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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

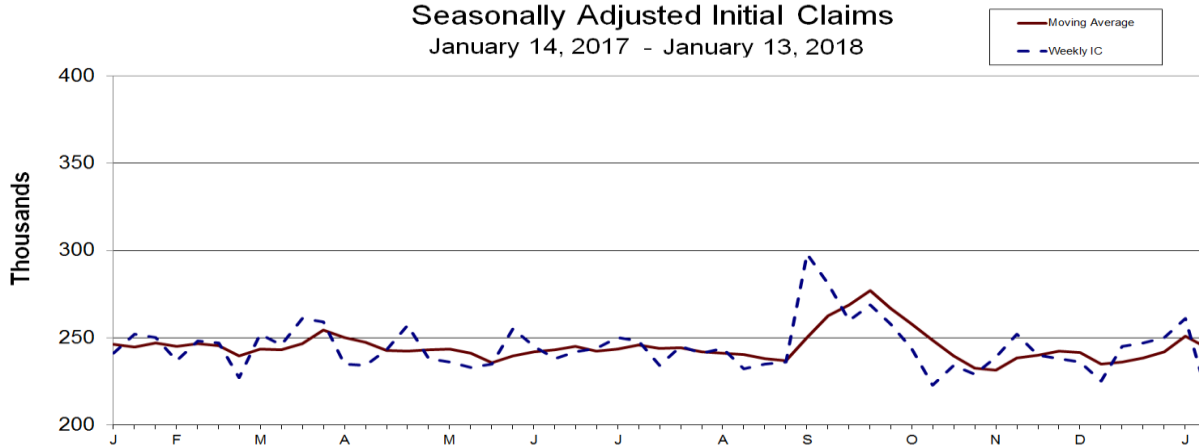
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 220,000, a decrease of 41,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 261,000. This is the lowest level for initial claims since February 24, 1973 when it was 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 244,500, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 250,750.

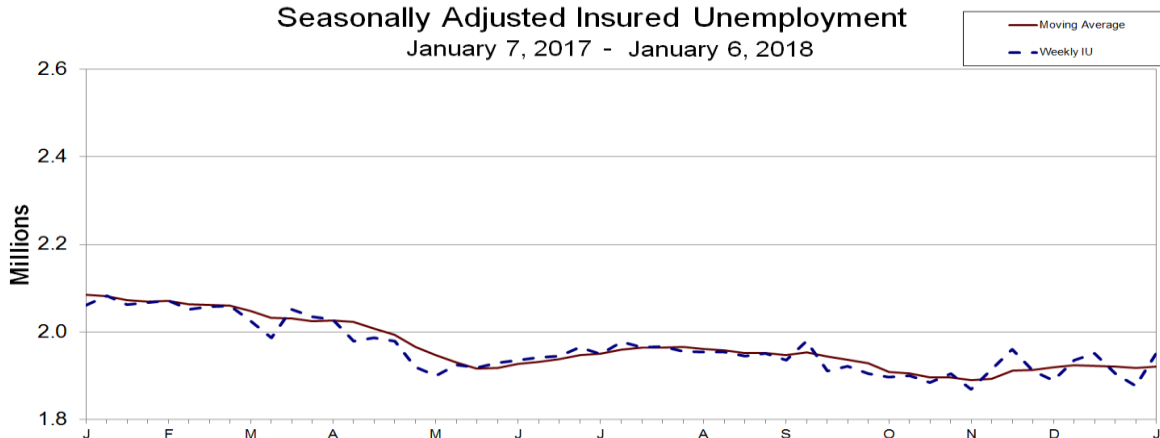
Claims taking procedures continue to be disrupted in the Virgin Islands. The claims taking process in Puerto Rico has still not returned to normal.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending January 6, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 6 was 1,952,000, an increase of 76,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 1,869,000 to 1,876,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,921,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 1,915,250 to 1,917,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 14, 2017 - January 13, 2018



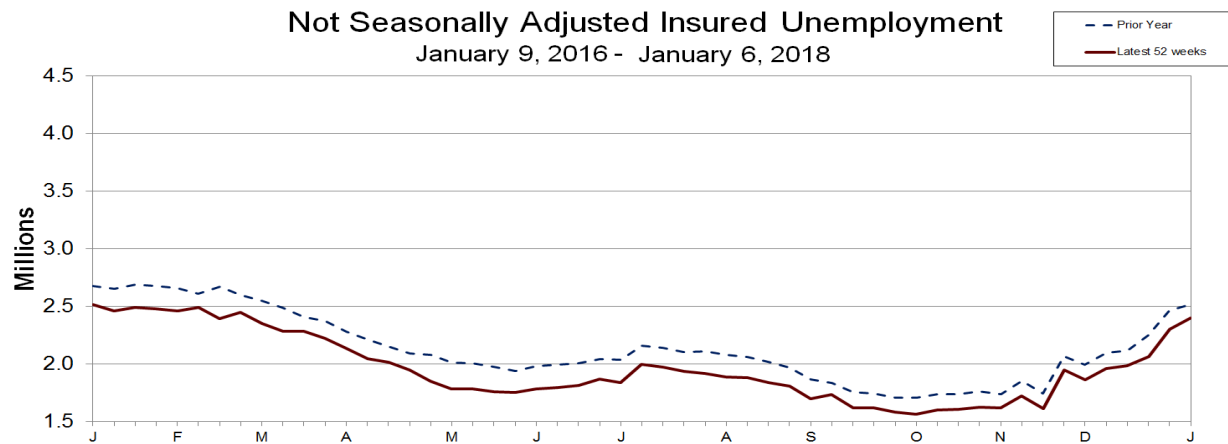
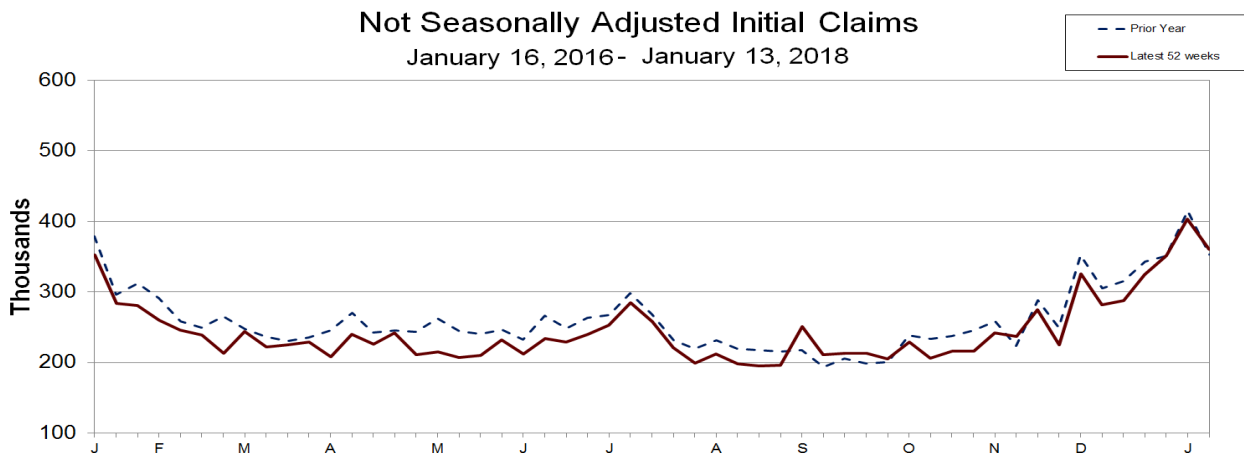
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 7, 2017 - January 6, 2018



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 360,020 in the week ending January 13, a decrease of 43,599 (or -10.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,280 (or 6.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 352,799 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending January 6, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,400,581, an increase of 94,899 (or 4.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,876 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,518,545.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending December 30 was 2,341,097, an increase of 236,753 from the previous week. There were 2,506,683 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska and the Virgin Island during the week ending December 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,148 in the week ending January 6, an increase of 329 from the prior week. There were 723 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 218 from the preceding week.

There were 14,401 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending December 30, a decrease of 1,979 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,470, an increase of 3 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 30 were in the Virgin Islands (8.1), Alaska (4.0), Puerto Rico (3.5), New Jersey (2.9), Connecticut (2.8), Montana (2.7), Rhode Island (2.6), Massachusetts (2.5), Minnesota (2.5), and Pennsylvania (2.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 6 were in New York (+26,891), Georgia (+11,931), California (+11,927), Pennsylvania (+5,409), and Texas (+5,054), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-8,221), Massachusetts (-4,189), Michigan (-3,151), Ohio (-2,583), and Iowa (-2,156).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 13	January 6	Change	December 30	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	220,000	261,000	-41,000	250,000	241,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	360,020	403,619	-43,599	351,348	352,799
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	244,500	250,750	-6,250	241,750	246,250
WEEK ENDING	January 6	December 30	Change	December 23	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,952,000	1,876,000	+76,000	1,905,000	2,061,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,400,581	2,305,682	+94,899	2,066,441	2,518,545
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,921,000	1,917,000	+4,000	1,920,250	2,085,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.3%	+0.1	1.4%	1.5%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.7%	1.6%	+0.1	1.5%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 6	December 30	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,148	819	+329	1,562
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	723	505	+218	786

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 30	December 23	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,303,282	2,064,203	+239,079	2,464,138
Federal Employees	14,401	16,380	-1,979	12,766
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,470	8,467	+3	12,271
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	1,386	1,280	+106	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,785	6,046	-261	6,572
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	7,773	7,968	-195	10,936
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,341,097	2,104,344	+236,753	2,506,683

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 141,013,239 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 January 13			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 6		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,175	7,534	-3,359	21,426	29,295	-7,869
Alaska	1,901	1,222	679	13,114	12,419	695
Arizona	4,430	3,626	804	19,737	22,035	-2,298
Arkansas*	2,501	3,182	-681	12,686	18,154	-5,468
California *	59,284	47,290	11,994	387,863	347,280	40,583
Colorado	3,010	3,095	-85	24,290	24,572	-282
Connecticut	7,015	5,389	1,626	53,655	45,777	7,878
Delaware	1,335	1,074	261	8,019	6,892	1,127
District of Columbia	750	373	377	8,433	8,937	-504
Florida	8,623	7,974	649	38,849	42,138	-3,289
Georgia	10,972	19,490	-8,518	39,264	44,619	-5,355
Hawaii **	1,442	1,956	-514	8,186	8,521	-335
Idaho	2,581	2,282	299	11,884	12,277	-393
Illinois	14,671	18,055	-3,384	152,310	133,388	18,922
Indiana	5,747	6,372	-625	23,040	20,407	2,633
Iowa	5,050	5,964	-914	34,048	32,490	1,558
Kansas	3,857	3,146	711	14,712	14,574	138
Kentucky **	3,379	5,305	-1,926	21,163	23,079	-1,916
Louisiana	2,662	2,221	441	17,218	19,560	-2,342
Maine *	1,787	1,693	94	9,041	7,897	1,144
Maryland	5,053	5,798	-745	37,577	40,089	-2,512
Massachusetts	10,435	10,771	-336	90,389	86,518	3,871
Michigan	14,619	19,854	-5,235	91,537	82,735	8,802
Minnesota	5,814	8,783	-2,969	69,845	69,875	-30
Mississippi	1,439	1,441	-2	9,255	11,382	-2,127
Missouri	6,608	10,015	-3,407	37,670	37,818	-148
Montana	2,422	1,603	819	12,315	11,751	564
Nebraska	1,357	1,964	-607	9,388	8,682	706
Nevada	3,437	2,773	664	21,007	24,140	-3,133
New Hampshire	815	915	-100	4,995	5,478	-483
New Jersey	14,860	16,190	-1,330	124,659	113,263	11,396
New Mexico	1,133	1,049	84	11,066	11,231	-165
New York	23,171	49,361	-26,190	189,604	195,640	-6,036
North Carolina	4,694	3,684	1,010	21,066	21,565	-499
North Dakota	2,195	1,035	1,160	8,960	7,116	1,844
Ohio	12,269	14,935	-2,666	87,541	82,304	5,237
Oklahoma	1,712	1,656	56	14,905	16,011	-1,106
Oregon	4,954	6,708	-1,754	33,098	35,288	-2,190
Pennsylvania	28,070	34,318	-6,248	166,775	139,385	27,390
Puerto Rico * ^{1M}	4,267	1,903	2,364	41,883	30,946	10,937
Rhode Island	1,990	1,941	49	12,449	12,171	278
South Carolina	5,719	6,180	-461	21,771	21,752	19
South Dakota	434	479	-45	3,326	3,166	160
Tennessee	4,230	5,069	-839	23,010	23,477	-467
Texas	19,774	14,973	4,801	143,890	148,901	-5,011
Utah	2,116	1,250	866	11,808	11,687	121
Vermont	708	945	-237	6,422	5,972	450
Virgin Islands ^{1M}	11	7	4	4,188	3,038	1,150
Virginia *	3,773	4,185	-412	25,637	27,138	-1,501
Washington	8,470	9,047	-577	67,845	67,555	290
West Virginia	2,376	1,685	691	17,126	14,213	2,913
Wisconsin	15,301	15,298	3	56,901	56,850	51
Wyoming *	622	561	61	3,735	4,234	-499
US Total	360,020	403,619	-43,599	2,400,581	2,305,682	94,899

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 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.

**Denotes OUI estimate.

¹Affected by Hurricane Irma.

^MAffected by Hurricane Maria.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,954	-2	1,960.50	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50	1,954	0	1,957.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	235	3	238.00	1,945	-9	1,952.25	1.4
August 26, 2017	236	1	236.75	1,951	6	1,951.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	298	62	250.25	1,935	-16	1,946.25	1.4
September 9, 2017	281	-17	262.50	1,979	44	1,952.50	1.4
September 16, 2017	260	-21	268.75	1,911	-68	1,944.00	1.4
September 23, 2017	269	9	277.00	1,921	10	1,936.50	1.4
September 30, 2017	258	-11	267.00	1,904	-17	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	244	-14	257.75	1,896	-8	1,908.00	1.3
October 14, 2017	223	-21	248.50	1,900	4	1,905.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	11	239.75	1,884	-16	1,896.00	1.3
October 28, 2017	229	-5	232.50	1,904	20	1,896.00	1.4
November 4, 2017	239	10	231.25	1,868	-36	1,889.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	252	13	238.50	1,915	47	1,892.75	1.4
November 18, 2017	240	-12	240.00	1,960	45	1,911.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	238	-2	242.25	1,911	-49	1,913.50	1.4
December 2, 2017	236	-2	241.50	1,889	-22	1,918.75	1.3
December 9, 2017	225	-11	234.75	1,936	47	1,924.00	1.4
December 16, 2017	245	20	236.00	1,951	15	1,921.75	1.4
December 23, 2017	247	2	238.25	1,905	-46	1,920.25	1.4
December 30, 2017	250	3	241.75	1,876	-29	1,917.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	261	11	250.75	1,952	76	1,921.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	220	-41	244.50				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 6 INITIAL CLAIMS							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 30 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT						
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM			STATE	STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM			ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1				UCX 1	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO		UCFE 1	UCX 1
							(%) 2						
Alabama	7534	3282	14	20	15	29295	1.6	9453	1368	62	78	29435	
Alaska	1222	25	-734	5	2	12419	4.0	-213	-1423	200	43	14048	
Arizona	3626	839	-925	12	6	22035	0.8	329	-3209	294	86	22415	
Arkansas	3182	-157	-12	3	14	18154	1.5	2559	-1197	78	102	18334	
California	47290	11927	3315	287	85	347280	2.1	-957	-30099	2451	1678	351409	
Colorado	3095	853	-738	39	24	24572	1.0	3245	-5267	298	237	25107	
Connecticut	5389	483	-1236	2	5	45777	2.8	6249	2764	47	77	45901	
Delaware	1074	-412	-241	2	0	6892	1.6	1014	-43	19	12	6923	
District of Columbia	373	93	-100	10	0	8937	1.6	63	29	340	15	9292	
Florida	7974	2531	-1037	25	40	42138	0.5	-1736	-758	193	177	42508	
Georgia	19490	11931	301	24	34	44619	1.1	14173	-4248	369	230	45218	
Hawaii	1956	623	-102	7	11	8521	1.4	1234	-49	65	106	8692	
Idaho	2282	-662	-735	54	3	12277	1.8	1902	-1568	337	15	12629	
Illinois	18055	807	-565	7	10	133388	2.3	8925	-14491	302	273	133963	
Indiana	6372	1834	204	2	7	20407	0.7	2020	-9777	52	52	20511	
Iowa	5964	-2156	657	8	6	32490	2.1	6359	-4782	55	40	32585	
Kansas	3146	-807	-567	2	3	14574	1.1	3063	-281	69	42	14685	
Kentucky	5305	-1837	-306	8	2	23079	1.3	1255	-3323	167	127	23373	
Louisiana	2221	533	-487	8	2	19560	1.0	43	-4014	41	30	19631	
Maine	1693	376	-449	1	0	7897	1.3	928	-1477	29	11	7937	
Maryland	5798	-1853	-385	17	15	40089	1.6	4706	-4550	433	110	40632	
Massachusetts	10771	-4189	-1028	9	11	86518	2.5	9953	-1417	306	158	86982	
Michigan	19854	-3151	2311	22	17	82735	2.0	7351	-4489	181	111	83027	
Minnesota	8783	1556	888	5	2	69875	2.5	11673	-2977	164	84	70123	
Mississippi	1441	6	-466	3	3	11382	1.0	854	-2999	48	39	11469	
Missouri	10015	-619	676	19	2	37818	1.4	8048	-360	781	72	38671	
Montana	1603	-22	-970	74	2	11751	2.7	1591	-1456	473	19	12243	
Nebraska	1964	-828	186	1	3	8682	0.9	2316	-570	23	16	8721	
Nevada	2773	-214	-706	11	7	24140	1.9	-147	-396	158	78	24376	
New Hampshire	915	-345	-165	4	1	5478	0.9	1238	-467	13	9	5500	
New Jersey	16190	-8221	-2811	14	28	113263	2.9	16926	-7957	253	275	113791	
New Mexico	1049	99	-296	4	1	11231	1.4	456	-1759	335	68	11634	
New York	49361	26891	3036	29	34	195640	2.2	37700	-6794	732	445	196817	
North Carolina	3684	1899	-1603	3	14	21565	0.5	724	-4675	96	163	21824	
North Dakota	1035	-80	-1146	1	1	7116	1.8	981	-1124	16	10	7142	
Ohio	14935	-2583	2075	11	23	82304	1.6	13215	-4456	221	228	82753	
Oklahoma	1656	181	-227	9	4	16011	1.1	229	-4412	70	93	16174	
Oregon	6708	354	-334	126	18	35288	1.9	4201	-1977	745	117	36150	
Pennsylvania	34318	5409	3013	94	59	139385	2.5	11551	-10310	705	308	140398	
Puerto Rico	1903	-435	145	0	0	30946	3.5	-7578	9101	31	28	31005	
Rhode Island	1941	-1637	-38	4	1	12171	2.6	3152	-1096	15	21	12207	
South Carolina	6180	1958	-968	6	11	21752	1.1	2891	-1466	54	59	21865	
South Dakota	479	-1	-94	3	1	3166	0.8	445	-345	48	8	3222	
Tennessee	5069	1638	-443	8	3	23477	0.8	2164	996	416	56	23949	
Texas	14973	5054	-6428	43	144	148901	1.3	15823	-18118	988	1368	151257	
Utah	1250	-189	-1368	65	7	11687	0.9	751	-1572	390	20	12097	
Vermont	945	-625	5	1	0	5972	2.0	1408	-853	9	7	5988	
Virgin Islands	7	-21	-3	0	1	3038	8.1	318	2602	0	0	3038	
Virginia	4185	-28	-1857	7	8	27138	0.7	2264	-2590	357	342	27837	
Washington	9047	-150	1487	11	17	67555	2.1	5542	5159	559	632	68746	
West Virginia	1685	516	-506	3	8	14213	2.2	2406	-1583	58	45	14316	
Wisconsin	15298	1905	971	10	6	56850	2.0	15783	-5043	108	40	56998	
Wyoming	561	-110	-331	5	2	4234	1.6	398	-2174	147	10	4391	
Totals	403619	52271	-11123	1148	723	2305682	1.6	239241	-161972	14401	8470	2329939	

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 6, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+26,891	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and educational service industries.
GA	+11,931	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	+11,927	Layoffs in the service and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industries.
PA	+5,409	Layoffs in the construction and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
TX	+5,054	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, retail trade, and finance and insurance industries.
AL	+3,282	Layoffs in the manufacturing and retail trade industries.
FL	+2,531	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
SC	+1,958	No comment.
WI	+1,905	Layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	+1,899	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries.
IN	+1,834	No comment.
TN	+1,638	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, manufacturing, professional, scientific, and technical service, manufacturing, and accommodation and food service industries.
MN	+1,556	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-8,221	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and retail trade industries.
MA	-4,189	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, educational service, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
MI	-3,151	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OH	-2,583	No comment.
IA	-2,156	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MD	-1,853	No comment.
KY	-1,837	No comment.
RI	-1,637	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. 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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