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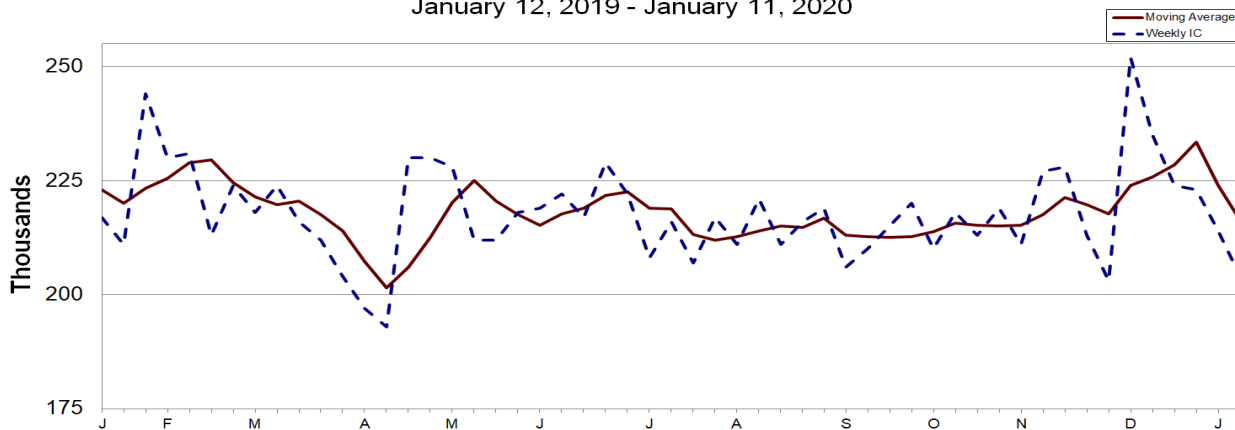
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

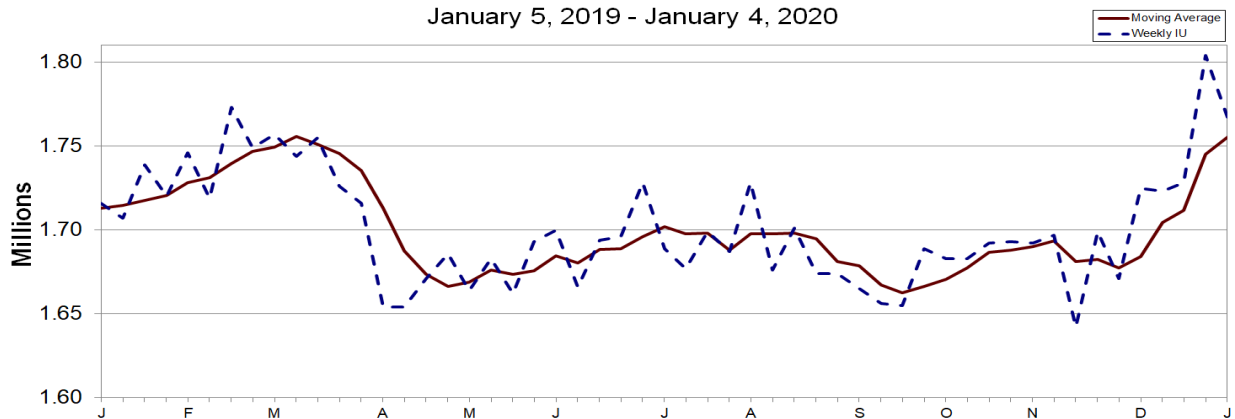
In the week ending January 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 204,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 214,000. The 4-week moving average was 216,250, a decrease of 7,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 224,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 4 was 1,767,000, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,803,000 to 1,804,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,755,500, an increase of 10,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,744,750 to 1,745,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 12, 2019 - January 11, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 5, 2019 - January 4, 2020



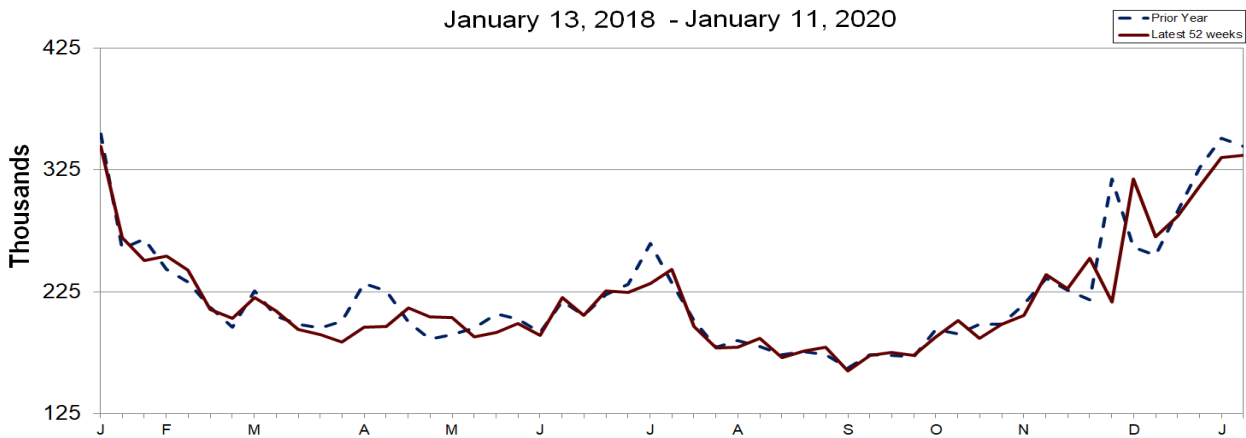
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 336,892 in the week ending January 11, an increase of 1,412 (or 0.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 17,792 (or 5.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 344,479 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 4, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,247,293, an increase of 100,166 (or 4.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 147,953 (or 6.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,172,751.

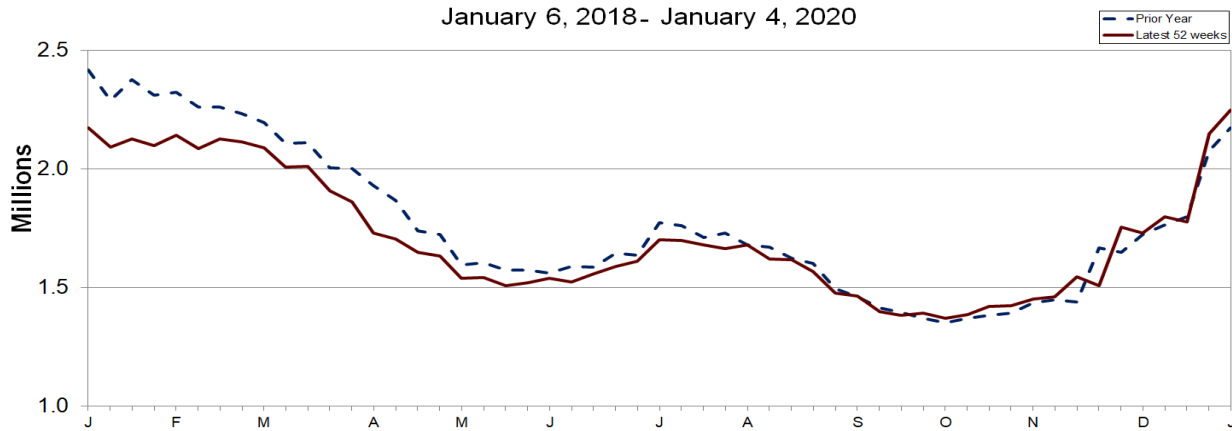
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

January 13, 2018 - January 11, 2020



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

January 6, 2018 - January 4, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending December 28 was 2,176,319, an increase of 372,523 from the previous week. There were 2,106,889 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 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 898 in the week ending January 4, an increase of 143 from the prior week. There were 425 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 102 from the preceding week.

There were 10,957 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending December 28, an increase of 124 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,708, an increase of 426 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 28 were in Alaska (3.3), Connecticut (2.8), New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.6), Minnesota (2.4), Montana (2.4), West Virginia (2.4), Iowa (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.3), and Massachusetts (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 4 were in New York (+26,462), Georgia (+12,929), South Carolina (+5,290), Texas (+3,420), and Connecticut (+3,168), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-7,530), Iowa (-5,752), Michigan (-5,689), Ohio (-5,184), and Illinois (-4,758).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 11	January 4	Change	December 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	204,000	214,000	-10,000	223,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	336,892	335,480	+1,412	312,524	344,479
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	216,250	224,000	-7,750	233,500	223,000
WEEK ENDING	January 4	December 28	Change	December 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,767,000	1,804,000	-37,000	1,728,000	1,716,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,247,293	2,147,127	+100,166	1,776,276	2,172,751
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,755,500	1,745,000	+10,500	1,711,750	1,712,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.5%	+0.1	1.2%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 4	December 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	898	755	+143	10,454
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	425	323	+102	481

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 28	December 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,143,802	1,773,908	+369,894	2,074,649
Federal Employees	10,957	10,833	+124	13,498
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,708	5,282	+426	6,593
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits ⁴	4,959	5,124	-165	5,221
STC / Workshare ⁵	10,893	8,649	+2,244	6,928
TOTAL	2,176,319	1,803,796	+372,523	2,106,889

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 145,230,691 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 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama*	4,161	4,779	-618	20,606	19,960	646
Alaska	1,518	981	537	9,180	10,177	-997
Arizona	4,368	3,132	1,236	15,716	17,991	-2,275
Arkansas	2,242	2,576	-334	13,940	15,323	-1,383
California	52,564	36,720	15,844	362,565	359,606	2,959
Colorado	3,093	2,431	662	22,266	21,391	875
Connecticut	5,986	7,852	-1,866	48,951	46,562	2,389
Delaware	1,069	875	194	7,478	6,881	597
District of Columbia	712	481	231	6,855	7,198	-343
Florida	6,458	4,618	1,840	30,245	36,189	-5,944
Georgia	17,678	17,060	618	46,396	38,704	7,692
Hawaii	1,881	1,825	56	8,113	6,770	1,343
Idaho	2,111	2,957	-846	11,246	8,854	2,392
Illinois	12,735	11,779	956	137,751	125,348	12,403
Indiana	5,182	4,434	748	22,382	20,062	2,320
Iowa	5,449	4,586	863	35,260	34,549	711
Kansas	2,177	2,019	158	11,738	11,175	563
Kentucky	3,873	5,175	-1,302	24,566	22,515	2,051
Louisiana	2,325	1,658	667	13,171	16,553	-3,382
Maine	1,557	1,663	-106	7,832	7,828	4
Maryland	4,436	3,982	454	30,828	30,556	272
Massachusetts	8,717	9,464	-747	78,865	76,528	2,337
Michigan	14,039	13,207	832	87,410	72,103	15,307
Minnesota	6,212	7,293	-1,081	69,506	68,226	1,280
Mississippi	1,239	1,178	61	7,736	9,681	-1,945
Missouri	10,497	7,474	3,023	29,312	29,785	-473
Montana	2,081	1,555	526	12,126	11,056	1,070
Nebraska	1,058	1,099	-41	5,340	5,165	175
Nevada	2,880	2,264	616	18,626	20,801	-2,175
New Hampshire	668	690	-22	4,250	4,468	-218
New Jersey	13,328	15,325	-1,997	123,577	111,335	12,242
New Mexico	1,154	799	355	9,951	10,140	-189
New York	23,451	44,846	-21,395	185,698	181,668	4,030
North Carolina	4,448	3,508	940	19,641	20,848	-1,207
North Dakota	1,803	836	967	7,212	5,785	1,427
Ohio	9,961	10,759	-798	77,556	73,287	4,269
Oklahoma	1,850	2,943	-1,093	18,196	18,080	116
Oregon	5,322	6,714	-1,392	36,021	35,451	570
Pennsylvania	26,331	27,298	-967	165,614	135,411	30,203
Puerto Rico	597	853	-256	12,650	17,194	-4,544
Rhode Island	1,810	1,972	-162	12,449	12,109	340
South Carolina	4,493	7,471	-2,978	21,209	18,922	2,287
South Dakota	409	398	11	2,902	2,798	104
Tennessee	3,730	3,084	646	21,007	22,163	-1,156
Texas	21,224	12,367	8,857	140,959	141,473	-514
Utah	2,019	1,518	501	11,534	11,328	206
Vermont	632	680	-48	5,891	5,417	474
Virgin Islands	18	10	8	536	468	68
Virginia	3,893	3,188	705	24,215	22,171	2,044
Washington	9,593	10,024	-431	72,060	70,363	1,697
West Virginia	2,558	1,564	994	20,652	15,887	4,765
Wisconsin	8,490	12,854	-4,364	53,499	49,605	3,894
Wyoming	812	662	150	4,008	3,219	789
US Total	336,892	335,480	1,412	2,247,293	2,147,127	100,166

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	
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	1,804	76	1,745.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	214	-9	224.00	1,767	-37	1,755.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	204	-10	216.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 4					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 28					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	4779	1579	-1881	10	9	19960	1.0	4416	-2125	76	58	20094
Alaska	981	121	-259	5	1	10177	3.3	1518	-383	186	12	10375
Arizona	3132	977	46	24	1	17991	0.6	483	-1248	190	23	18204
Arkansas	2576	-969	-902	3	1	15323	1.3	3291	1117	49	43	15415
California	36720	2419	-1816	200	50	359606	2.1	59055	10638	2174	1190	362970
Colorado	2431	708	-279	24	8	21391	0.8	2612	-473	270	187	21848
Connecticut	7852	3168	-832	2	7	46562	2.8	9885	-1011	46	59	46667
Delaware	875	-564	-116	3	3	6881	1.6	1925	-261	23	10	6914
District of Columbia	481	115	-709	11	1	7198	1.2	172	-952	217	6	7421
Florida	4618	811	-2725	20	24	36189	0.4	4446	-902	159	123	36471
Georgia	17060	12929	-740	19	10	38704	0.9	14445	4	160	138	39002
Hawaii	1825	580	-78	0	8	6770	1.1	1044	1537	43	71	6884
Idaho	2957	766	629	40	2	8854	1.2	782	-2836	313	10	9177
Illinois	11779	-4758	-59	5	4	125348	2.1	16246	7786	358	202	125908
Indiana	4434	1016	-144	1	1	20062	0.7	2306	795	39	22	20123
Iowa	4586	-5752	286	1	4	34549	2.3	8586	3376	49	12	34610
Kansas	2019	-1040	-166	0	3	11175	0.8	1650	-426	28	17	11220
Kentucky	5175	-1036	-1202	0	1	22515	1.2	4026	12373	156	99	22770
Louisiana	1658	189	-168	4	2	16553	0.9	1283	599	53	12	16618
Maine	1663	678	-160	3	0	7828	1.3	1928	479	35	11	7874
Maryland	3982	-2240	-485	9	11	30556	1.2	4677	-2695	228	64	30848
Massachusetts	9464	-3787	-788	12	7	76528	2.2	12255	-3160	140	73	76741
Michigan	13207	-5689	-2173	13	15	72103	1.7	12577	1618	186	64	72353
Minnesota	7293	1130	-703	6	4	68226	2.4	13621	2183	112	59	68397
Mississippi	1178	-455	-69	2	3	9681	0.9	1560	543	54	21	9756
Missouri	7474	297	390	7	0	29785	1.1	7301	-1396	111	32	29928
Montana	1555	-167	-10	68	2	11056	2.4	2162	529	598	15	11669
Nebraska	1099	-719	-183	2	2	5165	0.5	1420	-2352	17	3	5185
Nevada	2264	-280	-186	10	4	20801	1.5	1608	-790	157	39	20997
New Hampshire	690	-433	-118	1	0	4468	0.7	814	-276	9	1	4478
New Jersey	15325	-7530	-391	11	5	111335	2.8	22087	2688	229	184	111748
New Mexico	799	-336	-286	13	4	10140	1.3	908	73	294	39	10473
New York	44846	26462	-219	24	20	181668	1.9	40105	1797	305	290	182263
North Carolina	3508	1382	-167	9	24	20848	0.5	1315	2103	98	116	21062
North Dakota	836	-125	-128	3	1	5785	1.4	1056	31	12	3	5800
Ohio	10759	-5184	775	11	15	73287	1.4	11486	1605	131	123	73541
Oklahoma	2943	785	313	6	9	18080	1.2	1345	3971	64	38	18182
Oregon	6714	-517	-536	85	4	35451	1.9	7329	27	679	68	36198
Pennsylvania	27298	1146	-429	73	32	135411	2.3	18148	7364	455	204	136070
Puerto Rico	853	-160	72	4	1	17194	2.0	3910	1710	319	92	17605
Rhode Island	1972	-1689	-362	2	0	12109	2.6	3782	450	30	10	12149
South Carolina	7471	5290	1557	3	7	18922	0.9	3651	765	33	66	19021
South Dakota	398	157	44	5	0	2798	0.7	382	21	58	4	2860
Tennessee	3084	-1506	-381	9	5	22163	0.8	4529	801	102	88	22353
Texas	12367	3420	-538	41	86	141473	1.2	22093	18071	691	1010	143174
Utah	1518	234	-161	44	4	11328	0.8	912	-8	260	17	11605
Vermont	680	-967	-19	0	0	5417	1.8	1480	-338	12	1	5430
Virgin Islands	10	-7	-5	2	0	468	1.4	242	-38	6	4	478
Virginia	3188	-117	-41	8	3	22171	0.6	3074	-653	183	160	22514
Washington	10024	-82	68	25	11	70363	2.1	9030	3254	511	452	71326
West Virginia	1564	303	163	3	2	15887	2.4	1884	3540	46	38	15971
Wisconsin	12854	2371	939	5	4	49605	1.7	13447	623	115	19	49739
Wyoming	662	32	131	7	0	3219	1.2	562	353	88	6	3313
Totals	335480	22956	-15201	898	425	2147127	1.5	370851	70501	10957	5708	2163792

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 4, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+26,462	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
GA	+12,929	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, construction, and trade industries.
SC	+5,290	No comment.
TX	+3,420	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, manufacturing, professional, scientific, technical service, service, real estate and rental and leasing, retail trade, accommodation and food services industries.
CT	+3,168	Layoffs in the education service, transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting and construction industries.
CA	+2,419	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
WI	+2,371	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
AL	+1,579	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and retail trade industries.
NC	+1,382	Layoffs in the support, waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, professional, scientific, technical service, and accommodation and food services industries.
PA	+1,146	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
MN	+1,130	No comment.
IN	+1,016	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-7,530	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, construction, accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
IA	-5,752	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MI	-5,689	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OH	-5,184	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.
IL	-4,758	No comment.
MA	-3,787	No comment.
MD	-2,240	No comment.
RI	-1,689	No comment.
TN	-1,506	No comment.
KS	-1,040	No comment.
KY	-1,036	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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