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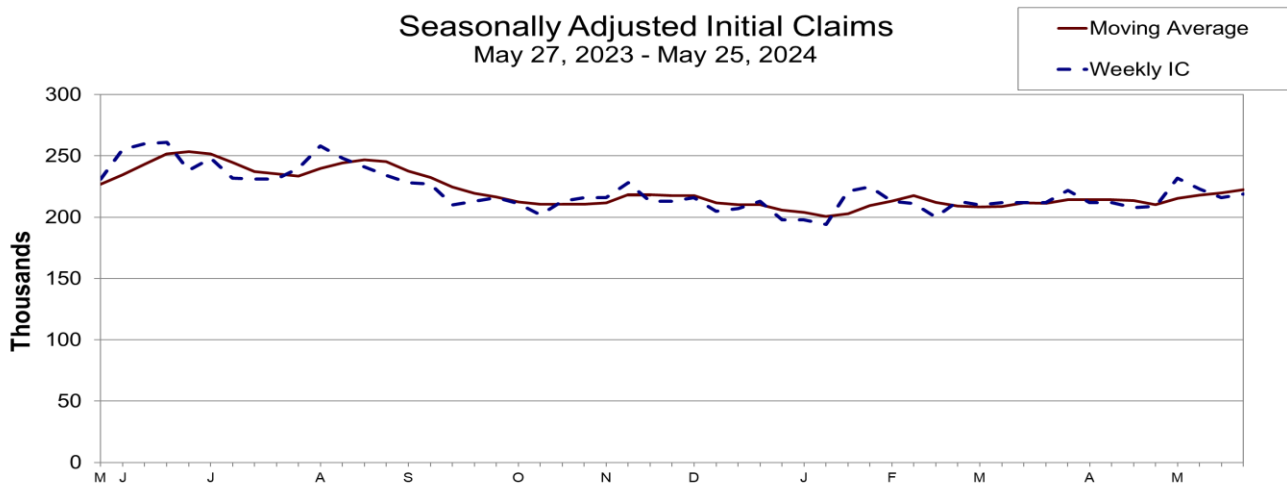
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

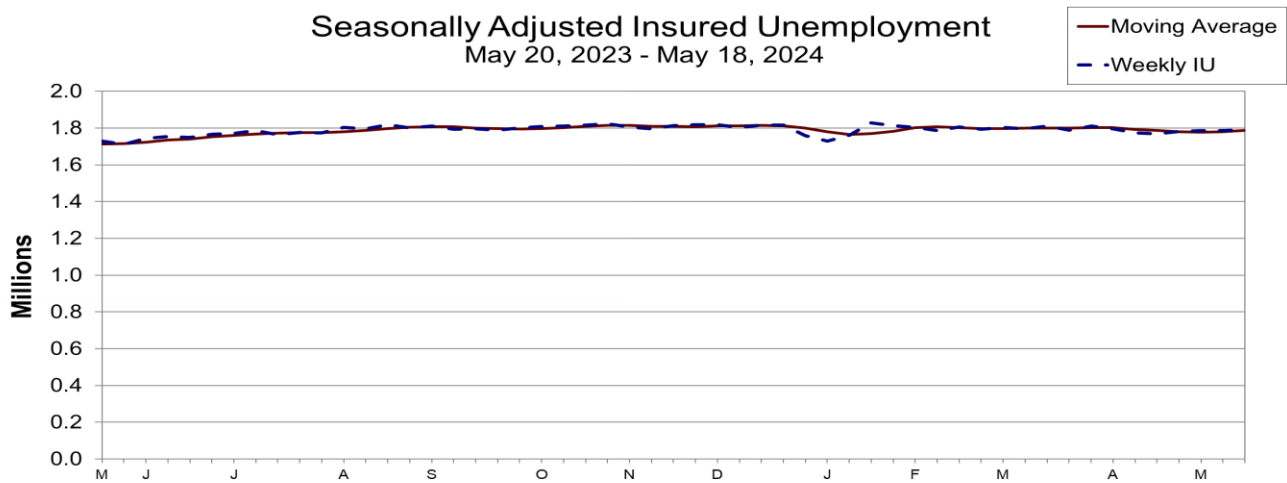
In the week ending May 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 219,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 215,000 to 216,000. The 4-week moving average was 222,500, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 219,750 to 220,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 18, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 18 was 1,791,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,794,000 to 1,787,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,786,250, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,782,250 to 1,780,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 27, 2023 - May 25, 2024



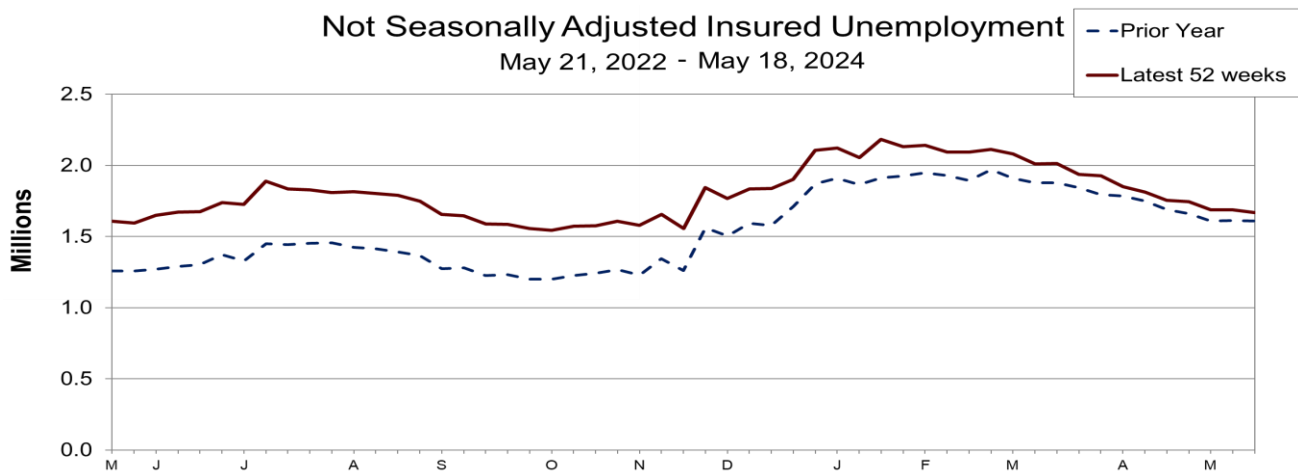
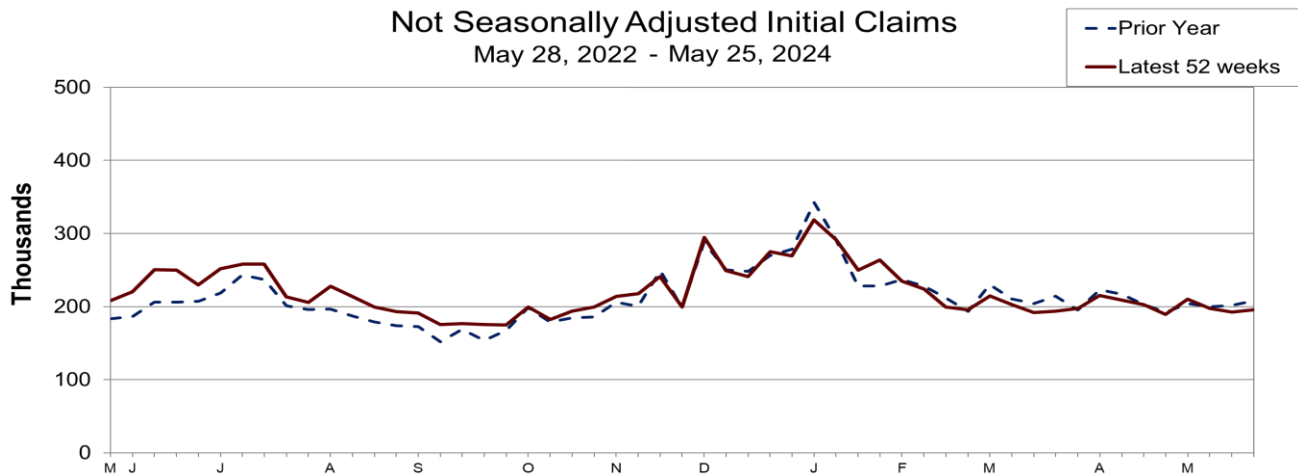
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 20, 2023 - May 18, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 195,615 in the week ending May 25, an increase of 2,898 (or 1.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected no change in the unadjusted data from the previous week. There were 208,053 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 18, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,667,635, a decrease of 19,133 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 23,229 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,608,222.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 11 was 1,710,917, a decrease of 28 from the previous week. There were 1,636,995 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 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 338 in the week ending May 18, a decrease of 48 from the prior week. There were 368 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 37 from the preceding week.

There were 4,494 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 11, a decrease of 243 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,386, an increase of 126 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 11 were in New Jersey (2.3), California (2.2), Illinois (1.6), Massachusetts (1.6), Nevada (1.6), New York (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Washington (1.6), Alaska (1.5), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 18 were in Texas (+798), Michigan (+775), Missouri (+461), Oklahoma (+334), and New Jersey (+310), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,460), Indiana (-1,105), New York (-626), Florida (-612), and Minnesota (-522).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 25	May 18	Change	May 11	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	219,000	216,000	+3,000	223,000	231,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	195,615	192,717	+2,898	197,680	208,053
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	222,500	220,000	+2,500	218,000	227,000

WEEK ENDING	May 18	May 11	Change	May 4	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,791,000	1,787,000	+4,000	1,786,000	1,729,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,667,635	1,686,768	-19,133	1,686,175	1,608,222
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,786,250	1,780,500	+5,750	1,777,250	1,713,750
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 18	May 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	338	386	-48	389
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	368	405	-37	338

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

WEEK ENDING	May 11	May 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,681,939	1,681,410	+529	1,607,137
Federal Employees	4,494	4,737	-243	4,394
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,386	4,260	+126	4,282
Extended Benefits ³	283	287	-4	1,410
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,664	2,973	-309	1,909
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,151	17,278	-127	17,863
TOTAL	1,710,917	1,710,945	-28	1,636,995

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 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,247	2,385	-138	8,500	9,063	-563
Alaska	619	612	7	4,342	4,649	-307
Arizona	4,118	3,918	200	26,370	27,892	-1,522
Arkansas	1,200	1,351	-151	7,199	7,807	-608
California*	39,130	39,890	-760	385,997	387,946	-1,949
Colorado	2,896	2,689	207	27,732	27,319	413
Connecticut	2,656	2,813	-157	22,646	21,434	1,212
Delaware	228	163	65	5,186	3,393	1,793
District of Columbia	555	606	-51	5,578	5,502	76
Florida	6,113	6,612	-499	31,660	35,007	-3,347
Georgia	4,052	4,431	-379	27,667	29,096	-1,429
Hawaii**	1,037	1,049	-12	6,044	6,168	-124
Idaho	1,041	782	259	5,066	5,428	-362
Illinois	8,983	8,173	810	91,969	97,194	-5,225
Indiana	2,600	2,527	73	19,517	20,140	-623
Iowa	1,855	1,746	109	7,331	7,327	4
Kansas*	1,191	1,264	-73	5,087	4,671	416
Kentucky	1,488	1,515	-27	7,888	7,909	-21
Louisiana	1,965	1,955	10	10,414	11,425	-1,011
Maine	428	468	-40	5,164	5,257	-93
Maryland	2,096	2,411	-315	22,949	23,022	-73
Massachusetts	4,657	4,639	18	56,600	57,740	-1,140
Michigan	7,394	5,791	1,603	39,587	41,745	-2,158
Minnesota	4,029	3,201	828	39,188	38,065	1,123
Mississippi	1,466	1,370	96	5,804	6,201	-397
Missouri	3,797	3,080	717	16,073	16,037	36
Montana	416	435	-19	4,417	5,032	-615
Nebraska	1,176	737	439	4,240	4,201	39
Nevada	2,549	2,203	346	21,830	22,968	-1,138
New Hampshire	286	366	-80	2,910	3,121	-211
New Jersey	8,401	8,568	-167	94,817	95,641	-824
New Mexico	744	713	31	9,579	9,180	399
New York	12,745	13,127	-382	145,190	145,473	-283
North Carolina	2,932	3,415	-483	19,320	19,657	-337
North Dakota	511	267	244	1,778	1,759	19
Ohio	4,505	5,194	-689	36,798	38,049	-1,251
Oklahoma	1,723	1,635	88	9,466	9,367	99
Oregon	3,435	3,277	158	26,511	25,137	1,374
Pennsylvania	9,487	10,332	-845	83,686	84,281	-595
Puerto Rico	1,056	1,028	28	5,898	13,151	-7,253
Rhode Island	800	687	113	7,877	7,762	115
South Carolina	1,996	1,988	8	13,379	13,618	-239
South Dakota	196	147	49	1,169	1,173	-4
Tennessee	5,008	3,118	1,890	19,664	19,301	363
Texas	16,639	16,515	124	139,740	144,508	-4,768
Utah	1,287	1,415	-128	11,226	11,289	-63
Vermont	299	281	18	2,331	2,222	109
Virgin Islands	26	18	8	230	228	2
Virginia	2,092	2,224	-132	17,109	15,851	1,258
Washington	5,116	5,101	15	64,712	56,265	8,447
West Virginia	787	759	28	8,480	7,318	1,162
Wisconsin	3,339	3,457	-118	21,981	21,047	934
Wyoming	223	269	-46	1,739	1,732	7
US Total	195,615	192,717	2,898	1,667,635	1,686,768	-19,133

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 state estimate.

** Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
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	1,786	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	1,791	4	1,786.25	1.2
May 25, 2024	219	3	222.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 18					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 11						
	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	2,385	-213	-204	2	5	9,063	0.5	280	-39	20	14	9,097
Alaska	612	-17	-25	3	1	4,649	1.5	-72	191	32	5	4,686
Arizona	3,918	-370	-87	5	1	27,892	0.9	878	1,681	72	41	28,005
Arkansas	1,351	81	-590	2	0	7,807	0.6	258	-11	29	6	7,842
California	39,890	-2,460	-4,458	99	71	387,946	2.2	-127	-2,640	795	1,149	389,890
Colorado	2,689	-154	470	1	9	27,319	1.0	238	8,552	86	132	27,537
Connecticut	2,813	173	-2,722	2	0	21,434	1.3	-162	1,475	29	20	21,483
Delaware	163	-106	-111	1	2	3,393	0.7	-1,142	-116	8	4	3,405
District of Columbia	606	94	93	10	3	5,502	1.0	103	757	135	3	5,640
Florida	6,612	-612	733	12	28	35,007	0.4	440	-3,081	78	87	35,172
Georgia	4,431	-516	-1,071	19	12	29,096	0.6	311	-9,319	180	99	29,375
Hawaii	1,049	46	-25	1	10	6,168	1.0	122	551	39	52	6,259
Idaho	782	-77	-71	0	0	5,428	0.7	-208	205	17	11	5,456
Illinois	8,173	233	-97	8	3	97,194	1.6	5,605	15,226	267	148	97,609
Indiana	2,527	-1,105	-310	2	2	20,140	0.6	-1,979	699	38	18	20,196
Iowa	1,746	221	-341	4	0	7,327	0.5	-406	612	15	2	7,344
Kansas	1,264	56	14	2	0	4,671	0.3	-16	52	29	24	4,724
Kentucky	1,515	-67	45	0	1	7,909	0.4	180	793	26	34	7,969
Louisiana	1,955	58	-33	2	3	11,425	0.6	306	-141	30	20	11,475
Maine	468	-14	54	0	0	5,257	0.8	-245	-88	5	7	5,269
Maryland	2,411	16	470	15	9	23,022	0.9	67	4,053	128	54	23,204
Massachusetts	4,639	-342	2,936	4	10	57,740	1.6	-1,326	-13,637	74	42	57,856
Michigan	5,791	775	1,058	2	8	41,745	1.0	285	2,071	47	27	41,819
Minnesota	3,201	-522	346	0	6	38,065	1.3	-4,629	5,455	69	35	38,169
Mississippi	1,370	145	44	3	0	6,201	0.5	266	498	22	8	6,231
Missouri	3,080	461	-33	1	1	16,037	0.6	382	1,895	61	24	16,122
Montana	435	-50	-116	2	0	5,032	1.0	68	1,120	47	5	5,084
Nebraska	737	58	17	3	0	4,201	0.4	-32	920	14	10	4,225
Nevada	2,203	-182	22	3	0	22,968	1.6	65	3,706	46	43	23,057
New Hampshire	366	-31	-63	0	2	3,121	0.5	-104	575	4	0	3,125
New Jersey	8,568	310	983	14	7	95,641	2.3	-1,269	8,788	203	138	95,982
New Mexico	713	-38	18	4	1	9,180	1.1	96	145	64	34	9,278
New York	13,127	-626	-695	21	14	145,473	1.6	-5,544	2,848	284	237	145,994
North Carolina	3,415	64	-220	1	0	19,657	0.4	142	592	36	93	19,786
North Dakota	267	-13	63	3	0	1,759	0.4	-161	339	9	6	1,774
Ohio	5,194	-500	-3,019	3	12	38,049	0.7	-446	-991	66	61	38,176
Oklahoma	1,635	334	-91	4	7	9,367	0.6	-92	-687	26	40	9,433
Oregon	3,277	-388	-274	3	3	25,137	1.3	-277	-4,609	103	28	25,268
Pennsylvania	10,332	20	465	12	8	84,281	1.4	922	11,843	243	135	84,659
Puerto Rico	1,028	-25	-89	5	3	13,151	1.4	-314	-1,016	148	53	13,352
Rhode Island	687	73	-16	0	0	7,762	1.6	-258	826	43	25	7,830
South Carolina	1,988	-28	-347	2	4	13,618	0.6	487	748	46	53	13,717
South Dakota	147	-45	1	3	0	1,173	0.3	-63	392	18	1	1,192
Tennessee	3,118	10	280	1	6	19,301	0.6	471	5,160	44	52	19,397
Texas	16,515	798	-2,386	28	79	144,508	1.1	9,527	15,475	410	835	145,753
Utah	1,415	-66	69	12	2	11,289	0.7	-54	1,345	38	18	11,345
Vermont	281	-64	20	0	0	2,222	0.7	-82	-137	1	0	2,223
Virgin Islands	18	-1	-26	0	0	228	0.6	-62	28	4	0	232
Virginia	2,224	-162	-246	0	10	15,851	0.4	4	3,115	71	89	16,011
Washington	5,101	-220	189	7	21	56,265	1.6	-1,045	5,945	142	326	56,733
West Virginia	759	-13	-26	2	2	7,318	1.1	22	1,062	22	21	7,361
Wisconsin	3,457	108	211	3	2	21,047	0.7	-790	2,501	26	10	21,083
Wyoming	269	-70	-13	2	0	1,732	0.6	-27	140	5	7	1,744
Totals	192,717	-4,963	-9,204	338	368	1,686,768	1.1	593	75,867	4,494	4,386	1,695,648

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 18, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
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STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
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CA	-2,460	No comment.
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IN	-1,105	No comment.
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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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