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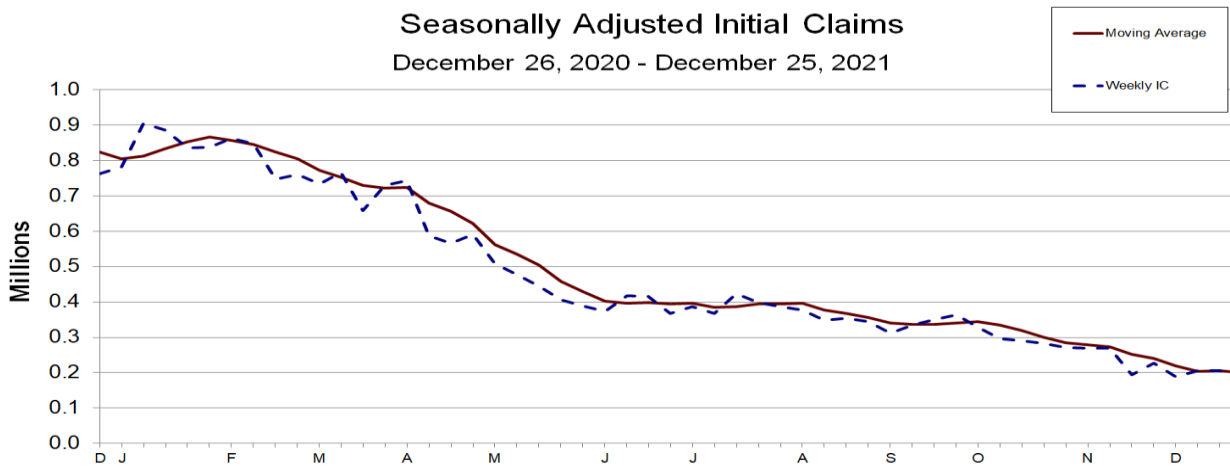
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

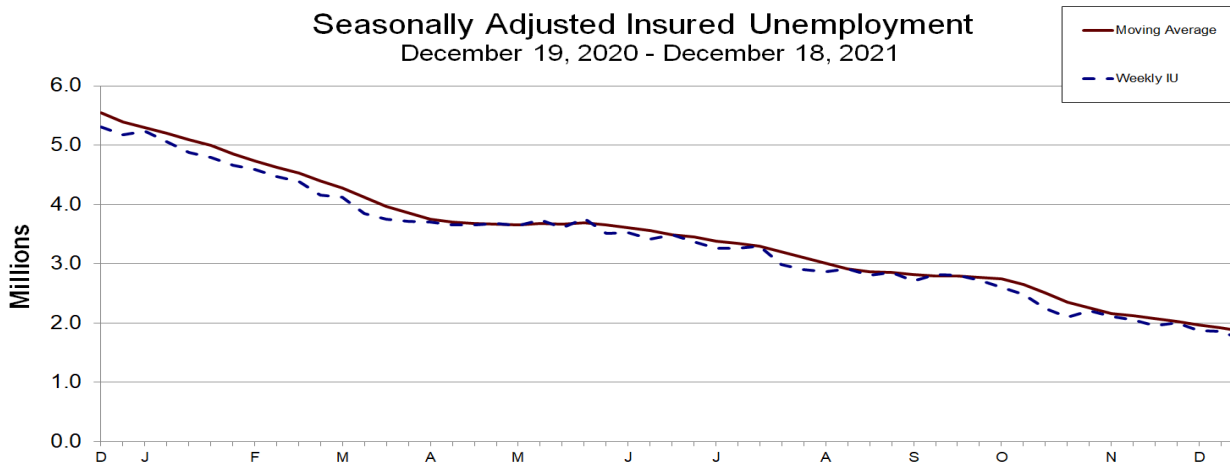
In the week ending December 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 198,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 205,000 to 206,000. The 4-week moving average was 199,250, a decrease of 7,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since October 25, 1969 when it was 199,250. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 206,250 to 206,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending December 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 18 was 1,716,000, a decrease of 140,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 7, 2020 when it was 1,715,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,859,000 to 1,856,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,859,500, a decrease of 59,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,730,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,919,750 to 1,919,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
December 26, 2020 - December 25, 2021



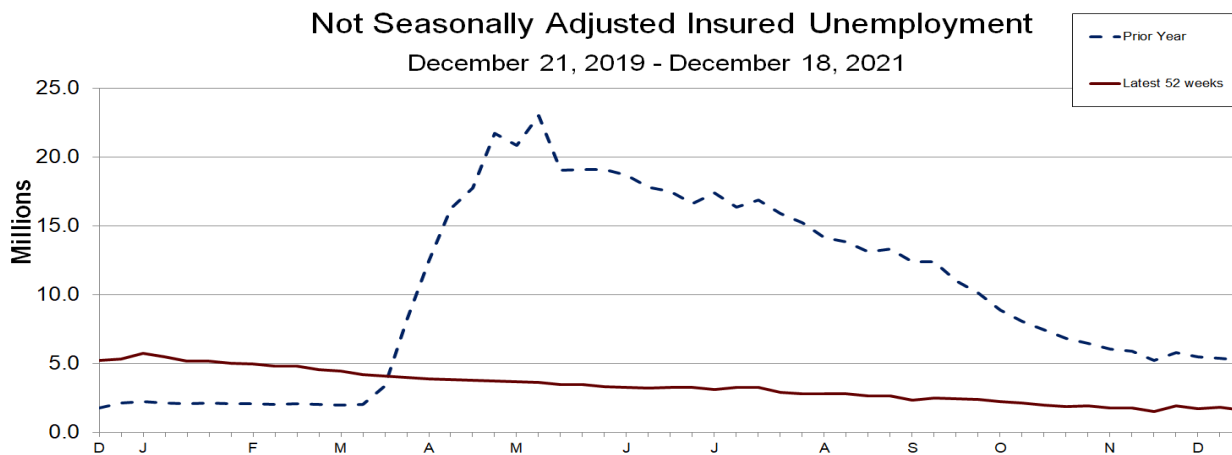
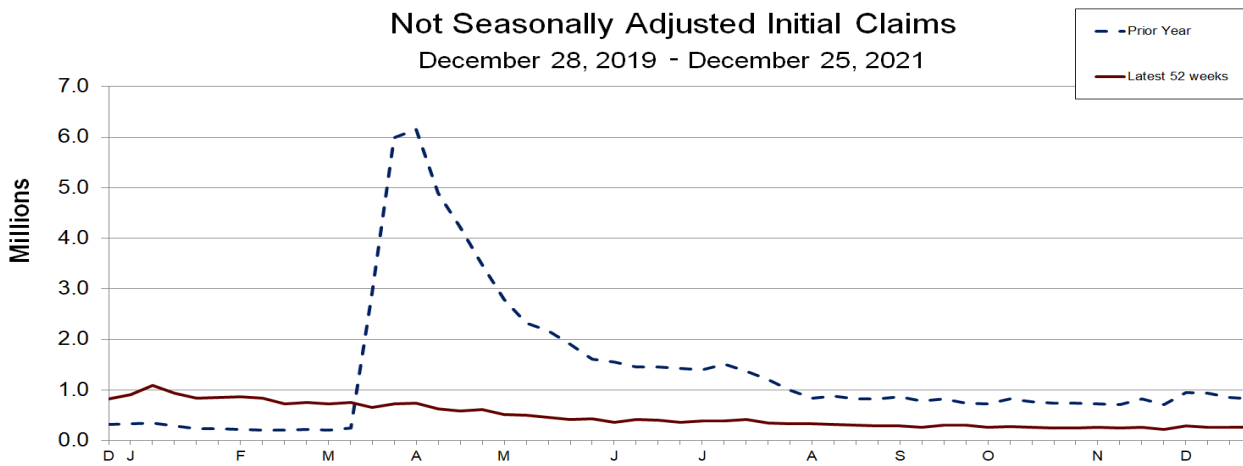
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
December 19, 2020 - December 18, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 256,146 in the week ending December 25, an increase of 1,125 (or 0.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,822 (or 3.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 823,788 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending December 25, 31 states reported 897 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending December 18, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,636,508, a decrease of 191,107 (or -10.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 50,893 (or -2.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.6 percent and the volume was 5,225,796.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 11 was 2,177,355, an increase of 39,363 from the previous week. There were 20,492,081 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending December 11, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 695 in the week ending December 18, a decrease of 274 from the prior week. There were 367 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 47 from the preceding week.

There were 9,465 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 11, a decrease of 359 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,764, an increase of 46 from the prior week.

During the week ending December 11, 43 states reported 137,421 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 40 states reported 117,721 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 11 were in Alaska (3.1), California (2.7), Puerto Rico (2.7), the Virgin Islands (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Illinois (2.3), Minnesota (2.3), Hawaii (2.0), Massachusetts (1.8), and Nevada (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 18 were in Oklahoma (+947), Michigan (+841), Washington (+803), Alabama (+732), and Arkansas (+731), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-5,549), Pennsylvania (-4,520), Kentucky (-1,915), Georgia (-1,699), and Illinois (-1,321).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	198,000	206,000	-8,000	205,000	763,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	256,146	255,021	+1,125	265,692	823,788
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	199,250	206,500	-7,250	203,500	823,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,716,000	1,856,000	-140,000	1,867,000	5,311,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,636,508	1,827,615	-191,107	1,734,624	5,225,796
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,859,500	1,919,000	-59,500	1,968,750	5,546,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.4%	-0.1	1.4%	3.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.4%	-0.2	1.3%	3.6%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	897	1,554	-657	1,852	310,460

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	695	969	-274	1,669
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	367	414	-47	854

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


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,823,507	1,729,956	+93,551	5,380,277
Federal Employees	9,465	9,824	-359	17,008
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,764	4,718	+46	9,909
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	137,421	133,763	+3,658	9,009,425
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	117,721	116,434	+1,287	5,164,407
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	67,543	124,276	-56,733	802,713
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,434	2,252	+182	3,035
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	14,500	16,769	-2,269	105,307
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>2,177,355</b>	<b>2,137,992</b>	<b>+39,363</b>	<b>20,492,081</b>

**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 135,015,266 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 9-10 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,395	3,809	-1,414	4,239	5,962	-1,723
Alaska	1,212	1,278	-66	8,393	8,694	-301
Arizona	1,748	2,506	-758	10,470	14,248	-3,778
Arkansas	1,642	1,661	-19	7,682	8,656	-974
California	49,571	56,171	-6,600	361,109	421,772	-60,663
Colorado	1,707	2,163	-456	18,202	20,060	-1,858
Connecticut	3,298	4,181	-883	24,399	23,404	995
Delaware	478	387	91	4,326	4,118	208
District of Columbia	1,139	1,059	80	5,526	6,473	-947
Florida	3,982	5,160	-1,178	38,621	45,926	-7,305
Georgia	2,514	2,433	81	24,570	31,787	-7,217
Hawaii	1,418	1,858	-440	8,438	10,003	-1,565
Idaho	1,966	1,858	108	5,776	5,550	226
Illinois	13,909	13,251	658	102,421	123,356	-20,935
Indiana	6,315	4,834	1,481	26,300	26,398	-98
Iowa	3,745	3,342	403	15,591	14,141	1,450
Kansas	1,307	1,277	30	5,162	5,451	-289
Kentucky	2,385	3,290	-905	10,014	12,794	-2,780
Louisiana	1,442	1,923	-481	15,077	17,153	-2,076
Maine	1,193	1,055	138	6,037	6,149	-112
Maryland	3,027	2,511	516	21,713	23,211	-1,498
Massachusetts	9,835	7,623	2,212	59,545	58,784	761
Michigan	15,669	12,828	2,841	43,314	56,823	-13,509
Minnesota	8,287	7,265	1,022	63,666	59,453	4,213
Mississippi	954	1,410	-456	4,639	5,663	-1,024
Missouri	5,392	5,746	-354	18,117	18,477	-360
Montana	1,572	1,452	120	7,174	6,658	516
Nebraska	1,298	1,222	76	4,067	3,696	371
Nevada	2,355	2,679	-324	19,804	21,569	-1,765
New Hampshire	569	573	-4	2,469	2,729	-260
New Jersey	12,189	7,638	4,551	85,183	88,823	-3,640
New Mexico	1,610	1,725	-115	10,517	10,931	-414
New York	17,684	15,371	2,313	145,591	144,265	1,326
North Carolina	1,840	2,384	-544	16,777	19,058	-2,281
North Dakota	992	881	111	4,023	3,432	591
Ohio	11,890	9,351	2,539	41,945	41,347	598
Oklahoma	1,298	2,716	-1,418	11,601	13,410	-1,809
Oregon	4,779	4,575	204	30,390	30,962	-572
Pennsylvania	11,412	8,105	3,307	80,426	81,144	-718
Puerto Rico	1,029	1,021	8	14,951	21,441	-6,490
Rhode Island	2,266	1,097	1,169	7,899	7,341	558
South Carolina	1,135	1,204	-69	10,612	11,434	-822
South Dakota	440	489	-49	1,721	1,556	165
Tennessee	4,664	4,076	588	14,428	14,852	-424
Texas	10,887	15,191	-4,304	99,584	116,458	-16,874
Utah	1,479	1,866	-387	7,465	7,147	318
Vermont	791	525	266	3,117	3,071	46
Virgin Islands	26	55	-29	922	864	58
Virginia	1,329	3,387	-2,058	5,666	44,270	-38,604
Washington	7,186	6,186	1,000	51,638	50,758	880
West Virginia	758	1,093	-335	8,008	7,954	54
Wisconsin	7,613	8,717	-1,104	34,835	35,969	-1,134
Wyoming	525	563	-38	2,348	1,970	378
US Total	256,146	255,021	1,125	1,636,508	1,827,615	-191,107

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 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
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	1,716	-140	1,859.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	198	-8	199.25				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 25			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Dec 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Dec 11	Dec 4	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	1	-1	34	22	12
Arizona	0	0	0	2,951	3,615	-664
Arkansas	1	2	-1	813	1,708	-895
California	80	100	-20	56,127	56,314	-187
Colorado	1	1	0	553	600	-47
Connecticut	9	9	0	130	113	17
Delaware	2	3	-1	202	195	7
District of Columbia	23	31	-8	2,051	1,074	977
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	70	87	-17	4,736	5,151	-415
Hawaii	5	6	-1	678	579	99
Idaho	28	28	0	103	229	-126
Illinois	0	3	-3	20	179	-159
Indiana	92	125	-33	8,104	9,185	-1,081
Iowa	16	19	-3	77	4	73
Kansas	0	0	0	403	322	81
Kentucky	176	440	-264	2,686	2,652	34
Louisiana	3	1	2	47	85	-38
Maine	10	3	7	7	15	-8
Maryland	14	13	1	6,162	5,270	892
Massachusetts	1	1	0	1,079	621	458
Michigan	31	93	-62	879	780	99
Minnesota	0	0	0	134	61	73
Mississippi	0	0	0	1	0	1
Missouri	57	188	-131	1,063	1,601	-538
Montana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	0	1	5	15	-10
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	38	92	-54	36	6	30
New Jersey	71	91	-20	11,265	11,698	-433
New Mexico	0	1	-1	251	152	99
New York	20	21	-1	4,726	5,386	-660
North Carolina	23	30	-7	610	807	-197
North Dakota	0	0	0	42	89	-47
Ohio	3	3	0	13,378	16,268	-2,890
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	57	46	11	11,326	1,127	10,199
Pennsylvania	3	1	2	3,241	3,856	-615
Puerto Rico	1	3	-2	1,745	2,096	-351
Rhode Island	8	13	-5	76	53	23
South Carolina	0	0	0	65	16	49
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	8	13	-5	54	38	16
Texas	17	34	-17	323	379	-56
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	28	46	-18	869	773	96
West Virginia	0	0	0	66	0	66
Wisconsin	0	6	-6	294	625	-331
Wyoming	0	0	0	9	4	5
US Total	897	1,554	-657	137,421	133,763	3,658

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	December 11	December 4	Change	November 27	November 20
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	1	26	-25	16	5
Arizona	49	65	-16	119	159
Arkansas	12	16	-4	83	99
California	32,510	32,785	-275	46,825	33,890
Colorado	1,944	1,507	437	855	400
Connecticut	121	147	-26	171	163
Delaware	216	169	47	471	187
District of Columbia	45	17	28	85	50
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	334	396	-62	360	477
Idaho	2	2	0	1	4
Illinois	631	575	56	546	350
Indiana	1,000	855	145	1,232	1,025
Iowa	430	391	39	443	330
Kansas	590	673	-83	832	266
Kentucky	852	924	-72	988	752
Louisiana	10	4	6	35	2
Maine	2	18	-16	31	10
Maryland	3,066	2,859	207	2,698	1,917
Massachusetts	233	204	29	243	294
Michigan	106	80	26	165	94
Minnesota	206	214	-8	118	311
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	389	645	-256	594	335
Montana	2	8	-6	9	15
Nebraska	24	11	13	0	6
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	3	3	0	10	2
New Jersey	21,998	18,273	3,725	20,132	17,427
New Mexico	58	21	37	11	52
New York	43,989	46,934	-2,945	49,575	46,447
North Carolina	131	144	-13	224	268
North Dakota	0	1	-1	0	0
Ohio	1,027	740	287	1,130	885
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	479	264	215	272	259
Pennsylvania	2,875	2,738	137	3,083	2,240
Puerto Rico	2,971	3,242	-271	3,593	2,733
Rhode Island	72	84	-12	65	39
South Carolina	0	0	0	13	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	63	46	17	48	20
Texas	379	451	-72	222	222
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	149	101	48	65	45
Virgin Islands	0	7	-7	5	3
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	48	95	-47	162	71
West Virginia	64	15	49	0	3
Wisconsin	640	681	-41	883	863
Wyoming	0	3	-3	0	8
US Total	117,721	116,434	1,287	136,413	112,728

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)



## Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	December 11	December 4	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	950	1,291	-341
Arizona	9	9	0
Arkansas	1	1	0
California	2,802	2,742	60
Colorado	6	5	1
Connecticut	8,003	19,778	-11,775
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	2	-2
Florida	111	236	-125
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	1	-1
Idaho	2	1	1
Illinois	92	53	39
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	0	2	-2
Kansas	6	1	5
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	15	11	4
Maine	7	9	-2
Maryland	20	44	-24
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	23	45	-22
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	5	7	-2
Missouri	11	7	4
Montana	2	2	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	7	20	-13
New Hampshire	7	13	-6
New Jersey	50,505	91,886	-41,381
New Mexico	3,989	6,823	-2,834
New York	112	114	-2
North Carolina	52	77	-25
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	66	158	-92
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	15	1	14
Pennsylvania	128	236	-108
Puerto Rico	147	205	-58
Rhode Island	8	11	-3
South Carolina	23	34	-11
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	13	-13
Texas	401	412	-11
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	1	4	-3
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	4	-1
Wisconsin	13	17	-4
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	67,543	124,276	-56,733

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 18

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 11

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	3,809	732	-3,734	7	6	5,962	0.3	-140	-17,365	30	14	6,006
Alaska	1,278	20	-2,738	13	3	8,694	3.1	37	-11,541	152	11	8,857
Arizona	2,506	13	-4,526	8	1	14,248	0.5	591	-60,797	156	21	14,425
Arkansas	1,661	731	-2,315	0	1	8,656	0.8	-314	-13,807	57	19	8,732
California	56,171	233	-102,490	155	54	421,772	2.7	34,913	-584,927	1,902	1,030	424,704
Colorado	2,163	-399	-16,002	2	3	20,060	0.8	-1,049	-78,825	229	128	20,417
Connecticut	4,181	677	-3,407	7	3	23,404	1.6	460	-50,502	52	42	23,498
Delaware	387	-18	-1,125	2	2	4,118	1.0	236	-8,084	16	5	4,139
District of Columbia	1,059	301	-811	3	0	6,473	1.3	-4,677	-21,299	99	3	6,575
Florida	5,160	-873	-23,449	13	30	45,926	0.6	-2,080	-115,324	185	183	46,294
Georgia	2,433	-1,699	-24,240	4	7	31,787	0.8	1,534	-133,173	266	140	32,193
Hawaii	1,858	243	-2,116	4	6	10,003	2.0	327	-22,166	115	101	10,219
Idaho	1,858	245	-2,098	38	1	5,550	0.8	575	-5,675	262	6	5,818
Illinois	13,251	-1,321	-131,803	13	4	123,356	2.3	27,648	-214,668	418	132	123,906
Indiana	4,834	353	-7,400	12	8	26,398	0.9	168	-47,108	127	32	26,557
Iowa	3,342	-361	-3,929	10	1	14,141	1.0	1,734	-23,351	34	19	14,194
Kansas	1,277	-7	-19,060	2	2	5,451	0.4	36	-59,756	33	20	5,504
Kentucky	3,290	-1,915	-5,169	1	0	12,794	0.7	3,495	-34,156	42	42	12,878
Louisiana	1,923	103	-6,003	1	4	17,153	1.0	-574	-47,295	48	17	17,218
Maine	1,055	-150	-1,925	4	0	6,149	1.1	360	-8,475	24	9	6,182
Maryland	2,511	183	-10,980	11	6	23,211	1.0	-1,608	-50,867	163	63	23,437
Massachusetts	7,623	158	-14,356	9	7	58,784	1.8	1,846	-109,355	135	59	58,978
Michigan	12,828	841	-6,366	6	4	56,823	1.5	10,234	-149,592	147	58	57,028
Minnesota	7,265	-562	-7,032	13	5	59,453	2.3	2,113	-74,767	163	59	59,675
Mississippi	1,410	159	-3,229	1	0	5,663	0.5	45	-22,338	45	9	5,717
Missouri	5,746	-5,549	-3,990	5	3	18,477	0.7	3,960	-25,915	95	12	18,584
Montana	1,452	27	-1,025	48	3	6,658	1.5	701	-10,092	499	13	7,170
Nebraska	1,222	-273	-1,287	1	1	3,696	0.4	56	-8,599	16	4	3,716
Nevada	2,679	491	-5,119	10	0	21,569	1.8	-206	-64,444	145	46	21,760
New Hampshire	573	83	-2,264	0	1	2,729	0.4	137	-18,560	10	2	2,741
New Jersey	7,638	-697	-9,973	19	18	88,823	2.4	1,098	-57,377	231	162	89,216
New Mexico	1,725	159	-3,077	8	1	10,931	1.5	127	-39,525	272	22	11,225
New York	15,371	138	-25,735	17	13	144,265	1.8	-910	-232,693	255	243	144,763
North Carolina	2,384	239	-6,984	3	1	19,058	0.5	-1,505	-49,488	63	80	19,201
North Dakota	881	-15	-156	1	2	3,432	0.9	648	-4,048	12	0	3,444
Ohio	9,351	217	-21,809	8	12	41,347	0.8	1,991	-114,077	67	111	41,525
Oklahoma	2,716	947	-2,499	3	5	13,410	0.9	-589	-29,381	69	48	13,527
Oregon	4,575	530	-5,686	64	11	30,962	1.7	495	-51,901	651	67	31,680
Pennsylvania	8,105	-4,520	-39,200	21	9	81,144	1.5	-4,845	-251,295	266	74	81,484
Puerto Rico	1,021	145	-98	6	4	21,441	2.7	1,018	-43,507	278	78	21,797
Rhode Island	1,097	164	-5,672	1	1	7,341	1.7	183	-11,923	38	22	7,401
South Carolina	1,204	-67	-2,241	7	7	11,434	0.6	-41	-29,444	54	50	11,538
South Dakota	489	33	-281	6	0	1,556	0.4	246	-2,670	48	3	1,607
Tennessee	4,076	-994	-3,310	2	7	14,852	0.5	-1,025	-29,610	35	16	14,903
Texas	15,191	175	-19,788	47	80	116,458	1.0	6,336	-315,141	620	1,099	118,177
Utah	1,866	89	-1,148	38	3	7,147	0.5	526	-7,435	191	17	7,355
Vermont	525	-120	-793	0	0	3,071	1.1	259	-8,842	3	0	3,074
Virgin Islands	55	10	-5	1	1	864	2.5	-156	-1,692	0	0	864
Virginia	3,387	77	-11,253	0	0	44,270	1.2	5,881	-23,208	50	46	44,366
Washington	6,186	803	-12,183	21	20	50,758	1.6	1,044	-115,644	386	277	51,421
West Virginia	1,093	-665	-1,410	0	3	7,954	1.3	-845	-12,122	44	27	8,025
Wisconsin	8,717	210	-5,402	11	2	35,969	1.3	2,413	-61,368	110	19	36,098
Wyoming	563	5	-401	8	1	1,970	0.8	84	-3,126	57	4	2,031
Totals	255,021	-10,671	-599,092	695	367	1,827,615	1.3	92,991	-3,588,340	9,465	4,764	1,841,844

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 18, 2021

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### STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MO	-5,549	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and retail trade industries.
PA	-4,520	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.
KY	-1,915	No comment.
GA	-1,699	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
IL	-1,321	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.

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