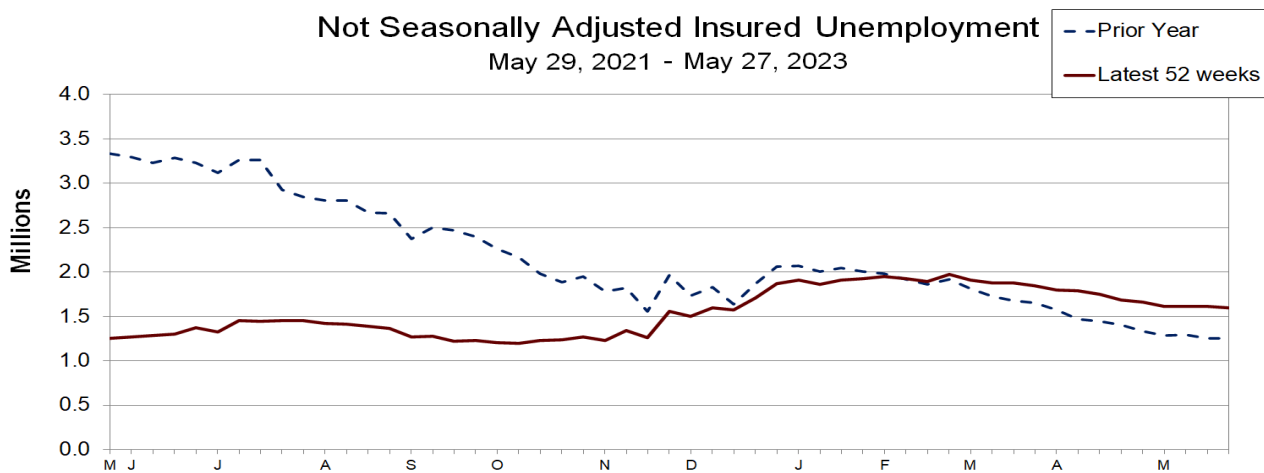
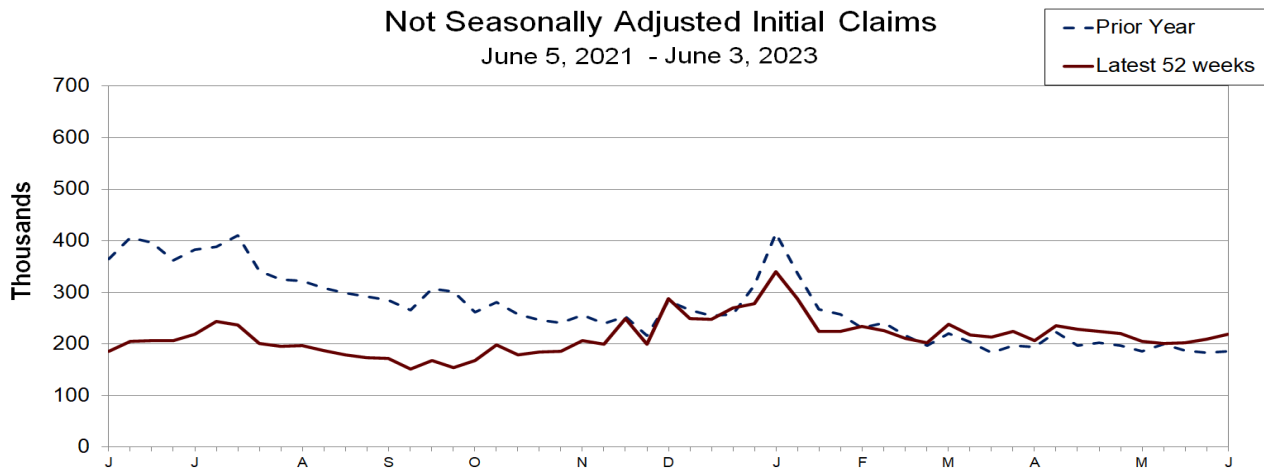
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 28, 2022 - May 27, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,391 in the week ending June 3, an increase of 10,535 (or 5.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,587 (or -6.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 186,568 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 27, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,597,297, a decrease of 12,358 (or -0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 21,534 (or 1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,256,450.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 20 was 1,634,890, a decrease of 2,105 from the previous week. There were 1,283,052 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 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 401 in the week ending May 27, an increase of 12 from the prior week. There were 284 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 54 from the preceding week.

There were 4,423 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 20, an increase of 29 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,061, a decrease of 221 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 20 were in California (2.2), New Jersey (2.1), Massachusetts (1.8), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Washington (1.5), Alaska (1.4), and Illinois (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 27 were in Ohio (+2,159), Texas (+1,229), New York (+1,177), Illinois (+1,117), and Missouri (+962), while the largest decreases were in California (-771), Arkansas (-455), Iowa (-419), North Carolina (-388), and Michigan (-365).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 3	May 27	Change	May 20	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	261,000	233,000	+28,000	230,000	221,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	219,391	208,856	+10,535	202,645	186,568
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	237,250	229,750	+7,500	232,000	215,000

WEEK ENDING	May 27	May 20	Change	May 13	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,757,000	1,794,000	-37,000	1,789,000	1,382,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,597,297	1,609,655	-12,358	1,612,163	1,256,450
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,784,750	1,797,250	-12,500	1,799,000	1,411,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 27	May 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	401	389	+12	465
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	284	338	-54	310

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

WEEK ENDING	May 20	May 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,604,127	1,607,137	-3,010	1,253,504
Federal Employees	4,423	4,394	+29	6,113
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,061	4,282	-221	4,335
Extended Benefits ³	932	1,410	-478	7,635
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,061	1,909	+152	1,884
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,286	17,863	+1,423	9,581
TOTAL	1,634,890	1,636,995	-2,105	1,283,052

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 June 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,319	2,697	-378	8,841	9,481	-640
Alaska	710	738	-28	4,067	4,220	-153
Arizona	3,904	4,076	-172	25,292	26,732	-1,440
Arkansas	1,621	1,486	135	7,251	8,014	-763
California	48,750	43,577	5,173	391,216	390,133	1,083
Colorado	2,567	3,118	-551	20,521	20,382	139
Connecticut	3,568	5,918	-2,350	20,806	21,400	-594
Delaware	356	320	36	3,703	3,490	213
District of Columbia	378	471	-93	4,226	4,833	-607
Florida	5,134	5,765	-631	34,079	38,143	-4,064
Georgia	4,789	5,345	-556	34,218	40,788	-6,570
Hawaii	1,123	1,082	41	5,690	5,532	158
Idaho	1,395	1,276	119	5,021	4,989	32
Illinois	9,735	9,387	348	81,329	82,704	-1,375
Indiana	3,243	2,940	303	19,882	19,842	40
Iowa	1,949	1,668	281	6,698	6,452	246
Kansas	1,096	1,080	16	5,285	4,680	605
Kentucky	1,703	1,448	255	7,398	7,047	351
Louisiana	2,543	2,447	96	11,482	12,092	-610
Maine	415	424	-9	4,893	4,992	-99
Maryland	1,604	1,777	-173	17,933	17,869	64
Massachusetts	2,298	1,805	493	64,964	66,395	-1,431
Michigan	4,148	4,368	-220	36,316	38,733	-2,417
Minnesota	5,563	2,817	2,746	31,885	30,727	1,158
Mississippi	1,372	1,592	-220	5,929	6,055	-126
Missouri	3,553	4,075	-522	15,792	14,956	836
Montana	652	619	33	3,704	3,832	-128
Nebraska	846	844	2	3,792	3,397	395
Nevada	2,179	2,133	46	17,896	17,601	295
New Hampshire	276	300	-24	2,226	2,528	-302
New Jersey	6,630	7,460	-830	83,986	86,111	-2,125
New Mexico	966	828	138	8,821	8,875	-54
New York	13,756	14,999	-1,243	143,962	143,743	219
North Carolina	3,048	3,247	-199	18,907	19,368	-461
North Dakota	374	233	141	1,359	1,299	60
Ohio	16,717	10,372	6,345	39,191	39,203	-12
Oklahoma	1,285	1,634	-349	10,135	10,306	-171
Oregon	3,755	4,190	-435	29,990	29,848	142
Pennsylvania	11,531	9,534	1,997	73,246	73,388	-142
Puerto Rico	1,712	1,344	368	12,574	13,695	-1,121
Rhode Island	611	697	-86	6,900	6,974	-74
South Carolina	2,394	2,209	185	12,888	12,991	-103
South Dakota	150	161	-11	801	805	-4
Tennessee	3,866	3,232	634	14,311	14,165	146
Texas	19,947	20,130	-183	131,623	128,811	2,812
Utah	1,282	1,382	-100	9,768	9,813	-45
Vermont	148	220	-72	2,200	2,294	-94
Virgin Islands	24	33	-9	222	220	2
Virginia	2,411	2,401	10	13,680	12,821	859
Washington	4,672	4,795	-123	53,038	50,609	2,429
West Virginia	780	764	16	6,538	6,399	139
Wisconsin	3,325	3,135	190	19,259	18,398	861
Wyoming	218	263	-45	1,563	1,480	83
US Total	219,391	208,856	10,535	1,597,297	1,609,655	-12,358

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 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	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,757	-37	1,784.75	1.2
June 3, 2023	261	28	237.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MAY 27

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MAY 20

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	2,697	108	91	5	5	9,481	0.5	379	5,578	26	24	9,531
Alaska	738	101	-208	1	0	4,220	1.4	-238	-228	24	12	4,256
Arizona	4,076	71	810	17	0	26,732	0.9	521	7,963	35	23	26,790
Arkansas	1,486	-455	-48	0	0	8,014	0.7	196	950	20	20	8,054
California	43,577	-771	2,147	78	58	390,133	2.2	-453	83,293	859	838	391,830
Colorado	3,118	175	756	0	7	20,382	0.7	357	4,387	59	160	20,601
Connecticut	5,918	383	3,538	1	0	21,400	1.3	1,441	3,833	7	38	21,445
Delaware	320	46	28	4	3	3,490	0.8	-19	799	22	11	3,523
District of Columbia	471	-42	270	11	1	4,833	0.9	88	1,519	185	2	5,020
Florida	5,765	-114	2,067	12	20	38,143	0.4	55	6,315	65	110	38,318
Georgia	5,345	-157	2,530	24	13	40,788	0.9	2,373	16,424	154	122	41,064
Hawaii	1,082	8	-138	1	4	5,532	1.0	-85	-572	29	51	5,612
Idaho	1,276	423	542	0	0	4,989	0.6	-234	1,886	10	14	5,013
Illinois	9,387	1,117	794	6	5	82,704	1.4	736	15,156	222	94	83,020
Indiana	2,940	103	-499	9	3	19,842	0.7	401	2,501	46	20	19,908
Iowa	1,668	-419	230	2	0	6,452	0.4	-263	478	13	5	6,470
Kansas	1,080	-170	-166	1	0	4,680	0.3	61	748	31	12	4,723
Kentucky	1,448	-22	176	0	0	7,047	0.4	-69	-2,149	18	49	7,114
Louisiana	2,447	459	336	4	2	12,092	0.7	526	2,032	37	9	12,138
Maine	424	10	46	0	0	4,992	0.8	-353	1,125	7	8	5,007
Maryland	1,777	-164	-59	11	3	17,869	0.7	-1,100	4,524	124	53	18,046
Massachusetts	1,805	102	-2,325	3	9	66,395	1.8	-4,982	26,719	72	63	66,530
Michigan	4,368	-365	-2,331	0	1	38,733	0.9	-941	6,920	57	47	38,837
Minnesota	2,817	-38	96	3	0	30,727	1.1	-1,883	4,910	47	58	30,832
Mississippi	1,592	266	-2,018	1	0	6,055	0.5	352	1,259	62	16	6,133
Missouri	4,075	962	372	2	0	14,956	0.5	814	2,398	71	23	15,050
Montana	619	68	31	1	0	3,832	0.8	-80	731	41	9	3,882
Nebraska	844	124	-17	0	0	3,397	0.4	116	695	9	2	3,408
Nevada	2,133	-48	390	1	1	17,601	1.2	-1,661	4,195	54	47	17,702
New Hampshire	300	-129	89	0	0	2,528	0.4	-18	839	2	2	2,532
New Jersey	7,460	-125	1,637	16	10	86,111	2.1	-742	17,016	266	164	86,541
New Mexico	828	133	204	6	0	8,875	1.1	-160	1,161	51	45	8,971
New York	14,999	1,177	2,031	30	18	143,743	1.6	1,118	23,764	374	217	144,334
North Carolina	3,247	-388	277	1	2	19,368	0.4	303	5,982	44	84	19,496
North Dakota	233	29	-30	14	1	1,299	0.3	-121	103	8	4	1,311
Ohio	10,372	2,159	1,545	5	10	39,203	0.7	163	10,500	59	80	39,342
Oklahoma	1,634	-92	-937	1	5	10,306	0.7	252	101	38	35	10,379
Oregon	4,190	639	1,193	14	2	29,848	1.6	102	9,941	99	54	30,001
Pennsylvania	9,534	-333	3,145	14	4	73,388	1.3	946	3,477	196	100	73,684
Puerto Rico	1,344	227	110	7	3	13,695	1.5	-472	2,049	140	123	13,958
Rhode Island	697	-6	114	1	1	6,974	1.5	38	1,428	14	11	6,999
South Carolina	2,209	-126	296	1	4	12,991	0.6	121	2,695	23	43	13,057
South Dakota	161	15	-9	15	0	805	0.2	24	124	18	1	824
Tennessee	3,232	394	633	2	5	14,165	0.4	24	3,117	32	38	14,235
Texas	20,130	1,229	5,911	56	68	128,811	1.0	-222	37,501	392	736	129,939
Utah	1,382	36	91	5	1	9,813	0.6	-131	4,429	29	12	9,854
Vermont	220	-41	6	0	0	2,294	0.8	-65	348	0	0	2,294
Virgin Islands	33	-11	-1	1	0	220	0.6	20	-212	4	2	226
Virginia	2,401	-69	1,025	7	9	12,821	0.3	85	3,395	69	87	12,977
Washington	4,795	-117	852	4	5	50,609	1.5	289	17,350	93	257	50,959
West Virginia	764	-21	-150	1	0	6,399	1.0	143	946	21	13	6,433
Wisconsin	3,135	-111	-33	1	1	18,398	0.7	-148	3,004	38	7	18,443
Wyoming	263	-19	-30	1	0	1,480	0.6	-112	-1	7	6	1,493
Totals	208,856	6,211	25,410	401	284	1,609,655	1.1	-2,508	353,446	4,423	4,061	1,618,139

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 27, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	+2,159	Layoffs in the manufacturing, automobile, and transportation and warehousing industries.
TX	+1,229	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and accommodation and food services industries.
NY	+1,177	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, information, and construction industries.
IL	+1,117	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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