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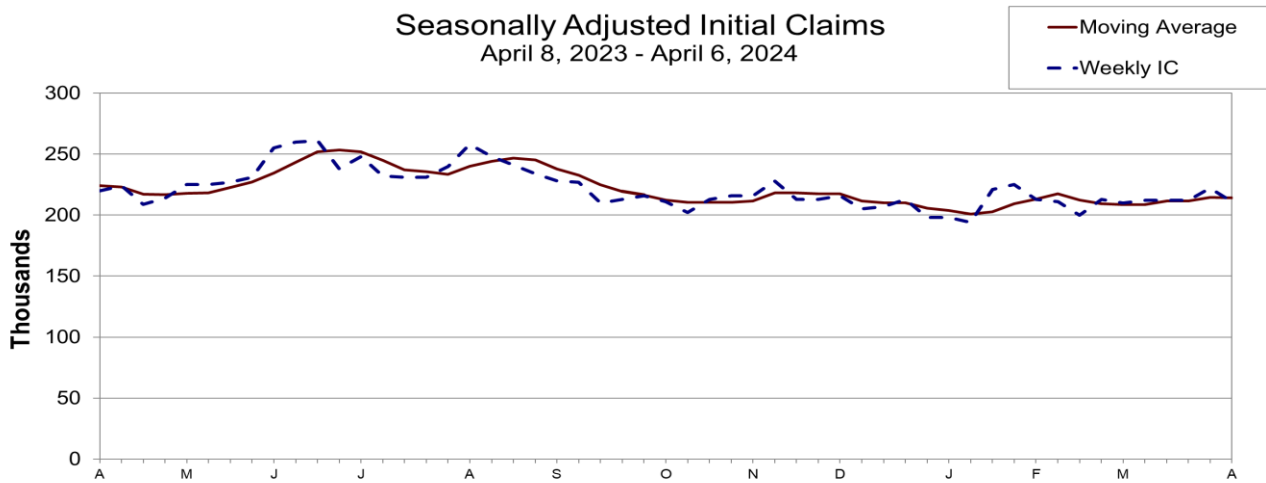
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

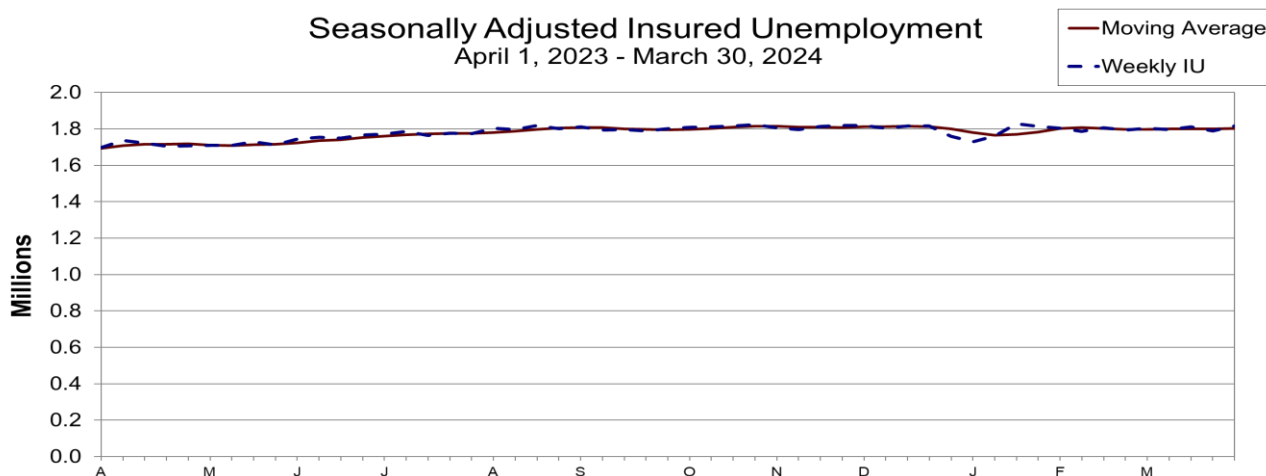
In the week ending April 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 211,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 221,000 to 222,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,250, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 214,250 to 214,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 30, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 30 was 1,817,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,791,000 to 1,789,000. 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 500 from 1,799,750 to 1,799,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 8, 2023 - April 6, 2024



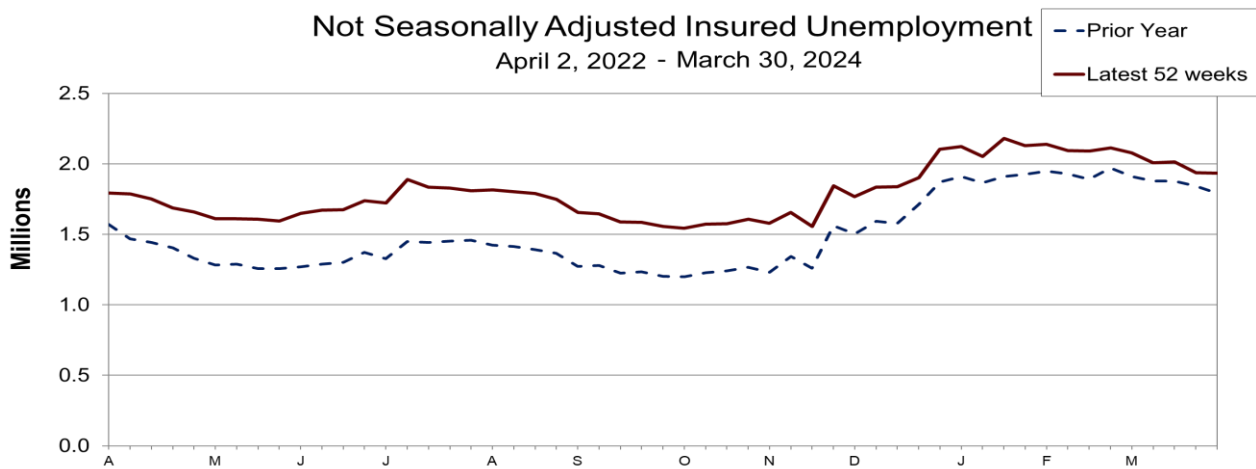
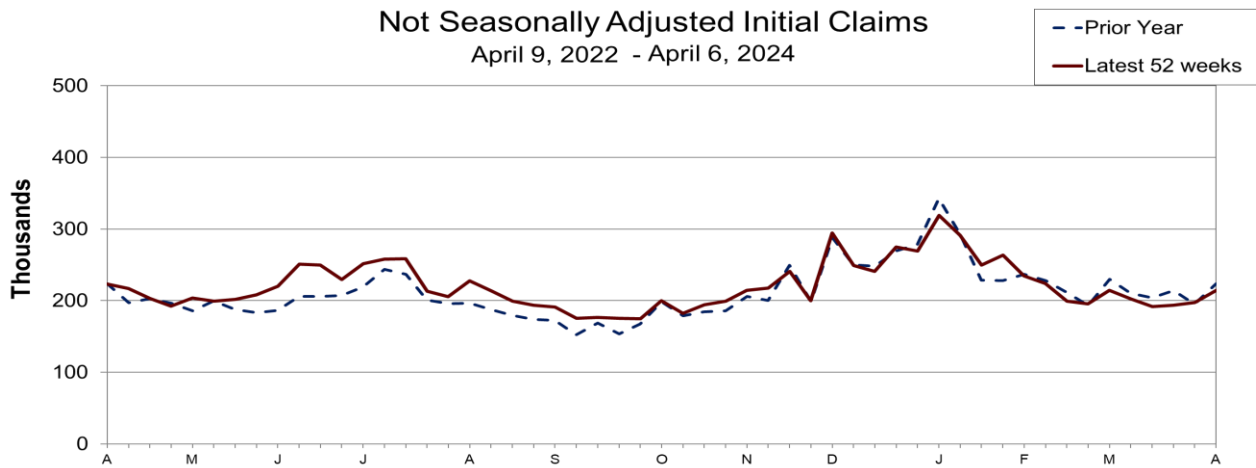
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 1, 2023 - March 30, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 214,386 in the week ending April 6, an increase of 17,037 (or 8.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,749 (or 14.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 223,382 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending March 30, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,935,320, a decrease of 2,648 (or -0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 32,210 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,792,755.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 23 was 1,965,545, a decrease of 72,582 from the previous week. There were 1,871,936 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 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 322 in the week ending March 30, a decrease of 49 from the prior week. There were 369 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 1 from the preceding week.

There were 5,881 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 23, a decrease of 10 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,331, a decrease of 108 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 23 were in New Jersey (2.6), California (2.4), Rhode Island (2.4), Minnesota (2.3), Massachusetts (2.2), Illinois (2.0), New York (1.9), Alaska (1.8), Connecticut (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), and Washington (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 30 were in California (+2,147), Pennsylvania (+1,913), Iowa (+1,383), New Jersey (+1,230), and Illinois (+1,195), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-3,248), Missouri (-2,369), Georgia (-935), Arkansas (-459), and North Carolina (-400).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 6	March 30	Change	March 23	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	211,000	222,000	-11,000	212,000	220,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	214,386	197,349	+17,037	193,921	223,382
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,250	214,500	-250	211,500	224,000

WEEK ENDING	March 30	March 23	Change	March 16	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,817,000	1,789,000	+28,000	1,810,000	1,696,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,935,320	1,937,968	-2,648	2,012,615	1,792,755
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,802,750	1,799,250	+3,500	1,800,500	1,694,250
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	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 30	March 23	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	322	371	-49	399
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	369	368	+1	338

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

WEEK ENDING	March 23	March 16	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,932,169	2,007,581	-75,412	1,837,799
Federal Employees	5,881	5,891	-10	6,247
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,331	4,439	-108	3,986
Extended Benefits ³	276	353	-77	1,409
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,639	2,715	-76	1,810
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,249	17,148	+3,101	20,685
TOTAL	1,965,545	2,038,127	-72,582	1,871,936

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 April 6			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,890	1,907	-17	8,015	8,769	-754
Alaska	680	623	57	5,003	5,342	-339
Arizona	3,971	3,471	500	20,846	22,118	-1,272
Arkansas	1,178	1,097	81	8,087	9,356	-1,269
California	42,986	43,037	-51	425,330	417,403	7,927
Colorado	3,018	2,458	560	28,760	28,434	326
Connecticut	2,992	2,139	853	27,905	29,933	-2,028
Delaware	597	169	428	5,917	5,533	384
District of Columbia	501	457	44	5,470	5,779	-309
Florida	6,250	5,408	842	31,203	35,920	-4,717
Georgia	4,293	3,512	781	28,618	28,175	443
Hawaii	1,223	1,065	158	6,661	6,127	534
Idaho	1,045	1,150	-105	7,594	8,377	-783
Illinois	9,525	9,463	62	116,089	116,778	-689
Indiana	2,660	2,791	-131	24,031	23,988	43
Iowa	1,571	2,910	-1,339	13,541	13,581	-40
Kansas	1,195	1,344	-149	5,051	4,946	105
Kentucky	2,184	1,418	766	8,555	8,623	-68
Louisiana	1,561	1,352	209	9,626	10,922	-1,296
Maine	539	632	-93	7,954	7,828	126
Maryland	2,594	3,313	-719	24,878	23,256	1,622
Massachusetts	4,975	5,218	-243	74,983	80,348	-5,365
Michigan	5,194	5,304	-110	59,417	63,836	-4,419
Minnesota	4,580	3,712	868	69,259	63,547	5,712
Mississippi	887	849	38	5,114	5,977	-863
Missouri	2,718	3,082	-364	17,306	19,297	-1,991
Montana	541	460	81	7,928	8,134	-206
Nebraska	599	569	30	4,923	5,286	-363
Nevada	1,800	2,214	-414	22,723	24,515	-1,792
New Hampshire	301	412	-111	3,464	3,766	-302
New Jersey	13,807	9,617	4,190	109,707	109,144	563
New Mexico	719	726	-7	10,036	10,097	-61
New York	16,701	14,089	2,612	176,593	177,154	-561
North Carolina	2,926	2,672	254	19,157	19,892	-735
North Dakota	318	245	73	4,794	4,494	300
Ohio	5,618	6,228	-610	47,732	49,245	-1,513
Oklahoma	1,187	1,150	37	9,027	9,439	-412
Oregon	5,870	4,547	1,323	30,129	27,188	2,941
Pennsylvania	13,150	11,411	1,739	101,641	102,347	-706
Puerto Rico	1,138	857	281	12,730	14,127	-1,397
Rhode Island	611	785	-174	10,968	11,428	-460
South Carolina	2,482	1,637	845	13,156	13,183	-27
South Dakota	176	176	0	2,304	2,134	170
Tennessee	3,198	2,619	579	17,464	17,353	111
Texas	15,191	13,796	1,395	141,639	139,143	2,496
Utah	1,293	1,191	102	12,546	12,863	-317
Vermont	415	242	173	3,141	3,074	67
Virgin Islands	11	25	-14	270	214	56
Virginia	2,203	2,081	122	16,460	15,302	1,158
Washington	5,894	5,099	795	65,317	62,286	3,031
West Virginia	702	726	-24	8,901	8,417	484
Wisconsin	6,443	5,581	862	34,866	31,268	3,598
Wyoming	285	313	-28	2,491	2,282	209
US Total	214,386	197,349	17,037	1,935,320	1,937,968	-2,648

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 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	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,817	28	1,802.75	1.2
April 6, 2024	211	-11	214.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 30

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 23

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	1,907	-56	-24	1	5	8,769	0.4	64	-342	33	23	8,825
Alaska	623	-53	-65	7	0	5,342	1.8	-221	-38	65	8	5,415
Arizona	3,471	110	496	4	5	22,118	0.7	27	1,937	112	33	22,263
Arkansas	1,097	-459	-237	1	2	9,356	0.8	344	1,990	37	12	9,405
California	43,037	2,147	3,087	87	89	417,403	2.4	-27,700	12,329	1,153	1,194	419,750
Colorado	2,458	-120	513	3	10	28,434	1.0	-100	7,019	156	136	28,726
Connecticut	2,139	-327	-41	2	3	29,933	1.8	-13	2,104	32	27	29,992
Delaware	169	5	-38	2	2	5,533	1.2	129	1,001	3	12	5,548
District of Columbia	457	-41	-51	7	1	5,779	1.0	-115	-555	102	3	5,884
Florida	5,408	154	312	7	23	35,920	0.4	634	-698	90	71	36,081
Georgia	3,512	-935	-1,154	18	11	28,175	0.6	-1,685	554	196	85	28,456
Hawaii	1,065	71	-32	2	7	6,127	1.0	-121	558	41	62	6,230
Idaho	1,150	-135	-58	5	0	8,377	1.0	-612	-21	96	16	8,489
Illinois	9,463	1,195	-446	8	4	116,778	2.0	-4,735	7,078	271	107	117,156
Indiana	2,791	-346	-2,945	1	5	23,988	0.8	126	620	33	24	24,045
Iowa	2,910	1,383	1,584	2	2	13,581	0.9	-2,039	-1,509	12	5	13,598
Kansas	1,344	409	457	3	0	4,946	0.4	-79	-141	23	17	4,986
Kentucky	1,418	164	8	1	1	8,623	0.4	-1,019	-1,953	13	30	8,666
Louisiana	1,352	-160	-311	1	1	10,922	0.6	-134	-260	28	10	10,960
Maine	632	-3	-58	0	1	7,828	1.3	-226	162	16	4	7,848
Maryland	3,313	1,059	1,528	10	11	23,256	0.9	-634	1,620	108	53	23,417
Massachusetts	5,218	514	1,325	4	6	80,348	2.2	-973	-2,142	134	43	80,525
Michigan	5,304	-346	-682	1	4	63,836	1.5	-2,271	2,371	103	28	63,967
Minnesota	3,712	253	382	2	1	63,547	2.3	-1,164	5,098	68	41	63,656
Mississippi	849	-44	-190	3	3	5,977	0.5	-201	596	33	11	6,021
Missouri	3,082	-2,369	-36	2	2	19,297	0.7	357	405	54	22	19,373
Montana	460	-45	-190	4	0	8,134	1.7	-476	340	209	4	8,347
Nebraska	569	-28	52	2	0	5,286	0.5	-735	811	15	5	5,306
Nevada	2,214	-190	154	0	3	24,515	1.7	-830	5,686	83	58	24,656
New Hampshire	412	-16	41	0	0	3,766	0.6	-75	861	5	2	3,773
New Jersey	9,617	1,230	1,877	14	5	109,144	2.6	-5,550	8,228	233	200	109,577
New Mexico	726	4	104	0	3	10,097	1.2	-161	575	93	29	10,219
New York	14,089	162	524	14	20	177,154	1.9	-3,032	11,079	282	227	177,663
North Carolina	2,672	-400	-670	1	2	19,892	0.4	-159	1,062	46	91	20,029
North Dakota	245	7	55	1	0	4,494	1.1	-229	284	7	5	4,506
Ohio	6,228	1,185	-7,037	4	7	49,245	0.9	-1,420	-5,995	78	59	49,382
Oklahoma	1,150	-244	131	4	4	9,439	0.6	195	-711	26	31	9,496
Oregon	4,547	242	-426	2	1	27,188	1.4	-190	-4,337	250	27	27,465
Pennsylvania	11,411	1,913	3,163	20	7	102,347	1.8	-4,697	9,977	196	145	102,688
Puerto Rico	857	7	-230	2	5	14,127	1.5	-90	-2,008	128	40	14,295
Rhode Island	785	15	195	4	0	11,428	2.4	-484	1,150	37	26	11,491
South Carolina	1,637	-154	-147	4	2	13,183	0.6	-81	472	26	43	13,252
South Dakota	176	41	44	0	0	2,134	0.5	-186	-379	22	1	2,157
Tennessee	2,619	-121	632	0	0	17,353	0.5	-508	2,897	40	41	17,434
Texas	13,796	-3,248	-670	30	65	139,143	1.0	-10,633	14,963	488	772	140,403
Utah	1,191	-75	-323	6	1	12,863	0.8	-632	805	101	12	12,976
Vermont	242	-38	-53	0	0	3,074	1.0	-16	-306	1	1	3,076
Virgin Islands	25	-11	-6	1	0	214	0.6	-36	52	4	0	218
Virginia	2,081	-17	518	5	10	15,302	0.4	-195	3,479	88	85	15,475
Washington	5,099	-1	118	10	29	62,286	1.8	-683	8,771	300	310	62,896
West Virginia	726	-7	113	0	2	8,417	1.3	-359	668	38	21	8,476
Wisconsin	5,581	1,152	855	5	3	31,268	1.1	-982	73	38	14	31,320
Wyoming	313	-5	1	5	1	2,282	0.8	-42	-64	35	5	2,322
Totals	197,349	3,428	2,149	322	369	1,937,968	1.3	-74,647	96,216	5,881	4,331	1,948,180

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 30, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+2,147	No comment.
PA	+1,913	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IA	+1,383	Layoffs in manufacturing and construction industries.
NJ	+1,230	No comment.
IL	+1,195	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and in manufacturing industries.
OH	+1,185	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
WI	+1,152	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing and in construction industries.
MD	+1,059	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-3,248	No comment.
MO	-2,369	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, retail trade, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services 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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