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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.

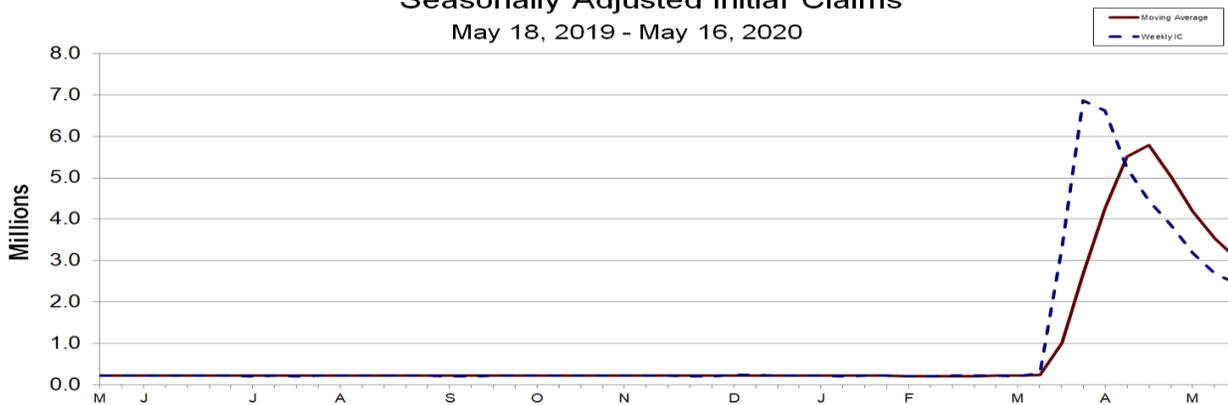
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

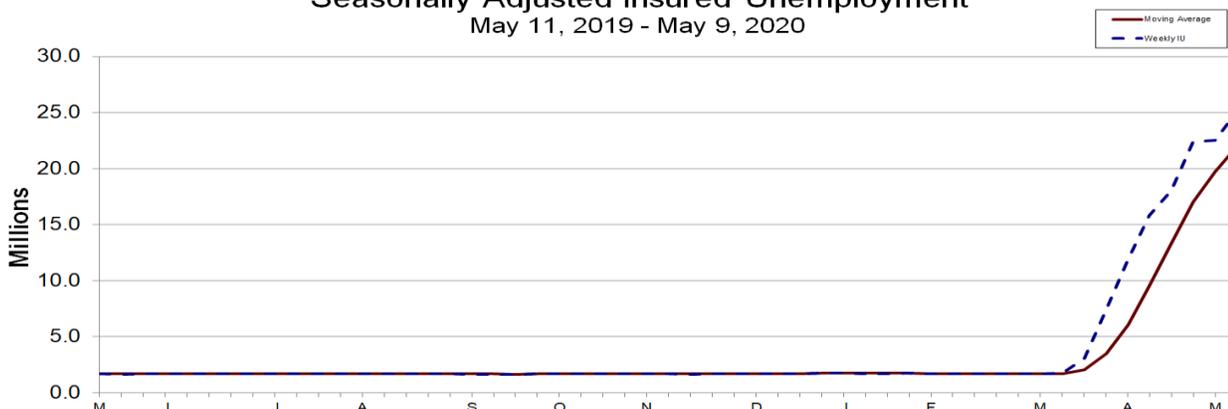
In the week ending May 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 2,438,000, a decrease of 249,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 294,000 from 2,981,000 to 2,687,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,042,000, a decrease of 501,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 73,500 from 3,616,500 to 3,543,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 17.2 percent for the week ending May 9, an increase of 1.7 percentage points from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.2 from 15.7 to 15.5 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 9 was 25,073,000, an increase of 2,525,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 285,000 from 22,833,000 to 22,548,000. The 4-week moving average was 22,002,250, an increase of 2,313,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 71,250 from 19,760,000 to 19,688,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
May 18, 2019 - May 16, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
May 11, 2019 - May 9, 2020

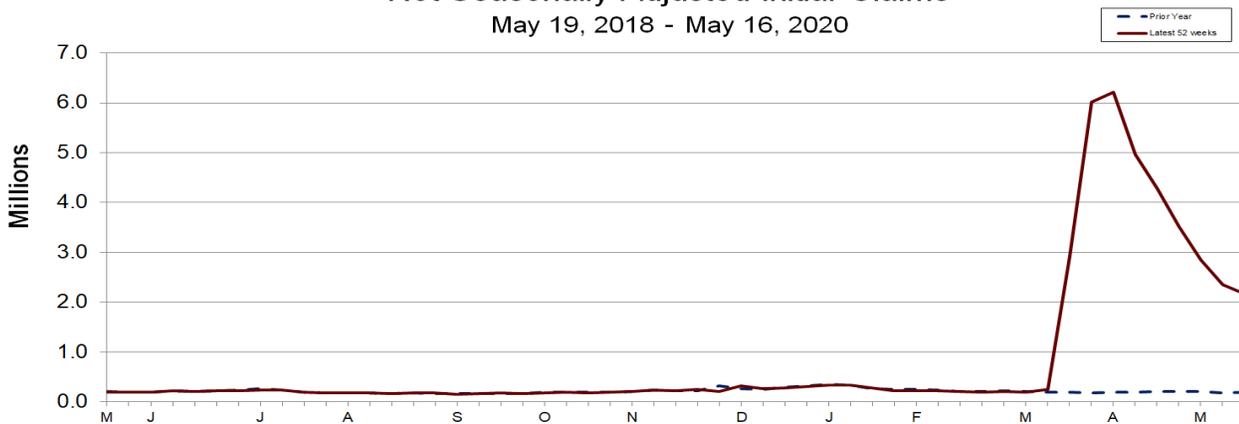


**UNADJUSTED DATA**

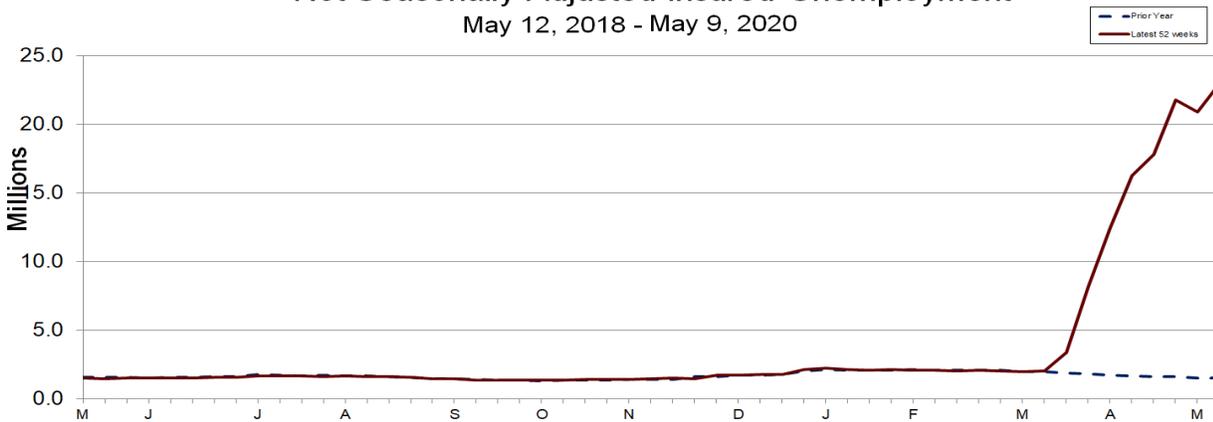
The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 2,174,329 in the week ending May 16, a decrease of 182,265 (or -7.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 40,307 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 191,931 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending May 16, 35 states reported 2,226,921 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 15.7 percent during the week ending May 9, an increase of 1.4 percentage points from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 22,942,103, an increase of 2,062,552 (or 9.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 248,029 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,543,472.

**Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims**  
May 19, 2018 - May 16, 2020



**Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment**  
May 12, 2018 - May 9, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 2 was 27,263,538, an increase of 1,900,327 from the previous week. There were 1,564,588 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

Extended Benefits were available in Connecticut, Michigan, and Rhode Island during the week ending May 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,723 in the week ending May 9, a decrease of 310 from the prior week. There were 1,076 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 176 from the preceding week.

There were 15,405 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 2, a decrease of 1,449 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,930, a decrease of 828 from the prior week.

During the week ending May 2, 25 states reported 6,102,381 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 15 states reported 162,727 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 2 were in Nevada (23.5), Michigan (22.6), Washington (22.1), Rhode Island (19.9), New York (19.6), Connecticut (19.3), Puerto Rico (19.2), Mississippi (18.8), Vermont (18.8), and Georgia (18.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 9 were in Florida (+48,222), Georgia (+14,420), Washington (+8,615), New York (+4,309), and South Dakota (+1,340), while the largest decreases were in California (-103,590), Texas (-102,382), Oklahoma (-54,806), North Carolina (-28,602), and Missouri (-21,382).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 16	May 9	Change	May 2	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	2,438,000	2,687,000	-249,000	3,176,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	2,174,329	2,356,594	-182,265	2,855,561	191,931
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,042,000	3,543,000	-501,000	4,180,500	221,250

WEEK ENDING	May 9	May 2	Change	April 25	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	25,073,000	22,548,000	+2,525,000	22,377,000	1,683,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	22,942,103	20,879,551	+2,062,552	21,772,595	1,543,472
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	22,002,250	19,688,750	+2,313,500	17,030,250	1,681,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	17.2%	15.5%	+1.7	15.4%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	15.7%	14.3%	+1.4	14.9%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 16	May 9	Change	May 2
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	2,226,921	837,253	+1,389,668	1,002,606

WEEK ENDING	May 9	May 2	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,723	2,033	-310	526
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,076	1,252	-176	488

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 2	April 25	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	20,823,141	21,723,233	-900,092	1,536,651
Federal Employees	15,405	16,854	-1,449	7,544
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,930	11,758	-828	5,606
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	6,102,381	3,402,409	+2,699,972	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	162,727	79,538	+83,189	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	426	434	-8	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	5,803	6,527	-724	6,127
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	142,725	122,458	+20,267	8,660
TOTAL <sup>8</sup>	27,263,538	25,363,211	+1,900,327	1,564,588

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 include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	24,528	26,666	-2,138	194,875	216,856	-21,981
Alaska	8,117	7,807	310	49,501	50,971	-1,470
Arizona	32,295	31,570	725	222,856	228,806	-5,950
Arkansas	10,662	13,152	-2,490	118,565	122,522	-3,957
California	246,115	212,667	33,448	3,586,825	2,850,204	736,621
Colorado	17,958	22,732	-4,774	246,735	261,951	-15,216
Connecticut	26,013	30,046	-4,033	300,033	319,529	-19,496
Delaware	5,437	5,197	240	58,434	50,205	8,229
District of Columbia	5,079	5,782	-703	67,244	65,298	1,946
Florida	223,927	223,082	845	2,131,478	1,035,207	1,096,271
Georgia	176,548	242,772	-66,224	786,170	812,913	-26,743
Hawaii	11,038	12,297	-1,259	146,352	110,757	35,595
Idaho	5,475	5,795	-320	58,770	65,478	-6,708
Illinois	72,816	72,671	145	733,466	755,912	-22,446
Indiana	30,311	29,668	643	278,192	285,460	-7,268
Iowa	13,040	15,820	-2,780	187,375	189,643	-2,268
Kansas	11,779	12,234	-455	113,294	117,977	-4,683
Kentucky	47,036	69,372	-22,336	246,320	253,250	-6,930
Louisiana	28,843	40,125	-11,282	321,710	325,136	-3,426
Maine	846	10,386	-9,540	90,503	87,280	3,223
Maryland	34,304	45,485	-11,181	247,803	254,473	-6,670
Massachusetts	38,328	44,915	-6,587	584,313	575,569	8,744
Michigan*	54,460	55,166	-706	950,775	973,278	-22,503
Minnesota	31,539	37,669	-6,130	442,309	429,187	13,122
Mississippi	23,697	23,618	79	188,743	208,270	-19,527
Missouri	26,029	31,145	-5,116	259,270	266,230	-6,960
Montana	3,384	3,762	-378	52,782	58,905	-6,123
Nebraska	5,923	6,362	-439	61,571	68,089	-6,518
Nevada	20,401	21,635	-1,234	364,933	324,444	40,489
New Hampshire	8,333	10,016	-1,683	114,232	116,768	-2,536
New Jersey	41,323	69,689	-28,366	601,963	715,433	-113,470
New Mexico	7,948	8,024	-76	106,813	101,132	5,681
New York	226,521	199,419	27,102	1,882,786	1,846,154	36,632
North Carolina	45,974	57,354	-11,380	601,068	619,809	-18,741
North Dakota	3,031	2,753	278	36,717	35,921	796
Ohio	46,594	52,255	-5,661	687,618	745,886	-58,268
Oklahoma	23,880	39,079	-15,199	132,894	178,122	-45,228
Oregon	22,281	33,936	-11,655	477,688	309,543	168,145
Pennsylvania	64,078	73,688	-9,610	1,015,955	1,049,464	-33,509
Puerto Rico	10,763	15,067	-4,304	109,023	164,034	-55,011
Rhode Island	3,852	6,245	-2,393	90,056	94,083	-4,027
South Carolina	29,446	33,191	-3,745	254,670	268,701	-14,031
South Dakota	3,806	5,269	-1,463	25,255	23,388	1,867
Tennessee	28,692	28,377	315	326,923	343,212	-16,289
Texas	134,381	141,553	-7,172	1,321,424	1,181,609	139,815
Utah	6,275	7,076	-801	86,212	91,591	-5,379
Vermont	2,098	2,913	-815	54,961	57,040	-2,079
Virgin Islands	31	70	-39	3,578	2,812	766
Virginia	45,788	52,139	-6,351	403,848	392,673	11,175
Washington	145,228	110,831	34,397	1,081,020	739,795	341,225
West Virginia	4,853	6,045	-1,192	108,395	107,405	990
Wisconsin	31,314	38,710	-7,396	308,890	313,248	-4,358
Wyoming	1,911	3,297	-1,386	18,917	17,928	989
US Total	2,174,329	2,356,594	-182,265	22,942,103	20,879,551	2,062,552

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	
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	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	25,073	2,525	22,002.25	17.2
May 16, 2020	2,438	-249	3,042.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 16			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended May 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	May 2	Apr 25	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	1,498	0	1,498	0	0	0
California	112,791	136,659	-23,868	1,755,752	528,585	1,227,167
Colorado	7,633	9,125	-1,492	92,584	92,190	394
Connecticut	7,450	11,750	-4,300	80,570	0	80,570
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	5,193	0	5,193	0	0	0
Illinois	74,515	0	74,515	0	0	0
Indiana	0	68,834	-68,834	60,354	0	60,354
Iowa	4,552	3,910	642	15,219	13,075	2,144
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	4,700	-4,700
Louisiana	3,396	17,556	-14,160	142,979	86,524	56,455
Maine	7,043	11,488	-4,445	41,030	49,652	-8,622
Maryland	15,448	18,982	-3,534	129,069	111,998	17,071
Massachusetts	1,184,792	70,464	1,114,328	657,621	493,083	164,538
Michigan	164,689	138,051	26,638	1,221,309	1,006,060	215,249
Minnesota	3,036	7,680	-4,644	60,871	27,993	32,878
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	7,787	7,082	705	109,019	62,350	46,669
Montana	2,466	2,163	303	24,161	57,607	-33,446
Nebraska	1,700	0	1,700	0	17,001	-17,001
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	7,666	0	7,666	0	0	0
New Jersey	34,000	51,241	-17,241	262,403	150,500	111,903
New Mexico	3,256	4,714	-1,458	46,117	56,070	-9,953
New York	177,684	53,042	124,642	90,280	20,985	69,295
North Carolina	42,002	52,351	-10,349	68,684	134,767	-66,083
North Dakota	638	526	112	14,302	6,808	7,494
Ohio	134,468	0	134,468	0	0	0
Oklahoma	3,016	0	3,016	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	60,750	51,591	9,159	671,703	0	671,703
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	3,768	4,954	-1,186	41,348	26,554	14,794
South Carolina	19,706	0	19,706	0	0	0
South Dakota	901	693	208	1,416	123	1,293
Tennessee	3,615	5,741	-2,126	100,005	86,810	13,195
Texas	43,997	47,088	-3,091	127,634	127,634	0
Utah	2,600	0	2,600	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	13,906	0	13,906	0	0	0
Washington	61,471	48,665	12,806	284,555	241,340	43,215
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	8,591	11,194	-2,603	0	0	0
Wyoming	897	1,709	-812	3,396	0	3,396
US Total	2,226,921	837,253	1,389,668	6,102,381	3,402,409	2,699,972

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	May 2	April 25	Change	April 18	April 11
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0
California	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	782	193	589	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	4,528	0	4,528	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	17	11	6	7	6
Maine	12	15	-3	10	3
Maryland	3,473	2,361	1,112	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	26,986	8,457	18,529	0	0
Minnesota	11,934	10,619	1,315	8,363	2,378
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	10,884	213	10,671	0	0
Montana	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	2
New Mexico	1,185	1,030	155	0	0
New York	48,190	43,414	4,776	33,362	18,010
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	5,102	0	5,102	0	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	1,365	1,251	114	1,076	0
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	503	0	503	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	41	60	-19	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	47,725	11,899	35,826	9,471	7,015
West Virginia	0	15	-15	16	2
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	162,727	79,538	83,189	52,305	27,416

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MAY 9

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
MAY 2

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED		CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	26,666	-2,319	24,262	35	23	216,856	11.2	2,172	202,847	118	62	217,036
Alaska	7,807	-911	7,036	9	1	50,971	16.5	1,078	43,691	143	31	51,145
Arizona	31,570	-11,453	27,306	6	6	228,806	7.9	10,046	203,927	202	125	229,133
Arkansas	13,152	-296	11,470	3	1	122,522	10.2	3,190	113,174	109	52	122,683
California	212,667	-103,590	173,049	201	174	2,850,204	16.4	-1,958,157	2,519,441	2,595	1,813	2,854,612
Colorado	22,732	-5,628	20,967	13	31	261,951	9.8	33,268	243,857	213	202	262,366
Connecticut	30,046	-6,092	27,896	55	19	319,529	19.3	21,980	290,575	121	101	319,751
Delaware	5,197	-1,100	4,631	2	5	50,205	11.3	-2,296	46,373	9	18	50,232
District of Columbia	5,782	-2,331	5,386	39	3	65,298	11.3	6,664	58,992	739	12	66,049
Florida	223,082	48,222	216,680	45	21	1,035,207	12.1	590,646	1,001,510	293	425	1,035,925
Georgia	242,772	14,420	237,700	38	33	812,913	18.5	-72,851	789,170	469	326	813,708
Hawaii	12,297	-2,817	11,068	2	0	110,757	17.8	22,815	104,112	120	75	110,952
Idaho	5,795	-1,700	5,059	16	3	65,478	8.9	-6,316	60,335	71	35	65,584
Illinois	72,671	-1,805	63,835	10	15	755,912	12.8	59,941	669,381	485	198	756,595
Indiana	29,668	-12,622	27,619	21	14	285,460	9.4	14,212	271,958	59	92	285,611
Iowa	15,820	-7,421	13,616	25	4	189,643	12.4	10,033	174,326	144	57	189,844
Kansas	12,234	-3,725	10,688	3	3	117,977	8.6	-2,724	109,724	69	52	118,098
Kentucky	69,372	-13,063	67,663	2	5	253,250	13.4	-3,067	237,908	106	167	253,523
Louisiana	40,125	-10,816	38,097	44	25	325,136	17.2	15,123	311,727	105	42	325,283
Maine	10,386	-5,727	9,922	1	1	87,280	14.5	10,507	81,897	49	13	87,342
Maryland	45,485	-17,768	42,982	8	31	254,473	10.0	27,501	231,276	214	178	254,865
Massachusetts	44,915	-10,969	40,848	71	16	575,569	16.1	5,613	523,798	245	219	576,033
Michigan	55,166	-12,233	50,150	31	21	973,278	22.6	-23,096	930,816	226	221	973,725
Minnesota	37,669	-3,823	34,961	25	16	429,187	15.0	8,975	395,422	188	125	429,500
Mississippi	23,618	-2,127	22,270	7	4	208,270	18.8	46,192	200,875	148	44	208,462
Missouri	31,145	-21,382	28,161	6	4	266,230	9.5	19,567	249,071	131	64	266,425
Montana	3,762	-834	3,167	12	3	58,905	12.9	-4,229	53,296	216	42	59,163
Nebraska	6,362	-56	5,674	7	1	68,089	7.1	-793	64,984	18	9	68,116
Nevada	21,635	-6,915	19,544	5	4	324,444	23.5	20,871	307,127	150	99	324,693
New Hampshire	10,016	-2,459	9,609	14	1	116,768	18.0	1,188	113,481	46	17	116,831
New Jersey	69,689	-18,637	62,017	21	20	715,433	17.8	72,782	636,708	409	406	716,248
New Mexico	8,024	-5,651	7,411	4	0	101,132	12.6	4,975	92,392	117	65	101,314
New York	199,419	4,309	186,868	74	30	1,846,154	19.6	96,583	1,730,029	581	504	1,847,239
North Carolina	57,354	-28,602	54,143	69	62	619,809	14.1	28,764	601,408	491	531	620,831
North Dakota	2,753	-1,291	2,231	6	3	35,921	8.7	94	33,704	28	20	35,969
Ohio	52,255	-9,232	46,482	12	32	745,886	14.0	-13,549	702,394	197	452	746,535
Oklahoma	39,079	-54,806	37,350	26	17	178,122	11.4	23,451	164,562	71	98	178,291
Oregon	33,936	-14,184	30,603	56	11	309,543	16.2	554	284,182	523	99	310,165
Pennsylvania	73,688	-20,757	62,751	321	95	1,049,464	18.0	-183,835	960,338	2,704	751	1,052,919
Puerto Rico	15,067	-6,819	13,931	3	5	164,034	19.2	18,894	150,216	241	76	164,351
Rhode Island	6,245	-2,843	5,514	9	2	94,083	19.9	-3,490	87,138	97	58	94,238
South Carolina	33,191	-14,482	31,238	39	27	268,701	12.9	8,292	255,978	70	111	268,882
South Dakota	5,269	1,340	5,082	16	1	23,388	5.6	-403	22,205	81	19	23,488
Tennessee	28,377	-7,946	25,956	37	29	343,212	10.5	2,963	328,658	137	125	343,474
Texas	141,553	-102,382	128,594	188	207	1,181,609	9.6	48,285	1,073,507	636	1,340	1,183,585
Utah	7,076	-1,916	6,153	6	6	91,591	6.2	-1,281	84,507	114	43	91,748
Vermont	2,913	-962	2,479	0	0	57,040	18.8	-3,495	53,751	8	6	57,054
Virgin Islands	70	25	35	0	0	2,812	7.9	930	2,412	4	0	2,816
Virginia	52,139	-7,492	49,658	16	19	392,673	10.5	15,984	374,869	411	416	393,500
Washington	110,831	8,615	105,708	22	13	739,795	22.1	135,747	693,577	440	765	741,000
West Virginia	6,045	-7,182	5,298	2	2	107,405	16.1	-2,972	98,485	74	53	107,532
Wisconsin	38,710	825	34,480	37	7	313,248	11.0	-777	288,410	132	70	313,450
Wyoming	3,297	443	3,032	3	0	17,928	6.6	407	15,964	38	6	17,972
Totals	2,356,594	-498,967	2,168,330	1,723	1,076	20,879,551	14.3	-893,044	19,340,465	15,405	10,930	20,905,886

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 9, 2020**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
FL	+48,222	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries. Increase in initial claims due to COVID-19.
GA	+14,420	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance and retail trade industries.
WA	+8,615	Layoffs in the utilities, information, finance and insurance, educational services, and public administration industries.
NY	+4,309	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and public administration industries.
SD	+1,340	No comment.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-103,590	No comment.
TX	-102,382	No comment.
OK	-54,806	No comment.
NC	-28,602	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries.
MO	-21,382	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and retail trade industries.
PA	-20,757	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, other services, and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	-18,637	No comment.
MD	-17,768	No comment.
SC	-14,482	No comment.
OR	-14,184	No comment.
KY	-13,063	No comment.
IN	-12,622	No comment.
MI	-12,233	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and health care and social assistance industries.
AZ	-11,453	No comment.
MA	-10,969	No comment.
LA	-10,816	No comment.
OH	-9,232	No comment.
TN	-7,946	No comment.
VA	-7,492	No comment.
IA	-7,421	No comment.
WV	-7,182	No comment.
NV	-6,915	No comment.
PR	-6,819	No comment.
CT	-6,092	No comment.
ME	-5,727	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, educational services, accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, professional, scientific, and technical services, public administration, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
NM	-5,651	No comment.
CO	-5,628	No comment.
MN	-3,823	No comment.
KS	-3,725	No comment.
RI	-2,843	No comment.
HI	-2,817	No comment.
NH	-2,459	No comment.
DC	-2,331	No comment.
AL	-2,319	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries.
MS	-2,127	No comment.
UT	-1,916	No comment.

IL	-1,805	No comment.
ID	-1,700	No comment.
ND	-1,291	No comment.
DE	-1,100	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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