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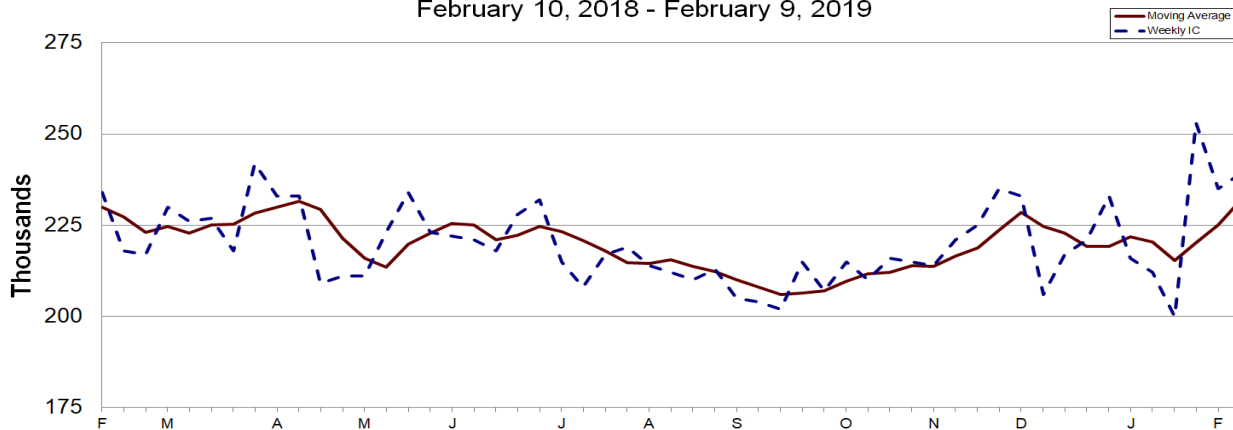
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 239,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 234,000 to 235,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,750, an increase of 6,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since January 27, 2018 when it was 234,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 224,750 to 225,000.

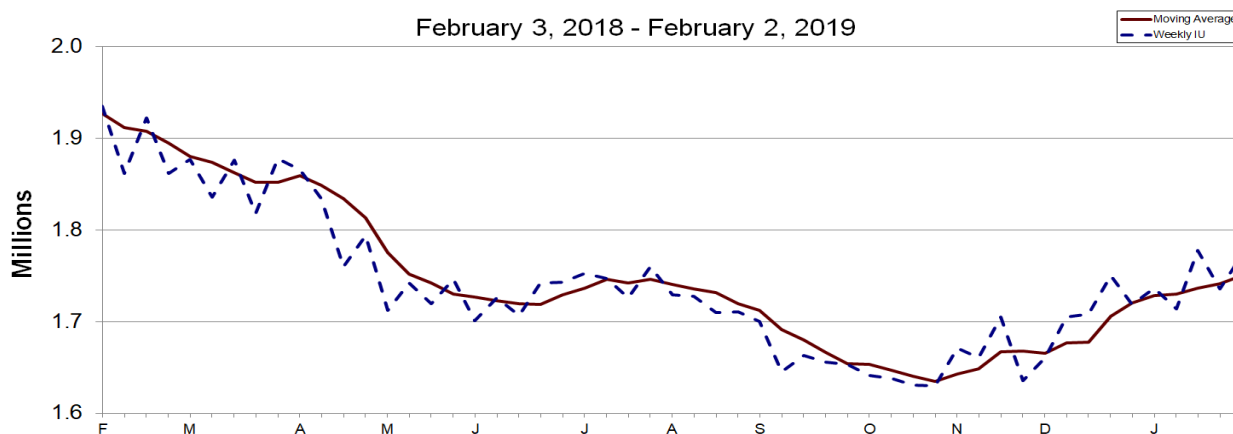
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 2 was 1,773,000, an increase of 37,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,736,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,750,250, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,741,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 10, 2018 - February 9, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

February 3, 2018 - February 2, 2019



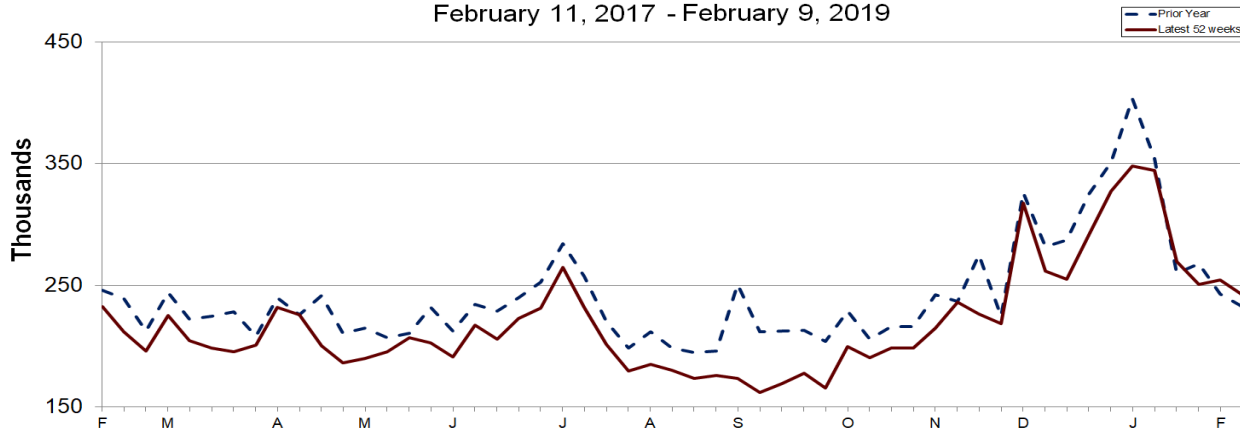
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 242,257 in the week ending February 9, a decrease of 12,079 (or -4.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,764 (or -6.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 232,805 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending February 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,134,406, an increase of 35,621 (or 1.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,680 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,323,555.

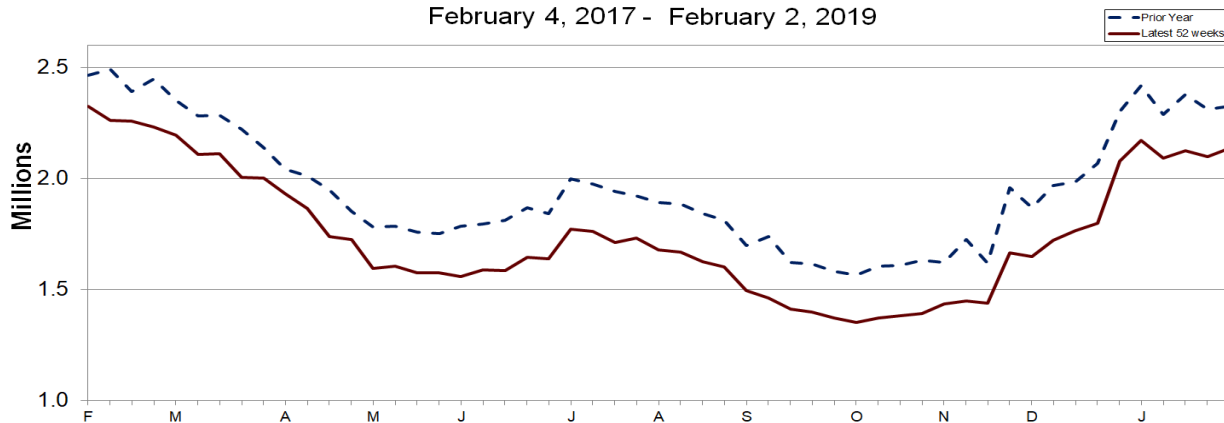
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

February 11, 2017 - February 9, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

February 4, 2017 - February 2, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 26 was 2,143,883, a decrease of 59,450 from the previous week. There were 2,347,377 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 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,116 in the week ending February 2, a decrease of 5,553 from the prior week. There were 588 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 50 from the preceding week.

There were 26,067 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 26, a decrease of 31,322 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,549, a decrease of 1,317 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 26 were in Alaska (3.3), New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.6), Connecticut (2.5), Montana (2.5), Massachusetts (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.3), Illinois (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), and West Virginia (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 2 were in Pennsylvania (+5,013), Wisconsin (+4,470), New York (+3,680), Texas (+1,682), and Oregon (+981), while the largest decreases were in California (-7,982), New Jersey (-1,227), Missouri (-1,023), Virginia (-785), and Florida (-716).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 9	February 2	Change	January 26	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	239,000	235,000	+4,000	253,000	234,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	242,257	254,336	-12,079	250,821	232,805
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,750	225,000	+6,750	220,250	230,000
WEEK ENDING	February 2	January 26	Change	January 19	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,773,000	1,736,000	+37,000	1,778,000	1,935,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,134,406	2,098,785	+35,621	2,124,985	2,323,555
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,750,250	1,741,250	+9,000	1,737,000	1,927,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.5%	1.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 2	January 26	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,116	6,669	-5,553	922
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	588	538	+50	740

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 26	January 19	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,095,915	2,121,966	-26,051	2,307,488
Federal Employees	26,067	57,389	-31,322	12,275
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,549	7,866	-1,317	8,826
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	0	0	0	1,082
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	5,871	5,695	+176	6,703
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	9,481	10,417	-936	11,003
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,143,883	2,203,333	-59,450	2,347,377

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 February 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,505	2,505	0	16,023	16,343	-320
Alaska	1,108	1,145	-37	10,152	10,175	-23
Arizona	3,178	3,536	-358	17,226	19,553	-2,327
Arkansas	1,664	1,843	-179	11,541	13,129	-1,588
California	45,792	48,904	-3,112	380,353	363,358	16,995
Colorado	2,205	2,275	-70	23,937	22,589	1,348
Connecticut	2,913	2,906	7	43,128	41,734	1,394
Delaware	557	728	-171	6,650	7,157	-507
District of Columbia	536	597	-61	8,346	9,836	-1,490
Florida	6,543	7,510	-967	31,247	37,502	-6,255
Georgia	5,348	5,483	-135	25,765	27,875	-2,110
Hawaii	1,206	1,283	-77	7,217	6,904	313
Idaho	1,442	1,451	-9	10,736	11,404	-668
Illinois	9,386	10,755	-1,369	136,730	131,871	4,859
Indiana	3,647	3,317	330	24,099	20,753	3,346
Iowa	2,997	4,142	-1,145	34,396	31,177	3,219
Kansas	1,805	1,917	-112	12,302	12,743	-441
Kentucky	2,299	2,673	-374	21,648	20,801	847
Louisiana	1,780	2,062	-282	13,541	16,467	-2,926
Maine	713	929	-216	8,962	8,778	184
Maryland	3,025	3,704	-679	32,351	34,359	-2,008
Massachusetts	5,549	5,953	-404	80,580	82,169	-1,589
Michigan	10,174	9,017	1,157	84,979	77,171	7,808
Minnesota	5,292	4,831	461	70,077	62,671	7,406
Mississippi	907	979	-72	6,519	8,297	-1,778
Missouri	3,397	4,328	-931	30,514	32,252	-1,738
Montana	1,461	1,130	331	12,217	11,301	916
Nebraska	857	1,061	-204	7,396	7,333	63
Nevada	2,748	2,461	287	18,665	20,368	-1,703
New Hampshire	508	583	-75	4,376	4,742	-366
New Jersey	9,668	9,903	-235	114,375	111,749	2,626
New Mexico	791	870	-79	9,932	10,337	-405
New York	17,548	18,295	-747	166,981	164,866	2,115
North Carolina	3,161	3,458	-297	20,415	22,370	-1,955
North Dakota	652	553	99	7,780	6,742	1,038
Ohio	6,602	8,443	-1,841	74,981	73,045	1,936
Oklahoma	1,646	2,010	-364	13,537	14,496	-959
Oregon	4,921	4,577	344	31,815	30,858	957
Pennsylvania	17,601	19,657	-2,056	149,014	132,674	16,340
Puerto Rico	1,445	1,188	257	12,529	15,914	-3,385
Rhode Island	903	1,454	-551	12,314	12,230	84
South Carolina	1,985	2,278	-293	16,820	17,398	-578
South Dakota	293	318	-25	3,233	3,283	-50
Tennessee	2,155	2,463	-308	18,650	20,243	-1,593
Texas	13,424	14,161	-737	107,768	121,027	-13,259
Utah	1,208	1,164	44	12,026	12,346	-320
Vermont	490	692	-202	5,705	5,415	290
Virgin Islands	16	21	-5	598	642	-44
Virginia	2,914	2,969	-55	24,614	24,352	262
Washington	11,491	6,622	4,869	63,307	61,958	1,349
West Virginia	1,246	1,432	-186	17,175	14,757	2,418
Wisconsin	10,198	11,372	-1,174	55,289	48,011	7,278
Wyoming	357	428	-71	3,875	3,260	615
US Total	242,257	254,336	-12,079	2,134,406	2,098,785	35,621

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 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	1,714	-23	1,730.00	1.2
January 19, 2019	200	-12	215.25	1,778	64	1,737.00	1.2
January 26, 2019	253	53	220.25	1,736	-42	1,741.25	1.2
February 2, 2019	235	-18	225.00	1,773	37	1,750.25	1.2
February 9, 2019	239	4	231.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 2						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 26						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		CHANGE FROM		STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		CHANGE FROM			
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2505	91	50	16	6	16343	0.9	-561	-1257	104	86	16533	
Alaska	1145	26	-129	8	0	10175	3.3	-442	-1844	236	6	10417	
Arizona	3536	-145	-535	9	3	19553	0.7	-27	-2775	404	53	20010	
Arkansas	1843	123	169	6	1	13129	1.1	389	-1956	118	45	13292	
California	48904	-7982	5217	250	92	363358	2.1	-25249	-16844	5012	1446	369816	
Colorado	2275	-134	7	31	19	22589	0.9	-555	-1404	416	203	23208	
Connecticut	2906	-234	-848	9	7	41734	2.5	486	-8197	86	66	41886	
Delaware	728	51	112	1	1	7157	1.6	948	-552	54	11	7222	
District of Columbia	597	-307	228	27	0	9836	1.7	-221	715	1980	6	11822	
Florida	7510	-716	-122	21	48	37502	0.4	-2315	-4513	246	113	37861	
Georgia	5483	-46	-658	55	29	27875	0.7	-417	-3069	723	191	28789	
Hawaii	1283	199	112	6	6	6904	1.1	-62	-675	118	62	7084	
Idaho	1451	25	-110	14	1	11404	1.6	-13	-987	428	16	11848	
Illinois	10755	60	765	7	3	131871	2.2	54	-16663	555	165	132591	
Indiana	3317	-150	433	3	3	20753	0.7	154	-2912	96	26	20875	
Iowa	4142	414	1669	4	4	31177	2.0	1668	-341	107	24	31308	
Kansas	1917	-584	-5	5	6	12743	0.9	692	-1127	108	34	12885	
Kentucky	2673	-276	-1097	2	5	20801	1.1	-159	-3836	309	124	21234	
Louisiana	2062	303	-229	3	3	16467	0.9	601	-2738	88	23	16578	
Maine	929	25	-143	1	0	8778	1.5	531	-1040	49	8	8835	
Maryland	3704	-375	-354	13	12	34359	1.4	542	-5638	1079	100	35538	
Massachusetts	5953	-628	-97	7	9	82169	2.3	1222	-9111	348	100	82617	
Michigan	9017	162	-2835	17	9	77171	1.8	-12736	-9719	278	60	77509	
Minnesota	4831	616	1023	6	1	62671	2.2	2360	-814	276	59	63006	
Mississippi	979	-41	-216	16	1	8297	0.8	-9	-1694	106	21	8424	
Missouri	4328	-1023	444	4	0	32252	1.2	2160	-9002	637	40	32929	
Montana	1130	74	115	21	2	11301	2.5	-46	-1181	759	22	12082	
Nebraska	1061	-54	221	4	0	7333	0.8	359	-1304	47	8	7388	
Nevada	2461	142	-246	5	4	20368	1.5	-102	-2405	241	64	20673	
New Hampshire	583	-46	-29	3	0	4742	0.7	-68	-643	3	4	4749	
New Jersey	9903	-1227	1040	27	20	111749	2.8	3530	-6146	374	236	112359	
New Mexico	870	-27	-25	6	2	10337	1.3	110	-945	544	38	10919	
New York	18295	3680	1167	78	23	164866	1.8	3277	-12627	1705	359	166930	
North Carolina	3458	234	-127	10	29	22370	0.5	-6	-833	223	114	22707	
North Dakota	553	20	-35	0	0	6742	1.7	210	-1262	78	4	6824	
Ohio	8443	-395	827	7	11	73045	1.4	-1259	-7632	267	165	73477	
Oklahoma	2010	-248	420	12	6	14496	0.9	-172	-339	164	73	14733	
Oregon	4577	981	-2	72	11	30858	1.6	-30	-2086	1397	72	32327	
Pennsylvania	19657	5013	2609	86	40	132674	2.3	-3098	-11766	1055	275	134004	
Puerto Rico	1188	15	-1765	16	2	15914	1.9	-335	-19453	157	46	16117	
Rhode Island	1454	50	264	3	3	12230	2.6	816	-549	61	26	12317	
South Carolina	2278	163	-831	6	6	17398	0.9	-87	-2121	77	88	17563	
South Dakota	318	44	101	8	0	3283	0.8	143	-174	144	3	3430	
Tennessee	2463	71	70	12	4	20243	0.7	122	-4871	267	83	20593	
Texas	14161	1682	30	42	113	121027	1.0	-2449	-15739	1638	1081	123746	
Utah	1164	-65	-20	15	5	12346	0.9	-155	-186	1030	17	13393	
Vermont	692	164	224	1	0	5415	1.8	108	-169	36	1	5452	
Virgin Islands	21	-11	4	0	1	642	1.9	194	-3078	8	0	650	
Virginia	2969	-785	-332	61	15	24352	0.7	328	-2684	347	152	24851	
Washington	6622	137	-253	61	19	61958	1.9	-1236	-2170	1015	480	63453	
West Virginia	1432	5	153	12	0	14757	2.2	975	-52	152	15	14924	
Wisconsin	11372	4470	4404	4	3	48011	1.7	3424	-2416	170	27	48208	
Wyoming	428	-26	79	3	0	3260	1.2	206	-1050	147	8	3415	
Totals	254336	3515	10914	1116	588	2098785	1.5	-26200	-211874	26067	6549	2131401	

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 2, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+5,013	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
WI	+4,470	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.
NY	+3,680	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
TX	+1,682	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-7,982	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
NJ	-1,227	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries.
MO	-1,023	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service 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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