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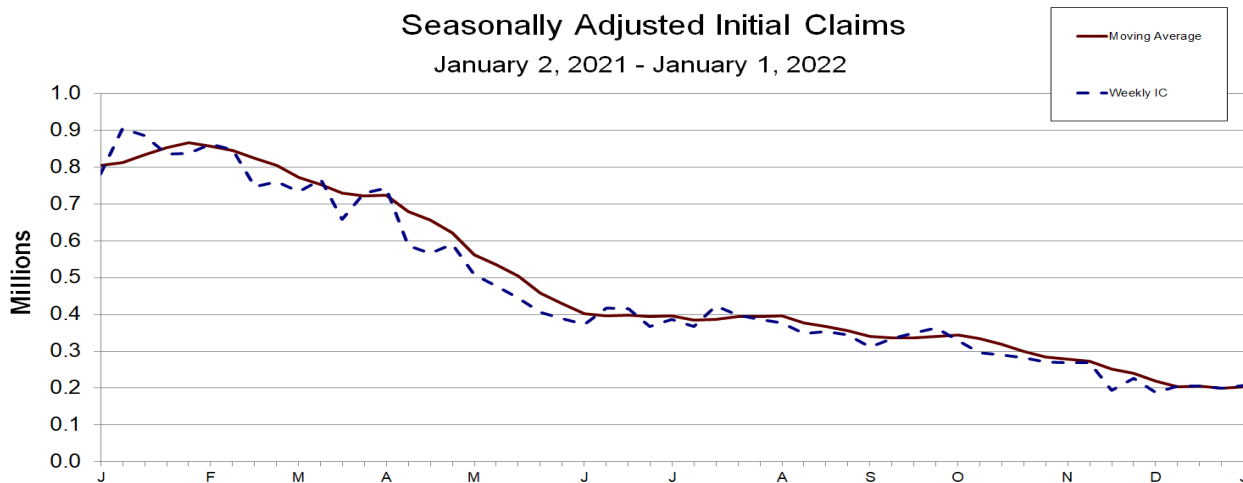
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

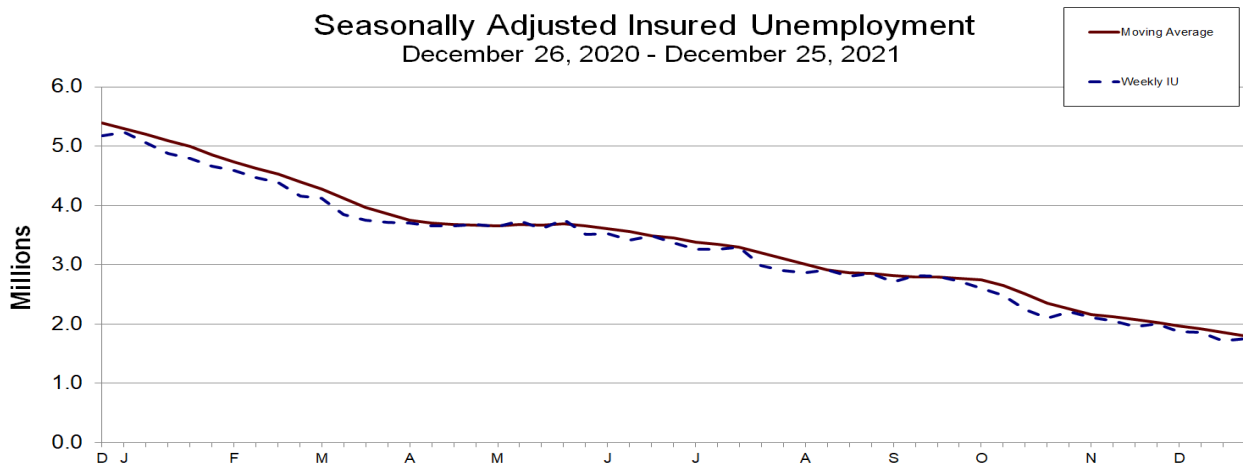
In the week ending January 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 207,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 198,000 to 200,000. The 4-week moving average was 204,500, an increase of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 199,250 to 199,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending December 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 25 was 1,754,000, an increase of 36,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,716,000 to 1,718,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,798,750, a decrease of 61,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,730,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 1,859,500 to 1,860,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 2, 2021 - January 1, 2022



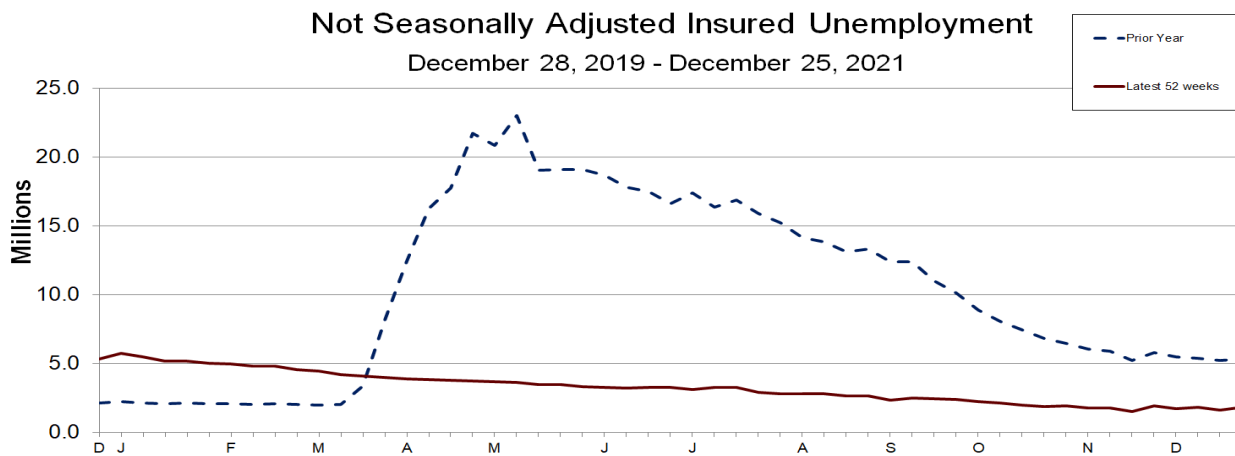
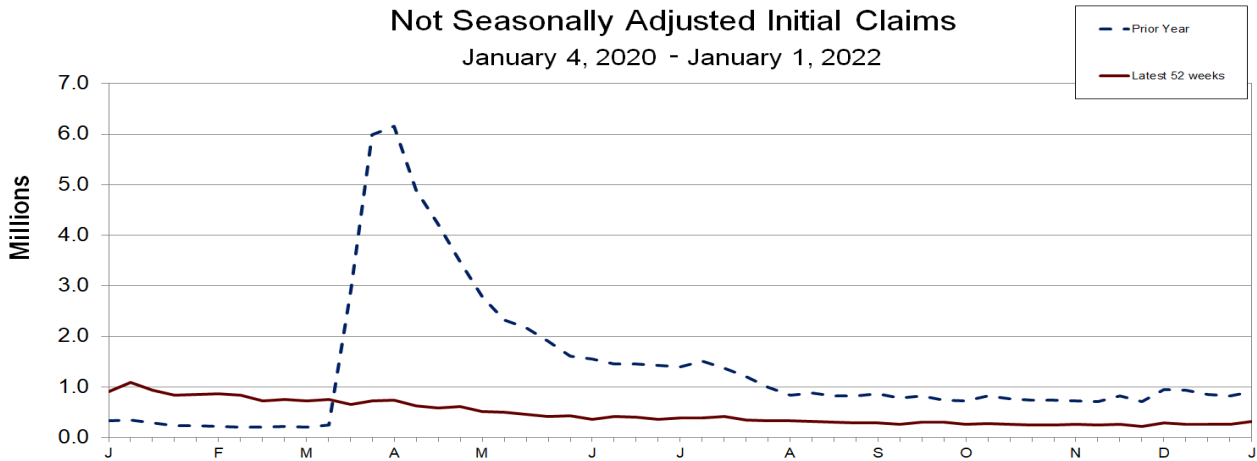
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 26, 2020 - December 25, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 315,469 in the week ending January 1, an increase of 57,599 (or 22.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 50,464 (or 19.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 898,610 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending December 25, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,871,110, an increase of 232,523 (or 14.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 195,929 (or 12.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.7 percent and the volume was 5,362,688.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 18 was 1,722,352, a decrease of 199,869 from the previous week. There were 20,155,922 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending December 18, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 723 in the week ending December 25, an increase of 28 from the prior week. There were 273 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 94 from the preceding week.

There were 9,422 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 18, a decrease of 43 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,236, a decrease of 528 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 18 were in Alaska (3.1), the Virgin Islands (2.6), New Jersey (2.3), California (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.0), Illinois (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), New York (1.8), and Rhode Island (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 25 were in New Jersey (+4,660), Pennsylvania (+3,320), Ohio (+2,615), Michigan (+2,440), and New York (+2,287), while the largest decreases were in California (-7,320), Texas (-3,955), Virginia (-2,183), Alabama (-1,293), and Wisconsin (-1,181).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 1	December 25	Change	December 18	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	207,000	200,000	+7,000	206,000	781,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	315,469	257,870	+57,599	255,021	898,610
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	204,500	199,750	+4,750	206,500	805,000

WEEK ENDING	December 25	December 18	Change	December 11	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,754,000	1,718,000	+36,000	1,856,000	5,180,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,871,110	1,638,587	+232,523	1,827,623	5,362,688
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,798,750	1,860,000	-61,250	1,919,000	5,384,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.4%	3.5%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.2%	+0.2	1.4%	3.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	December 25	December 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	723	695	+28	1,772
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	273	367	-94	735

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	December 18	December 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,634,502	1,823,515	-189,013	5,194,541
Federal Employees	9,422	9,465	-43	16,772
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,236	4,764	-528	9,094
Extended Benefits ⁴	57,674	67,543	-9,869	951,364
State Additional Benefits ⁵	2,186	2,434	-248	2,359
STC / Workshare ⁶	14,332	14,500	-168	91,221
TOTAL⁷	1,722,352	1,922,221	-199,869	20,155,922

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 135,015,266 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 9-10 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 1			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,693	2,516	177	4,505	5,470	-965
Alaska	1,138	1,134	4	8,860	8,472	388
Arizona	1,823	1,850	-27	11,256	12,305	-1,049
Arkansas	1,569	1,771	-202	9,223	8,651	572
California	50,934	48,851	2,083	400,652	353,715	46,937
Colorado	2,239	1,683	556	19,860	17,686	2,174
Connecticut	9,294	3,302	5,992	31,003	24,552	6,451
Delaware	720	484	236	4,477	4,021	456
District of Columbia	1,219	1,583	-364	5,658	5,791	-133
Florida	4,046	4,244	-198	44,068	41,196	2,872
Georgia	5,476	2,705	2,771	35,247	25,151	10,096
Hawaii	1,793	1,394	399	9,085	8,290	795
Idaho	2,440	1,982	458	6,941	6,049	892
Illinois	14,125	13,938	187	125,547	101,021	24,526
Indiana	6,564	6,199	365	29,951	26,086	3,865
Iowa	5,075	3,583	1,492	19,531	15,253	4,278
Kansas	1,455	1,368	87	6,029	5,113	916
Kentucky	2,755	2,396	359	10,192	10,118	74
Louisiana	1,482	1,623	-141	15,060	16,438	-1,378
Maine	1,434	1,198	236	6,984	6,073	911
Maryland	3,639	3,177	462	21,724	21,842	-118
Massachusetts	13,522	9,883	3,639	66,428	60,067	6,361
Michigan	19,827	15,268	4,559	52,582	48,984	3,598
Minnesota	9,225	7,872	1,353	73,663	59,130	14,533
Mississippi	1,338	1,078	260	5,039	5,490	-451
Missouri	4,745	5,903	-1,158	19,417	18,649	768
Montana	1,669	1,588	81	8,088	6,770	1,318
Nebraska	1,629	1,295	334	4,715	4,028	687
Nevada	2,749	2,269	480	19,954	20,903	-949
New Hampshire	950	674	276	2,695	2,701	-6
New Jersey	15,270	12,298	2,972	89,452	83,787	5,665
New Mexico	1,513	1,599	-86	11,025	10,551	474
New York	26,580	17,658	8,922	195,286	144,913	50,373
North Carolina	1,735	1,923	-188	16,939	17,424	-485
North Dakota	918	933	-15	4,820	3,703	1,117
Ohio	12,269	11,966	303	48,263	42,268	5,995
Oklahoma	1,427	1,762	-335	12,714	12,894	-180
Oregon	7,168	4,895	2,273	34,088	29,922	4,166
Pennsylvania	18,231	11,425	6,806	84,089	81,058	3,031
Puerto Rico	700	1,109	-409	9,966	16,155	-6,189
Rhode Island	1,973	2,266	-293	9,120	7,780	1,340
South Carolina	3,582	1,135	2,447	13,651	11,031	2,620
South Dakota	401	470	-69	2,080	1,718	362
Tennessee	4,106	4,766	-660	15,969	15,064	905
Texas	13,057	11,236	1,821	112,998	101,705	11,293
Utah	1,670	1,478	192	7,967	7,536	431
Vermont	980	804	176	3,868	2,952	916
Virgin Islands	19	41	-22	608	898	-290
Virginia	1,942	1,204	738	12,133	4,904	7,229
Washington	11,766	7,188	4,578	57,282	48,378	8,904
West Virginia	946	808	138	8,694	7,411	1,283
Wisconsin	11,120	7,536	3,584	39,113	34,581	4,532
Wyoming	529	559	-30	2,551	1,939	612
US Total	315,469	257,870	57,599	1,871,110	1,638,587	232,523

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	
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,239	-241	2,512.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	283	-8	299.75	2,101	-138	2,355.75	1.6
October 30, 2021	271	-12	285.25	2,209	108	2,257.25	1.6
November 6, 2021	269	-2	278.50	2,109	-100	2,164.50	1.6
November 13, 2021	270	1	273.25	2,055	-54	2,118.50	1.5
November 20, 2021	194	-76	251.00	1,954	-101	2,081.75	1.4
November 27, 2021	227	33	240.00	1,999	45	2,029.25	1.5
December 4, 2021	188	-39	219.75	1,867	-132	1,968.75	1.4
December 11, 2021	205	17	203.50	1,856	-11	1,919.00	1.4
December 18, 2021	206	1	206.50	1,718	-138	1,860.00	1.3
December 25, 2021	200	-6	199.75	1,754	36	1,798.75	1.3
January 1, 2022	207	7	204.50				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	December 18	December 11	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	54	950	-896
Arizona	27	9	18
Arkansas	2	1	1
California	2,385	2,802	-417
Colorado	10	6	4
Connecticut	6,896	8,003	-1,107
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	106	111	-5
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	2	-2
Illinois	34	92	-58
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	3	0	3
Kansas	0	6	-6
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	5	15	-10
Maine	8	7	1
Maryland	13	20	-7
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	8	23	-15
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	7	5	2
Missouri	3	11	-8
Montana	1	2	-1
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	3	7	-4
New Hampshire	6	7	-1
New Jersey	43,764	50,505	-6,741
New Mexico	3,724	3,989	-265
New York	175	112	63
North Carolina	18	52	-34
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	27	66	-39
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	3	15	-12
Pennsylvania	89	128	-39
Puerto Rico	32	147	-115
Rhode Island	5	8	-3
South Carolina	14	23	-9
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	6	0	6
Texas	219	401	-182
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	1	1	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	1	0	1
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	3	0
Wisconsin	21	13	8
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	57,674	67,543	-9,869

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 25

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 18

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,516	-1,293	-2,990	7	4	5,470	0.3	-492	-17,583	20	17	5,507
Alaska	1,134	-144	-2,789	12	1	8,472	3.1	-222	-11,319	156	10	8,638
Arizona	1,850	-656	-4,719	7	1	12,305	0.4	-1,943	-57,470	143	17	12,465
Arkansas	1,771	110	-1,892	0	0	8,651	0.8	-5	-11,217	47	14	8,712
California	48,851	-7,320	-119,881	220	59	353,715	2.2	-68,057	-694,799	1,961	863	356,539
Colorado	1,683	-480	-15,019	7	4	17,686	0.7	-2,374	-85,565	214	124	18,024
Connecticut	3,302	-879	-5,446	4	8	24,552	1.6	1,148	-49,178	46	36	24,634
Delaware	484	97	-1,902	1	3	4,021	0.9	-97	-8,303	14	7	4,042
District of Columbia	1,583	524	-72	9	1	5,791	1.1	-682	-20,789	129	3	5,923
Florida	4,244	-916	-22,289	13	31	41,196	0.5	-4,730	-99,369	162	130	41,488
Georgia	2,705	272	-16,255	10	12	25,151	0.6	-6,636	-112,089	242	97	25,490
Hawaii	1,394	-464	-2,070	3	3	8,290	1.7	-1,721	-20,541	59	60	8,409
Idaho	1,982	124	-2,244	35	0	6,049	0.8	499	-5,657	269	4	6,322
Illinois	13,938	687	-96,548	6	2	101,021	1.9	-22,335	-226,623	490	145	101,656
Indiana	6,199	1,365	-5,814	4	1	26,086	0.9	-312	-47,782	145	30	26,261
Iowa	3,583	241	-3,558	3	2	15,253	1.1	1,112	-22,770	46	15	15,314
Kansas	1,368	91	-15,239	2	2	5,113	0.4	-338	-64,240	33	20	5,166
Kentucky	2,396	-894	-10,404	2	0	10,118	0.6	-2,676	-31,716	52	9	10,179
Louisiana	1,623	-300	-6,623	4	1	16,438	1.0	-715	-44,203	45	20	16,503
Maine	1,198	143	-1,469	3	0	6,073	1.1	-76	-7,620	19	6	6,098
Maryland	3,177	666	-10,452	7	3	21,842	0.9	-1,369	-54,142	180	97	22,119
Massachusetts	9,883	2,260	-13,505	11	7	60,067	1.9	1,283	-99,019	185	73	60,325
Michigan	15,268	2,440	-4,550	3	2	48,984	1.3	-7,839	-116,219	148	33	49,165
Minnesota	7,872	607	-8,399	4	6	59,130	2.2	-323	-70,005	173	60	59,363
Mississippi	1,078	-332	-4,127	0	1	5,490	0.5	-173	-22,728	43	11	5,544
Missouri	5,903	157	-7,938	4	0	18,649	0.7	172	-24,758	95	20	18,764
Montana	1,588	136	-949	35	1	6,770	1.5	112	-9,030	538	12	7,320
Nebraska	1,295	73	-1,299	0	1	4,028	0.4	332	-8,394	16	4	4,048
Nevada	2,269	-410	-4,940	13	0	20,903	1.7	-666	-57,471	153	47	21,103
New Hampshire	674	101	-2,607	3	0	2,701	0.4	-28	-18,441	8	2	2,711
New Jersey	12,298	4,660	-8,164	19	10	83,787	2.3	-5,036	-54,474	198	194	84,179
New Mexico	1,599	-126	-1,988	7	0	10,551	1.4	-380	-33,915	261	23	10,835
New York	17,658	2,287	-33,766	10	14	144,913	1.8	648	-244,628	261	245	145,419
North Carolina	1,923	-461	-6,795	4	1	17,424	0.4	-1,634	-64,258	64	77	17,565
North Dakota	933	52	-307	3	1	3,703	1.0	271	-2,128	13	0	3,716
Ohio	11,966	2,615	-16,845	5	16	42,268	0.8	921	-111,155	76	85	42,429
Oklahoma	1,762	-954	-3,269	7	7	12,894	0.9	-516	-26,238	83	45	13,022
Oregon	4,895	320	-6,123	55	3	29,922	1.7	-1,040	-52,062	617	75	30,614
Pennsylvania	11,425	3,320	-26,854	22	5	81,058	1.5	-86	-219,831	213	66	81,337
Puerto Rico	1,109	88	16	6	2	16,155	2.0	-5,286	-51,393	191	52	16,398
Rhode Island	2,266	1,169	-3,306	1	0	7,780	1.8	439	-12,049	37	32	7,849
South Carolina	1,135	-69	-3,182	3	0	11,031	0.6	-403	-29,323	32	52	11,115
South Dakota	470	-19	-185	4	0	1,718	0.4	162	-1,966	54	5	1,777
Tennessee	4,766	690	-5,384	7	3	15,064	0.5	212	-31,134	38	21	15,123
Texas	11,236	-3,955	-20,212	43	39	101,705	0.9	-14,753	-266,061	638	950	103,293
Utah	1,478	-388	-1,251	40	1	7,536	0.5	389	-7,067	191	13	7,740
Vermont	804	279	-293	0	0	2,952	1.1	-119	-7,136	2	0	2,954
Virgin Islands	41	-14	-11	0	0	898	2.6	34	-626	0	0	898
Virginia	1,204	-2,183	-10,686	1	0	4,904	0.1	-39,366	-58,539	31	29	4,964
Washington	7,188	1,002	-12,713	28	11	48,378	1.5	-2,380	-124,930	374	219	48,971
West Virginia	808	-285	-1,304	1	3	7,411	1.2	-543	-11,130	44	39	7,494
Wisconsin	7,536	-1,181	-6,758	11	1	34,581	1.3	-1,388	-55,347	118	24	34,723
Wyoming	559	-4	-273	14	0	1,939	0.8	-31	-2,769	55	4	1,998
Totals	257,870	2,849	-565,642	723	273	1,638,587	1.2	-189,036	-3,587,199	9,422	4,236	1,652,245

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 DECEMBER 25, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+4,660	No comment.
PA	+3,320	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
OH	+2,615	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MI	+2,440	No comment.
NY	+2,287	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, information, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MA	+2,260	No comment.
IN	+1,365	No comment.
RI	+1,169	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
WA	+1,002	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, utilities, construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-5,549	Fewer layoffs in the services and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industries.
TX	-4,520	No comment.
VA	-1,915	No comment.
AL	-1,699	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade and accommodation and food services industries.
WI	-1,321	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade and management of companies and enterprises 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. 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.

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