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REVISION TO SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

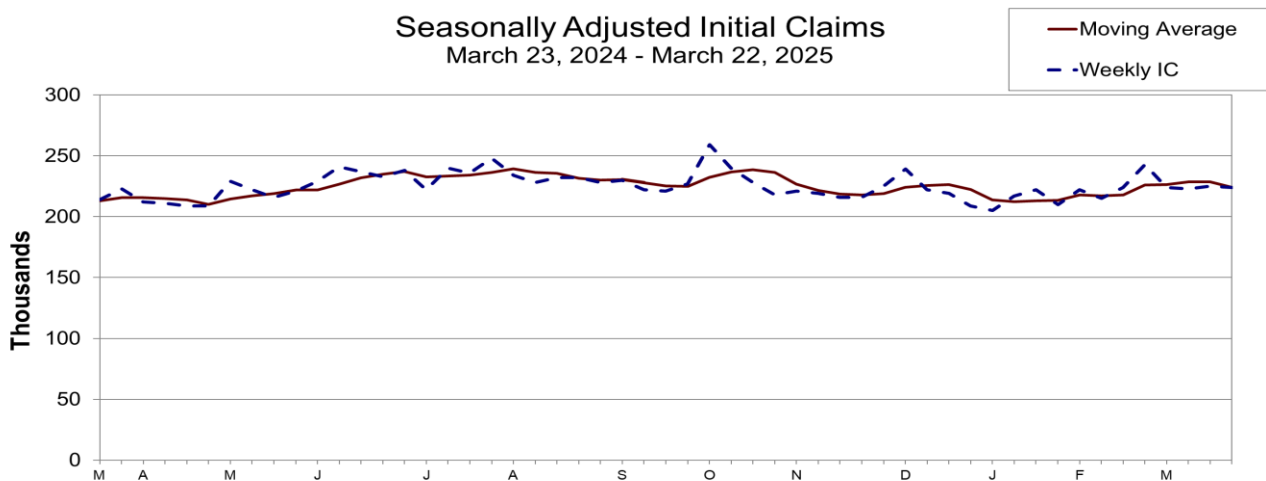
Note: This week's release reflects the annual revision to the weekly unemployment claims seasonal adjustment factors. The seasonal adjustment factors used for the UI Weekly Claims data from 2020 forward, along with the resulting seasonally adjusted values for initial claims and continuing claims, have been revised. For more information regarding the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the additional information at the end of this news release.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

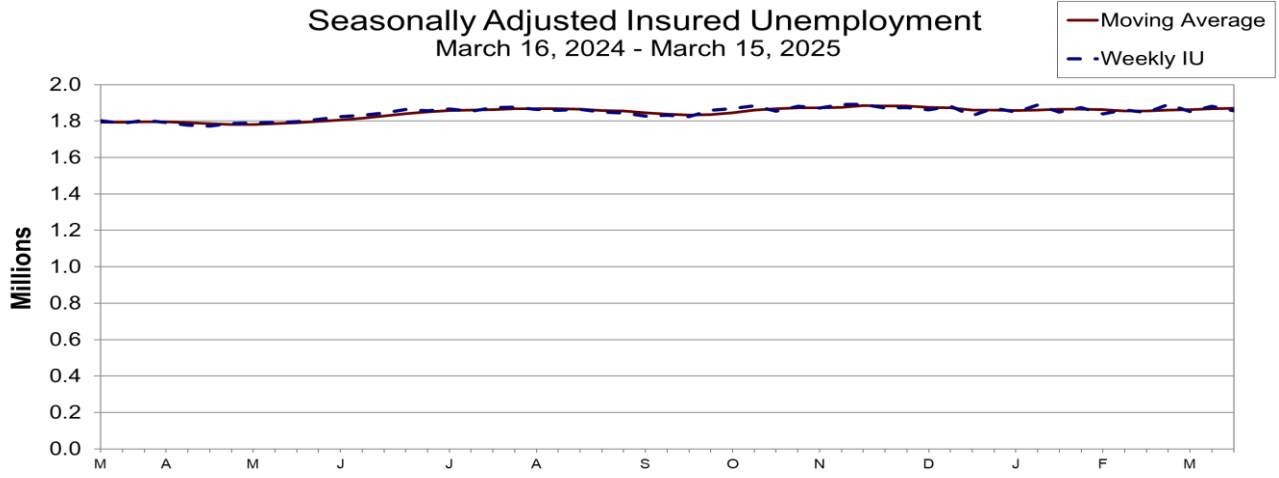
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 224,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 223,000 to 225,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,000, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 227,000 to 228,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending March 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 15 was 1,856,000, a decrease of 25,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 11,000 from 1,892,000 to 1,881,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,870,000, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 8,000 from 1,875,750 to 1,867,750.



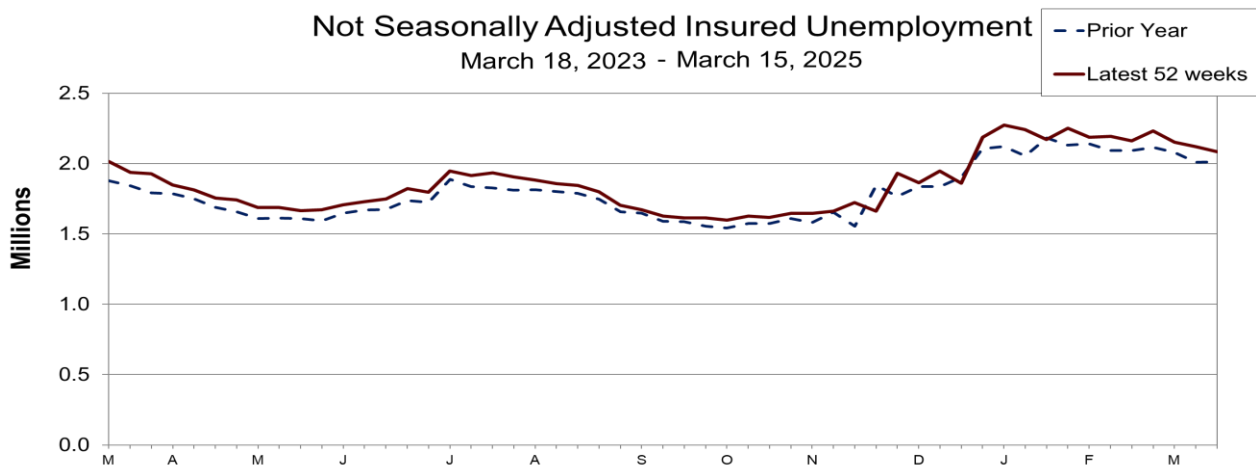
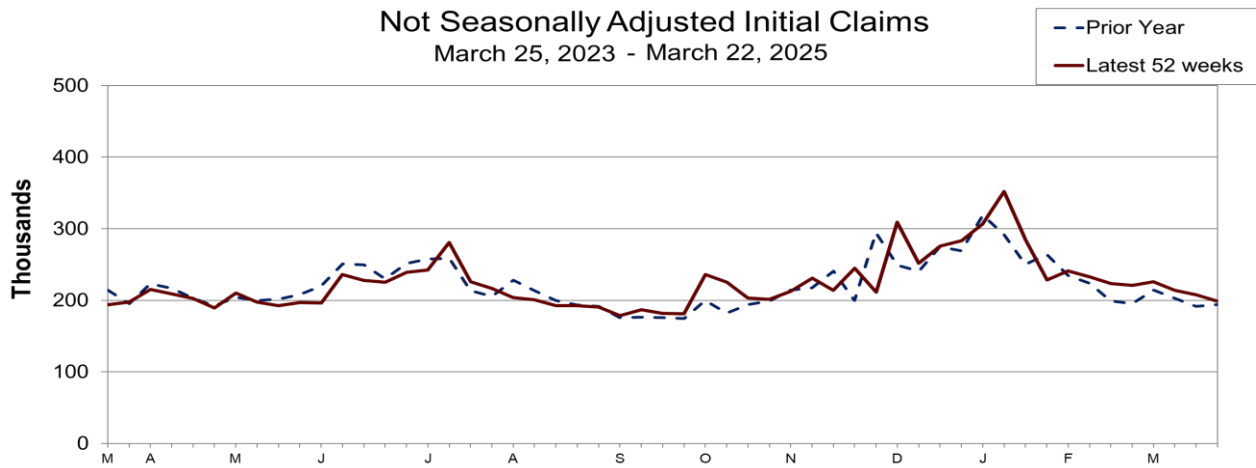
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment March 16, 2024 - March 15, 2025



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,917 in the week ending March 22, a decrease of 8,481 (or -4.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,214 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 193,923 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending March 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,084,817, a decrease of 33,342 (or -1.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,643 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 2,012,613.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending March 8 was 2,152,117, a decrease of 30,148 from the previous week. There were 2,037,093 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending March 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 821 in the week ending March 15, a decrease of 245 from the prior week. There were 383 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 89 from the preceding week.

There were 9,135 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending March 8, an increase of 487 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,574, an increase of 302 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending March 8 were in Rhode Island (2.9), New Jersey (2.8), California (2.4), Massachusetts (2.4), Minnesota (2.4), Illinois (2.3), Washington (2.3), Montana (2.1), District of Columbia (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), New York (1.9), and Pennsylvania (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 15 were in Michigan (+2,842), Mississippi (+1,775), Texas (+1,458), Nebraska (+395), and Missouri (+206), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,625), Illinois (-1,365), Virginia (-895), Pennsylvania (-877), and New Jersey (-860).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	March 22	March 15	Change	March 8	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	224,000	225,000	-1,000	223,000	214,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,917	207,398	-8,481	214,006	193,923
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,000	228,750	-4,750	228,500	213,000

WEEK ENDING	March 15	March 8	Change	March 1	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,856,000	1,881,000	-25,000	1,851,000	1,802,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,084,817	2,118,159	-33,342	2,151,269	2,012,613
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,870,000	1,867,750	+2,250	1,862,750	1,794,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 15	March 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	821	1,066	-245	362
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	383	472	-89	379

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

WEEK ENDING	March 8	March 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,111,425	2,144,569	-33,144	2,002,397
Federal Employees	9,135	8,648	+487	6,241
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,574	4,272	+302	4,405
Extended Benefits ³	60	74	-14	259
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,066	2,954	+112	2,718
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,857	21,748	+2,109	21,073
TOTAL	2,152,117	2,182,265	-30,148	2,037,093

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 152,086,893 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 March 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended March 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,667	1,808	-141	7,977	8,675	-698
Alaska	609	626	-17	5,059	5,153	-94
Arizona	3,726	3,737	-11	22,393	21,903	490
Arkansas	1,107	1,188	-81	6,534	7,451	-917
California	41,262	42,717	-1,455	427,996	421,710	6,286
Colorado	2,823	2,885	-62	33,101	33,228	-127
Connecticut	2,763	2,926	-163	31,834	31,525	309
Delaware	193	221	-28	5,992	5,630	362
District of Columbia	1,122	1,207	-85	11,714	11,147	567
Florida	5,414	5,684	-270	28,405	32,348	-3,943
Georgia	4,096	4,358	-262	27,717	29,212	-1,495
Hawaii	1,002	892	110	5,443	5,290	153
Idaho	1,347	1,150	197	8,967	10,340	-1,373
Illinois	8,954	8,648	306	128,752	133,758	-5,006
Indiana	2,571	2,366	205	25,212	26,606	-1,394
Iowa	2,247	1,731	516	18,835	21,874	-3,039
Kansas	1,118	1,167	-49	10,822	11,709	-887
Kentucky	2,447	1,533	914	12,291	12,851	-560
Louisiana	1,386	1,524	-138	9,778	11,091	-1,313
Maine	655	577	78	9,214	9,037	177
Maryland	2,165	2,662	-497	25,852	26,161	-309
Massachusetts	4,802	4,854	-52	83,263	85,448	-2,185
Michigan	5,336	9,378	-4,042	74,811	78,881	-4,070
Minnesota	3,741	4,107	-366	72,562	69,283	3,279
Mississippi	843	2,668	-1,825	6,390	6,429	-39
Missouri	3,124	2,830	294	19,280	20,975	-1,695
Montana	530	543	-13	9,542	10,369	-827
Nebraska	814	1,004	-190	6,629	7,316	-687
Nevada	2,358	2,561	-203	24,613	25,888	-1,275
New Hampshire	360	414	-54	3,860	4,199	-339
New Jersey	8,126	8,192	-66	116,048	116,199	-151
New Mexico	873	998	-125	11,046	10,873	173
New York	15,063	14,434	629	179,323	179,929	-606
North Carolina	3,314	3,395	-81	25,085	26,207	-1,122
North Dakota	310	264	46	5,857	5,756	101
Ohio	5,694	5,468	226	61,553	64,451	-2,898
Oklahoma	1,300	1,330	-30	9,735	9,930	-195
Oregon	5,210	4,262	948	36,161	33,622	2,539
Pennsylvania	9,335	9,903	-568	104,523	111,643	-7,120
Puerto Rico	1,012	999	13	13,010	15,467	-2,457
Rhode Island	882	893	-11	13,521	13,741	-220
South Carolina	1,767	1,886	-119	13,600	14,384	-784
South Dakota	162	184	-22	2,984	2,972	12
Tennessee	3,014	2,606	408	16,103	16,355	-252
Texas	17,363	19,243	-1,880	143,631	147,524	-3,893
Utah	1,349	1,484	-135	14,169	14,899	-730
Vermont	292	397	-105	3,861	3,800	61
Virgin Islands	6	24	-18	250	254	-4
Virginia	2,687	3,141	-454	19,346	18,349	997
Washington	5,605	5,283	322	85,811	81,456	4,355
West Virginia	618	665	-47	8,620	8,632	-12
Wisconsin	4,028	4,058	-30	32,850	33,504	-654
Wyoming	325	323	2	2,892	2,725	167
US Total	198,917	207,398	-8,481	2,084,817	2,118,159	-33,342

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 16, 2024	213	0	213.00	1,802	12	1,794.25	1.2
March 23, 2024	214	1	213.00	1,788	-14	1,793.75	1.2
March 30, 2024	223	9	215.75	1,804	16	1,796.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-11	215.50	1,793	-11	1,796.75	1.2
April 13, 2024	211	-1	215.00	1,776	-17	1,790.25	1.2
April 20, 2024	209	-2	213.75	1,771	-5	1,786.00	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	0	210.25	1,786	15	1,781.50	1.2
May 4, 2024	229	20	214.50	1,790	4	1,780.75	1.2
May 11, 2024	222	-7	217.25	1,793	3	1,785.00	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-6	219.00	1,798	5	1,791.75	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	222.00	1,810	12	1,797.75	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.00	1,825	15	1,806.50	1.2
June 8, 2024	241	12	226.75	1,832	7	1,816.25	1.2
June 15, 2024	237	-4	232.00	1,844	12	1,827.75	1.2
June 22, 2024	233	-4	235.00	1,864	20	1,841.25	1.2
June 29, 2024	238	5	237.25	1,856	-8	1,849.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	222	-16	232.50	1,866	10	1,857.50	1.2
July 13, 2024	240	18	233.25	1,853	-13	1,859.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	236	-4	234.00	1,874	21	1,862.25	1.2
July 27, 2024	248	12	236.50	1,876	2	1,867.25	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-14	239.50	1,863	-13	1,866.50	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.50	1,859	-4	1,868.00	1.2
August 17, 2024	232	4	235.50	1,864	5	1,865.50	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	0	231.50	1,849	-15	1,858.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.00	1,845	-4	1,854.25	1.2
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.50	1,827	-18	1,846.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-8	228.00	1,831	4	1,838.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	221	-1	225.25	1,825	-6	1,832.00	1.2
September 28, 2024	227	6	225.00	1,858	33	1,835.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	259	32	232.25	1,869	11	1,845.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	240	-19	236.75	1,884	15	1,859.00	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-12	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	226.75	1,872	-8	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,856	-25	1,870.00	1.2
March 22, 2025	224	-1	224.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MARCH 15					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 8						
	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	1,808	-65	-317	14	7	8,675	0.4	27	-182	30	18	8,723
Alaska	626	-22	-101	1	2	5,153	1.7	-238	-325	98	5	5,256
Arizona	3,737	143	407	3	1	21,903	0.7	-654	-115	118	32	22,053
Arkansas	1,188	-16	-125	1	1	7,451	0.6	-75	-1,818	47	10	7,508
California	42,717	-3,625	1,289	130	70	421,710	2.4	-4,482	1,681	1,534	1,157	424,401
Colorado	2,885	-277	411	1	11	33,228	1.2	-609	4,579	267	180	33,675
Connecticut	2,926	1	20	4	2	31,525	1.9	-922	666	41	45	31,611
Delaware	221	24	5	2	0	5,630	1.2	-410	91	8	6	5,644
District of Columbia	1,207	-329	698	98	1	11,147	2.0	485	5,575	850	4	12,001
Florida	5,684	-238	333	31	27	32,348	0.3	-462	-3,712	142	81	32,571
Georgia	4,358	-557	-28	69	14	29,212	0.6	-444	-915	183	76	29,471
Hawaii	892	-45	-182	2	7	5,290	0.9	-48	-1,337	62	52	5,404
Idaho	1,150	-44	118	6	2	10,340	1.2	-837	245	177	12	10,529
Illinois	8,648	-1,365	1,168	5	4	133,758	2.3	-3,359	8,918	311	125	134,194
Indiana	2,366	-412	-84	12	2	26,606	0.9	-1,131	2,207	27	21	26,654
Iowa	1,731	175	-219	4	4	21,874	1.4	-979	5,029	21	10	21,905
Kansas	1,167	-46	63	1	0	11,709	0.8	-423	5,990	35	7	11,751
Kentucky	1,533	-556	206	6	0	12,851	0.6	-658	3,402	29	38	12,918
Louisiana	1,524	105	5	5	4	11,091	0.6	-69	42	30	12	11,133
Maine	577	23	-25	0	0	9,037	1.4	-40	836	31	10	9,078
Maryland	2,662	-357	446	125	10	26,161	1.0	100	2,171	237	69	26,467
Massachusetts	4,854	-631	183	22	9	85,448	2.4	-1,460	1,930	140	73	85,661
Michigan	9,378	2,842	2,406	7	3	78,881	1.8	587	12,175	146	21	79,048
Minnesota	4,107	181	508	4	4	69,283	2.4	-2,484	2,818	125	61	69,469
Mississippi	2,668	1,775	1,332	1	0	6,429	0.6	-46	486	54	9	6,492
Missouri	2,830	206	-1,309	1	3	20,975	0.7	-1,941	1,087	65	23	21,063
Montana	543	-79	-15	3	0	10,369	2.1	-443	945	386	10	10,765
Nebraska	1,004	395	70	3	0	7,316	0.7	-615	1,241	20	2	7,338
Nevada	2,561	-17	73	2	6	25,888	1.7	159	289	139	52	26,079
New Hampshire	414	-80	12	1	0	4,199	0.6	-447	193	11	1	4,211
New Jersey	8,192	-860	-309	20	24	116,199	2.8	-4,160	-774	260	251	116,710
New Mexico	998	68	271	1	2	10,873	1.3	204	649	147	59	11,079
New York	14,434	-504	85	29	16	179,929	1.9	-3,762	-2,973	290	193	180,412
North Carolina	3,395	-395	481	3	4	26,207	0.5	-70	6,043	66	88	26,361
North Dakota	264	-2	18	2	0	5,756	1.4	-198	562	18	3	5,777
Ohio	5,468	-415	1,210	9	12	64,451	1.2	-2,148	12,021	131	86	64,668
Oklahoma	1,330	63	135	7	8	9,930	0.6	32	525	46	38	10,014
Oregon	4,262	27	897	4	1	33,622	1.7	-83	5,914	533	36	34,191
Pennsylvania	9,903	-877	100	36	12	111,643	1.9	-3,298	52	313	126	112,082
Puerto Rico	999	-21	50	4	0	15,467	1.7	183	6	140	40	15,647
Rhode Island	893	15	174	2	1	13,741	2.9	-513	1,498	28	18	13,787
South Carolina	1,886	-175	91	6	5	14,384	0.7	23	762	33	31	14,448
South Dakota	184	-5	28	5	1	2,972	0.7	-57	385	37	4	3,013
Tennessee	2,606	-236	-510	2	4	16,355	0.5	-533	-1,076	73	34	16,462
Texas	19,243	1,458	4,473	53	62	147,524	1.1	5,860	11,320	478	803	148,805
Utah	1,484	-73	157	15	1	14,899	0.9	-171	858	236	16	15,151
Vermont	397	2	19	0	0	3,800	1.3	-147	366	1	1	3,802
Virgin Islands	24	-11	-11	1	0	254	0.7	-16	-14	0	0	254
Virginia	3,141	-895	1,237	40	6	18,349	0.5	668	2,737	155	63	18,567
Washington	5,283	-838	195	9	27	81,456	2.3	-966	16,825	612	421	82,489
West Virginia	665	-168	-58	2	2	8,632	1.3	-710	-640	50	18	8,700
Wisconsin	4,058	156	-431	3	1	33,504	1.2	-1,240	-177	68	20	33,592
Wyoming	323	-31	-25	4	0	2,725	1.0	-90	308	56	3	2,784
Totals	207,398	-6,608	15,625	821	383	2,118,159	1.4	-33,110	109,369	9,135	4,574	2,131,868

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 15, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+2,842	Layoffs in management of companies and enterprises industry.
MS	+1,775	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and in educational services industries.
TX	+1,458	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, public administration, accommodation and food services, manufacturing, utilities, and wholesale trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,625	No comment.
IL	-1,365	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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