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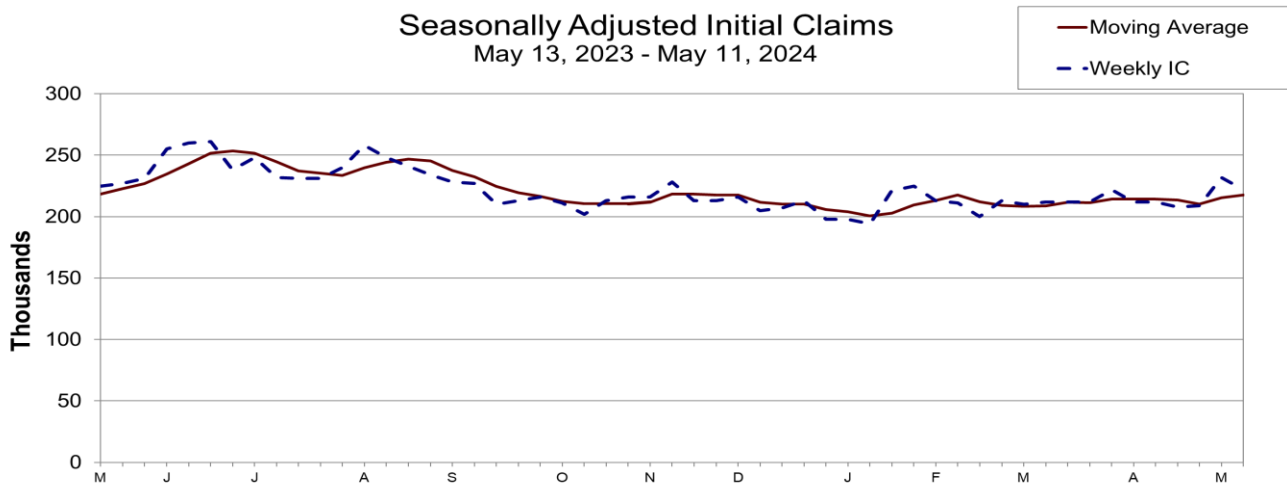
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

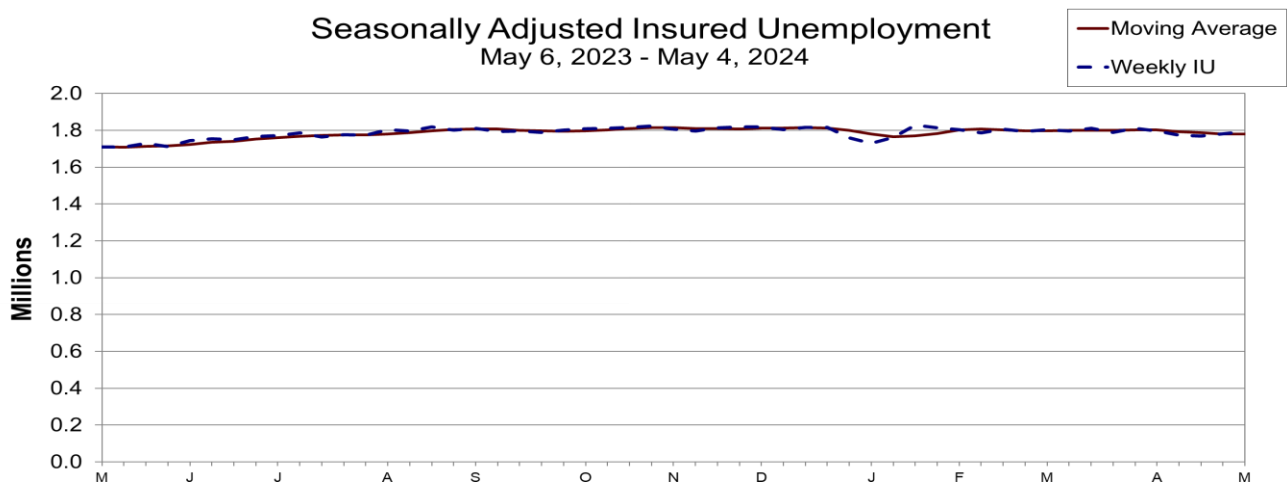
In the week ending May 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 222,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000. The 4-week moving average was 217,750, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 215,000 to 215,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 4 was 1,794,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,785,000 to 1,781,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,779,250, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,781,000 to 1,780,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 13, 2023 - May 11, 2024



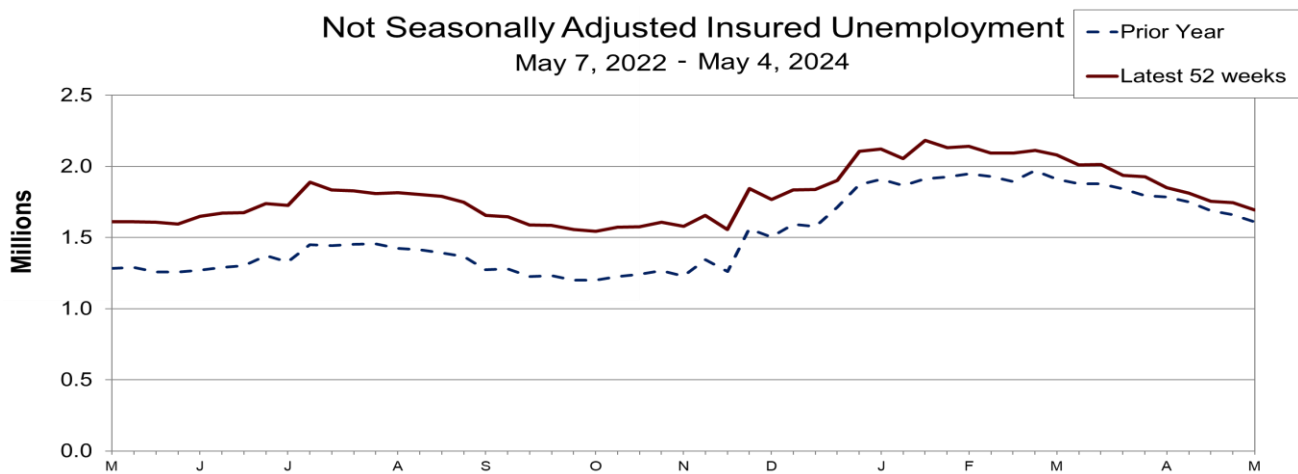
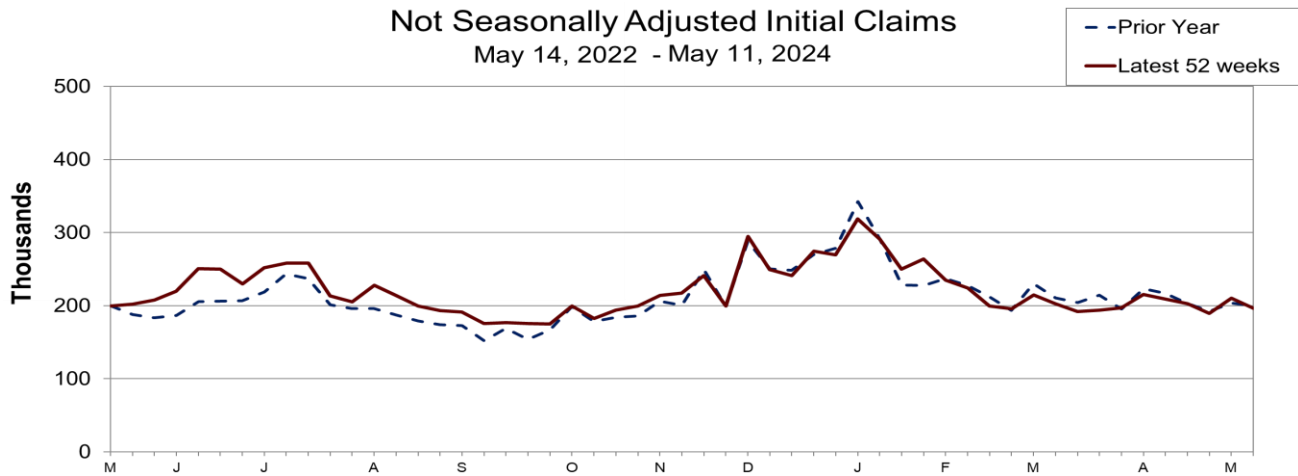
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 6, 2023 - May 4, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 196,725 in the week ending May 11, a decrease of 13,325 (or -6.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,405 (or -2.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,654 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 4, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,693,065, a decrease of 50,364 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 62,329 (or -3.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,610,523.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 27 was 1,768,400, a decrease of 10,054 from the previous week. There were 1,686,001 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 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 385 in the week ending May 4, an increase of 42 from the prior week. There were 388 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 37 from the preceding week.

There were 4,764 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 27, a decrease of 266 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,339, a decrease of 31 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 27 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.3), Massachusetts (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), Illinois (1.7), New York (1.7), Alaska (1.6), Nevada (1.6), Washington (1.6), Connecticut (1.5), and Minnesota (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 4 were in New York (+10,171), California (+3,595), Indiana (+2,367), Illinois (+1,836), and Texas (+1,253), while the largest decreases were in Iowa (-1,177), New Hampshire (-435), Connecticut (-334), Louisiana (-213), and Kentucky (-208).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 11	May 4	Change	April 27	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	222,000	232,000	-10,000	209,000	225,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	196,725	210,050	-13,325	189,634	199,654
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	217,750	215,250	+2,500	210,250	218,250

WEEK ENDING	May 4	April 27	Change	April 20	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,794,000	1,781,000	+13,000	1,768,000	1,710,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,693,065	1,743,429	-50,364	1,753,450	1,610,523
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,779,250	1,780,000	-750	1,787,250	1,710,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 4	April 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	385	343	+42	383
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	388	351	+37	368

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

WEEK ENDING	April 27	April 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,738,619	1,748,544	-9,925	1,654,570
Federal Employees	4,764	5,030	-266	5,031
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,339	4,370	-31	4,289
Extended Benefits ³	421	200	+221	992
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,683	2,750	-67	2,046
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,574	17,560	+14	19,073
TOTAL	1,768,400	1,778,454	-10,054	1,686,001

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 May 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,489	2,386	103	8,047	8,758	-711
Alaska	721	674	47	4,642	4,907	-265
Arizona	4,112	4,679	-567	25,199	26,213	-1,014
Arkansas	1,163	1,197	-34	7,040	8,601	-1,561
California	42,921	43,539	-618	394,405	402,324	-7,919
Colorado	2,917	2,988	-71	27,593	27,561	32
Connecticut	2,732	2,496	236	22,587	24,597	-2,010
Delaware	267	245	22	4,990	4,922	68
District of Columbia	510	560	-50	5,420	5,323	97
Florida	7,051	5,893	1,158	31,152	34,968	-3,816
Georgia	4,727	4,997	-270	27,886	29,104	-1,218
Hawaii	1,018	1,058	-40	6,174	6,087	87
Idaho	842	939	-97	5,395	5,744	-349
Illinois	7,992	10,507	-2,515	92,656	97,996	-5,340
Indiana	3,643	4,711	-1,068	22,224	19,795	2,429
Iowa	1,630	1,824	-194	7,626	9,293	-1,667
Kansas	1,200	1,173	27	5,151	4,710	441
Kentucky	1,589	1,498	91	7,781	8,046	-265
Louisiana	1,713	1,360	353	9,972	10,092	-120
Maine	497	500	-3	5,700	6,022	-322
Maryland	2,100	2,429	-329	23,222	22,853	369
Massachusetts	4,942	4,618	324	58,608	63,197	-4,589
Michigan	5,117	5,529	-412	40,941	44,979	-4,038
Minnesota	3,871	3,181	690	44,712	43,699	1,013
Mississippi	1,147	969	178	5,360	5,894	-534
Missouri	2,470	2,431	39	15,311	16,383	-1,072
Montana	481	502	-21	4,938	5,148	-210
Nebraska	667	601	66	4,109	4,180	-71
Nevada	2,307	2,657	-350	22,215	23,455	-1,240
New Hampshire	342	459	-117	3,011	3,840	-829
New Jersey	8,117	8,409	-292	97,321	98,542	-1,221
New Mexico	772	706	66	9,671	9,363	308
New York	13,854	23,296	-9,442	152,307	162,277	-9,970
North Carolina	3,233	3,424	-191	18,782	19,384	-602
North Dakota	315	302	13	2,114	1,993	121
Ohio	5,574	5,719	-145	38,015	38,957	-942
Oklahoma	1,244	1,412	-168	9,305	9,475	-170
Oregon	3,982	3,660	322	27,362	25,636	1,726
Pennsylvania	10,281	9,388	893	82,334	83,499	-1,165
Puerto Rico	998	1,149	-151	12,238	12,853	-615
Rhode Island	592	692	-100	8,165	8,446	-281
South Carolina	1,887	1,956	-69	12,739	13,223	-484
South Dakota	173	149	24	1,244	1,309	-65
Tennessee	3,133	3,297	-164	18,913	17,891	1,022
Texas	15,538	15,640	-102	133,367	142,417	-9,050
Utah	1,480	1,638	-158	11,327	11,261	66
Vermont	336	440	-104	2,490	2,569	-79
Virgin Islands *	19	18	1	151	162	-11
Virginia	2,312	2,497	-185	17,015	15,546	1,469
Washington	5,289	5,183	106	60,646	57,684	2,962
West Virginia	736	763	-27	8,265	7,518	747
Wisconsin	3,361	3,428	-67	23,245	22,844	401
Wyoming	321	284	37	1,982	1,889	93
US Total	196,725	210,050	-13,325	1,693,065	1,743,429	-50,364

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.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

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 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	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,794	13	1,779.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	222	-10	217.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 4					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 27						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,386	127	91	3	5	8,758	0.4	87	186	24	16	8,798
Alaska	674	32	37	3	3	4,907	1.6	183	-38	44	6	4,957
Arizona	4,679	23	39	2	1	26,213	0.8	1,232	1,621	78	41	26,332
Arkansas	1,197	132	-655	1	0	8,601	0.7	108	1,654	28	8	8,637
California	43,539	3,595	-1,553	97	89	402,324	2.3	-2,415	-14,598	929	1,131	404,384
Colorado	2,988	-18	1,591	0	8	27,561	1.0	134	7,609	75	150	27,786
Connecticut	2,496	-334	27	2	0	24,597	1.5	-217	4,732	36	33	24,666
Delaware	245	50	-61	6	5	4,922	1.1	285	1,434	10	5	4,937
District of Columbia	560	54	88	10	0	5,323	0.9	5	759	96	4	5,423
Florida	5,893	-96	-4	13	18	34,968	0.4	74	-1,776	88	68	35,124
Georgia	4,997	421	-308	21	21	29,104	0.6	453	-3,772	177	80	29,361
Hawaii	1,058	77	-15	1	8	6,087	1.0	99	529	30	53	6,170
Idaho	939	54	55	3	1	5,744	0.7	-348	-39	22	12	5,778
Illinois	10,507	1,836	2,105	6	5	97,996	1.7	270	7,087	291	121	98,408
Indiana	4,711	2,367	1,143	5	0	19,795	0.6	-536	-1,277	40	27	19,862
Iowa	1,824	-1,177	246	0	1	9,293	0.6	1,141	2,389	19	3	9,315
Kansas	1,173	-59	229	1	0	4,710	0.3	375	-214	26	20	4,756
Kentucky	1,498	-208	-130	0	1	8,046	0.4	157	805	23	35	8,104
Louisiana	1,360	-213	-341	1	4	10,092	0.5	-1,060	-1,059	32	15	10,139
Maine	500	-45	-52	1	1	6,022	1.0	-671	-95	8	5	6,035
Maryland	2,429	137	359	12	11	22,853	0.9	-200	3,398	120	49	23,022
Massachusetts	4,618	-189	-872	4	5	63,197	1.8	-5,155	-9,363	119	50	63,366
Michigan	5,529	375	-158	2	4	44,979	1.0	-2,300	4,263	48	37	45,064
Minnesota	3,181	124	296	7	1	43,699	1.5	-3,982	2,944	62	30	43,791
Mississippi	969	-35	-112	0	0	5,894	0.5	102	507	28	6	5,928
Missouri	2,431	1	-2,592	2	4	16,383	0.6	523	2,275	62	21	16,466
Montana	502	-38	-45	2	0	5,148	1.0	-372	563	71	3	5,222
Nebraska	601	51	11	0	1	4,180	0.4	-116	940	8	10	4,198
Nevada	2,657	28	518	6	2	23,455	1.6	443	5,581	48	44	23,547
New Hampshire	459	-435	44	1	0	3,840	0.6	509	822	5	0	3,845
New Jersey	8,409	292	-4	10	8	98,542	2.4	-783	8,930	213	145	98,900
New Mexico	706	34	-6	0	3	9,363	1.1	230	252	71	38	9,472
New York	23,296	10,171	8,660	39	11	162,277	1.7	7,808	16,159	298	208	162,783
North Carolina	3,424	264	-192	1	1	19,384	0.4	-17	1,233	44	103	19,531
North Dakota	302	99	98	1	0	1,993	0.5	-451	22	9	5	2,007
Ohio	5,719	689	-593	6	7	38,957	0.7	-1,814	-882	77	66	39,100
Oklahoma	1,412	172	-85	4	5	9,475	0.6	229	-738	37	33	9,545
Oregon	3,660	300	-723	5	3	25,636	1.3	-221	-5,061	117	31	25,784
Pennsylvania	9,388	328	-681	15	14	83,499	1.4	-2,838	10,823	228	147	83,874
Puerto Rico	1,149	70	-68	9	4	12,853	1.4	-370	-430	130	62	13,045
Rhode Island	692	-162	-102	1	0	8,446	1.8	-2,178	1,124	36	29	8,511
South Carolina	1,956	-151	-9	9	7	13,223	0.6	-198	956	41	49	13,313
South Dakota	149	-3	-12	3	0	1,309	0.3	-191	269	19	1	1,329
Tennessee	3,297	-47	772	2	1	17,891	0.6	275	4,865	41	50	17,982
Texas	15,640	1,253	-349	39	89	142,417	1.1	4,138	16,139	387	837	143,641
Utah	1,638	274	169	8	3	11,261	0.7	-125	990	45	11	11,317
Vermont	440	-48	52	0	0	2,569	0.9	12	-202	1	1	2,571
Virgin Islands	18	-7	-14	2	0	162	0.5	-74	-8	4	2	168
Virginia	2,497	231	-839	5	9	15,546	0.4	28	2,777	79	79	15,704
Washington	5,183	265	60	5	21	57,684	1.6	-796	6,084	165	320	58,169
West Virginia	763	-148	40	0	1	7,518	1.1	-261	1,530	27	22	7,567
Wisconsin	3,428	-43	0	6	2	22,844	0.8	-1,183	2,189	36	9	22,889
Wyoming	284	-54	-3	3	0	1,889	0.7	-61	8	12	8	1,909
Totals	210,050	20,416	6,152	385	388	1,743,429	1.2	-10,033	84,896	4,764	4,339	1,752,532

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 4, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+10,171	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, in accommodation and food services, and in educational services industries.
CA	+3,595	No comment.
IN	+2,367	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
IL	+1,836	Layoffs in construction, in administration and support and waste management and remediation services, and in manufacturing industries.
TX	+1,253	Layoffs in manufacturing, in retail trade, in transportation and warehousing, and in mining industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IA	-1,177	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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