

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending February 27, 2021.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed as compared to the same week last year. To show pre-pandemic comparisons, initial claims for the same week in 2019 are also included.

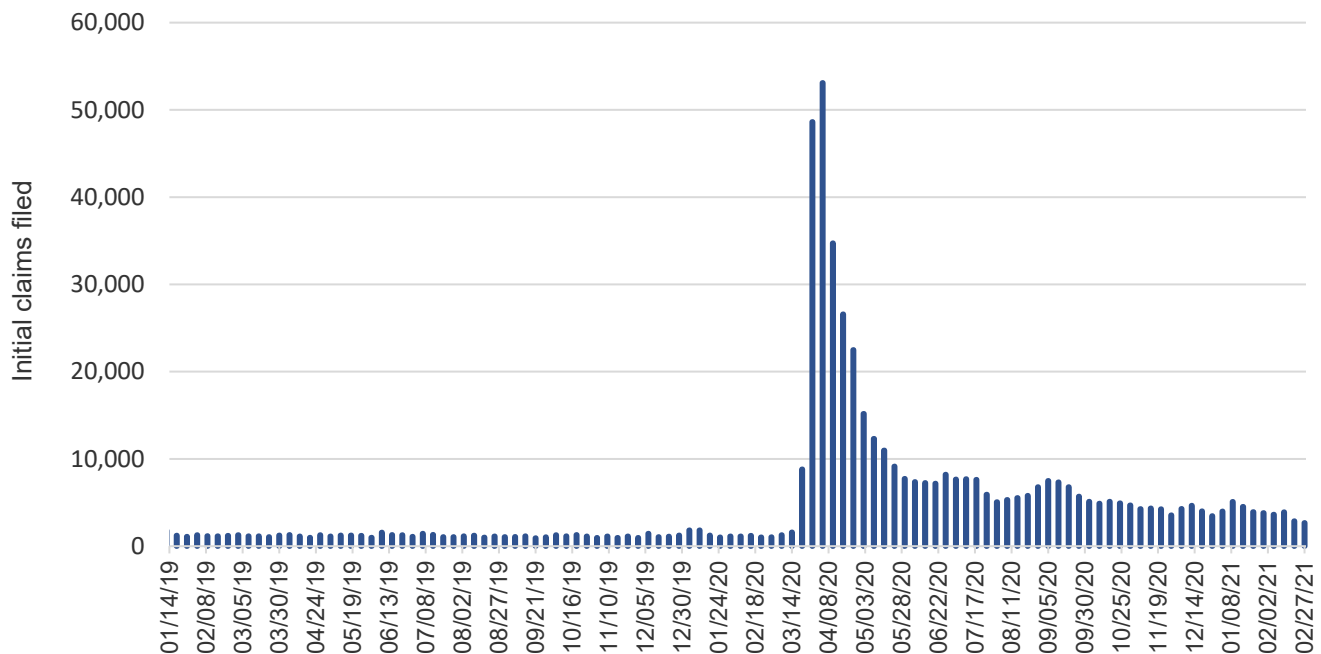
"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

Initial unemployment claims

State/ county	This week					Year-to-date		
	2021	2020	2019	Percent change, 2020-2021	Percent change, 2019-2021	2021	2020	2019
State	2,684	1,055	1,290	154.4	108.1	34,500	11,523	12,188
Oahu	1,708	710	832	140.6	105.3	21,825	7,294	7,519
Hawaii	282	165	205	70.9	37.6	4,273	1,840	2,088
Maui	384	113	141	239.8	172.3	4,719	1,542	1,620
Kauai	196	48	82	308.3	139.0	2,269	641	724
Agent*	114	19	30	500.0	280.0	1,414	206	237

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

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Source: Hi State Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations; calculations by the HI State Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.