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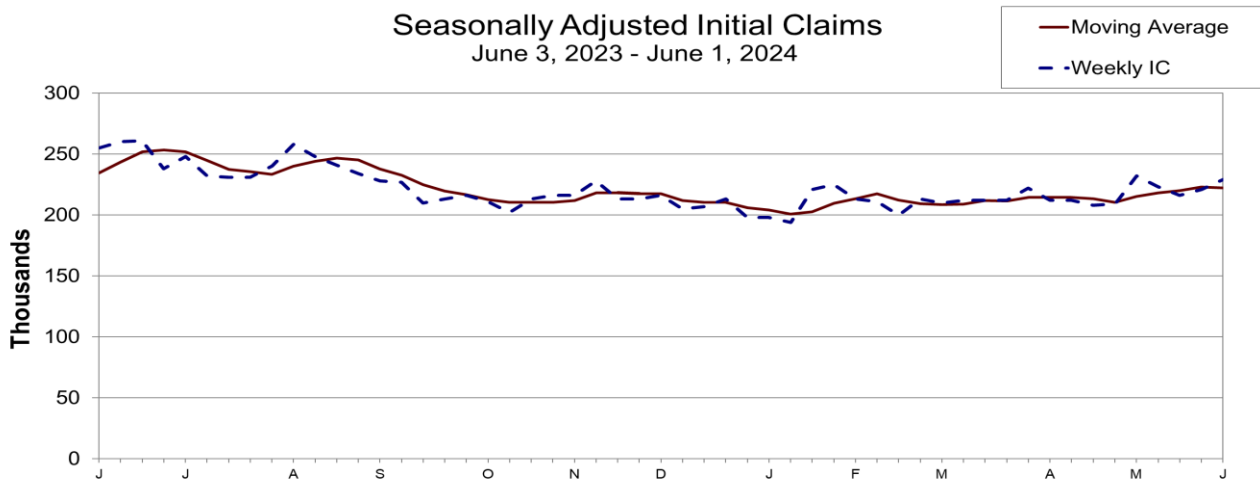
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

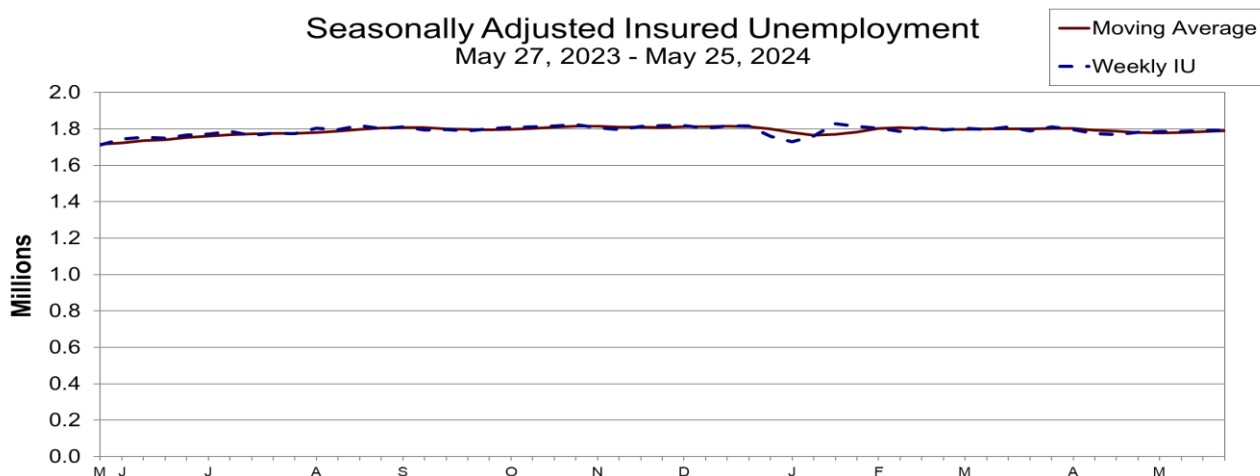
In the week ending June 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 229,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 219,000 to 221,000. The 4-week moving average was 222,250, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 222,500 to 223,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 25 was 1,792,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,791,000 to 1,790,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,788,750, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,786,250 to 1,786,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 3, 2023 - June 1, 2024



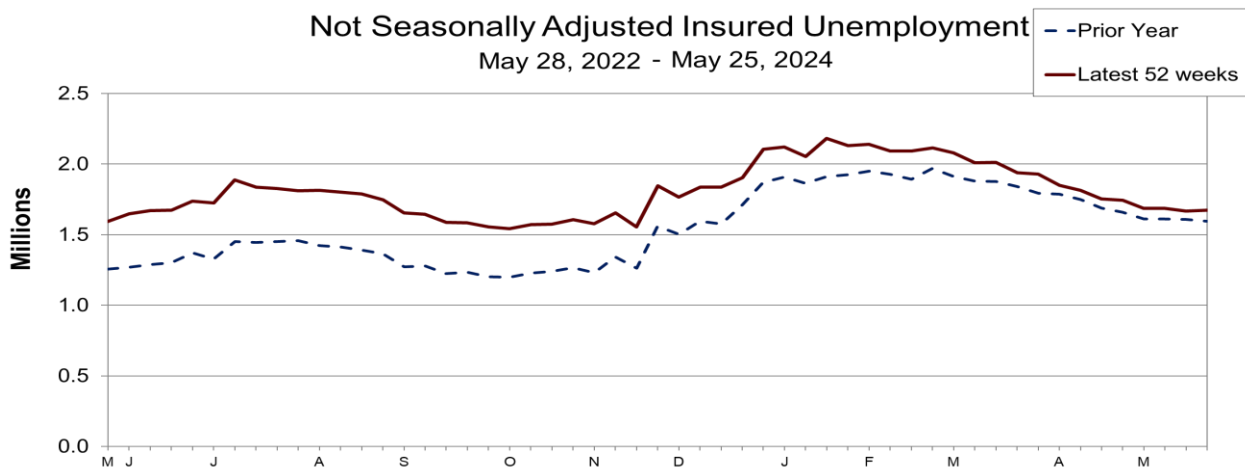
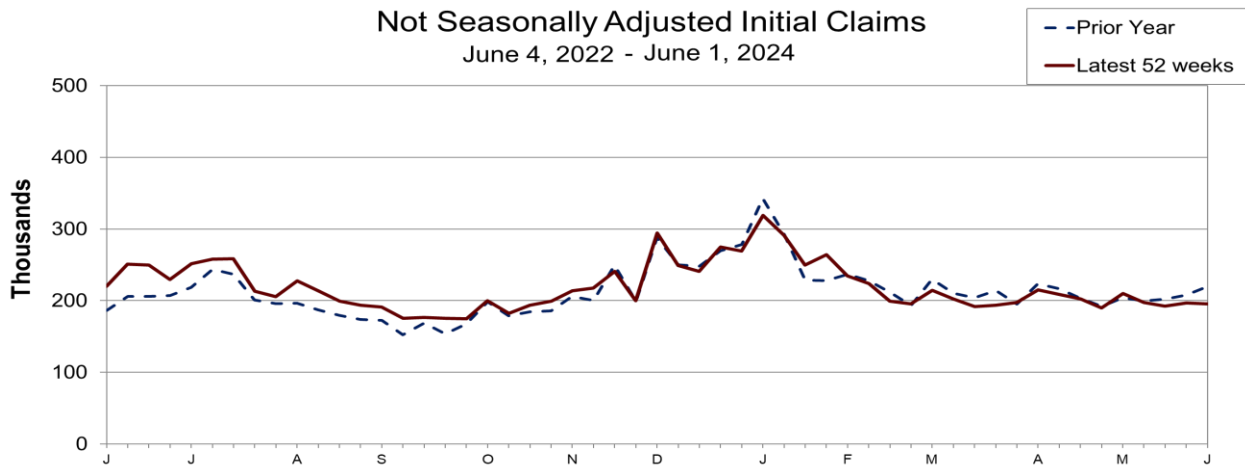
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 27, 2023 - May 25, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 195,430 in the week ending June 1, a decrease of 1,734 (or -0.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,178 (or -4.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 219,975 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 25, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,672,384, an increase of 5,754 (or 0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,580 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,593,705.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 18 was 1,690,805, a decrease of 20,125 from the previous week. There were 1,634,890 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 May 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 353 in the week ending May 25, an increase of 15 from the prior week. There were 304 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 64 from the preceding week.

There were 4,648 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 18, an increase of 154 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,457, an increase of 71 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 18 were in New Jersey (2.3), California (2.1), Washington (1.8), Massachusetts (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Illinois (1.5), Nevada (1.5), New York (1.5), Alaska (1.4), Pennsylvania (1.4), and Puerto Rico (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 25 were in Tennessee (+1,880), Michigan (+1,557), Missouri (+839), Minnesota (+756), and Illinois (+750), while the largest decreases were in California (-1,065), Pennsylvania (-818), Ohio (-546), New York (-463), and Florida (-336).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 1	May 25	Change	May 18	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	229,000	221,000	+8,000	216,000	255,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	195,430	197,164	-1,734	192,717	219,975
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	222,250	223,000	-750	220,000	234,500

WEEK ENDING	May 25	May 18	Change	May 11	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,792,000	1,790,000	+2,000	1,787,000	1,712,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,672,384	1,666,630	+5,754	1,686,781	1,593,705
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,788,750	1,786,000	+2,750	1,780,500	1,715,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 25	May 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	353	338	+15	401
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	304	368	-64	284

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

WEEK ENDING	May 18	May 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,661,639	1,681,952	-20,313	1,604,127
Federal Employees	4,648	4,494	+154	4,423
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,457	4,386	+71	4,061
Extended Benefits ³	243	283	-40	932
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,511	2,664	-153	2,061
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,307	17,151	+156	19,286
TOTAL	1,690,805	1,710,930	-20,125	1,634,890

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 June 1			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,434	2,349	85	8,572	9,213	-641
Alaska	612	583	29	4,253	4,422	-169
Arizona	4,028	4,219	-191	26,887	28,434	-1,547
Arkansas	1,312	1,302	10	7,249	7,721	-472
California	41,233	38,825	2,408	381,573	379,154	2,419
Colorado	2,781	2,860	-79	27,221	27,256	-35
Connecticut	2,295	2,590	-295	22,335	21,865	470
Delaware	267	236	31	5,073	4,699	374
District of Columbia	522	558	-36	5,576	5,586	-10
Florida	6,920	6,276	644	31,944	34,896	-2,952
Georgia	3,260	4,238	-978	26,940	28,663	-1,723
Hawaii	974	1,414	-440	6,012	6,428	-416
Idaho	1,203	1,042	161	5,057	5,381	-324
Illinois	9,204	8,923	281	91,920	90,925	995
Indiana	2,347	2,595	-248	19,418	19,458	-40
Iowa	2,228	1,779	449	7,339	7,446	-107
Kansas	1,531	1,192	339	5,651	4,673	978
Kentucky	1,695	1,476	219	7,784	7,834	-50
Louisiana	1,872	2,184	-312	10,936	11,584	-648
Maine	422	426	-4	4,867	5,066	-199
Maryland	2,028	2,348	-320	22,586	22,750	-164
Massachusetts	4,482	4,699	-217	54,888	56,950	-2,062
Michigan	4,606	7,348	-2,742	40,346	40,868	-522
Minnesota	6,737	3,957	2,780	39,696	36,600	3,096
Mississippi	1,557	1,563	-6	6,293	6,416	-123
Missouri	3,757	3,919	-162	17,169	16,474	695
Montana	471	432	39	4,500	4,450	50
Nebraska	869	1,185	-316	4,619	4,369	250
Nevada	2,648	2,569	79	22,114	22,622	-508
New Hampshire	214	321	-107	2,837	3,086	-249
New Jersey	7,432	8,504	-1,072	93,967	94,241	-274
New Mexico	935	728	207	9,424	9,005	419
New York	11,772	12,664	-892	142,349	143,861	-1,512
North Carolina	2,912	3,175	-263	19,390	20,240	-850
North Dakota	1,281	484	797	1,881	1,611	270
Ohio	6,187	4,648	1,539	36,351	37,458	-1,107
Oklahoma	1,323	1,790	-467	9,813	9,609	204
Oregon	3,392	3,195	197	26,156	24,533	1,623
Pennsylvania	11,077	9,514	1,563	83,473	84,612	-1,139
Puerto Rico	616	1,093	-477	11,719	12,655	-936
Rhode Island	726	803	-77	7,838	7,758	80
South Carolina	1,925	2,085	-160	13,516	13,713	-197
South Dakota	200	217	-17	1,167	1,186	-19
Tennessee	3,765	4,998	-1,233	21,653	19,558	2,095
Texas	14,878	16,709	-1,831	145,031	140,928	4,103
Utah	1,106	1,287	-181	11,069	11,238	-169
Vermont	248	301	-53	2,294	2,162	132
Virgin Islands	22	22	0	230	216	14
Virginia	2,001	2,066	-65	17,104	15,907	1,197
Washington	4,661	5,115	-454	64,521	61,201	3,320
West Virginia	851	814	37	8,313	7,466	847
Wisconsin	3,366	3,295	71	21,839	20,603	1,236
Wyoming	245	249	-4	1,631	1,580	51
US Total	195,430	197,164	-1,734	1,672,384	1,666,630	5,754

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	
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	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,792	2	1,788.75	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 25					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 18						
	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	2,349	-36	-348	5	6	9,213	0.5	150	-268	23	24	9,260
Alaska	583	-29	-155	3	1	4,422	1.4	-227	202	33	4	4,459
Arizona	4,219	301	143	7	3	28,434	0.9	542	1,702	61	41	28,536
Arkansas	1,302	-49	-184	1	1	7,721	0.6	-86	-293	35	5	7,761
California	38,825	-1,065	-4,752	80	78	379,154	2.1	-8,792	-10,979	835	1,182	381,171
Colorado	2,860	171	545	1	4	27,256	1.0	-63	8,310	67	140	27,463
Connecticut	2,590	-223	-3,328	0	0	21,865	1.3	431	465	34	28	21,927
Delaware	236	73	-84	2	0	4,699	1.0	1,306	1,209	12	4	4,715
District of Columbia	558	-48	87	4	0	5,586	1.0	84	753	96	4	5,686
Florida	6,276	-336	511	8	15	34,896	0.4	-111	-3,247	69	94	35,059
Georgia	4,238	-193	-1,107	16	19	28,663	0.6	-433	-12,125	222	107	28,992
Hawaii	1,414	365	332	1	7	6,428	1.1	247	888	38	68	6,534
Idaho	1,042	260	-234	1	1	5,381	0.7	-47	392	18	9	5,408
Illinois	8,923	750	-464	4	3	90,925	1.5	-6,269	8,221	263	103	91,291
Indiana	2,595	68	-345	2	4	19,458	0.6	-682	-384	32	22	19,512
Iowa	1,779	33	111	0	0	7,446	0.5	119	994	13	3	7,462
Kansas	1,192	-72	112	0	0	4,673	0.3	2	-7	28	20	4,721
Kentucky	1,476	-39	28	2	0	7,834	0.4	-75	787	24	40	7,898
Louisiana	2,184	229	-263	3	0	11,584	0.6	159	-508	31	15	11,630
Maine	426	-42	2	0	0	5,066	0.8	-191	74	13	5	5,084
Maryland	2,348	-63	571	14	6	22,750	0.9	-272	4,881	118	48	22,916
Massachusetts	4,699	60	2,894	5	7	56,950	1.6	-790	-9,445	94	48	57,092
Michigan	7,348	1,557	2,980	3	0	40,868	0.9	-877	2,135	37	34	40,939
Minnesota	3,957	756	1,140	1	1	36,600	1.3	-1,465	5,873	60	33	36,693
Mississippi	1,563	193	-29	1	0	6,416	0.6	215	361	23	8	6,447
Missouri	3,919	839	-156	7	3	16,474	0.6	437	1,518	56	25	16,555
Montana	432	-3	-187	0	0	4,450	0.9	-582	618	47	5	4,502
Nebraska	1,185	448	341	0	2	4,369	0.4	168	972	15	10	4,394
Nevada	2,569	366	436	1	0	22,622	1.5	-346	5,021	50	52	22,724
New Hampshire	321	-45	21	0	0	3,086	0.5	-35	558	2	1	3,089
New Jersey	8,504	-64	1,044	12	5	94,241	2.3	-1,400	8,130	218	136	94,595
New Mexico	728	15	-100	3	0	9,005	1.1	-175	130	61	38	9,104
New York	12,664	-463	-2,335	16	12	143,861	1.5	-1,612	118	281	201	144,343
North Carolina	3,175	-240	-72	1	1	20,240	0.4	583	872	33	116	20,389
North Dakota	484	217	251	38	0	1,611	0.4	-148	312	12	3	1,626
Ohio	4,648	-546	-5,724	8	6	37,458	0.7	-591	-1,745	75	93	37,626
Oklahoma	1,790	155	156	4	2	9,609	0.6	242	-697	34	46	9,689
Oregon	3,195	-82	-995	3	1	24,533	1.3	-604	-5,315	95	29	24,657
Pennsylvania	9,514	-818	-20	8	8	84,612	1.4	331	11,229	262	121	84,995
Puerto Rico	1,093	65	-251	2	1	12,655	1.4	-496	-1,040	164	52	12,871
Rhode Island	803	116	106	2	3	7,758	1.6	-4	784	42	26	7,826
South Carolina	2,085	97	-124	6	2	13,713	0.6	95	722	49	45	13,807
South Dakota	217	70	56	15	0	1,186	0.3	13	381	16	1	1,203
Tennessee	4,998	1,880	1,766	0	4	19,558	0.6	257	5,393	46	51	19,655
Texas	16,709	194	-3,421	42	72	140,928	1.1	-3,580	12,117	453	834	142,215
Utah	1,287	-128	-95	10	0	11,238	0.7	-51	1,425	42	19	11,299
Vermont	301	20	81	0	0	2,162	0.7	-60	-132	1	0	2,163
Virgin Islands	22	4	-11	0	0	216	0.6	-12	-4	0	2	218
Virginia	2,066	-158	-335	4	1	15,907	0.4	56	3,086	71	86	16,064
Washington	5,115	14	320	4	16	61,201	1.8	4,936	10,592	179	337	61,717
West Virginia	814	55	50	0	3	7,466	1.1	148	1,067	24	21	7,511
Wisconsin	3,295	-162	160	3	4	20,603	0.7	-444	2,205	32	14	20,649
Wyoming	249	-20	-14	0	2	1,580	0.6	-152	100	9	4	1,593
Totals	197,164	4,447	-10,889	353	304	1,666,630	1.1	-20,151	58,408	4,648	4,457	1,675,735

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 25, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	+1,880	No comment.
MI	+1,557	Layoffs in management of companies and enterprises industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-1,065	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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