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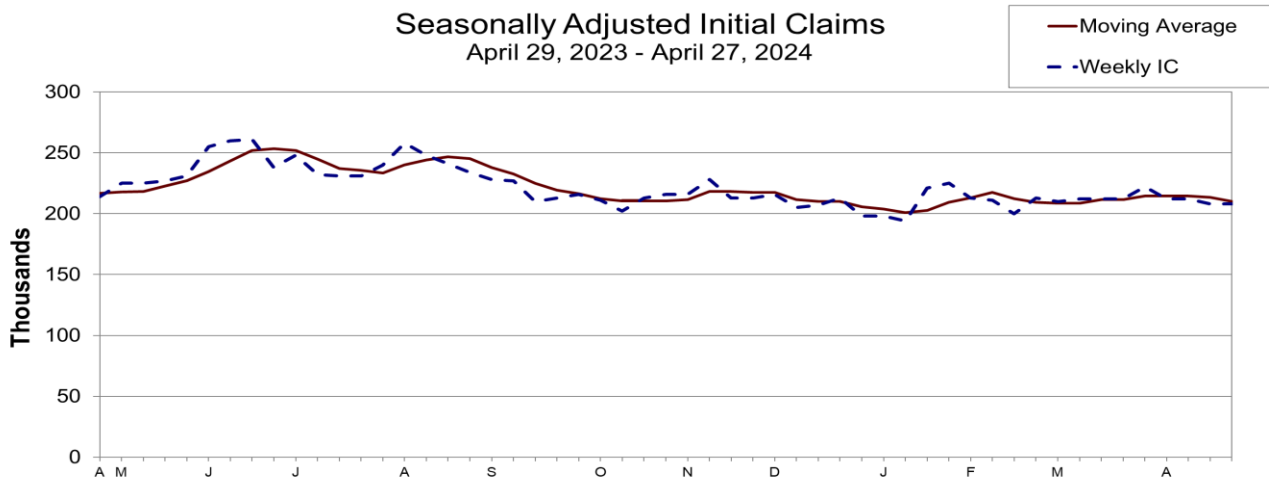
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

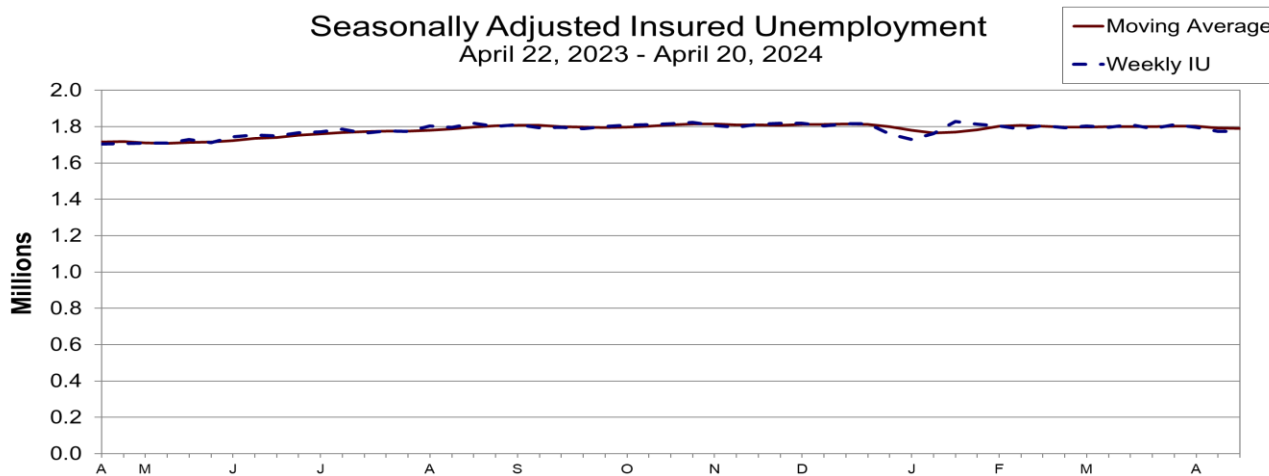
In the week ending April 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 208,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 207,000 to 208,000. The 4-week moving average was 210,000, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 213,250 to 213,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 20, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 20 was 1,774,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,781,000 to 1,774,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,788,750, a decrease of 3,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,794,000 to 1,792,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 29, 2023 - April 27, 2024



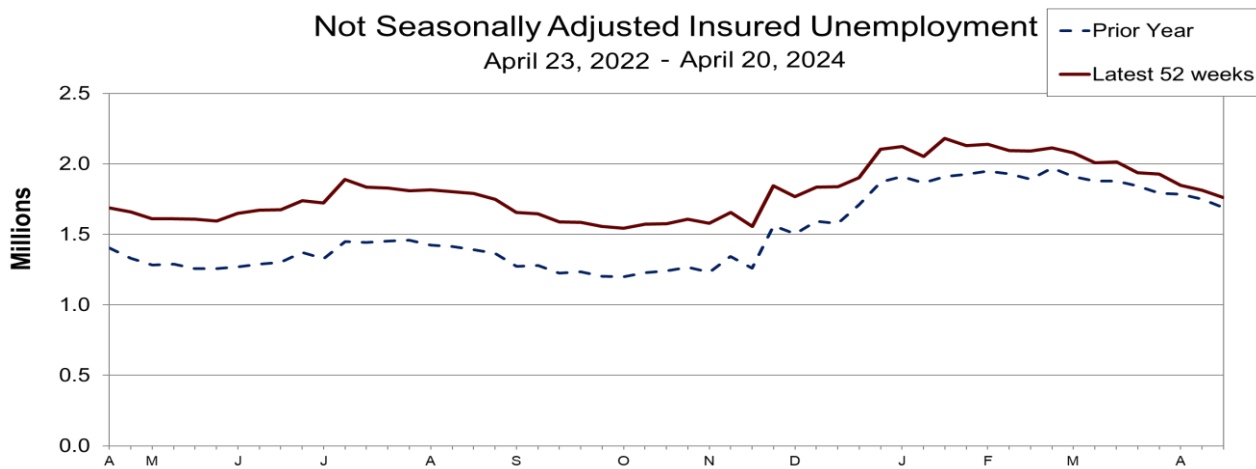
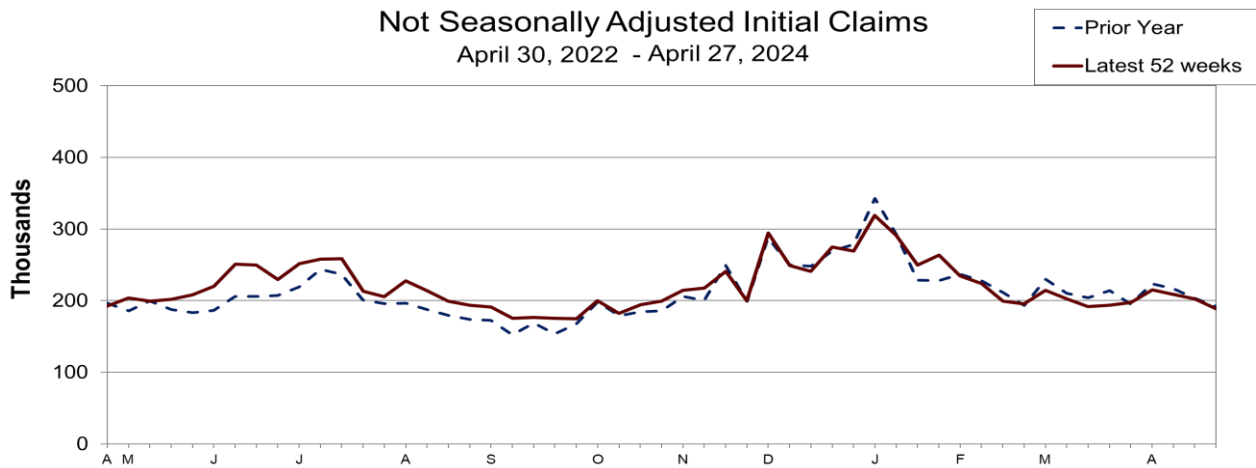
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 22, 2023 - April 20, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 188,740 in the week ending April 27, a decrease of 13,884 (or -6.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,133 (or -6.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 192,152 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 20, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,760,279, a decrease of 52,516 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 53,213 (or -2.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,687,739.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 13 was 1,837,505, a decrease of 36,526 from the previous week. There were 1,779,256 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 April 13.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 365 in the week ending April 20, an increase of 4 from the prior week. There were 360 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 18 from the preceding week.

There were 5,091 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 13, a decrease of 183 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,457, an increase of 110 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 13 were in New Jersey (2.5), California (2.3), Illinois (1.9), Rhode Island (1.9), Massachusetts (1.8), Minnesota (1.8), New York (1.7), Washington (1.7), Alaska (1.6), and Nevada (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 20 were in Massachusetts (+3,575), Rhode Island (+1,737), Texas (+450), Colorado (+443), and California (+216), while the largest decreases were in New York (-4,253), Pennsylvania (-2,763), Oregon (-1,712), Georgia (-1,104), and Wisconsin (-994).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 27	April 20	Change	April 13	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	208,000	208,000	0	212,000	214,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	188,740	202,624	-13,884	209,064	192,152
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	210,000	213,500	-3,500	214,500	216,750

WEEK ENDING	April 20	April 13	Change	April 6	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,774,000	1,774,000	0	1,797,000	1,705,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,760,279	1,812,795	-52,516	1,848,822	1,687,739
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,788,750	1,792,500	-3,750	1,801,500	1,715,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 20	April 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	365	361	+4	371
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	360	378	-18	314

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

WEEK ENDING	April 13	April 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,807,937	1,843,636	-35,699	1,746,828
Federal Employees	5,091	5,274	-183	5,360
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,457	4,347	+110	4,134
Extended Benefits ³	273	247	+26	1,246
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,645	2,715	-70	1,909
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,102	17,812	-710	19,779
TOTAL	1,837,505	1,874,031	-36,526	1,779,256

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 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,146	2,410	-264	7,962	8,450	-488
Alaska	920	670	250	4,647	4,824	-177
Arizona	4,445	4,826	-381	23,315	23,583	-268
Arkansas	997	1,295	-298	8,018	8,138	-120
California	40,464	45,027	-4,563	410,981	410,557	424
Colorado	3,082	3,246	-164	27,913	29,785	-1,872
Connecticut	2,890	4,239	-1,349	25,575	25,657	-82
Delaware	199	221	-22	5,094	4,840	254
District of Columbia	506	477	29	5,343	5,209	134
Florida	5,805	6,351	-546	31,461	34,818	-3,357
Georgia	4,412	4,763	-351	27,740	29,220	-1,480
Hawaii	981	1,034	-53	6,124	6,111	13
Idaho	880	977	-97	5,847	6,545	-698
Illinois	8,723	7,444	1,279	98,877	109,632	-10,755
Indiana	2,331	2,453	-122	20,336	21,745	-1,409
Iowa	3,104	1,549	1,555	8,033	8,311	-278
Kansas	1,200	1,100	100	4,638	4,511	127
Kentucky	1,712	1,407	305	7,951	8,606	-655
Louisiana	1,426	1,695	-269	9,991	11,080	-1,089
Maine	549	710	-161	6,944	6,775	169
Maryland	1,994	2,288	-294	23,353	22,665	688
Massachusetts	4,752	8,113	-3,361	67,825	66,182	1,643
Michigan	5,120	4,824	296	45,895	53,497	-7,602
Minnesota	3,132	3,036	96	50,650	52,395	-1,745
Mississippi	922	978	-56	5,197	5,819	-622
Missouri	2,307	2,385	-78	15,704	16,008	-304
Montana	542	568	-26	5,319	5,988	-669
Nebraska	533	508	25	4,154	4,439	-285
Nevada	2,579	2,376	203	22,234	22,827	-593
New Hampshire	827	406	421	3,134	3,422	-288
New Jersey	7,967	8,695	-728	99,853	103,861	-4,008
New Mexico	683	789	-106	9,661	9,706	-45
New York	13,196	12,841	355	156,182	161,859	-5,677
North Carolina	3,028	3,097	-69	18,626	19,309	-683
North Dakota	238	231	7	2,653	2,908	-255
Ohio	4,845	4,690	155	40,361	43,712	-3,351
Oklahoma	1,185	1,239	-54	9,101	9,141	-40
Oregon	3,677	5,089	-1,412	27,702	26,118	1,584
Pennsylvania	9,031	8,827	204	85,325	90,254	-4,929
Puerto Rico	993	1,124	-131	11,745	13,786	-2,041
Rhode Island	861	2,480	-1,619	10,763	9,059	1,704
South Carolina	2,022	2,354	-332	12,986	13,600	-614
South Dakota	134	170	-36	1,522	1,700	-178
Tennessee	3,343	3,676	-333	17,697	17,163	534
Texas	14,272	15,525	-1,253	136,507	143,625	-7,118
Utah	1,364	1,657	-293	11,364	11,348	16
Vermont	477	454	23	2,779	2,841	-62
Virgin Islands	11	15	-4	244	198	46
Virginia	2,283	2,331	-48	16,653	15,254	1,399
Washington	4,936	5,088	-152	62,092	59,425	2,667
West Virginia	886	857	29	8,628	8,250	378
Wisconsin	3,508	3,590	-82	25,383	26,095	-712
Wyoming	320	429	-109	2,197	1,944	253
US Total	188,740	202,624	-13,884	1,760,279	1,812,795	-52,516

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 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	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,774	0	1,788.75	1.2
April 27, 2024	208	0	210.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 13

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	2,410	146	115	2	3	8,450	0.4	213	-262	28	22	8,500
Alaska	670	8	68	2	2	4,824	1.6	-120	-293	53	7	4,884
Arizona	4,826	109	142	4	0	23,583	0.7	998	1,628	81	44	23,708
Arkansas	1,295	109	-220	1	1	8,138	0.6	168	1,381	30	7	8,175
California	45,027	216	2,647	106	85	410,557	2.3	10,541	-16,679	958	1,089	412,604
Colorado	3,246	443	1,275	1	8	29,785	1.1	2,967	9,288	113	161	30,059
Connecticut	4,239	-311	1,293	1	2	25,657	1.5	1,346	618	34	22	25,713
Delaware	221	-4	-107	2	0	4,840	1.1	-623	606	14	8	4,862
District of Columbia	477	29	175	9	0	5,209	0.9	-149	-114	104	3	5,316
Florida	6,351	136	1,258	14	24	34,818	0.4	-153	-2,461	89	105	35,012
Georgia	4,763	-1,104	-2,736	31	13	29,220	0.6	-741	-2,642	182	96	29,498
Hawaii	1,034	-45	-32	2	3	6,111	1.0	57	356	33	56	6,200
Idaho	977	62	37	1	0	6,545	0.8	-624	4	28	12	6,585
Illinois	7,444	-474	-3,964	4	6	109,632	1.9	-4,071	14,434	285	136	110,053
Indiana	2,453	-630	-536	6	4	21,745	0.7	-1,450	1,024	51	22	21,818
Iowa	1,549	141	11	5	0	8,311	0.5	-1,780	580	13	8	8,332
Kansas	1,100	108	-296	0	0	4,511	0.3	-35	250	25	22	4,558
Kentucky	1,407	-72	412	1	0	8,606	0.4	479	1,314	42	32	8,680
Louisiana	1,695	98	29	1	1	11,080	0.6	79	-346	37	14	11,131
Maine	710	116	-39	0	0	6,775	1.1	-638	111	9	5	6,789
Maryland	2,288	-323	261	12	12	22,665	0.9	-809	2,927	137	60	22,862
Massachusetts	8,113	3,575	4,005	1	4	66,182	1.8	-6,448	-3,968	96	54	66,332
Michigan	4,824	44	-321	1	4	53,497	1.2	-1,346	4,194	45	37	53,579
Minnesota	3,036	-210	135	0	0	52,395	1.8	-5,701	2,114	71	41	52,507
Mississippi	978	-77	-52	0	0	5,819	0.5	75	344	30	15	5,864
Missouri	2,385	-63	53	2	4	16,008	0.6	-276	2,029	61	18	16,087
Montana	568	59	-53	2	0	5,988	1.2	-669	147	135	3	6,126
Nebraska	508	-77	-7	0	2	4,439	0.5	-221	1,074	17	8	4,464
Nevada	2,376	82	214	5	3	22,827	1.6	-487	3,347	67	49	22,943
New Hampshire	406	-42	13	1	1	3,422	0.5	-182	815	5	0	3,427
New Jersey	8,695	-891	524	24	11	103,861	2.5	-9,066	5,141	214	193	104,268
New Mexico	789	39	132	0	3	9,706	1.2	-75	597	70	39	9,815
New York	12,841	-4,253	-10,039	10	13	161,859	1.7	-10,643	-2,794	264	231	162,354
North Carolina	3,097	157	-47	1	0	19,309	0.4	-227	499	72	85	19,466
North Dakota	231	-39	8	3	1	2,908	0.7	-818	-48	11	7	2,926
Ohio	4,690	148	-1,123	4	10	43,712	0.8	-2,900	-1,576	70	57	43,839
Oklahoma	1,239	83	122	7	4	9,141	0.6	60	-985	31	44	9,216
Oregon	5,089	-1,712	1,152	2	0	26,118	1.3	-564	-5,252	159	28	26,305
Pennsylvania	8,827	-2,763	316	23	11	90,254	1.5	-9,429	13,638	213	161	90,628
Puerto Rico	1,124	-8	-74	9	2	13,786	1.5	-903	-645	138	60	13,984
Rhode Island	2,480	1,737	1,728	1	2	9,059	1.9	-921	-856	35	26	9,120
South Carolina	2,354	-255	22	5	4	13,600	0.6	-110	385	36	49	13,685
South Dakota	170	-16	55	2	0	1,700	0.4	-241	7	24	1	1,725
Tennessee	3,676	55	1,355	2	6	17,163	0.6	-6	3,302	40	52	17,255
Texas	15,525	450	1,058	27	71	143,625	1.1	15,992	16,004	388	824	144,837
Utah	1,657	140	-4	7	0	11,348	0.7	-404	777	58	11	11,417
Vermont	454	25	-310	0	0	2,841	1.0	-41	-13	1	1	2,843
Virgin Islands	15	-8	-21	0	0	198	0.6	-50	-30	6	2	206
Virginia	2,331	93	493	7	10	15,254	0.4	-9	3,424	81	73	15,408
Washington	5,088	-483	98	4	26	59,425	1.7	-1,305	5,746	222	321	59,968
West Virginia	857	50	230	1	2	8,250	1.3	-462	1,773	30	20	8,300
Wisconsin	3,590	-994	-94	6	2	26,095	0.9	-4,292	1,972	36	11	26,142
Wyoming	429	-44	30	3	0	1,944	0.7	-13	-66	19	5	1,968
Totals	202,624	-6,440	-609	365	360	1,812,795	1.2	-36,027	62,820	5,091	4,457	1,822,343

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 20, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+3,575	No comment.
RI	+1,737	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing and in accommodation and food services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-4,253	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and in accommodations and food services industries.
PA	-2,763	Fewer layoffs in construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	-1,712	No comment.
GA	-1,104	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; health care and social assistance; and in professional, scientific and technical 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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