

# US Stock Express

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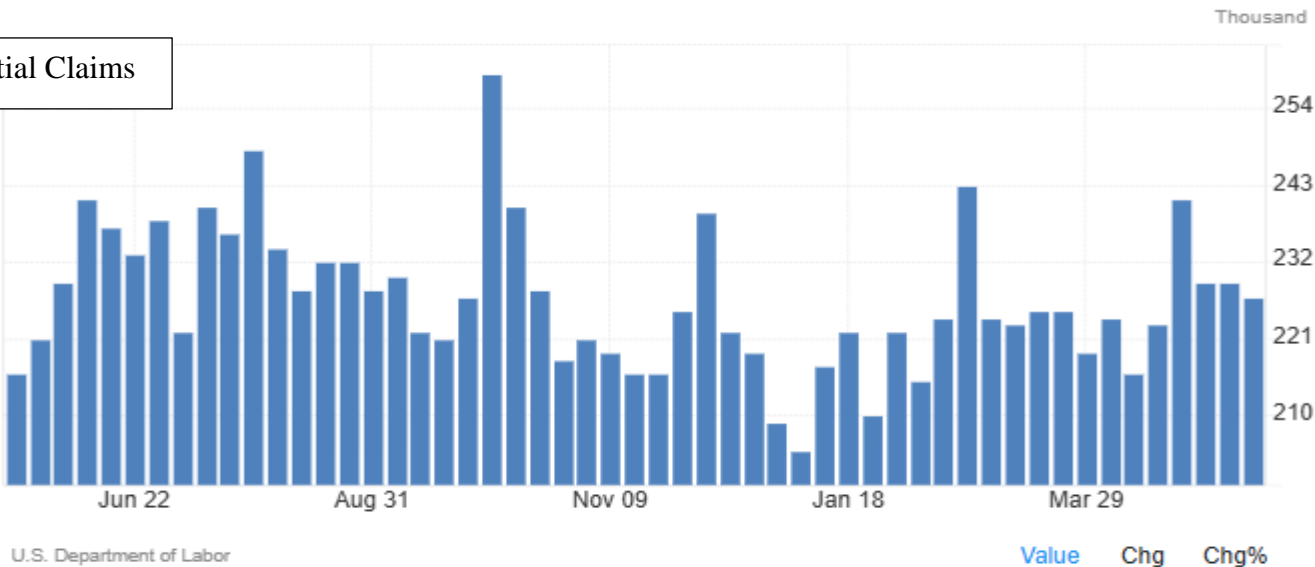
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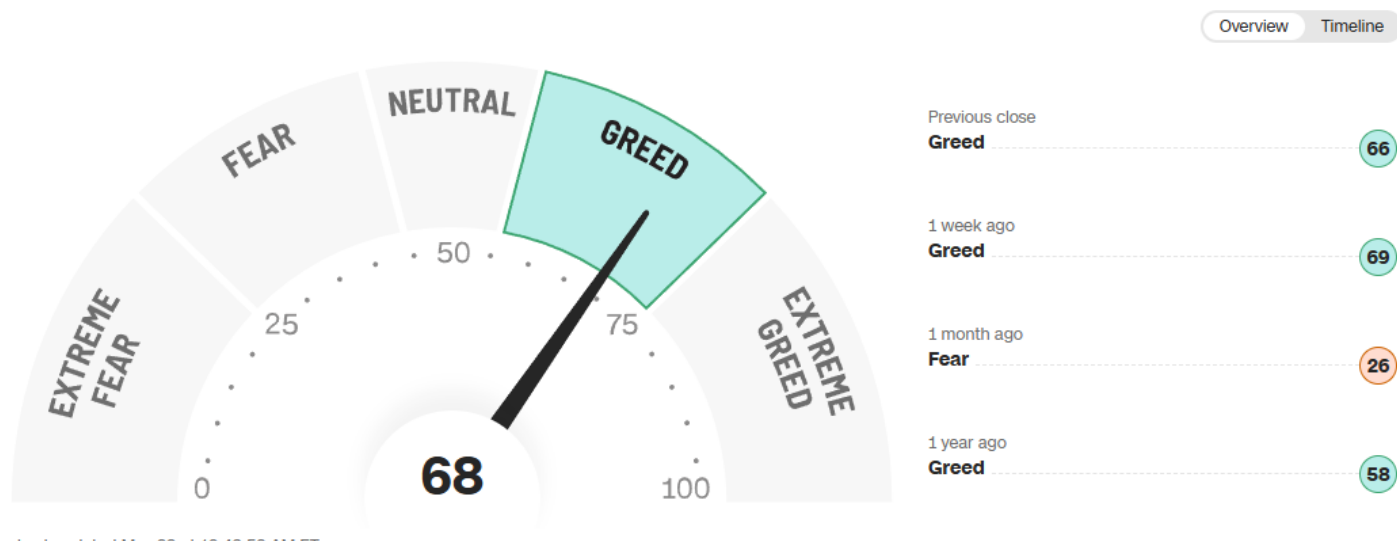


Calendar	GMT	Reference	Actual	Previous	Consensus	TEForecast
2025-05-15	12:30 PM	May/10	229K	229K	229K	220.0K
2025-05-22	12:30 PM	May/17	227K	229K	230K	231.0K
2025-05-29	12:30 PM	May/24		227K		
Related			Last	Previous	Unit	Reference
Continued Jobless Claims - Federal Workers			6386.00	6571.00	People	May 2025
Continuing Jobless Claims			1903.00	1867.00	Thousand	May 2025
Initial Jobless Claims			227.00	229.00	Thousand	May 2025
Initial Jobless Claims - Federal Workers			595.00	438.00	People	May 2025
Jobless Claims 4-week Average			231.50	230.50	Thousand	May 2025
Labour Costs			120.64	119.98	points	Dec 2024
Productivity			115.49	115.73	points	Mar 2025

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What emotion is driving the market now?

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## North East West South is **NEWS**

Federal Reserve Governor Stephen Waller said the Fed would be in a good position to cut interest rates in the second half of this year if the Trump administration reduces tariffs on U.S. trading partners to around 10% and completes and delivers all negotiations by July.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said Canada was continuing "high-level" talks with the United States over whether to join the Golden Dome missile defence system proposed by US President Donald Trump.

The Group of Seven finance ministers meeting in Canada faces challenges as they try to overcome divisions within the group over the impact of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs and thorny issues such as support for Ukraine.

The price of the cryptocurrency Bitcoin once rose above \$110,000, setting a record high. Coinbase (COIN.US), the largest digital asset exchange in the United States, became the first cryptocurrency company to be included in the S&P 500 index earlier this month.

The Chicago Federal Reserve's National Activity Index (CFNAI) fell to minus 0.25 in April, down from a revised 0.03 in March, indicating a contraction in overall U.S. economic activity as three of the four major categories weighed negatively on the index.



## World Observation

Day 1185  
Russia/Ukraine Conflict

### **EU Handling Charges**

The European Union has proposed a two-euro flat fee on billions of small parcels sent directly to people's homes, which mainly come from China at the moment. They clarify this is not tax but handling charges only. This also means tax will come later.

The fact is that since the pandemic, customer buying habit has been changed and internet buying becomes more and more. Thus bringing tremendous workload for the custom. They need to extend their facilities, storage venues, transportation and recruit more workers. Their cost has greatly increased. Also for commercial habit, goods are no long on the shelf but changed to individual selling through internet and when the amount is smaller can escape from tariff. Thus they have to mend the existing hole. Recently, because of excess production from China, besides workload, there aroused another problem which is safety of goods such as small electric appliances for the EU standard is the strictest in the world and accepted as standard for worldwide safety.

Please refer to this bulletin on 20250502 of French Check and 20250429 on small parcels. This is a new scenario that needed to face even though there is no tariff war. Last year, 4.6 billion such parcels entered the EU, with more than 90% coming from China. When collecting handling fee, they can get an income of 9.2 Euro to improve their facilities and for recruitment of more staff and the workload this year and next year surely will be more than last year. People afraid that after the handling charges, there still will be tariff to add on small parcels.

This is inevitable for sending of goods is no longer by large containers, but dispersed to small parcels. The world is changing everyday and all policies should change with time. Thus concise negotiation is needed to fill the current leakages.