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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

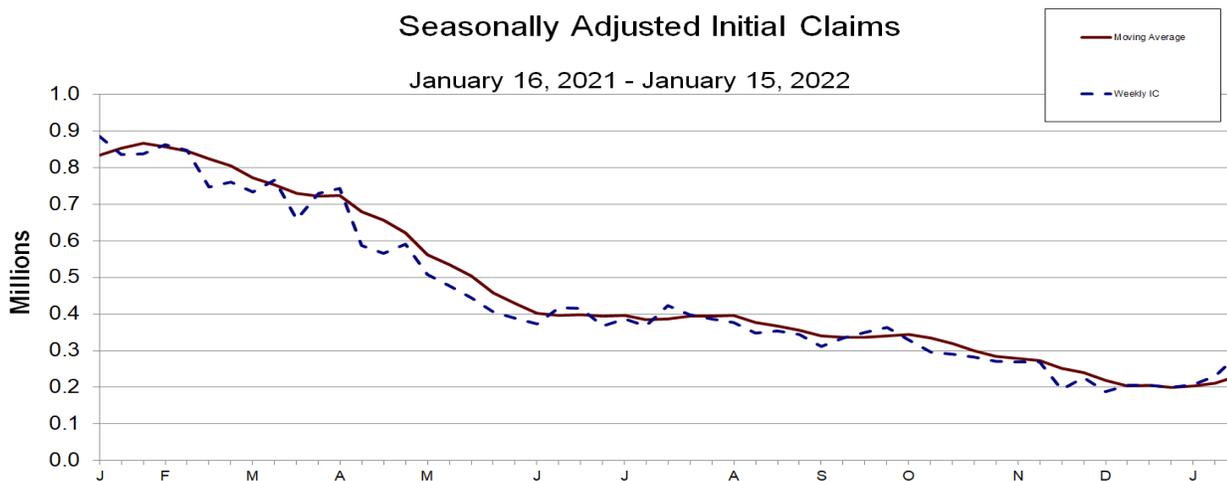
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 286,000, an increase of 55,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 230,000 to 231,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,000, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 210,750 to 211,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 8, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 8 was 1,635,000, an increase of 84,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,559,000 to 1,551,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,664,250, a decrease of 55,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since April 27, 2019 when it was 1,663,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,721,500 to 1,719,500.

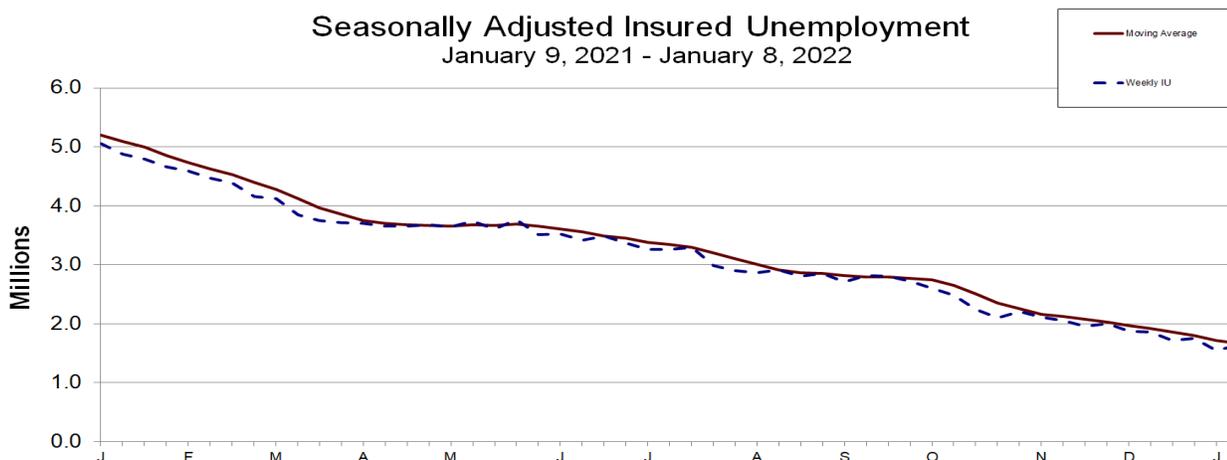
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

January 16, 2021 - January 15, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

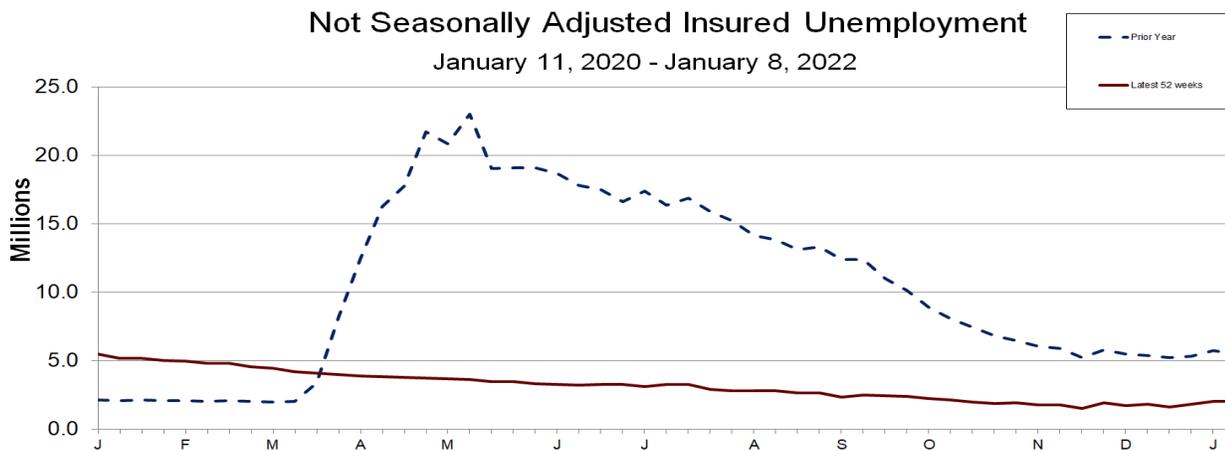
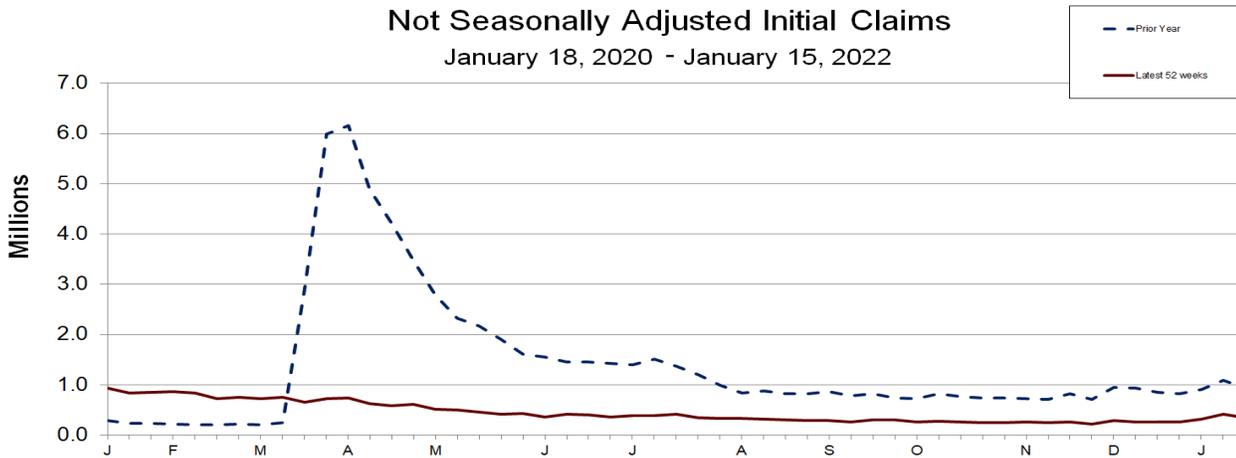
January 9, 2021 - January 8, 2022



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 337,417 in the week ending January 15, a decrease of 83,418 (or -19.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 138,773 (or -33.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 937,313 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,075,750, an increase of 26,126 (or 1.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 57,330 (or -2.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.9 percent and the volume was 5,479,170.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 1 was 2,128,752, an increase of 180,114 from the previous week. There were 16,946,982 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending January 1, Extended Benefits were available in the following 2 states: New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,479 in the week ending January 8, an increase of 779 from the prior week. There were 458 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 119 from the preceding week.

There were 10,599 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 1, an increase of 980 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,748, an increase of 197 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 1 were in Alaska (3.1), Minnesota (2.8), Kentucky (2.7), New Jersey (2.6), New York (2.6), Rhode Island (2.5), California (2.4), Connecticut (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), and Oregon (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 8 were in California (+11,295), New York (+10,639), Texas (+10,437), Kentucky (+8,476), and Missouri (+7,768), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-2,079), Connecticut (-1,437), Michigan (-1,158), New Hampshire (-424), and Rhode Island (-424).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 15	January 8	Change	January 1	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	286,000	231,000	+55,000	207,000	886,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	337,417	420,835	-83,418	315,753	937,313
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,000	211,000	+20,000	204,500	833,500

WEEK ENDING	January 8	January 1	Change	December 25	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,635,000	1,551,000	+84,000	1,753,000	5,061,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,075,750	2,049,624	+26,126	1,869,757	5,479,170
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,664,250	1,719,500	-55,250	1,798,500	5,198,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.3%	3.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.4%	3.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	January 8	January 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,479	700	+779	3,140
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	458	339	+119	1,251

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	January 1	December 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,044,444	1,865,443	+179,001	5,723,524
Federal Employees	10,599	9,619	+980	18,624
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,748	4,551	+197	9,701
Extended Benefits ⁴	52,508	53,633	-1,125	1,409,558
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,991	1,999	-8	2,539
STC / Workshare ⁶	14,462	13,393	+1,069	86,498
TOTAL⁷	2,128,752	1,948,638	+180,114	16,946,982

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 138,088,262 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: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 9-10 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,257	5,395	-1,138	4,615	7,443	-2,828
Alaska	1,380	1,475	-95	8,747	8,899	-152
Arizona	2,874	3,317	-443	11,261	13,977	-2,716
Arkansas	1,353	1,996	-643	9,584	12,235	-2,651
California**	67,544	61,469	6,075	420,736	395,492	25,244
Colorado	2,811	3,281	-470	20,646	19,872	774
Connecticut	5,465	7,885	-2,420	32,610	37,235	-4,625
Delaware	670	790	-120	5,621	4,998	623
District of Columbia	2,074	2,976	-902	6,553	6,288	265
Florida	7,694	10,103	-2,409	41,839	48,587	-6,748
Georgia	6,700	7,586	-886	39,108	36,050	3,058
Hawaii	2,229	2,836	-607	10,139	10,555	-416
Idaho	1,592	2,493	-901	8,761	8,860	-99
Illinois	14,396	16,782	-2,386	139,934	113,614	26,320
Indiana	9,168	11,926	-2,758	32,700	32,722	-22
Iowa	3,260	4,985	-1,725	24,963	24,541	422
Kansas	2,630	3,114	-484	7,144	6,515	629
Kentucky	11,752	11,245	507	41,990	47,786	-5,796
Louisiana	2,238	2,861	-623	14,706	16,520	-1,814
Maine	1,198	1,608	-410	7,873	7,487	386
Maryland	3,378	4,492	-1,114	23,262	23,403	-141
Massachusetts	9,361	11,537	-2,176	74,471	76,626	-2,155
Michigan	12,136	18,033	-5,897	67,814	59,478	8,336
Minnesota	6,951	9,499	-2,548	74,730	74,074	656
Mississippi	1,287	1,781	-494	5,424	6,431	-1,007
Missouri	5,096	12,585	-7,489	23,371	20,863	2,508
Montana	1,250	2,056	-806	9,618	9,009	609
Nebraska	1,452	1,627	-175	5,698	5,708	-10
Nevada	3,234	3,477	-243	19,145	21,442	-2,297
New Hampshire	534	632	-98	2,922	3,703	-781
New Jersey	14,598	16,525	-1,927	101,788	98,533	3,255
New Mexico	962	1,233	-271	10,619	11,052	-433
New York	23,098	37,109	-14,011	208,104	217,716	-9,612
North Carolina	3,972	3,917	55	15,001	16,589	-1,588
North Dakota	810	1,436	-626	6,300	5,144	1,156
Ohio	14,982	17,482	-2,500	59,240	56,754	2,486
Oklahoma	1,834	2,760	-926	11,803	14,177	-2,374
Oregon	5,332	9,471	-4,139	35,713	42,057	-6,344
Pennsylvania	18,935	20,160	-1,225	94,826	100,579	-5,753
Puerto Rico **	863	780	83	16,543	11,213	5,330
Rhode Island	2,004	1,554	450	10,942	10,978	-36
South Carolina	2,047	4,056	-2,009	13,753	16,153	-2,400
South Dakota	273	557	-284	2,730	2,596	134
Tennessee	6,886	9,495	-2,609	18,642	17,931	711
Texas	17,714	23,837	-6,123	115,216	117,922	-2,706
Utah	5,798	8,101	-2,303	10,687	8,946	1,741
Vermont	685	908	-223	4,452	4,291	161
Virgin Islands	26	54	-28	638	534	104
Virginia **	2,383	2,443	-60	18,122	8,190	9,932
Washington	5,668	11,593	-5,925	66,462	67,829	-1,367
West Virginia*	1,657	2,142	-485	9,243	9,455	-212
Wisconsin	10,396	14,428	-4,032	45,893	48,011	-2,118
Wyoming	530	952	-422	3,048	2,561	487
US Total	337,417	420,835	-83,418	2,075,750	2,049,624	26,126

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.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

**Denotes state estimate.

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	
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,239	-241	2,512.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	283	-8	299.75	2,101	-138	2,355.75	1.6
October 30, 2021	271	-12	285.25	2,209	108	2,257.25	1.6
November 6, 2021	269	-2	278.50	2,109	-100	2,164.50	1.6
November 13, 2021	270	1	273.25	2,055	-54	2,118.50	1.5
November 20, 2021	194	-76	251.00	1,954	-101	2,081.75	1.4
November 27, 2021	227	33	240.00	1,999	45	2,029.25	1.5
December 4, 2021	188	-39	219.75	1,867	-132	1,968.75	1.4
December 11, 2021	205	17	203.50	1,856	-11	1,919.00	1.4
December 18, 2021	206	1	206.50	1,718	-138	1,860.00	1.3
December 25, 2021	200	-6	199.75	1,753	35	1,798.50	1.3
January 1, 2022	207	7	204.50	1,551	-202	1,719.50	1.1
January 8, 2022	231	24	211.00	1,635	84	1,664.25	1.2
January 15, 2022	286	55	231.00				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	January 1	December 25	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	8	2	6
Arizona	13	6	7
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	2,525	2,346	179
Colorado	1	48	-47
Connecticut	6,116	6,896	-780
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0
Florida	122	109	13
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	1	-1
Illinois	45	28	17
Indiana	14	3	11
Iowa	1	1	0
Kansas	6	7	-1
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	2	3	-1
Maine	5	10	-5
Maryland	13	19	-6
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	35	11	24
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	9	8	1
Missouri	4	4	0
Montana	1	1	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	3	11	-8
New Hampshire	4	5	-1
New Jersey	39,898	40,141	-243
New Mexico	2,980	3,405	-425
New York	84	85	-1
North Carolina	22	29	-7
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	46	33	13
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	4	4	0
Pennsylvania	151	72	79
Puerto Rico	37	37	0
Rhode Island	3	8	-5
South Carolina	10	11	-1
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	7	0	7
Texas	295	221	74
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	15	4	11
Virgin Islands	0	1	-1
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	4	0	4
West Virginia	16	3	13
Wisconsin	8	58	-50
Wyoming	0	1	-1
US Total	52,508	53,633	-1,125

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 8

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 1

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	5,395	2,564	-8,689	10	12	7,443	0.4	1,202	-9,238	34	21	7,498
Alaska	1,475	420	-2,425	12	1	8,899	3.1	-37	-10,803	161	10	9,070
Arizona	3,317	1,176	-8,992	12	1	13,977	0.5	820	-62,841	155	23	14,155
Arkansas	1,996	280	-4,375	3	0	12,235	1.1	1,995	-12,517	50	20	12,305
California	61,469	11,295	-121,156	281	60	395,492	2.4	2,700	-578,416	2,341	895	398,728
Colorado	3,281	1,073	-10,957	16	6	19,872	0.8	632	-127,416	283	179	20,334
Connecticut	7,885	-1,437	-2,401	41	6	37,235	2.4	6,839	-47,640	46	44	37,325
Delaware	790	65	-2,892	3	0	4,998	1.2	859	-10,784	11	8	5,017
District of Columbia	2,976	1,466	1,100	16	0	6,288	1.2	343	-19,858	90	3	6,381
Florida	10,103	5,804	-20,480	32	41	48,587	0.6	5,422	-125,957	199	164	48,950
Georgia	7,586	1,859	-29,453	22	19	36,050	0.8	1,016	-149,537	217	124	36,391
Hawaii	2,836	1,067	-2,222	1	11	10,555	2.0	1,536	-18,123	87	62	10,704
Idaho	2,493	59	-2,192	28	0	8,860	1.2	1,519	-5,530	310	4	9,174
Illinois	16,782	2,573	-78,162	14	5	113,614	2.1	-10,932	-236,031	497	106	114,217
Indiana	11,926	5,474	-5,798	14	8	32,722	1.2	2,965	-61,259	105	42	32,869
Iowa	4,985	212	-2,381	11	5	24,541	1.7	5,360	-24,012	46	19	24,606
Kansas	3,114	1,664	-32,807	1	0	6,515	0.5	744	-81,876	29	16	6,560
Kentucky	11,245	8,476	-154	7	1	47,786	2.7	37,436	3,579	103	109	47,998
Louisiana	2,861	1,228	-18,763	7	4	16,520	0.9	-521	-70,990	58	21	16,599
Maine	1,608	195	-2,145	6	0	7,487	1.3	445	-9,660	28	6	7,521
Maryland	4,492	782	-18,592	23	7	23,403	1.0	1,308	-51,834	149	126	23,678
Massachusetts	11,537	-2,079	-20,395	12	14	76,626	2.3	8,730	-99,004	153	78	76,857
Michigan	18,033	-1,158	-6,621	11	9	59,478	1.5	-805	-135,698	147	41	59,666
Minnesota	9,499	1,405	-7,802	10	3	74,074	2.8	5,628	-78,150	173	72	74,319
Mississippi	1,781	353	-8,091	1	2	6,431	0.6	191	-26,145	40	10	6,481
Missouri	12,585	7,768	-4,113	8	3	20,863	0.8	1,476	-32,880	91	24	20,978
Montana	2,056	389	-1,038	160	11	9,009	2.0	1,362	-9,413	592	15	9,616
Nebraska	1,627	-3	-3,587	2	0	5,708	0.6	1,015	-9,083	15	8	5,731
Nevada	3,477	822	-6,034	11	1	21,442	1.7	169	-57,351	119	43	21,604
New Hampshire	632	-424	-3,227	2	1	3,703	0.6	786	-23,463	11	3	3,717
New Jersey	16,525	973	-5,311	35	16	98,533	2.6	10,668	-57,835	311	269	99,113
New Mexico	1,233	-265	-10,281	12	3	11,052	1.5	-40	-33,805	265	27	11,344
New York	37,109	10,639	-36,012	35	13	217,716	2.6	24,557	-241,075	439	289	218,444
North Carolina	3,917	2,069	-11,805	10	1	16,589	0.4	-1,019	-49,781	69	82	16,740
North Dakota	1,436	570	-510	1	3	5,144	1.3	638	-3,435	12	0	5,156
Ohio	17,482	5,124	-19,853	10	14	56,754	1.1	8,106	-155,068	88	110	56,952
Oklahoma	2,760	934	-4,257	14	4	14,177	0.9	498	-27,298	76	58	14,311
Oregon	9,471	2,135	-3,425	121	9	42,057	2.3	8,334	-57,550	735	70	42,862
Pennsylvania	20,160	1,963	-21,264	39	12	100,579	1.9	14,912	-258,247	299	95	100,973
Puerto Rico	780	0	-1,155	2	3	11,213	1.4	0	-37,382	156	37	11,406
Rhode Island	1,554	-424	-6,245	3	0	10,978	2.5	1,997	-12,037	32	23	11,033
South Carolina	4,056	345	-3,992	13	14	16,153	0.8	1,968	-34,892	36	50	16,239
South Dakota	557	128	-428	5	1	2,596	0.6	485	-3,603	56	2	2,654
Tennessee	9,495	5,403	-12,459	17	10	17,931	0.6	2,020	-41,014	46	20	17,997
Texas	23,837	10,437	-40,884	116	83	117,922	1.0	3,720	-239,724	666	971	119,559
Utah	8,101	6,431	4,276	174	12	8,946	0.6	905	-7,513	238	15	9,199
Vermont	908	-87	-922	0	0	4,291	1.5	630	-8,215	16	0	4,307
Virgin Islands	54	14	5	0	0	534	1.5	-34	-1,302	0	0	534
Virginia	2,443	630	-25,784	8	7	8,190	0.2	-3,072	-55,497	44	30	8,264
Washington	11,593	-221	-16,685	45	18	67,829	2.1	13,531	-114,458	446	252	68,527
West Virginia	2,142	1,132	-1,511	2	1	9,455	1.5	1,341	-13,381	48	22	9,525
Wisconsin	14,428	3,409	-8,152	17	3	48,011	1.8	9,196	-69,313	103	28	48,142
Wyoming	952	375	-363	23	0	2,561	1.0	323	-2,907	78	2	2,641
Totals	420,835	105,082	-661,861	1,479	458	2,049,624	1.5	179,867	-3,707,262	10,599	4,748	2,064,971

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 JANUARY 8, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+11,295	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and other services industries.
NY	+10,639	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and public administration industries.
TX	+10,437	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	+8,476	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
MO	+7,768	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
UT	+6,431	No comment.
FL	+5,804	No comment.
IN	+5,474	No comment.
TN	+5,403	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, arts, entertainment, and recreation and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	+5,124	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
WI	+3,409	Layoffs in the construction industry.
IL	+2,573	Layoffs in the construction, other services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
AL	+2,564	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, construction, retail trade, educational services, transportation and warehousing, finance and insurance, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
OR	+2,135	No comment.
NC	+2,069	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
PA	+1,963	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and health care and social assistance industries.
GA	+1,859	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and trade industries.
KS	+1,664	No comment.
DC	+1,466	No comment.
MN	+1,405	No comment.
LA	+1,228	No comment.
AZ	+1,176	No comment.
WV	+1,132	Layoffs in the utilities and information industries.
CO	+1,073	No comment.
HI	+1,067	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	-2,079	No comment.
CT	-1,437	No comment.
MI	-1,158	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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.

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