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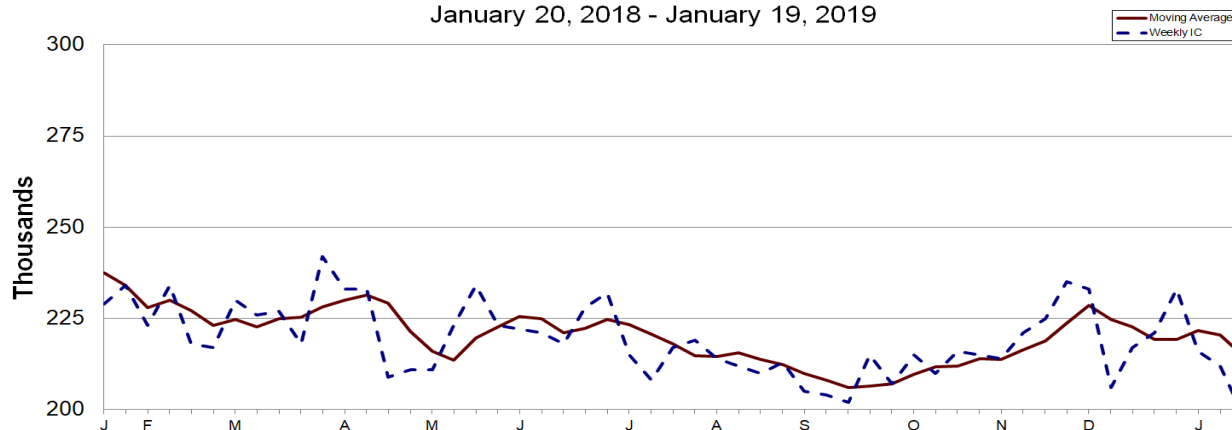
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

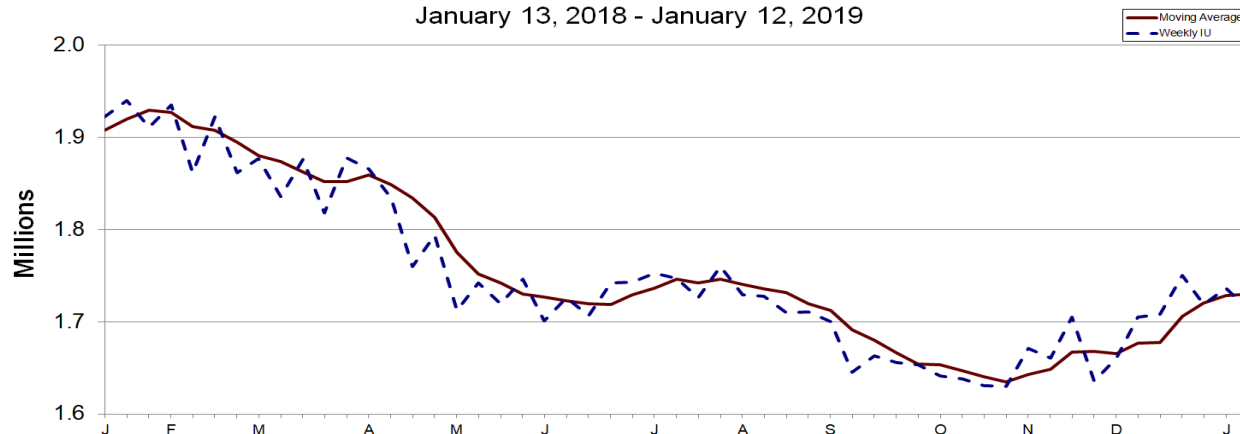
In the week ending January 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 199,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since November 15, 1969 when it was 197,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 213,000 to 212,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,000, a decrease of 5,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 220,750 to 220,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 12, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 12 was 1,713,000, a decrease of 24,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,737,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,729,750, an increase of 1,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,728,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 20, 2018 - January 19, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
January 13, 2018 - January 12, 2019



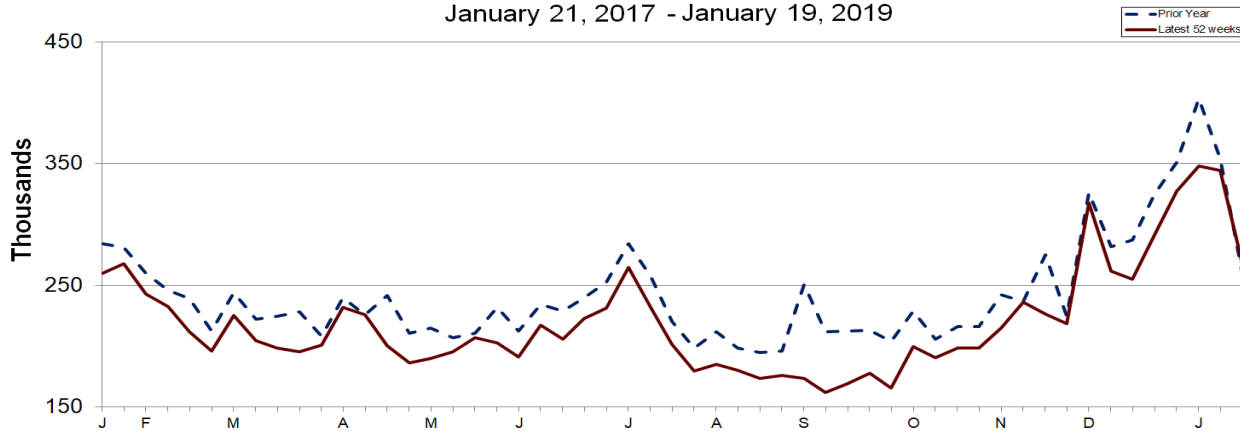
## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 267,921 in the week ending January 19, a decrease of 76,558 (or -22.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 58,793 (or -17.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 260,070 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,089,526, a decrease of 83,188 (or -3.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 53,840 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,287,734.

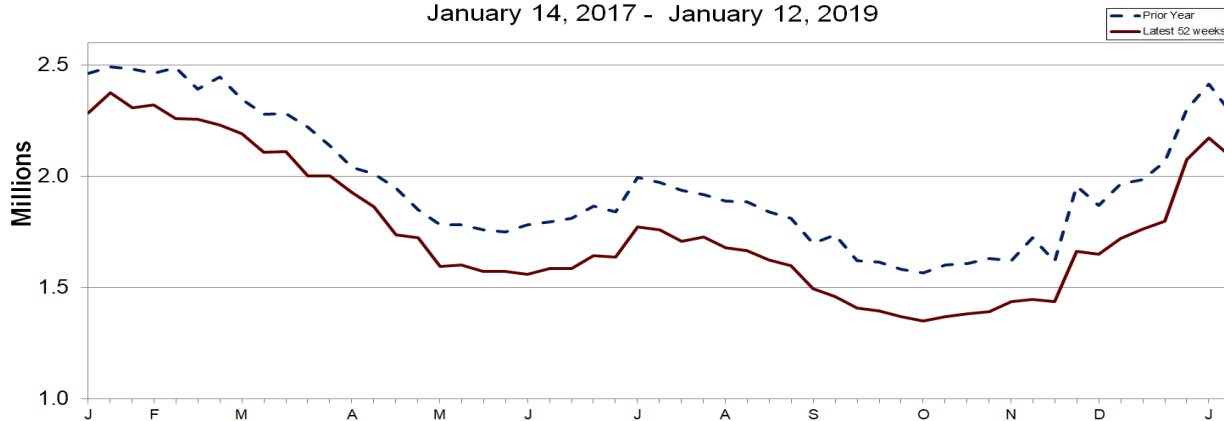
### Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

January 21, 2017 - January 19, 2019



### Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

January 14, 2017 - January 12, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 5 was 2,215,676, an increase of 108,787 from the previous week. There were 2,453,910 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 5.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 25,419 in the week ending January 12, an increase of 14,965 from the prior week. There were 670 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 189 from the preceding week.

There were 24,681 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 5, an increase of 11,183 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,751, an increase of 158 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 5 were in Alaska (3.5), New Jersey (2.8), Connecticut (2.7), Pennsylvania (2.6), Montana (2.5), Rhode Island (2.5), Illinois (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), California (2.2), and Minnesota (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 12 were in California (+14,983), Texas (+7,588), Kentucky (+4,967), Florida (+2,770), and Virginia (+2,084), while the largest decreases were in New York (-23,398), Georgia (-4,655), Pennsylvania (-3,955), Connecticut (-3,086), and Alabama (-2,274).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 19</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	199,000	212,000	-13,000	216,000	229,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	267,921	344,479	-76,558	348,131	260,070
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,000	220,500	-5,500	221,750	237,500
<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>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,713,000	1,737,000	-24,000	1,719,000	1,922,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,089,526	2,172,714	-83,188	2,076,835	2,287,734
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,729,750	1,728,500	+1,250	1,720,500	1,907,500
<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	1.5%	1.6%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	25,419	10,454	+14,965	1,658
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	670	481	+189	839

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL 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>
Regular State	2,170,264	2,074,649	+95,615	2,413,748
Federal Employees	24,681	13,498	+11,183	14,491
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,751	6,593	+158	8,738
<a href="#"><u>Extended Benefits</u><sup>3</sup></a>	0	0	0	1,409
<a href="#"><u>State Additional Benefits</u><sup>4</sup></a>	5,244	5,221	+23	6,110
<a href="#"><u>STC / Workshare</u><sup>5</sup></a>	8,736	6,928	+1,808	9,414
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>2,215,676</b>	<b>2,106,889</b>	<b>+108,787</b>	<b>2,453,910</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 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,023	4,386	-1,363	17,257	20,075	-2,818
Alaska	1,538	1,805	-267	10,393	10,605	-212
Arizona	4,023	4,711	-688	16,921	19,360	-2,439
Arkansas	1,631	2,552	-921	11,799	14,322	-2,523
California**	51,037	53,519	-2,482	379,808	366,000	13,808
Colorado	2,714	3,077	-363	22,266	21,215	1,051
Connecticut	3,666	5,598	-1,932	43,198	43,943	-745
Delaware	889	1,064	-175	6,390	6,507	-117
District of Columbia	1,277	1,964	-687	9,424	8,619	805
Florida	7,292	10,113	-2,821	31,974	39,523	-7,549
Georgia	7,098	13,145	-6,047	27,932	38,060	-10,128
Hawaii*	1,294	1,720	-426	7,275	7,942	-667
Idaho	1,726	2,533	-807	10,876	11,931	-1,055
Illinois	11,360	12,561	-1,201	130,813	136,601	-5,788
Indiana	4,012	4,835	-823	20,613	20,110	503
Iowa	3,490	4,395	-905	29,994	30,334	-340
Kansas**	2,762	2,165	597	10,935	11,583	-648
Kentucky	3,051	11,344	-8,293	19,876	22,486	-2,610
Louisiana	2,058	2,580	-522	13,546	15,999	-2,453
Maine	969	1,637	-668	8,488	8,445	43
Maryland	4,469	5,297	-828	31,438	32,479	-1,041
Massachusetts	7,108	8,910	-1,802	78,894	80,205	-1,311
Michigan	9,143	16,109	-6,966	79,269	87,582	-8,313
Minnesota	4,360	5,791	-1,431	63,638	63,676	-38
Mississippi	931	1,490	-559	6,944	8,826	-1,882
Missouri	5,573	6,087	-514	28,422	29,832	-1,410
Montana	1,371	1,783	-412	12,094	10,996	1,098
Nebraska	1,165	1,245	-80	7,022	7,741	-719
Nevada	2,954	2,975	-21	18,719	20,257	-1,538
New Hampshire	635	808	-173	4,323	4,644	-321
New Jersey	10,046	14,167	-4,121	108,850	110,669	-1,819
New Mexico	1,371	1,664	-293	9,811	10,191	-380
New York	16,684	21,667	-4,983	164,030	172,779	-8,749
North Carolina	3,937	4,890	-953	20,827	21,268	-441
North Dakota*	772	1,230	-458	6,289	6,102	187
Ohio	12,428	10,168	2,260	72,222	73,321	-1,099
Oklahoma	2,112	2,579	-467	14,182	15,339	-1,157
Oregon	4,098	5,945	-1,847	31,723	34,952	-3,229
Pennsylvania	15,852	23,772	-7,920	134,341	148,930	-14,589
Puerto Rico	1,012	1,949	-937	12,983	16,674	-3,691
Rhode Island	1,476	1,679	-203	12,061	11,689	372
South Carolina	2,938	4,861	-1,923	18,669	19,958	-1,289
South Dakota	304	548	-244	2,973	3,022	-49
Tennessee	2,918	3,898	-980	18,912	20,964	-2,052
Texas	17,065	20,493	-3,428	127,579	129,887	-2,308
Utah	1,586	1,810	-224	11,987	11,985	2
Vermont	566	674	-108	5,828	5,718	110
Virgin Islands	20	25	-5	624	506	118
Virginia**	3,968	5,581	-1,613	21,687	24,406	-2,719
Washington	7,453	9,142	-1,689	67,373	67,157	216
West Virginia*	1,785	2,777	-992	15,960	14,088	1,872
Wisconsin	6,486	7,989	-1,503	46,334	50,273	-3,939
Wyoming	425	772	-347	3,740	2,938	802
US Total	267,921	344,479	-76,558	2,089,526	2,172,714	-83,188

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 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	212	-4	220.50	1,713	-24	1,729.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	199	-13	215.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 12							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 5				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	CHANGE FROM							CHANGE FROM				
	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	4386	-2274	-1	248	15	20075	1.1	-2010	-1677	74	83	20232
Alaska	1805	565	106	24	2	10605	3.5	45	-2657	241	17	10863
Arizona	4711	1625	40	106	11	19360	0.7	121	-3143	339	55	19754
Arkansas	2552	-926	205	37	11	14322	1.2	116	-2599	143	39	14504
California	53519	14983	-5443	3144	115	366000	2.2	17032	-17701	3626	1544	371170
Colorado	3077	367	65	1083	15	21215	0.8	-649	-2653	342	207	21764
Connecticut	5598	-3086	-1451	142	8	43943	2.7	-3630	-7786	56	81	44080
Delaware	1064	73	-324	45	2	6507	1.5	-635	-1227	28	11	6546
District of Columbia	1964	774	1526	2885	1	8619	1.5	469	-422	1340	8	9967
Florida	10113	2770	1112	611	29	39523	0.5	2432	-5246	252	117	39892
Georgia	13145	-4655	1855	1222	39	38060	0.9	-640	-2643	952	236	39248
Hawaii	1720	-183	148	61	11	7942	1.3	2709	-681	216	57	8215
Idaho	2533	205	-122	182	1	11931	1.7	241	-487	489	14	12434
Illinois	12561	723	-2013	147	9	136601	2.3	19039	-14146	483	171	137255
Indiana	4835	257	-598	219	11	20110	0.7	843	-2260	85	24	20219
Iowa	4395	95	47	247	2	30334	2.0	-839	-2430	80	22	30436
Kansas	2165	-20	-1435	4	5	11583	0.9	-18	-3045	89	33	11705
Kentucky	11344	4967	7346	110	6	22486	1.2	12344	-1619	240	95	22821
Louisiana	2580	754	-365	184	6	15999	0.9	45	-3925	43	22	16064
Maine	1637	-186	-129	5	1	8445	1.4	1096	-616	45	12	8502
Maryland	5297	830	244	2149	5	32479	1.3	-772	-3608	1344	98	33921
Massachusetts	8910	-1342	-1652	669	9	80205	2.3	517	-11074	412	111	80728
Michigan	16109	729	919	253	11	87582	2.1	17097	-7176	274	73	87929
Minnesota	5791	-2205	202	414	6	63676	2.2	-2367	-2648	405	54	64135
Mississippi	1490	243	-243	13	5	8826	0.8	-312	-1876	55	23	8904
Missouri	6087	-997	-1183	104	0	29832	1.1	-1349	-8555	543	38	30413
Montana	1783	218	-32	476	1	10996	2.5	469	-968	964	20	11980
Nebraska	1245	-37	-110	94	0	7741	0.8	224	-1663	74	5	7820
Nevada	2975	525	-270	62	6	20257	1.5	-1334	-2258	213	59	20529
New Hampshire	808	0	-2	43	1	4644	0.7	-100	-757	30	4	4678
New Jersey	14167	-1549	-873	384	21	110669	2.8	2022	-10984	473	262	111404
New Mexico	1664	579	496	182	3	10191	1.3	124	-1180	418	35	10644
New York	21667	-23398	-1359	1197	22	172779	1.9	-7092	-15308	1482	342	174603
North Carolina	4890	1215	407	348	29	21268	0.5	2523	-1273	198	94	21560
North Dakota	1230	266	-632	124	0	6102	1.5	348	-1399	55	3	6160
Ohio	10168	184	-2022	334	18	73321	1.4	1639	-13540	370	182	73873
Oklahoma	2579	-51	741	296	2	15339	1.0	1230	-8	70	70	15479
Oregon	5945	-1305	978	1144	10	34952	1.9	-472	1804	1686	74	36712
Pennsylvania	23772	-3955	-4204	1370	44	148930	2.6	20883	-15618	1373	281	150584
Puerto Rico	1949	1168	-1970	91	1	16674	2.0	1190	-30164	73	36	16783
Rhode Island	1679	-655	-309	19	1	11689	2.5	30	-643	34	18	11741
South Carolina	4861	-1053	-1015	118	6	19958	1.0	1801	-2098	54	96	20108
South Dakota	548	194	64	155	0	3022	0.7	245	-347	89	3	3114
Tennessee	3898	433	-495	361	14	20964	0.7	-398	-3723	164	47	21175
Texas	20493	7588	-47	2666	103	129887	1.1	6485	-14292	1458	1080	132425
Utah	1810	131	-220	991	5	11985	0.8	649	115	1571	20	13576
Vermont	674	-25	-50	52	0	5718	1.9	-37	-358	42	2	5762
Virgin Islands	25	10	-18	4	0	506	1.5	0	-3678	22	2	530
Virginia	5581	2084	1484	88	10	24406	0.7	1333	-3973	278	206	24890
Washington	9142	-814	709	113	29	67157	2.1	48	1373	899	511	68567
West Virginia	2777	1376	268	38	2	14088	2.1	1741	-2541	78	16	14182
Wisconsin	7989	-1108	-620	281	6	50273	1.8	1331	-6672	167	29	50469
Wyoming	772	241	16	80	0	2938	1.1	72	-1722	150	9	3097
Totals	344479	-3652	-10229	25419	670	2172714	1.5	95879	-243775	24681	6751	2204146

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 12, 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>
CA	+14,983	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry.
TX	+7,588	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and information industries.
KY	+4,967	No comment.
FL	+2,770	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
VA	+2,084	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industry.
AZ	+1,625	No comment.
WV	+1,376	Layoffs in the utilities, manufacturing, finance and insurance, educational service, art, entertainment, recreation, and public administration industries.
NC	+1,215	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
PR	+1,168	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NY	-23,398	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
GA	-4,655	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and construction industries.
PA	-3,955	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, construction, and manufacturing industries.
CT	-3,086	No comment.
AL	-2,274	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
MN	-2,205	No comment.
NJ	-1,549	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and accommodation and food service industries.
MA	-1,342	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and accommodation and food service industries.
OR	-1,305	No comment.
WI	-1,108	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and manufacturing industries.
SC	-1,053	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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