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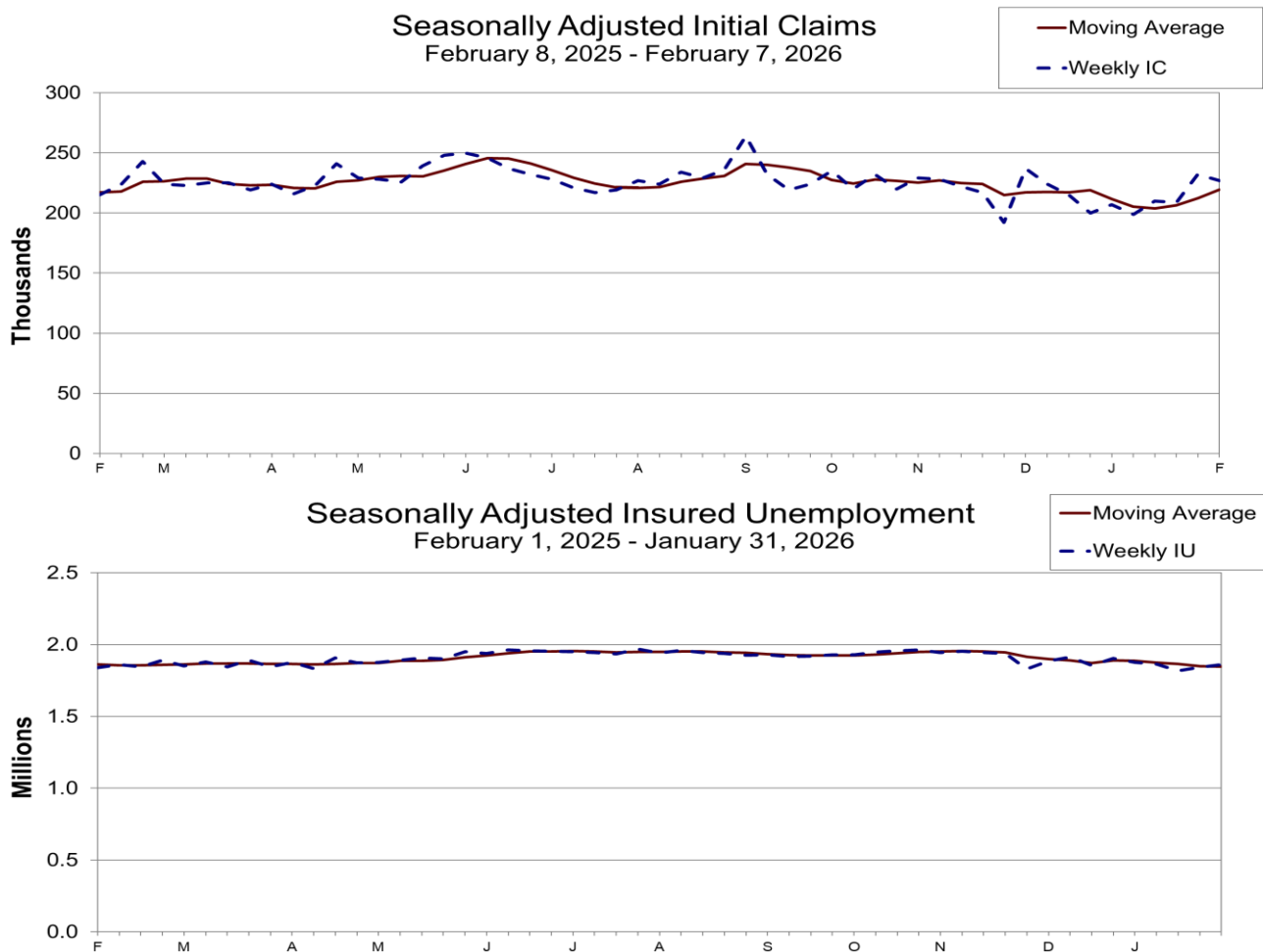
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000. The 4-week moving average was 219,500, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 212,250 to 212,500.

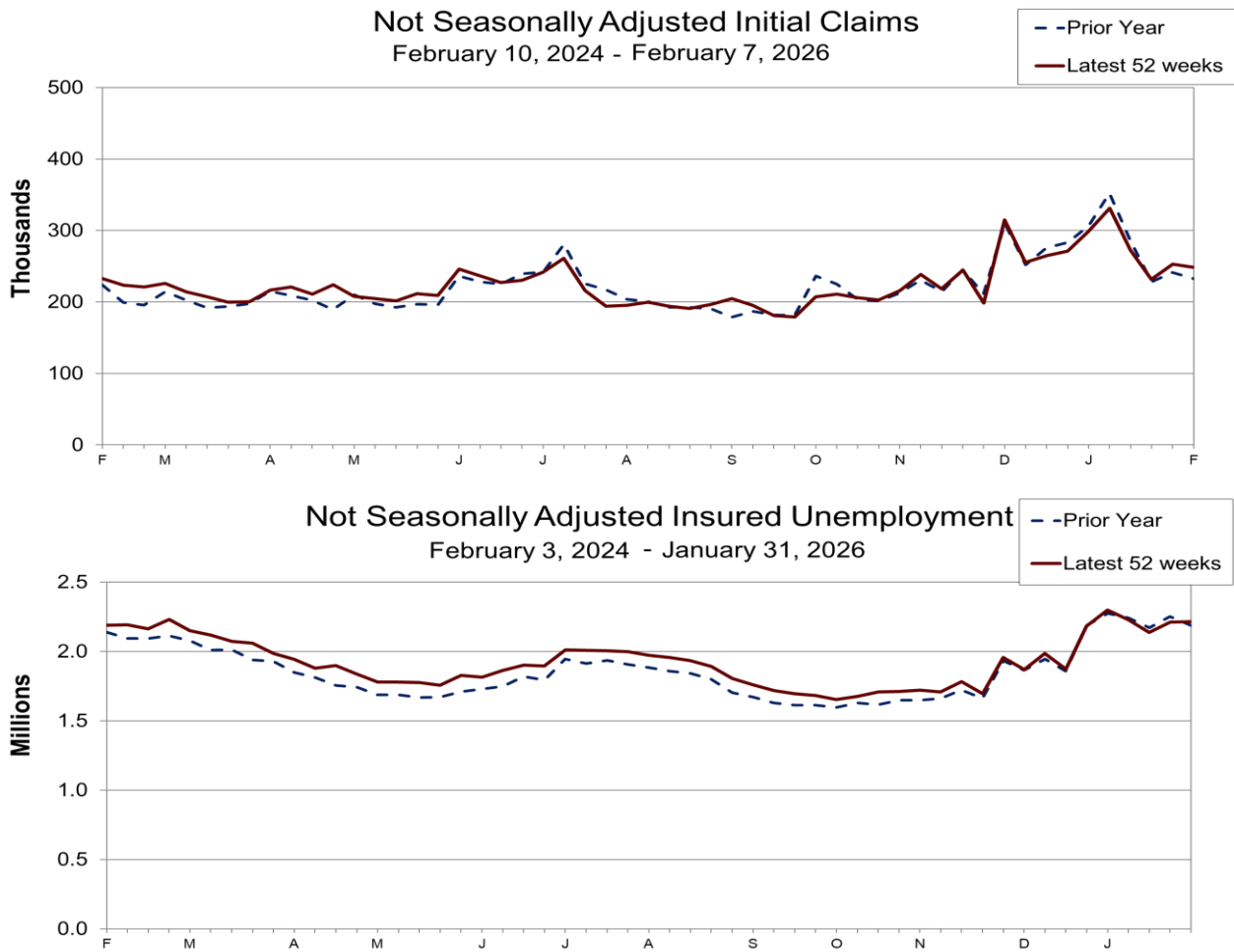
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 31, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 31 was 1,862,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,844,000 to 1,841,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,846,750, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since October 5, 2024 when it was 1,845,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,850,750 to 1,850,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 248,397 in the week ending February 7, a decrease of 4,555 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,161 (or 0.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 232,745 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending January 31, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,214,205, an increase of 3,455 (or 0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 22,089 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,187,841.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 24 was 2,248,314, an increase of 76,822 from the previous week. There were 2,282,333 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 615 in the week ending January 31, an increase of 47 from the prior week. There were 378 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 41 from the preceding week.

There were 13,025 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 24, an increase of 460 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,627, an increase of 306 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 24 were in Rhode Island (2.9), New Jersey (2.8), Massachusetts (2.7), Minnesota (2.6), Washington (2.6), California (2.3), Illinois (2.2), Montana (2.2), New York (2.1), Connecticut (2.0), Michigan (2.0), and Oregon (2.0),

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 31 were in Pennsylvania (+5,268), New York (+3,141), Missouri (+2,833), New Jersey (+2,602), and Illinois (+2,203), while the largest decreases were in Nebraska (-2,146), Virginia (-980), Oklahoma (-679), Iowa (-644), and Texas (-517).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 7	January 31	Change	January 24	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	232,000	-5,000	209,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	248,397	252,952	-4,555	231,633	232,745
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	219,500	212,500	+7,000	206,250	217,250

WEEK ENDING	January 31	January 24	Change	January 17	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,862,000	1,841,000	+21,000	1,819,000	1,839,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,214,205	2,210,750	+3,455	2,136,764	2,187,841
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,846,750	1,850,000	-3,250	1,865,500	1,862,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 31	January 24	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	615	568	+47	599
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	378	337	+41	465

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

WEEK ENDING	January 24	January 17	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	2,203,558	2,130,119	+73,439	2,245,269
Federal Employees	13,025	12,565	+460	7,445
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,627	4,321	+306	4,607
Extended Benefits ³	21	58	-37	121
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,424	3,096	+328	2,720
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,659	21,333	+2,326	22,171
TOTAL	2,248,314	2,171,492	+76,822	2,282,333

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 153,398,888 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 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 31		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,991	2,256	-265	8,388	9,254	-866
Alaska	616	602	14	5,634	5,895	-261
Arizona	2,529	2,500	29	15,750	18,020	-2,270
Arkansas	1,366	1,633	-267	5,211	4,988	223
California	45,605	43,944	1,661	389,834	412,895	-23,061
Colorado	3,687	3,359	328	36,596	35,629	967
Connecticut	3,895	3,483	412	34,724	33,688	1,036
Delaware	467	490	-23	7,388	6,957	431
District of Columbia	734	562	172	9,543	8,496	1,047
Florida	5,427	5,645	-218	24,875	30,577	-5,702
Georgia	5,133	4,681	452	26,658	28,003	-1,345
Hawaii	1,061	1,120	-59	5,849	5,583	266
Idaho	1,116	1,129	-13	10,875	11,472	-597
Illinois	9,637	11,986	-2,349	131,112	133,558	-2,446
Indiana	4,036	3,722	314	27,531	26,440	1,091
Iowa	2,041	2,631	-590	21,055	21,358	-303
Kansas	1,686	1,947	-261	10,977	9,655	1,322
Kentucky	3,014	2,163	851	13,818	16,807	-2,989
Louisiana	1,376	1,230	146	5,915	7,808	-1,893
Maine	750	570	180	9,849	9,364	485
Maryland	2,935	3,846	-911	29,285	27,315	1,970
Massachusetts	7,245	6,467	778	98,009	96,380	1,629
Michigan	7,171	8,981	-1,810	86,983	87,524	-541
Minnesota	4,743	5,555	-812	78,890	74,953	3,937
Mississippi	1,246	1,115	131	6,076	6,815	-739
Missouri	3,828	6,776	-2,948	25,395	26,219	-824
Montana	706	802	-96	11,106	11,042	64
Nebraska	649	918	-269	8,489	8,435	54
Nevada	2,713	2,777	-64	27,940	27,937	3
New Hampshire	402	460	-58	3,776	4,720	-944
New Jersey	12,562	13,538	-976	123,847	117,500	6,347
New Mexico	958	792	166	11,211	11,040	171
New York	24,681	23,558	1,123	217,796	203,505	14,291
North Carolina	3,844	3,526	318	19,793	20,749	-956
North Dakota	491	522	-31	7,432	6,686	746
Ohio	7,866	8,845	-979	67,420	65,925	1,495
Oklahoma	1,587	1,823	-236	11,395	11,307	88
Oregon	5,522	4,929	593	42,283	39,033	3,250
Pennsylvania	15,551	18,838	-3,287	124,647	113,882	10,765
Puerto Rico	1,269	1,285	-16	15,368	17,787	-2,419
Rhode Island	1,468	1,681	-213	14,737	14,337	400
South Carolina	2,512	2,186	326	15,854	15,973	-119
South Dakota	273	251	22	3,229	3,225	4
Tennessee	3,990	2,958	1,032	19,469	19,194	275
Texas	17,843	15,658	2,185	149,102	161,018	-11,916
Utah	1,725	1,607	118	16,265	16,320	-55
Vermont	372	358	14	4,154	3,918	236
Virgin Islands	17	21	-4	234	210	24
Virginia	4,528	2,683	1,845	23,162	21,403	1,759
Washington	6,643	6,294	349	97,109	91,234	5,875
West Virginia	1,543	1,013	530	11,445	8,516	2,929
Wisconsin	4,956	6,787	-1,831	37,382	37,265	117
Wyoming	391	449	-58	3,340	2,936	404
US Total	248,397	252,952	-4,555	2,214,205	2,210,750	3,455

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 Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,928	1	1,934.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	232	-32	240.25	1,916	-12	1,927.50	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-13	237.75	1,921	5	1,923.00	1.3
September 27, 2025	224	5	234.75	1,929	8	1,923.50	1.3
October 4, 2025	235	11	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	220	-15	224.50	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	232	12	227.75	1,957	10	1,940.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	220	-12	226.75	1,964	7	1,949.00	1.3
November 1, 2025	229	9	225.25	1,946	-18	1,953.50	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	-1	227.25	1,953	7	1,955.00	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,944	-9	1,951.75	1.3
November 22, 2025	217	-5	224.00	1,937	-7	1,945.00	1.3
November 29, 2025	192	-25	214.75	1,830	-107	1,916.00	1.2
December 6, 2025	237	45	217.00	1,885	55	1,899.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-13	217.50	1,914	29	1,891.50	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	217.00	1,856	-58	1,871.25	1.2
December 27, 2025	200	-15	219.00	1,903	47	1,889.50	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	7	211.50	1,875	-28	1,887.00	1.2
January 10, 2026	199	-8	205.25	1,865	-10	1,874.75	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	11	204.00	1,819	-46	1,865.50	1.2
January 24, 2026	209	-1	206.25	1,841	22	1,850.00	1.2
January 31, 2026	232	23	212.50	1,862	21	1,846.75	1.2
February 7, 2026	227	-5	219.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 31						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 24						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,256	300	-56	7	6	9,254	0.5	-161	-493	84	18	9,356
Alaska	602	24	-13	4	0	5,895	1.9	-181	-9	95	5	5,995
Arizona	2,500	-31	-745	6	5	18,020	0.6	266	-4,686	80	25	18,125
Arkansas	1,633	564	-30	1	1	4,988	0.4	-954	-3,132	25	6	5,019
California	43,944	744	-5,440	162	102	412,895	2.3	39,518	-23,125	1,998	1,198	416,091
Colorado	3,359	31	-23	6	7	35,629	1.3	-86	2,528	321	206	36,156
Connecticut	3,483	45	-18	3	3	33,688	2.0	1,710	-654	49	32	33,769
Delaware	490	163	282	5	3	6,957	1.5	509	-141	22	8	6,987
District of Columbia	562	-83	-748	30	0	8,496	1.5	-28	692	1,233	12	9,741
Florida	5,645	-99	-317	21	23	30,577	0.3	1,677	-3,495	231	74	30,882
Georgia	4,681	44	-1,047	30	10	28,003	0.6	624	-4,003	312	73	28,388
Hawaii	1,120	171	111	2	7	5,583	0.9	-62	59	62	60	5,705
Idaho	1,129	-95	-220	2	2	11,472	1.3	198	-198	198	9	11,679
Illinois	11,986	2,203	1,451	7	6	133,558	2.2	5,166	-9,585	556	106	134,220
Indiana	3,722	536	233	2	2	26,440	0.8	-2,116	-3,807	52	22	26,514
Iowa	2,631	-644	21	1	1	21,358	1.4	1,793	-2,274	26	7	21,391
Kansas	1,947	502	-532	0	0	9,655	0.7	-4	-3,315	42	19	9,716
Kentucky	2,163	-465	434	2	0	16,807	0.8	2,134	1,829	87	28	16,922
Louisiana	1,230	-170	-459	4	2	7,808	0.4	-288	-4,649	40	4	7,852
Maine	570	-80	-156	0	1	9,364	1.5	137	393	39	3	9,406
Maryland	3,846	1,648	950	30	3	27,315	1.1	281	1,046	797	65	28,177
Massachusetts	6,467	37	720	1	1	96,380	2.7	320	9,403	316	66	96,762
Michigan	8,981	402	1,049	6	2	87,524	2.0	-6,058	331	199	28	87,751
Minnesota	5,555	761	805	6	2	74,953	2.6	3,902	1,262	133	54	75,140
Mississippi	1,115	530	52	3	0	6,815	0.6	156	-528	57	6	6,878
Missouri	6,776	2,833	2,805	4	1	26,219	0.9	485	-1,040	116	15	26,350
Montana	802	-157	1	28	0	11,042	2.2	263	-363	410	8	11,460
Nebraska	918	-2,146	85	1	2	8,435	0.8	716	365	17	2	8,454
Nevada	2,777	95	-100	2	0	27,937	1.8	-564	1,004	151	77	28,165
New Hampshire	460	-60	-39	0	0	4,720	0.7	13	612	8	0	4,728
New Jersey	13,538	2,602	2,860	15	15	117,500	2.8	693	-4,680	322	230	118,052
New Mexico	792	-22	2	2	0	11,040	1.3	102	111	153	38	11,231
New York	23,558	3,141	4,396	24	10	203,505	2.1	8,884	18,615	631	218	204,354
North Carolina	3,526	232	-479	5	1	20,749	0.4	219	-8,184	111	56	20,916
North Dakota	522	3	110	3	1	6,686	1.6	211	153	16	4	6,706
Ohio	8,845	1,983	1,281	8	8	65,925	1.2	473	-5,972	145	57	66,127
Oklahoma	1,823	-679	493	7	11	11,307	0.7	212	949	60	39	11,406
Oregon	4,929	182	81	18	4	39,033	2.0	464	5,206	655	80	39,768
Pennsylvania	18,838	5,268	3,412	18	14	113,882	1.9	-109	-12,937	484	110	114,476
Puerto Rico	1,285	-164	-136	8	6	17,787	1.9	-1,711	143	237	91	18,115
Rhode Island	1,681	230	612	5	4	14,337	2.9	562	327	36	21	14,394
South Carolina	2,186	111	-13	3	4	15,973	0.7	220	-338	56	41	16,070
South Dakota	251	-77	-26	1	0	3,225	0.7	148	-39	33	2	3,260
Tennessee	2,958	-8	-40	2	4	19,194	0.6	-386	1,291	68	37	19,299
Texas	15,658	-517	297	47	75	161,018	1.2	10,107	4,424	771	874	162,663
Utah	1,607	-149	-90	23	5	16,320	1.0	32	620	337	16	16,673
Vermont	358	-58	10	0	0	3,918	1.3	4	183	2	0	3,920
Virgin Islands	21	8	-21	0	1	210	0.6	38	-26	14	0	224
Virginia	2,683	-980	77	17	1	21,403	0.5	177	4,202	293	78	21,774
Washington	6,294	680	-180	19	19	91,234	2.6	1,219	8,043	655	374	92,263
West Virginia	1,013	69	-381	2	2	8,516	1.3	-397	-4,192	67	17	8,600
Wisconsin	6,787	1,867	492	8	0	37,265	1.3	3,413	-2,004	75	5	37,345
Wyoming	449	-6	28	4	1	2,936	1.1	45	-66	48	3	2,987
Totals	252,952	21,319	11,841	615	378	2,210,750	1.4	73,986	-40,144	13,025	4,627	2,228,402

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+5,268	Layoffs in construction and manufacturing industries.
NY	+3,141	Layoffs in construction, transportation and warehousing, and in accommodation and food services industries.
MO	+2,833	Layoffs in manufacturing, construction, and in accommodation and food services
NJ	+2,602	industries.
IL	+2,203	No comment.
OH	+1,983	Layoffs in construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and manufacturing industries.
WI	+1,867	No comment.
MD	+1,648	Layoffs in construction industry. No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NE	-2,146	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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