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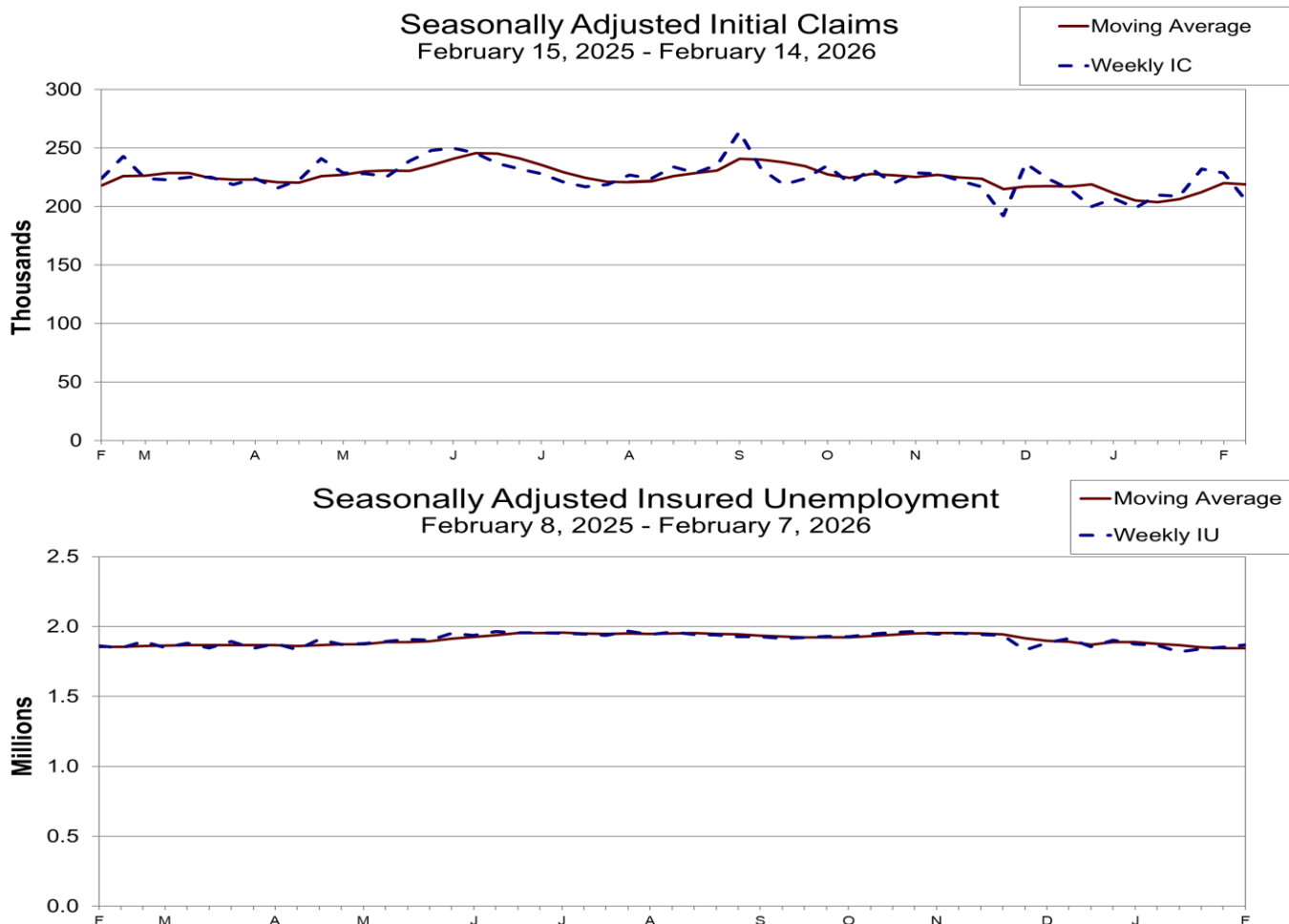
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 206,000, a decrease of 23,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 227,000 to 229,000. The 4-week moving average was 219,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 219,500 to 220,000.

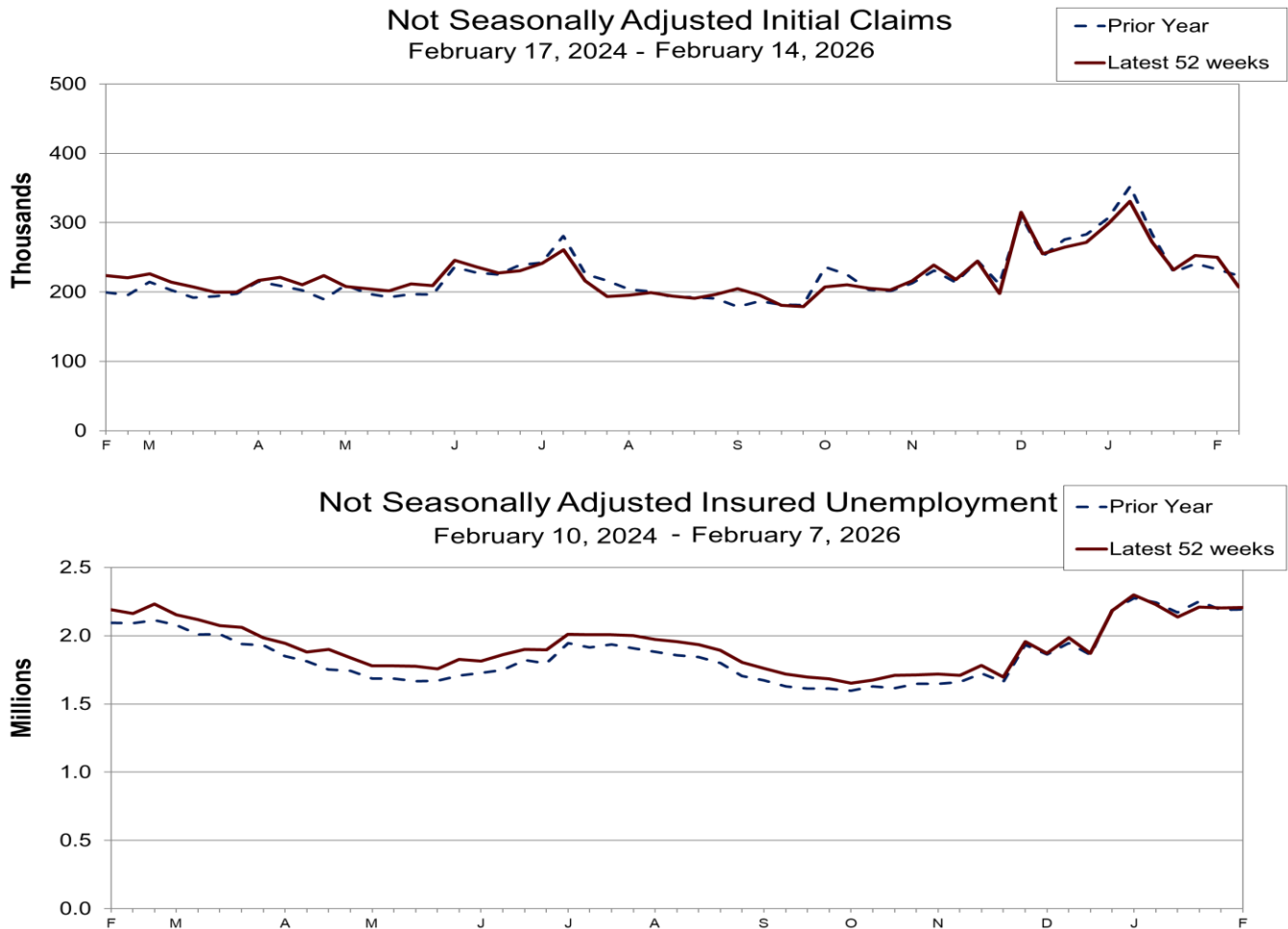
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 7, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 7 was 1,869,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 10,000 from 1,862,000 to 1,852,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,845,250, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,500 from 1,846,750 to 1,844,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 207,694 in the week ending February 14, a decrease of 42,509 (or -17.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,669 (or -7.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 223,538 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,207,430, an increase of 4,919 (or 0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,819 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,191,941.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 31 was 2,239,250, a decrease of 9,081 from the previous week. There were 2,219,025 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 31.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 695 in the week ending February 7, an increase of 80 from the prior week. There were 444 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 12,419 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 31, a decrease of 606 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,311, a decrease of 316 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 31 were in Rhode Island (3.0), New Jersey (2.9), Massachusetts (2.7), Minnesota (2.6), Washington (2.6), Illinois (2.2), Montana (2.2), New York (2.2), California (2.1), and Pennsylvania (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 7 were in Texas (+2,592), Virginia (+1,909), California (+1,362), Tennessee (+924), and Kentucky (+838), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-3,181), Missouri (-2,755), Illinois (-2,371), Wisconsin (-1,946), and Michigan (-1,771).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 14	February 7	Change	January 31	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	206,000	229,000	-23,000	232,000	224,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	207,694	250,203	-42,509	252,952	223,538
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	219,000	220,000	-1,000	212,500	217,750

WEEK ENDING	February 7	January 31	Change	January 24	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,869,000	1,852,000	+17,000	1,841,000	1,861,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,207,430	2,202,511	+4,919	2,210,767	2,191,941
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,845,250	1,844,250	+1,000	1,850,000	1,855,750
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	February 7	January 31	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	695	615	+80	613
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	444	378	+66	399

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

WEEK ENDING	January 31	January 24	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	2,194,771	2,203,575	-8,804	2,180,810
Federal Employees	12,419	13,025	-606	7,110
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,311	4,627	-316	4,405
Extended Benefits ³	17	21	-4	82
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,497	3,424	+73	2,851
STC / Workshare ⁵	24,235	23,659	+576	23,767
TOTAL	2,239,250	2,248,331	-9,081	2,219,025

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 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,752	2,091	-339	8,233	9,175	-942
Alaska	531	546	-15	5,544	5,720	-176
Arizona	2,292	2,513	-221	15,576	15,429	147
Arkansas	1,276	1,467	-191	5,168	5,869	-701
California **	43,032	45,306	-2,274	399,097	385,380	13,717
Colorado	3,051	3,611	-560	36,684	35,711	973
Connecticut	3,140	3,831	-691	34,228	33,140	1,088
Delaware	292	495	-203	7,331	7,015	316
District of Columbia	658	711	-53	9,328	8,406	922
Florida	5,618	5,800	-182	25,450	29,112	-3,662
Georgia	4,070	5,350	-1,280	26,301	28,052	-1,751
Hawaii	950	1,022	-72	5,797	5,601	196
Idaho	965	1,106	-141	10,621	11,414	-793
Illinois	7,189	9,615	-2,426	136,944	129,805	7,139
Indiana	2,915	4,025	-1,110	26,847	27,470	-623
Iowa	2,405	2,084	321	20,117	21,567	-1,450
Kansas	1,288	1,733	-445	11,098	10,486	612
Kentucky	2,793	3,001	-208	17,727	13,701	4,026
Louisiana	1,218	1,503	-285	5,770	7,429	-1,659
Maine	552	703	-151	9,869	9,514	355
Maryland	2,078	3,428	-1,350	28,311	29,269	-958
Massachusetts	6,022	6,881	-859	98,134	98,327	-193
Michigan	7,286	7,210	76	86,337	88,418	-2,081
Minnesota	3,827	4,750	-923	76,238	75,266	972
Mississippi	898	1,298	-400	5,981	6,826	-845
Missouri	2,332	4,021	-1,689	22,793	26,281	-3,488
Montana	652	731	-79	10,854	10,875	-21
Nebraska	630	658	-28	8,222	8,775	-553
Nevada *	2,638	2,803	-165	28,079	27,725	354
New Hampshire	346	551	-205	3,876	4,802	-926
New Jersey	9,770	12,733	-2,963	123,689	122,399	1,290
New Mexico	826	977	-151	11,385	10,836	549
New York	16,916	24,382	-7,466	217,988	215,884	2,104
North Carolina	3,264	3,975	-711	19,912	20,848	-936
North Dakota	408	449	-41	7,243	6,717	526
Ohio	6,757	7,978	-1,221	66,436	68,104	-1,668
Oklahoma	1,813	2,056	-243	10,602	11,522	-920
Oregon	5,453	5,032	421	42,464	39,448	3,016
Pennsylvania	10,332	15,657	-5,325	119,768	124,976	-5,208
Puerto Rico	1,059	1,365	-306	7,354	17,382	-10,028
Rhode Island	1,124	1,504	-380	14,833	14,623	210
South Carolina	2,128	2,643	-515	15,625	16,241	-616
South Dakota	238	244	-6	3,211	3,196	15
Tennessee	3,297	3,882	-585	19,658	18,960	698
Texas	15,482	18,250	-2,768	151,923	152,238	-315
Utah	1,589	1,725	-136	16,211	16,348	-137
Vermont	352	385	-33	4,116	3,943	173
Virgin Islands	15	17	-2	258	226	32
Virginia	2,640	4,592	-1,952	23,728	21,291	2,437
Washington	5,960	6,672	-712	95,427	90,708	4,719
West Virginia	1,327	1,584	-257	11,771	10,597	1,174
Wisconsin	3,920	4,841	-921	33,987	36,506	-2,519
Wyoming	328	416	-88	3,286	2,958	328
US Total	207,694	250,203	-42,509	2,207,430	2,202,511	4,919

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 Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
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	1,852	11	1,844.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	229	-3	220.00	1,869	17	1,845.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	206	-23	219.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 7						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 31						
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	2,091	-165	-91	10	6	9,175	0.4	-79	-29	61	15	9,251
Alaska	546	-56	-73	1	1	5,720	1.8	-175	-163	94	3	5,817
Arizona	2,513	13	-560	6	4	15,429	0.5	-2,591	-7,023	45	21	15,495
Arkansas	1,467	-166	-216	1	0	5,869	0.5	881	-1,967	33	9	5,911
California	45,306	1,362	-5,239	149	107	385,380	2.1	-27,515	-38,146	1,781	1,110	388,271
Colorado	3,611	252	224	12	6	35,711	1.3	82	1,968	297	188	36,196
Connecticut	3,831	348	640	3	2	33,140	2.0	-548	1,175	53	34	33,227
Delaware	495	5	229	2	5	7,015	1.5	58	274	26	20	7,061
District of Columbia	711	149	-971	30	1	8,406	1.5	-90	172	1,186	11	9,603
Florida	5,800	155	-978	21	20	29,112	0.3	-1,465	-2,806	201	64	29,377
Georgia	5,350	669	-94	34	29	28,052	0.6	49	-2,343	316	70	28,438
Hawaii	1,022	-98	-105	2	13	5,601	0.9	1	-185	60	34	5,695
Idaho	1,106	-23	-468	12	1	11,414	1.3	-58	-123	186	10	11,610
Illinois	9,615	-2,371	55	17	7	129,805	2.2	-3,753	-8,192	417	116	130,338
Indiana	4,025	303	918	2	5	27,470	0.9	1,030	-1,391	47	22	27,539
Iowa	2,084	-547	-98	4	2	21,567	1.4	209	-2,260	25	8	21,600
Kansas	1,733	-214	190	2	1	10,486	0.7	831	-986	28	21	10,535
Kentucky	3,001	838	916	0	0	13,701	0.7	-3,106	14	60	15	13,776
Louisiana	1,503	273	-144	5	3	7,429	0.4	-379	-4,432	29	5	7,463
Maine	703	133	49	1	0	9,514	1.5	150	414	42	2	9,558
Maryland	3,428	-418	253	56	2	29,269	1.1	1,954	2,798	772	63	30,104
Massachusetts	6,881	414	804	3	1	98,327	2.7	1,947	12,643	331	47	98,705
Michigan	7,210	-1,771	-64	7	7	88,418	2.0	894	2,732	145	30	88,593
Minnesota	4,750	-805	271	9	2	75,266	2.6	313	2,007	125	45	75,436
Mississippi	1,298	183	390	3	1	6,826	0.6	11	-161	55	7	6,888
Missouri	4,021	-2,755	889	4	1	26,281	0.9	62	1,195	126	12	26,419
Montana	731	-71	-187	13	0	10,875	2.2	-167	-256	392	8	11,275
Nebraska	658	-260	-134	2	0	8,775	0.9	340	839	15	1	8,791
Nevada	2,803	26	-176	1	1	27,725	1.8	-212	1,063	145	70	27,940
New Hampshire	551	91	103	1	0	4,802	0.7	82	654	1	0	4,803
New Jersey	12,733	-805	2,291	14	20	122,399	2.9	4,899	587	375	213	122,987
New Mexico	977	185	174	2	2	10,836	1.3	-204	80	208	30	11,074
New York	24,382	824	8,233	38	22	215,884	2.2	12,379	33,227	604	212	216,700
North Carolina	3,975	449	-231	3	4	20,848	0.4	99	-6,540	119	68	21,035
North Dakota	449	-73	42	4	0	6,717	1.6	31	517	16	4	6,737
Ohio	7,978	-867	1,509	16	7	68,104	1.3	2,179	-2,311	133	57	68,294
Oklahoma	2,056	233	719	11	4	11,522	0.7	215	1,149	62	35	11,619
Oregon	5,032	103	-192	26	3	39,448	2.0	415	5,382	658	80	40,186
Pennsylvania	15,657	-3,181	3,175	17	11	124,976	2.1	11,094	4,698	520	107	125,603
Puerto Rico	1,365	80	-96	7	4	17,382	1.9	-405	670	298	46	17,726
Rhode Island	1,504	-177	509	4	1	14,623	3.0	286	665	41	16	14,680
South Carolina	2,643	457	298	3	7	16,241	0.7	268	871	57	49	16,347
South Dakota	244	-7	-24	2	1	3,196	0.7	-29	-73	32	2	3,230
Tennessee	3,882	924	990	3	6	18,960	0.6	-234	1,149	52	38	19,050
Texas	18,250	2,592	2,028	71	90	152,238	1.1	-8,780	8,504	630	818	153,686
Utah	1,725	118	72	9	3	16,348	1.0	28	747	331	15	16,694
Vermont	385	27	15	0	0	3,943	1.3	25	288	3	0	3,946
Virgin Islands	17	-4	-20	0	0	226	0.7	16	8	16	0	242
Virginia	4,592	1,909	1,390	24	8	21,291	0.5	-112	4,003	282	69	21,642
Washington	6,672	378	-442	16	19	90,708	2.6	-526	6,352	680	369	91,757
West Virginia	1,584	571	631	0	0	10,597	1.6	2,081	-159	61	11	10,669
Wisconsin	4,841	-1,946	95	6	3	36,506	1.3	-759	-656	88	7	36,601
Wyoming	416	-33	19	6	1	2,958	1.1	22	40	59	4	3,021
totals	250,203	-2,749	17,518	695	444	2,202,511	1.4	-8,256	16,683	12,419	4,311	2,219,241

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 February 7, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+2,592	Layoffs in manufacturing, construction, accommodation and food services, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
VA	+1,909	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
CA	+1,362	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-3,181	Fewer layoffs in construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MO	-2,755	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing; arts, entertainment, and recreation; and in construction industries.
IL	-2,371	No comment.
WI	-1,946	Fewer layoffs in construction industry.
MI	-1,771	Fewer layoffs in construction industry.

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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