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REVISION TO SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Beginning with the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Weekly Claims News Release issued Thursday, April 7, 2022, the methodology used to seasonally adjust the national initial claims and continued claims reflects a change in the estimation of the models.

Seasonal adjustment factors can be either multiplicative or additive. A multiplicative seasonal effect is assumed to be proportional to the level of the series. A sudden large increase in the level of the series will be accompanied by a proportionally large seasonal effect. In contrast, an additive seasonal effect is assumed to be unaffected by the level of the series. In times of relative economic stability, the multiplicative option is generally preferred over the additive option. However, in the presence of a large level shift in a time series, multiplicative seasonal adjustment factors can result in systematic over- or under-adjustment of the series; in such cases, additive seasonal adjustment factors are preferred since they tend to track seasonal fluctuations more accurately in the series and have smaller revisions.

Prior to the pandemic, the unemployment insurance claims series used multiplicative models to seasonally adjust the claims. Starting in March 2020, Bureau of Labor Statistics staff, who provide the seasonal adjustment factors, specified these series as additive. Now that most of the large effects of the pandemic on the UI series have lessened, the seasonal adjustment models are once again specified as multiplicative models. Statistical tests show that the UI series should, in normal times, be estimated multiplicatively.

While the pandemic period remains within the five-year revision period, the UI series will use a hybrid adjustment approach. For the most volatile economic periods of the pandemic, the series will continue to be additively adjusted for the revised series. Before and after these periods, the series will be adjusted multiplicatively. For consistency, all seasonal factors on our website are now shown as multiplicative where any additive factors were converted to implicit multiplicative factors. Note that in recent weeks, beyond the most volatile period of the series, any changes from additive to multiplicative can result in one-time larger revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates than usual.

For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

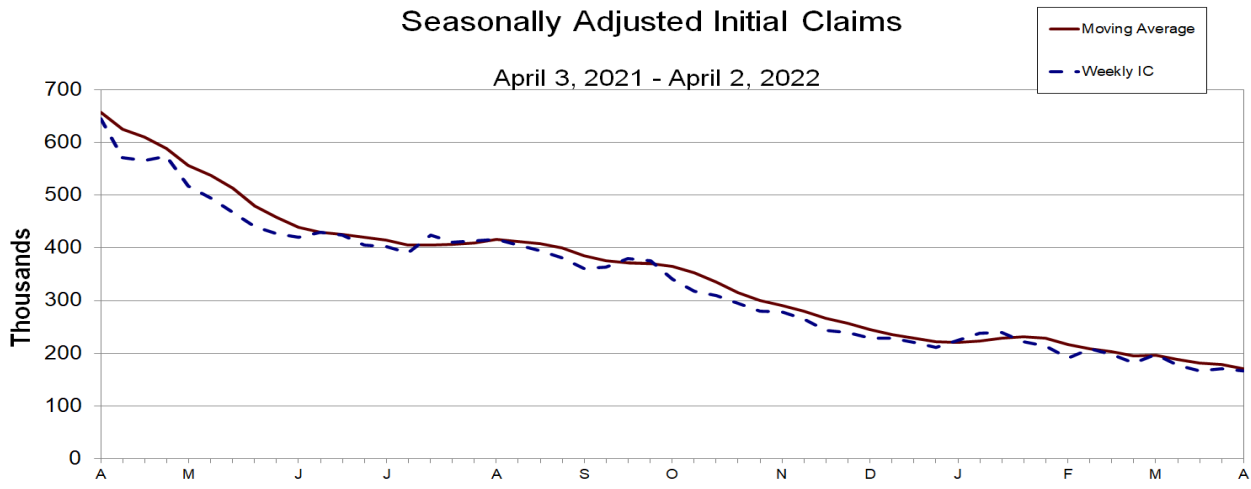
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 166,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 31,000 from 202,000 to 171,000. The 4-week moving average was 170,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 30,500 from 208,500 to 178,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending March 26, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.2 from 0.9 to 1.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 26 was 1,523,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 199,000 from 1,307,000 to 1,506,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,541,250, a decrease of 35,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 187,500 from 1,389,000 to 1,576,500.

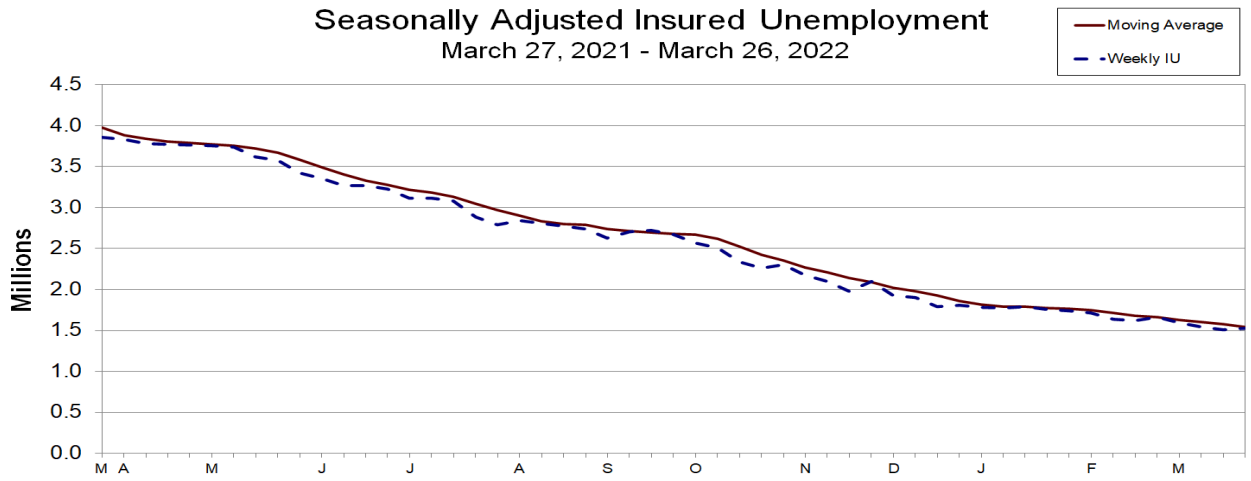
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

April 3, 2021 - April 2, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

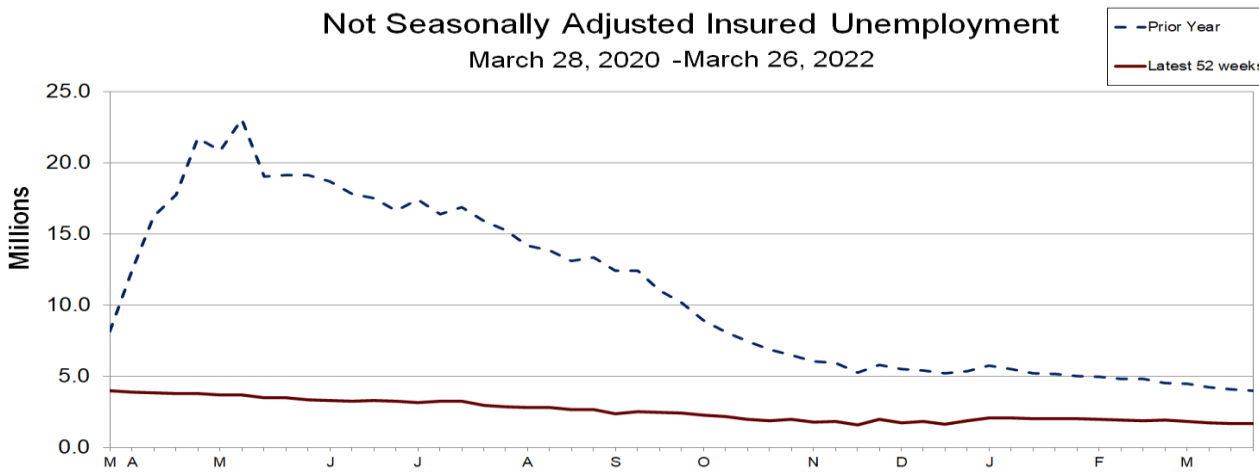
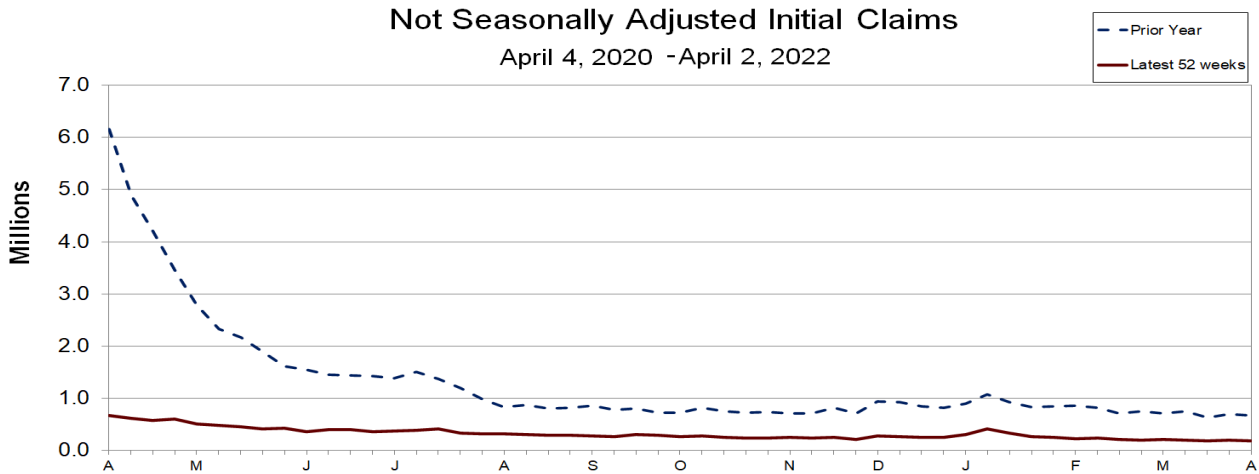
March 27, 2021 - March 26, 2022



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 193,137 in the week ending April 2, a decrease of 3,674 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,054 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 668,346 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending March 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,650,788, a decrease of 20,365 (or -1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 39,144 (or -2.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.8 percent and the volume was 4,002,030.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 19 was 1,723,024, a decrease of 52,806 from the previous week. There were 18,387,297 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending March 19, Extended Benefits were available in the following state: New Jersey.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 489 in the week ending March 26, a decrease of 10 from the prior week. There were 338 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 38 from the preceding week.

There were 8,777 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 19, a decrease of 952 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,331, a decrease of 299 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 19 were in California (2.4), New Jersey (2.4), Alaska (2.2), Illinois (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), Minnesota (2.0), New York (1.9), and the Virgin Islands (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 26 were in Ohio (+3,580), Michigan (+3,545), California (+3,256), Texas (+2,251), and New York (+761), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-2,034), Pennsylvania (-732), Tennessee (-235), Florida (-165), and Connecticut (-138).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 2	March 26	Change	March 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	166,000	171,000	-5,000	166,000	645,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	193,137	196,811	-3,674	182,339	668,346
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	170,000	178,000	-8,000	180,750	657,250

WEEK ENDING	March 26	March 19	Change	March 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,523,000	1,506,000	+17,000	1,542,000	3,859,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,650,788	1,671,153	-20,365	1,722,208	4,002,030
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,541,250	1,576,500	-35,250	1,605,750	3,975,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	2.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	2.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	March 26	March 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	489	499	-10	1,185
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	338	376	-38	552

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	March 19	March 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,667,488	1,718,356	-50,868	4,037,919
Federal Employees	8,777	9,729	-952	17,117
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,331	4,630	-299	7,978
Extended Benefits ⁴	28,140	27,995	+145	787,113
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,906	1,880	+26	1,814
STC / Workshare ⁶	12,382	13,240	-858	94,222
TOTAL⁷	1,723,024	1,775,830	-52,806	18,387,297

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 138,088,262 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended April 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,146	2,077	69	3,153	3,757	-604
Alaska	908	856	52	5,818	6,126	-308
Arizona	2,638	2,671	-33	11,461	12,909	-1,448
Arkansas	845	1,434	-589	7,325	7,328	-3
California	44,091	42,311	1,780	396,202	387,804	8,398
Colorado	1,515	1,460	55	14,147	14,660	-513
Connecticut	2,091	2,211	-120	23,564	25,297	-1,733
Delaware	298	420	-122	3,557	3,607	-50
District of Columbia	817	1,464	-647	4,424	5,247	-823
Florida	4,964	4,701	263	31,051	32,512	-1,461
Georgia	3,873	4,026	-153	74,607	29,444	45,163
Hawaii	1,612	1,154	458	7,144	6,466	678
Idaho	832	1,117	-285	5,012	5,691	-679
Illinois	8,111	7,707	404	95,226	114,576	-19,350
Indiana	3,559	3,226	333	21,706	21,993	-287
Iowa	1,469	1,547	-78	16,639	17,498	-859
Kansas	971	1,118	-147	4,735	5,239	-504
Kentucky	1,404	2,468	-1,064	10,247	10,566	-319
Louisiana	1,378	1,432	-54	9,516	10,770	-1,254
Maine	732	605	127	6,685	7,030	-345
Maryland	1,497	2,021	-524	17,214	20,843	-3,629
Massachusetts	3,469	3,817	-348	61,321	65,580	-4,259
Michigan	5,834	8,433	-2,599	48,014	57,522	-9,508
Minnesota	3,263	3,100	163	56,264	54,030	2,234
Mississippi	816	846	-30	3,613	4,505	-892
Missouri	2,824	2,857	-33	13,714	14,036	-322
Montana	533	585	-52	6,150	6,571	-421
Nebraska	476	487	-11	3,841	4,292	-451
Nevada	2,057	1,730	327	13,395	15,104	-1,709
New Hampshire	254	269	-15	2,186	2,470	-284
New Jersey	5,846	7,258	-1,412	87,969	88,985	-1,016
New Mexico	719	767	-48	8,599	8,769	-170
New York	12,715	13,510	-795	155,922	163,416	-7,494
North Carolina	2,590	2,530	60	12,909	13,880	-971
North Dakota	216	189	27	4,455	4,585	-130
Ohio	17,646	16,182	1,464	47,316	47,668	-352
Oklahoma	2,418	2,946	-528	11,123	11,921	-798
Oregon	3,608	3,505	103	24,281	23,728	553
Pennsylvania	8,700	7,236	1,464	80,660	87,957	-7,297
Puerto Rico	837	841	-4	12,024	12,024	-833
Rhode Island	692	594	98	8,560	9,119	-559
South Carolina	1,455	1,581	-126	8,439	9,174	-735
South Dakota	99	117	-18	1,967	2,269	-302
Tennessee	2,359	1,885	474	11,816	12,438	-622
Texas	12,842	15,411	-2,569	93,437	99,428	-5,991
Utah	1,814	1,637	177	6,464	6,969	-505
Vermont	296	297	-1	3,375	3,344	31
Virgin Islands	17	23	-6	552	598	-46
Virginia	2,042	1,627	415	7,573	6,684	889
Washington	4,313	4,257	56	43,290	42,285	1,005
West Virginia	533	558	-25	6,849	6,902	-53
Wisconsin	5,844	5,409	435	32,961	32,004	957
Wyoming	259	301	-42	2,316	2,700	-384
US Total	193,137	196,811	-3,674	1,650,788	1,671,153	-20,365

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.

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 27, 2021	658	31	669.25	3,859	-28	3,975.25	2.7
April 3, 2021	645	-13	657.25	3,830	-29	3,886.50	2.8
April 10, 2021	571	-74	625.25	3,779	-51	3,838.75	2.7
April 17, 2021	566	-5	610.00	3,776	-3	3,811.00	2.7
April 24, 2021	574	8	589.00	3,767	-9	3,788.00	2.7
May 1, 2021	517	-57	557.00	3,756	-11	3,769.50	2.7
May 8, 2021	494	-23	537.75	3,737	-19	3,759.00	2.7
May 15, 2021	467	-27	513.00	3,618	-119	3,719.50	2.6
May 22, 2021	441	-26	479.75	3,575	-43	3,671.50	2.6
May 29, 2021	427	-14	457.25	3,422	-153	3,588.00	2.5
June 5, 2021	420	-7	438.75	3,352	-70	3,491.75	2.4
June 12, 2021	429	9	429.25	3,271	-81	3,405.00	2.3
June 19, 2021	424	-5	425.00	3,266	-5	3,327.75	2.3
June 26, 2021	405	-19	419.50	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-2	415.25	3,116	-114	3,220.75	2.3
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,523	17	1,541.25	1.1
April 2, 2022	166	-5	170.00				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	March 19	March 12	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	17	21	-4
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	1,340	1,410	-70
Colorado	0	1	-1
Connecticut	56	17	39
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	3	-3
Florida	78	69	9
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	3	10	-7
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	7	0	7
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1	2	-1
Maine	3	3	0
Maryland	7	6	1
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	7	0	7
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	1	1	0
Missouri	4	3	1
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	2	4	-2
New Hampshire	4	1	3
New Jersey	26,217	25,904	313
New Mexico	0	63	-63
New York	69	45	24
North Carolina	9	13	-4
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	5	0	5
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	11	29	-18
Pennsylvania	85	95	-10
Puerto Rico	67	53	14
Rhode Island	1	1	0
South Carolina	12	9	3
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	2	-2
Texas	114	47	67
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	1	1	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	2	0
Wisconsin	14	177	-163
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	28,140	27,995	145

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
MARCH 26

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
MARCH 19

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	2,077	247	-16,633	11	1	3,757	0.2	-118	-12,188	33	20	3,810
Alaska	856	-61	-2,474	2	2	6,126	2.2	-289	-8,792	106	12	6,244
Arizona	2,671	313	-2,702	0	0	12,909	0.5	-301	-34,766	136	12	13,057
Arkansas	1,434	520	-1,402	2	0	7,328	0.6	-885	-13,852	50	11	7,389
California	42,311	3,256	-64,093	137	69	387,804	2.4	-8,273	-245,788	2,132	1,016	390,952
Colorado	1,460	187	-3,750	2	7	14,660	0.6	-824	-32,913	240	97	14,997
Connecticut	2,211	-138	-3,100	5	7	25,297	1.6	-1,622	-52,343	44	45	25,386
Delaware	420	11	-1,119	2	1	3,607	0.9	-333	-7,409	16	7	3,630
District of Columbia	1,464	-17	-913	7	0	5,247	1.0	-1,002	-14,871	64	1	5,312
Florida	4,701	-165	-11,015	14	26	32,512	0.4	-688	-84,000	170	116	32,798
Georgia	4,026	-79	-35,256	19	14	29,444	0.7	-2,268	-103,377	266	110	29,820
Hawaii	1,154	-113	-4,444	2	7	6,466	1.3	-498	-9,378	61	93	6,620
Idaho	1,117	224	-4,866	7	0	5,691	0.8	-652	-5,093	162	20	5,873
Illinois	7,707	604	-6,482	9	3	114,576	2.1	10,145	-100,588	362	128	115,066
Indiana	3,226	-48	-6,034	3	4	21,993	0.8	-1,401	-36,188	75	31	22,099
Iowa	1,547	-39	-3,055	1	1	17,498	1.2	-1,899	-22,159	26	12	17,536
Kansas	1,118	149	-1,434	1	4	5,239	0.4	-1,472	-4,935	31	16	5,286
Kentucky	2,468	-2,034	-22,370	4	1	10,566	0.6	-7,598	-22,811	51	45	10,662
Louisiana	1,432	-25	-11,413	1	1	10,770	0.6	-610	-31,776	45	14	10,829
Maine	605	68	-998	2	2	7,030	1.2	-137	-8,062	24	9	7,063
Maryland	2,021	360	-8,274	4	0	20,843	0.9	-1,154	-30,701	146	56	21,045
Massachusetts	3,817	9	-15,098	12	4	65,580	2.0	-3,256	-59,718	135	70	65,785
Michigan	8,433	3,545	-2,710	3	3	57,522	1.4	92	-81,919	120	58	57,700
Minnesota	3,100	58	-7,395	9	7	54,030	2.0	-2,420	-45,761	120	64	54,214
Mississippi	846	-122	-4,091	6	1	4,505	0.4	86	-21,565	67	9	4,581
Missouri	2,857	14	-5,368	1	2	14,036	0.5	-1,261	-33,044	78	20	14,134
Montana	585	-26	-2,013	12	1	6,571	1.4	-1,294	-6,445	356	12	6,939
Nebraska	487	-78	-1,394	1	1	4,292	0.5	-565	-7,645	8	4	4,304
Nevada	1,730	-6	-9,947	2	1	15,104	1.2	-288	-55,405	117	37	15,258
New Hampshire	269	-48	-1,344	0	0	2,470	0.4	-118	-19,805	4	3	2,477
New Jersey	7,258	-21	-9,470	26	15	88,985	2.4	1,399	-26,671	255	187	89,427
New Mexico	767	163	-2,100	1	0	8,769	1.2	-373	-19,743	171	29	8,969
New York	13,510	761	-26,266	16	18	163,416	1.9	-7,555	-204,815	450	268	164,134
North Carolina	2,530	127	-4,404	6	0	13,880	0.3	178	-41,011	71	85	14,036
North Dakota	189	-35	-679	0	1	4,585	1.2	-566	-3,341	8	1	4,594
Ohio	16,182	3,580	-38,336	8	11	47,668	1.0	-3,531	-136,587	85	81	47,834
Oklahoma	2,946	685	-6,136	8	4	11,921	0.8	299	-30,585	65	49	12,035
Oregon	3,505	354	-6,285	23	3	23,728	1.3	-1,530	-32,848	510	45	24,283
Pennsylvania	7,236	-732	-14,335	11	8	87,957	1.6	-4,675	-161,087	272	78	88,307
Puerto Rico	841	-68	-833	3	2	12,857	1.6	27	-37,226	253	48	13,158
Rhode Island	594	-54	-3,942	2	2	9,119	2.1	-622	-8,556	30	27	9,176
South Carolina	1,581	-61	-1,565	5	3	9,174	0.5	-443	-25,296	47	36	9,257
South Dakota	117	3	-182	1	0	2,269	0.6	-241	-2,580	31	2	2,302
Tennessee	1,885	-235	-6,265	9	7	12,438	0.4	-625	-31,523	30	16	12,484
Texas	15,411	2,251	-71,902	47	61	99,428	0.8	2,983	-221,136	512	873	100,813
Utah	1,637	342	-1,618	13	3	6,969	0.5	-641	-6,035	147	17	7,133
Vermont	297	-32	-1,214	0	0	3,344	1.2	-180	-7,204	3	0	3,347
Virgin Islands	23	-13	-90	0	0	598	1.7	192	-1,476	0	0	598
Virginia	1,627	81	-26,617	1	3	6,684	0.2	-270	-50,388	42	52	6,778
Washington	4,257	306	-7,579	13	24	42,285	1.3	-1,607	-60,087	342	254	42,881
West Virginia	558	-10	-5,086	1	1	6,902	1.1	-557	-11,505	48	21	6,971
Wisconsin	5,409	646	-7,620	3	1	32,004	1.2	-1,814	-63,119	99	12	32,115
Wyoming	301	-132	-551	11	1	2,700	1.1	0	-2,060	61	2	2,763
Totals	196,811	14,472	-504,262	489	338	1,671,153	1.2	-51,055	-2,398,176	8,777	4,331	1,684,261

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 26, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	+3,580	No comment.
MI	+3,545	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+3,256	Layoffs in the service industry.
TX	+2,251	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-2,034	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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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