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**Note:** This week's release reflects the annual revision to the weekly unemployment claims seasonal adjustment factors. The seasonal adjustment factors used for the UI Weekly Claims data from 2016 forward, along with the resulting seasonally adjusted values for initial claims and continuing claims, have been revised.

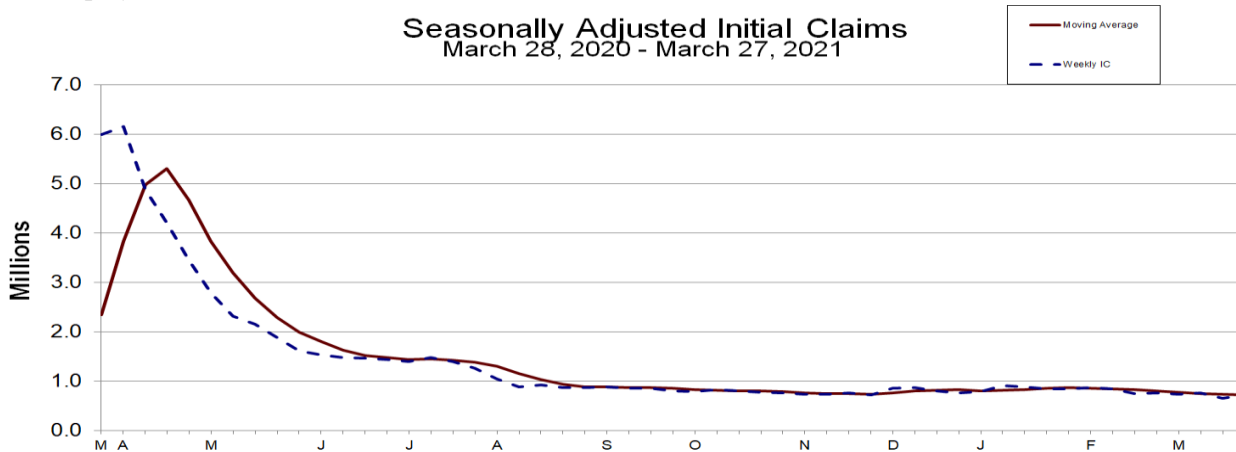
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

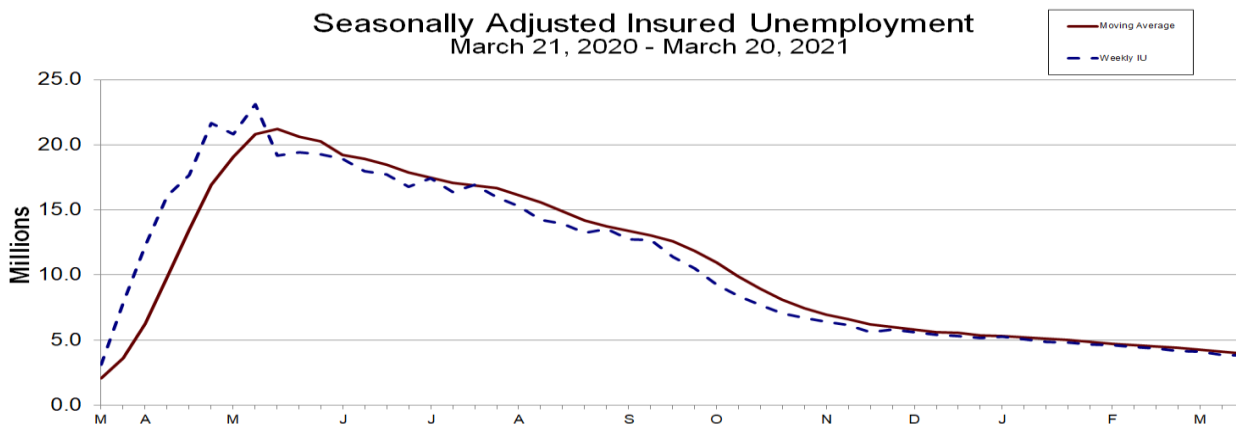
In the week ending March 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 719,000, an increase of 61,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 26,000 from 684,000 to 658,000. The 4-week moving average was 719,000, a decrease of 10,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 6,500 from 736,000 to 729,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.7 percent for the week ending March 20, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 20 was 3,794,000, a decrease of 46,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 30,000 from 3,870,000 to 3,840,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,978,500, a decrease of 147,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 5,000 from 4,120,750 to 4,125,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
March 28, 2020 - March 27, 2021



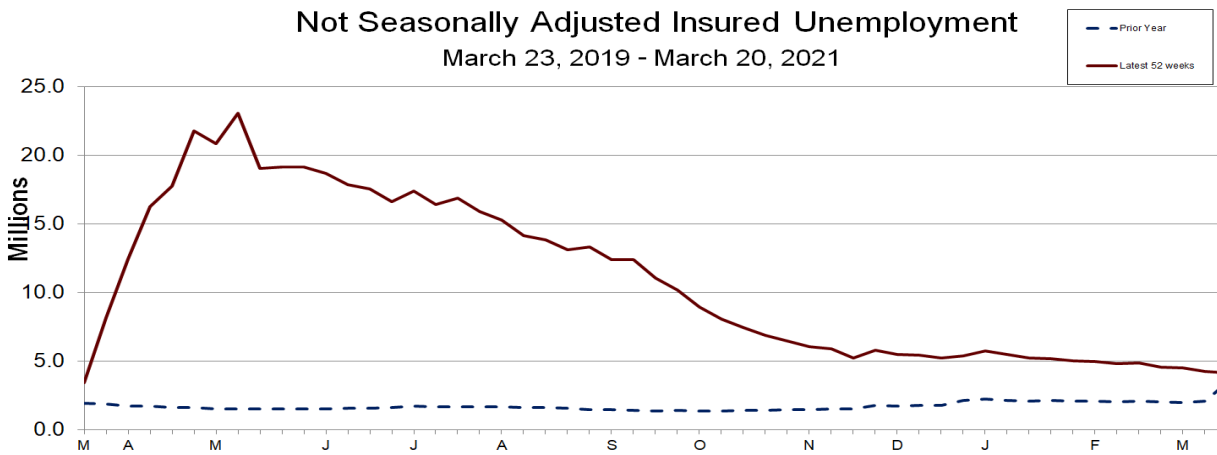
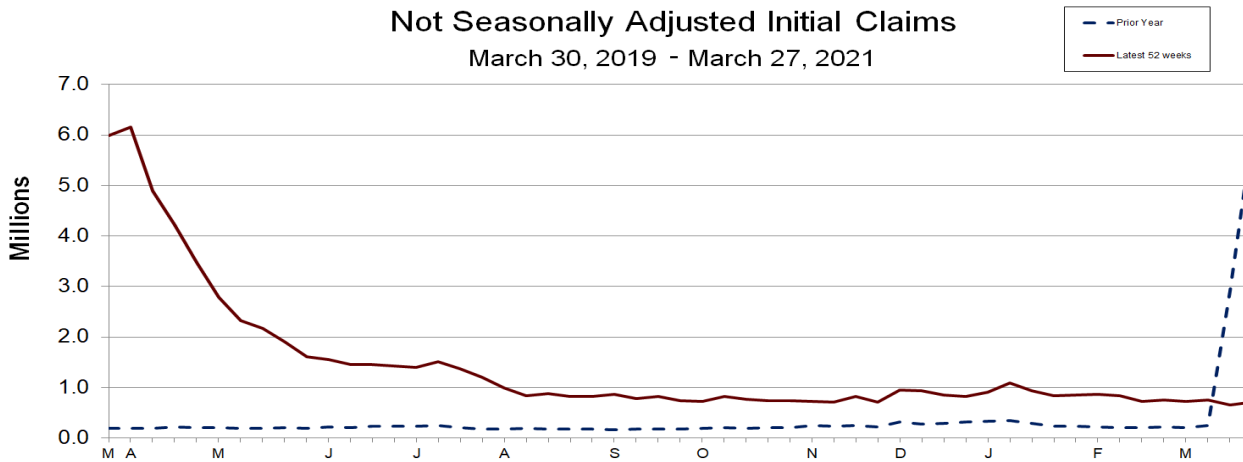
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
March 21, 2020 - March 20, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 714,433 in the week ending March 27, an increase of 63,282 (or 9.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,177 (or 0.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 5,981,787 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending March 27, 52 states reported 237,025 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.9 percent during the week ending March 20, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 4,142,940, a decrease of 90,696 (or -2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 43,813 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.3 percent and the volume was 3,412,516.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 13 was 18,213,575, a decrease of 1,517,926 from the previous week. There were 2,102,852 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending March 13, Extended Benefits were available in the following 16 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and the Virgin Islands.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,160 in the week ending March 20, a decrease of 88 from the prior week. There were 574 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 163 from the preceding week.

There were 18,467 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 13, a decrease of 607 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,975, a decrease of 663 from the prior week.

During the week ending March 13, 50 states reported 7,349,663 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 5,515,355 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 13 were in Pennsylvania (5.5), Nevada (5.4), Alaska (5.0), Puerto Rico (4.9), Connecticut (4.7), New York (4.4), California (4.0), Rhode Island (4.0), the Virgin Islands (4.0), and Illinois (3.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 20 were in Massachusetts (+11,386), Texas (+7,599), Connecticut (+4,170), Maryland (+2,605), and Virginia (+2,035), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-55,580), Ohio (-45,808), California (-13,331), New York (-4,251), and Florida (-2,991).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	719,000	658,000	+61,000	765,000	5,985,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	714,433	651,151	+63,282	757,202	5,981,787
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	719,000	729,500	-10,500	751,750	2,344,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	3,794,000	3,840,000	-46,000	4,123,000	3,094,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	4,142,940	4,233,636	-90,696	4,495,885	3,412,516
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,978,500	4,125,750	-147,250	4,283,000	2,071,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.7%	2.7%	0.0	2.9%	2.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	2.9%	3.0%	-0.1	3.2%	2.3%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 27</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>March 13</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	237,025	241,137	-4,112	284,254

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,160	1,248	-88	1,305
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	574	737	-163	901

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


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	4,200,171	4,458,941	-258,770	2,068,674
Federal Employees	18,467	19,074	-607	9,800
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,975	8,638	-663	5,591
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,349,663	7,844,867	-495,204	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	5,515,355	6,220,492	-705,137	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,017,742	1,067,905	-50,163	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,702	1,819	-117	5,901
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	102,500	109,765	-7,265	12,886
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>18,213,575</b>	<b>19,731,501</b>	<b>-1,517,926</b>	<b>2,102,852</b>

**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 142,133,208 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 March 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama*	11,932	13,994	-2,062	14,833	15,664	-831
Alaska	3,513	2,773	740	14,994	14,897	97
Arizona	4,918	4,822	96	45,595	48,151	-2,556
Arkansas	2,383	2,325	58	19,297	22,531	-3,234
California	105,624	95,996	9,628	643,222	679,785	-36,563
Colorado	11,064	11,597	-533	96,932	88,631	8,301
Connecticut	9,723	8,808	915	73,463	73,919	-456
Delaware	1,373	1,482	-109	11,604	11,454	150
District of Columbia	2,402	1,983	419	19,978	18,372	1,606
Florida	11,700	17,349	-5,649	105,243	123,921	-18,678
Georgia	36,651	24,789	11,862	128,743	135,962	-7,219
Hawaii	5,604	3,285	2,319	16,045	18,550	-2,505
Idaho	5,741	4,047	1,694	10,210	11,407	-1,197
Illinois	13,023	15,595	-2,572	216,744	224,298	-7,554
Indiana	9,145	13,045	-3,900	57,564	59,186	-1,622
Iowa	4,846	5,129	-283	40,186	37,540	2,646
Kansas	2,269	2,628	-359	11,133	11,045	88
Kentucky	24,607	8,738	15,869	32,946	35,556	-2,610
Louisiana	12,140	6,468	5,672	40,226	40,840	-614
Maine	1,518	1,450	68	14,528	14,914	-386
Maryland	8,937	11,484	-2,547	45,918	55,127	-9,209
Massachusetts	18,161	30,916	-12,755	117,765	134,323	-16,558
Michigan	10,028	12,765	-2,737	134,920	138,528	-3,608
Minnesota	10,795	8,375	2,420	106,502	98,886	7,616
Mississippi	4,504	4,463	41	24,251	27,445	-3,194
Missouri	7,046	7,813	-767	45,700	46,177	-477
Montana	2,490	2,124	366	13,130	14,041	-911
Nebraska	1,870	1,626	244	11,981	12,925	-944
Nevada	12,007	7,641	4,366	69,179	71,725	-2,546
New Hampshire	1,515	1,009	506	22,129	21,592	537
New Jersey	19,475	10,441	9,034	115,514	120,159	-4,645
New Mexico	2,834	2,502	332	28,160	29,902	-1,742
New York	51,105	43,038	8,067	371,288	393,122	-21,834
North Carolina	6,086	7,170	-1,084	52,318	51,921	397
North Dakota	906	678	228	8,586	8,369	217
Ohio	53,679	69,397	-15,718	182,874	197,400	-14,526
Oklahoma	8,182	8,141	41	27,793	33,543	-5,750
Oregon	9,454	7,912	1,542	95,728	60,612	35,116
Pennsylvania	20,556	19,748	808	251,333	273,316	-21,983
Puerto Rico	1,576	1,592	-16	48,955	41,209	7,746
Rhode Island	4,403	3,853	550	17,479	17,951	-472
South Carolina	3,105	3,197	-92	36,143	36,365	-222
South Dakota	238	295	-57	4,941	4,827	114
Tennessee	7,598	6,431	1,167	42,260	43,752	-1,492
Texas	83,913	81,457	2,456	328,799	296,868	31,931
Utah	3,253	2,576	677	12,904	14,082	-1,178
Vermont	1,450	782	668	10,868	11,074	-206
Virgin Islands	53	192	-139	2,132	1,468	664
Virginia	48,256	17,560	30,696	60,995	58,233	2,762
Washington	11,842	11,877	-35	116,585	115,562	1,023
West Virginia	5,234	5,196	38	20,065	18,529	1,536
Wisconsin	12,882	11,793	1,089	96,946	93,348	3,598
Wyoming	824	804	20	5,313	4,632	681
US Total	714,433	651,151	63,282	4,142,940	4,233,636	-90,696

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	
March 21, 2020	2,923	2,667	901.75	3,094	1,324	2,071.75	2.1
March 28, 2020	5,985	3,062	2,344.00	7,868	4,774	3,611.75	5.4
April 4, 2020	6,149	164	3,828.25	12,261	4,393	6,248.25	8.4
April 11, 2020	4,869	-1,280	4,981.50	16,070	3,809	9,823.25	11.0
April 18, 2020	4,202	-667	5,301.25	17,656	1,586	13,463.75	12.1
April 25, 2020	3,451	-751	4,667.75	21,664	4,008	16,912.75	14.9
May 2, 2020	2,784	-667	3,826.50	20,823	-841	19,053.25	14.3
May 9, 2020	2,315	-469	3,188.00	23,128	2,305	20,817.75	15.9
May 16, 2020	2,149	-166	2,674.75	19,181	-3,947	21,199.00	13.2
May 23, 2020	1,887	-262	2,283.75	19,396	215	20,632.00	13.3
May 30, 2020	1,605	-282	1,989.00	19,287	-109	20,248.00	13.2
June 6, 2020	1,537	-68	1,794.50	18,927	-360	19,197.75	13.0
June 13, 2020	1,472	-65	1,625.25	17,993	-934	18,900.75	12.4
June 20, 2020	1,460	-12	1,518.50	17,713	-280	18,480.00	12.2
June 27, 2020	1,436	-24	1,476.25	16,780	-933	17,853.25	11.5
July 4, 2020	1,398	-38	1,441.50	17,413	633	17,474.75	11.9
July 11, 2020	1,479	81	1,443.25	16,385	-1,028	17,072.75	11.2
July 18, 2020	1,398	-81	1,427.75	16,913	528	16,872.75	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,262	-136	1,384.25	15,964	-949	16,668.75	10.9
August 1, 2020	1,043	-219	1,295.50	15,303	-661	16,141.25	10.5
August 8, 2020	883	-160	1,146.50	14,217	-1,086	15,599.25	9.7
August 15, 2020	920	37	1,027.00	13,948	-269	14,858.00	9.5
August 22, 2020	872	-48	929.50	13,246	-702	14,178.50	9.1
August 29, 2020	875	3	887.50	13,528	282	13,734.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	881	6	887.00	12,755	-773	13,369.25	8.7
September 12, 2020	860	-21	872.00	12,706	-49	13,058.75	8.7
September 19, 2020	860	0	869.00	11,381	-1,325	12,592.50	7.8
September 26, 2020	803	-57	851.00	10,477	-904	11,829.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,840	-283	4,125.75	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,794	-46	3,978.50	2.7
March 27, 2021	719	61	719.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended March 27			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Mar 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Mar 13	Mar 6	Change
Alabama	3,215	2,634	581	28,432	30,701	-2,269
Alaska	503	684	-181	9,308	9,576	-268
Arizona	0	0	0	0	83,237	-83,237
Arkansas	757	681	76	42,417	43,435	-1,018
California	16,635	20,780	-4,145	963,535	1,633,490	-669,955
Colorado	1,747	1,922	-175	50,535	50,077	458
Connecticut	332	408	-76	39,296	38,636	660
Delaware	59	52	7	5,632	5,299	333
District of Columbia	82	117	-35	15,233	16,238	-1,005
Florida	4,944	3,886	1,058	0	0	0
Georgia	1,989	2,007	-18	226,740	191,577	35,163
Hawaii	573	620	-47	39,082	39,797	-715
Idaho	84	78	6	6,934	7,087	-153
Illinois	2,440	4,993	-2,553	173,988	189,271	-15,283
Indiana	10,630	11,790	-1,160	162,605	259,888	-97,283
Iowa	709	605	104	11,698	12,325	-627
Kansas	330	313	17	16,345	16,524	-179
Kentucky	19,625	12,352	7,273	22,075	25,231	-3,156
Louisiana	3,229	2,630	599	105,050	99,916	5,134
Maine	366	295	71	13,133	13,562	-429
Maryland	1,938	13,570	-11,632	320,302	298,049	22,253
Massachusetts	3,090	3,358	-268	285,437	287,934	-2,497
Michigan	5,907	742	5,165	475,651	256,063	219,588
Minnesota	3	3	0	41,745	41,642	103
Mississippi	508	860	-352	38,362	30,229	8,133
Missouri	999	588	411	41,447	41,940	-493
Montana	556	1,272	-716	15,119	15,200	-81
Nebraska	63	73	-10	2,990	3,231	-241
Nevada	746	2,973	-2,227	69,945	74,370	-4,425
New Hampshire	144	144	0	9,025	9,277	-252
New Jersey	5,596	4,491	1,105	348,815	356,013	-7,198
New Mexico	1,365	1,806	-441	36,510	37,006	-496
New York	4,521	41,705	-37,184	1,311,947	1,281,018	30,929
North Carolina	2,555	3,430	-875	92,659	94,612	-1,953
North Dakota	257	120	137	3,352	3,002	350
Ohio	88,777	19,698	69,079	385,277	493,508	-108,231
Oklahoma	715	364	351	20,230	20,250	-20
Oregon	3,098	6,809	-3,711	150,324	226,759	-76,435
Pennsylvania	14,603	14,355	248	445,639	422,067	23,572
Puerto Rico	13,070	37,452	-24,382	496,107	228,452	267,655
Rhode Island	2,104	1,716	388	38,622	39,552	-930
South Carolina	1,662	1,721	-59	51,532	52,207	-675
South Dakota	13	8	5	749	474	275
Tennessee	1,793	1,892	-99	61,808	65,922	-4,114
Texas	4,946	5,388	-442	369,892	536,563	-166,671
Utah	404	366	38	1,657	1,816	-159
Vermont	54	61	-7	8,714	8,809	-95
Virgin Islands	22	43	-21	0	0	0
Virginia	3,807	2,379	1,428	169,294	25,551	143,743
Washington	2,407	3,389	-982	103,634	104,740	-1,106
West Virginia	987	1,255	-268	8,970	9,609	-639
Wisconsin	2,022	2,240	-218	10,444	11,534	-1,090
Wyoming	44	19	25	1,426	1,601	-175
US Total	237,025	241,137	-4,112	7,349,663	7,844,867	-495,204

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	March 13	March 6	Change	February 27	February 20
Alabama	66,540	66,246	294	64,171	62,895
Alaska	16,463	16,595	-132	15,633	15,289
Arizona	74,810	69,925	4,885	75,836	75,982
Arkansas	22,441	23,591	-1,150	23,271	23,792
California	1,189,737	1,703,952	-514,215	1,012,743	1,793,290
Colorado	79,178	78,421	757	75,589	74,893
Connecticut	81,260	80,694	566	80,858	80,858
Delaware	13,642	13,388	254	13,270	13,063
District of Columbia	8,334	9,083	-749	9,781	10,110
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	40,297	33,640	6,657	35,794	60,347
Idaho	7,799	8,013	-214	7,761	7,992
Illinois	271,217	265,605	5,612	272,019	250,834
Indiana	80,410	81,597	-1,187	80,649	80,427
Iowa	38,616	41,866	-3,250	39,406	72,604
Kansas	13,079	16,522	-3,443	14,098	5,470
Kentucky	38,002	36,602	1,400	39,440	36,783
Louisiana	76,984	82,166	-5,182	81,316	80,650
Maine	19,104	19,776	-672	19,687	19,647
Maryland	81,988	84,413	-2,425	82,313	80,169
Massachusetts	203,887	207,829	-3,942	201,364	188,216
Michigan	268,412	163,353	105,059	254,543	128,905
Minnesota	141,501	143,350	-1,849	141,818	140,119
Mississippi	36,210	29,015	7,195	29,707	30,035
Missouri	19,829	21,479	-1,650	22,090	24,226
Montana	9,170	9,590	-420	9,458	9,519
Nebraska	5,460	5,656	-196	5,769	5,504
Nevada	107,056	96,381	10,675	71,695	56,295
New Hampshire	11,222	11,433	-211	11,472	11,390
New Jersey	203,471	210,083	-6,612	207,332	213,885
New Mexico	19,557	21,562	-2,005	21,619	24,025
New York	736,592	772,466	-35,874	779,633	775,548
North Carolina	191,710	198,758	-7,048	198,643	198,159
North Dakota	7,739	8,109	-370	8,118	8,079
Ohio	133,601	136,777	-3,176	136,376	136,221
Oklahoma	48,859	49,829	-970	49,960	49,705
Oregon	97,336	96,760	576	95,964	83,270
Pennsylvania	336,237	372,778	-36,541	274,564	258,073
Puerto Rico	39,821	76,554	-36,733	62,484	80,800
Rhode Island	20,715	20,242	473	19,948	18,029
South Carolina	81,439	84,085	-2,646	84,979	85,691
South Dakota	1,374	1,371	3	1,241	1,409
Tennessee	59,401	61,174	-1,773	61,613	61,083
Texas	380,468	544,134	-163,666	346,836	463,385
Utah	12,426	13,009	-583	12,989	12,931
Vermont	14,000	14,238	-238	13,755	13,881
Virgin Islands	62	16	46	36	20
Virginia	24,550	27,070	-2,520	29,425	35,203
Washington	3,644	4,001	-357	3,554	3,133
West Virginia	22,562	22,677	-115	22,807	22,370
Wisconsin	51,705	58,957	-7,252	46,130	23,538
Wyoming	5,438	5,661	-223	5,497	5,354
US Total	5,515,355	6,220,492	-705,137	5,275,054	6,013,096

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



## Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	March 13	March 6	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	209	430	-221
Arizona	6,267	6,830	-563
Arkansas	53	72	-19
California	370,486	347,583	22,903
Colorado	132	243	-111
Connecticut	11,444	12,249	-805
Delaware	20	13	7
District of Columbia	23	13	10
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	92	79	13
Idaho	37	50	-13
Illinois	51,964	54,720	-2,756
Indiana	65	10	55
Iowa	22	37	-15
Kansas	576	751	-175
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	136	77	59
Maine	45	59	-14
Maryland	549	581	-32
Massachusetts	33,918	41,938	-8,020
Michigan	61,758	57,574	4,184
Minnesota	3	0	3
Mississippi	228	251	-23
Missouri	89	99	-10
Montana	63	33	30
Nebraska	16	0	16
Nevada	28,296	39,933	-11,637
New Hampshire	142	155	-13
New Jersey	69,609	77,122	-7,513
New Mexico	19,203	20,084	-881
New York	220,511	191,214	29,297
North Carolina	236	258	-22
North Dakota	6	3	3
Ohio	44	117	-73
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	450	465	-15
Pennsylvania	29,067	24,479	4,588
Puerto Rico	7,117	13,402	-6,285
Rhode Island	4,494	5,085	-591
South Carolina	87	115	-28
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	104	134	-30
Texas	82,155	150,170	-68,015
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	19	33	-14
Virgin Islands	39	38	1
Virginia	468	537	-69
Washington	17,225	20,622	-3,397
West Virginia	16	15	1
Wisconsin	244	218	26
Wyoming	15	14	1
US Total	1,017,742	1,067,905	-50,163

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
MARCH 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
MARCH 13

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	13,994	-2,512	3,102	36	10	15,664	0.8	-973	3,177	58	46	15,768
Alaska	2,773	-460	-5,074	9	2	14,897	5.0	-854	6,385	210	33	15,140
Arizona	4,822	-398	-24,526	4	2	48,151	1.7	1,747	30,043	264	108	48,523
Arkansas	2,325	-966	-6,950	5	1	22,531	1.9	-1,438	11,543	125	33	22,689
California	95,996	-13,331	-90,337	197	81	679,785	4.0	622	257,873	3,713	1,292	684,790
Colorado	11,597	-72	-8,177	0	10	88,631	3.4	-2,696	67,322	206	152	88,989
Connecticut	8,808	4,170	-16,292	16	6	73,919	4.7	-2,910	29,725	330	59	74,308
Delaware	1,482	-432	-9,294	3	0	11,454	2.5	-909	6,157	51	22	11,527
District of Columbia	1,983	694	-12,479	44	0	18,372	3.3	-792	10,994	1,019	8	19,399
Florida	17,349	-2,991	-56,964	31	49	123,921	1.5	-11,370	90,193	411	318	124,650
Georgia	24,789	89	12,649	62	35	135,962	3.2	-4,868	108,455	637	370	136,969
Hawaii	3,285	622	-5,532	13	7	18,550	3.2	-480	12,073	169	118	18,837
Idaho	4,047	364	-9,539	12	3	11,407	1.6	-1,431	3,538	253	18	11,678
Illinois	15,595	-55,580	-111,121	6	4	224,298	3.9	-19,623	98,876	879	235	225,412
Indiana	13,045	-920	-46,710	60	16	59,186	2.0	-6,166	38,408	265	120	59,571
Iowa	5,129	-621	-35,823	18	5	37,540	2.5	-2,605	11,044	96	28	37,664
Kansas	2,628	946	-16,728	0	1	11,045	0.8	-7,767	3,504	36	20	11,101
Kentucky	8,738	-1,540	-40,285	1	1	35,556	1.9	-1,054	13,228	56	77	35,689
Louisiana	6,468	-727	-65,970	9	2	40,840	2.2	-5,330	26,697	94	19	40,953
Maine	1,450	51	-20,009	2	0	14,914	2.5	-1,061	6,211	63	12	14,989
Maryland	11,484	2,605	-31,498	11	1	55,127	2.3	-2,769	28,667	259	50	55,436
Massachusetts	30,916	11,386	-117,536	44	12	134,323	3.9	-6,831	51,196	362	125	134,810
Michigan	12,765	480	-115,241	19	8	138,528	3.4	-22,762	63,453	226	77	138,831
Minnesota	8,375	-728	-107,398	13	6	98,886	3.6	-4,168	32,099	210	83	99,179
Mississippi	4,463	-823	-1,056	3	4	27,445	2.5	-1,391	20,778	123	20	27,588
Missouri	7,813	302	-34,433	7	4	46,177	1.8	-4,152	24,639	123	18	46,318
Montana	2,124	485	-13,225	21	0	14,041	3.1	-1,157	4,223	405	20	14,466
Nebraska	1,626	78	-14,074	4	2	12,925	1.3	-539	8,066	18	7	12,950
Nevada	7,641	-2,445	-84,657	1	3	71,725	5.4	478	51,903	201	114	72,040
New Hampshire	1,009	-1,559	-28,370	2	2	21,592	3.4	-2,960	17,568	47	2	21,641
New Jersey	10,441	169	-105,374	25	15	120,159	3.1	-6,146	14,319	335	225	120,719
New Mexico	2,502	-188	-15,603	5	6	29,902	3.8	-2,387	20,614	355	68	30,325
New York	43,038	-4,251	-36,961	24	24	393,122	4.4	-46,234	225,908	473	362	393,957
North Carolina	7,170	-1,135	-86,913	7	4	51,921	1.2	-5,211	31,269	261	236	52,418
North Dakota	678	67	-4,984	2	1	8,369	2.1	-399	2,200	25	7	8,401
Ohio	69,397	-45,808	-126,912	12	20	197,400	3.7	11,188	129,077	260	184	197,844
Oklahoma	8,141	-281	-13,785	14	3	33,543	2.2	1,029	16,689	109	33	33,685
Oregon	7,912	1,073	-22,142	24	4	60,612	3.2	-4,244	30,089	846	146	61,604
Pennsylvania	19,748	-190	-343,252	96	27	273,316	5.5	-13,943	145,287	1,383	476	275,175
Puerto Rico	1,592	326	-18,556	7	2	41,209	4.9	11,465	25,970	409	45	41,663
Rhode Island	3,853	-374	-31,994	2	0	17,951	4.0	-1,356	7,094	103	17	18,071
South Carolina	3,197	428	-28,629	5	11	36,365	1.8	-2,381	21,254	63	72	36,500
South Dakota	295	-60	-1,466	3	1	4,827	1.2	-125	2,153	77	1	4,905
Tennessee	6,431	-1,846	-31,646	17	8	43,752	1.3	-3,712	25,402	63	36	43,851
Texas	81,457	7,599	-73,969	169	132	296,868	2.4	-62,671	170,441	1,212	1,548	299,628
Utah	2,576	307	-17,114	33	0	14,082	1.0	-458	3,256	178	20	14,280
Vermont	782	-64	-3,002	2	0	11,074	3.8	-617	6,264	21	0	11,095
Virgin Islands	192	-22	69	0	0	1,468	4.0	-594	884	0	2	1,470
Virginia	17,560	2,035	-28,717	7	8	58,233	1.6	-1,743	36,605	319	230	58,782
Washington	11,877	-286	-118,032	22	25	115,562	3.5	-8,125	52,939	574	569	116,705
West Virginia	5,196	974	1,660	4	1	18,529	2.9	-2,765	4,375	208	32	18,769
Wisconsin	11,793	-688	-39,238	20	5	93,348	3.4	-6,184	49,741	207	59	93,614
Wyoming	804	-3	-2,849	7	0	4,632	1.8	-427	1,435	77	3	4,712
Totals	651,151	-106,051	-2,262,956	1,160	574	4,233,636	3.0	-262,249	2,161,303	18,467	7,975	4,260,078

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 MARCH 20, 2021

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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>
MA	+11,386	No comment.
TX	+7,599	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and agriculture, forest, fishing, and hunting industries.
CT	+4,170	No comment.
MD	+2,605	No comment.
VA	+2,035	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
OR	+1,073	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>
IL	-55,580	No comment.
OH	-45,808	No comment.
CA	-13,331	Fewer layoffs in the services and wholesale trade industries.
NY	-4,251	Fewer layoffs in the construction, art, entertainment, and recreation, and transportation and warehousing industries.
FL	-2,991	No comment.
AL	-2,512	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, healthcare and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
NV	-2,445	No comment.
TN	-1,846	No comment.
NH	-1,559	No comment.
KY	-1,540	No comment.
NC	-1,135	Fewer layoffs in the information and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.

## 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.

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