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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

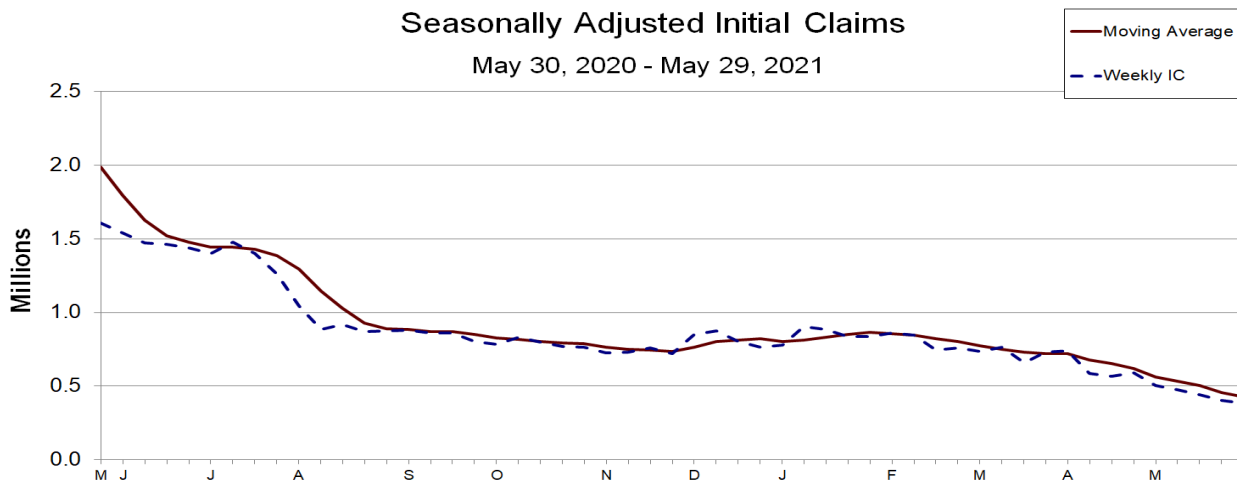
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 385,000, a decrease of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020 when it was 256,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 406,000 to 405,000. The 4-week moving average was 428,000, a decrease of 30,500 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 250 from 458,750 to 458,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.7 percent for the week ending May 22, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 22 was 3,771,000, an increase of 169,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 40,000 from 3,642,000 to 3,602,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,687,750, an increase of 22,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 10,000 from 3,675,000 to 3,665,000.

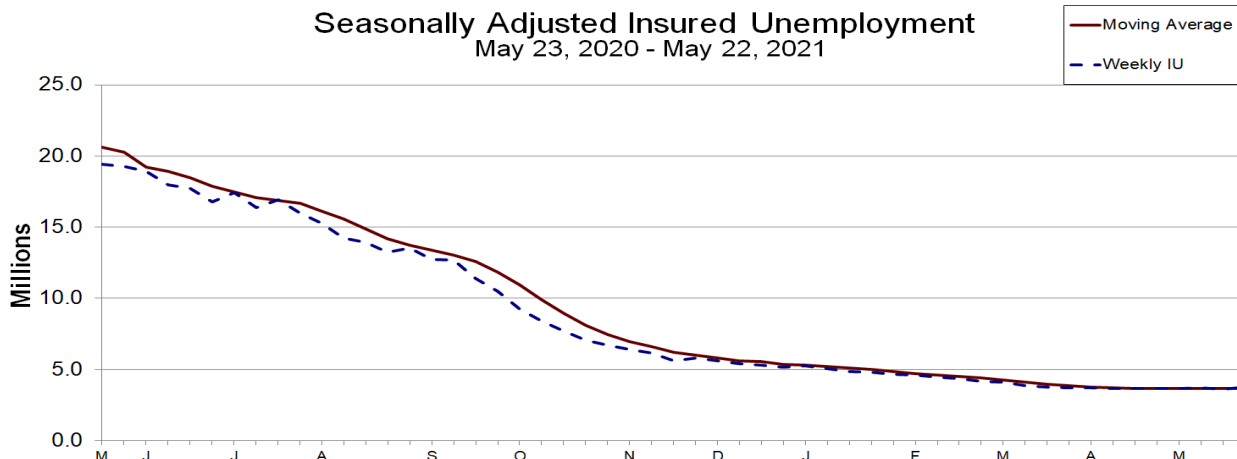
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

May 30, 2020 - May 29, 2021



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

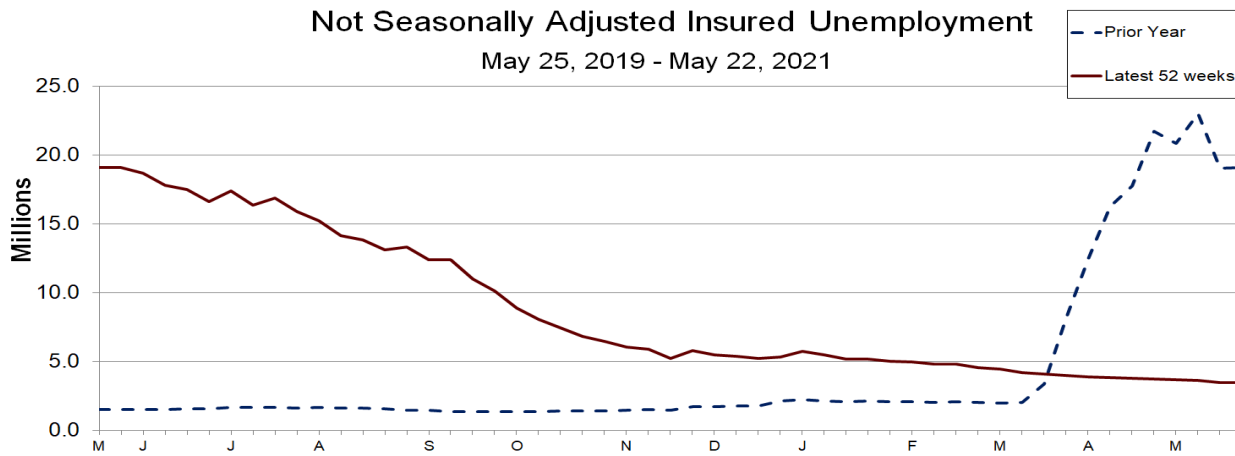
May 23, 2020 - May 22, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 425,450 in the week ending May 29, an increase of 6,014 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 25,593 (or 6.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 1,611,720 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending May 29, 51 states reported 76,098 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.5 percent during the week ending May 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 3,504,163, an increase of 22,860 (or 0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 146,538 (or -4.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 13.1 percent and the volume was 19,118,945.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 15 was 15,435,982, a decrease of 366,178 from the previous week. There were 30,770,615 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending May 15, Extended Benefits were available in the following 13 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Texas.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 840 in the week ending May 22, an increase of 6 from the prior week. There were 501 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 105 from the preceding week.

There were 12,227 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 15, a decrease of 1,226 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,998, a decrease of 302 from the prior week.

During the week ending May 15, 51 states reported 6,368,301 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 5,293,842 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 15 were in Nevada (5.5), Rhode Island (4.6), Puerto Rico (4.5), Connecticut (4.3), Alaska (4.2), New York (3.8), Pennsylvania (3.8), Illinois (3.6), California (3.5), and District of Columbia (3.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 22 were in Delaware (+2,187), Illinois (+1,688), Pennsylvania (+1,347), California (+773), and Rhode Island (+644), while the largest decreases were in Washington (-8,020), New Jersey (-5,290), Florida (-4,679), Ohio (-3,844), and Michigan (-2,605).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 29	May 22	Change	May 15	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	385,000	405,000	-20,000	444,000	1,605,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	425,450	419,436	+6,014	454,603	1,611,720
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	428,000	458,500	-30,500	504,750	1,989,000

WEEK ENDING	May 22	May 15	Change	May 8	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	3,771,000	3,602,000	+169,000	3,738,000	19,396,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	3,504,163	3,481,303	+22,860	3,671,344	19,118,945
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,687,750	3,665,000	+22,750	3,677,750	20,632,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.7%	2.6%	+0.1	2.7%	13.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.5%	2.5%	0.0	2.6%	13.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 29	May 22	Change	May 15	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	76,098	93,559	-17,461	95,142	793,787

WEEK ENDING	May 22	May 15	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	840	834	+6	2,061
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	501	606	-105	1,420

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

WEEK ENDING	May 15	May 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	3,453,290	3,645,071	-191,781	18,968,003
Federal Employees	12,227	13,453	-1,226	14,874
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,998	7,300	-302	11,380
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	6,368,301	6,515,657	-147,356	11,299,323
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	5,293,842	5,191,642	+102,200	276,225
Extended Benefits ⁵	213,113	342,417	-129,304	1,385
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,547	1,764	-217	4,600
STC / Workshare ⁷	86,664	84,856	+1,808	194,825
TOTAL⁸	15,435,982	15,802,160	-366,178	30,770,615

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 139,248,565 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 29			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 22		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,973	8,698	-1,725	11,619	15,649	-4,030
Alaska	3,238	3,103	135	11,252	11,930	-678
Arizona	3,977	4,818	-841	51,930	54,556	-2,626
Arkansas	2,226	2,415	-189	18,996	20,147	-1,151
California	74,625	71,055	3,570	666,066	572,296	93,770
Colorado	4,306	4,132	174	41,647	40,925	722
Connecticut	4,350	4,747	-397	66,771	67,009	-238
Delaware	5,679	6,429	-750	12,808	12,185	623
District of Columbia	1,187	1,307	-120	18,142	19,051	-909
Florida	7,291	9,882	-2,591	103,820	133,003	-29,183
Georgia	23,951	24,553	-602	117,247	125,218	-7,971
Hawaii	2,190	2,391	-201	15,953	16,922	-969
Idaho	1,496	1,888	-392	6,276	7,021	-745
Illinois	23,111	19,218	3,893	203,260	200,064	3,196
Indiana	6,079	6,152	-73	53,937	55,907	-1,970
Iowa	3,859	3,861	-2	26,737	25,255	1,482
Kansas	1,718	2,115	-397	10,625	9,922	703
Kentucky	6,255	2,864	3,391	18,814	18,753	61
Louisiana	5,264	5,976	-712	45,863	51,031	-5,168
Maine	1,345	1,003	342	10,398	11,692	-1,294
Maryland *	8,638	8,635	3	46,324	46,246	78
Massachusetts	8,265	8,659	-394	75,613	84,633	-9,020
Michigan	12,794	11,201	1,593	120,510	121,461	-951
Minnesota	4,911	5,478	-567	71,132	69,802	1,330
Mississippi	2,603	2,766	-163	24,474	26,328	-1,854
Missouri	8,266	5,922	2,344	54,399	56,015	-1,616
Montana	1,143	1,159	-16	8,160	8,397	-237
Nebraska	1,482	1,593	-111	7,445	7,562	-117
Nevada	5,117	3,977	1,140	59,297	70,673	-11,376
New Hampshire	844	790	54	15,825	16,810	-985
New Jersey	11,744	12,978	-1,234	122,327	117,053	5,274
New Mexico	4,941	3,682	1,259	24,893	25,844	-951
New York	19,071	19,505	-434	321,640	327,736	-6,096
North Carolina	5,635	6,437	-802	44,873	47,671	-2,798
North Dakota	539	526	13	3,676	3,552	124
Ohio	13,655	13,731	-76	91,537	100,280	-8,743
Oklahoma *	9,364	8,360	1,004	29,199	9,533	19,666
Oregon	6,066	8,354	-2,288	60,444	55,538	4,906
Pennsylvania	31,289	24,253	7,036	209,131	205,159	3,972
Puerto Rico	2,287	2,367	-80	31,815	36,670	-4,855
Rhode Island	9,583	8,957	626	19,916	20,387	-471
South Carolina	1,972	2,083	-111	38,016	38,107	-91
South Dakota	232	232	0	2,141	2,483	-342
Tennessee	6,695	6,252	443	50,131	52,782	-2,651
Texas	22,076	25,041	-2,965	209,689	215,765	-6,076
Utah	3,103	3,301	-198	11,188	12,978	-1,790
Vermont	353	358	-5	7,809	8,502	-693
Virgin Islands	116	460	-344	732	1,006	-274
Virginia	11,971	9,843	2,128	64,891	54,163	10,728
Washington	10,306	11,894	-1,588	75,452	78,827	-3,375
West Virginia	2,484	3,966	-1,482	18,724	17,220	1,504
Wisconsin	8,410	9,501	-1,091	67,456	70,374	-2,918
Wyoming	375	568	-193	3,143	3,210	-67
US Total	425,450	419,436	6,014	3,504,163	3,481,303	22,860

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 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	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,602	-136	3,665.00	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,771	169	3,687.75	2.7
May 29, 2021	385	-20	428.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 29			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended May 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	May 15	May 8	Change
Alabama	0	1,726	-1,726	13,142	12,981	161
Alaska	164	332	-168	7,690	8,261	-571
Arizona	1,604	1,647	-43	127,335	135,796	-8,461
Arkansas	916	1,240	-324	51,413	39,059	12,354
California	14,869	13,886	983	1,187,861	1,146,188	41,673
Colorado	889	877	12	25,865	40,518	-14,653
Connecticut	239	303	-64	35,709	35,720	-11
Delaware	65	41	24	5,235	5,299	-64
District of Columbia	32	34	-2	12,145	12,763	-618
Florida	2,041	2,034	7	0	0	0
Georgia	600	685	-85	127,720	117,504	10,216
Hawaii	274	365	-91	38,351	37,506	845
Idaho	40	37	3	3,869	3,940	-71
Illinois	4,586	3,576	1,010	222,029	219,652	2,377
Indiana	2,183	2,550	-367	113,995	114,087	-92
Iowa	257	306	-49	10,952	11,038	-86
Kansas	248	259	-11	10,670	11,153	-483
Kentucky	981	1,197	-216	14,921	14,500	421
Louisiana	1,331	1,227	104	100,908	104,888	-3,980
Maine	87	208	-121	12,679	12,824	-145
Maryland	5,983	5,983	0	178,090	176,873	1,217
Massachusetts	883	1,064	-181	237,775	241,409	-3,634
Michigan	1,767	1,953	-186	293,155	503,466	-210,311
Minnesota	0	1	-1	37,041	37,410	-369
Mississippi	451	260	191	26,927	27,142	-215
Missouri	506	673	-167	47,289	36,695	10,594
Montana	139	152	-13	11,688	12,659	-971
Nebraska	36	46	-10	2,640	2,675	-35
Nevada	240	220	20	46,978	47,415	-437
New Hampshire	40	52	-12	7,891	8,319	-428
New Jersey	800	5,165	-4,365	312,560	309,558	3,002
New Mexico	6,373	5,391	982	33,615	34,259	-644
New York	1,682	1,787	-105	1,046,908	1,063,881	-16,973
North Carolina	1,689	1,933	-244	81,832	82,674	-842
North Dakota	129	67	62	2,909	3,004	-95
Ohio	2,087	3,281	-1,194	284,493	299,103	-14,610
Oklahoma	1,897	12,263	-10,366	23,175	20,801	2,374
Oregon	1,568	2,583	-1,015	80,286	80,308	-22
Pennsylvania	5,700	5,719	-19	500,320	504,721	-4,401
Puerto Rico	3,409	2,106	1,303	183,334	190,901	-7,567
Rhode Island	989	1,323	-334	36,422	37,079	-657
South Carolina	616	656	-40	43,493	45,802	-2,309
South Dakota	4	1	3	254	297	-43
Tennessee	1,414	1,172	242	53,526	55,264	-1,738
Texas	1,856	2,291	-435	413,945	334,765	79,180
Utah	167	244	-77	1,628	1,706	-78
Vermont	7	7	0	6,819	8,480	-1,661
Virgin Islands	7	14	-7	0	0	0
Virginia	1,141	1,022	119	109,341	111,824	-2,483
Washington	1,653	1,781	-128	111,476	122,873	-11,397
West Virginia	596	706	-110	7,806	8,078	-272
Wisconsin	856	1,105	-249	21,537	21,916	-379
Wyoming	7	8	-1	659	623	36
US Total	76,098	93,559	-17,461	6,368,301	6,515,657	-147,356

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:				
	May 15	May 8	Change	May 1	April 24
Alabama	44,802	50,920	-6,118	51,972	51,452
Alaska	15,843	15,898	-55	16,062	16,153
Arizona	40,779	43,804	-3,025	46,041	51,736
Arkansas	20,833	20,244	589	20,843	21,003
California	929,115	992,469	-63,354	826,640	1,074,171
Colorado	78,633	65,776	12,857	66,881	67,171
Connecticut	86,832	88,299	-1,467	87,885	88,028
Delaware	14,247	14,449	-202	14,252	2,962
District of Columbia	4,459	4,872	-413	4,924	5,353
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	32,216	35,340	-3,124	32,796	34,639
Idaho	5,268	5,450	-182	5,590	6,493
Illinois	279,090	276,345	2,745	269,304	264,207
Indiana	66,499	67,232	-733	67,408	67,277
Iowa	21,414	22,709	-1,295	22,112	24,367
Kansas	14,074	13,707	367	13,175	9,364
Kentucky	29,284	29,142	142	28,990	27,067
Louisiana	68,465	70,694	-2,229	71,817	72,961
Maine	16,379	16,840	-461	16,947	17,108
Maryland	86,624	86,899	-275	86,089	86,570
Massachusetts	226,991	226,989	2	227,424	227,662
Michigan	238,366	253,269	-14,903	236,244	259,966
Minnesota	184,482	184,716	-234	184,869	181,599
Mississippi	23,037	23,097	-60	22,435	23,855
Missouri	51,604	51,945	-341	51,545	53,585
Montana	7,097	7,345	-248	7,661	7,677
Nebraska	5,051	5,184	-133	4,973	5,367
Nevada	98,496	95,243	3,253	95,292	96,614
New Hampshire	6,089	6,358	-269	6,501	6,773
New Jersey	234,702	241,020	-6,318	241,206	227,406
New Mexico	38,376	38,868	-492	39,220	39,931
New York	759,030	717,235	41,795	670,088	665,144
North Carolina	162,224	161,980	244	163,438	166,668
North Dakota	3,466	3,755	-289	6,392	6,724
Ohio	121,135	121,738	-603	121,687	121,234
Oklahoma	26,032	33,447	-7,415	34,807	35,497
Oregon	82,276	83,603	-1,327	83,662	82,597
Pennsylvania	282,265	298,976	-16,711	284,996	291,439
Puerto Rico	49,142	42,502	6,640	50,235	123,238
Rhode Island	17,522	17,933	-411	18,112	18,567
South Carolina	68,098	68,728	-630	70,560	71,491
South Dakota	1,291	1,353	-62	1,147	1,277
Tennessee	53,046	53,646	-600	54,433	55,969
Texas	607,645	438,611	169,034	618,319	441,882
Utah	10,784	11,484	-700	11,548	11,417
Vermont	8,542	9,771	-1,229	10,589	10,849
Virgin Islands	39	9	30	40	20
Virginia	12,027	12,562	-535	13,689	14,497
Washington	2,490	3,342	-852	7,592	2,255
West Virginia	17,127	17,431	-304	17,247	17,637
Wisconsin	35,678	33,923	1,755	31,663	29,640
Wyoming	4,836	4,490	346	5,028	4,969
US Total	5,293,842	5,191,642	102,200	5,142,370	5,291,528

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:		
	May 15	May 8	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	32	39	-7
Arizona	81	157	-76
Arkansas	23	14	9
California	125,427	190,432	-65,005
Colorado	19	20	-1
Connecticut	577	561	16
Delaware	7	6	1
District of Columbia	7	9	-2
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	7	6	1
Idaho	3	7	-4
Illinois	3,860	5,257	-1,397
Indiana	8	15	-7
Iowa	18	20	-2
Kansas	600	583	17
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	20	18	2
Maine	4	3	1
Maryland	487	479	8
Massachusetts	2,899	2,899	0
Michigan	191	283	-92
Minnesota	0	2	-2
Mississippi	195	197	-2
Missouri	58	60	-2
Montana	4	4	0
Nebraska	2	2	0
Nevada	2,437	7,869	-5,432
New Hampshire	4	5	-1
New Jersey	6,463	6,919	-456
New Mexico	288	364	-76
New York	56,209	112,123	-55,914
North Carolina	80	83	-3
North Dakota	1	1	0
Ohio	10	0	10
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	136	149	-13
Pennsylvania	3,901	4,774	-873
Puerto Rico	651	926	-275
Rhode Island	256	321	-65
South Carolina	36	34	2
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	36	35	1
Texas	7,298	6,976	322
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	5	2	3
Virgin Islands	14	4	10
Virginia	300	266	34
Washington	32	18	14
West Virginia	8	13	-5
Wisconsin	419	458	-39
Wyoming	0	4	-4
US Total	213,113	342,417	-129,304

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MAY 22

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MAY 15

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	8,698	-679	-19,221	23	7	15,649	0.8	-1,741	-174,556	60	37	15,746
Alaska	3,103	348	-5,049	9	1	11,930	4.2	-473	-36,070	101	19	12,050
Arizona	4,818	-560	-22,050	6	4	54,556	1.9	-1,365	-163,412	139	107	54,802
Arkansas	2,415	44	-8,410	3	4	20,147	1.7	594	-99,896	99	34	20,280
California	71,055	773	-132,207	177	78	572,296	3.5	-63,484	-1,583,014	1,962	1,157	575,415
Colorado	4,132	-12	-11,587	3	8	40,925	1.6	-17,537	-224,574	119	92	41,136
Connecticut	4,747	72	-11,856	13	8	67,009	4.3	-2,885	-205,686	282	65	67,356
Delaware	6,429	2,187	1,778	3	3	12,185	2.8	1,324	-38,595	39	32	12,256
District of Columbia	1,307	-76	-3,828	35	1	19,051	3.5	-327	-51,052	888	9	19,948
Florida	9,882	-4,679	-165,529	25	27	133,003	1.6	4,169	-396,381	395	323	133,721
Georgia	24,553	-888	-140,946	26	13	125,218	2.9	4,975	-606,544	500	262	125,980
Hawaii	2,391	-152	-6,749	2	13	16,922	3.1	118	-111,164	123	76	17,121
Idaho	1,888	-136	-2,839	6	1	7,021	1.0	-408	-49,671	27	17	7,065
Illinois	19,218	1,688	-39,045	7	2	200,064	3.6	-8,821	-562,303	744	145	200,953
Indiana	6,152	-805	-19,371	9	5	55,907	1.9	-1,782	-197,629	254	83	56,244
Iowa	3,861	279	-9,862	5	4	25,255	1.7	-918	-153,304	77	17	25,349
Kansas	2,115	242	-7,365	0	2	9,922	0.8	828	-82,872	31	16	9,969
Kentucky	2,864	-1,180	-51,159	2	4	18,753	1.0	-6,037	-227,051	76	89	18,918
Louisiana	5,976	-351	-17,985	8	3	51,031	2.9	-695	-277,378	96	17	51,144
Maine	1,003	-221	-15,664	0	3	11,692	2.0	-160	-126,527	26	9	11,727
Maryland	8,635	-203	-25,413	17	1	46,246	2.2	444	-209,067	285	95	46,626
Massachusetts	8,659	-835	-29,673	18	14	84,633	2.5	-2,496	-509,882	251	115	84,999
Michigan	11,201	-2,605	-53,373	2	2	121,461	3.0	-9,798	-863,833	147	50	121,658
Minnesota	5,478	-390	-21,733	8	3	69,802	2.6	-2,365	-346,866	154	79	70,035
Mississippi	2,766	-689	-21,090	2	2	26,328	2.5	-750	-157,822	164	20	26,512
Missouri	5,922	-926	-21,514	7	3	56,015	2.1	-1,331	-199,359	107	24	56,146
Montana	1,159	-12	-2,662	7	4	8,397	1.9	-541	-41,520	63	18	8,478
Nebraska	1,593	187	-4,219	1	4	7,562	0.8	134	-54,042	14	4	7,580
Nevada	3,977	-201	-11,630	6	4	70,673	5.5	-2,688	-272,357	130	73	70,876
New Hampshire	790	415	-6,476	4	1	16,810	2.7	-818	-92,374	41	2	16,853
New Jersey	12,978	-5,290	-21,432	33	13	117,053	3.1	4,188	-469,479	339	199	117,591
New Mexico	3,682	286	-3,376	0	1	25,844	3.4	-854	-82,870	163	52	26,059
New York	19,505	-1,303	-170,193	12	28	327,736	3.8	-13,468	-1,680,727	404	359	328,499
North Carolina	6,437	-700	-37,765	2	11	47,671	1.1	15	-516,397	159	201	48,031
North Dakota	526	-84	-2,452	4	0	3,552	0.9	-270	-27,548	15	4	3,571
Ohio	13,731	-3,844	-28,844	7	16	100,280	1.9	-6,944	-525,501	154	145	100,579
Oklahoma	8,360	-284	-35,354	38	8	9,533	0.6	-10,726	-129,663	100	77	9,710
Oregon	8,354	-881	-20,098	35	14	55,538	3.0	-2,949	-237,543	303	125	55,966
Pennsylvania	24,253	1,347	-31,121	97	24	205,159	3.8	-3,942	-702,093	1,081	303	206,543
Puerto Rico	2,367	343	-11,154	5	3	36,670	4.5	1,042	-157,602	265	42	36,977
Rhode Island	8,957	644	6,020	4	1	20,387	4.6	398	-67,579	55	38	20,480
South Carolina	2,083	-505	-23,297	4	8	38,107	1.9	-69	-203,686	54	76	38,237
South Dakota	232	-177	-3,239	4	1	2,483	0.6	-40	-19,971	54	2	2,539
Tennessee	6,252	-1,469	-19,187	15	5	52,782	1.6	-525	-274,986	79	19	52,880
Texas	25,041	-2,527	-102,676	83	96	215,765	1.8	-13,021	-1,056,792	638	1,322	217,725
Utah	3,301	259	-2,104	22	5	12,978	0.9	-164	-69,076	53	22	13,053
Vermont	358	0	-1,194	0	0	8,502	3.0	-1,675	-41,783	8	0	8,510
Virgin Islands	460	252	413	0	0	1,006	2.8	166	-3,528	0	0	1,006
Virginia	9,843	-799	-29,399	8	15	54,163	1.5	-6,250	-348,763	273	265	54,701
Washington	11,894	-8,020	-37,542	18	15	78,827	2.4	-15,065	-514,460	279	575	79,681
West Virginia	3,966	-2,563	-938	0	0	17,220	2.7	-1,074	-75,866	132	27	17,379
Wisconsin	9,501	-379	-19,466	13	8	70,374	2.2	-3,783	-221,303	197	57	70,628
Wyoming	568	-108	-2,232	2	0	3,210	1.3	-197	-14,421	28	2	3,240
Totals	419,436	-35,167	-1,483,357	840	501	3,481,303	2.5	-190,041	-15,556,438	12,227	6,998	3,500,528

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 22, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
DE	+2,187	No comment.
IL	+1,688	Layoffs in the other services, wholesale trade, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
PA	+1,347	Layoffs in the professional, scientific and technical services, accommodation and food services, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WA	-8,020	No comment.
NJ	-5,290	No comment.
FL	-4,679	No comment.
OH	-3,844	No comment.
MI	-2,605	No comment.
WV	-2,563	No comment.
TX	-2,527	No comment.
TN	-1,469	No comment.
NY	-1,303	Fewer layoffs in the construction, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries.
KY	-1,180	No comment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

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