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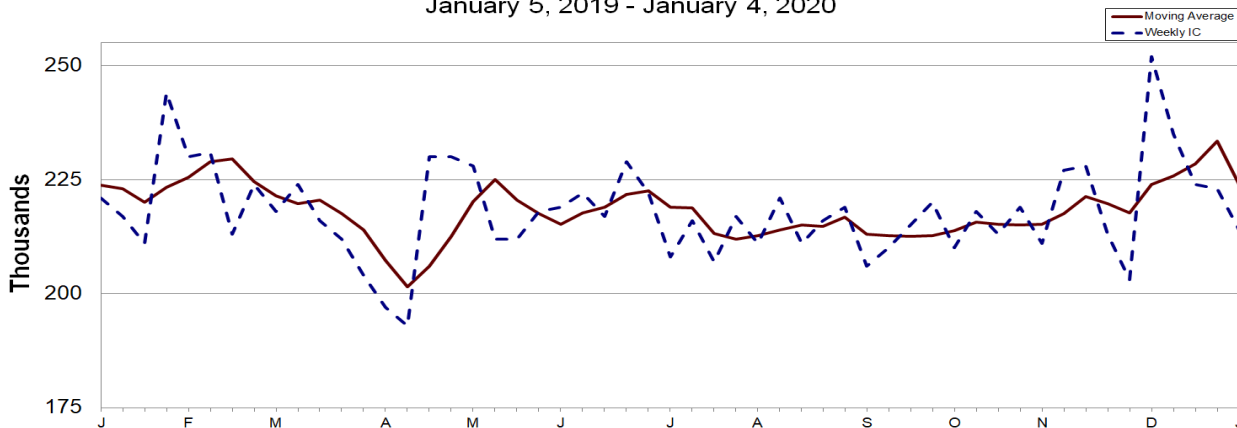
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

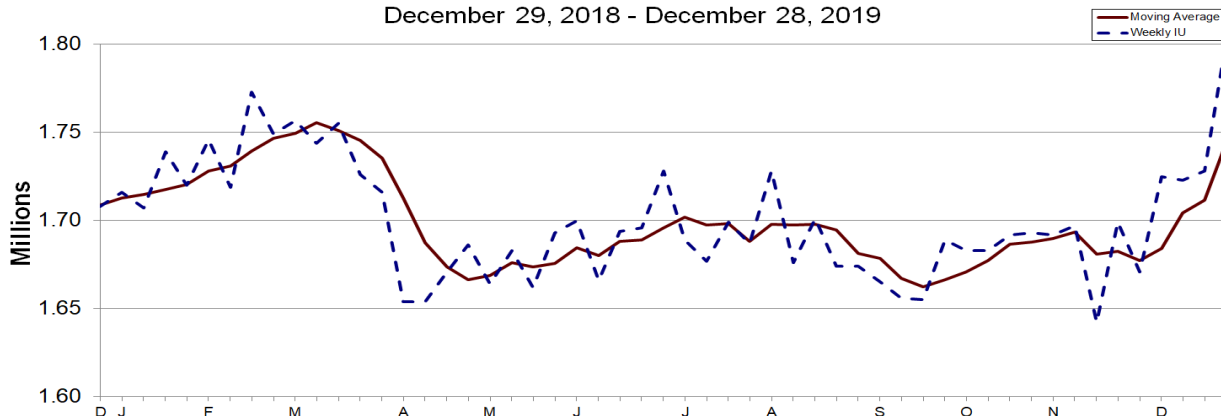
In the week ending January 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 222,000 to 223,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,000, a decrease of 9,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 233,250 to 233,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 28 was 1,803,000, an increase of 75,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,728,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,744,750, an increase of 33,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,711,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 5, 2019 - January 4, 2020



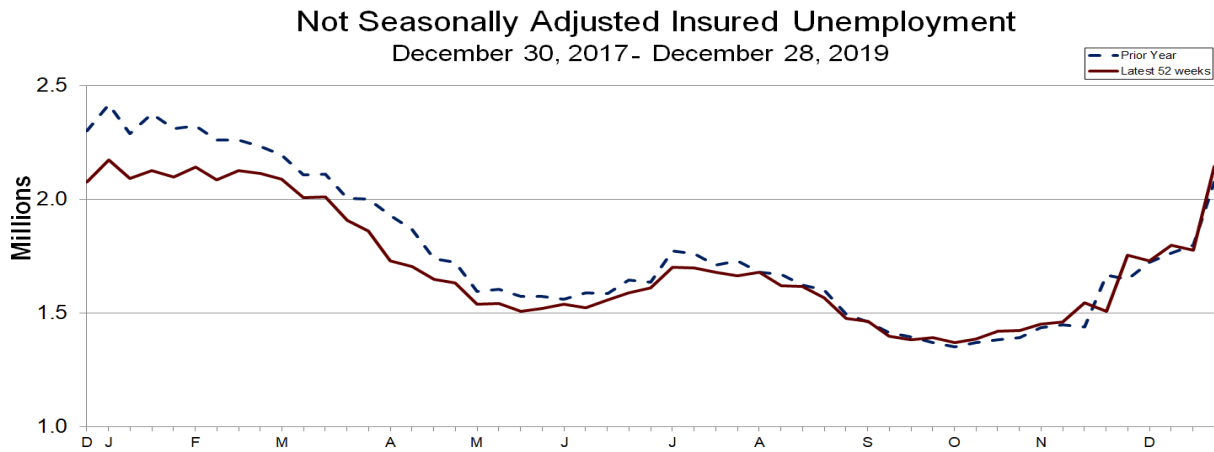
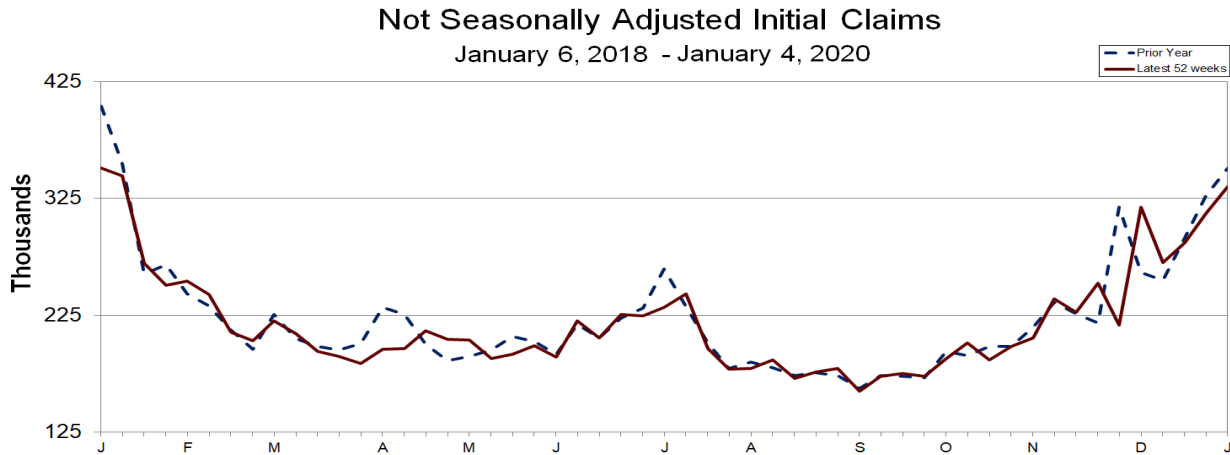
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 29, 2018 - December 28, 2019



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 335,210 in the week ending January 4, an increase of 22,686 (or 7.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 35,838 (or 11.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 350,949 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending December 28, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,146,010, an increase of 369,734 (or 20.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 279,919 (or 15.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,076,875.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending December 21 was 1,803,796, a decrease of 24,304 from the previous week. There were 1,827,272 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending December 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 755 in the week ending December 28, a decrease of 22 from the prior week. There were 323 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 165 from the preceding week.

There were 10,833 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending December 21, an increase of 518 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,282, a decrease of 572 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 21 were in Alaska (2.8), Connecticut (2.2), New Jersey (2.2), West Virginia (2.1), Montana (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), Minnesota (1.9), Washington (1.9), Illinois (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), and Rhode Island (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 28 were in New Jersey (+9,854), Michigan (+8,058), Pennsylvania (+6,185), Ohio (+5,309), and Massachusetts (+3,967), while the largest decreases were in California (-15,642), Texas (-3,642), Florida (-1,530), North Carolina (-1,460), and Arizona (-1,139).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 4	December 28	Change	December 21	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	223,000	-9,000	224,000	221,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	335,210	312,524	+22,686	287,243	350,949
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,000	233,500	-9,500	228,500	223,750
WEEK ENDING	December 28	December 21	Change	December 14	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,803,000	1,728,000	+75,000	1,723,000	1,708,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,146,010	1,776,276	+369,734	1,798,845	2,076,875
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,744,750	1,711,750	+33,000	1,704,500	1,708,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.2%	+0.3	1.2%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 28	December 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	755	777	-22	4,760
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	323	488	-165	327

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 21	December 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,773,908	1,796,207	-22,299	1,796,664
Federal Employees	10,833	10,315	+518	11,375
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,282	5,854	-572	6,525
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,124	5,726	-602	5,127
STC / Workshare ⁵	8,649	9,998	-1,349	7,581
TOTAL	1,803,796	1,828,100	-24,304	1,827,272

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 144,758,990 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 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,558	3,200	1,358	18,689	15,544	3,145
Alaska	1,078	860	218	10,031	8,659	1,372
Arizona	3,018	2,155	863	15,600	17,508	-1,908
Arkansas	2,409	3,545	-1,136	13,726	12,032	1,694
California	37,082	34,301	2,781	364,869	300,551	64,318
Colorado	2,483	1,723	760	22,244	18,779	3,465
Connecticut	7,869	4,684	3,185	47,501	36,677	10,824
Delaware	851	1,439	-588	6,662	4,956	1,706
District of Columbia	489	366	123	6,940	7,026	-86
Florida	4,397	3,807	590	31,205	31,743	-538
Georgia	16,846	4,131	12,715	37,489	24,259	13,230
Hawaii	1,852	1,245	607	7,106	5,726	1,380
Idaho	2,035	2,191	-156	10,697	8,072	2,625
Illinois	11,899	16,537	-4,638	126,650	109,102	17,548
Indiana	4,708	3,418	1,290	20,947	17,756	3,191
Iowa	5,039	10,338	-5,299	35,406	25,963	9,443
Kansas	2,044	3,059	-1,015	11,633	9,525	2,108
Kentucky	5,168	6,211	-1,043	23,200	18,489	4,711
Louisiana	1,531	1,469	62	12,868	15,270	-2,402
Maine	1,678	985	693	7,692	5,900	1,792
Maryland	3,906	6,222	-2,316	30,174	25,879	4,295
Massachusetts	9,401	13,251	-3,850	74,963	64,273	10,690
Michigan	13,054	18,896	-5,842	70,509	59,526	10,983
Minnesota	7,599	6,163	1,436	72,357	54,605	17,752
Mississippi	988	1,633	-645	7,610	8,121	-511
Missouri	7,218	7,177	41	27,874	22,484	5,390
Montana	1,589	1,722	-133	11,369	8,894	2,475
Nebraska	1,150	1,818	-668	4,888	3,745	1,143
Nevada	2,413	2,544	-131	19,646	19,193	453
New Hampshire	623	1,123	-500	4,140	3,654	486
New Jersey	15,213	22,855	-7,642	114,287	89,248	25,039
New Mexico	800	1,135	-335	9,747	9,232	515
New York	45,098	18,384	26,714	183,256	141,563	41,693
North Carolina	3,374	2,126	1,248	19,286	19,533	-247
North Dakota	948	961	-13	6,768	4,729	2,039
Ohio	10,632	15,943	-5,311	72,750	61,801	10,949
Oklahoma	2,739	2,158	581	17,271	16,735	536
Oregon	6,705	7,231	-526	35,368	28,122	7,246
Pennsylvania	27,246	26,152	1,094	137,048	117,263	19,785
Puerto Rico*	1,180	1,013	167	14,946	13,284	1,662
Rhode Island	1,980	3,661	-1,681	12,286	8,327	3,959
South Carolina	7,368	2,181	5,187	18,524	15,271	3,253
South Dakota	358	241	117	2,699	2,416	283
Tennessee	3,165	4,590	-1,425	20,236	17,634	2,602
Texas	12,275	8,947	3,328	143,192	119,380	23,812
Utah	1,674	1,284	390	10,883	10,416	467
Vermont	668	1,647	-979	5,685	3,937	1,748
Virgin Islands	9	17	-8	472	226	246
Virginia	3,365	3,305	60	22,706	19,097	3,609
Washington	10,482	10,106	376	72,061	61,333	10,728
West Virginia	1,483	1,261	222	18,240	14,003	4,237
Wisconsin	12,855	10,483	2,372	49,723	36,158	13,565
Wyoming	618	630	-12	3,891	2,657	1,234
US Total	335,210	312,524	22,686	2,146,010	1,776,276	369,734

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.

*Denotes state estimate.

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 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,687	-12	1,688.00	1.2
August 3, 2019	211	-6	212.75	1,728	41	1,697.75	1.2
August 10, 2019	221	10	214.00	1,676	-52	1,697.50	1.2
August 17, 2019	211	-10	215.00	1,701	25	1,698.00	1.2
August 24, 2019	216	5	214.75	1,674	-27	1,694.75	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	3	216.75	1,674	0	1,681.25	1.2
September 7, 2019	206	-13	213.00	1,665	-9	1,678.50	1.2
September 14, 2019	210	4	212.75	1,656	-9	1,667.25	1.1
September 21, 2019	215	5	212.50	1,655	-1	1,662.50	1.1
September 28, 2019	220	5	212.75	1,689	34	1,666.25	1.2
October 5, 2019	210	-10	213.75	1,683	-6	1,670.75	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	8	215.75	1,683	0	1,677.50	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,692	9	1,686.75	1.2
October 26, 2019	219	6	215.00	1,693	1	1,687.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	211	-8	215.25	1,692	-1	1,690.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	227	16	217.50	1,697	5	1,693.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	228	1	221.25	1,642	-55	1,681.00	1.1
November 23, 2019	213	-15	219.75	1,699	57	1,682.50	1.2
November 30, 2019	203	-10	217.75	1,671	-28	1,677.25	1.2
December 7, 2019	252	49	224.00	1,725	54	1,684.25	1.2
December 14, 2019	235	-17	225.75	1,723	-2	1,704.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	224	-11	228.50	1,728	5	1,711.75	1.2
December 28, 2019	223	-1	233.50	1,803	75	1,744.75	1.2
January 4, 2020	214	-9	224.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 28					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 21					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM						
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	3200	37	-457	8	5	15544	0.8	398	-1238	82	47	15673
Alaska	860	-167	-239	3	0	8659	2.8	-1113	-1313	175	5	8839
Arizona	2155	-1139	-99	14	0	17508	0.6	-10	-1264	192	29	17729
Arkansas	3545	966	532	4	0	12032	1.0	277	615	51	35	12118
California	34301	-15642	-4061	170	42	300551	1.7	-24836	-10174	2342	1091	303984
Colorado	1723	-637	-291	14	11	18779	0.7	-1058	-68	269	123	19171
Connecticut	4684	-374	-6360	4	3	36677	2.2	3531	333	35	59	36771
Delaware	1439	537	149	0	0	4956	1.1	120	290	12	13	4981
District of Columbia	366	-232	-243	6	1	7026	1.2	90	-733	218	6	7250
Florida	3807	-1530	-1409	11	19	31743	0.4	-5123	-6726	142	94	31979
Georgia	4131	-754	-2871	8	8	24259	0.6	-874	-2279	143	135	24537
Hawaii	1245	135	5	5	5	5726	0.9	73	-1034	46	62	5834
Idaho	2191	219	-594	46	4	8072	1.1	715	-1394	287	10	8369
Illinois	16537	-132	1827	6	6	109102	1.8	1590	-4725	344	133	109579
Indiana	3418	-493	-814	1	2	17756	0.6	745	-973	32	27	17815
Iowa	10338	2981	2463	5	3	25963	1.7	3844	1614	42	11	26016
Kansas	3059	-37	280	0	1	9525	0.7	963	327	27	13	9565
Kentucky	6211	1608	-1208	1	2	18489	1.0	-390	1051	218	94	18801
Louisiana	1469	-749	-40	0	3	15270	0.8	-88	-964	49	12	15331
Maine	985	-138	-36	3	1	5900	1.0	137	-816	37	13	5950
Maryland	6222	1516	-334	9	4	25879	1.0	1197	-2517	211	63	26153
Massachusetts	13251	3967	-430	14	6	64273	1.8	2892	-2690	137	94	64504
Michigan	18896	8058	-1314	17	6	59526	1.4	-1335	-3776	148	69	59743
Minnesota	6163	-653	-175	4	2	54605	1.9	958	1257	98	53	54756
Mississippi	1633	109	332	0	0	8121	0.7	132	351	45	14	8180
Missouri	7177	31	891	5	3	22484	0.8	2713	-1362	112	34	22630
Montana	1722	181	151	45	4	8894	2.0	-250	95	545	22	9461
Nebraska	1818	607	-393	2	0	3745	0.4	246	-2028	9	4	3758
Nevada	2544	-29	-50	10	2	19193	1.4	222	-1469	152	49	19394
New Hampshire	1123	467	42	0	0	3654	0.6	121	-231	8	1	3663
New Jersey	22855	9854	-877	11	14	89248	2.2	42	1831	229	178	89655
New Mexico	1135	149	26	11	0	9232	1.2	-39	162	284	43	9559
New York	18384	2322	-384	17	16	141563	1.5	2843	-62	291	294	142148
North Carolina	2126	-1460	85	6	19	19533	0.4	-849	246	101	109	19743
North Dakota	961	-55	106	2	2	4729	1.2	189	44	15	2	4746
Ohio	15943	5309	258	7	14	61801	1.2	4396	1729	129	123	62053
Oklahoma	2158	34	259	2	2	16735	1.1	291	3760	57	41	16833
Oregon	7231	2339	522	59	8	28122	1.5	388	-1193	623	58	28803
Pennsylvania	26152	6185	-49	66	26	117263	2.0	-1949	6518	465	209	117937
Puerto Rico	1013	-242	-355	8	1	13284	1.6	-1425	-1895	266	93	13643
Rhode Island	3661	1942	105	3	0	8327	1.8	533	-61	22	11	8360
South Carolina	2181	-750	-453	2	5	15271	0.7	152	-633	31	62	15364
South Dakota	241	-248	-190	2	0	2416	0.6	55	-2	45	4	2465
Tennessee	4590	1337	-17	7	3	17634	0.6	422	-799	72	48	17754
Texas	8947	-3642	-143	22	56	119380	1.0	-14519	6400	860	937	121177
Utah	1284	-339	-8	64	1	10416	0.7	535	-52	226	15	10657
Vermont	1647	752	144	0	1	3937	1.3	446	-468	10	0	3947
Virgin Islands	17	-36	9	0	0	226	0.7	-452	-166	8	4	238
Virginia	3305	-303	-48	10	5	19097	0.5	-340	-952	184	147	19428
Washington	10106	1210	661	18	5	61333	1.9	950	1763	504	432	62269
West Virginia	1261	-498	55	1	1	14003	2.1	-264	3922	39	34	14076
Wisconsin	10483	2707	-11	5	1	36158	1.3	174	-681	89	19	36266
Wyoming	630	1	187	17	0	2657	1.0	-35	251	75	4	2736
Totals	312524	25281	-14864	755	323	1776276	1.2	-22569	-22179	10833	5282	1792391

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 28, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+9,854	Layoffs in the education service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, and public administration industries.
MI	+8,058	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+6,185	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	+5,309	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.
MA	+3,967	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
IA	+2,981	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
WI	+2,707	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
OR	+2,339	No comment.
NY	+2,322	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and construction industries.
RI	+1,942	Layoffs in the educational service industry.
KY	+1,608	No comment.
MD	+1,516	No comment.
TN	+1,337	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, construction, and service industries.
WA	+1,210	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting and transportation and warehousing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-15,642	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
TX	-3,642	No comment.
FL	-1,530	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
NC	-1,460	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and professional, scientific and technical industries.
AZ	-1,139	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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