



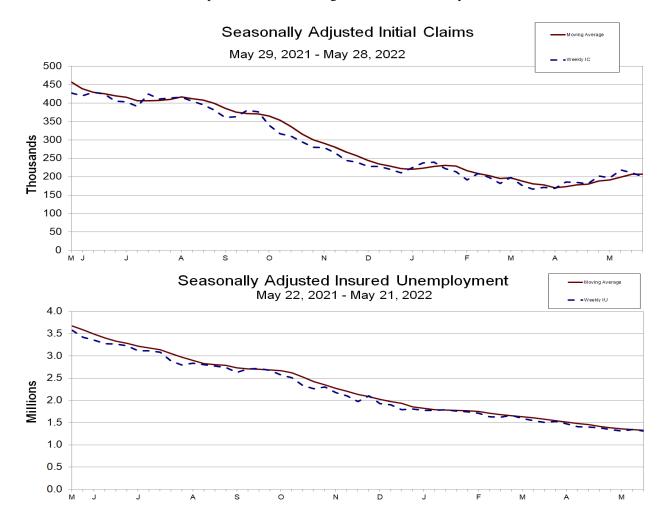
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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 200,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 210,000 to 211,000. The 4-week moving average was 206,500, a decrease of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 206,750 to 207,000.

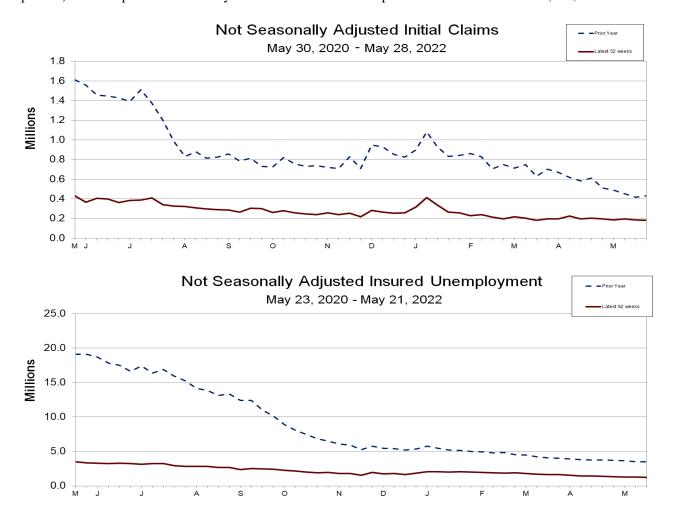
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 0.9 percent for the week ending May 21, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 21 was 1,309,000, a decrease of 34,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since December 27, 1969 when it was 1,304,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,346,000 to 1,343,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,327,250, a decrease of 19,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 10, 1970 when it was 1,310,250. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,347,500 to 1,346,750.



### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 182,327 in the week ending May 28, a decrease of 2,921 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 7,182 (or 3.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 430,171 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending May 21, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,259,162, a decrease of 31,222 (or -2.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,343 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.5 percent and the volume was 3,499,487.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending May 14 was 1,319,297, an increase of 2,113 from the previous week. There were 15,456,735 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending May 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 424 in the week ending May 21, a decrease of 7 from the prior week. There were 336 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 3 from the preceding week.

There were 6,003 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending May 14, a decrease of 553 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,377, a decrease of 158 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 14 were in California (2.0), New Jersey (1.9), Alaska (1.7), New York (1.4), Puerto Rico (1.4), Illinois (1.2), Massachusetts (1.2), Pennsylvania (1.2), Rhode Island (1.2), and the Virgin Islands (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 21 were in Missouri (+1,178), Georgia (+606), Mississippi (+481), Texas (+426), and North Carolina (+322), while the largest decreases were in California (-6,119), Illinois (-4,082), Kentucky (-3,578), New York (-1,450), and Michigan (-524).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 21</b>	Change	May 14	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	200,000	211,000	-11,000	218,000	427,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	182,327	185,248	-2,921	198,462	430,171
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	206,500	207,000	-500	199,500	457,250
WEEK ENDING	<b>May 21</b>	May 14	Change	May 7	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,309,000	1,343,000	-34,000	1,315,000	3,575,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,259,162	1,290,384	-31,222	1,283,460	3,499,487
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,327,250	1,346,750	-19,500	1,361,750	3,671,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1	0.9%	2.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	2.5%

### INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

WEEK ENDING	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 14</b>	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	424	431	-7	839
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	336	339	-3	501

### CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

WEEK ENDING	May 14	May 7	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	1,287,449	1,280,626	+6,823	3,474,454
Federal Employees	6,003	6,556	-553	12,224
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,377	4,535	-158	6,998
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	9,410	13,508	-4,098	212,825
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,985	1,979	+6	1,547
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	10,073	9,980	+93	86,664
$TOTAL^7$	1,319,297	1,317,184	+2,113	15,456,735

### **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 140,025,048 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: <a href="Weekly Pandemic Program Claims">Weekly Pandemic Program Claims</a>
- 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

	Initial Claim	s Filed During Week	Ended May 28	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 21			
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang	
Alabama	2,464	2,258	206	3,126	4,494	-1,368	
Alaska	1,012	815	197	4,369	4,751	-382	
Arizona	3,152	3,201	-49	16,710	18,266	-1,556	
Arkansas	1,382	1,374	8	6,453	7,042	-589	
California	42,048	39,519	2,529	316,980	328,856	-11,876	
Colorado	2,418	2,257	161	17,242	16,535	707	
Connecticut	2,283	2,545	-262	17,817	16,731	1,086	
Delaware	284	318	-34	2,991	2,582	409	
District of Columbia	197	419	-222	3,219	3,280	-61	
Florida	3,417	5,218	-1,801	29,225	32,388	-3,163	
Georgia	2,594	4,577	-1,983	23,823	26,237	-2,414	
· ·	1,225			6,179	6,002	177	
Hawaii		1,164	61				
Idaho	706	672	34	2,904	3,187	-283	
Illinois	8,539	8,753	-214	68,742	65,697	3,045	
Indiana	3,570	3,865	-295	17,378	17,994	-616	
Iowa	1,538	1,244	294	6,089	6,235	-146	
*Kansas	1,189	1,129	60	4,317	3,623	694	
Kentucky	1,279	4,795	-3,516	9,191	11,342	-2,151	
Louisiana	1,890	1,838	52	9,135	9,799	-664	
Maine	374	459	-85	3,861	4,106	-245	
Maryland	1,698	1,819	-121	12,756	13,141	-385	
Massachusetts	4,075	4,081	-6	40,874	40,076	798	
Michigan	6,663	6,117	546	30,737	35,815	-5,078	
Minnesota	2,839	2,951	-112	27,657	28,005	-348	
Mississippi	3,472	1,675	1,797	4,280	4,358	-78	
Missouri	3,549	4,086	-537	12,334	11,412	922	
Montana	546	518	28	3,028	3,278	-250	
Nebraska	862	723	139	2,696	2,740	-44	
Nevada	1,785	1,646	139	12,691	13,492	-801	
New Hampshire	198	252	-54	1,519	1,755	-236	
New Jersey	5,728	6,122	-394	70,072	72,151	-2,079	
New Mexico	669	675	-6	7,710	7,838	-128	
New York	12,941	11,914	1,027	121,183	118,674	2,509	
North Carolina	2,848	3,053	-205	12,706	13,143	-437	
North Dakota	277	280	-3	1,261	1,519	-258	
Ohio	8,769	8,317	452	28,286	30,269	-1,983	
Oklahoma	2,571	1,818	753	10,355	10,189	166	
Oregon	3,002	3,093	-91	20,285	20,303	-18	
Pennsylvania	6,460	8,666	-2,206	69,990	65,109	4,881	
Puerto Rico	1,197	1,046	151	6,470	12,007	-5,537	
Rhode Island	583	716	-133	5,667	5,508	159	
South Carolina	1,823	1,743	80	9,848	9,999	-151	
South Dakota	161	142	19	603	712	-109	
Tennessee	2,499	2,192	307	10,532	10,964	-432	
Texas	14,084	14,316	-232	89,690	94,723	-5,033	
Utah	1,291	1,377	-86	5,371	5,353	18	
Vermont	209	314	-105	2,111	1,935	176	
Virgin Islands	19	37	-18	444	426	18	
*Virginia	1,655	1,206	449	9,130	9,564	-434	
*Washington	3,947	3,583	364	35,240	34,246	994	
West Virginia	3,947 869	3,383 792	304 77	5,837	5,270		
						567	
Wisconsin	3,201	3,269	-68	16,399	15,819	580	
Wyoming	276	289	-13	1,649	1,444	205 -31,222	
US Total	182,327	185,248	-2,921	1,259,162	1,290,384		

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes state estimate.

		Change from			Change from				
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week			
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR		
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	-23 -7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7		
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-176 -71	2,420.00	1.7		
October 30, 2021	280	-10 -14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7		
November 6, 2021	279	-14 -1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.7		
November 13, 2021	265	-1 -14	279.50	2,100	-131 -72	2,209.50	1.6		
November 20, 2021	244	-14 -21	267.00	2,100 1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5		
November 27, 2021	240	-21 -4	257.00		122	2,086.50	1.6		
			244.25	2,098			1.6		
December 4, 2021	228	-12		1,927	-171	2,025.25			
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	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1		
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1		
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0		
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0		
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0		
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0		
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9		
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0		
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,309	-34	1,327.25	0.9		
May 28, 2022	200	-11	206.50	•		•			

## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 21

## INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 14 $\,$

	MAY 21								MA	Y 14		
		CHANC	E EDOM					CHANG	GE FROM			ALL PROGRAMS
			E FROM									EXCLUDING
STATE NAME	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	LICY 1	RAILROAD RETIREMENT
Alabama	2,258	-85	-6,440	9	7	4,494	0.2	582	-11,155	32	21	4,547
Alaska	815	99	-2,288	2	2	4,751	1.7	-258	-7,179	51	10	4,812
Arizona	3,201	88	-1,617	3	2	18,266		571	-36,290	51	23	18,340
Arkansas	1,374	-198	-1,041	2	2	7,042	0.6	246	-13,105	37	22	7,101
California	39,519	-6,119	-31,536	92	49	328,856		6,575	-243,440	1,361	983	331,200
Colorado	2,257	139	-1,875	1	8	16,535	0.6	-31	-24,390	109	121	16,765
Connecticut	2,545	254	-2,202	12	4	16,731	1.1	187	-50,278	46	52	16,829
Delaware	318	13	-6,111	5	3	2,582	0.6	-157	-9,603	34	2	2,618
District of Columbia	419	-139	-888	3	0	3,280	0.6	-268	-15,771	59	1	3,340
Florida	5,218	114	-4,664	17	23	32,388	0.4	545	-100,615	164	109	32,661
Georgia	4,577	606	-19,976	41	20	26,237	0.6	403	-98,981	281	152	26,670
Hawaii	1,164	-79	-1,227	3	6	6,002	1.1	89	-10,954	45	90	6,137
Idaho	672	13	-1,216	3	0	3,187	0.4	-123	-3,834	17	3	3,207
Illinois	8,753	-4,082	-10,465	6	2	65,697	1.2	675	-134,367	335	106	66,138
Indiana	3,865	-392	-2,287	1	1	17,994	0.7	287	-37,913	77	25	18,096
Iowa	1,244	-60	-2,617	5	2	6,235	0.4	-782	-19,020	22	6	6,263
Kansas	1,129	143	-986	0	1	3,623	0.3	-105	-6,299	16	10	3,649
Kentucky	4,795	-3,578	1,931	0	0	11,342	0.6	4,150	-7,411	26	70	11,438
Louisiana	1,838	99	-4,138	0	2	9,799	0.6	153	-41,232	57	13	9,869
Maine	459	9	-544	2	0	4,106	0.7	-198	-7,586	10	13	4,129
Maryland	1,819	77	-3,690	11	2	13,141	0.5	-281	-31,060	168	59	13,368
Massachusetts	4,081	-3	-4,578	7	8	40,076	1.2	-2,171	-44,557	101	62	40,239
Michigan	6,117	-524	-5,084	2	5	35,815	0.9	870	-85,646	49	48	35,912
Minnesota	2,951	6	-2,527	1	1	28,005	1.1	-2,498	-41,797	65	52	28,122
Mississippi	1,675	481	-1,091	1	0	4,358	0.4	238	-41,797	71	10	4,439
Missouri	4,086	1,178	-1,836	4	6	11,412	0.4	-414	-44,603	59	41	11,512
	518	27	-1,830 -641	8	1		0.4			48	17	
Montana				0	0	3,278		-156	-5,119	7		3,343 2,749
Nebraska	723	-55 175	-870			2,740	0.3	177	-4,822		2	
Nevada	1,646	-175	-2,331	3	2	13,492	1.0	-226	-57,181	70	35	13,597
New Hampshire	252	1	-538	1	3	1,755	0.3	-14	-15,055	2	2	1,759
New Jersey	6,122	-108	-6,856	13	13	72,151	1.9	-135	-44,902	267	183	72,601
New Mexico	675	-114	-3,007	1	1	7,838	1.0	8	-18,006	108	29	7,975
New York	11,914	-1,450	-7,591	18	13	118,674		-3,597	-209,062	369	238	119,281
North Carolina	3,053	322	-3,384	4	4	13,143	0.3	400	-34,528	40	62	13,245
North Dakota	280	65	-246	1	0	1,519	0.4	-161	-2,033	10	2	1,531
Ohio	8,317	80	-5,414	8	9	30,269	0.6	-38	-70,011	64	90	30,423
Oklahoma	1,818	-72	-6,542	8	3	10,189	0.7	-1,077	-22,519	50	42	10,281
Oregon	3,093	-17	-5,261	11	6	20,303	1.1	-362	-35,235	179	36	20,518
Pennsylvania	8,666	-131	-15,587	16	6	65,109	1.2	-1,963	-140,050	189	102	65,400
Puerto Rico	1,046	-111	-1,321	4	7	12,007	1.4	-26	-24,663	224	65	12,296
Rhode Island	716	128	-8,241	3	2	5,508	1.2	-245	-14,879	13	18	5,539
South Carolina	1,743	-132	-340	3	5	9,999	0.5	472	-28,108	42	37	10,078
South Dakota	142	-4	-90	24	0	712	0.2	-48	-1,771	24	4	740
Tennessee	2,192	102	-4,060	5	5	10,964	0.3	-79	-41,818	29	11	11,004
Texas	14,316	426	-10,725	49	79	94,723	0.8	6,347	-121,042	568	896	96,187
Utah	1,377	34	-1,924	4	1	5,353	0.4	-62	-7,625	32	17	5,402
Vermont	314	50	-44	0	0	1,935	0.7	-161	-6,567	2	0	1,937
Virgin Islands	37	0	-423	0	1	426	1.2	0	-580	0	6	432
Virginia	1,206	-95	-8,637	1	2	9,564	0.3	1,053	-44,599	66	63	9,693
Washington	3,583	-302	-8,311	4	15	34,246		-80	-44,581	164	273	34,683
West Virginia	792	180	-3,174	1	1	5,270	0.8	-131	-11,950	33	26	5,329
Wisconsin	3,269	36	-6,232	1	1	15,819		-1,109	-54,555	49	13	15,881
Wyoming	289	41	-279	0	0	1,444	0.6	-148	-1,766	11	4	1,459
Totals			-231,062	424	336	1,290,38		6,924	-2,212,083		4,377	1,300,764
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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 21, 2022

## STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000 $\,$

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+1,178	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and healthcare and social assistance industries.

### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-6,119	No comment.
IL	-4,082	No comment.
KY	-3,578	No comment.
NY	-1,450	Fewer layoffs in the construction, healthcare and social assistance, and 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.

### Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data

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