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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report now includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

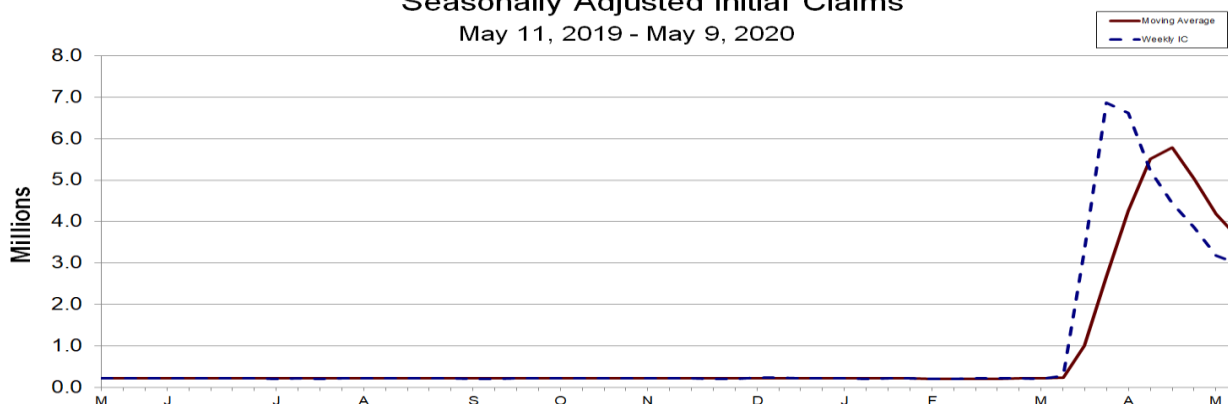
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

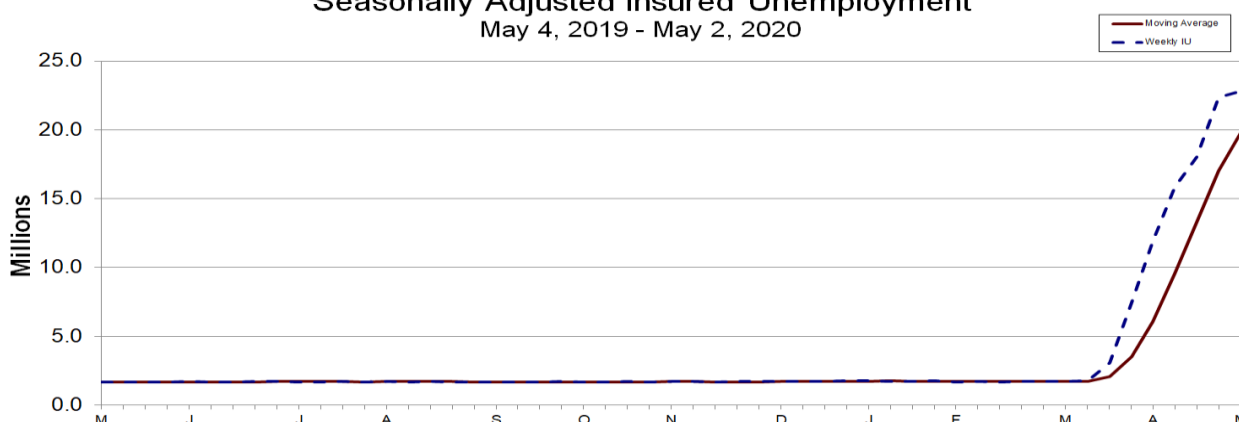
In the week ending May 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 2,981,000, a decrease of 195,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 7,000 from 3,169,000 to 3,176,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,616,500, a decrease of 564,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 7,000 from 4,173,500 to 4,180,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 15.7 percent for the week ending May 2, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 15.5 to 15.4 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 2 was 22,833,000, an increase of 456,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 270,000 from 22,647,000 to 22,377,000. The 4-week moving average was 19,760,000, an increase of 2,729,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 67,500 from 17,097,750 to 17,030,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
May 11, 2019 - May 9, 2020



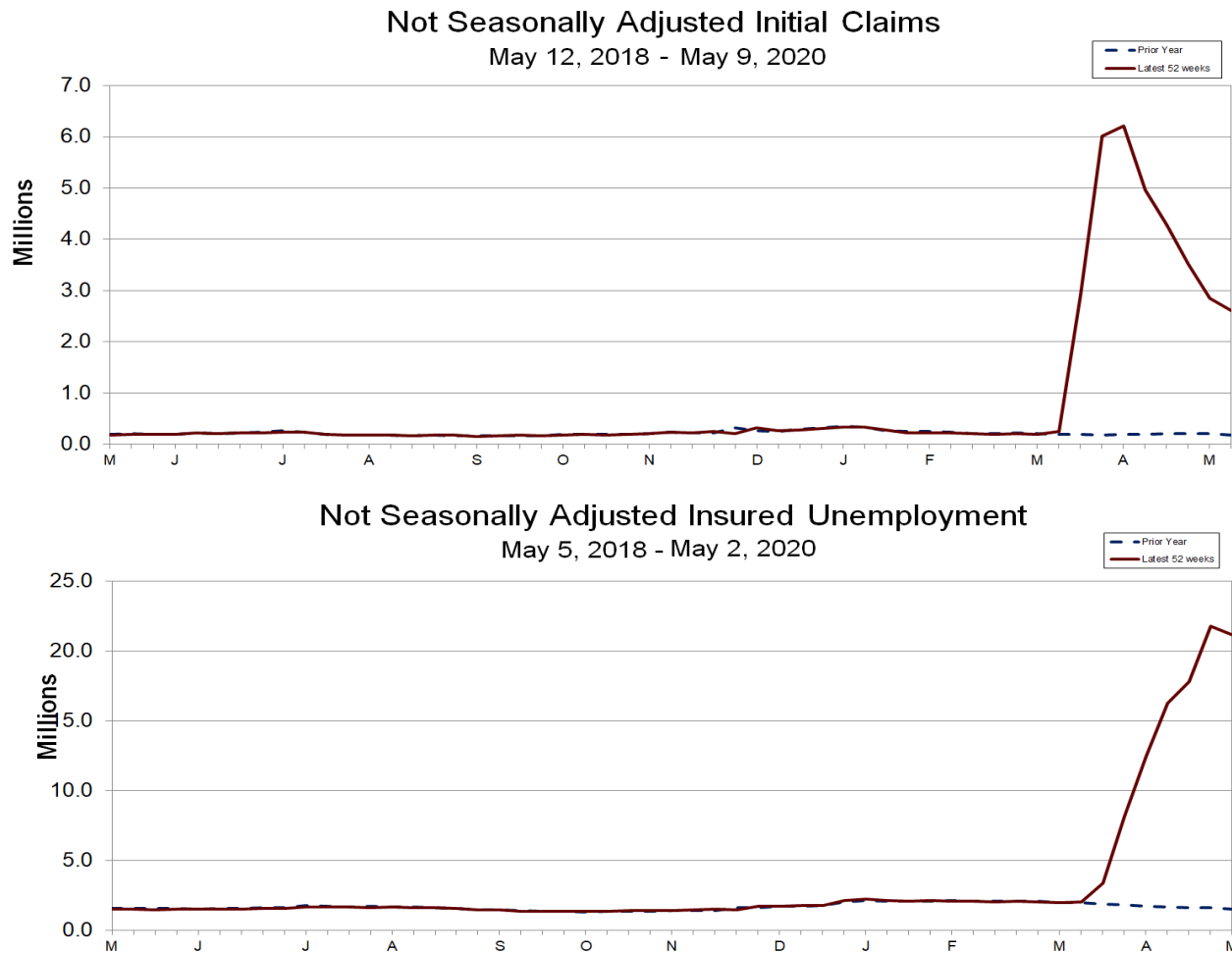
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 4, 2019 - May 2, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 2,614,093 in the week ending May 9, a decrease of 241,467 (or -8.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 69,880 (or -2.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 188,264 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending May 9, 29 states reported 841,995 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 14.5 percent during the week ending May 2, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 21,143,403, a decrease of 629,189 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,051,708 (or -4.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,539,086.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending April 25 was 25,363,208, an increase of 6,443,777 from the previous week. There were 1,659,123 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending April 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,033 in the week ending May 2, an increase of 119 from the prior week. There were 1,252 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 11 from the preceding week.

There were 16,854 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending April 25, an increase of 3,084 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 11,758, an increase of 3,086 from the prior week.

During the week ending Apr 25, 23 states reported 3,402,409 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 13 states reported 79,538 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending April 25 were in California (27.7), Michigan (23.1), Nevada (22.0), Pennsylvania (21.2), Rhode Island (20.6), Georgia (20.2), Vermont (20.0), New York (18.6), Connecticut (18.0), and Washington (18.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 2 were in Oklahoma (+41,385), Maryland (+25,318), New Jersey (+16,360), Maine (+8,452), and Puerto Rico (+4,600), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-258,243), Alabama (-45,981), Georgia (-38,213), Washington (-37,289), and Pennsylvania (-33,451).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	May 9	May 2	Change	April 25	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	2,981,000	3,176,000	-195,000	3,867,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	2,614,093	2,855,560	-241,467	3,515,439	188,264
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,616,500	4,180,500	-564,000	5,040,250	224,500

WEEK ENDING	May 2	April 25	Change	April 18	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	22,833,000	22,377,000	+456,000	18,011,000	1,678,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	21,143,403	21,772,592	-629,189	17,794,965	1,539,086
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	19,760,000	17,030,250	+2,729,750	13,297,500	1,675,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	15.7%	15.4%	+0.3	12.4%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	14.5%	14.9%	-0.4	12.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 9	May 2	Change	April 25
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	841,995	1,002,606	-160,611	788,733

WEEK ENDING	May 2	April 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,033	1,914	+119	541
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,252	1,263	-11	553

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 25	April 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	21,723,230	17,756,015	+3,967,215	1,629,328
Federal Employees	16,854	13,770	+3,084	8,441
Newly Discharged Veterans	11,758	8,672	+3,086	5,692
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	3,402,409	994,850	+2,407,559	0
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	79,538	52,305	+27,233	0
Extended Benefits ⁵	434	325	+109	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	6,527	4,962	+1,565	6,024
STC / Workshare ⁷	122,458	88,532	+33,926	9,638
TOTAL ⁸	25,363,208	18,919,431	+6,443,777	1,659,123

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 145,671,710 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	25,929	28,985	-3,056	210,095	214,684	-4,589
Alaska	8,367	8,718	-351	50,335	49,893	442
Arizona	31,795	43,023	-11,228	222,411	218,760	3,651
Arkansas	12,416	13,448	-1,032	118,917	119,332	-415
California	214,028	316,257	-102,229	2,867,302	4,808,361	-1,941,059
Colorado	22,493	28,360	-5,867	262,082	228,683	33,399
Connecticut	298,680	36,138	262,542	324,284	297,549	26,735
Delaware	5,068	6,297	-1,229	57,766	52,501	5,265
District of Columbia	5,746	8,113	-2,367	63,468	58,634	4,834
Florida	221,905	174,860	47,045	1,018,083	444,561	573,522
Georgia	241,387	228,352	13,035	809,405	885,764	-76,359
Hawaii	12,327	15,113	-2,786	111,207	87,939	23,268
Idaho	5,511	7,495	-1,984	67,106	71,794	-4,688
Illinois	72,993	74,476	-1,483	756,441	695,971	60,470
Indiana	30,691	42,290	-11,599	294,767	271,248	23,519
Iowa	16,735	23,241	-6,506	191,257	179,610	11,647
Kansas	13,138	15,959	-2,821	123,184	120,701	2,483
Kentucky	69,069	82,435	-13,366	253,313	256,317	-3,004
Louisiana	40,268	50,941	-10,673	317,461	310,013	7,448
Maine	10,131	16,113	-5,982	85,747	76,773	8,974
Maryland	44,491	63,253	-18,762	249,624	226,972	22,652
Massachusetts	44,467	55,884	-11,417	576,970	569,956	7,014
Michigan *	47,438	67,399	-19,961	988,272	996,374	-8,102
Minnesota	40,427	41,492	-1,065	438,112	420,212	17,900
Mississippi	22,810	25,745	-2,935	224,941	162,078	62,863
Missouri	28,939	52,527	-23,588	263,609	246,663	16,946
Montana	3,443	4,596	-1,153	58,230	63,134	-4,904
Nebraska	6,408	6,418	-10	66,295	68,882	-2,587
Nevada	24,045	28,550	-4,505	319,568	303,573	15,995
New Hampshire	9,491	12,475	-2984	116,642	115,580	1,062
New Jersey	68,685	88,326	-19,641	710,537	642,651	67,886
New Mexico	8,850	13,675	-4,825	103,668	96,157	7,511
New York	200,375	195,110	5,265	1,853,820	1,749,571	104,249
North Carolina	56,193	85,956	-29,763	614,270	591,045	23,225
North Dakota	3,225	4,044	-819	40,032	35,827	4,205
Ohio	50,548	61,487	-10,939	729,844	759,435	-29,591
Oklahoma	32,794	93,885	-61,091	176,194	154,671	21,523
Oregon	31,737	48,120	-16,383	498,675	308,989	189,686
Pennsylvania	75,557	94,445	-18,888	1,061,110	1,233,299	-172,189
Puerto Rico	14,858	21,886	-7,028	161,598	145,140	16,458
Rhode Island	5,318	9,088	-3,770	94,708	97,573	-2,865
South Carolina	32,513	47,673	-15,160	266,853	260,409	6,444
South Dakota	5,131	3,929	1202	23,523	23,791	-268
Tennessee	29,308	36,323	-7,015	337,600	340,249	-2,649
Texas	141,672	243,935	-102,263	1,198,838	1,133,324	65,514
Utah	7,135	8,992	-1,857	91,526	92,872	-1,346
Vermont	2,805	3,875	-1,070	56,938	60,535	-3,597
Virgin Islands	37	45	-8	2,818	1,882	936
Virginia	53,396	59,631	-6,235	392,701	376,689	16,012
Washington	116,210	102,216	13,994	771,470	604,048	167,422
West Virginia	5,842	13,227	-7,385	117,492	110,377	7,115
Wisconsin	38,582	37,885	697	313,784	314,025	-241
Wyoming	2,686	2,854	-168	18,510	17,521	989
US Total	2,614,093	2,855,560	-241,467	21,143,403	21,772,592	-629,189

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 Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
May 4, 2019	225	-5	221.00	1,678	-6	1,675.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	217	-8	224.50	1,683	5	1,681.75	1.2
May 18, 2019	213	-4	221.25	1,675	-8	1,680.00	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	5	218.25	1,695	20	1,682.75	1.2
June 1, 2019	220	2	217.00	1,700	5	1,688.25	1.2
June 8, 2019	220	0	217.75	1,677	-23	1,686.75	1.2
June 15, 2019	219	-1	219.25	1,692	15	1,691.00	1.2
June 22, 2019	224	5	220.75	1,699	7	1,692.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-2	221.25	1,717	18	1,696.25	1.2
July 6, 2019	211	-11	219.00	1,694	-23	1,700.50	1.2
July 13, 2019	217	6	218.50	1,682	-12	1,698.00	1.2
July 20, 2019	211	-6	215.25	1,699	17	1,698.00	1.2
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,833	456	19,760.00	15.7
May 9, 2020	2,981	-195	3,616.50				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 9			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Apr 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Apr 25	Apr 18	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
California	136,659	297,738	-161,079	528,585	0	528,585
Colorado	9,125	13,149	-4,024	92,190	104,713	-12,523
Connecticut	10,624	0	10,624	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	3,985	0	3,985	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	68,835	0	68,835	0	0	0
Iowa	3,910	4,509	-599	13,075	10,285	2,790
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	4,700	0	4,700
Louisiana	17,583	20,245	-2,662	86,524	80,693	5,831
Maine	9,647	10,498	-851	49,652	0	49,652
Maryland	18,982	44,280	-25,298	111,998	0	111,998
Massachusetts	70,464	68,826	1,638	493,083	171,598	321,485
Michigan	138,048	86,009	52,039	1,006,060	0	1,006,060
Minnesota	2,311	1,015	1,296	27,993	1,801	26,192
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	7,082	17,784	-10,702	62,350	65,947	-3,597
Montana	2,163	3,524	-1,361	57,607	0	57,607
Nebraska	1,784	1,633	151	17,001	0	17,001
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	51,234	76,100	-24,866	150,500	0	150,500
New Mexico	4,670	17,850	-13,180	56,070	0	56,070
New York	53,042	38,700	14,342	20,985	417	20,568
North Carolina	52,351	89,951	-37,600	134,767	92,518	42,249
North Dakota	526	5,827	-5,301	6,808	0	6,808
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	7,162	2,124	5,038	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	51,591	43,889	7,702	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	4,954	5,815	-861	26,554	26,384	170
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	693	99	594	123	0	123
Tennessee	5,914	10,617	-4,703	86,810	0	86,810
Texas	47,088	56,548	-9,460	127,634	90,449	37,185
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	48,665	66,652	-17,987	241,340	350,045	-108,705
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	11,194	18,652	-7,458	0	0	0
Wyoming	1,709	572	1,137	0	0	0
US Total	841,995	1,002,606	-160,611	3,402,409	994,850	2,407,559

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

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	April 25	April 18	Change	April 11	April 4
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0
California	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	193	0	193	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	11	7	4	6	0
Maine	15	10	5	3	0
Maryland	2,361	0	2,361	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	8,457	0	8,457	0	0
Minnesota	10,619	8,363	2,256	2,378	0
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	213	0	213	0	0
Montana	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	2	0
New Mexico	1,030	0	1,030	0	0
New York	43,414	33,362	10,052	18,010	0
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	1,251	1,076	175	0	0
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	60	0	60	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	11,899	9,471	2,428	7,015	3,802
West Virginia	15	16	-1	2	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	79,538	52,305	27,233	27,416	3,802

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 2						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 25							
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	28,985	-45,981	26,511	41	27	214,684	11.1	40,829	200,784	98	52	214,834	
Alaska	8,718	-1,595	7,895	11	2	49,893	16.2	-2,129	42,381	117	24	50,034	
Arizona	43,023	-9,558	38,388	12	1	218,760	7.6	22,359	195,027	197	135	219,092	
Arkansas	13,448	-4,223	11,971	3	0	119,332	10.0	9,995	109,708	115	53	119,500	
California	316,257	-9,086	277,865	197	174	4,808,361	27.7	2,920,786	4,465,900	3,966	3,269	4,815,596	
Colorado	28,360	-10,302	26,547	20	20	228,683	8.6	-30	209,966	266	221	229,170	
Connecticut	36,138	3,097	33,661	35	12	297,549	18.0	-11,562	266,691	198	260	298,007	
Delaware	6,297	-1,650	5,808	5	13	52,501	11.8	7,524	47,174	20	14	52,535	
District of Columbia	8,113	-595	7,689	63	1	58,634	10.1	6,100	52,064	619	5	59,258	
Florida	174,860	-258,243	168,598	78	37	444,561	5.2	-95,993	411,380	196	128	444,885	
Georgia	228,352	-38,213	223,501	60	49	885,764	20.2	126,908	861,865	474	325	886,563	
Hawaii	15,113	-7,382	13,993	1	5	87,939	14.2	19,459	81,426	95	50	88,084	
Idaho	7,495	-1,332	6,673	13	2	71,794	9.8	378	66,382	99	32	71,925	
Illinois	74,476	-26,846	65,156	16	14	695,971	11.8	14,969	600,087	407	186	696,564	
Indiana	42,290	-13,484	40,204	32	17	271,248	8.9	17,319	257,664	53	92	271,393	
Iowa	23,241	-3,979	20,568	25	9	179,610	11.7	10,639	164,965	123	49	179,782	
Kansas	15,959	-8,524	13,934	4	3	120,701	8.8	1,679	113,112	78	53	120,832	
Kentucky	82,435	-8,788	80,497	3	0	256,317	13.5	-4,475	240,148	153	165	256,635	
Louisiana	50,941	-15,200	48,932	63	33	310,013	16.4	9,356	296,172	99	40	310,152	
Maine	16,113	8,452	15,540	0	0	76,773	12.7	3,632	70,728	49	12	76,834	
Maryland	63,253	25,318	60,818	10	3	226,972	8.9	2,712	203,240	197	147	227,316	
Massachusetts	55,884	-15,474	51,587	83	42	569,956	16.0	37,448	514,283	218	177	570,351	
Michigan	67,399	-14,605	62,762	56	26	996,374	23.1	61,775	947,060	267	147	996,788	
Minnesota	41,492	-7,103	38,968	32	19	420,212	14.7	3,219	383,752	166	127	420,505	
Mississippi	25,745	-4,161	24,654	11	2	162,078	14.6	26,356	154,723	130	53	162,261	
Missouri	52,527	-2,772	49,339	1	1	246,663	8.8	-9,135	229,021	154	91	246,908	
Montana	4,596	-2,456	3,834	16	2	63,134	13.8	-4,339	57,145	296	35	63,465	
Nebraska	6,418	-1,811	5,855	13	6	68,882	7.1	-7,746	65,577	18	9	68,909	
Nevada	28,550	-13,991	26,387	8	2	303,573	22.0	28,723	285,572	177	93	303,843	
New Hampshire	12,475	-2,526	12,064	30	10	115,580	17.8	8,739	111,679	31	16	115,627	
New Jersey	88,326	16,360	80,787	86	64	642,651	16.0	20,898	552,985	301	321	643,273	
New Mexico	13,675	1,582	12,982	2	4	96,157	12.0	2,008	87,254	115	71	96,343	
New York	195,110	-24,303	167,165	54	38	1,749,571	18.6	132,762	1,612,096	596	465	1,750,632	
North Carolina	85,956	-12,985	82,919	80	90	591,045	13.4	36,006	572,525	523	477	592,045	
North Dakota	4,044	-2,230	3,766	18	3	35,827	8.7	314	33,381	32	22	35,881	
Ohio	61,487	-32,112	55,969	12	44	759,435	14.2	-17,779	713,106	183	424	760,042	
Oklahoma	93,885	41,385	91,893	36	15	154,671	9.9	20,121	140,879	77	85	154,833	
Oregon	48,120	-1,180	45,082	41	15	308,989	16.1	24,503	282,742	562	110	309,661	
Pennsylvania	94,445	-33,451	82,468	298	95	1,233,299	21.2	318,050	1,137,029	2,837	758	1,236,894	
Puerto Rico	21,886	4,600	20,622	12	7	145,140	17.0	-8,281	130,756	210	75	145,425	
Rhode Island	9,088	-3,996	8,458	10	6	97,573	20.6	910	90,124	23	24	97,620	
South Carolina	47,673	-18,765	45,755	35	35	260,409	12.5	19,453	247,310	55	127	260,591	
South Dakota	3,929	-1,606	3,762	22	5	23,791	5.7	1,084	22,432	91	11	23,893	
Tennessee	36,323	-6,482	34,169	54	18	340,249	10.4	-784	324,687	149	148	340,546	
Texas	243,935	-10,149	231,187	220	217	1,133,324	9.2	171,202	1,023,739	809	1,209	1,135,342	
Utah	8,992	-2,746	8,065	22	10	92,872	6.3	3,377	85,510	117	39	93,028	
Vermont	3,875	-1,242	3,495	0	0	60,535	20.0	-15,922	56,660	11	4	60,550	
Virgin Islands	45	-58	18	0	0	1,882	5.3	414	1,612	2	0	1,884	
Virginia	59,631	-12,857	57,290	18	23	376,689	10.1	35,394	358,211	374	430	377,493	
Washington	102,216	-37,289	96,950	19	16	604,048	18.0	30,674	556,448	464	762	605,274	
West Virginia	13,227	-16,591	12,346	4	1	110,377	16.5	-36,189	100,810	63	50	110,490	
Wisconsin	37,885	-12,108	33,655	45	12	314,025	11.0	-7,038	287,673	136	79	314,240	
Wyoming	2,854	-643	2,525	3	2	17,521	6.5	955	15,418	48	7	17,576	
Totals	2,855,560	-659,879	2,651,527	2,033	1,252	21,772,592	14.9	3,977,627	20,139,063	16,854	11,758	21,801,204	

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 2, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OK	+41,385	No comment.
MD	+25,318	No comment.
NJ	+16,360	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, health care and social assistance, professional, scientific, and technical services, and educational services industries.
ME	+8,452	Layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, educational services, arts, entertainment, and recreation, transportation and warehousing, information, educational services, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries. Increase in initial claims due to COVID-19.
PR	+4,600	No comment.
CT	+3,097	Increase in initial claims due to COVID-19.
NM	+1,582	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	-258,243	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade industry.
AL	-45,981	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, health care and social assistance, manufacturing, construction, arts, entertainment and recreation, educational services, and wholesale trade industries.
GA	-38,213	Fewer layoffs in the trade, accommodation and food services, manufacturing, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.
WA	-37,289	No comment.
PA	-33,451	Fewer layoffs in the construction, professional, scientific, and technical services, and administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services industries.
OH	-32,112	No comment.
IL	-26,846	No comment.
NY	-24,303	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, retail trade, and construction industries.
SC	-18,765	No comment.
WV	-16,591	No comment.
MA	-15,474	No comment.
LA	-15,200	No comment.
MI	-14,605	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, manufacturing, and retail trade industries.
NV	-13,991	No comment.
IN	-13,484	No comment.
NC	-12,985	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
VA	-12,857	No comment.
WI	-12,108	No comment.
CO	-10,302	No comment.
TX	-10,149	No comment.
AZ	-9,558	No comment.
CA	-9,086	No comment.
KY	-8,788	No comment.
KS	-8,524	No comment.
HI	-7,382	No comment.
MN	-7,103	No comment.
TN	-6,482	No comment.
AR	-4,223	No comment.
MS	-4,161	No comment.

RI	-3,996	No comment.
IA	-3,979	No comment.
MO	-2,772	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade, and manufacturing industries.
UT	-2,746	No comment.
NH	-2,526	No comment.
MT	-2,456	No comment.
ND	-2,230	No comment.
NE	-1,811	No comment.
DE	-1,650	No comment.
SD	-1,606	No comment.
AK	-1,595	No comment.
ID	-1,332	No comment.
VT	-1,242	No comment.
OR	-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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

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

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