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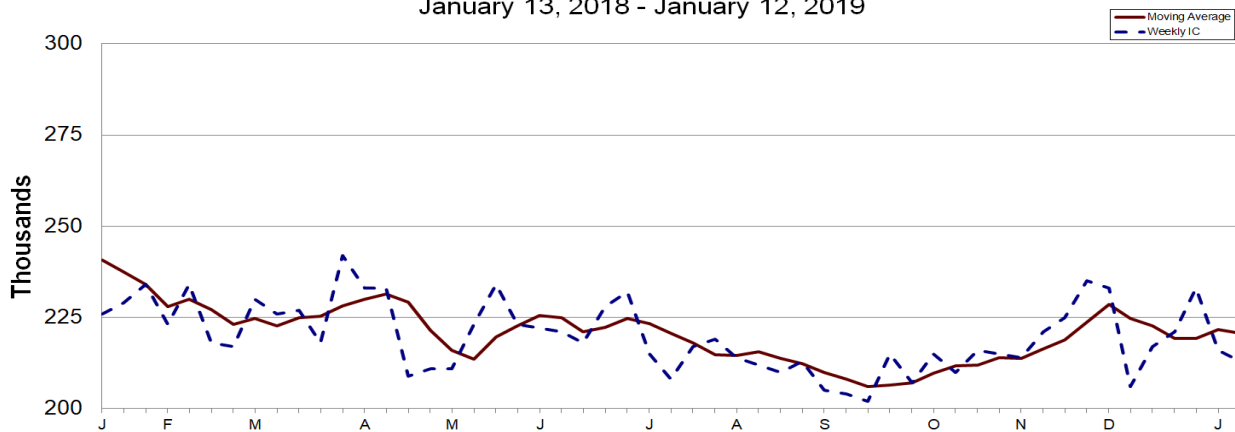
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 213,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 216,000. The 4-week moving average was 220,750, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 221,750.

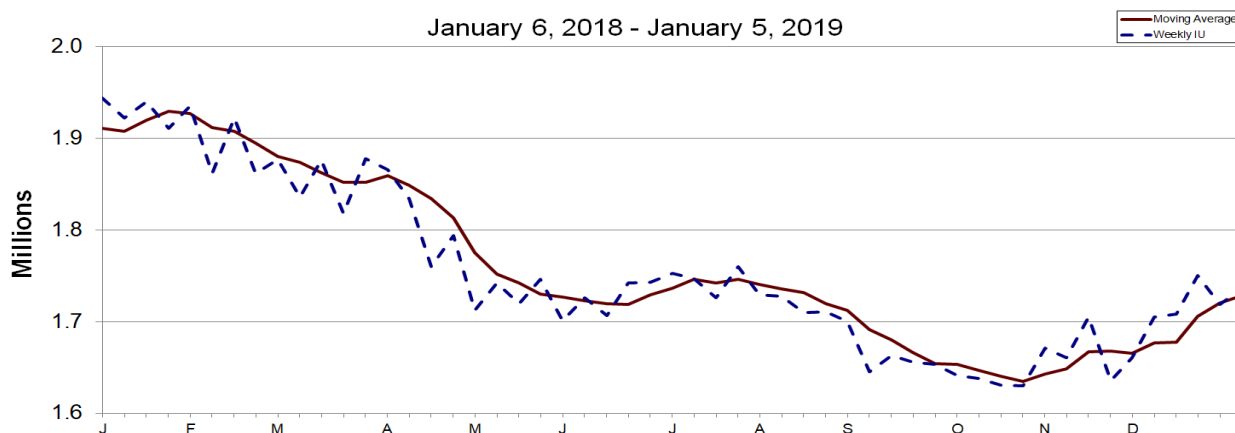
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 5, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 5 was 1,737,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,722,000 to 1,719,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,728,500, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,721,250 to 1,720,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 13, 2018 - January 12, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

January 6, 2018 - January 5, 2019



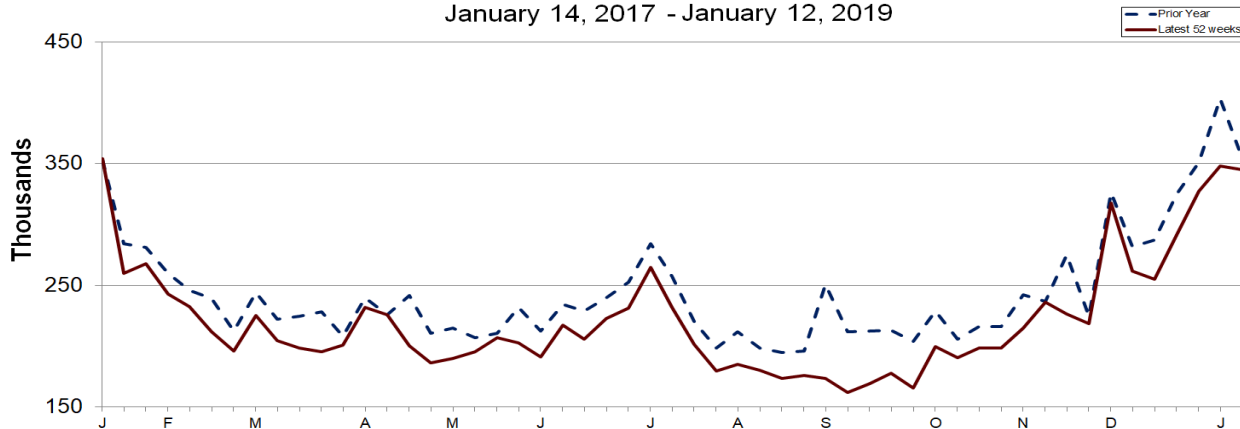
## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 344,916 in the week ending January 12, a decrease of 3,215 (or -0.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,941 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 354,050 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 5, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,172,396, an increase of 95,601 (or 4.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 73,926 (or 3.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.7 percent and the volume was 2,416,486.

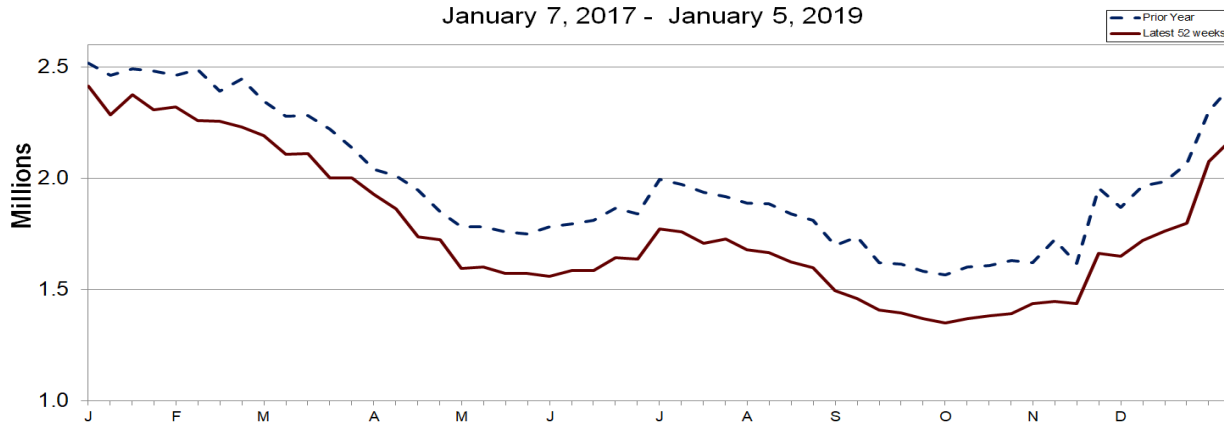
### Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

January 14, 2017 - January 12, 2019



### Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

January 7, 2017 - January 5, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending December 29 was 2,106,849, an increase of 279,577 from the previous week. There were 2,337,097 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending December 29.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 10,454 in the week ending January 5, an increase of 5,694 from the prior week. There were 481 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 154 from the preceding week.

There were 13,498 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending December 29, an increase of 2,123 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,593, an increase of 68 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 29 were in Alaska (3.4), Connecticut (2.9), New Jersey (2.7), Rhode Island (2.5), Montana (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), Minnesota (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), California (2.1), and Washington (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 5 were in New York (+26,297), Georgia (+10,798), Texas (+3,815), South Carolina (+3,280), and Alabama (+3,003), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-8,016), Ohio (-5,701), Michigan (-4,830), Iowa (-3,575), and Massachusetts (-3,429).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	213,000	216,000	-3,000	233,000	226,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	344,916	348,131	-3,215	327,501	354,050
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	220,750	221,750	-1,000	219,250	240,750
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,737,000	1,719,000	+18,000	1,750,000	1,944,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,172,396	2,076,795	+95,601	1,798,738	2,416,486
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,728,500	1,720,500	+8,000	1,706,000	1,911,000
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u><sup>2</sup></a>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u><sup>2</sup></a>	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.3%	1.7%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	10,454	4,760	+5,694	1,148
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	481	327	+154	723

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,074,609	1,796,664	+277,945	2,299,282
Federal Employees	13,498	11,375	+2,123	14,401
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,593	6,525	+68	8,470
<a href="#"><u>Extended Benefits</u><sup>3</sup></a>	0	0	0	1,386
<a href="#"><u>State Additional Benefits</u><sup>4</sup></a>	5,221	5,127	+94	5,785
<a href="#"><u>STC / Workshare</u><sup>5</sup></a>	6,928	7,581	-653	7,773
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>2,106,849</b>	<b>1,827,272</b>	<b>+279,577</b>	<b>2,337,097</b>

**FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 143,051,794 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,146	6,660	-2,514	19,785	22,085	-2,300
Alaska	1,947	1,240	707	10,462	10,560	-98
Arizona	4,526	3,086	1,440	16,935	19,239	-2,304
Arkansas	2,268	3,478	-1,210	13,017	14,206	-1,189
California	55,690	38,536	17,154	373,611	348,968	24,643
Colorado	3,075	2,710	365	21,561	21,864	-303
Connecticut	5,598	8,684	-3,086	45,456	47,573	-2,117
Delaware	1,061	991	70	6,768	7,142	-374
District of Columbia	2,158	1,190	968	7,941	8,150	-209
Florida	8,104	7,343	761	33,296	37,091	-3,795
Georgia	12,790	17,800	-5,010	36,817	38,700	-1,883
Hawaii	1,753	1,903	-150	8,313	5,193	3,120
Idaho	2,431	2,328	103	11,555	11,690	-135
Illinois	12,604	11,838	766	137,832	117,562	20,270
Indiana	5,076	4,578	498	20,970	19,267	1,703
Iowa	5,004	4,300	704	31,126	31,173	-47
Kansas	2,185	2,185	0	11,645	11,601	44
Kentucky	10,401	6,377	4,024	22,153	10,142	12,011
Louisiana	2,463	1,826	637	13,553	15,954	-2,401
Maine	1,556	1,823	-267	8,642	7,349	1,293
Maryland	4,949	4,467	482	31,239	33,251	-2,012
Massachusetts	8,762	10,252	-1,490	79,433	79,688	-255
Michigan	16,107	15,380	727	87,545	70,485	17,060
Minnesota	6,400	7,996	-1,596	66,175	66,043	132
Mississippi	1,220	1,247	-27	7,446	9,138	-1,692
Missouri	5,643	7,084	-1,441	29,328	31,181	-1,853
Montana	2,261	1,565	696	12,017	10,527	1,490
Nebraska	1,234	1,282	-48	7,649	7,517	132
Nevada	3,144	2,450	694	18,875	21,591	-2,716
New Hampshire	761	808	-47	4,282	4,744	-462
New Jersey	16,940	15,716	1,224	113,469	108,647	4,822
New Mexico	1,761	1,085	676	9,916	10,067	-151
New York	21,747	45,065	-23,318	174,027	179,871	-5,844
North Carolina	5,014	3,675	1,339	19,619	18,745	874
North Dakota	1,421	964	457	6,866	5,754	1,112
Ohio	10,180	9,984	196	74,068	71,682	2,386
Oklahoma	2,435	2,630	-195	14,742	14,109	633
Oregon	5,248	7,250	-2,002	34,978	35,424	-446
Pennsylvania	23,712	27,727	-4,015	151,581	128,047	23,534
Puerto Rico	1,635	781	854	13,746	15,484	-1,738
Rhode Island	1,693	2,334	-641	11,879	11,659	220
South Carolina	4,830	5,914	-1,084	19,836	18,157	1,679
South Dakota	490	354	136	2,921	2,777	144
Tennessee	4,081	3,465	616	19,536	21,362	-1,826
Texas	19,631	12,905	6,726	129,080	123,402	5,678
Utah	2,032	1,679	353	11,752	11,336	416
Vermont	656	699	-43	6,017	5,755	262
Virgin Islands	11	15	-4	506	506	0
Virginia	5,966	3,497	2,469	25,056	23,073	1,983
Washington	9,650	9,956	-306	69,343	67,109	2,234
West Virginia*	1,533	1,401	132	14,006	12,347	1,659
Wisconsin	8,262	9,097	-835	50,485	48,942	1,543
Wyoming	671	531	140	3,540	2,866	674
US Total	344,916	348,131	-3,215	2,172,396	2,076,795	95,601

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.

## 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 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,742	35	1,719.00	1.2
June 30, 2018	232	4	224.75	1,743	1	1,729.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	215	-17	223.25	1,753	10	1,736.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	208	-7	220.75	1,747	-6	1,746.25	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	9	218.00	1,726	-21	1,742.25	1.2
July 28, 2018	219	2	214.75	1,760	34	1,746.50	1.2
August 4, 2018	214	-5	214.50	1,729	-31	1,740.50	1.2
August 11, 2018	212	-2	215.50	1,728	-1	1,735.75	1.2
August 18, 2018	210	-2	213.75	1,710	-18	1,731.75	1.2
August 25, 2018	213	3	212.25	1,711	1	1,719.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	205	-8	210.00	1,700	-11	1,712.25	1.2
September 8, 2018	204	-1	208.00	1,645	-55	1,691.50	1.2
September 15, 2018	202	-2	206.00	1,663	18	1,679.75	1.2
September 22, 2018	215	13	206.50	1,656	-7	1,666.00	1.2
September 29, 2018	207	-8	207.00	1,653	-3	1,654.25	1.2
October 6, 2018	215	8	209.75	1,641	-12	1,653.25	1.2
October 13, 2018	210	-5	211.75	1,638	-3	1,647.00	1.1
October 20, 2018	216	6	212.00	1,631	-7	1,640.75	1.1
October 27, 2018	215	-1	214.00	1,630	-1	1,635.00	1.1
November 3, 2018	214	-1	213.75	1,671	41	1,642.50	1.2
November 10, 2018	221	7	216.50	1,661	-10	1,648.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	225	4	218.75	1,705	44	1,666.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	235	10	223.75	1,636	-69	1,668.25	1.1
December 1, 2018	233	-2	228.50	1,661	25	1,665.75	1.2
December 8, 2018	206	-27	224.75	1,705	44	1,676.75	1.2
December 15, 2018	217	11	222.75	1,708	3	1,677.50	1.2
December 22, 2018	221	4	219.25	1,750	42	1,706.00	1.2
December 29, 2018	233	12	219.25	1,719	-31	1,720.50	1.2
January 5, 2019	216	-17	221.75	1,737	18	1,728.50	1.2
January 12, 2019	213	-3	220.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 5					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 29					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	6660	3003	-874	98	14	22085	1.2	5303	-3210	63	76	22224
Alaska	1240	141	18	10	2	10560	3.4	588	-1859	193	9	10762
Arizona	3086	832	-540	40	4	19239	0.7	467	-2796	265	51	19555
Arkansas	3478	465	296	19	0	14206	1.2	2789	-3948	74	44	14324
California	38536	174	-8754	1059	59	348968	2.1	38243	1688	2290	1410	352668
Colorado	2710	696	-385	387	14	21864	0.8	3017	-2708	199	215	22278
Connecticut	8684	-2360	3295	44	5	47573	2.9	11229	1796	49	51	47673
Delaware	991	-299	-83	13	0	7142	1.6	2476	250	23	12	7177
District of Columbia	1190	581	817	1259	0	8150	1.4	391	-787	491	8	8649
Florida	7343	2127	-631	231	27	37091	0.4	-1378	-5047	115	121	37327
Georgia	17800	10798	-1690	347	30	38700	0.9	12162	-5919	284	191	39175
Hawaii	1903	663	-53	22	4	5193	0.8	-1527	-3328	51	58	5302
Idaho	2328	-457	46	84	0	11690	1.7	2224	-587	338	15	12043
Illinois	11838	-2872	-6217	20	4	117562	2.0	3735	-15826	314	163	118039
Indiana	4578	346	-1794	131	3	19267	0.6	538	-1140	48	25	19340
Iowa	4300	-3575	-1664	85	2	31173	2.0	6824	-1317	52	23	31248
Kansas	2185	-594	-961	5	3	11601	0.9	2403	-2973	36	28	11665
Kentucky	6377	-1042	1072	38	0	10142	0.6	-7296	-12937	38	49	10229
Louisiana	1826	317	-395	66	2	15954	0.8	-280	-3606	37	23	16014
Maine	1823	802	130	3	0	7349	1.2	633	-548	34	10	7393
Maryland	4467	-2089	-1331	569	11	33251	1.3	4855	-6839	637	105	33993
Massachusetts	10252	-3429	-519	346	10	79688	2.3	12725	-6830	201	104	79993
Michigan	15380	-4830	-4474	94	10	70485	1.7	7183	-12250	158	82	70725
Minnesota	7996	1658	-787	165	4	66043	2.3	12695	-3832	254	54	66351
Mississippi	1247	-54	-194	3	3	9138	0.8	1368	-2244	28	15	9181
Missouri	7084	798	-2931	24	2	31181	1.1	7335	-6637	361	53	31595
Montana	1565	-6	-38	271	1	10527	2.4	1728	-1224	620	26	11173
Nebraska	1282	-929	-682	37	0	7517	0.8	1744	-1165	38	6	7561
Nevada	2450	-144	-323	17	3	21591	1.6	929	-2549	168	59	21818
New Hampshire	808	-273	-107	34	2	4744	0.7	859	-734	6	3	4753
New Jersey	15716	-8016	-474	100	9	108647	2.7	21230	-4616	253	255	109155
New Mexico	1085	-24	36	37	1	10067	1.3	997	-1164	337	38	10442
New York	45065	26297	-4296	421	18	179871	2.0	38246	-15769	563	339	180773
North Carolina	3675	1634	-9	133	24	18745	0.4	-542	-2820	94	103	18942
North Dakota	964	109	-71	81	0	5754	1.4	1069	-1362	22	3	5779
Ohio	9984	-5701	-4951	171	17	71682	1.4	11610	-10622	202	172	72056
Oklahoma	2630	731	974	91	4	14109	0.9	1134	-1902	63	79	14251
Oregon	7250	541	542	697	4	35424	1.9	6109	136	1000	76	36500
Pennsylvania	27727	1526	-6591	737	32	128047	2.2	17302	-11338	420	276	128743
Puerto Rico	781	-587	-1122	2	2	15484	1.8	305	-15462	64	72	15620
Rhode Island	2334	-1222	393	11	0	11659	2.5	3271	-512	34	17	11710
South Carolina	5914	3280	-266	35	7	18157	0.9	2253	-3595	31	89	18277
South Dakota	354	-77	-125	53	1	2777	0.7	359	-389	51	3	2831
Tennessee	3465	-1142	-1604	149	10	21362	0.7	2929	-2115	110	80	21552
Texas	12905	3815	-2068	1052	106	123402	1.0	10422	-25499	771	1109	125282
Utah	1679	387	201	896	2	11336	0.8	868	-351	809	20	12165
Vermont	699	-804	-246	20	1	5755	1.9	1350	-217	21	2	5778
Virgin Islands	15	7	8	1	0	506	1.4	114	-2532	4	0	510
Virginia	3497	31	-688	51	6	23073	0.6	2701	-4065	259	192	23524
Washington	9956	511	826	65	9	67109	2.1	7539	-446	654	526	68289
West Virginia	1401	195	-284	3	4	12347	1.9	2266	-1866	55	16	12418
Wisconsin	9097	-1397	-6201	96	5	48942	1.7	12103	-7908	109	30	49081
Wyoming	531	88	-30	31	0	2866	1.1	460	-1368	107	7	2980
Totals	348131	20630	-55799	10454	481	2076795	1.5	278057	-224888	13498	6593	2096886

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.

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## UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 5, 2019

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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>
NY	+26,297	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
GA	+10,798	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
TX	+3,815	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, professional, scientific, and technical service, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
SC	+3,280	No comment.
AL	+3,003	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
FL	+2,127	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, and manufacturing industries.
MN	+1,658	Layoffs in the construction industry.
NC	+1,634	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, professional, scientific, and technical service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+1,526	Layoffs in the construction and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NJ	-8,016	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, public administration, manufacturing, and construction industries.
OH	-5,701	No comment.
MI	-4,830	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IA	-3,575	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MA	-3,429	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service industries.
IL	-2,872	No comment.
CT	-2,360	No comment.
MD	-2,089	No comment.
WI	-1,397	No comment.
RI	-1,222	Fewer layoffs in the educational service and construction industries.
TN	-1,142	No comment.
KY	-1,042	No comment.

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## 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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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