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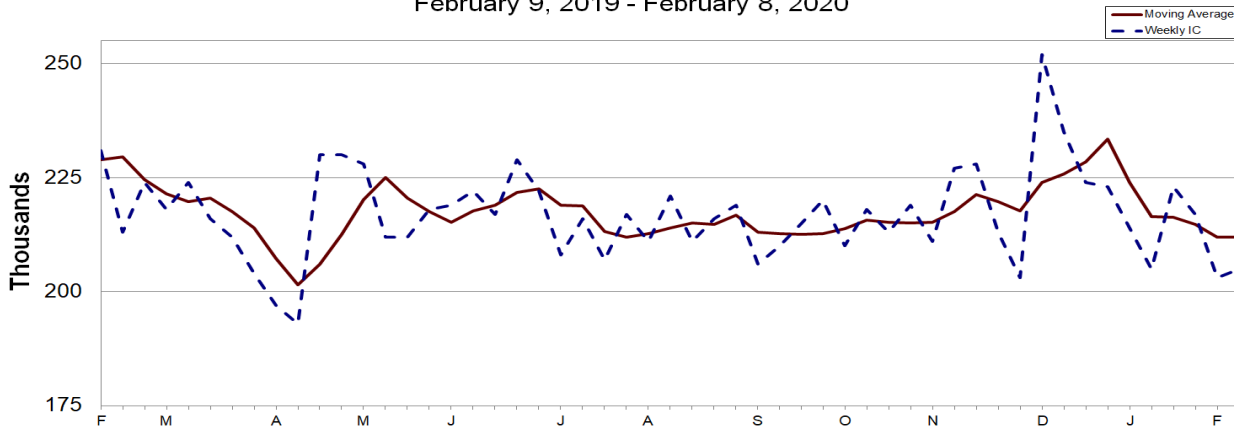
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

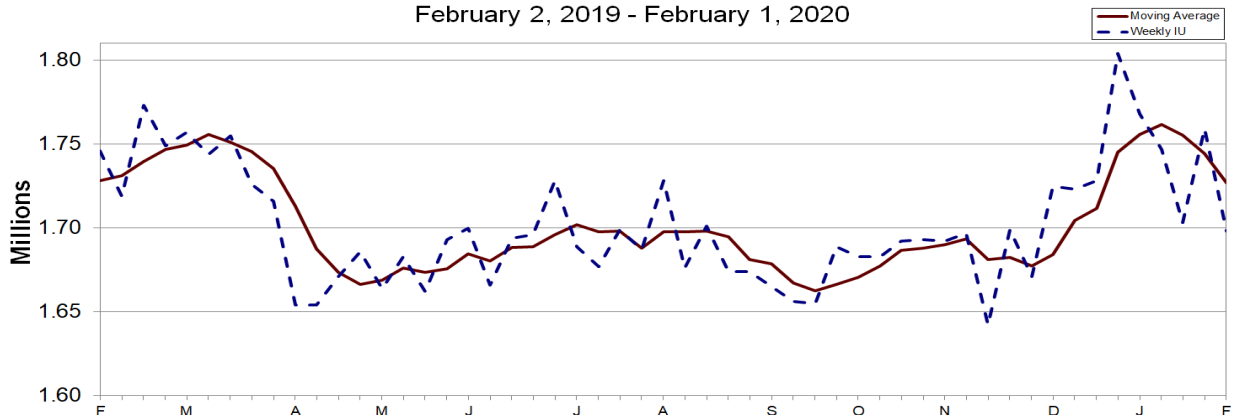
In the week ending February 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 205,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 202,000 to 203,000. The 4-week moving average was 212,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 211,750 to 212,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 1, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 1 was 1,698,000, a decrease of 61,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 8,000 from 1,751,000 to 1,759,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,726,750, a decrease of 17,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 1,742,250 to 1,744,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 9, 2019 - February 8, 2020



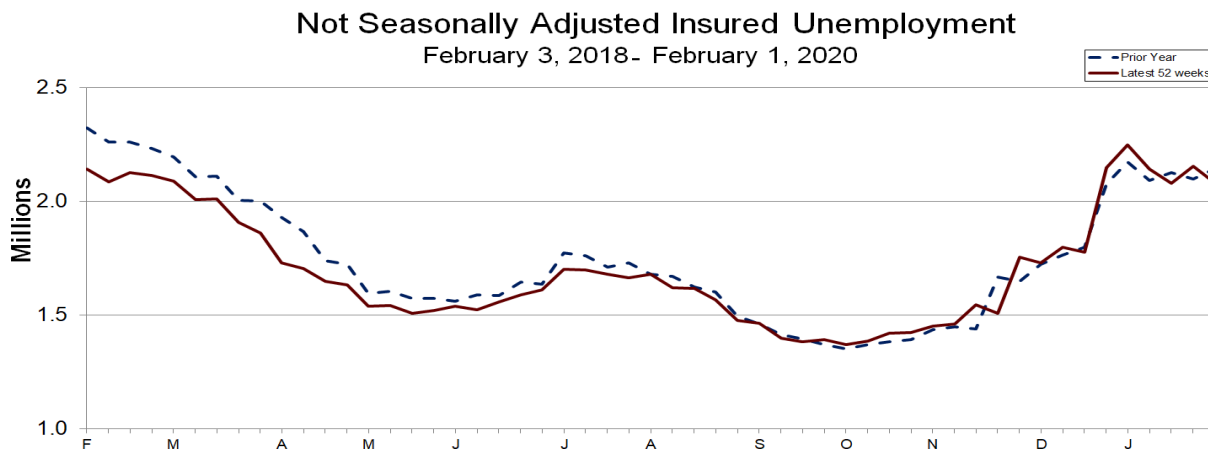
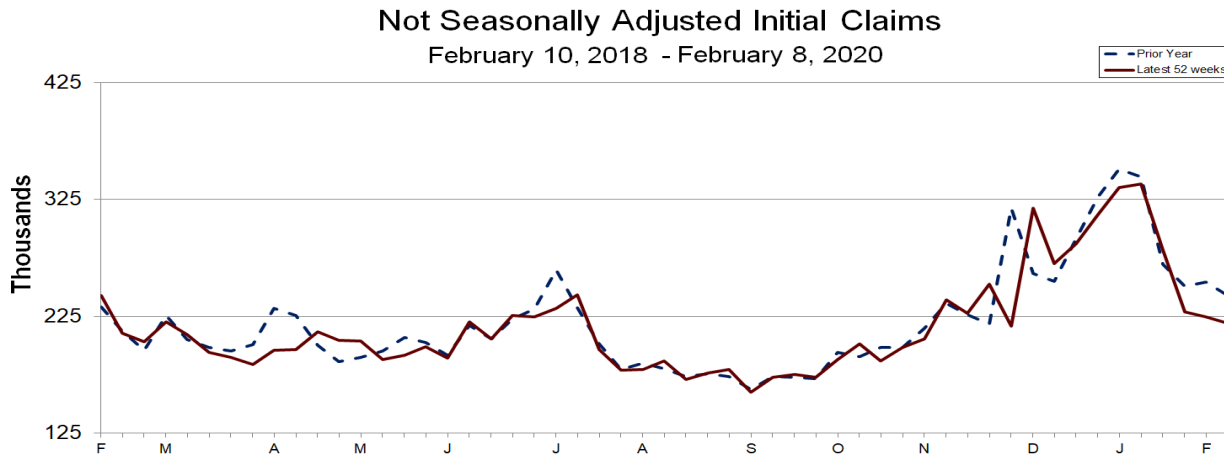
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
February 2, 2019 - February 1, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 218,977 in the week ending February 8, a decrease of 5,687 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,306 (or -3.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 242,817 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 1, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,083,084, a decrease of 69,649 (or -3.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,276 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,142,663.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 25 was 2,184,592, an increase of 76,077 from the previous week. There were 2,143,915 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 748 in the week ending February 1, a decrease of 89 from the prior week. There were 535 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 67 from the preceding week.

There were 11,422 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 25, a decrease of 45 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,723, an increase of 233 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 25 were in Alaska (3.1), Puerto Rico (2.8), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.5), Montana (2.5), West Virginia (2.5), Illinois (2.4), California (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.3), and Rhode Island (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 1 were in Pennsylvania (+2,534), New York (+1,523), Texas (+748), Oregon (+396), and Arizona (+332), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,138), Washington (-1,453), New Jersey (-1,021), Michigan (-809), and Ohio (-757).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 8	February 1	Change	January 25	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	205,000	203,000	+2,000	217,000	231,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	218,977	224,664	-5,687	229,002	242,817
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	212,000	212,000	0	214,750	229,000
WEEK ENDING	February 1	January 25	Change	January 18	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,698,000	1,759,000	-61,000	1,703,000	1,746,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,083,084	2,152,733	-69,649	2,079,050	2,142,663
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,726,750	1,744,250	-17,500	1,755,500	1,728,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.4%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 1	January 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	748	837	-89	1,116
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	535	468	+67	588

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 25	January 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,148,764	2,075,890	+72,874	2,095,947
Federal Employees	11,422	11,467	-45	26,067
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,723	5,490	+233	6,549
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,463	5,017	+446	5,871
STC / Workshare ⁵	13,220	10,651	+2,569	9,481
TOTAL	2,184,592	2,108,515	+76,077	2,143,915

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 145,230,691 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama*	2,197	2,291	-94	16,655	16,450	205
Alaska	1,074	1,122	-48	9,040	9,579	-539
Arizona	3,501	3,807	-306	16,128	18,854	-2,726
Arkansas	1,563	1,837	-274	11,387	13,210	-1,823
California	40,894	43,458	-2,564	365,399	388,341	-22,942
Colorado	2,516	2,049	467	23,774	21,560	2,214
Connecticut	2,967	2,994	-27	43,052	41,725	1,327
Delaware	584	622	-38	6,260	6,830	-570
District of Columbia	485	539	-54	6,930	7,139	-209
Florida	5,373	5,457	-84	28,338	35,871	-7,533
Georgia	5,406	5,199	207	25,884	28,332	-2,448
Hawaii	1,165	1,135	30	6,464	6,038	426
Idaho	1,267	1,446	-179	10,678	11,351	-673
Illinois	9,809	9,343	466	132,126	143,239	-11,113
Indiana	2,819	3,016	-197	23,136	22,017	1,119
Iowa	2,671	3,066	-395	31,562	30,890	672
Kansas	2,094	2,000	94	11,944	12,301	-357
Kentucky	2,858	2,625	233	22,435	23,219	-784
Louisiana	1,715	2,058	-343	12,570	16,189	-3,619
Maine	673	881	-208	8,839	8,916	-77
Maryland	3,042	3,203	-161	28,958	29,788	-830
Massachusetts	5,808	5,523	285	75,832	76,927	-1,095
Michigan	6,428	6,869	-441	77,101	82,775	-5,674
Minnesota	4,229	3,700	529	66,044	62,189	3,855
Mississippi	796	963	-167	6,716	8,674	-1,958
Missouri	3,464	4,801	-1,337	26,471	29,854	-3,383
Montana	966	902	64	11,874	11,527	347
Nebraska	692	833	-141	5,327	5,884	-557
Nevada	2,908	2,286	622	18,095	19,177	-1,082
New Hampshire	457	456	1	3,752	4,033	-281
New Jersey	9,178	8,304	874	112,670	110,022	2,648
New Mexico	849	784	65	9,607	10,066	-459
New York	15,186	16,545	-1,359	165,086	165,715	-629
North Carolina	3,205	3,611	-406	20,556	22,342	-1,786
North Dakota	626	447	179	7,974	6,782	1,192
Ohio	6,835	7,329	-494	70,916	72,622	-1,706
Oklahoma	1,504	1,779	-275	16,459	17,451	-992
Oregon	4,946	4,853	93	31,769	31,876	-107
Pennsylvania	14,397	15,893	-1,496	143,380	135,951	7,429
Puerto Rico	1,663	1,998	-335	19,995	23,857	-3,862
Rhode Island	954	971	-17	11,246	11,042	204
South Carolina	1,946	2,099	-153	16,211	17,061	-850
South Dakota	203	217	-14	3,043	3,155	-112
Tennessee	2,178	2,362	-184	19,304	21,364	-2,060
Texas	13,856	13,818	38	128,031	140,826	-12,795
Utah	1,348	1,290	58	11,901	11,872	29
Vermont	463	481	-18	5,094	5,006	88
Virgin Islands	29	35	-6	524	516	8
Virginia	3,278	2,575	703	22,667	22,263	404
Washington	7,584	6,619	965	66,044	65,260	784
West Virginia	1,156	1,364	-208	19,200	16,905	2,295
Wisconsin	6,605	6,280	325	45,131	44,425	706
Wyoming	567	529	38	3,505	3,475	30
US Total	218,977	224,664	-5,687	2,083,084	2,152,733	-69,649

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 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	
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,687	-12	1,688.00	1.2
August 3, 2019	211	-6	212.75	1,728	41	1,697.75	1.2
August 10, 2019	221	10	214.00	1,676	-52	1,697.50	1.2
August 17, 2019	211	-10	215.00	1,701	25	1,698.00	1.2
August 24, 2019	216	5	214.75	1,674	-27	1,694.75	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	3	216.75	1,674	0	1,681.25	1.2
September 7, 2019	206	-13	213.00	1,665	-9	1,678.50	1.2
September 14, 2019	210	4	212.75	1,656	-9	1,667.25	1.1
September 21, 2019	215	5	212.50	1,655	-1	1,662.50	1.1
September 28, 2019	220	5	212.75	1,689	34	1,666.25	1.2
October 5, 2019	210	-10	213.75	1,683	-6	1,670.75	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	8	215.75	1,683	0	1,677.50	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,692	9	1,686.75	1.2
October 26, 2019	219	6	215.00	1,693	1	1,687.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	211	-8	215.25	1,692	-1	1,690.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	227	16	217.50	1,697	5	1,693.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	228	1	221.25	1,642	-55	1,681.00	1.1
November 23, 2019	213	-15	219.75	1,699	57	1,682.50	1.2
November 30, 2019	203	-10	217.75	1,671	-28	1,677.25	1.2
December 7, 2019	252	49	224.00	1,725	54	1,684.25	1.2
December 14, 2019	235	-17	225.75	1,723	-2	1,704.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	224	-11	228.50	1,728	5	1,711.75	1.2
December 28, 2019	223	-1	233.50	1,804	76	1,745.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	214	-9	224.00	1,768	-36	1,755.75	1.2
January 11, 2020	205	-9	216.50	1,747	-21	1,761.75	1.2
January 18, 2020	223	18	216.25	1,703	-44	1,755.50	1.2
January 25, 2020	217	-6	214.75	1,759	56	1,744.25	1.2
February 1, 2020	203	-14	212.00	1,698	-61	1,726.75	1.2
February 8, 2020	205	2	212.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 1						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 25						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	LAST WEEK		YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			
Alabama	2291	-484	-214	15	6	16450	0.9	-1339	107	82	75	16607	
Alaska	1122	119	-23	2	1	9579	3.1	83	-596	162	12	9753	
Arizona	3807	332	271	5	1	18854	0.7	453	-699	203	36	19093	
Arkansas	1837	154	-6	3	3	13210	1.1	879	81	68	38	13316	
California	43458	-2138	-5446	159	85	388341	2.3	52072	24983	2695	1173	392209	
Colorado	2049	-115	-226	11	13	21560	0.8	-1178	-1029	264	155	21979	
Connecticut	2994	45	88	5	3	41725	2.5	-35	-9	56	80	41861	
Delaware	622	-52	-106	2	3	6830	1.5	1127	-327	21	10	6861	
District of Columbia	539	5	-58	12	0	7139	1.2	-10	-2697	194	8	7341	
Florida	5457	251	-2053	17	19	35871	0.4	2524	-1631	160	101	36132	
Georgia	5199	-58	-284	20	15	28332	0.6	-666	457	186	144	28662	
Hawaii	1135	121	-148	0	6	6038	1.0	-367	-898	46	90	6174	
Idaho	1446	-379	-5	37	5	11351	1.6	280	-53	348	11	11710	
Illinois	9343	-419	-1412	11	14	143239	2.4	11770	11368	371	183	143793	
Indiana	3016	60	-301	3	1	22017	0.7	651	1264	34	29	22080	
Iowa	3066	-49	-1076	5	0	30890	2.0	521	-287	54	16	30960	
Kansas	2000	-557	83	1	3	12301	0.9	1119	-442	31	27	12359	
Kentucky	2625	56	-48	2	0	23219	1.3	345	2418	135	110	23464	
Louisiana	2058	180	-4	6	2	16189	0.9	689	-278	45	13	16247	
Maine	881	-63	-48	2	0	8916	1.5	459	138	54	15	8985	
Maryland	3203	-80	-501	12	8	29788	1.2	572	-4571	203	72	30063	
Massachusetts	5523	-499	-430	13	11	76927	2.2	1398	-5242	138	86	77151	
Michigan	6869	-809	-2148	22	16	82775	1.9	-8531	5604	243	66	83084	
Minnesota	3700	-231	-1131	8	5	62189	2.2	485	-482	140	61	62390	
Mississippi	963	-30	-16	7	2	8674	0.8	112	377	54	20	8748	
Missouri	4801	-673	473	5	1	29854	1.1	684	-2398	95	39	29988	
Montana	902	-20	-228	34	1	11527	2.5	-303	226	620	21	12168	
Nebraska	833	-127	-228	2	4	5884	0.6	777	-1449	16	6	5906	
Nevada	2286	185	-175	5	1	19177	1.4	152	-1191	144	43	19364	
New Hampshire	456	-121	-127	2	0	4033	0.6	-169	-709	5	0	4038	
New Jersey	8304	-1021	-1599	21	38	110022	2.7	2940	-1727	234	226	110482	
New Mexico	784	20	-86	1	0	10066	1.3	-71	-271	291	42	10399	
New York	16545	1523	-1750	29	30	165715	1.8	1671	849	291	291	166297	
North Carolina	3611	267	153	13	23	22342	0.5	-73	-28	119	97	22558	
North Dakota	447	-96	-106	1	1	6782	1.6	-397	40	14	6	6802	
Ohio	7329	-757	-1114	8	12	72622	1.4	620	-423	129	123	72874	
Oklahoma	1779	-51	-231	9	8	17451	1.1	160	2955	62	43	17556	
Oregon	4853	396	276	54	9	31876	1.7	-430	1018	721	51	32648	
Pennsylvania	15893	2534	-3764	58	34	135951	2.3	-4076	3277	528	206	136685	
Puerto Rico	1998	-337	810	1	3	23857	2.8	1132	7943	222	80	24159	
Rhode Island	971	-77	-483	4	2	11042	2.3	292	-1188	20	11	11073	
South Carolina	2099	-149	-179	6	9	17061	0.8	-52	-337	35	72	17168	
South Dakota	217	-74	-101	5	0	3155	0.8	84	-128	61	3	3219	
Tennessee	2362	-122	-101	4	8	21364	0.7	578	1121	122	86	21572	
Texas	13818	748	-343	40	89	140826	1.2	8170	19799	497	965	142288	
Utah	1290	19	126	20	3	11872	0.8	-189	-474	253	14	12139	
Vermont	481	-37	-211	1	1	5006	1.6	20	-409	12	0	5018	
Virgin Islands	35	-9	14	0	0	516	1.5	-36	-126	0	4	520	
Virginia	2575	-484	-321	7	4	22263	0.6	602	-1847	174	173	22610	
Washington	6619	-1453	-3	12	30	65260	2.0	-2445	3302	511	422	66193	
West Virginia	1364	74	-68	2	1	16905	2.5	160	2148	56	35	16996	
Wisconsin	6280	146	-5092	13	1	44425	1.6	348	-3586	117	24	44566	
Wyoming	529	-2	101	11	0	3475	1.3	121	215	86	9	3570	
Totals	224664	-4338	-29599	748	535	2152733	1.5	73683	54158	11422	5723	2169878	

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 1, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+2,534	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, construction, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
NY	+1,523	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and real estate, rental and leasing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,138	No comment.
WA	-1,453	No comment.
NJ	-1,021	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade, construction, manufacturing, and accommodation and food services industries.

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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