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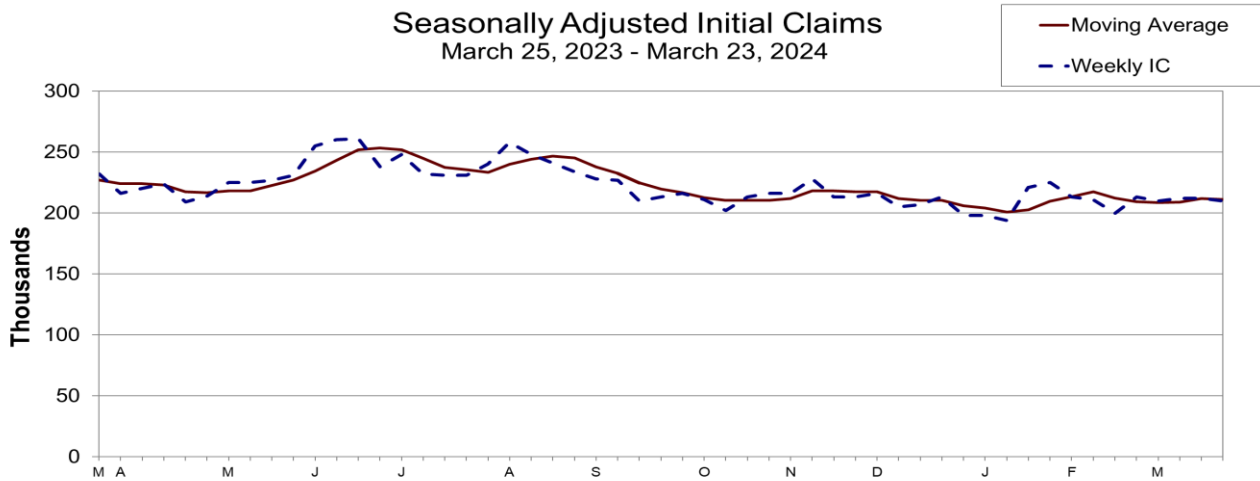
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

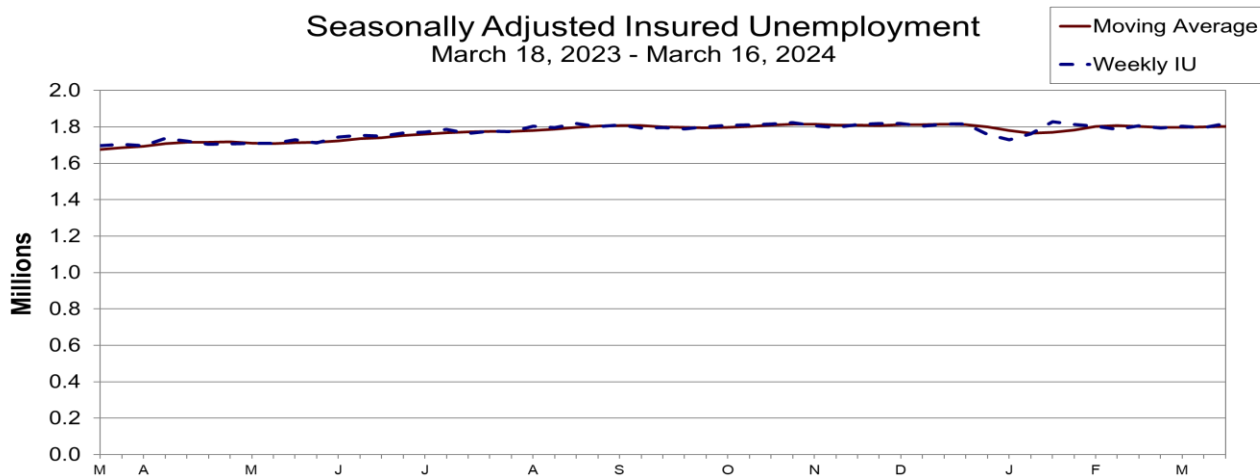
In the week ending March 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 210,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 210,000 to 212,000. The 4-week moving average was 211,000, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 211,250 to 211,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 16 was 1,819,000, an increase of 24,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 12,000 from 1,807,000 to 1,795,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,802,750, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,000 from 1,802,250 to 1,799,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
March 25, 2023 - March 23, 2024



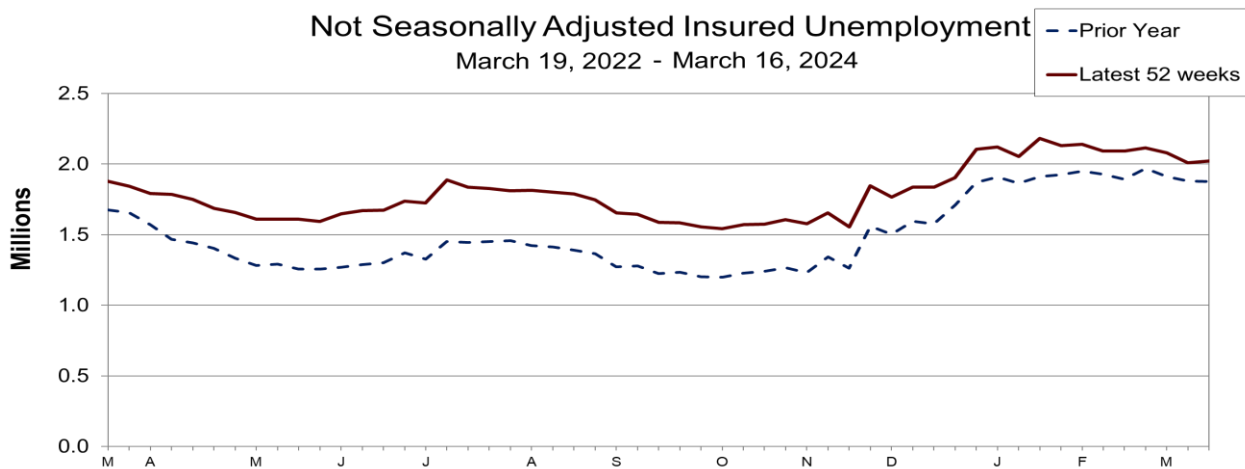
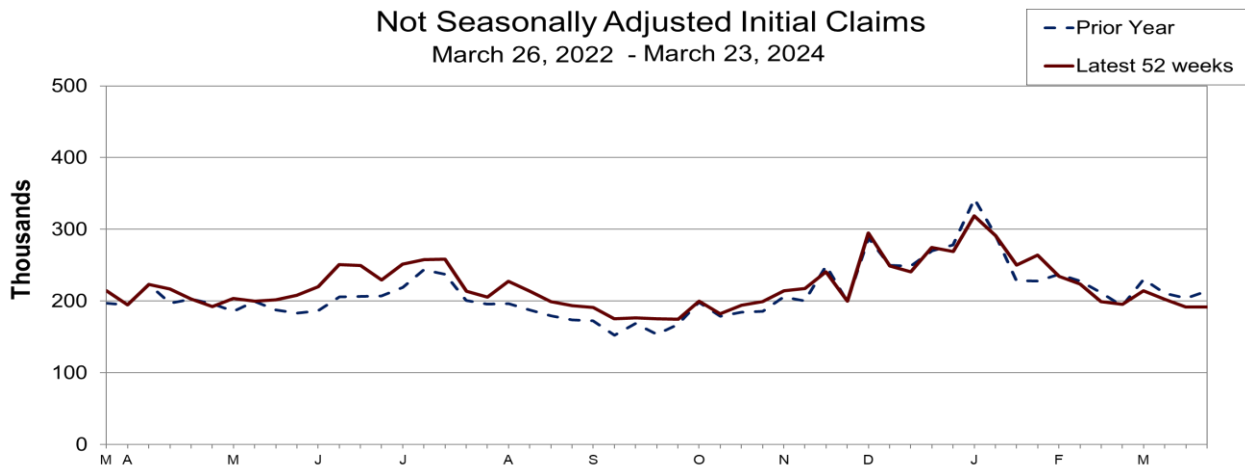
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
March 18, 2023 - March 16, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 191,485 in the week ending March 23, a decrease of 287 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,907 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 214,153 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending March 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,022,353, an increase of 13,571 (or 0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,566 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,877,339.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 9 was 2,037,085, a decrease of 69,954 from the previous week. There were 1,906,517 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 362 in the week ending March 16, a decrease of 3 from the prior week. There were 379 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 40 from the preceding week.

There were 6,241 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 9, an increase of 36 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,405, a decrease of 62 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 9 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.6), California (2.4), Minnesota (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), Illinois (2.1), New York (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), Montana (1.9), Pennsylvania (1.9), and Washington (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 16 were in Missouri (+1,443), Michigan (+1,204), Tennessee (+538), Mississippi (+353), and Arkansas (+279), while the largest decreases were in California (-5,794), Oregon (-1,651), Texas (-856), Pennsylvania (-740), and Illinois (-626).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 23	March 16	Change	March 9	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	210,000	212,000	-2,000	212,000	232,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	191,485	191,772	-287	202,722	214,153
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	211,000	211,750	-750	208,750	227,000

WEEK ENDING	March 16	March 9	Change	March 2	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,819,000	1,795,000	+24,000	1,803,000	1,697,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,022,353	2,008,782	+13,571	2,078,605	1,877,339
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,802,750	1,799,250	+3,500	1,797,250	1,676,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.4%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 16	March 9	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	362	365	-3	372
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	379	419	-40	305

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

WEEK ENDING	March 9	March 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,002,389	2,072,184	-69,795	1,871,892
Federal Employees	6,241	6,205	+36	6,798
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,405	4,467	-62	3,952
Extended Benefits ³	259	297	-38	1,474
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,718	2,775	-57	1,946
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,073	21,111	-38	20,455
TOTAL	2,037,085	2,107,039	-69,954	1,906,517

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 149,943,945 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 March 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,894	2,125	-231	7,996	8,857	-861
Alaska	739	727	12	5,488	5,478	10
Arizona	3,299	3,330	-31	20,798	22,018	-1,220
Arkansas	1,484	1,313	171	8,513	9,269	-756
California	41,286	41,428	-142	451,811	420,029	31,782
Colorado	2,623	2,474	149	29,021	28,649	372
Connecticut	2,522	2,906	-384	31,208	30,859	349
Delaware	160	216	-56	5,882	5,539	343
District of Columbia	499	509	-10	5,859	5,572	287
Florida	5,080	5,351	-271	31,529	36,060	-4,531
Georgia	4,260	4,386	-126	28,804	30,127	-1,323
Hawaii	1,015	1,074	-59	6,407	6,619	-212
Idaho	1,263	1,032	231	8,643	10,095	-1,452
Illinois	8,300	7,480	820	122,753	124,840	-2,087
Indiana	3,130	2,450	680	23,938	24,399	-461
Iowa	1,677	1,950	-273	15,567	16,845	-1,278
Kansas	940	1,104	-164	5,565	5,719	-154
Kentucky	1,256	1,327	-71	9,706	9,449	257
Louisiana	1,368	1,519	-151	9,724	11,049	-1,325
Maine	644	602	42	8,354	8,201	153
Maryland	1,970	2,216	-246	24,166	23,990	176
Massachusetts	4,648	4,671	-23	80,762	83,518	-2,756
Michigan	5,657	6,972	-1,315	64,769	66,706	-1,937
Minnesota	3,510	3,599	-89	68,801	66,465	2,336
Mississippi	811	1,336	-525	5,438	5,943	-505
Missouri	5,294	4,139	1,155	18,608	19,888	-1,280
Montana	533	558	-25	8,715	9,424	-709
Nebraska	584	934	-350	5,784	6,075	-291
Nevada	2,395	2,488	-93	24,552	25,599	-1,047
New Hampshire	317	402	-85	3,628	4,006	-378
New Jersey	8,271	8,501	-230	115,743	116,973	-1,230
New Mexico	710	727	-17	10,315	10,224	91
New York	14,072	14,349	-277	182,100	182,902	-802
North Carolina	2,989	2,914	75	19,299	20,164	-865
North Dakota	254	246	8	5,101	5,194	-93
Ohio	4,968	4,258	710	50,078	52,430	-2,352
Oklahoma	1,343	1,195	148	9,102	9,405	-303
Oregon	2,880	3,365	-485	29,992	27,708	2,284
Pennsylvania	9,477	9,803	-326	106,027	111,591	-5,564
Puerto Rico	774	949	-175	12,218	15,461	-3,243
Rhode Island	795	719	76	12,167	12,243	-76
South Carolina	1,689	1,795	-106	12,833	13,622	-789
South Dakota	125	156	-31	2,367	2,587	-220
Tennessee	2,745	3,115	-370	17,934	17,431	503
Texas	16,979	14,770	2,209	147,577	136,204	11,373
Utah	1,267	1,327	-60	13,455	14,041	-586
Vermont	272	378	-106	3,316	3,434	-118
Virgin Islands	18	35	-17	266	268	-2
Virginia	2,136	1,904	232	16,596	15,612	984
Washington	5,078	5,088	-10	67,280	64,631	2,649
West Virginia	704	723	-19	9,711	9,272	439
Wisconsin	4,462	4,489	-27	33,417	33,681	-264
Wyoming	319	348	-29	2,670	2,417	253
US Total	191,485	191,772	-287	2,022,353	2,008,782	13,571

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	
March 18, 2023	228	7	221.00	1,697	17	1,676.75	1.2
March 25, 2023	232	4	227.00	1,704	7	1,686.50	1.2
April 1, 2023	216	-16	224.25	1,696	-8	1,694.25	1.2
April 8, 2023	220	4	224.00	1,737	41	1,708.50	1.2
April 15, 2023	224	4	223.00	1,722	-15	1,714.75	1.2
April 22, 2023	209	-15	217.25	1,705	-17	1,715.00	1.2
April 29, 2023	214	5	216.75	1,706	1	1,717.50	1.2
May 6, 2023	225	11	218.00	1,710	4	1,710.75	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	0	218.25	1,710	0	1,707.75	1.2
May 20, 2023	227	2	222.75	1,729	19	1,713.75	1.2
May 27, 2023	231	4	227.00	1,712	-17	1,715.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	255	24	234.50	1,744	32	1,723.75	1.2
June 10, 2023	260	5	243.25	1,753	9	1,734.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	261	1	251.75	1,750	-3	1,739.75	1.2
June 24, 2023	238	-23	253.50	1,767	17	1,753.50	1.2
July 1, 2023	248	10	251.75	1,770	3	1,760.00	1.2
July 8, 2023	232	-16	244.75	1,786	16	1,768.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	231	-1	237.25	1,765	-21	1,772.00	1.2
July 22, 2023	231	0	235.50	1,776	11	1,774.25	1.2
July 29, 2023	240	9	233.50	1,773	-3	1,775.00	1.2
August 5, 2023	258	18	240.00	1,803	30	1,779.25	1.2
August 12, 2023	248	-10	244.25	1,797	-6	1,787.25	1.2
August 19, 2023	241	-7	246.75	1,819	22	1,798.00	1.2
August 26, 2023	234	-7	245.25	1,802	-17	1,805.25	1.2
September 2, 2023	228	-6	237.75	1,810	8	1,807.00	1.2
September 9, 2023	227	-1	232.50	1,793	-17	1,806.00	1.2
September 16, 2023	210	-17	224.75	1,795	2	1,800.00	1.2
September 23, 2023	213	3	219.50	1,789	-6	1,796.75	1.2
September 30, 2023	216	3	216.50	1,800	11	1,794.25	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
October 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
November 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,819	24	1,802.75	1.2
March 23, 2024	210	-2	211.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 16

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 9

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	2,125	144	-10	5	2	8,857	0.4	-39	-390	29	22	8,908
Alaska	727	-2	-14	3	1	5,478	1.8	-218	-191	88	7	5,573
Arizona	3,330	-56	323	3	1	22,018	0.7	-1	2,292	114	30	22,162
Arkansas	1,313	279	-12	5	0	9,269	0.7	-268	1,559	31	7	9,307
California	41,428	-5,794	-3,402	85	100	420,029	2.4	-27,632	16,131	1,240	1,178	422,447
Colorado	2,474	-134	79	0	6	28,649	1.0	-3,233	3,978	145	192	28,986
Connecticut	2,906	-95	-415	1	3	30,859	1.9	-1,003	1,996	47	21	30,927
Delaware	216	0	-40	2	1	5,539	1.2	-170	1,347	5	20	5,564
District of Columbia	509	-55	-1,069	7	0	5,572	1.0	-87	579	108	6	5,686
Florida	5,351	-593	273	11	22	36,060	0.4	543	-169	95	95	36,250
Georgia	4,386	-393	-651	35	15	30,127	0.6	-67	44	212	82	30,421
Hawaii	1,074	23	43	2	7	6,619	1.1	-245	1,020	39	59	6,717
Idaho	1,032	-145	-130	3	0	10,095	1.2	-343	939	139	18	10,252
Illinois	7,480	-626	-671	14	6	124,840	2.1	-2,352	10,843	287	105	125,232
Indiana	2,450	-428	-1,388	1	2	24,399	0.8	-1,838	-1,226	44	29	24,472
Iowa	1,950	93	-111	0	0	16,845	1.1	-1,466	-1,991	14	2	16,861
Kansas	1,104	34	-9	0	0	5,719	0.4	3	599	24	19	5,762
Kentucky	1,327	-211	-3,311	0	2	9,449	0.5	-983	-1,222	23	34	9,506
Louisiana	1,519	-116	-120	1	4	11,049	0.6	-208	-235	29	6	11,084
Maine	602	14	-34	0	0	8,201	1.3	-162	514	13	6	8,220
Maryland	2,216	-227	350	7	9	23,990	1.0	-700	1,746	126	48	24,164
Massachusetts	4,671	-458	2,308	2	12	83,518	2.3	-2,072	29	100	43	83,661
Michigan	6,972	1,204	2,241	3	5	66,706	1.6	-2,472	2,016	111	31	66,848
Minnesota	3,599	-158	206	4	3	66,465	2.4	-2,903	6,089	74	43	66,582
Mississippi	1,336	353	-306	1	2	5,943	0.5	-289	774	31	10	5,984
Missouri	4,139	1,443	1,121	3	0	19,888	0.7	-1,542	2,585	52	17	19,957
Montana	558	-45	9	7	0	9,424	1.9	-463	681	265	7	9,696
Nebraska	934	263	362	0	0	6,075	0.6	-124	749	16	8	6,099
Nevada	2,488	-128	399	2	1	25,599	1.7	-13	5,984	104	58	25,761
New Hampshire	402	-118	23	0	0	4,006	0.6	-415	918	6	3	4,015
New Jersey	8,501	-619	1,105	12	10	116,973	2.8	-2,214	12,753	223	171	117,367
New Mexico	727	-44	-43	0	2	10,224	1.3	114	637	103	29	10,356
New York	14,349	-397	719	15	15	182,902	2.0	-2,846	12,868	284	265	183,451
North Carolina	2,914	-118	-472	3	2	20,164	0.4	53	1,396	49	92	20,305
North Dakota	246	-32	3	0	0	5,194	1.3	-193	446	9	6	5,209
Ohio	4,258	62	-10,566	3	8	52,430	1.0	-1,965	-4,785	69	61	52,560
Oklahoma	1,195	71	-118	4	4	9,405	0.6	-160	-699	26	24	9,455
Oregon	3,365	-1,651	-846	2	1	27,708	1.4	627	-4,338	309	32	28,049
Pennsylvania	9,803	-740	1,036	7	8	111,591	1.9	-3,526	17,175	218	147	111,956
Puerto Rico	949	-199	-19	8	5	15,461	1.7	-262	1,599	136	62	15,659
Rhode Island	719	-19	-127	4	4	12,243	2.6	-437	1,038	34	22	12,299
South Carolina	1,795	43	-331	1	6	13,622	0.6	-101	701	24	42	13,688
South Dakota	156	-21	-12	3	0	2,587	0.6	-157	-126	30	1	2,618
Tennessee	3,115	538	322	3	3	17,431	0.5	-102	2,501	34	45	17,510
Texas	14,770	-856	816	59	63	136,204	1.0	-3,216	15,062	386	767	137,357
Utah	1,327	-85	-219	4	6	14,041	0.9	-332	1,476	143	14	14,198
Vermont	378	65	26	0	0	3,434	1.2	-239	-249	1	1	3,436
Virgin Islands	35	-10	8	1	0	268	0.8	62	80	2	0	270
Virginia	1,904	-325	281	3	10	15,612	0.4	-17	3,831	85	80	15,777
Washington	5,088	-597	273	8	25	64,631	1.9	-1,869	9,152	338	303	65,272
West Virginia	723	-98	74	1	1	9,272	1.4	-26	992	38	14	9,324
Wisconsin	4,489	36	-178	5	2	33,681	1.2	-2,070	1,103	48	16	33,745
Wyoming	348	-22	-25	9	0	2,417	0.9	-185	-112	41	5	2,463
Totals	191,772	-10,950	-12,249	362	379	2,008,782	1.3	-69,823	130,489	6,241	4,405	2,019,428

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 16, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+1,443	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
MI	+1,204	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-5,794	No comment.
OR	-1,651	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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