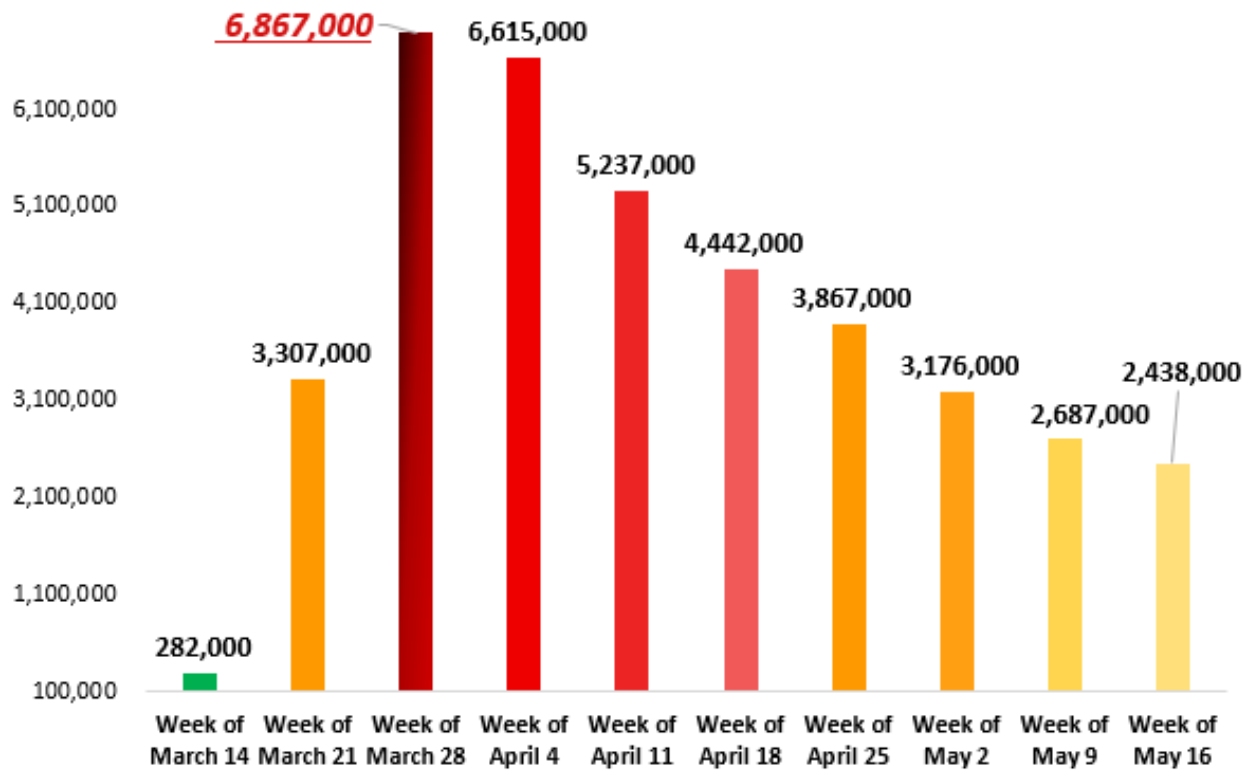


## 2.4 Million Americans Filed for Unemployment Last Week

Weekly unemployment claims are falling, but slowly – too slowly.

The [Department of Labor reported](#) today that more than 2.4 million more Americans filed for unemployment last week (the week ending May 16). That is down 249,000 from the week before, but still a heartbreaking total.

### Historically High Unemployment Insurance Claims Continue - But are Declining



The total number of Americans that have claimed unemployment since March 14 is just shy of 39 million.

More states have moved into Phase 1 reopenings, which should slow the job losses and put some workers back on the job. Hopefully that means these weekly unemployment figures will improve.

Please see data on [unemployment claims by state](#) and read about the [top ten](#). You can also read about which [industries](#) have seen the largest job losses.

—Curtis Dubay, Senior Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce