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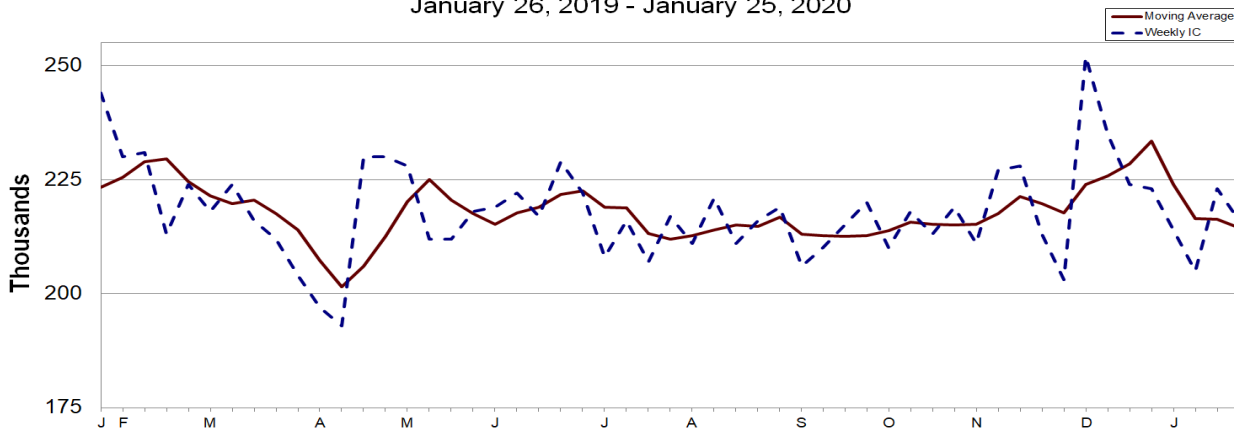
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

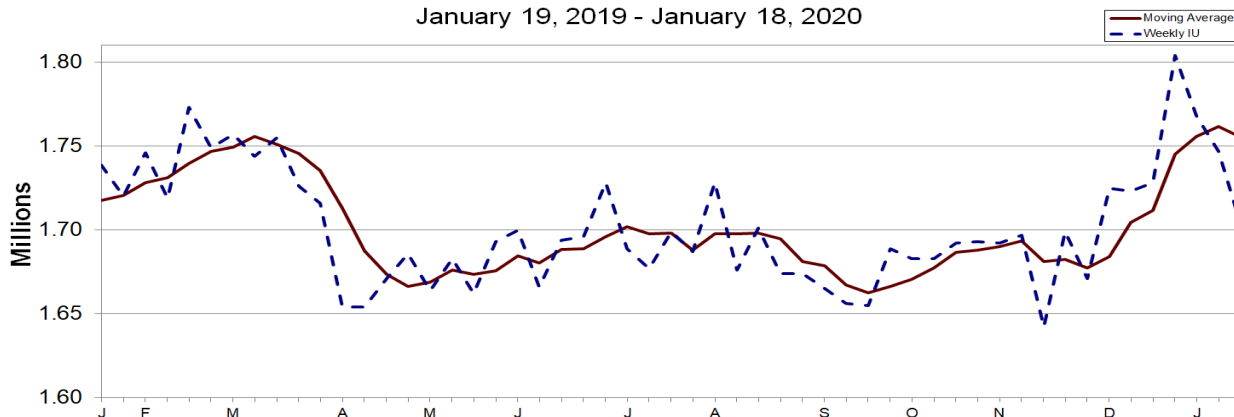
In the week ending January 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 12,000 from 211,000 to 223,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,500, a decrease of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,000 from 213,250 to 216,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 18, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 18 was 1,703,000, a decrease of 44,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 16,000 from 1,731,000 to 1,747,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,755,500, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 4,000 from 1,757,750 to 1,761,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 26, 2019 - January 25, 2020



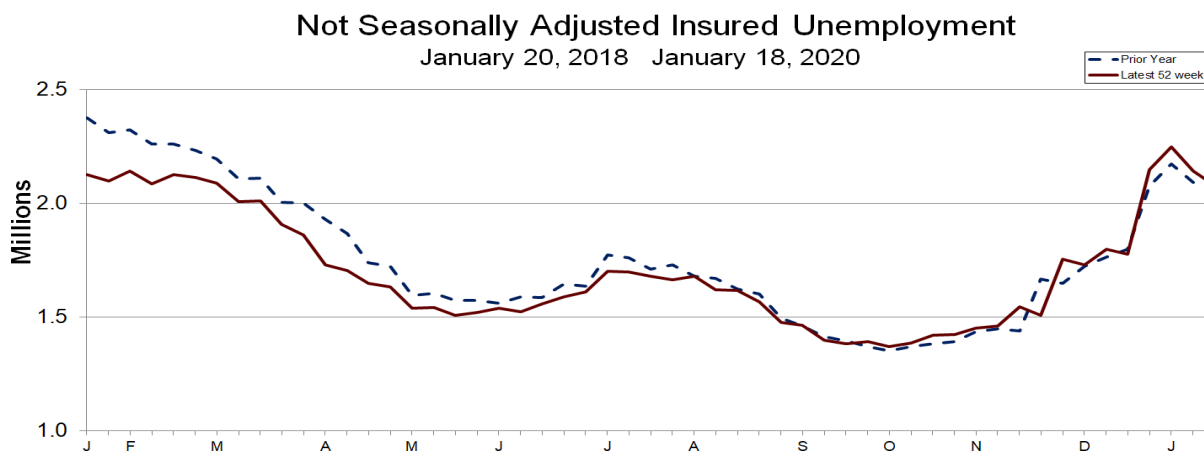
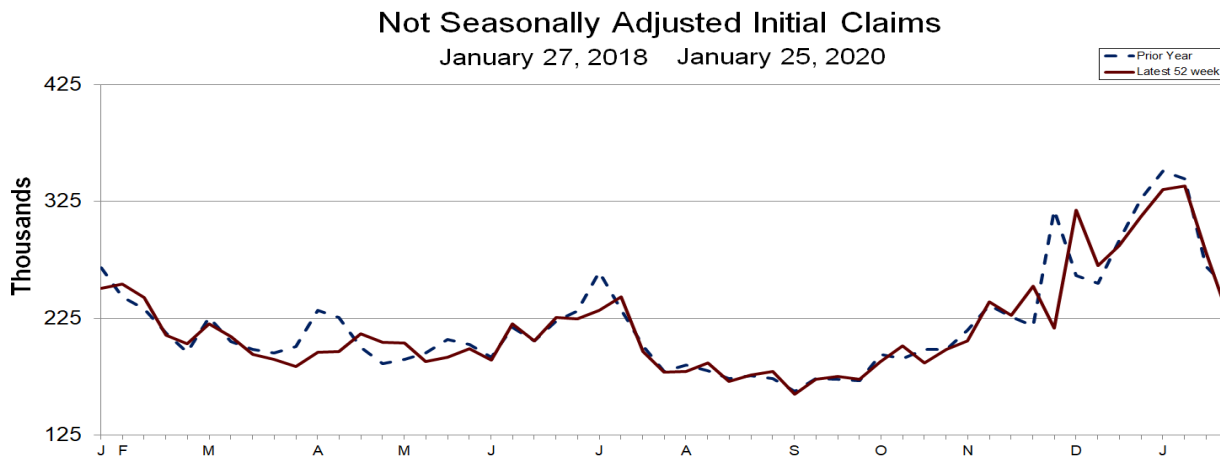
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 19, 2019 - January 18, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 228,386 in the week ending January 25, a decrease of 53,702 (or -19.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 46,978 (or -16.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 250,821 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending January 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,079,778, a decrease of 61,774 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,734 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,124,986.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 11 was 2,171,792, a decrease of 106,447 from the previous week. There were 2,148,787 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 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 987 in the week ending January 18, a decrease of 684 from the prior week. There were 549 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 32 from the preceding week.

There were 11,103 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 11, a decrease of 610 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,713, an increase of 51 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 11 were in Alaska (3.2), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.6), West Virginia (2.6), Montana (2.5), Pennsylvania (2.5), Illinois (2.3), Rhode Island (2.3), California (2.2), and Minnesota (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 18 were in California (+12,865), Puerto Rico (+2,288), Illinois (+2,104), Kansas (+262), and Vermont (+106), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-10,138), Georgia (-9,801), Texas (-6,119), Missouri (-5,975), and New York (-5,491).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 25	January 18	Change	January 11	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	223,000	-7,000	205,000	244,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	228,386	282,088	-53,702	338,550	250,821
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,500	216,250	-1,750	216,500	223,250
WEEK ENDING	January 18	January 11	Change	January 4	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,703,000	1,747,000	-44,000	1,768,000	1,739,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,079,778	2,141,552	-61,774	2,249,120	2,124,986
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,755,500	1,761,750	-6,250	1,755,750	1,717,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.5%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 18	January 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	987	1,671	-684	14,739
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	549	581	-32	615

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 11	January 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,137,910	2,245,719	-107,809	2,087,918
Federal Employees	11,103	11,713	-610	40,112
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,713	5,662	+51	6,695
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,302	5,043	+259	5,547
STC / Workshare ⁵	11,764	10,102	+1,662	8,515
TOTAL	2,171,792	2,278,239	-106,447	2,148,787

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 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama*	2,578	2,960	-382	17,449	18,329	-880
Alaska	1,085	1,181	-96	9,366	9,984	-618
Arizona	3,290	4,152	-862	16,127	18,421	-2,294
Arkansas	1,502	1,729	-227	11,174	13,229	-2,055
California	46,103	64,858	-18,755	342,012	376,947	-34,935
Colorado	2,190	2,522	-332	23,648	21,104	2,544
Connecticut	2,984	3,776	-792	43,224	42,483	741
Delaware	660	830	-170	6,060	5,967	93
District of Columbia	548	594	-46	6,920	7,271	-351
Florida	4,956	6,088	-1,132	28,441	34,718	-6,277
Georgia	5,077	8,161	-3,084	27,819	32,079	-4,260
Hawaii	1,037	1,234	-197	6,693	6,586	107
Idaho	1,365	2,225	-860	10,688	11,937	-1,249
Illinois	9,769	14,807	-5,038	132,760	133,967	-1,207
Indiana	3,097	3,741	-644	22,159	21,626	533
Iowa	3,451	3,615	-164	31,065	29,625	1,440
Kansas	2,754	2,402	352	11,621	10,638	983
Kentucky	2,507	3,084	-577	22,362	24,066	-1,704
Louisiana	1,850	2,008	-158	12,755	16,076	-3,321
Maine	928	959	-31	8,533	8,661	-128
Maryland	3,138	3,739	-601	28,873	29,188	-315
Massachusetts	5,969	6,940	-971	74,895	75,076	-181
Michigan	7,464	10,304	-2,840	89,237	84,136	5,101
Minnesota	4,035	4,463	-428	65,435	62,628	2,807
Mississippi	840	1,135	-295	6,804	8,804	-2,000
Missouri	5,202	4,938	264	28,190	29,945	-1,755
Montana	977	1,236	-259	12,230	11,254	976
Nebraska	968	988	-20	5,158	4,940	218
Nevada	2,259	2,451	-192	17,931	19,328	-1,397
New Hampshire	524	613	-89	3,890	4,215	-325
New Jersey	9,212	10,728	-1,516	109,894	108,425	1,469
New Mexico	731	947	-216	9,745	9,920	-175
New York	15,191	17,823	-2,632	165,640	164,588	1,052
North Carolina	3,249	4,217	-968	20,903	22,247	-1,344
North Dakota	654	785	-131	8,350	6,809	1,541
Ohio	8,104	7,865	239	71,689	72,855	-1,166
Oklahoma	1,602	1,981	-379	16,300	17,467	-1,167
Oregon	4,427	4,051	376	32,263	31,604	659
Pennsylvania	13,338	16,218	-2,880	141,849	142,326	-477
Puerto Rico	2,172	3,124	-952	19,472	22,291	-2,819
Rhode Island	1,068	1,194	-126	10,928	10,987	-59
South Carolina	2,174	3,126	-952	16,649	18,780	-2,131
South Dakota	265	338	-73	2,987	2,995	-8
Tennessee	2,480	3,093	-613	19,372	20,441	-1,069
Texas	12,933	15,783	-2,850	132,675	145,126	-12,451
Utah	1,335	1,458	-123	11,774	12,061	-287
Vermont	509	755	-246	5,265	4,961	304
Virgin Islands	34	40	-6	556	562	-6
Virginia	3,236	2,831	405	22,226	22,218	8
Washington	8,584	9,079	-495	69,616	65,903	3,713
West Virginia	1,251	1,895	-644	19,381	17,681	1,700
Wisconsin	6,215	6,388	-173	44,677	44,776	-99
Wyoming	515	636	-121	4,048	3,301	747
US Total	228,386	282,088	-53,702	2,079,778	2,141,552	-61,774

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 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	1,747	-21	1,761.75	1.2
January 18, 2020	223	18	216.25	1,703	-44	1,755.50	1.2
January 25, 2020	216	-7	214.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 18					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 11					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	2960	-1427	-257	77	10	18329	1.0	-2585	755	105	81	18515
Alaska	1181	-190	-242	1	1	9984	3.2	674	-521	171	9	10164
Arizona	4152	-502	-58	9	4	18421	0.7	162	-874	208	23	18652
Arkansas	1729	-764	-75	0	8	13229	1.1	-2307	97	62	34	13325
California	64858	12865	16014	227	104	376947	2.2	20571	5686	2182	1176	380305
Colorado	2522	-479	-179	26	12	21104	0.8	-388	-644	253	172	21529
Connecticut	3776	-2210	124	6	3	42483	2.6	-5057	857	50	48	42581
Delaware	830	-277	-61	2	2	5967	1.3	-1116	-147	16	8	5991
District of Columbia	594	-112	-599	18	0	7271	1.3	169	-2493	197	7	7475
Florida	6088	-774	-3064	27	28	34718	0.4	-306	-3871	161	107	34986
Georgia	8161	-9801	759	42	24	32079	0.7	-15403	2724	191	164	32434
Hawaii	1234	-592	31	5	7	6586	1.1	-1260	-692	49	80	6715
Idaho	2225	85	392	44	2	11937	1.6	456	661	332	10	12279
Illinois	14807	2104	3460	2	5	133967	2.3	-2556	4379	366	199	134532
Indiana	3741	-1149	-99	5	4	21626	0.7	102	1708	33	21	21680
Iowa	3615	-1221	488	5	2	29625	1.9	-4915	532	44	13	29682
Kansas	2402	262	-393	2	4	10638	0.8	-793	-337	34	22	10694
Kentucky	3084	-884	0	1	1	24066	1.3	-1058	3768	193	106	24365
Louisiana	2008	-513	-214	8	5	16076	0.8	119	225	48	11	16135
Maine	959	-602	-52	7	0	8661	1.4	829	506	42	8	8711
Maryland	3739	-873	-996	11	12	29188	1.1	-2089	-3691	198	69	29455
Massachusetts	6940	-1844	-254	10	15	75076	2.1	-4445	-4608	163	82	75321
Michigan	10304	-3941	649	30	18	84136	2.0	-5624	1812	183	71	84390
Minnesota	4463	-1470	285	9	7	62628	2.2	-3749	2162	118	59	62805
Mississippi	1135	-380	-7	1	1	8804	0.8	-732	400	61	20	8885
Missouri	4938	-5975	-956	4	3	29945	1.1	-195	1701	99	25	30069
Montana	1236	-519	39	40	3	11254	2.5	-502	429	635	25	11914
Nebraska	988	-183	-193	3	0	4940	0.5	-754	-2137	18	5	4963
Nevada	2451	-341	-265	6	1	19328	1.4	-495	-778	149	44	19521
New Hampshire	613	-109	-58	0	0	4215	0.6	-360	-479	9	0	4224
New Jersey	10728	-2741	538	14	29	108425	2.7	-12036	2329	236	211	108872
New Mexico	947	-247	-388	3	2	9920	1.2	-390	-176	296	45	10261
New York	17823	-5491	1238	33	18	164588	1.8	-19695	1900	297	277	165162
North Carolina	4217	-411	479	13	27	22247	0.5	1008	1827	121	110	22478
North Dakota	785	-745	127	2	0	6809	1.7	638	403	17	4	6830
Ohio	7865	-2092	-4496	8	12	72855	1.4	-5536	1427	129	132	73116
Oklahoma	1981	-53	-468	7	1	17467	1.1	-1920	2908	55	46	17568
Oregon	4051	-2164	-657	40	5	31604	1.7	-4435	27	746	59	32409
Pennsylvania	16218	-10138	388	74	36	142326	2.5	-21556	10295	451	212	142989
Puerto Rico	3124	2288	1533	5	6	22291	2.6	6545	5661	311	84	22686
Rhode Island	1194	-623	-312	1	0	10987	2.3	-1312	-887	23	12	11022
South Carolina	3126	-1503	143	5	7	18780	0.9	-2807	-32	39	79	18898
South Dakota	338	-130	7	3	1	2995	0.7	25	-90	71	3	3069
Tennessee	3093	-618	234	13	8	20441	0.7	-1957	128	90	57	20588
Texas	15783	-6119	-1670	55	80	145126	1.2	4358	16141	629	1019	146774
Utah	1458	-376	-26	23	2	12061	0.8	274	-201	289	14	12364
Vermont	755	106	179	1	0	4961	1.6	-648	-524	10	1	4972
Virgin Islands	40	16	7	0	0	562	1.6	28	-62	4	4	570
Virginia	2831	-812	-637	10	5	22218	0.6	-1359	-1413	182	163	22563
Washington	9079	10	2048	23	15	65903	2.0	-4311	1624	503	414	66820
West Virginia	1895	-743	36	2	4	17681	2.6	-345	3653	59	37	17777
Wisconsin	6388	-1867	56	13	5	44776	1.6	-8529	-1112	108	24	44908
Wyoming	636	-193	141	11	0	3301	1.2	-1	328	67	7	3375
Totals	282088	-56462	12719	987	549	2141552	1.5	-107568	51284	11103	5713	2158368

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 18, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+12,865	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
PR	+2,288	No comment.
IL	+2,104	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-10,138	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation services industries.
GA	-9,801	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, construction, accommodation and food services, and trade industries.
TX	-6,119	No comment.
MO	-5,975	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and art, entertainment and recreation industries.
NY	-5,491	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and information industries.
MI	-3,941	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
NJ	-2,741	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, trade, transportation and warehousing, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation services industries.
CT	-2,210	No comment.
OR	-2,164	No comment.
OH	-2,092	No comment.
WI	-1,867	Fewer layoffs in the construction and transportation and warehousing industries.
MA	-1,844	No comment.
SC	-1,503	No comment.
MN	-1,470	No comment.
AL	-1,427	No comment.
IA	-1,221	No comment.
IN	-1,149	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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