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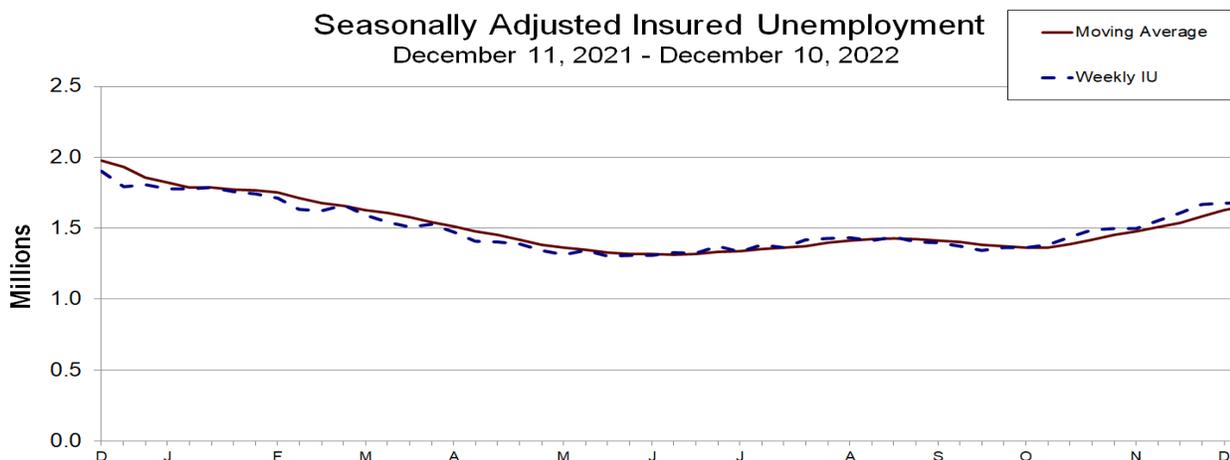
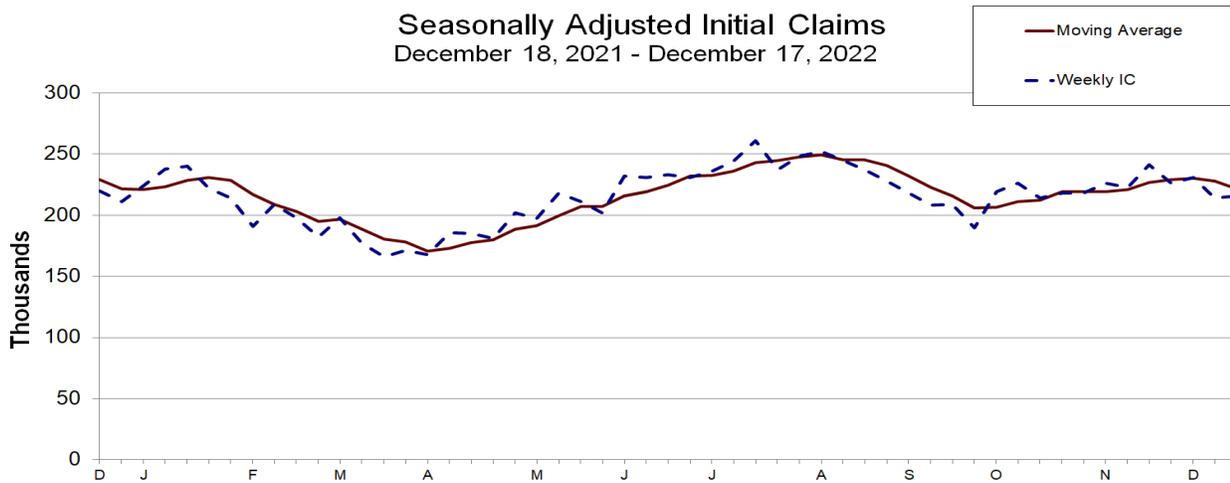
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 211,000 to 214,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,750, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 227,250 to 228,000.

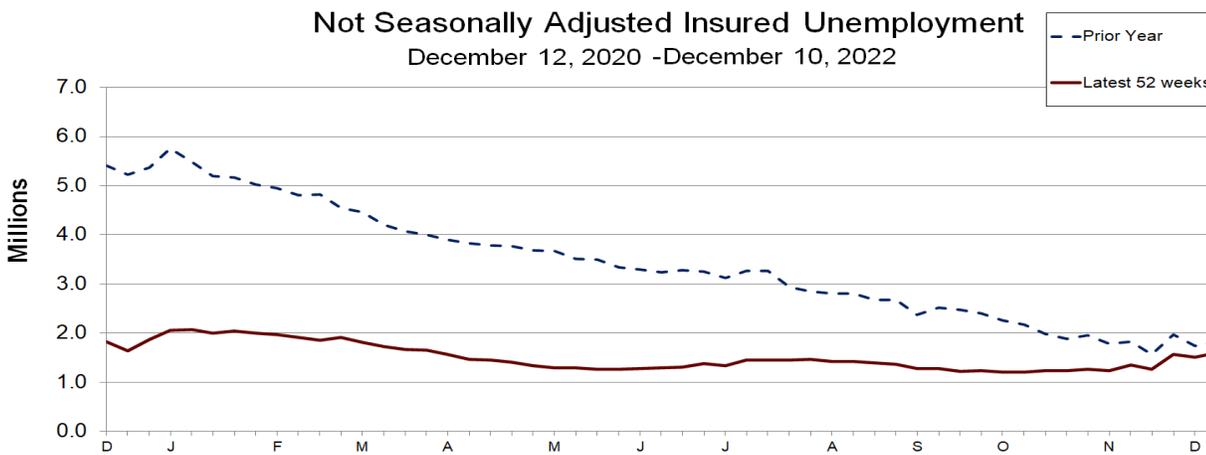
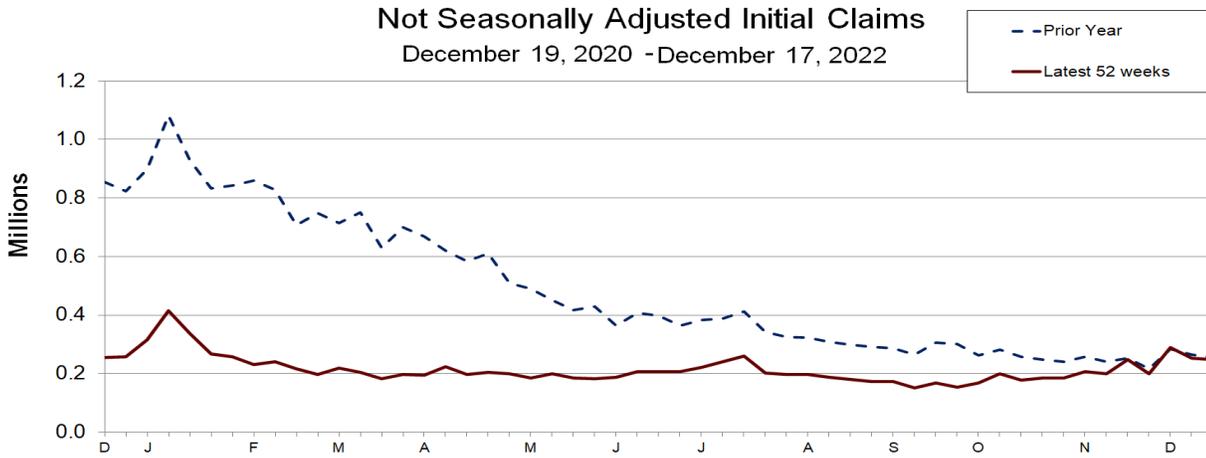
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 10 was 1,672,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 1,671,000 to 1,678,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,657,250, an increase of 30,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 1,625,250 to 1,627,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 247,867 in the week ending December 17, a decrease of 4,064 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,410 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 255,021 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending December 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,597,223, an increase of 85,084 (or 5.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 90,628 (or 6.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,827,628.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 3 was 1,537,044, a decrease of 49,110 from the previous week. There were 2,138,003 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending December 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 781 in the week ending December 10, an increase of 5 from the prior week. There were 426 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 36 from the preceding week.

There were 6,876 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 3, a decrease of 56 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,169, a decrease of 355 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 3 were in Alaska (2.3), Puerto Rico (2.1), California (2.0), New Jersey (2.0), Minnesota (1.7), Montana (1.7), New York (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 10 were in Connecticut (+471), District of Columbia (+237), Nevada (+157), Kentucky (+153), and Illinois (+138), while the largest decreases were in New York (-7,134), California (-4,830), Georgia (-4,273), Texas (-3,954), and Pennsylvania (-2,669).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 17	December 10	Change	December 3	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	214,000	+2,000	231,000	220,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	247,867	251,931	-4,064	287,976	255,021
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,750	228,000	-6,250	230,250	229,000

WEEK ENDING	December 10	December 3	Change	November 26	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,672,000	1,678,000	-6,000	1,670,000	1,904,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,597,223	1,512,139	+85,084	1,561,445	1,827,628
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,657,250	1,627,000	+30,250	1,582,000	1,976,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	December 10	December 3	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	781	776	+5	969
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	426	462	-36	414

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

WEEK ENDING	December 3	November 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,507,742	1,557,155	-49,413	1,729,957
Federal Employees	6,876	6,932	-56	9,824
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,169	4,524	-355	4,718
Extended Benefits ⁴	2,925	3,399	-474	124,276
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,679	1,822	-143	2,252
STC / Workshare ⁶	13,653	12,322	+1,331	16,779
TOTAL⁷	1,537,044	1,586,154	-49,110	2,138,003

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 143,627,296 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 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 December 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,553	2,608	-55	3,424	4,314	-890
Alaska	955	964	-9	6,561	6,573	-12
Arizona	2,690	2,968	-278	16,357	17,596	-1,239
Arkansas	1,188	1,807	-619	6,583	7,332	-749
California	45,383	46,971	-1,588	357,924	335,260	22,664
Colorado	3,175	3,027	148	22,159	20,311	1,848
Connecticut	4,578	3,976	602	20,842	19,043	1,799
Delaware	329	345	-16	4,177	3,672	505
District of Columbia	552	540	12	3,030	2,920	110
Florida	5,398	6,393	-995	38,496	44,840	-6,344
Georgia	5,654	6,612	-958	26,372	27,305	-933
Hawaii	1,098	1,090	8	5,494	5,439	55
Idaho	2,108	2,096	12	7,205	6,829	376
Illinois	15,933	16,423	-490	89,060	74,447	14,613
Indiana	4,603	6,168	-1,565	21,638	26,097	-4,459
Iowa	4,149	3,576	573	12,913	10,786	2,127
Kansas	1,500	1,037	463	4,362	3,875	487
Kentucky	2,401	1,999	402	10,505	7,778	2,727
Louisiana	1,878	2,047	-169	10,344	11,430	-1,086
Maine	882	968	-86	5,116	4,600	516
Maryland	2,130	2,220	-90	19,120	19,986	-866
Massachusetts	8,883	7,450	1,433	55,696	52,364	3,332
Michigan	9,258	9,247	11	48,797	40,475	8,322
Minnesota	6,321	6,510	-189	52,817	46,321	6,496
Mississippi	1,121	1,159	-38	4,801	5,495	-694
Missouri	3,900	3,090	810	14,364	14,026	338
Montana	1,455	1,309	146	8,535	7,813	722
Nebraska	1,115	879	236	3,795	3,482	313
Nevada	3,331	2,866	465	17,569	17,564	5
New Hampshire	384	368	16	2,150	2,169	-19
New Jersey	9,929	8,935	994	84,798	80,475	4,323
New Mexico	807	788	19	8,781	8,680	101
New York	16,726	16,832	-106	143,909	138,513	5,396
North Carolina	3,471	3,691	-220	15,821	15,950	-129
North Dakota	982	743	239	3,385	2,657	728
Ohio	11,111	13,094	-1,983	45,969	42,732	3,237
Oklahoma	1,395	1,274	121	10,040	9,883	157
Oregon	4,722	4,584	138	26,553	25,631	922
Pennsylvania	12,596	12,204	392	77,243	76,670	573
Puerto Rico	1,097	1,484	-387	15,400	18,619	-3,219
Rhode Island	1,609	1,076	533	7,354	6,686	668
South Carolina	2,311	2,410	-99	12,003	12,181	-178
South Dakota	308	470	-162	1,638	1,440	198
Tennessee	2,655	2,367	288	12,602	12,976	-374
Texas	14,679	15,936	-1,257	114,937	101,902	13,035
Utah	2,236	2,280	-44	10,048	9,228	820
Vermont	475	438	37	2,699	2,392	307
Virgin Islands	15	21	-6	218	176	42
Virginia	1,677	1,346	331	10,006	8,620	1,386
Washington	6,238	6,851	-613	55,551	50,506	5,045
West Virginia	1,066	1,780	-714	8,110	8,229	-119
Wisconsin	6,313	6,129	184	27,509	25,816	1,693
Wyoming	544	485	59	2,443	2,035	408
US Total	247,867	251,931	-4,064	1,597,223	1,512,139	85,084

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	
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,498	0	1,480.25	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	53	1,508.50	1.1
November 19, 2022	241	18	227.00	1,609	58	1,539.00	1.1
November 26, 2022	226	-15	229.00	1,670	61	1,582.00	1.2
December 3, 2022	231	5	230.25	1,678	8	1,627.00	1.2
December 10, 2022	214	-17	228.00	1,672	-6	1,657.25	1.2
December 17, 2022	216	2	221.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 10

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 3

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	2,608	-660	-469	8	7	4,314	0.2	-409	-1,788	39	14	4,367
Alaska	964	-101	-294	8	2	6,573	2.3	99	-2,084	110	10	6,693
Arizona	2,968	27	475	17	0	17,596	0.6	-322	3,939	79	13	17,688
Arkansas	1,807	21	877	3	1	7,332	0.6	-92	-1,638	33	17	7,382
California	46,971	-4,830	-8,967	159	92	335,260	2.0	-15,663	-51,599	1,056	846	337,162
Colorado	3,027	-364	465	12	2	20,311	0.8	-475	-798	204	101	20,616
Connecticut	3,976	471	472	0	3	19,043	1.2	-1,260	-3,901	26	21	19,090
Delaware	345	-267	-60	5	4	3,672	0.8	-378	-210	11	4	3,687
District of Columbia	540	237	-218	0	0	2,920	0.5	-8	-8,230	79	1	3,000
Florida	6,393	0	360	11	32	44,840	0.5	0	-3,166	121	101	45,062
Georgia	6,612	-4,273	2,480	19	17	27,305	0.6	-5,135	-2,948	153	120	27,578
Hawaii	1,090	-230	-525	4	5	5,439	1.0	-430	-4,238	36	46	5,521
Idaho	2,096	-328	483	25	1	6,829	0.9	515	1,854	152	12	6,993
Illinois	16,423	138	1,851	7	6	74,447	1.3	-4,166	-21,261	351	135	74,933
Indiana	6,168	0	1,687	8	7	26,097	0.9	0	-133	45	28	26,170
Iowa	3,576	-54	-127	6	1	10,786	0.7	1,081	-1,621	18	3	10,807
Kansas	1,037	-533	-247	2	0	3,875	0.3	-270	-1,540	25	12	3,912
Kentucky	1,999	153	-3,206	3	0	7,778	0.4	-1,541	-1,521	40	48	7,866
Louisiana	2,047	-158	227	0	4	11,430	0.6	192	-6,297	65	14	11,509
Maine	968	-123	-237	2	1	4,600	0.8	157	-1,189	27	9	4,636
Maryland	2,220	-177	-108	14	3	19,986	0.8	-425	-4,833	182	78	20,246
Massachusetts	7,450	-41	-15	10	8	52,364	1.5	813	-4,574	114	67	52,545
Michigan	9,247	-53	-2,740	3	5	40,475	1.0	-5,166	-6,114	151	39	40,665
Minnesota	6,510	-1,631	-1,317	13	3	46,321	1.7	362	-11,019	103	46	46,470
Mississippi	1,159	-458	-92	1	0	5,495	0.5	-18	-123	26	18	5,539
Missouri	3,090	-694	-8,205	7	3	14,026	0.5	-985	-491	84	24	14,134
Montana	1,309	-227	-116	93	1	7,813	1.7	4	1,856	396	24	8,233
Nebraska	879	1	-616	1	0	3,482	0.4	244	-158	10	1	3,493
Nevada	2,866	157	678	11	2	17,564	1.3	-349	-4,211	88	38	17,690
New Hampshire	368	-63	-122	2	0	2,169	0.3	107	-423	6	1	2,176
New Jersey	8,935	-986	600	12	14	80,475	2.0	-968	-7,250	258	155	80,888
New Mexico	788	-67	-778	3	3	8,680	1.1	-272	-2,124	183	17	8,880
New York	16,832	-7,134	1,599	22	19	138,513	1.6	-4,013	-6,662	345	259	139,117
North Carolina	3,691	-338	1,546	4	0	15,950	0.4	-284	-4,613	75	95	16,120
North Dakota	743	-52	-153	3	2	2,657	0.7	446	-127	11	4	2,672
Ohio	13,094	4	3,960	6	7	42,732	0.8	3,432	3,376	79	104	42,915
Oklahoma	1,274	-47	-495	4	5	9,883	0.6	-442	-4,116	39	45	9,967
Oregon	4,584	-1,363	539	95	8	25,631	1.4	-1,458	-4,836	465	40	26,136
Pennsylvania	12,204	-2,669	-78	19	17	76,670	1.4	1,712	-8,479	215	99	76,984
Puerto Rico	1,484	-628	608	7	8	18,619	2.1	1,242	-1,804	104	118	18,841
Rhode Island	1,076	62	143	0	2	6,686	1.6	185	-472	25	14	6,725
South Carolina	2,410	-392	1,139	6	2	12,181	0.6	-255	706	31	44	12,256
South Dakota	470	13	14	7	3	1,440	0.3	113	130	19	2	1,461
Tennessee	2,367	-315	-2,703	7	5	12,976	0.4	-332	-2,901	35	43	13,054
Texas	15,936	-3,954	920	42	90	101,902	0.8	-16,561	-8,220	474	903	103,279
Utah	2,280	24	503	40	4	9,228	0.6	866	2,607	140	15	9,383
Vermont	438	-157	-207	0	0	2,392	0.8	-88	-420	1	1	2,394
Virgin Islands	21	-7	-24	1	1	176	0.5	-68	-844	4	0	180
Virginia	1,346	135	-1,964	2	2	8,620	0.2	721	-29,769	71	66	8,757
Washington	6,851	-1,709	1,468	23	19	50,506	1.5	1,102	792	304	220	51,030
West Virginia	1,780	6	22	1	1	8,229	1.3	414	-570	39	22	8,290
Wisconsin	6,129	-2,283	-2,378	4	4	25,816	0.9	-1,323	-7,740	74	10	25,900
Wyoming	485	-128	-73	19	0	2,035	0.8	43	149	55	2	2,092
Totals	251,931	-36,045	-13,418	781	426	1,512,139	1.1	-49,306	-221,646	6,876	4,169	1,523,184

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 DECEMBER 10, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-7,134	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
CA	-4,830	No comment.
GA	-4,273	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and construction industries.
TX	-3,954	No comment.
PA	-2,669	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
WI	-2,283	No comment.
WA	-1,709	No comment.
MN	-1,631	No comment.
OR	-1,363	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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