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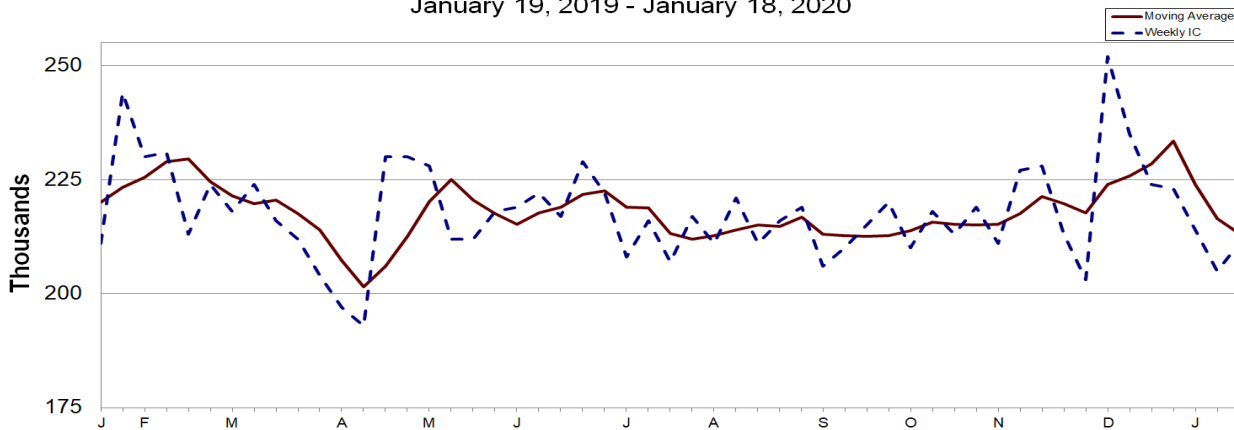
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

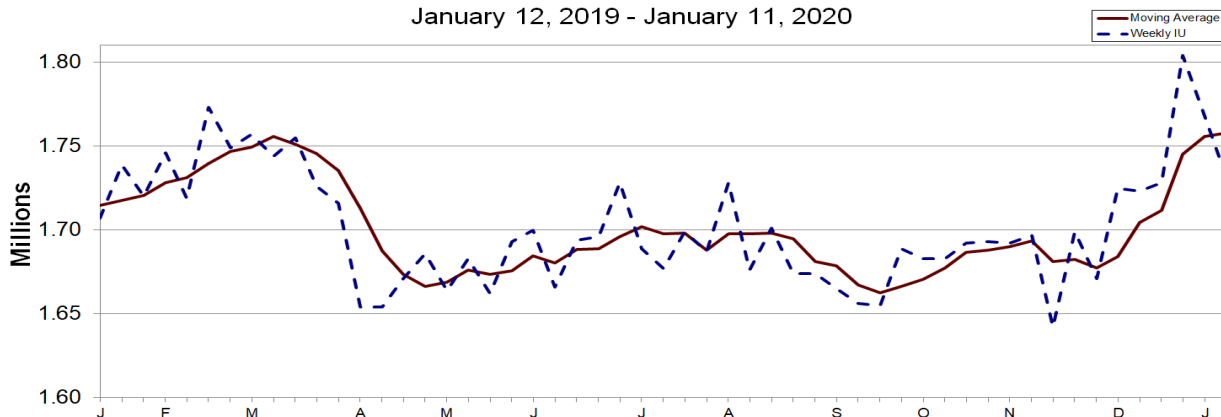
In the week ending January 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 211,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 204,000 to 205,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,250, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 216,250 to 216,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 11 was 1,731,000, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,767,000 to 1,768,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,757,750, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,755,500 to 1,755,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 19, 2019 - January 18, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 12, 2019 - January 11, 2020



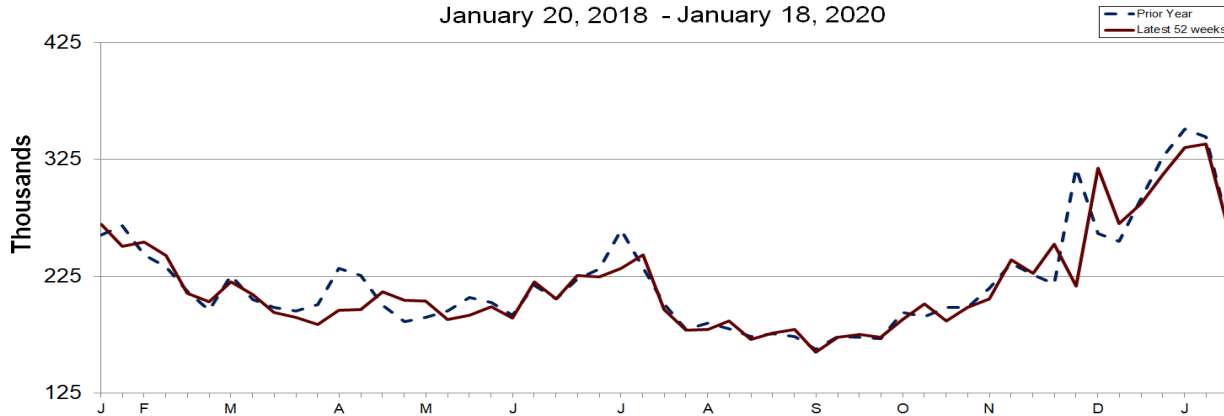
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 267,582 in the week ending January 18, a decrease of 70,968 (or -21.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 78,269 (or -23.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 269,757 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,122,572, a decrease of 126,513 (or -5.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 81,335 (or -3.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,090,490.

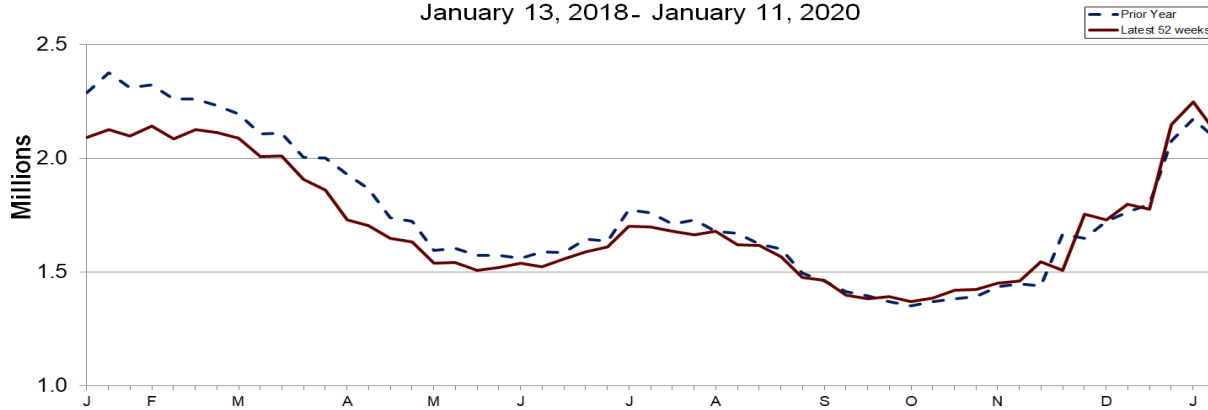
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

January 20, 2018 - January 18, 2020



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

January 13, 2018 - January 11, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 4 was 2,278,204, an increase of 101,844 from the previous week. There were 2,215,713 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,671 in the week ending January 11, an increase of 773 from the prior week. There were 581 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 156 from the preceding week.

There were 11,713 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 4, an increase of 756 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,662, a decrease of 46 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 4 were in Alaska (3.0), New Jersey (3.0), Connecticut (2.9), Pennsylvania (2.8), West Virginia (2.7), Montana (2.6), Rhode Island (2.6), Illinois (2.3), Iowa (2.3), and Minnesota (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 11 were in California (+15,273), Texas (+9,535), Missouri (+3,439), Florida (+2,244), and Arizona (+1,522), while the largest decreases were in New York (-21,532), Wisconsin (-4,599), South Carolina (-2,842), Connecticut (-1,866), and New Jersey (-1,856).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 18	January 11	Change	January 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	211,000	205,000	+6,000	214,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	267,582	338,550	-70,968	335,480	269,757
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,250	216,500	-3,250	224,000	220,000
WEEK ENDING	January 11	January 4	Change	December 28	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,731,000	1,768,000	-37,000	1,804,000	1,707,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,122,572	2,249,085	-126,513	2,147,168	2,090,490
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,757,750	1,755,750	+2,000	1,745,000	1,714,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.5%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 11	January 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,671	898	+773	25,419
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	581	425	+156	670

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 4	December 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,245,684	2,143,843	+101,841	2,170,301
Federal Employees	11,713	10,957	+756	24,681
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,662	5,708	-46	6,751
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,043	4,959	+84	5,244
STC / Workshare ⁵	10,102	10,893	-791	8,736
TOTAL	2,278,204	2,176,360	+101,844	2,215,713

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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama**	2,782	4,387	-1,605	17,984	20,914	-2,930
Alaska	1,301	1,371	-70	9,889	9,310	579
Arizona	3,958	4,654	-696	16,083	18,259	-2,176
Arkansas	1,562	2,493	-931	11,595	15,536	-3,941
California**	53,219	51,993	1,226	372,930	356,376	16,554
Colorado	2,575	3,001	-426	21,871	21,492	379
Connecticut	3,735	5,986	-2,251	43,787	47,540	-3,753
Delaware**	972	1,107	-135	5,465	7,083	-1,618
District of Columbia	609	706	-97	7,037	7,102	-65
Florida	5,790	6,862	-1,072	29,760	35,024	-5,264
Georgia	7,934	17,962	-10,028	30,944	47,482	-16,538
Hawaii*	1,313	1,826	-513	7,116	7,811	-695
Idaho	1,767	2,140	-373	10,417	11,481	-1,064
Illinois	14,831	12,703	2,128	135,418	136,523	-1,105
Indiana	3,967	4,890	-923	22,407	21,524	883
Iowa	4,065	4,836	-771	30,357	34,540	-4,183
Kansas**	2,433	2,140	293	10,862	11,431	-569
Kentucky	2,993	3,968	-975	23,341	25,124	-1,783
Louisiana	1,912	2,521	-609	13,113	15,957	-2,844
Maine	989	1,561	-572	8,716	7,832	884
Maryland	3,594	4,612	-1,018	28,832	31,277	-2,445
Massachusetts	6,871	8,784	-1,913	74,446	79,521	-5,075
Michigan	9,884	14,245	-4,361	80,928	89,760	-8,832
Minnesota	4,574	5,933	-1,359	65,671	66,377	-706
Mississippi	940	1,515	-575	6,881	9,536	-2,655
Missouri	4,592	10,913	-6,321	28,817	30,140	-1,323
Montana	1,307	1,755	-448	11,600	11,756	-156
Nebraska	953	1,171	-218	4,993	5,694	-701
Nevada	2,663	2,792	-129	18,058	19,823	-1,765
New Hampshire	565	722	-157	3,892	4,575	-683
New Jersey	10,595	13,469	-2,874	111,523	120,461	-8,938
New Mexico	920	1,194	-274	9,677	10,310	-633
New York	18,072	23,314	-5,242	166,130	184,283	-18,153
North Carolina	4,098	4,628	-530	20,695	21,239	-544
North Dakota	933	1,530	-597	7,955	6,171	1,784
Ohio	7,748	9,957	-2,209	72,328	78,391	-6,063
Oklahoma	1,739	2,034	-295	16,508	19,387	-2,879
Oregon	4,054	6,215	-2,161	31,784	36,039	-4,255
Pennsylvania	16,229	26,356	-10,127	144,352	163,882	-19,530
Puerto Rico**	1,160	836	324	14,887	15,746	-859
Rhode Island	1,190	1,817	-627	11,182	12,299	-1,117
South Carolina	3,022	4,629	-1,607	18,408	21,587	-3,179
South Dakota	312	468	-156	2,924	2,970	-46
Tennessee	3,075	3,711	-636	18,899	22,398	-3,499
Texas	15,387	21,902	-6,515	145,826	140,768	5,058
Utah	1,530	1,834	-304	11,676	11,787	-111
Vermont	747	649	98	5,230	5,609	-379
Virgin Islands	30	24	6	566	534	32
Virginia**	3,485	3,643	-158	21,282	23,577	-2,295
Washington	9,594	9,069	525	67,928	70,214	-2,286
West Virginia	1,836	2,638	-802	20,356	18,026	2,330
Wisconsin	6,572	8,255	-1,683	45,224	53,305	-8,081
Wyoming	604	829	-225	4,022	3,302	720
US Total	267,582	338,550	-70,968	2,122,572	2,249,085	-126,513

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 OUI estimate.
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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 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	1,768	-36	1,755.75	1.2
January 11, 2020	205	-9	216.50	1,731	-37	1,757.75	1.2
January 18, 2020	211	6	213.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 11					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 4					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	4387	-392	1	143	18	20914	1.1	954	839	72	77	21063
Alaska	1371	390	-434	4	2	9310	3.0	-867	-1295	182	9	9501
Arizona	4654	1522	-57	23	0	18259	0.7	268	-1101	222	25	18506
Arkansas	2493	-83	-59	3	4	15536	1.3	213	1214	44	38	15618
California	51993	15273	-1526	390	94	356376	2.1	-3230	-9624	2616	1226	360218
Colorado	3001	570	-76	54	15	21492	0.8	101	277	254	122	21868
Connecticut	5986	-1866	388	12	6	47540	2.9	978	3597	42	53	47635
Delaware	1107	232	43	2	4	7083	1.6	202	576	20	26	7129
District of Columbia	706	225	-1258	28	0	7102	1.2	-96	-1517	214	8	7324
Florida	6862	2244	-3251	35	27	35024	0.4	-1165	-4499	146	93	35263
Georgia	17962	902	4817	49	26	47482	1.1	8778	9422	174	166	47822
Hawaii	1826	1	106	6	6	7811	1.3	1000	-168	75	60	7946
Idaho	2140	-817	-393	37	2	11481	1.6	2627	-450	319	10	11810
Illinois	12703	924	142	6	4	136523	2.3	11175	-78	344	145	137012
Indiana	4890	456	55	5	1	21524	0.7	1462	1414	29	26	21579
Iowa	4836	250	441	4	1	34540	2.3	-9	4206	49	13	34602
Kansas	2140	121	-25	1	3	11431	0.8	256	-152	32	18	11481
Kentucky	3968	-1207	-7376	4	4	25124	1.4	2609	2638	246	104	25474
Louisiana	2521	863	-59	7	4	15957	0.8	-596	-42	52	14	16023
Maine	1561	-102	-76	2	2	7832	1.3	4	-613	50	14	7896
Maryland	4612	630	-685	17	12	31277	1.2	721	-1203	212	68	31557
Massachusetts	8784	-680	-126	5	21	79521	2.2	2993	-684	137	84	79742
Michigan	14245	1038	-1864	62	15	89760	2.1	17657	2178	169	79	90008
Minnesota	5933	-1360	142	11	8	66377	2.3	-1849	2701	122	71	66570
Mississippi	1515	337	25	3	2	9536	0.9	-145	710	57	17	9610
Missouri	10913	3439	4826	5	1	30140	1.1	355	308	110	30	30280
Montana	1755	200	-28	104	5	11756	2.6	700	760	663	20	12439
Nebraska	1171	72	-74	5	1	5694	0.6	529	-2047	13	11	5718
Nevada	2792	528	-183	18	1	19823	1.4	-978	-434	158	46	20027
New Hampshire	722	32	-86	1	1	4575	0.7	107	-69	9	1	4585
New Jersey	13469	-1856	-698	27	13	120461	3.0	9126	9792	236	196	120893
New Mexico	1194	395	-470	10	2	10310	1.3	170	119	303	44	10657
New York	23314	-21532	1647	34	27	184283	2.0	2615	11504	301	295	184879
North Carolina	4628	1120	-262	27	30	21239	0.5	391	-29	97	111	21447
North Dakota	1530	694	300	2	0	6171	1.5	386	69	18	4	6193
Ohio	9957	-802	-211	13	18	78391	1.5	5104	5070	131	130	78652
Oklahoma	2034	-909	-545	5	4	19387	1.2	1307	4048	54	47	19488
Oregon	6215	-499	270	136	10	36039	1.9	588	1087	713	65	36817
Pennsylvania	26356	-942	2584	115	44	163882	2.8	28471	14952	508	204	164594
Puerto Rico	836	-17	-1113	0	3	15746	1.8	-1448	-928	250	97	16093
Rhode Island	1817	-155	138	2	1	12299	2.6	190	610	22	13	12334
South Carolina	4629	-2842	-232	7	8	21587	1.0	2665	1629	39	67	21693
South Dakota	468	70	-80	9	0	2970	0.7	172	-52	61	4	3035
Tennessee	3711	627	-187	16	3	22398	0.8	235	1434	74	55	22527
Texas	21902	9535	1409	61	91	140768	1.1	-705	10881	855	974	142597
Utah	1834	316	24	73	1	11787	0.8	459	-198	267	15	12069
Vermont	649	-31	-25	2	0	5609	1.8	192	-109	9	3	5621
Virgin Islands	24	14	-1	0	0	534	1.5	66	28	22	4	560
Virginia	3643	455	-1137	10	12	23577	0.6	1406	-614	199	164	23940
Washington	9069	-955	-73	42	13	70214	2.1	-149	3057	497	425	71136
West Virginia	2638	1074	-139	0	4	18026	2.7	2139	3938	47	37	18110
Wisconsin	8255	-4599	266	15	6	53305	1.9	3700	3032	104	28	53437
Wyoming	829	167	57	19	1	3302	1.2	83	364	74	6	3382
Totals	338550	3070	-5128	1671	581	2249085	1.5	101917	76548	11713	5662	2266460

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 11, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+15,273	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, and service industries.
TX	+9,535	Layoffs in the manufacturing and public administration industries.
MO	+3,439	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation services industries.
FL	+2,244	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
AZ	+1,522	No comment.
NC	+1,120	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and construction industries.
WV	+1,074	No comment.
MI	+1,038	Layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-21,532	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and construction industries.
WI	-4,599	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and manufacturing industries.
SC	-2,842	No comment.
CT	-1,866	No comment.
NJ	-1,856	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and construction industries.
MN	-1,360	No comment.
KY	-1,207	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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