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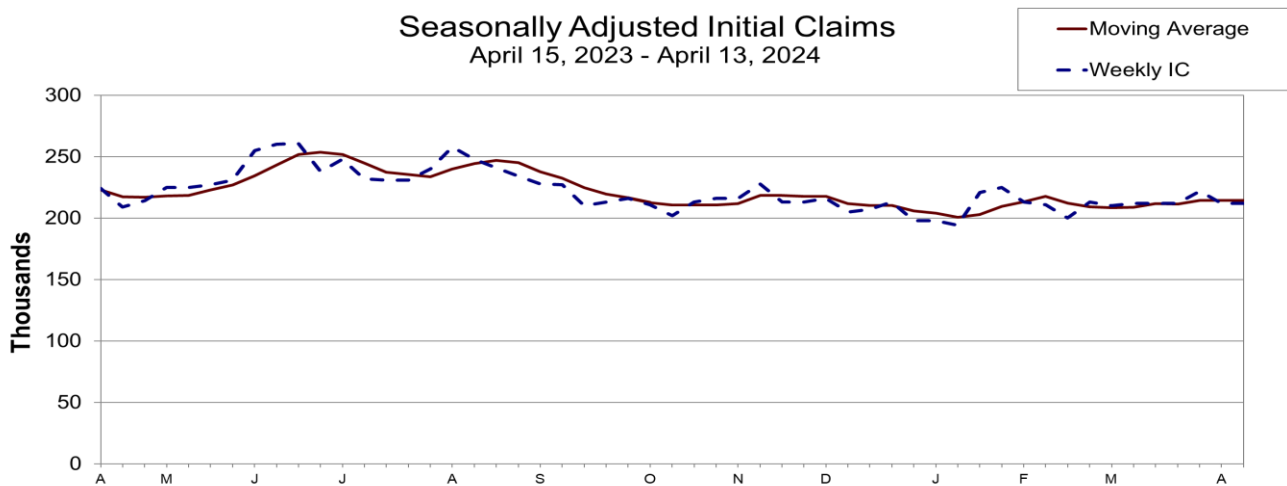
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

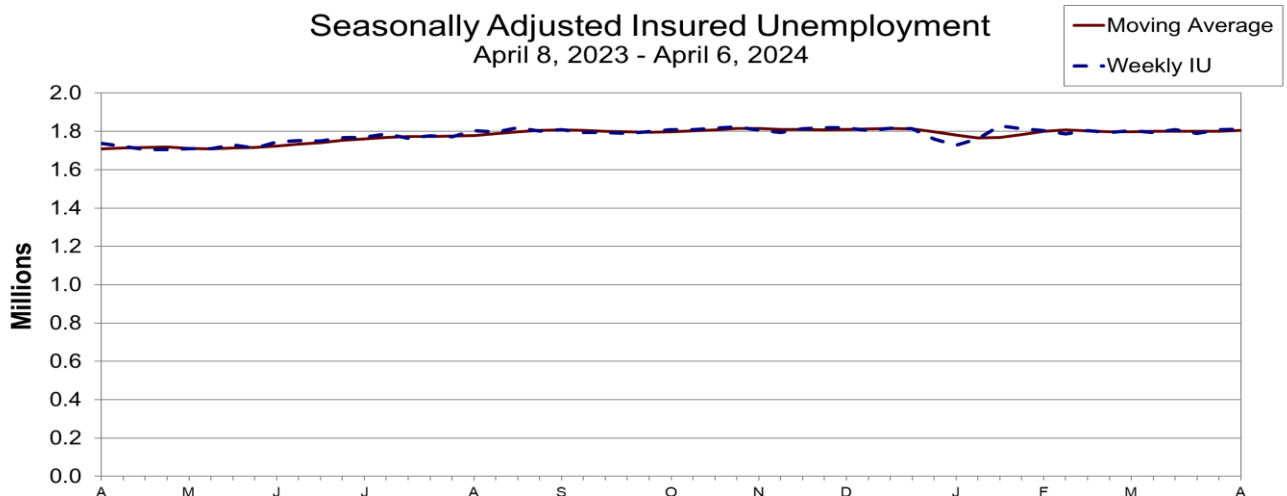
In the week ending April 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 212,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 211,000 to 212,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,500, unchanged from the previous week's 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 April 6, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 6 was 1,812,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,817,000 to 1,810,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,805,250, an increase of 4,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,802,750 to 1,801,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 15, 2023 - April 13, 2024



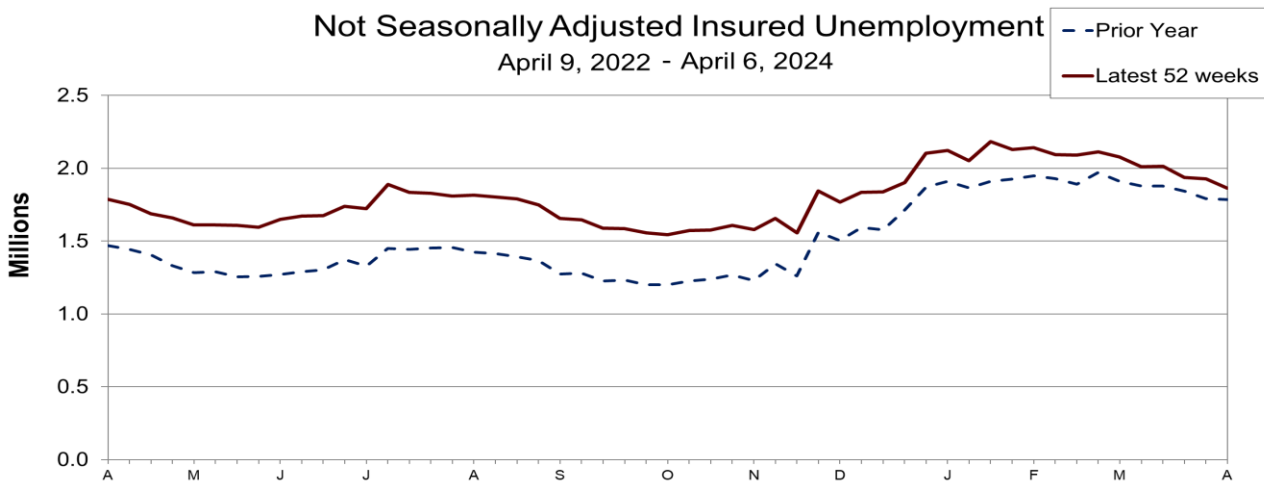
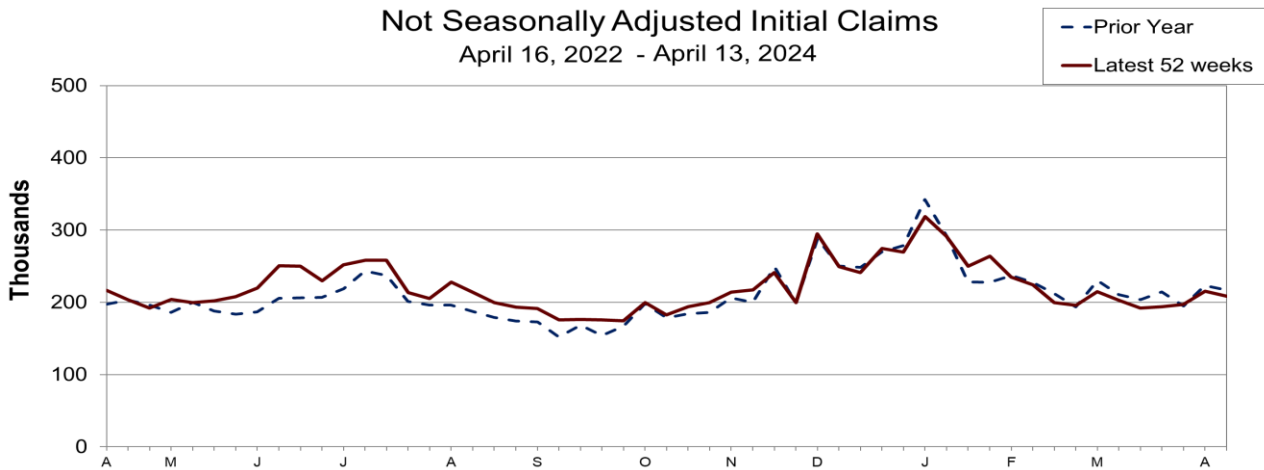
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 8, 2023 - April 6, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 208,509 in the week ending April 13, a decrease of 6,756 (or -3.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,369 (or -3.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 216,740 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 6, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,864,123, a decrease of 63,886 (or -3.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 65,172 (or -3.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,785,781.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 30 was 1,953,031, a decrease of 12,519 from the previous week. There were 1,821,910 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 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 327 in the week ending April 6, an increase of 5 from the prior week. There were 435 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 5,546 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 30, a decrease of 335 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,675, an increase of 344 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 30 were in New Jersey (2.6), California (2.4), Minnesota (2.4), Rhode Island (2.3), Massachusetts (2.1), Illinois (1.9), New York (1.9), Pennsylvania (1.8), Washington (1.8), and Alaska (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 6 were in New Jersey (+4,339), New York (+2,499), Pennsylvania (+1,783), Texas (+1,523), and Florida (+977), while the largest decreases were in Iowa (-1,418), California (-631), Ohio (-530), Nevada (-362), and Maryland (-352).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 13	April 6	Change	March 30	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	212,000	212,000	0	222,000	224,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	208,509	215,265	-6,756	197,349	216,740
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,500	214,500	0	214,500	223,000

WEEK ENDING	April 6	March 30	Change	March 23	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,812,000	1,810,000	+2,000	1,789,000	1,737,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,864,123	1,928,009	-63,886	1,937,973	1,785,781
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,805,250	1,801,000	+4,250	1,799,250	1,708,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 6	March 30	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	327	322	+5	387
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	435	369	+66	320

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

WEEK ENDING	March 30	March 23	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,923,015	1,932,174	-9,159	1,789,165
Federal Employees	5,546	5,881	-335	5,781
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,675	4,331	+344	4,067
Extended Benefits ³	309	276	+33	1,150
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,612	2,639	-27	1,963
STC / Workshare ⁵	16,874	20,249	-3,375	19,784
TOTAL	1,953,031	1,965,550	-12,519	1,821,910

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 150,520,106 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 13			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 6		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,154	2,007	147	7,480	8,700	-1,220
Alaska	793	622	171	4,849	5,090	-241
Arizona	4,330	4,273	57	21,197	22,070	-873
Arkansas	1,087	1,223	-136	7,450	8,502	-1,052
California	45,469	42,406	3,063	405,683	418,913	-13,230
Colorado	2,847	2,977	-130	27,220	28,295	-1,075
Connecticut	4,589	2,937	1,652	25,928	26,784	-856
Delaware	216	608	-392	5,964	5,440	524
District of Columbia	454	494	-40	5,483	5,490	-7
Florida	5,990	6,385	-395	31,640	34,755	-3,115
Georgia	5,669	4,448	1,221	29,008	29,536	-528
Hawaii	1,102	1,220	-118	6,176	6,473	-297
Idaho	889	1,054	-165	6,899	7,895	-996
Illinois	7,951	9,491	-1,540	114,867	114,835	32
Indiana	3,148	2,643	505	23,235	23,975	-740
Iowa	1,479	1,492	-13	10,008	13,591	-3,583
Kansas	990	1,058	-68	4,818	4,697	121
Kentucky	1,487	2,161	-674	8,191	8,491	-300
Louisiana	1,438	1,683	-245	9,807	10,942	-1,135
Maine	602	532	70	7,685	7,636	49
Maryland	2,290	2,961	-671	23,749	24,502	-753
Massachusetts	4,484	5,030	-546	72,158	75,463	-3,305
Michigan	4,836	5,231	-395	54,460	60,717	-6,257
Minnesota	3,331	4,520	-1,189	61,576	66,713	-5,137
Mississippi	965	956	9	5,146	5,856	-710
Missouri	2,344	2,840	-496	15,855	17,920	-2,065
Montana	556	536	20	6,708	7,879	-1,171
Nebraska	567	606	-39	4,506	5,160	-654
Nevada	2,227	1,852	375	22,542	23,455	-913
New Hampshire	386	404	-18	3,345	3,678	-333
New Jersey	9,405	13,956	-4,551	113,635	108,907	4,728
New Mexico	741	732	9	9,876	9,997	-121
New York	17,184	16,588	596	174,286	174,563	-277
North Carolina	2,834	3,030	-196	18,835	19,891	-1,056
North Dakota	313	293	20	4,015	4,457	-442
Ohio	4,444	5,698	-1,254	46,077	48,216	-2,139
Oklahoma	1,098	1,242	-144	8,944	9,191	-247
Oregon	7,168	5,404	1,764	28,704	28,507	197
Pennsylvania	11,547	13,194	-1,647	98,601	102,747	-4,146
Puerto Rico	1,055	1,180	-125	13,007	14,482	-1,475
Rhode Island	747	616	131	10,111	10,777	-666
South Carolina	2,524	2,591	-67	13,307	13,582	-275
South Dakota	163	194	-31	1,994	2,287	-293
Tennessee	3,603	3,162	441	17,278	17,375	-97
Texas	15,339	15,319	20	132,268	143,261	-10,993
Utah	1,518	1,292	226	11,728	12,577	-849
Vermont	416	423	-7	3,132	2,916	216
Virgin Islands	16	22	-6	258	256	2
Virginia	2,261	2,288	-27	16,376	15,351	1,025
Washington	5,607	5,912	-305	64,552	61,296	3,256
West Virginia	775	735	40	9,632	8,017	1,615
Wisconsin	4,629	6,427	-1,798	31,617	33,753	-2,136
Wyoming	452	317	135	2,257	2,150	107
US Total	208,509	215,265	-6,756	1,864,123	1,928,009	-63,886

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 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	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,812	2	1,805.25	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 6

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 30

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	2,007	100	-216	5	5	8,700	0.4	-69	772	32	20	8,752
Alaska	622	-1	-77	4	1	5,090	1.7	-252	-137	56	7	5,153
Arizona	4,273	802	-69	2	2	22,070	0.7	-48	2,039	96	38	22,204
Arkansas	1,223	126	46	0	1	8,502	0.7	-854	1,265	32	10	8,544
California	42,406	-631	-8,184	85	90	418,913	2.4	1,510	1,303	1,035	1,169	421,117
Colorado	2,977	519	487	2	10	28,295	1.0	-139	7,625	155	133	28,583
Connecticut	2,937	798	-862	3	2	26,784	1.6	-3,149	3,408	28	29	26,841
Delaware	608	439	230	1	2	5,440	1.2	-93	1,482	8	34	5,482
District of Columbia	494	37	74	6	3	5,490	1.0	-289	296	140	4	5,634
Florida	6,385	977	107	10	31	34,755	0.4	-1,165	-591	91	115	34,961
Georgia	4,448	936	250	27	15	29,536	0.6	1,361	3,321	204	126	29,866
Hawaii	1,220	155	153	1	8	6,473	1.1	341	773	42	57	6,572
Idaho	1,054	-96	-100	4	0	7,895	1.0	-482	247	67	13	7,975
Illinois	9,491	28	-9	3	2	114,835	1.9	-1,943	12,323	275	121	115,231
Indiana	2,643	-148	-2,167	1	3	23,975	0.8	-13	-2,637	32	35	24,042
Iowa	1,492	-1,418	224	3	2	13,591	0.9	10	1,364	12	4	13,607
Kansas	1,058	-286	121	0	1	4,697	0.3	-249	-88	25	239	4,961
Kentucky	2,161	743	371	3	1	8,491	0.4	-132	188	17	41	8,549
Louisiana	1,683	331	-114	2	3	10,942	0.6	20	-250	32	8	10,982
Maine	532	-100	-215	0	0	7,636	1.2	-192	172	14	8	7,658
Maryland	2,961	-352	410	10	8	24,502	1.0	1,246	4,136	128	86	24,716
Massachusetts	5,030	-188	602	3	10	75,463	2.1	-4,885	-2,697	100	50	75,613
Michigan	5,231	-73	-239	3	4	60,717	1.4	-3,119	-618	83	26	60,826
Minnesota	4,520	808	940	5	5	66,713	2.4	3,166	8,632	65	38	66,816
Mississippi	956	107	-321	0	0	5,856	0.5	-121	631	25	12	5,893
Missouri	2,840	-242	274	6	6	17,920	0.6	-1,377	2,462	67	19	18,006
Montana	536	76	-112	1	0	7,879	1.6	-255	615	191	5	8,075
Nebraska	606	37	-47	1	4	5,160	0.5	-126	1,296	11	5	5,176
Nevada	1,852	-362	-868	2	0	23,455	1.6	-1,060	4,433	59	48	23,562
New Hampshire	404	-8	-1	0	0	3,678	0.5	-88	859	5	1	3,684
New Jersey	13,956	4,339	2,838	20	11	108,907	2.6	-237	12,456	218	164	109,289
New Mexico	732	6	-7	1	4	9,997	1.2	-100	787	95	37	10,129
New York	16,588	2,499	1,795	23	18	174,563	1.9	-2,591	13,201	299	217	175,079
North Carolina	3,030	358	-420	1	2	19,891	0.4	-1	1,228	45	90	20,026
North Dakota	293	48	34	2	2	4,457	1.1	-37	543	6	5	4,468
Ohio	5,698	-530	-4,429	2	8	48,216	0.9	-1,029	-3,638	84	57	48,357
Oklahoma	1,242	92	24	4	9	9,191	0.6	-248	-820	23	33	9,247
Oregon	5,404	857	-669	1	1	28,507	1.5	1,319	-4,094	215	28	28,750
Pennsylvania	13,194	1,783	2,025	12	9	102,747	1.8	400	17,124	215	156	103,118
Puerto Rico	1,180	323	114	3	1	14,482	1.6	355	664	147	56	14,685
Rhode Island	616	-169	-504	2	3	10,777	2.3	-651	1,215	35	25	10,837
South Carolina	2,591	954	400	6	3	13,582	0.6	399	1,384	31	42	13,655
South Dakota	194	18	59	0	0	2,287	0.5	153	67	19	1	2,307
Tennessee	3,162	543	755	2	1	17,375	0.5	22	3,516	39	48	17,462
Texas	15,319	1,523	-2,128	31	106	143,261	1.1	4,118	21,498	403	789	144,453
Utah	1,292	101	-644	5	4	12,577	0.8	-286	998	71	13	12,661
Vermont	423	181	-5	0	0	2,916	1.0	-158	-326	1	1	2,918
Virgin Islands	22	-3	3	0	0	256	0.7	42	52	4	0	260
Virginia	2,288	207	730	5	2	15,351	0.4	49	3,670	79	80	15,510
Washington	5,912	813	-167	5	24	61,296	1.8	-990	8,582	268	301	61,865
West Virginia	735	9	64	0	3	8,017	1.2	-400	819	39	19	8,075
Wisconsin	6,427	846	1,478	6	3	33,753	1.2	2,485	3,697	44	7	33,804
Wyoming	317	4	-151	3	2	2,150	0.8	-132	7	39	5	2,194
Totals	215,265	17,916	-8,117	327	435	1,928,009	1.3	-9,964	135,254	5,546	4,675	1,938,230

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 6, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+4,339	Layoffs in accommodation and food services, in transportation and warehousing, and in public administration industries.
NY	+2,499	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, in accommodation and food services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
PA	+1,783	Layoffs in construction and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
TX	+1,523	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IA	-1,418	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.

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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