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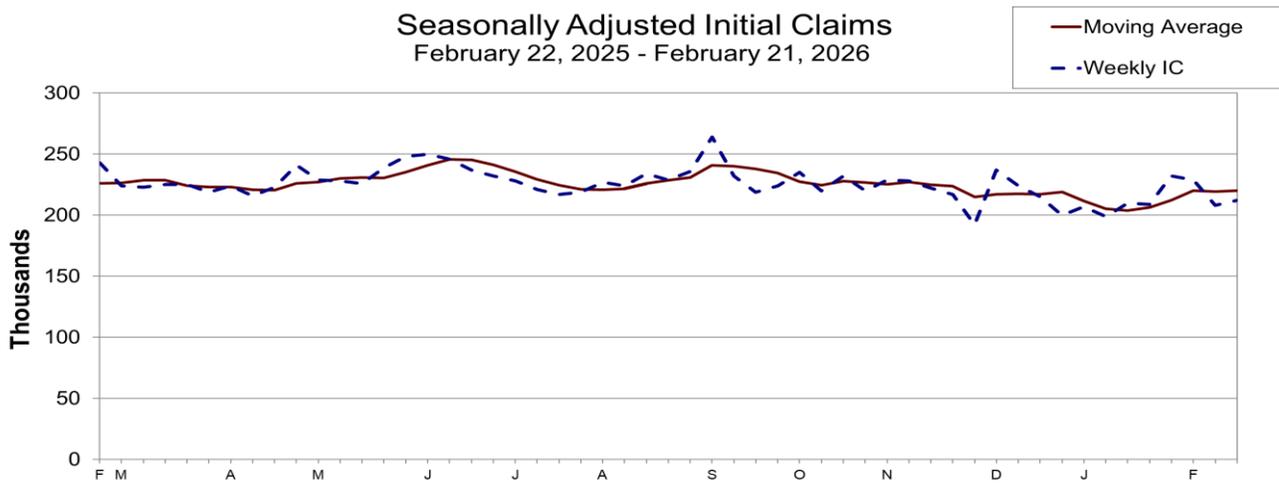
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

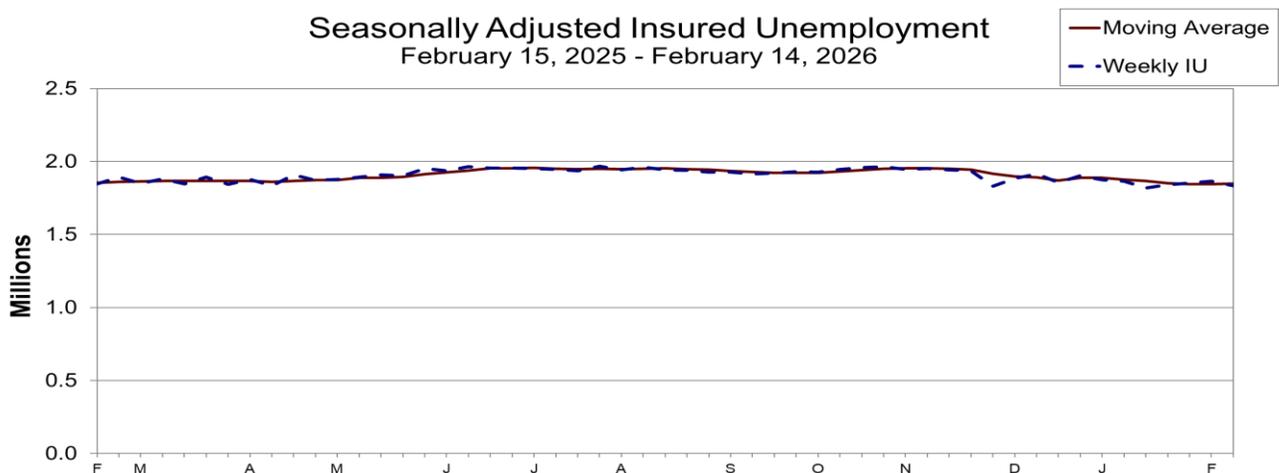
In the week ending February 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 212,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 206,000 to 208,000. The 4-week moving average was 220,250, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 219,000 to 219,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 14 was 1,833,000, a decrease of 31,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,869,000 to 1,864,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,847,500, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,845,250 to 1,844,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 22, 2025 - February 21, 2026



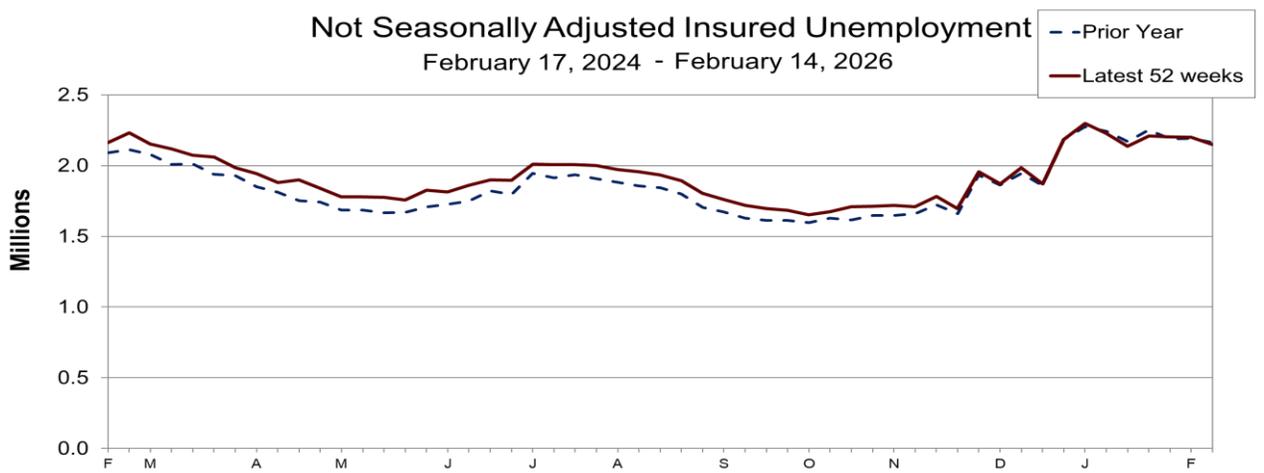
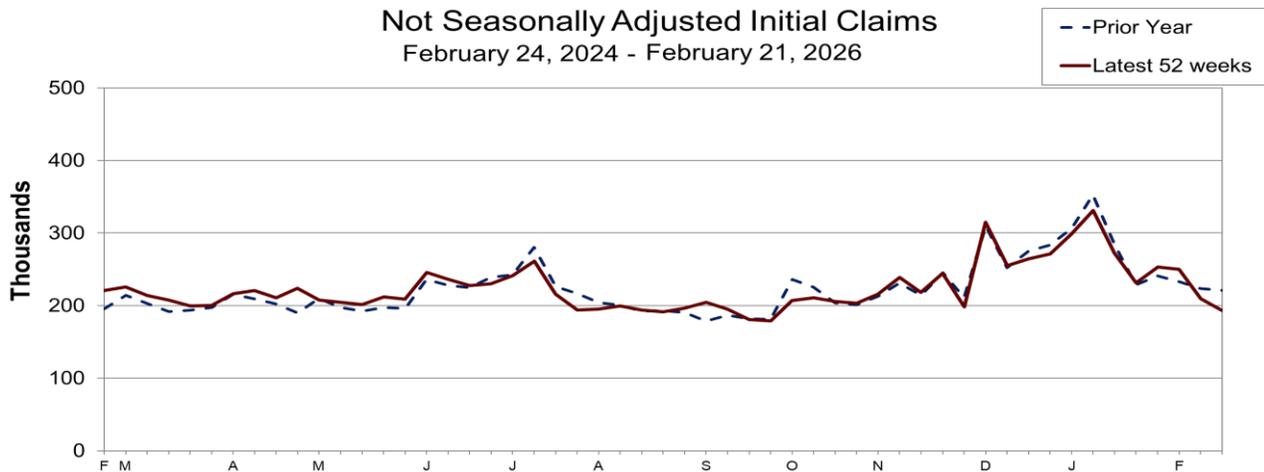
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
February 15, 2025 - February 14, 2026



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 193,107 in the week ending February 21, a decrease of 16,723 (or -8.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,776 (or -9.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 220,856 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,150,580, a decrease of 50,366 (or -2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,909 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,162,489.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending February 7 was 2,239,002, a decrease of 260 from the previous week. There were 2,223,736 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 February 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 554 in the week ending February 14, a decrease of 141 from the prior week. There were 428 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 16 from the preceding week.

There were 12,657 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending February 7, an increase of 238 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,605, an increase of 294 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending February 7 were in Rhode Island (3.0), New Jersey (2.9), Massachusetts (2.7), Minnesota (2.5), Washington (2.5), Illinois (2.3), California (2.2), New York (2.2), Montana (2.1), Michigan (2.0), Oregon (2.0), and Pennsylvania (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 14 were in Iowa (+377), Michigan (+105), Florida (+84), and Nevada (+1), while the largest decreases were in New York (-7,615), Pennsylvania (-5,201), New Jersey (-2,845), California (-2,386), and Texas (-2,368).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 21	February 14	Change	February 7	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	212,000	208,000	+4,000	229,000	243,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	193,107	209,830	-16,723	250,203	220,856
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	220,250	219,500	+750	220,000	226,000

WEEK ENDING	February 14	February 7	Change	January 31	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,833,000	1,864,000	-31,000	1,852,000	1,847,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,150,580	2,200,946	-50,366	2,202,520	2,162,489
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,847,500	1,844,000	+3,500	1,844,250	1,855,250
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 14	February 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	554	695	-141	614
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	428	444	-16	353

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

WEEK ENDING	February 7	January 31	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,192,785	2,194,778	-1,993	2,184,087
Federal Employees	12,657	12,419	+238	7,612
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,605	4,311	+294	4,309
Extended Benefits ³	65	17	+48	163
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,511	3,497	+14	2,796
STC / Workshare ⁵	25,379	24,240	+1,139	24,769
TOTAL	2,239,002	2,239,262	-260	2,223,736

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 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,554	1,857	-303	8,189	9,018	-829
Alaska	508	479	29	5,349	5,614	-265
Arizona	2,201	2,501	-300	15,524	17,855	-2,331
Arkansas	1,248	1,373	-125	3,850	5,857	-2,007
California	42,848	42,920	-72	378,850	394,867	-16,017
Colorado	3,008	3,023	-15	36,614	35,681	933
Connecticut	3,165	3,039	126	34,503	32,529	1,974
Delaware	262	313	-51	6,971	6,993	-22
District of Columbia	628	633	-5	9,141	8,238	903
Florida	5,384	5,884	-500	24,743	29,684	-4,941
Georgia	3,979	4,293	-314	25,877	27,551	-1,674
Hawaii	1,153	932	221	6,050	5,580	470
Idaho	905	950	-45	10,486	11,171	-685
Illinois	7,221	7,250	-29	130,661	135,671	-5,010
Indiana	2,473	2,941	-468	25,734	26,734	-1,000
Iowa	1,510	2,461	-951	20,463	20,660	-197
Kansas	960	1,344	-384	10,158	9,901	257
Kentucky	1,765	2,781	-1,016	15,396	17,676	-2,280
Louisiana	975	1,377	-402	5,482	7,289	-1,807
Maine	695	518	177	9,848	9,531	317
Maryland	1,737	2,494	-757	27,325	28,255	-930
Massachusetts	5,945	5,722	223	98,625	98,429	196
Michigan	3,667	7,315	-3,648	78,812	87,988	-9,176
Minnesota	3,619	3,785	-166	75,324	71,393	3,931
Mississippi	798	962	-164	5,823	4,782	1,041
Missouri	2,182	2,462	-280	21,835	23,136	-1,301
Montana	650	663	-13	10,826	10,609	217
Nebraska	505	647	-142	8,108	8,500	-392
Nevada	2,704	2,804	-100	27,659	27,538	121
New Hampshire	374	453	-79	3,815	4,917	-1,102
New Jersey	9,096	9,888	-792	123,810	122,415	1,395
New Mexico	813	836	-23	11,285	11,086	199
New York	14,178	16,767	-2,589	211,713	215,869	-4,156
North Carolina	3,082	3,395	-313	19,741	20,947	-1,206
North Dakota	357	367	-10	7,168	6,498	670
Ohio	4,839	6,933	-2,094	65,879	66,915	-1,036
Oklahoma	2,673	2,041	632	10,285	10,708	-423
Oregon	5,490	4,884	606	42,181	39,681	2,500
Pennsylvania	9,395	10,456	-1,061	115,880	120,081	-4,201
Puerto Rico	1,113	1,139	-26	14,957	16,449	-1,492
Rhode Island	2,677	1,154	1,523	14,746	14,812	-66
South Carolina	1,793	2,262	-469	15,194	16,056	-862
South Dakota	221	214	7	3,162	3,192	-30
Tennessee	3,508	3,314	194	18,739	19,800	-1,061
Texas	14,294	15,882	-1,588	147,680	154,474	-6,794
Utah	965	1,587	-622	16,101	16,292	-191
Vermont	375	357	18	4,100	3,936	164
Virgin Islands	10	17	-7	220	248	-28
Virginia	2,468	2,653	-185	22,516	21,841	675
Washington	5,903	5,911	-8	95,403	89,129	6,274
West Virginia	985	1,383	-398	11,051	10,837	214
Wisconsin	3,922	3,870	52	33,454	33,119	335
Wyoming	327	344	-17	3,274	2,914	360
US Total	193,107	209,830	-16,723	2,150,580	2,200,946	-50,366

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	
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	1,864	12	1,844.00	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-21	219.50	1,833	-31	1,847.50	1.2
February 21, 2026	212	4	220.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
FEBRUARY 14

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
FEBRUARY 7

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM				TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
Alabama	1,857	-234	-43	4	10	9,018	0.4	-157	-103	64	13	9,095
Alaska	479	-67	-56	1	0	5,614	1.8	-106	-65	92	4	5,710
Arizona	2,501	-12	-383	5	3	17,855	0.6	2,426	-4,770	73	24	17,952
Arkansas	1,373	-94	121	3	3	5,857	0.5	-12	-2,006	27	4	5,888
California	42,920	-2,386	-2,095	127	91	394,867	2.2	9,487	-35,535	1,850	1,184	397,901
Colorado	3,023	-588	-166	2	9	35,681	1.3	-30	1,964	339	183	36,203
Connecticut	3,039	-792	64	0	2	32,529	1.9	-611	918	52	31	32,612
Delaware	313	-182	113	4	6	6,993	1.5	-22	854	23	3	7,019
District of Columbia	633	-78	-993	33	0	8,238	1.5	-168	-528	1,138	9	9,385
Florida	5,884	84	87	27	28	29,684	0.3	572	-3,472	211	80	29,975
Georgia	4,293	-1,057	-718	33	16	27,551	0.6	-501	-2,737	310	78	27,939
Hawaii	932	-90	16	1	4	5,580	0.9	-33	105	59	55	5,694
Idaho	950	-156	-482	4	0	11,171	1.3	-243	-650	199	9	11,379
Illinois	7,250	-2,365	-2,277	10	7	135,671	2.3	5,866	-4,080	526	107	136,304
Indiana	2,941	-1,084	-146	5	4	26,734	0.8	-736	-4,112	48	18	26,800
Iowa	2,461	377	248	1	3	20,660	1.3	-907	-2,507	21	7	20,688
Kansas	1,344	-389	82	0	1	9,901	0.7	-585	-1,641	36	23	9,960
Kentucky	2,781	-220	-2,316	3	0	17,676	0.9	3,975	3,719	119	33	17,828
Louisiana	1,377	-126	-195	5	2	7,289	0.4	-140	-4,424	36	9	7,334
Maine	518	-185	6	0	0	9,531	1.5	17	441	40	4	9,575
Maryland	2,494	-934	-165	35	11	28,255	1.1	-1,014	1,770	746	61	29,062
Massachusetts	5,722	-1,159	274	1	0	98,429	2.7	102	12,730	251	95	98,775
Michigan	7,315	105	-411	3	3	87,988	2.0	-430	7,659	209	35	88,232
Minnesota	3,785	-965	-777	2	2	71,393	2.5	-3,873	-952	128	56	71,577
Mississippi	962	-336	51	0	1	4,782	0.4	-2,044	-1,991	60	11	4,853
Missouri	2,462	-1,559	-280	3	3	23,136	0.8	-3,145	-912	126	14	23,276
Montana	663	-68	-207	14	2	10,609	2.1	-266	-1,147	395	7	11,011
Nebraska	647	-11	-152	1	3	8,500	0.8	-275	596	19	0	8,519
Nevada	2,804	1	-94	4	1	27,538	1.8	-187	287	147	70	27,755
New Hampshire	453	-98	19	1	2	4,917	0.7	115	766	8	0	4,925
New Jersey	9,888	-2,845	349	18	36	122,415	2.9	16	2,268	339	220	122,974
New Mexico	836	-141	42	1	1	11,086	1.3	250	318	144	26	11,256
New York	16,767	-7,615	1,316	22	30	215,869	2.2	-15	34,482	624	240	216,733
North Carolina	3,395	-580	-557	5	2	20,947	0.4	99	-6,518	127	66	21,140
North Dakota	367	-82	-115	3	1	6,498	1.5	-219	223	15	2	6,515
Ohio	6,933	-1,045	889	7	12	66,915	1.2	-1,189	-2,851	171	62	67,148
Oklahoma	2,041	-15	789	6	2	10,708	0.7	-814	526	58	32	10,798
Oregon	4,884	-148	-288	21	6	39,681	2.0	233	4,454	662	82	40,425
Pennsylvania	10,456	-5,201	-916	15	7	120,081	2.0	-4,892	1,147	494	115	120,690
Puerto Rico	1,139	-226	-57	17	2	16,449	1.8	-933	324	261	79	16,789
Rhode Island	1,154	-350	245	3	2	14,812	3.0	189	780	59	19	14,890
South Carolina	2,262	-381	207	7	4	16,056	0.7	-185	824	56	42	16,154
South Dakota	214	-30	-33	0	0	3,192	0.7	-4	16	27	5	3,224
Tennessee	3,314	-568	-2,344	2	3	19,800	0.6	840	2,097	61	41	19,902
Texas	15,882	-2,368	164	46	77	154,474	1.1	2,236	5,437	727	826	156,027
Utah	1,587	-138	98	10	6	16,292	1.0	-56	643	318	18	16,628
Vermont	357	-28	30	0	0	3,936	1.3	-7	178	1	0	3,937
Virgin Islands	17	0	-22	0	0	248	0.7	22	24	10	4	262
Virginia	2,653	-1,939	-246	11	5	21,841	0.6	550	4,262	282	78	22,201
Washington	5,911	-761	-1,938	21	14	89,129	2.5	-1,579	2,657	686	398	90,213
West Virginia	1,383	-201	459	0	1	10,837	1.6	240	886	61	12	10,910
Wisconsin	3,870	-971	-801	5	0	33,119	1.1	-3,387	-2,454	68	8	33,195
Wyoming	344	-72	-105	2	0	2,914	1.1	-44	4	54	3	2,971
Totals	209,830	-40,373	-13,709	554	428	2,200,946	1.4	-1,574	9,904	12,657	4,605	2,218,208

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 14, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-7,615	Fewer layoffs in construction, transportation and warehousing, and in health care and social assistance industries.
PA	-5,201	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction and in accommodation and food services industries.
NJ	-2,845	No comment.
CA	-2,386	No comment.
TX	-2,368	No comment.
IL	-2,365	No comment.
VA	-1,939	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry,
MO	-1,559	Fewer layoffs in construction, accommodation and food services, and in manufacturing industries.
MA	-1,159	No comment.
IN	-1,084	No comment.
GA	-1,057	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	-1,045	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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