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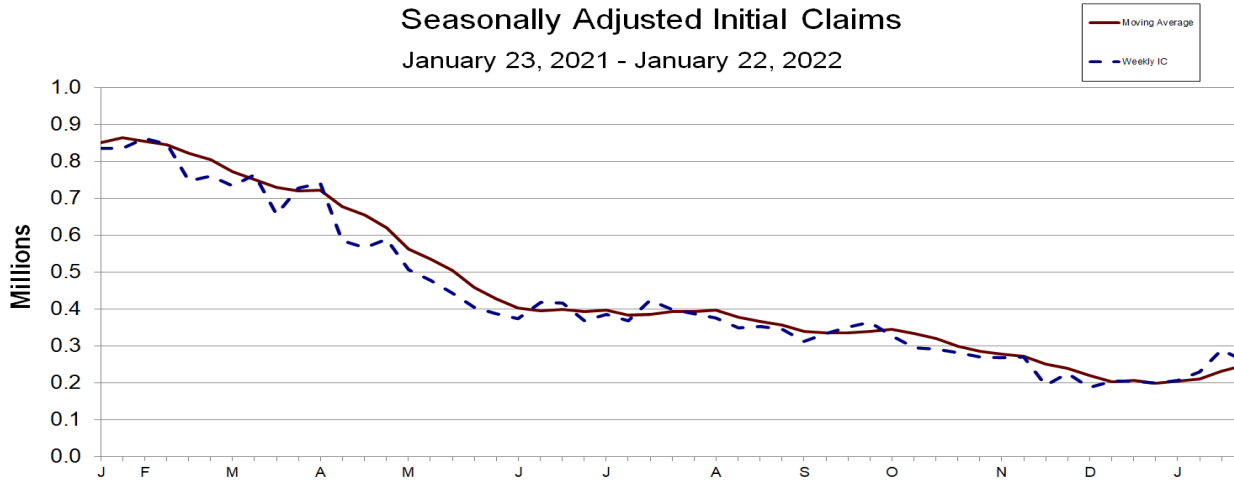
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

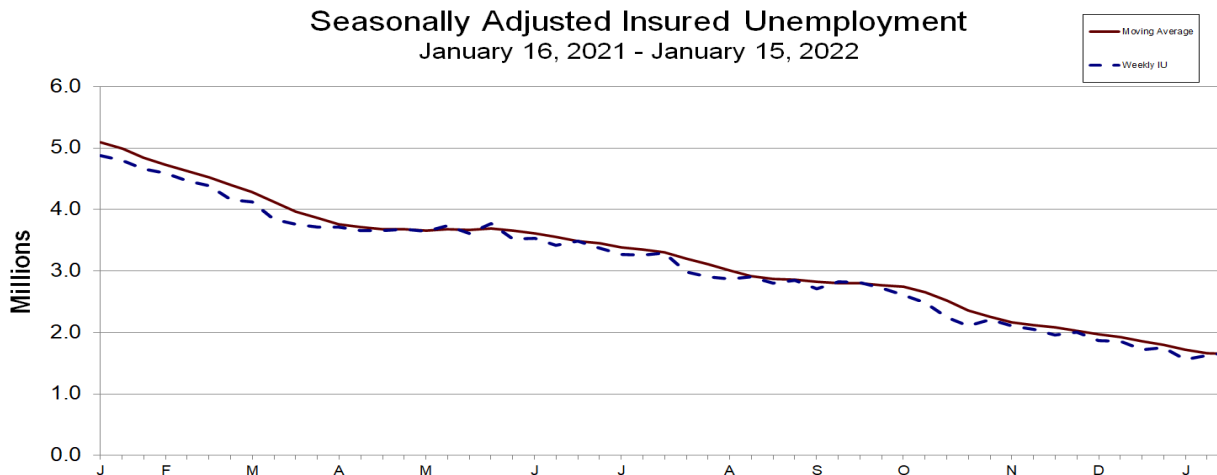
In the week ending January 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 260,000, a decrease of 30,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 4,000 from 286,000 to 290,000. The 4-week moving average was 247,000, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 15 was 1,675,000, an increase of 51,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 11,000 from 1,635,000 to 1,624,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,651,750, a decrease of 10,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since August 18, 1973 when it was 1,646,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,664,250 to 1,662,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 23, 2021 - January 22, 2022



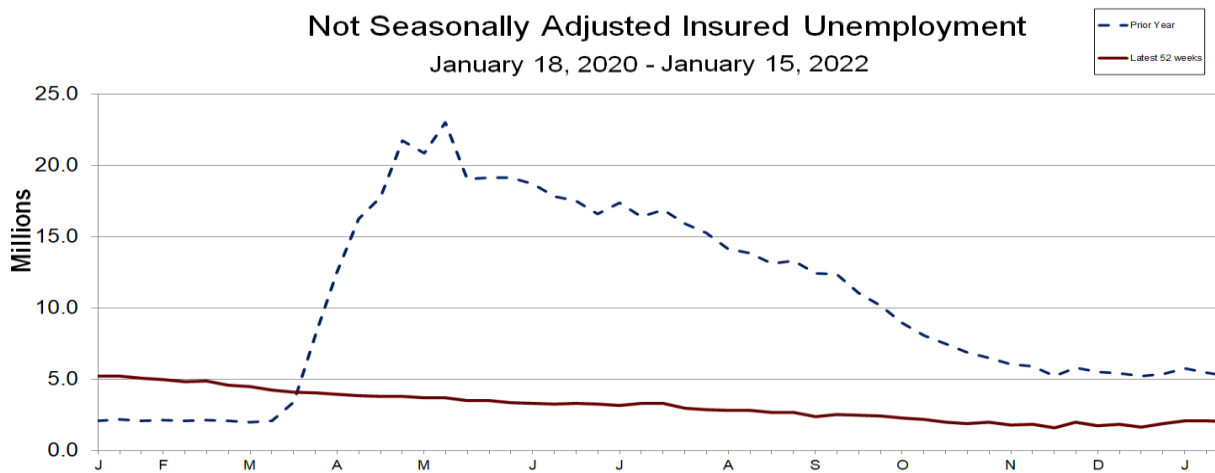
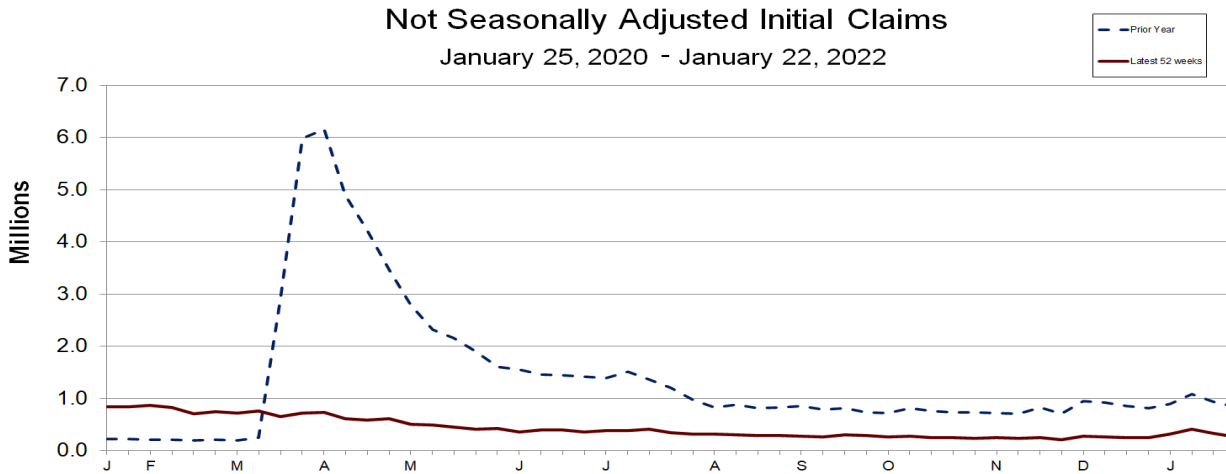
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 16, 2021 - January 15, 2022



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 267,573 in the week ending January 22, a decrease of 73,357 (or -21.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 43,282 (or -12.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 840,705 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,004,640, a decrease of 60,303 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 111,254 (or -5.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.7 percent and the volume was 5,218,474.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 8 was 2,140,986, an increase of 8,444 from the previous week. There were 19,048,138 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending January 8, Extended Benefits were available in the following 2 states: New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 939 in the week ending January 15, a decrease of 539 from the prior week. There were 439 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 19 from the preceding week.

There were 10,130 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 8, a decrease of 531 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,046, an increase of 281 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 8 were in Alaska (3.1), New Jersey (2.7), California (2.6), Minnesota (2.6), Illinois (2.5), Rhode Island (2.5), New York (2.4), Kentucky (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), Connecticut (2.1), and Puerto Rico (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 15 were in California (+805), Kentucky (+527), Puerto Rico (+473), Rhode Island (+464), and Virginia (+406), while the largest decreases were in New York (-13,854), Missouri (-7,098), Washington (-6,016), Michigan (-5,555), and Texas (-4,773).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 22	January 15	Change	January 8	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	260,000	290,000	-30,000	231,000	836,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	267,573	340,930	-73,357	421,131	840,705
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	247,000	232,000	+15,000	211,000	851,750

WEEK ENDING	January 15	January 8	Change	January 1	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,675,000	1,624,000	+51,000	1,555,000	4,878,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,004,640	2,064,943	-60,303	2,053,311	5,218,474
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,651,750	1,662,500	-10,750	1,720,500	5,089,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.1%	3.4%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.5%	3.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	January 15	January 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	939	1,478	-539	2,175
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	439	458	-19	1,429

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

WEEK ENDING	January 8	January 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,060,087	2,048,131	+11,956	5,442,482
Federal Employees	10,130	10,661	-531	18,066
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,046	4,765	+281	9,543
Extended Benefits ⁴	48,096	52,532	-4,436	1,505,550
State Additional Benefits ⁵	2,167	1,991	+176	2,517
STC / Workshare ⁶	15,460	14,462	+998	102,571
TOTAL⁷	2,140,986	2,132,542	+8,444	19,048,138

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 138,088,262 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 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,933	4,674	259	4,079	5,804	-1,725
Alaska	1,266	1,242	24	8,280	8,814	-534
Arizona	2,530	3,068	-538	11,572	13,290	-1,718
Arkansas	1,088	1,673	-585	9,384	10,636	-1,252
California	59,994	62,274	-2,280	419,089	415,459	3,630
Colorado	2,523	2,701	-178	20,210	20,040	170
Connecticut	3,805	5,373	-1,568	29,038	31,913	-2,875
Delaware	452	695	-243	5,343	5,150	193
District of Columbia	1,155	2,105	-950	5,755	6,758	-1,003
Florida	6,770	8,593	-1,823	43,863	45,452	-1,589
Georgia	4,414	7,320	-2,906	34,365	39,846	-5,481
Hawaii	1,691	2,223	-532	9,020	9,922	-902
Idaho	1,340	1,615	-275	8,417	9,099	-682
Illinois	10,660	15,150	-4,490	125,060	138,923	-13,863
Indiana	6,947	9,023	-2,076	31,488	32,439	-951
Iowa	2,512	3,006	-494	22,896	24,492	-1,596
Kansas	2,432	3,089	-657	7,032	6,889	143
Kentucky	7,715	11,772	-4,057	42,903	42,149	754
Louisiana	1,665	2,550	-885	14,882	16,234	-1,352
Maine	908	1,216	-308	7,945	7,961	-16
Maryland	2,772	3,689	-917	22,624	23,462	-838
Massachusetts	7,253	9,510	-2,257	75,630	75,011	619
Michigan	9,185	12,478	-3,293	66,356	69,996	-3,640
Minnesota	5,496	6,571	-1,075	72,283	69,518	2,765
Mississippi	998	1,507	-509	5,001	6,532	-1,531
Missouri	3,687	5,487	-1,800	20,837	24,091	-3,254
Montana	969	1,117	-148	9,435	9,269	166
Nebraska	1,170	1,445	-275	5,675	5,674	1
Nevada	2,540	3,152	-612	19,419	20,546	-1,127
New Hampshire	412	597	-185	2,913	3,174	-261
New Jersey	9,887	14,882	-4,995	98,455	99,976	-1,521
New Mexico	755	939	-184	10,187	10,600	-413
New York	17,286	23,255	-5,969	204,111	206,043	-1,932
North Carolina	3,237	4,232	-995	14,811	15,860	-1,049
North Dakota	652	744	-92	6,121	5,917	204
Ohio	14,751	15,412	-661	59,029	59,424	-395
Oklahoma	1,726	2,240	-514	11,618	13,020	-1,402
Oregon	5,009	5,386	-377	32,289	34,871	-2,582
Pennsylvania	11,046	19,106	-8,060	95,519	95,435	84
Puerto Rico	1,245	1,549	-304	14,971	17,287	-2,316
Rhode Island	1,239	2,018	-779	10,885	10,870	15
South Carolina	1,154	2,112	-958	11,539	14,134	-2,595
South Dakota	244	305	-61	2,646	2,724	-78
Tennessee	5,928	7,145	-1,217	17,803	19,535	-1,732
Texas	14,220	19,064	-4,844	109,558	117,419	-7,861
Utah	2,747	5,798	-3,051	10,280	10,772	-492
Vermont	496	710	-214	4,151	4,223	-72
Virgin Islands	17	45	-28	1,056	614	442
Virginia	2,155	2,849	-694	8,407	7,059	1,348
Washington	4,931	5,577	-646	61,984	62,050	-66
West Virginia	1,312	1,841	-529	9,754	10,532	-778
Wisconsin	7,876	10,237	-2,361	45,646	45,333	313
Wyoming	378	569	-191	3,026	2,702	324
US Total	267,573	340,930	-73,357	2,004,640	2,064,943	-60,303

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	
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	1,753	35	1,798.50	1.3
January 1, 2022	207	7	204.50	1,555	-198	1,720.50	1.1
January 8, 2022	231	24	211.00	1,624	69	1,662.50	1.2
January 15, 2022	290	59	232.00	1,675	51	1,651.75	1.2
January 22, 2022	260	-30	247.00				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	January 8	January 1	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	8	-8
Arizona	7	13	-6
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	2,408	2,525	-117
Colorado	1	1	0
Connecticut	4,899	6,116	-1,217
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0
Florida	90	122	-32
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	0	1
Idaho	1	0	1
Illinois	67	45	22
Indiana	2	14	-12
Iowa	4	1	3
Kansas	2	6	-4
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	5	2	3
Maine	3	5	-2
Maryland	10	13	-3
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	6	35	-29
Minnesota	4	0	4
Mississippi	8	9	-1
Missouri	4	4	0
Montana	7	1	6
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	6	3	3
New Hampshire	4	4	0
New Jersey	37,105	39,898	-2,793
New Mexico	2,789	2,980	-191
New York	41	84	-43
North Carolina	16	22	-6
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	47	46	1
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	7	4	3
Pennsylvania	123	151	-28
Puerto Rico	114	61	53
Rhode Island	3	3	0
South Carolina	12	10	2
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	13	7	6
Texas	253	295	-42
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	12	15	-3
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	4	-4
West Virginia	3	16	-13
Wisconsin	18	8	10
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	48,096	52,532	-4,436

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 15

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 8

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	4,674	-721	-7,306	9	10	5,804	0.3	-1,639	-9,965	28	24	5,856
Alaska	1,242	-233	-3,660	6	1	8,814	3.1	-85	-10,287	157	6	8,977
Arizona	3,068	-249	-8,938	9	0	13,290	0.5	-687	-58,079	142	18	13,450
Arkansas	1,673	-323	-3,101	4	0	10,636	0.9	-1,599	-12,067	48	18	10,702
California	62,274	805	-54,968	222	92	415,459	2.6	19,967	-478,895	2,045	1,025	418,529
Colorado	2,701	-580	-3,093	7	8	20,040	0.8	168	-69,497	238	168	20,446
Connecticut	5,373	-2,512	-5,190	15	1	31,913	2.1	-5,322	-53,712	62	52	32,027
Delaware	695	-95	-2,305	2	3	5,150	1.2	152	-8,955	13	6	5,169
District of Columbia	2,105	-871	531	10	0	6,758	1.3	470	-18,854	142	1	6,901
Florida	8,593	-1,510	-30,633	20	33	45,452	0.5	-3,135	-111,749	155	189	45,796
Georgia	7,320	-266	-28,592	35	12	39,846	0.9	3,796	-132,493	241	132	40,219
Hawaii	2,223	-613	-2,279	8	9	9,922	1.9	-637	-18,270	96	72	10,090
Idaho	1,615	-878	-2,099	19	2	9,099	1.2	239	-4,765	309	3	9,411
Illinois	15,150	-1,632	-80,322	8	6	138,923	2.5	25,309	-176,402	421	168	139,512
Indiana	9,023	-2,903	-5,232	12	9	32,439	1.2	-283	-59,468	112	49	32,600
Iowa	3,006	-1,979	-3,374	5	4	24,492	1.7	-49	-21,522	47	27	24,566
Kansas	3,089	-25	-31,829	1	0	6,889	0.5	374	-92,000	27	16	6,932
Kentucky	11,772	527	-160	3	5	42,149	2.3	-5,637	-493	100	133	42,382
Louisiana	2,550	-311	-13,790	5	4	16,234	0.9	-286	-47,654	47	17	16,298
Maine	1,216	-392	-2,096	2	0	7,961	1.4	474	-9,399	28	8	7,997
Maryland	3,689	-803	-27,330	13	4	23,462	1.0	59	-53,225	161	98	23,721
Massachusetts	9,510	-2,027	-17,559	9	10	75,011	2.3	-1,615	-97,675	131	90	75,232
Michigan	12,478	-5,555	-9,352	9	10	69,996	1.8	10,518	-157,938	160	44	70,200
Minnesota	6,571	-2,928	-7,168	12	4	69,518	2.6	-4,556	-68,535	169	75	69,762
Mississippi	1,507	-274	-6,660	5	2	6,532	0.6	101	-25,171	37	8	6,577
Missouri	5,487	-7,098	-7,354	1	1	24,091	0.9	3,228	-32,745	88	19	24,198
Montana	1,117	-939	-1,175	55	2	9,269	2.0	260	-8,266	606	17	9,892
Nebraska	1,445	-182	-1,673	5	1	5,674	0.6	-34	-10,827	20	4	5,698
Nevada	3,152	-325	-7,322	9	1	20,546	1.6	-896	-60,649	128	34	20,708
New Hampshire	597	-35	-3,572	2	0	3,174	0.5	-529	-25,906	12	1	3,187
New Jersey	14,882	-1,643	-1,887	25	10	99,976	2.7	1,443	-44,187	271	211	100,458
New Mexico	939	-294	-5,463	7	1	10,600	1.4	-452	-32,796	236	36	10,872
New York	23,255	-13,854	-38,930	44	15	206,043	2.4	-11,673	-243,838	476	282	206,801
North Carolina	4,232	315	-9,885	6	1	15,860	0.4	-729	-48,624	73	101	16,034
North Dakota	744	-692	-1,157	2	1	5,917	1.5	773	-3,279	10	1	5,928
Ohio	15,412	-2,070	-27,588	10	13	59,424	1.2	2,670	-148,042	102	114	59,640
Oklahoma	2,240	-520	-4,904	9	2	13,020	0.9	-1,157	-27,039	64	45	13,129
Oregon	5,386	-4,085	-5,137	59	4	34,871	1.9	-7,186	-63,908	740	58	35,669
Pennsylvania	19,106	-1,054	-13,815	26	15	95,435	1.8	-5,144	-252,699	267	81	95,783
Puerto Rico	1,549	473	-145	4	2	17,287	2.1	2,391	-29,649	200	52	17,539
Rhode Island	2,018	464	-8,779	8	0	10,870	2.5	-108	-13,110	38	20	10,928
South Carolina	2,112	-1,944	-4,207	7	5	14,134	0.7	-2,019	-34,956	34	53	14,221
South Dakota	305	-252	-445	10	1	2,724	0.7	128	-2,951	59	4	2,787
Tennessee	7,145	-2,350	-12,173	7	8	19,535	0.6	1,604	-33,628	47	18	19,600
Texas	19,064	-4,773	-36,487	59	74	117,419	1.0	-503	-248,066	577	1,109	119,105
Utah	5,798	-2,303	2,494	80	11	10,772	0.7	1,826	-5,640	274	14	11,060
Vermont	710	-198	-1,143	0	0	4,223	1.5	-68	-9,034	2	0	4,225
Virgin Islands	45	-9	-13	0	0	614	1.8	80	-1,932	0	0	614
Virginia	2,849	406	-18,224	2	4	7,059	0.2	-1,131	-56,780	39	31	7,129
Washington	5,577	-6,016	-14,824	25	24	62,050	1.9	-5,779	-106,101	425	250	62,725
West Virginia	1,841	-301	-1,566	5	5	10,532	1.7	1,077	-11,301	51	25	10,608
Wisconsin	10,237	-4,191	-6,778	14	9	45,333	1.7	-2,678	-58,798	114	17	45,464
Wyoming	569	-383	-597	8	0	2,702	1.1	141	-2,406	61	2	2,765
Totals	340,930	-80,201	-589,254	939	439	2,064,943	1.5	11,632	-3,414,227	10,130	5,046	2,080,119

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 January 15, 2021

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	-13,854	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and information industries.
MO	-7,098	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
WA	-6,016	No comment.
MI	-5,555	Fewer layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
TX	-4,773	No comment.
WI	-4,191	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and construction industries.
OR	-4,085	No comment.
MN	-2,928	No comment.
IN	-2,903	No comment.
CT	-2,512	No comment.
TN	-2,350	No comment.
UT	-2,303	No comment.
OH	-2,070	No comment.
MA	-2,027	No comment.
IA	-1,979	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
SC	-1,944	No comment.
NJ	-1,643	No comment.
IL	-1,632	No comment.
FL	-1,510	No comment.
PA	-1,054	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, 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. 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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