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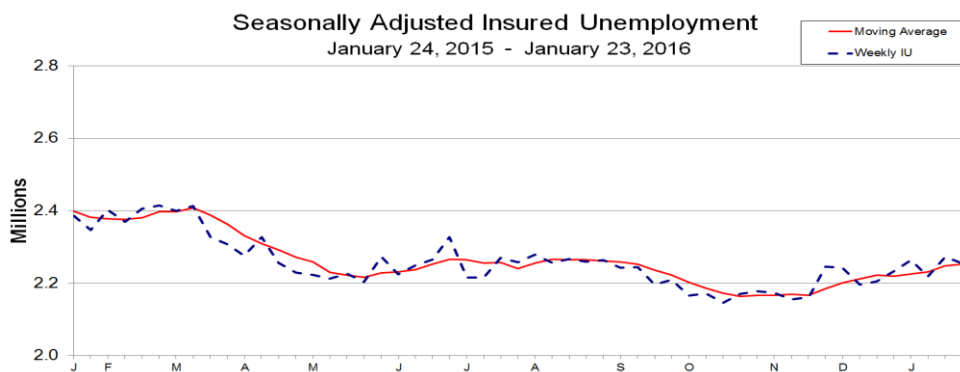
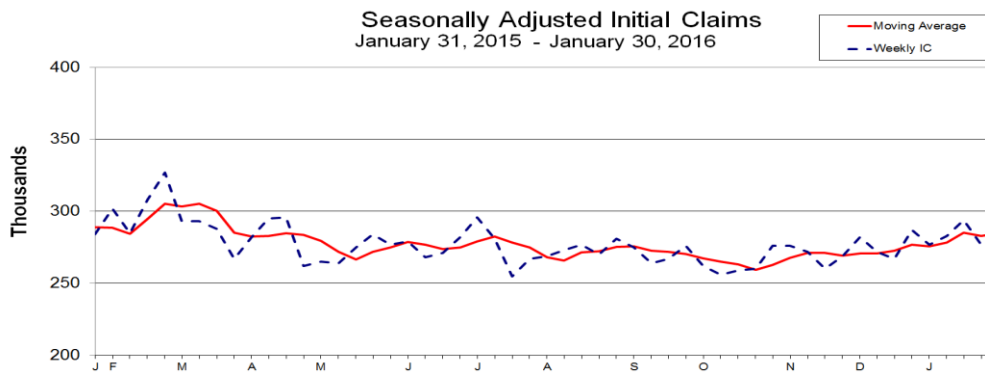
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 285,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 278,000 to 277,000. The 4-week moving average was 284,750, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 283,000 to 282,750.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

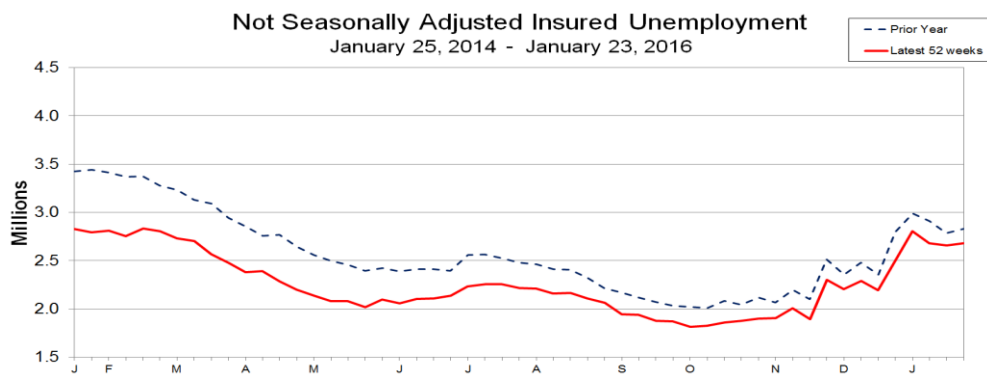
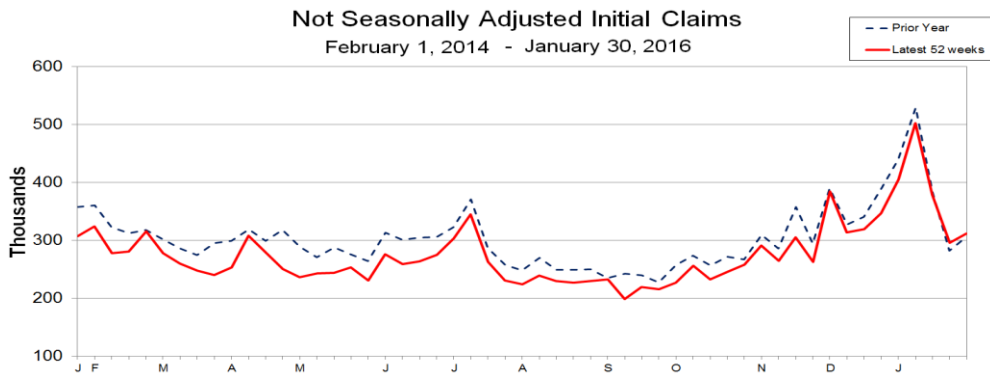
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending January 23, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 23 was 2,255,000, a decrease of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 2,268,000 to 2,273,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,252,750, an increase of 5,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 2,246,250 to 2,247,500.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 311,956 in the week ending January 30, an increase of 16,296 (or 5.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 7,191 (or 2.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 306,643 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.0 percent during the week ending January 23, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,682,869, an increase of 26,257 (or 1.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 47,724 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.1 percent and the volume was 2,827,614.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 16 was 2,702,640, a decrease of 26,783 from the previous week. There were 2,839,835 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2015.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 930 in the week ending January 23, a decrease of 582 from the prior week. There were 1,079 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 217 from the preceding week.

There were 14,053 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 16, a decrease of 1,061 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 16,223, a decrease of 553 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 16 were in Alaska (4.8), Montana (3.3), Pennsylvania (3.3), West Virginia (3.3), New Jersey (3.2), Puerto Rico (3.1), Connecticut (3.0), Illinois (2.9), Wyoming (2.9), and Massachusetts (2.8).

The largest increase in initial claims for the week ending January 23 were in Kansas (+65), while the largest decreases were in California (-21,269), Pennsylvania (-6,355), Georgia (-6,113), Michigan (-5,036), and New Jersey (-4,111).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	285,000	277,000	+8,000	294,000	284,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	311,956	295,660	+16,296	378,747	306,643
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	284,750	282,750	+2,000	285,250	289,000
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,255,000	2,273,000	-18,000	2,219,000	2,386,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,682,869	2,656,612	+26,257	2,680,476	2,827,614
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,252,750	2,247,500	+5,250	2,230,500	2,398,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.7%	1.7%	0.0	1.6%	1.8%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	2.0%	1.9%	+0.1	2.0%	2.1%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	930	1,512	-582	1,189
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,079	1,296	-217	1,521

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,652,309	2,676,430	-24,121	2,781,715
Federal Employees	14,053	15,114	-1,061	16,979
Newly Discharged Veterans	16,223	16,776	-553	23,952
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	3
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	6,922	6,806	+116	6,077
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	13,133	14,297	-1,164	11,109
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,702,640	2,729,423	-26,783	2,839,835

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 136,270,223 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 30			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 23		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,172	3,226	-54	22,783	23,845	-1,062
Alaska	1,631	1,476	155	14,882	15,288	-406
Arizona	4,132	4,214	-82	24,581	27,089	-2,508
Arkansas	2,806	2,349	457	21,833	21,773	60
California	51,017	53,436	-2,419	433,666	405,280	28,386
Colorado	3,064	3,131	-67	33,917	34,645	-728
Connecticut	4,985	4,638	347	52,125	48,572	3,553
Delaware	1,005	990	15	8,603	7,903	700
District of Columbia	504	294	210	8,113	8,462	-349
Florida	7,734	8,225	-491	44,181	51,767	-7,586
Georgia	8,538	6,773	1,765	37,512	39,003	-1,491
Hawaii	1,152	994	158	6,588	6,388	200
Idaho	1,681	1,899	-218	13,156	14,174	-1,018
Illinois	18,066	12,901	5,165	168,029	165,587	2,442
Indiana	4,876	4,893	-17	36,525	35,407	1,118
Iowa	3,614	3,348	266	38,346	36,091	2,255
Kansas	2,565	2,982	-417	20,851	19,089	1,762
Kentucky	3,714	3,914	-200	29,082	29,578	-496
Louisiana	2,717	2,658	59	23,214	22,643	571
Maine	1,113	1,247	-134	12,533	12,295	238
Maryland	6,959	4,812	2,147	43,744	46,577	-2,833
Massachusetts	6,981	7,455	-474	92,880	93,119	-239
Michigan	8,992	9,988	-996	93,926	105,472	-11,546
Minnesota	4,444	5,245	-801	75,243	70,793	4,450
Mississippi	1,372	1,574	-202	12,287	14,004	-1,717
Missouri	6,058	6,869	-811	42,326	44,336	-2,010
Montana	1,279	1,271	8	14,376	14,295	81
Nebraska	997	1,145	-148	9,200	9,422	-222
Nevada	3,269	2,853	416	25,338	27,298	-1,960
New Hampshire	864	829	35	6,401	6,763	-362
New Jersey	11,921	9,936	1,985	128,525	121,620	6,905
New Mexico	1,178	1,253	-75	13,895	14,299	-404
New York	20,185	20,411	-226	202,011	198,214	3,797
North Carolina	4,806	3,724	1,082	31,759	32,779	-1,020
North Dakota	1,346	1,046	300	14,333	10,129	4,204
Ohio	11,077	10,404	673	95,361	94,212	1,149
*Oklahoma	2,059	1,912	147	21,897	22,199	-302
Oregon	5,735	5,312	423	37,176	37,390	-214
Pennsylvania	25,031	20,894	4,137	175,955	183,034	-7,079
Puerto Rico	1,796	2,211	-415	24,114	27,238	-3,124
Rhode Island	1,407	1,882	-475	12,885	12,203	682
South Carolina	3,080	2,821	259	18,717	19,559	-842
South Dakota	271	326	-55	3,567	3,634	-67
Tennessee	7,783	3,790	3,993	28,572	28,954	-382
Texas	17,866	16,838	1,028	180,934	175,742	5,192
Utah	1,642	1,578	64	15,586	15,418	168
Vermont	615	753	-138	7,193	6,752	441
Virgin Islands	25	29	-4	640	552	88
Virginia	4,867	4,094	773	34,700	33,293	1,407
Washington	7,989	7,818	171	68,323	66,093	2,230
West Virginia	2,153	2,073	80	25,526	22,408	3,118
Wisconsin	8,970	10,171	-1,201	67,230	65,963	1,267
Wyoming	853	755	98	7,729	7,969	-240
US Total	311,956	295,660	16,296	2,682,869	2,656,612	26,257

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 OUI staff estimate.

## 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 24, 2015	267	-34	291.75	2,386	10	2,398.75	1.8	
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346	-40	2,381.50	1.8	
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402	56	2,377.50	1.8	
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369	-33	2,375.75	1.8	
February 21, 2015	308	23	294.75	2,405	36	2,380.50	1.8	
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414	9	2,397.50	1.8	
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399	-15	2,396.75	1.8	
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413	14	2,407.75	1.8	
March 21, 2015	288	-5	300.25	2,327	-86	2,388.25	1.7	
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308	-19	2,361.75	1.7	
April 4, 2015	282	15	282.50	2,275	-33	2,330.75	1.7	
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327	52	2,309.25	1.7	
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256	-71	2,291.50	1.7	
April 25, 2015	262	-34	283.75	2,229	-27	2,271.75	1.7	
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223	-6	2,258.75	1.7	
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212	-11	2,230.00	1.6	
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226	14	2,222.50	1.7	
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,204	-22	2,216.25	1.6	
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272	68	2,228.50	1.7	
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,225	-47	2,231.75	1.7	
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249	24	2,237.50	1.7	
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75	2,265	16	2,252.75	1.7	
June 27, 2015	282	11	275.00	2,327	62	2,266.50	1.7	
July 4, 2015	296	14	279.25	2,216	-111	2,264.25	1.6	
July 11, 2015	281	-15	282.50	2,216	0	2,256.00	1.6	
July 18, 2015	255	-26	278.50	2,270	54	2,257.25	1.7	
July 25, 2015	267	12	274.75	2,258	-12	2,240.00	1.7	
August 1, 2015	269	2	268.00	2,278	20	2,255.50	1.7	
August 8, 2015	273	4	266.00	2,256	-22	2,265.50	1.7	
August 15, 2015	277	4	271.50	2,266	10	2,264.50	1.7	
August 22, 2015	270	-7	272.25	2,259	-7	2,264.75	1.7	
August 29, 2015	281	11	275.25	2,263	4	2,261.00	1.7	
September 5, 2015	275	-6	275.75	2,243	-20	2,257.75	1.7	
September 12, 2015	264	-11	272.50	2,244	1	2,252.25	1.7	
September 19, 2015	267	3	271.75	2,195	-49	2,236.25	1.6	
September 26, 2015	276	9	270.50	2,209	14	2,222.75	1.6	
October 3, 2015	262	-14	267.25	2,165	-44	2,203.25	1.6	
October 10, 2015	256	-6	265.25	2,172	7	2,185.25	1.6	
October 17, 2015	259	3	263.25	2,146	-26	2,173.00	1.6	
October 24, 2015	260	1	259.25	2,170	24	2,163.25	1.6	
October 31, 2015	276	16	262.75	2,177	7	2,166.25	1.6	
November 7, 2015	276	0	267.75	2,173	-4	2,166.50	1.6	
November 14, 2015	272	-4	271.00	2,155	-18	2,168.75	1.6	
November 21, 2015	260	-12	271.00	2,161	6	2,166.50	1.6	
November 28, 2015	269	9	269.25	2,246	85	2,183.75	1.7	
December 5, 2015	282	13	270.75	2,242	-4	2,201.00	1.7	
December 12, 2015	272	-10	270.75	2,195	-47	2,211.00	1.6	
December 19, 2015	267	-5	272.50	2,205	10	2,222.00	1.6	
December 26, 2015	287	20	277.00	2,234	29	2,219.00	1.6	
January 2, 2016	277	-10	275.75	2,264	30	2,224.50	1.7	
January 9, 2016	283	6	278.50	2,219	-45	2,230.50	1.6	
January 16, 2016	294	11	285.25	2,273	54	2,247.50	1.7	
January 23, 2016	277	-17	282.75	2,255	-18	2,252.75	1.7	
January 30, 2016	285	8	284.75					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 23								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 16					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
INITIAL CLAIMS								INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1		
Alabama	3226	-1511	-58	11	15	23845	1.3	-1850	-2377	71	169	24085	
Alaska	1476	-183	34	8	6	15288	4.8	9	540	257	54	15599	
Arizona	4214	-457	265	17	6	27089	1.1	-705	-2456	330	175	27594	
Arkansas	2349	-675	-331	3	5	21773	1.9	-906	-2406	109	160	22042	
California	53436	-21269	12831	207	179	405280	2.6	-16481	14303	2701	2992	410973	
Colorado	3131	-464	16	25	40	34645	1.4	2638	-1849	358	635	35638	
Connecticut	4638	-207	641	7	3	48572	3.0	-971	-7273	62	152	48786	
Delaware	990	-212	140	1	3	7903	1.9	91	-1087	17	49	7969	
District of Columbia	294	-41	-56	6	1	8462	1.6	-27	-1089	304	16	8782	
Florida	8225	-1550	-2543	23	57	51767	0.7	667	-21181	167	345	52279	
Georgia	6773	-6113	-1162	24	54	39003	1.0	-7549	-7755	209	510	39722	
Hawaii	994	-251	-491	2	19	6388	1.1	-503	-2649	84	152	6624	
Idaho	1899	-405	-528	34	7	14174	2.2	-228	-1300	343	45	14562	
Illinois	12901	-3169	1495	9	22	165587	2.9	2586	-6718	367	434	166388	
Indiana	4893	-1507	251	9	17	35407	1.2	-1191	-5783	104	129	35640	
Iowa	3348	-470	637	5	5	36091	2.4	404	669	59	92	36242	
Kansas	2982	65	661	0	5	19089	1.4	-572	-3567	67	135	19291	
Kentucky	3914	-182	485	1	10	29578	1.7	664	-1248	270	297	30145	
Louisiana	2658	-827	127	7	12	22643	1.2	-1248	972	91	121	22855	
Maine	1247	-326	-318	3	3	12295	2.1	93	-2888	57	32	12384	
Maryland	4812	-415	347	23	15	46577	1.9	1	-10474	352	279	47208	
Massachusetts	7455	-1449	671	12	24	93119	2.8	2895	-11249	244	328	93691	
Michigan	9988	-5036	623	29	33	105472	2.6	4078	-4813	276	265	106013	
Minnesota	5245	-816	1120	14	12	70793	2.6	155	3761	164	187	71144	
Mississippi	1574	-335	-127	12	1	14004	1.3	-425	-878	81	58	14143	
Missouri	6869	-939	1204	34	2	44336	1.7	-320	-7078	362	126	44824	
Montana	1271	-260	145	28	4	14295	3.3	207	353	668	54	15017	
Nebraska	1145	-311	-193	1	4	9422	1.0	-251	-1922	30	23	9475	
Nevada	2853	-601	-448	7	4	27298	2.3	18	-2563	259	157	27714	
New Hampshire	829	-191	-158	1	2	6763	1.1	51	-1717	7	10	6780	
New Jersey	9936	-4111	-1312	13	12	121620	3.2	675	-15846	245	479	122344	
New Mexico	1253	-274	33	9	7	14299	1.8	13	114	320	97	14716	
New York	20411	-3273	529	22	39	198214	2.2	2984	-20570	402	751	199367	
North Carolina	3724	-1624	-1341	11	11	32779	0.8	104	-10640	184	329	33292	
North Dakota	1046	-268	426	5	1	10129	2.3	602	2975	15	17	10161	
Ohio	10404	-2340	1551	4	47	94212	1.8	1304	-489	143	456	94811	
Oklahoma	1912	-239	121	8	15	22199	1.4	-164	5063	63	131	22393	
Oregon	5312	-2487	-543	56	18	37390	2.2	-1104	-3685	846	285	38521	
Pennsylvania	20894	-6355	364	82	57	183034	3.3	4130	-4275	541	628	184203	
Puerto Rico	2211	-1241	52	2	16	27238	3.1	-1632	-2711	64	185	27487	
Rhode Island	1882	-453	-408	6	4	12203	2.7	85	-1528	17	19	12239	
South Carolina	2821	-1330	-240	15	16	19559	1.0	-921	-2000	51	150	19760	
South Dakota	326	-111	-1	4	0	3634	0.9	107	-80	44	10	3688	
Tennessee	3790	-2974	-1149	9	8	28954	1.1	-635	-5108	176	169	29299	
Texas	16838	-2288	-279	40	142	175742	1.5	-5996	36828	636	2568	178946	
Utah	1578	-314	-48	16	3	15418	1.2	197	-660	418	0	15836	
Vermont	753	0	137	0	1	6752	2.3	-30	-619	24	3	6779	
Virgin Islands	29	-6	-8	0	0	552	1.5	-116	-346	4	14	570	
Virginia	4094	-471	-897	15	11	33293	0.9	-2518	-4495	329	601	34223	
Washington	7818	-1098	78	41	88	66093	2.2	-1491	-678	635	951	67679	
West Virginia	2073	-1031	164	0	2	22408	3.3	-1381	3068	90	81	22579	
Wisconsin	10171	-519	1118	5	11	65963	2.4	301	-13078	158	100	66221	
Wyoming	755	-173	148	4	0	7969	2.9	292	2359	178	18	8165	
Totals	295660	-83087	13775	930	1079	2656612	1.9	-23864	-128123	14053	16223	2686888	

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 23, 2016**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-21,269	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
PA	-6,355	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
GA	-6,113	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, trade, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
MI	-5,036	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-4,111	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
NY	-3,273	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
IL	-3,169	No comment.
TN	-2,974	No comment.
OR	-2,487	No comment.
OH	-2,340	No comment.
TX	-2,288	No comment.
NC	-1,624	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
FL	-1,550	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
AL	-1,511	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, retail trade industries.
IN	-1,507	No comment.
MA	-1,449	Fewer layoffs in the construction and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
SC	-1,330	No comment.
PR	-1,241	No comment.
WA	-1,098	No comment.
WV	-1,031	No comment.

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## 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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