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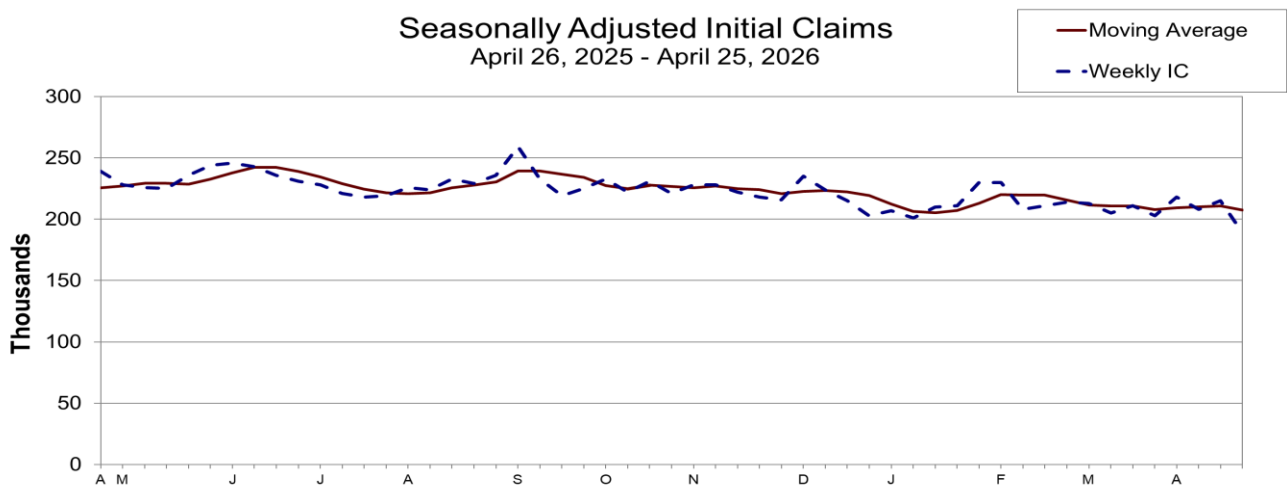
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

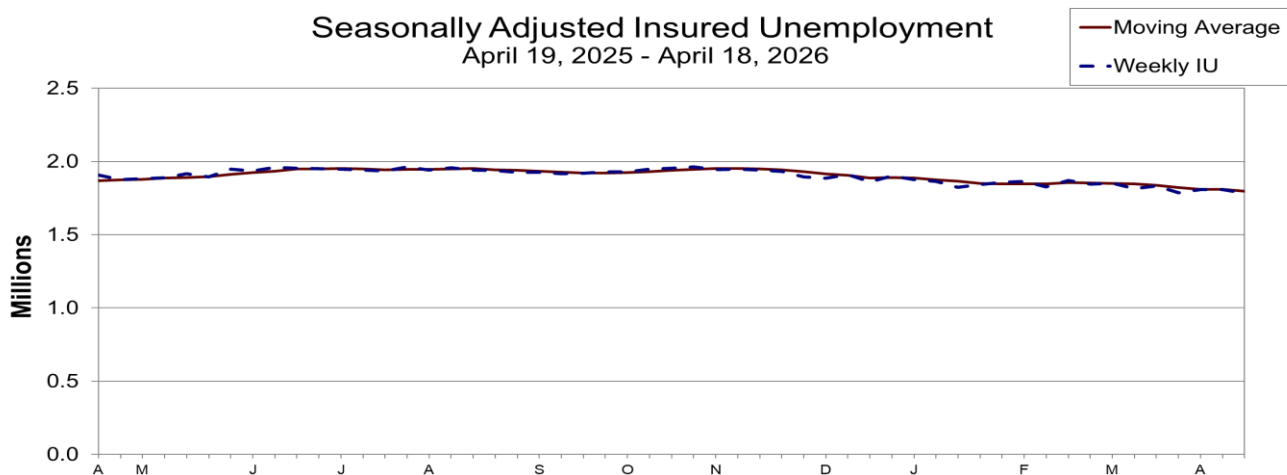
In the week ending April 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 189,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 214,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,500, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 210,750 to 211,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending April 18, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 18 was 1,785,000, a decrease of 23,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 13,000 from 1,821,000 to 1,808,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,797,250, a decrease of 11,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,250 from 1,812,250 to 1,809,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
April 26, 2025 - April 25, 2026



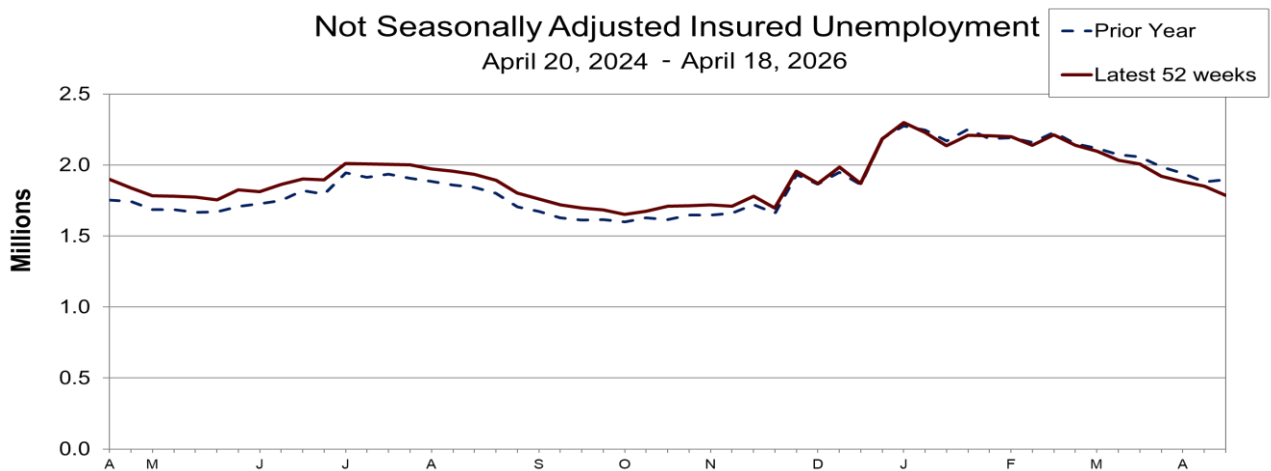
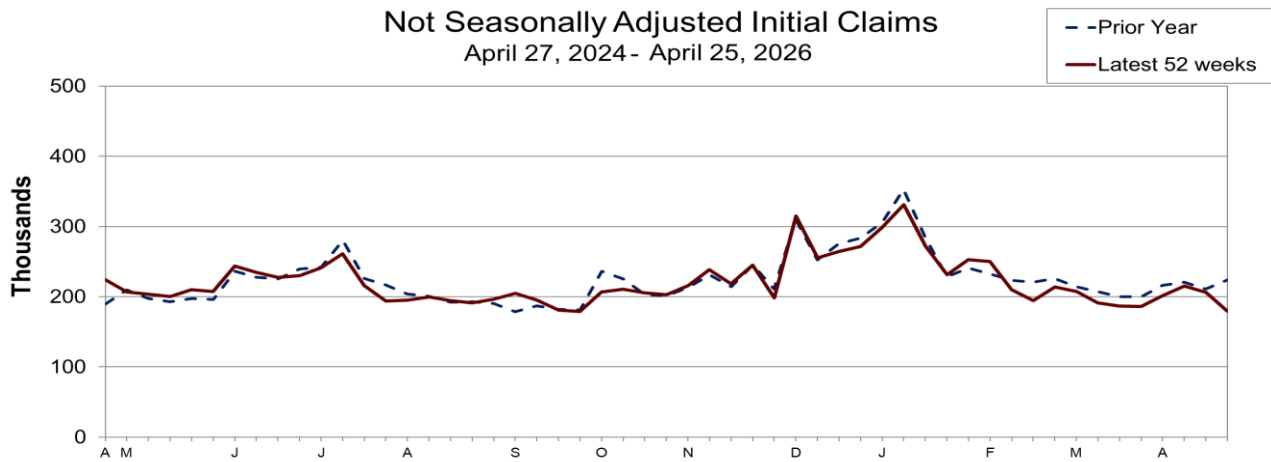
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
April 19, 2025 - April 18, 2026



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 179,765 in the week ending April 25, a decrease of 26,668 (or -12.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,724 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 224,021 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending April 18, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,785,439, a decrease of 63,704 (or -3.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 41,574 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,898,153.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending April 11 was 1,880,515, a decrease of 35,858 from the previous week. There were 1,909,033 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 446 in the week ending April 18, a decrease of 6 from the prior week. There were 361 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 19 from the preceding week.

There were 9,343 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending April 11, a decrease of 691 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,565, an increase of 82 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 11 were in New Jersey (2.5), Massachusetts (2.2), Washington (2.2), California (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), New York (2.0), Minnesota (1.9), Illinois (1.8), Oregon (1.8), Nevada (1.7), and Puerto Rico (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 18 were in New York (+2,885), California (+1,590), Tennessee (+1,562), Kentucky (+1,179), and South Carolina (+1,115), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-4,280), Pennsylvania (-2,742), Virginia (-1,528), Wisconsin (-1,248), and Indiana (-1,150).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	April 25	April 18	Change	April 11	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	189,000	215,000	-26,000	208,000	239,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	179,765	206,433	-26,668	215,042	224,021
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	207,500	211,000	-3,500	210,000	225,750

WEEK ENDING	April 18	April 11	Change	April 4	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,785,000	1,808,000	-23,000	1,809,000	1,906,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,785,439	1,849,143	-63,704	1,883,314	1,898,153
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,797,250	1,809,000	-11,750	1,811,000	1,868,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 18	April 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	446	452	-6	466
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	361	380	-19	360

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

WEEK ENDING	April 11	April 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,843,081	1,876,897	-33,816	1,874,338
Federal Employees	9,343	10,034	-691	6,640
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,565	4,483	+82	4,396
Extended Benefits ³	23	22	+1	103
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,437	3,599	-162	3,062
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,066	21,338	-1,272	20,494
TOTAL	1,880,515	1,916,373	-35,858	1,909,033

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 153,547,535 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended April 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended April 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,553	1,772	-219	6,947	7,410	-463
Alaska	718	490	228	4,200	4,350	-150
Arizona	3,335	4,115	-780	18,823	19,446	-623
Arkansas	1,925	850	1,075	4,368	4,512	-144
California	38,195	42,464	-4,269	367,025	369,683	-2,658
Colorado	3,541	3,412	129	34,132	32,821	1,311
Connecticut	3,008	5,257	-2,249	26,677	23,844	2,833
Delaware	232	328	-96	5,269	5,501	-232
District of Columbia	629	509	120	7,703	7,196	507
Florida	5,375	5,659	-284	26,793	29,996	-3,203
Georgia	3,784	5,014	-1,230	24,022	26,458	-2,436
Hawaii	1,130	1,331	-201	6,106	6,016	90
Idaho	689	718	-29	5,347	5,838	-491
Illinois	7,215	7,118	97	99,331	105,793	-6,462
Indiana	2,146	2,479	-333	20,185	21,000	-815
Iowa	1,288	1,206	82	7,764	8,781	-1,017
Kansas	1,066	1,284	-218	8,076	7,342	734
Kentucky	1,454	2,872	-1,418	13,520	10,277	3,243
Louisiana	1,302	1,297	5	4,889	6,038	-1,149
Maine	616	548	68	7,665	8,000	-335
Maryland	1,783	1,925	-142	22,449	22,941	-492
Massachusetts	4,666	4,329	337	74,214	79,294	-5,080
Michigan	4,117	4,473	-356	60,954	68,395	-7,441
Minnesota	3,061	3,230	-169	52,196	54,998	-2,802
Mississippi	1,122	930	192	5,639	4,025	1,614
Missouri	2,115	2,267	-152	15,139	15,543	-404
Montana	474	582	-108	6,586	6,675	-89
Nebraska	451	558	-107	5,154	5,612	-458
Nevada	2,251	2,506	-255	25,118	25,900	-782
New Hampshire	329	405	-76	3,331	4,300	-969
New Jersey	7,457	8,501	-1,044	96,567	106,266	-9,699
New Mexico	779	784	-5	10,265	10,089	176
New York	13,563	24,373	-10,810	167,229	189,019	-21,790
North Carolina	2,920	3,104	-184	17,657	17,193	464
North Dakota	239	282	-43	3,589	4,073	-484
Ohio	4,232	5,406	-1,174	44,758	47,343	-2,585
Oklahoma	1,141	1,227	-86	9,849	9,806	43
Oregon	3,867	4,406	-539	34,762	35,353	-591
Pennsylvania	7,962	8,159	-197	78,561	83,692	-5,131
Puerto Rico *	1,813	1,065	748	16,833	15,455	1,378
Rhode Island	2,736	713	2,023	9,762	10,224	-462
South Carolina	1,889	3,897	-2,008	14,789	15,707	-918
South Dakota	171	147	24	1,643	1,859	-216
Tennessee	2,823	4,015	-1,192	14,896	13,912	984
Texas	14,966	16,233	-1,267	145,403	144,082	1,321
Utah	1,394	1,554	-160	12,363	12,523	-160
Vermont	756	411	345	3,283	3,268	15
Virgin Islands *	39	31	8	165	170	-5
Virginia	2,180	2,246	-66	20,667	20,334	333
Washington	5,475	5,969	-494	81,698	79,559	2,139
West Virginia	647	573	74	6,447	5,973	474
Wisconsin	2,828	2,939	-111	22,243	23,072	-829
Wyoming	318	470	-152	2,388	2,186	202
US Total	179,765	206,433	-26,668	1,785,439	1,849,143	-63,704

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 OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
April 19, 2025	224	7	221.00	1,906	66	1,868.50	1.3
April 26, 2025	239	15	225.75	1,876	-30	1,874.50	1.2
May 3, 2025	228	-11	227.00	1,884	8	1,876.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	226	-2	229.25	1,889	5	1,888.75	1.2
May 17, 2025	225	-1	229.50	1,917	28	1,891.50	1.3
May 24, 2025	236	11	228.75	1,896	-21	1,896.50	1.2
May 31, 2025	244	8	232.75	1,947	51	1,912.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	246	2	237.75	1,935	-12	1,923.75	1.3
June 14, 2025	243	-3	242.25	1,960	25	1,934.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	236	-7	242.25	1,954	-6	1,949.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	231	-5	239.00	1,952	-2	1,950.25	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-3	234.50	1,949	-3	1,953.75	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.00	1,941	-8	1,949.00	1.3
July 19, 2025	218	-3	224.50	1,936	-5	1,944.50	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	1	221.50	1,963	27	1,947.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	226	7	221.00	1,942	-21	1,945.50	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-2	221.75	1,957	15	1,949.50	1.3
August 16, 2025	233	9	225.50	1,942	-15	1,951.00	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-4	228.00	1,937	-5	1,944.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.50	1,927	-10	1,940.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	259	23	239.25	1,925	-2	1,932.75	1.3
September 13, 2025	233	-26	239.25	1,916	-9	1,926.25	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-14	236.75	1,921	5	1,922.25	1.3
September 27, 2025	225	6	234.00	1,929	8	1,922.75	1.3
October 4, 2025	233	8	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	222	-11	224.75	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	231	9	227.75	1,953	6	1,939.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	221	-10	226.75	1,962	9	1,947.50	1.3
November 1, 2025	228	7	225.50	1,946	-16	1,952.00	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	0	227.00	1,949	3	1,952.50	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,943	-6	1,950.00	1.3
November 22, 2025	218	-4	224.00	1,932	-11	1,942.50	1.3
November 29, 2025	216	-2	221.00	1,894	-38	1,929.50	1.2
December 6, 2025	235	19	222.75	1,887	-7	1,914.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-11	223.25	1,910	23	1,905.75	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	222.50	1,860	-50	1,887.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	203	-12	219.25	1,900	40	1,889.25	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	4	212.25	1,875	-25	1,886.25	1.2
January 10, 2026	201	-6	206.50	1,865	-10	1,875.00	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	9	205.25	1,823	-42	1,865.75	1.2
January 24, 2026	211	1	207.25	1,842	19	1,851.25	1.2
January 31, 2026	230	19	213.00	1,859	17	1,847.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	230	0	220.25	1,865	6	1,847.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-22	219.75	1,827	-38	1,848.25	1.2
February 21, 2026	211	3	219.75	1,871	44	1,855.50	1.2
February 28, 2026	214	3	215.75	1,847	-24	1,852.50	1.2
March 7, 2026	213	-1	211.50	1,851	4	1,849.00	1.2
March 14, 2026	205	-8	210.75	1,816	-35	1,846.25	1.2
March 21, 2026	211	6	210.75	1,832	16	1,836.50	1.2
March 28, 2026	203	-8	208.00	1,787	-45	1,821.50	1.2
April 4, 2026	218	15	209.25	1,809	22	1,811.00	1.2
April 11, 2026	208	-10	210.00	1,808	-1	1,809.00	1.2
April 18, 2026	215	7	211.00	1,785	-23	1,797.25	1.2
April 25, 2026	189	-26	207.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
APRIL 18

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
APRIL 11

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,772	-40	-15	6	3	7,410	0.4	-96	-890	53	20	7,483
Alaska	490	-7	-50	1	0	4,350	1.4	-101	-120	49	1	4,400
Arizona	4,115	95	-774	8	4	19,446	0.6	815	-6,429	120	33	19,599
Arkansas	850	-616	-478	0	0	4,512	0.3	-25	-2,929	10	4	4,526
California	42,464	1,590	350	98	66	369,683	2.1	7,561	-31,141	1,596	1,176	372,455
Colorado	3,412	-233	188	6	6	32,821	1.2	707	1,658	243	205	33,269
Connecticut	5,257	1,095	-342	0	2	23,844	1.4	-1,176	251	59	19	23,922
Delaware	328	-429	89	1	0	5,501	1.2	265	780	8	12	5,521
District of Columbia	509	-142	-225	26	1	7,196	1.3	-117	-3,018	792	5	7,993
Florida	5,659	-728	-401	20	17	29,996	0.3	827	-2,711	148	59	30,203
Georgia	5,014	186	656	25	9	26,458	0.6	737	-1,978	254	93	26,805
Hawaii	1,331	259	490	0	7	6,016	1.0	183	965	64	53	6,133
Idaho	718	-58	-271	0	0	5,838	0.7	-685	-846	32	10	5,880
Illinois	7,118	-528	-2,171	8	6	105,793	1.8	-3,209	-4,291	383	100	106,276
Indiana	2,479	-1,150	-130	1	4	21,000	0.7	34	-1,250	58	25	21,083
Iowa	1,206	-148	-348	2	1	8,781	0.6	-1,430	-1,695	15	1	8,797
Kansas	1,284	-673	104	10	1	7,342	0.5	397	-1,276	28	23	7,393
Kentucky	2,872	1,179	894	1	0	10,277	0.5	-4,372	-2,974	73	30	10,380
Louisiana	1,297	-243	-211	2	1	6,038	0.3	103	-4,442	33	10	6,081
Maine	548	-57	30	0	0	8,000	1.3	-556	209	32	6	8,038
Maryland	1,925	-487	-1,402	25	12	22,941	0.9	-1,570	-1,595	534	57	23,532
Massachusetts	4,329	-6	-549	0	0	79,294	2.2	-5,563	9,876	297	53	79,644
Michigan	4,473	1	-2,344	3	0	68,395	1.6	-3,671	7,457	134	33	68,562
Minnesota	3,230	-817	-156	4	3	54,998	1.9	-6,170	189	98	58	55,154
Mississippi	930	-128	-15	5	0	4,025	0.4	-1,701	-2,077	64	3	4,092
Missouri	2,267	-277	-1,802	4	0	15,543	0.5	-493	-1,862	66	8	15,617
Montana	582	21	104	6	1	6,675	1.3	-1,192	174	106	14	6,795
Nebraska	558	-166	25	1	0	5,612	0.6	-201	732	12	3	5,627
Nevada	2,506	-290	-325	0	3	25,900	1.7	-168	1,586	81	68	26,049
New Hampshire	405	-70	11	0	1	4,300	0.6	-145	606	3	1	4,304
New Jersey	8,501	-4,280	-4,152	8	15	106,266	2.5	116	6,006	271	250	106,787
New Mexico	784	16	40	7	5	10,089	1.2	200	-383	80	23	10,192
New York	24,373	2,885	9,855	24	18	189,019	2.0	3,368	27,156	586	222	189,827
North Carolina	3,104	-110	-52	7	20	17,193	0.4	-1,712	-6,637	84	83	17,360
North Dakota	282	6	54	2	2	4,073	1.0	-592	356	8	3	4,084
Ohio	5,406	520	-220	5	9	47,343	0.9	-3,398	-7,161	112	84	47,539
Oklahoma	1,227	-40	15	3	3	9,806	0.6	152	-354	38	30	9,874
Oregon	4,406	82	304	6	2	35,353	1.8	-1,200	2,753	292	68	35,713
Pennsylvania	8,159	-2,742	-2,765	18	9	83,692	1.4	-6,993	-7,420	477	113	84,282
Puerto Rico	1,065	-212	613	11	2	15,455	1.7	-678	2,764	298	68	15,821
Rhode Island	713	30	-2,037	5	0	10,224	2.1	-1,037	-216	38	14	10,276
South Carolina	3,897	1,115	1,008	5	4	15,707	0.7	1,627	903	45	38	15,790
South Dakota	147	-41	10	3	0	1,859	0.4	-260	66	10	2	1,871
Tennessee	4,015	1,562	1,356	2	9	13,912	0.4	-664	-1,078	32	35	13,979
Texas	16,233	-1,030	914	45	88	144,082	1.0	711	-4,169	608	845	145,535
Utah	1,554	-168	-117	5	2	12,523	0.7	-218	284	119	20	12,662
Vermont	411	-69	-85	0	0	3,268	1.1	55	75	1	0	3,269
Virgin Islands	31	11	17	0	0	170	0.5	-22	-58	6	2	178
Virginia	2,246	-1,528	-138	13	1	20,334	0.5	1,064	2,877	242	82	20,658
Washington	5,969	-516	185	6	21	79,559	2.2	63	2,210	428	383	80,370
West Virginia	573	-6	-18	1	1	5,973	0.9	-427	-665	48	6	6,027
Wisconsin	2,939	-1,248	-135	2	2	23,072	0.8	-3,286	-1,596	43	10	23,125
Wyoming	470	21	33	5	0	2,186	0.8	-28	99	32	1	2,219
Totals	206,433	-8,609	-4,383	446	361	1,849,143	1.2	-34,171	-31,229	9,343	4,565	1,863,051

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+2,885	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and in educational services industries.
CA	+1,590	No comment.
TN	+1,562	No comment.
KY	+1,179	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
SC	+1,115	No comment.
CT	+1,095	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-4,280	No comment.
PA	-2,742	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and in construction industries.
VA	-1,528	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing and information industries.
WI	-1,248	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing and in accommodation and food services industries.
IN	-1,150	No comment.
TX	-1,030	Fewer layoffs in accommodation and food services and in retail trade 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. 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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