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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report now includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

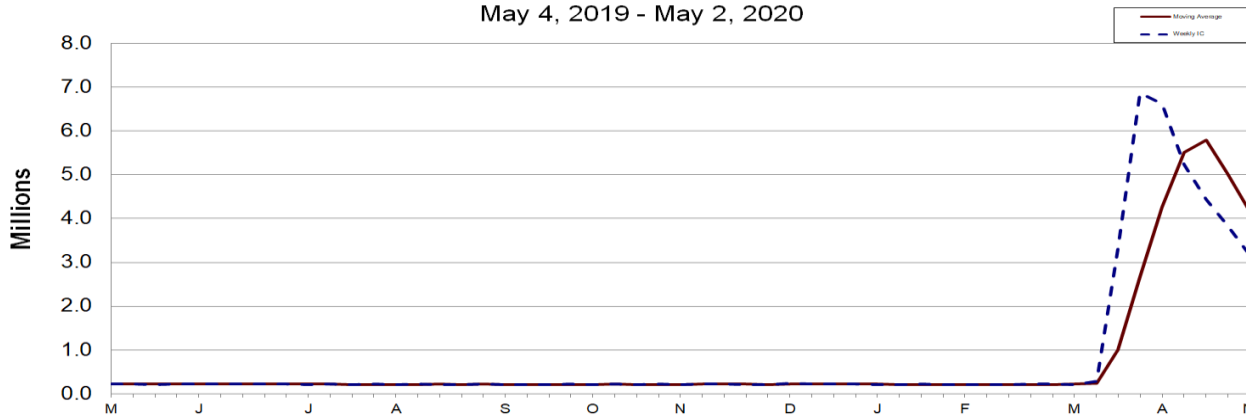
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

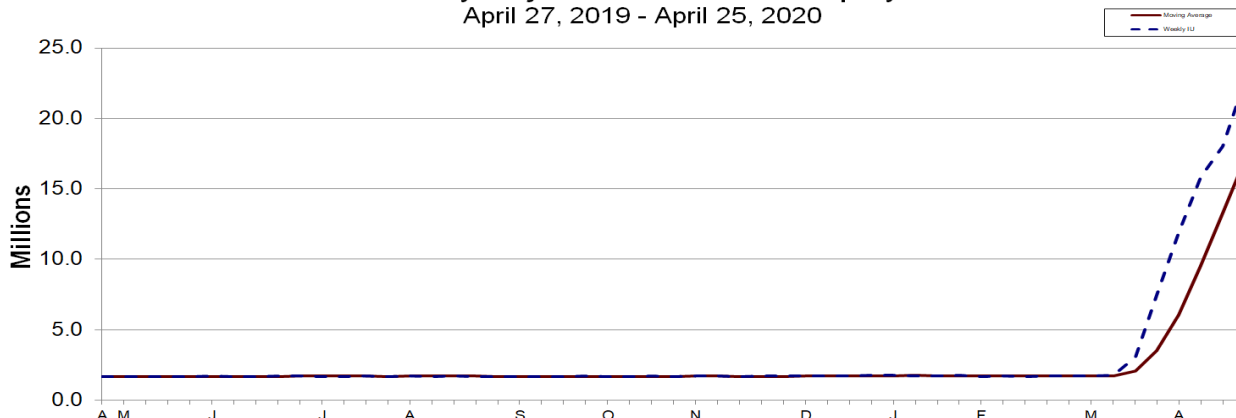
In the week ending May 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 3,169,000, a decrease of 677,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 7,000 from 3,839,000 to 3,846,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,173,500, a decrease of 861,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 5,033,250 to 5,035,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 15.5 percent for the week ending April 25, an increase of 3.1 percentage points from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 25 was 22,647,000, an increase of 4,636,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 19,000 from 17,992,000 to 18,011,000. The 4-week moving average was 17,097,750, an increase of 3,800,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 5,000 from 13,292,500 to 13,297,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 4, 2019 - May 2, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 27, 2019 - April 25, 2020



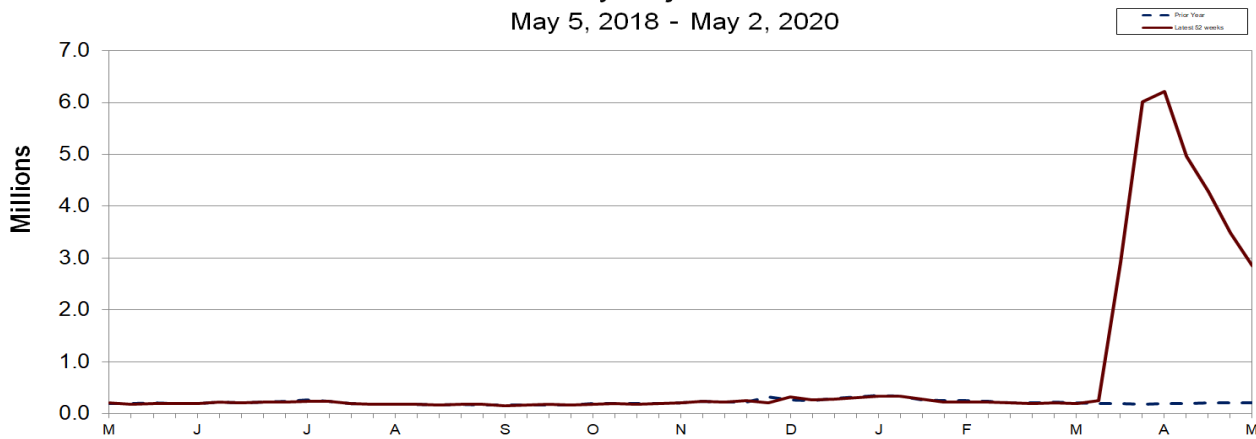
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 2,849,090 in the week ending May 2, a decrease of 646,613 (or -18.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 38,457 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 204,033 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, in the 23 states reporting data for the week ending May 2, there were 583,699 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 15.1 percent during the week ending April 25, an increase of 2.9 percentage points from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 22,035,753, an increase of 4,240,777 (or 23.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 270,167 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,633,529.

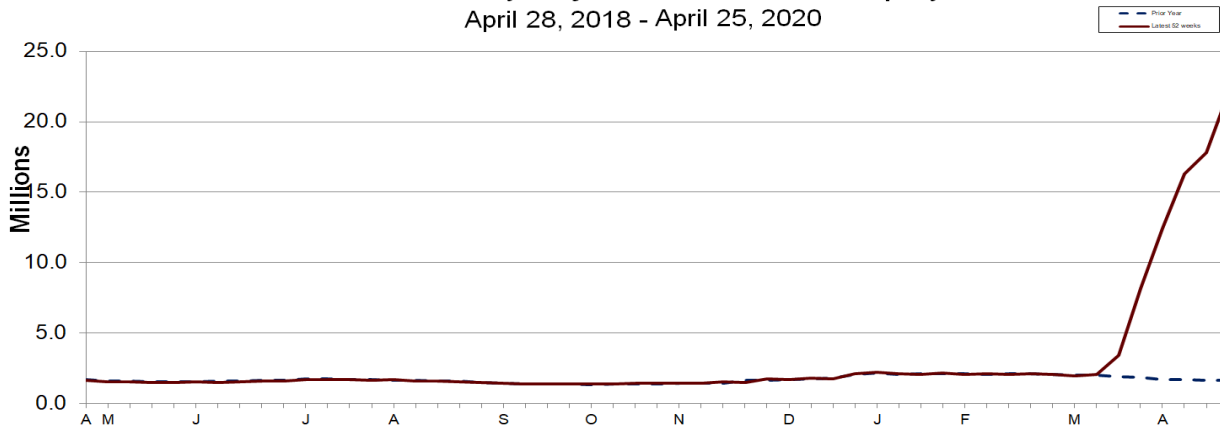
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

May 5, 2018 - May 2, 2020



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

April 28, 2018 - April 25, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending April 18 was 18,919,371, an increase of 2,416,289 from the previous week. There were 1,673,740 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,908 in the week ending April 25, a decrease of 233 from the prior week. There were 1,264 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 251 from the preceding week.

There were 13,758 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending April 18, an increase of 423 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,670, an increase of 468 from the prior week.

During the week ending April 18, eleven states reported 994,850 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and seven states reported 52,305 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 18 were in Vermont (25.2), West Virginia (21.9), Michigan (21.7), Rhode Island (20.4), Nevada (19.9), Connecticut (18.7), Puerto Rico (17.9), Georgia (17.3), New York (17.2), and Washington (17.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 25 were in Washington (+56,030), Georgia (+19,562), New York (+14,229), Oregon (+12,091), and Alabama (+8,534), while the largest decreases were in California (-203,017), Florida (-73,567), Connecticut (-69,767), New Jersey (-68,173), and Pennsylvania (-66,698).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 2	April 25	Change	April 18	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	3,169,000	3,846,000	-677,000	4,442,000	225,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	2,849,090	3,495,703	-646,613	4,281,648	204,033
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,173,500	5,035,000	-861,500	5,790,250	221,000

WEEK ENDING	April 25	April 18	Change	April 11	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	22,647,000	18,011,000	+4,636,000	15,819,000	1,684,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	22,035,753	17,794,976	+4,240,777	16,277,322	1,633,529
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	17,097,750	13,297,500	+3,800,250	9,559,500	1,673,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	15.5%	12.4%	+3.1	10.9%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	15.1%	12.2%	+2.9	11.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 2	April 25	Change	April 18
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	583,699	780,866	-197,167	218,873

WEEK ENDING	April 25	April 18	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,908	2,141	-233	519
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,264	1,515	-251	487

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 18	April 11	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	17,756,054	16,249,334	+1,506,720	1,645,408
Federal Employees	13,758	13,335	+423	8,278
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,670	8,202	+468	5,774
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	994,850	136,417	+858,433	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	52,305	27,416	+24,889	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	325	231	+94	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	4,962	5,850	-888	5,984
STC / Workshare ⁷	88,447	62,297	+26,150	8,296
TOTAL ⁸	18,919,371	16,503,082	+2,416,289	1,673,740

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 145,671,710 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals now include PUA and PEUC continued claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	28,183	74,966	-46,783	208,163	173,855	34,308
Alaska	9,404	10,313	-909	49,497	52,022	-2,525
Arizona	42,909	52,581	-9,672	212,829	196,401	16,428
Arkansas	12,436	17,671	-5,235	116,461	109,337	7,124
California	318,064	325,343	-7,279	4,831,022	1,887,575	2,943,447
Colorado	28,322	38,662	-10,340	229,253	228,713	540
Connecticut	36,166	33,041	3,125	302,144	309,111	-6,967
Delaware	6,183	7,947	-1,764	56,248	44,977	11,271
District of Columbia	8,133	8,708	-575	56,751	52,534	4,217
Florida	173,191	433,103	-259,912	429,515	540,554	-111,039
Georgia	226,884	266,565	-39,681	883,260	758,856	124,404
Hawaii	16,112	22,495	-6,383	88,316	68,480	19,836
Idaho	7,194	8,827	-1,633	70,220	71,416	-1,196
Illinois	74,476	81,596	-7,120	697,443	681,041	16,402
Indiana	43,777	55,774	-11,997	281,034	253,929	27,105
Iowa	24,693	27,220	-2,527	181,358	168,971	12,387
Kansas	18,281	24,483	-6,202	127,419	119,022	8,397
Kentucky	80,060	91,223	-11,163	256,115	260,792	-4,677
Louisiana	52,137	66,141	-14,004	308,154	300,657	7,497
Maine	16,175	7,661	8,514	74,811	73,141	1,670
Maryland	65,262	37,925	27,337	224,484	224,232	-1,748
Massachusetts	55,448	71,358	-15,910	557,019	532,508	24,511
Michigan *	68,952	82,004	-13,052	1,041,344	934,599	106,745
Minnesota	47,134	48,595	-1,461	433,052	416,993	16,059
Mississippi	24,810	29,906	-5,096	180,034	135,722	44,312
Missouri	49,402	55,299	-5,897	242,013	255,798	-13,785
Montana	4,263	7,052	-2,789	63,347	67,473	-4,126
Nebraska	6,555	8,229	-1,674	65,508	76,628	-11,120
Nevada	30,735	42,541	-11,806	300,153	274,850	25,303
New Hampshire	11,834	15,001	-3167	115,473	106,841	8,632
New Jersey	87,540	71,966	15,574	643,825	621,753	22,072
New Mexico	16,801	12,093	4,708	98,608	94,149	4,459
New York	195,242	219,413	-24,171	1,755,635	1,616,809	138,826
North Carolina	84,716	98,941	-14,225	586,291	555,039	31,252
North Dakota	4,689	6,274	-1,585	39,485	35,513	3,972
Ohio	61,046	93,599	-32,553	710,415	777,214	-66,799
Oklahoma	68,237	52,500	15,737	154,338	134,550	19,788
Oregon	45,102	49,300	-4,198	488,823	284,486	204,337
Pennsylvania*	96,603	127,896	-31,293	1,250,319	915,249	335,070
Puerto Rico	21,673	17,286	4,387	143,016	153,421	-10,405
Rhode Island	9,109	13,084	-3,975	99,075	96,663	2,412
South Carolina	46,747	66,438	-19,691	258,071	240,956	17,115
South Dakota	3,756	5,535	-1,779	23,936	22,707	1,229
Tennessee	37,319	42,805	-5,486	333,528	341,033	-7,505
Texas	247,179	254,084	-6,905	1,150,828	962,122	188,706
Utah	9,057	11,738	-2,681	92,799	89,495	3,304
Vermont	3,759	5,117	-1,358	60,508	76,457	-15,949
Virgin Islands	11	103	-92	1,884	1,468	416
Virginia	61,138	72,488	-11,350	376,951	341,295	35,656
Washington	109,167	139,505	-30,338	631,440	573,374	58,066
West Virginia	12,996	29,818	-16,822	120,604	146,566	-25,962
Wisconsin	38,002	49,993	-11,991	315,937	321,063	-5,126
Wyoming	2,026	3,497	-1,471	18,997	16,566	2,431
US Total	2,849,090	3,495,703	-646,613	22,035,753	17,794,976	4,240,777

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.

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 27, 2019	230	4	215.50	1,684	2	1,673.00	1.2
May 4, 2019	225	-5	221.00	1,678	-6	1,675.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	217	-8	224.50	1,683	5	1,681.75	1.2
May 18, 2019	213	-4	221.25	1,675	-8	1,680.00	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	5	218.25	1,695	20	1,682.75	1.2
June 1, 2019	220	2	217.00	1,700	5	1,688.25	1.2
June 8, 2019	220	0	217.75	1,677	-23	1,686.75	1.2
June 15, 2019	219	-1	219.25	1,692	15	1,691.00	1.2
June 22, 2019	224	5	220.75	1,699	7	1,692.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-2	221.25	1,717	18	1,696.25	1.2
July 6, 2019	211	-11	219.00	1,694	-23	1,700.50	1.2
July 13, 2019	217	6	218.50	1,682	-12	1,698.00	1.2
July 20, 2019	211	-6	215.25	1,699	17	1,698.00	1.2
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,846	-596	5,035.00	22,647	4,636	17,097.75	15.5
May 2, 2020	3,169	-677	4,173.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 25

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 18

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	74,966	8,534	73,046	45	26	173,855	9.0	29,528	160,228	68	40	173,963
Alaska	10,313	-1,888	9,450	9	4	52,022	16.9	3,926	44,418	143	25	52,190
Arizona	52,581	-19,876	47,278	8	6	196,401	6.8	26,139	173,489	179	113	196,693
Arkansas	17,671	-7,733	16,334	0	3	109,337	9.1	18,059	99,495	99	53	109,489
California	325,343	-203,017	285,031	243	198	1,887,575	10.9	-534,883	1,554,395	2,050	1,060	1,890,685
Colorado	38,662	-28,977	36,717	21	36	228,713	8.6	57,279	210,474	204	180	229,097
Connecticut	33,041	-69,767	27,356	32	7	309,111	18.7	3,064	269,701	73	96	309,280
Delaware	7,947	-1,499	6,812	1	4	44,977	10.1	6,526	40,857	11	15	45,003
District of Columbia	8,708	69	8,315	77	2	52,534	9.1	5,069	45,891	507	6	53,047
Florida	433,103	-73,567	427,203	17	14	540,554	6.3	363,533	506,384	299	248	541,101
Georgia	266,565	19,562	262,108	81	62	758,856	17.3	146,967	734,843	401	255	759,512
Hawaii	22,495	-4,096	21,221	1	0	68,480	11.0	-3,781	61,875	95	63	68,638
Idaho	8,827	-4,196	8,043	3	1	71,416	9.7	3,694	65,698	108	34	71,558
Illinois	81,596	-21,340	74,286	8	8	681,041	11.5	111,796	587,419	433	188	681,662
Indiana	55,774	-16,982	53,574	25	20	253,929	8.3	47,543	237,882	50	90	254,069
Iowa	27,220	319	25,223	20	2	168,971	11.0	18,526	153,178	116	41	169,128
Kansas	24,483	-6,113	23,212	3	1	119,022	8.7	21,544	111,373	58	35	119,115
Kentucky	91,223	-12,758	89,507	5	4	260,792	13.8	61,762	245,027	134	150	261,076
Louisiana	66,141	-25,782	64,111	60	26	300,657	15.9	54,361	287,521	95	39	300,791
Maine	7,661	-4,108	6,941	1	0	73,141	12.1	6,616	66,407	49	11	73,201
Maryland	37,925	-10,570	35,393	9	26	224,232	8.8	22,800	199,219	232	149	224,613
Massachusetts	71,358	-9,611	66,714	69	41	532,508	14.9	64,956	469,325	204	158	532,870
Michigan	82,004	-54,703	77,313	36	24	934,599	21.7	-2,921	883,018	257	186	935,042
Minnesota	48,595	-26,234	45,928	20	8	416,993	14.6	25,709	374,916	163	105	417,261
Mississippi	29,906	-7,007	28,209	8	1	135,722	12.2	42,717	129,053	99	48	135,869
Missouri	55,299	-4,303	52,902	4	3	255,798	9.2	28,241	238,821	160	78	256,036
Montana	7,052	-4,124	6,196	20	5	67,473	14.8	2,400	60,975	339	41	67,853
Nebraska	8,229	-3,993	7,732	6	3	76,628	7.9	4,550	72,983	24	11	76,663
Nevada	42,541	3,045	40,265	9	3	274,850	19.9	43,232	256,321	139	78	275,067
New Hampshire	15,001	-5,413	14,138	10	6	106,841	16.4	13,058	103,228	35	14	106,890
New Jersey	71,966	-68,173	58,188	62	50	621,753	15.4	65,748	535,967	260	314	622,327
New Mexico	12,093	-1,528	11,376	6	1	94,149	11.7	13,163	85,230	145	51	94,345
New York	219,413	14,229	200,833	68	39	1,616,809	17.2	262,313	1,489,204	496	450	1,617,755
North Carolina	98,941	-7,325	96,107	58	71	555,039	12.6	86,756	536,384	462	422	555,923
North Dakota	6,274	-1,791	5,961	8	1	35,513	8.6	1,950	32,243	20	13	35,546
Ohio	93,599	-16,231	87,940	17	70	777,214	14.5	59,372	728,858	205	410	777,829
Oklahoma	52,500	5,804	50,490	28	15	134,550	8.6	22,239	120,974	76	77	134,703
Oregon	49,300	12,091	46,025	20	9	284,486	14.9	67,447	257,640	490	92	285,068
Pennsylvania	127,896	-66,698	116,079	340	93	915,249	15.7	-159,411	821,765	2,477	524	918,250
Puerto Rico	17,286	-9,195	15,949	11	7	153,421	17.9	43,749	138,418	231	73	153,725
Rhode Island	13,084	-4,994	11,966	15	8	96,663	20.4	17,523	86,876	30	40	96,733
South Carolina	66,438	-7,924	64,319	35	29	240,956	11.5	61,187	227,558	65	92	241,113
South Dakota	5,535	240	5,409	32	7	22,707	5.4	3,043	21,034	53	10	22,770
Tennessee	42,805	-24,421	40,699	41	27	341,033	10.4	61,138	326,318	129	104	341,266
Texas	254,084	-26,677	242,000	194	219	962,122	7.8	50,199	850,418	580	1,092	963,794
Utah	11,738	-7,911	10,732	19	2	89,495	6.1	1,214	81,710	129	35	89,659
Vermont	5,117	-1,481	4,454	0	0	76,457	25.2	12,144	72,026	10	7	76,474
Virgin Islands	103	90	68	0	0	1,468	4.1	146	790	8	2	1,478
Virginia	72,488	-10,241	70,426	19	24	341,295	9.1	43,302	322,687	321	361	341,977
Washington	139,505	56,030	134,170	40	30	573,374	17.1	38,189	523,923	517	758	574,649
West Virginia	29,818	-16,937	28,886	3	5	146,566	21.9	50,438	136,879	59	62	146,687
Wisconsin	49,993	-5,890	45,102	33	12	321,063	11.3	21,531	291,427	119	65	321,247
Wyoming	3,497	-884	3,211	8	1	16,566	6.1	2,264	14,359	52	6	16,624
Totals	3,495,703	-785,945	3,290,948	1,908	1,264	17,794,976	12.2	1,517,654	16,147,102	13,758	8,670	17,817,404

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 25, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WA	+56,030	No comment.
GA	+19,562	Layoffs in the trade, educational services, information, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, and construction industries.
NY	+14,229	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, information, and educational services industries.
OR	+12,091	No comment.
AL	+8,534	No comment.
OK	+5,804	No comment.
NV	+3,045	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-203,017	Fewer layoffs in the services industries.
FL	-73,657	No comment.
CT	-69,767	No comment.
NJ	-68,173	No comment.
PA	-66,698	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and construction industries.
MI	-54,703	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CO	-28,977	No comment.
TX	-26,677	No comment.
MN	-26,234	No comment.
LA	-25,782	No comment.
TN	-24,421	No comment.
IL	-21,340	No comment.
AZ	-19,876	No comment.
IN	-16,982	No comment.
WV	-16,937	No comment.
OH	-16,231	No comment.
KY	-12,758	No comment.
MD	-10,570	No comment.
VA	-10,241	No comment.
MA	-9,611	No comment.
PR	-9,195	No comment.
SC	-7,924	No comment.
UT	-7,911	No comment.
AR	-7,733	No comment.
NC	-7,325	Fewer layoffs in the accommodations and food services, health care and social assistance, and public administration industries.
MS	-7,007	No comment.
KS	-6,113	No comment.
WI	-5,890	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and retail trade industries.
NH	-5,413	No comment.
RI	-4,994	No comment.
MO	-4,303	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and retail trade industries.
ID	-4,196	No comment.
MT	-4,124	No comment.

ME	-4108	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, educational services, professional, scientific, and technical services, arts, entertainment, and recreation, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, wholesale trade, and construction industries.
HI	-4,096	No comment.
NE	-3,993	No comment.
AK	-1,888	No comment.
ND	-1,791	No comment.
NM	-1,528	No comment.
DE	-1,499	No comment.
VT	-1,481	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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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