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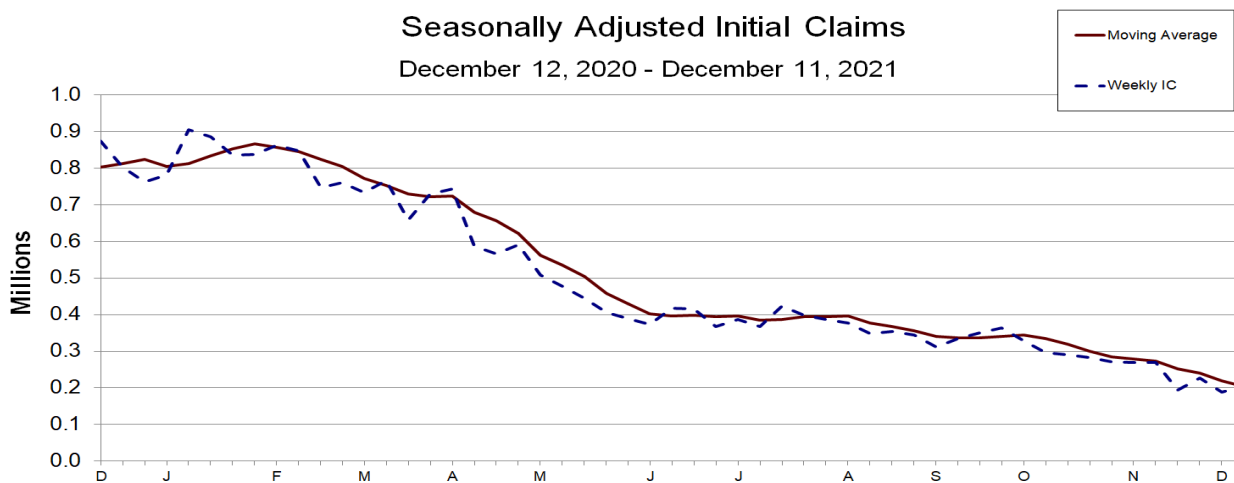
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

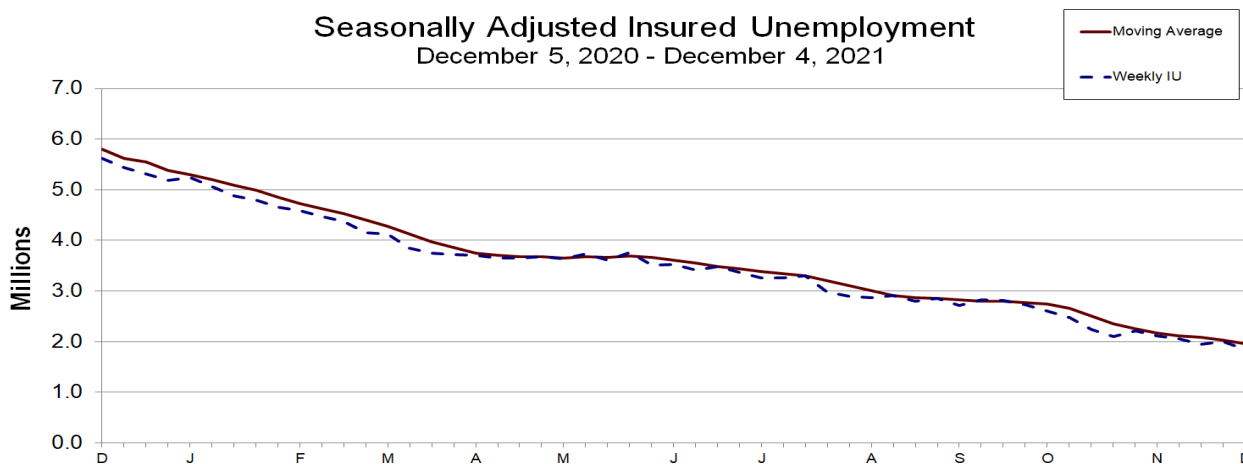
In the week ending December 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 206,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 4,000 from 184,000 to 188,000. The 4-week moving average was 203,750, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since November 15, 1969 when it was 202,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 218,750 to 219,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending December 4, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 4 was 1,845,000, a decrease of 154,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 1,992,000 to 1,999,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,963,250, a decrease of 66,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,730,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 2,027,500 to 2,029,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
December 12, 2020 - December 11, 2021



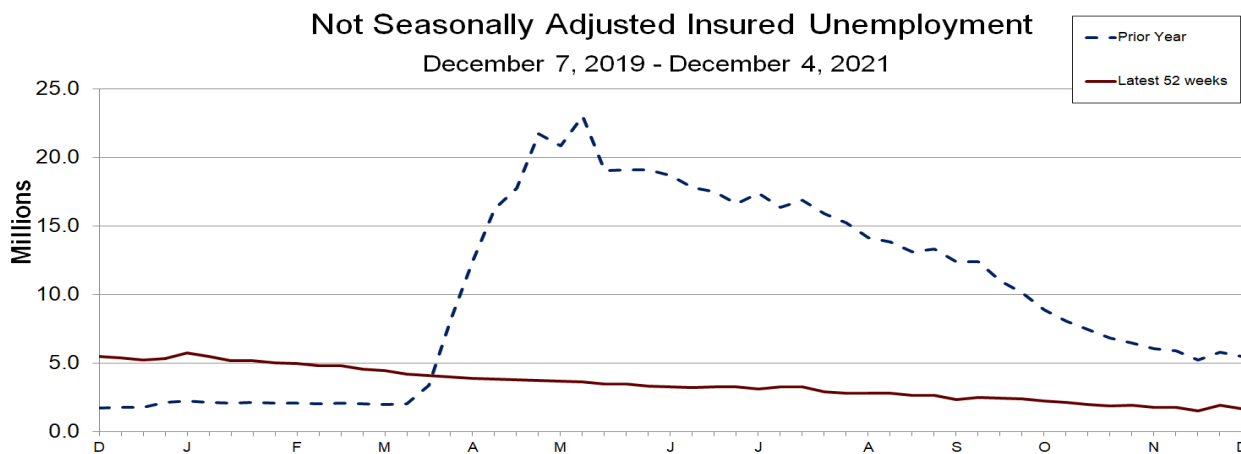
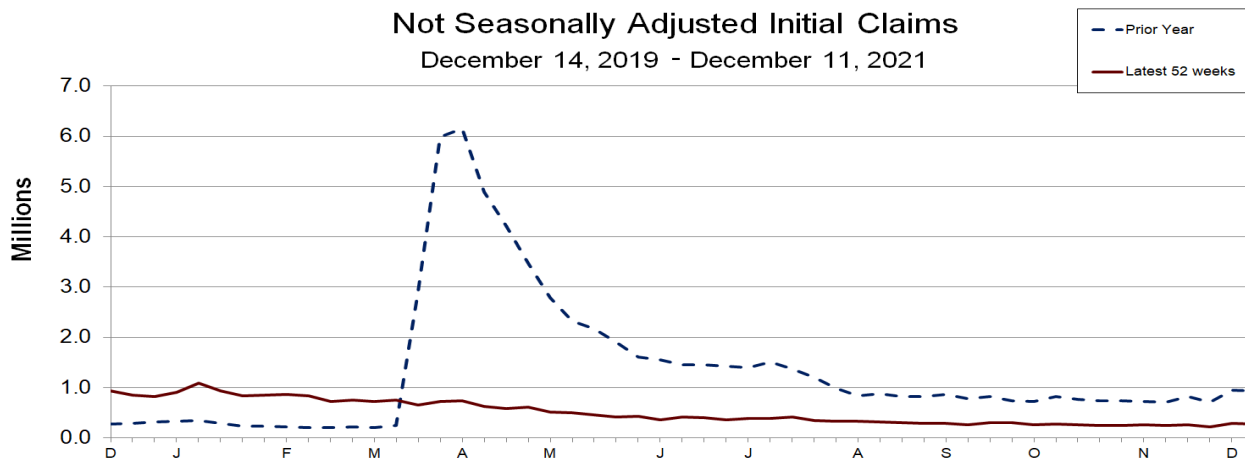
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
December 5, 2020 - December 4, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 267,509 in the week ending December 11, a decrease of 16,426 (or -5.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 34,989 (or -12.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 928,634 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending December 11, 32 states reported 1,854 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending December 4, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,712,958, a decrease of 252,821 (or -12.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 99,264 (or -5.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.7 percent and the volume was 5,479,756.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 27 was 2,458,419, an increase of 510,808 from the previous week. There were 21,316,898 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending November 27, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,092 in the week ending December 4, an increase of 232 from the prior week. There were 488 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 213 from the preceding week.

There were 9,786 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 27, an increase of 1,836 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,301, an increase of 1,001 from the prior week.

During the week ending November 27, 39 states reported 194,189 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 40 states reported 136,413 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 27 were in Alaska (3.2), California (2.9), the Virgin Islands (2.7), District of Columbia (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.6), New Jersey (2.5), Hawaii (2.3), Illinois (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), and Georgia (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 4 were in Texas (+8,639), New York (+8,523), California (+8,487), Michigan (+4,182), and Illinois (+3,390), while the largest decreases were in Virginia (-3,096) and North Carolina (-1,718).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 27</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	206,000	188,000	+18,000	227,000	873,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	267,509	283,935	-16,426	216,985	928,634
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	203,750	219,750	-16,000	240,000	801,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>November 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,845,000	1,999,000	-154,000	1,954,000	5,614,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,712,958	1,965,779	-252,821	1,561,249	5,479,756
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,963,250	2,029,250	-66,000	2,081,750	5,796,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.4%	3.8%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.5%	-0.2	1.2%	3.7%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 27</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	1,854	1,835	+19	1,407	448,400

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>November 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,092	860	+232	2,234
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	488	275	+213	821

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**CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 27</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,960,379	1,557,232	+403,147	5,751,651
Federal Employees	9,786	7,950	+1,836	16,501
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,301	4,300	+1,001	10,202
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	194,189	124,536	+69,653	9,673,790
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	136,413	112,728	+23,685	5,056,738
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	132,622	124,145	+8,477	693,632
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,630	2,082	+548	3,323
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	17,099	14,638	+2,461	111,061
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>2,458,419</b>	<b>1,947,611</b>	<b>+510,808</b>	<b>21,316,898</b>

**FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 135,015,266 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 9-10 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,906	3,698	-792	4,785	6,621	-1,836
Alaska *	1,305	1,400	-95	8,598	8,746	-148
Arizona	2,361	2,697	-336	11,912	15,190	-3,278
Arkansas	759	1,944	-1,185	8,078	11,093	-3,015
California	57,329	55,364	1,965	394,950	463,462	-68,512
Colorado	2,569	2,282	287	21,850	20,688	1,162
Connecticut	3,513	3,426	87	23,254	23,487	-233
Delaware	398	636	-238	4,230	4,427	-197
District of Columbia	718	651	67	10,893	13,080	-2,187
Florida	5,671	6,212	-541	44,555	52,913	-8,358
Georgia	3,816	4,118	-302	29,377	85,983	-56,606
Hawaii	1,626	1,851	-225	9,694	11,263	-1,569
Idaho	1,607	1,663	-56	4,693	4,889	-196
Illinois	14,480	13,401	1,079	97,813	121,270	-23,457
Indiana	4,671	5,763	-1,092	26,568	29,179	-2,611
Iowa	3,947	3,671	276	12,688	11,913	775
Kansas	1,200	1,326	-126	5,670	5,841	-171
Kentucky	5,199	1,605	3,594	9,187	10,308	-1,121
Louisiana	1,529	2,183	-654	16,363	20,169	-3,806
Maine	1,302	1,256	46	5,757	5,675	82
Maryland	2,187	2,642	-455	24,428	24,189	239
Massachusetts	7,380	7,799	-419	56,408	58,420	-2,012
Michigan	11,925	13,196	-1,271	44,641	54,392	-9,751
Minnesota	8,181	9,373	-1,192	61,136	57,669	3,467
Mississippi	1,055	1,468	-413	4,808	6,262	-1,454
Missouri	11,074	3,951	7,123	13,724	16,665	-2,941
Montana	1,407	1,497	-90	6,219	6,302	-83
Nebraska	1,527	463	1,064	3,645	2,774	871
Nevada	2,280	2,401	-121	20,580	23,248	-2,668
New Hampshire	526	572	-46	2,405	2,480	-75
New Jersey	8,195	8,842	-647	89,400	92,639	-3,239
New Mexico	1,590	1,587	3	10,808	11,274	-466
New York	15,248	23,390	-8,142	145,795	150,926	-5,131
North Carolina	1,976	6,465	-4,489	19,868	22,560	-2,692
North Dakota	967	807	160	3,007	2,534	473
Ohio	8,988	9,311	-323	38,973	39,529	-556
Oklahoma	1,512	2,112	-600	12,569	15,454	-2,885
Oregon	4,017	6,027	-2,010	31,010	34,017	-3,007
Pennsylvania	12,559	12,175	384	85,137	103,788	-18,651
Puerto Rico	772	999	-227	19,570	21,278	-1,708
Rhode Island	925	946	-21	7,299	7,302	-3
South Carolina	1,261	1,788	-527	10,902	12,702	-1,800
South Dakota	417	375	42	1,265	1,364	-99
Tennessee	4,961	4,365	596	15,105	18,782	-3,677
Texas	14,413	19,102	-4,689	108,539	127,705	-19,166
Utah	1,779	1,751	28	6,548	6,257	291
Vermont	639	829	-190	2,965	3,083	-118
Virgin Islands	26	49	-23	1,060	954	106
Virginia **	6,561	3,450	3,111	15,009	14,598	411
Washington	5,408	6,974	-1,566	53,587	53,493	94
West Virginia	1,690	1,741	-51	9,426	8,747	679
Wisconsin	8,613	11,721	-3,108	33,938	36,190	-2,252
Wyoming	544	620	-76	2,269	2,005	264
US Total	267,509	283,935	-16,426	1,712,958	1,965,779	-252,821

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.

\*\*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 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,239	-241	2,512.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	283	-8	299.75	2,101	-138	2,355.75	1.6
October 30, 2021	271	-12	285.25	2,209	108	2,257.25	1.6
November 6, 2021	269	-2	278.50	2,109	-100	2,164.50	1.6
November 13, 2021	270	1	273.25	2,055	-54	2,118.50	1.5
November 20, 2021	194	-76	251.00	1,954	-101	2,081.75	1.4
November 27, 2021	227	33	240.00	1,999	45	2,029.25	1.5
December 4, 2021	188	-39	219.75	1,845	-154	1,963.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	206	18	203.75				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 11			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 27	Nov 20	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	11	-11
Arizona	0	1	-1	3,595	3,231	364
Arkansas	0	0	0	475	254	221
California	79	93	-14	117,254	48,986	68,268
Colorado	0	1	-1	520	382	138
Connecticut	8	7	1	39	136	-97
Delaware	3	4	-1	124	142	-18
District of Columbia	21	19	2	1,094	775	319
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	114	120	-6	4,687	2,173	2,514
Hawaii	3	4	-1	1,066	899	167
Idaho	36	20	16	83	16	67
Illinois	0	0	0	0	2	-2
Indiana	102	120	-18	10,114	8,624	1,490
Iowa	25	23	2	11	44	-33
Kansas	0	0	0	368	282	86
Kentucky	485	367	118	2,655	2,207	448
Louisiana	4	1	3	11	50	-39
Maine	20	23	-3	12	6	6
Maryland	25	18	7	5,690	4,101	1,589
Massachusetts	2	0	2	762	484	278
Michigan	62	48	14	989	789	200
Minnesota	0	0	0	78	99	-21
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	8	-8
Missouri	362	464	-102	1,639	741	898
Montana	0	1	-1	15	0	15
Nebraska	0	0	0	4	3	1
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	110	115	-5	14	1	13
New Jersey	92	116	-24	12,108	22,341	-10,233
New Mexico	1	3	-2	261	107	154
New York	16	28	-12	5,554	4,736	818
North Carolina	22	26	-4	821	842	-21
North Dakota	1	1	0	111	90	21
Ohio	16	11	5	14,863	15,148	-285
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	91	57	34	948	939	9
Pennsylvania	4	5	-1	3,783	2,486	1,297
Puerto Rico	6	5	1	2,344	1,488	856
Rhode Island	12	10	2	100	63	37
South Carolina	0	0	0	72	0	72
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	33	26	7	123	37	86
Texas	40	26	14	310	310	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	2	0	2	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	55	65	-10	767	521	246
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	2	-2
Wisconsin	2	7	-5	725	978	-253
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	2	-2
US Total	1,854	1,835	19	194,189	124,536	69,653

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	November 27	November 20	Change	November 13	November 6
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	16	5	11	49	36
Arizona	119	159	-40	476	98
Arkansas	83	99	-16	1,149	92
California	46,825	33,890	12,935	46,343	55,268
Colorado	855	400	455	936	772
Connecticut	171	163	8	174	252
Delaware	471	187	284	513	452
District of Columbia	85	50	35	30	28
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	360	477	-117	480	330
Idaho	1	4	-3	2	0
Illinois	546	350	196	870	705
Indiana	1,232	1,025	207	1,779	1,327
Iowa	443	330	113	470	449
Kansas	832	266	566	763	566
Kentucky	988	752	236	1,214	1,099
Louisiana	35	2	33	26	20
Maine	31	10	21	43	14
Maryland	2,698	1,917	781	3,628	2,584
Massachusetts	243	294	-51	266	266
Michigan	165	94	71	164	110
Minnesota	118	311	-193	482	145
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	594	335	259	1,449	385
Montana	9	15	-6	7	1
Nebraska	0	6	-6	60	2
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	10	2	8	30	4
New Jersey	20,132	17,427	2,705	24,133	22,786
New Mexico	11	52	-41	27	9
New York	49,575	46,447	3,128	51,295	52,233
North Carolina	224	268	-44	1,110	376
North Dakota	0	0	0	41	0
Ohio	1,130	885	245	1,440	1,082
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	272	259	13	982	693
Pennsylvania	3,083	2,240	843	3,804	3,767
Puerto Rico	3,593	2,733	860	0	3,279
Rhode Island	65	39	26	85	71
South Carolina	13	0	13	17	8
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	48	20	28	29	30
Texas	222	222	0	536	681
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	65	45	20	211	89
Virgin Islands	5	3	2	0	5
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	162	71	91	259	199
West Virginia	0	3	-3	8	0
Wisconsin	883	863	20	1,065	1,235
Wyoming	0	8	-8	4	8
US Total	136,413	112,728	23,685	146,449	151,556

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)



## Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	November 27	November 20	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,534	1,663	-129
Arizona	28	33	-5
Arkansas	1	0	1
California	4,663	2,780	1,883
Colorado	43	22	21
Connecticut	20,481	20,210	271
Delaware	27	0	27
District of Columbia	0	2	-2
Florida	253	220	33
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	2	2	0
Illinois	58	31	27
Indiana	0	10	-10
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	19	8	11
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	11	11	0
Maine	10	6	4
Maryland	41	35	6
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	27	17	10
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	5	4	1
Missouri	7	2	5
Montana	1	1	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	20	10	10
New Hampshire	7	6	1
New Jersey	96,926	91,244	5,682
New Mexico	7,021	6,964	57
New York	72	113	-41
North Carolina	56	54	2
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	239	0	239
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	2	2	0
Pennsylvania	172	43	129
Puerto Rico	205	166	39
Rhode Island	9	8	1
South Carolina	39	40	-1
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	12	10	2
Texas	610	394	216
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	3	3	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	1	1	0
Wisconsin	13	26	-13
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	132,622	124,145	8,477

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 4

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
NOVEMBER 27

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	UCFE <sup>1</sup>		UCX <sup>1</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	3,698	1,514	-3,958	16	11	6,621	0.4	1,478	-18,037	21	18	6,660	
Alaska	1,400	147	-3,125	15	2	8,746	3.2	804	-11,549	145	10	8,901	
Arizona	2,697	741	-4,665	13	2	15,190	0.5	982	-67,424	149	27	15,366	
Arkansas	1,944	333	-2,705	1	0	11,093	1.0	2,043	-13,541	61	16	11,170	
California	55,364	8,487	-123,360	245	91	463,462	2.9	127,206	-761,364	2,015	1,160	466,637	
Colorado	2,282	670	-16,805	18	5	20,688	0.8	1,824	-70,960	244	187	21,119	
Connecticut	3,426	469	-4,370	12	2	23,487	1.6	1,721	-52,091	96	42	23,625	
Delaware	636	169	-1,401	4	1	4,427	1.0	881	-9,108	14	8	4,449	
District of Columbia	651	-13	-1,028	0	0	13,080	2.6	-1,204	-16,331	196	2	13,278	
Florida	6,212	2,076	-22,930	17	40	52,913	0.6	11,243	-133,836	257	197	53,367	
Georgia	4,118	1,583	-28,885	23	10	85,983	2.1	60,011	-148,279	333	168	86,484	
Hawaii	1,851	647	-2,421	4	9	11,263	2.3	2,263	-29,045	126	98	11,487	
Idaho	1,663	85	-3,412	45	1	4,889	0.7	1,016	-5,660	188	6	5,083	
Illinois	13,401	3,390	-94,215	13	6	121,270	2.2	31,682	-213,017	482	146	121,898	
Indiana	5,763	2,560	-17,859	10	5	29,179	1.0	6,239	-55,611	126	40	29,345	
Iowa	3,671	1,874	-6,441	5	2	11,913	0.8	2,836	-30,469	51	25	11,989	
Kansas	1,326	533	-20,020	0	0	5,841	0.5	1,381	-40,864	42	21	5,904	
Kentucky	1,605	316	-6,563	20	2	10,308	0.6	1,946	-36,569	53	45	10,406	
Louisiana	2,183	615	-6,931	2	4	20,169	1.2	1,409	-54,835	57	16	20,242	
Maine	1,256	443	-1,749	4	0	5,675	1.0	881	-7,255	20	4	5,699	
Maryland	2,642	517	-7,562	14	4	24,189	1.0	2,532	-50,245	208	67	24,464	
Massachusetts	7,799	944	-18,774	12	12	58,420	1.8	3,732	-134,298	128	82	58,630	
Michigan	13,196	4,182	-10,212	15	3	54,392	1.4	12,242	-157,145	178	57	54,627	
Minnesota	9,373	2,399	-15,804	13	6	57,669	2.2	9,045	-82,774	171	75	57,915	
Mississippi	1,468	362	-3,607	4	2	6,262	0.6	1,025	-25,281	37	10	6,309	
Missouri	3,951	1,096	-6,618	2	0	16,665	0.6	3,050	-32,612	94	14	16,773	
Montana	1,497	-49	-2,504	86	4	6,302	1.4	1,532	-10,821	398	15	6,715	
Nebraska	463	-230	-2,001	1	1	2,774	0.3	-296	-9,756	15	2	2,791	
Nevada	2,401	488	-6,382	17	1	23,248	1.9	1,477	-62,432	129	51	23,428	
New Hampshire	572	111	-2,841	1	0	2,480	0.4	107	-18,762	9	6	2,495	
New Jersey	8,842	2,219	-8,183	24	12	92,639	2.5	10,603	-62,119	272	262	93,173	
New Mexico	1,587	33	-6,372	14	2	11,274	1.5	670	-43,131	257	29	11,560	
New York	23,390	8,523	-39,287	25	20	150,926	1.8	11,344	-259,834	239	253	151,418	
North Carolina	6,465	-1,718	-3,485	4	4	22,560	0.5	2,230	-50,897	80	93	22,733	
North Dakota	807	93	-902	1	0	2,534	0.7	572	-5,131	12	2	2,548	
Ohio	9,311	1,788	-27,062	11	21	39,529	0.8	8,193	-114,512	84	113	39,726	
Oklahoma	2,112	396	-4,056	11	6	15,454	1.0	2,052	-31,730	82	68	15,604	
Oregon	6,027	2,445	-9,726	122	9	34,017	1.9	4,328	-52,409	639	67	34,723	
Pennsylvania	12,175	2,248	-28,658	31	15	103,788	2.0	22,071	-214,577	214	53	104,055	
Puerto Rico	999	353	-351	5	4	21,278	2.6	2,972	-27,131	245	113	21,636	
Rhode Island	946	190	-4,315	1	1	7,302	1.7	390	-8,547	43	22	7,367	
South Carolina	1,788	1,013	-2,986	5	3	12,702	0.6	1,421	-33,669	35	48	12,785	
South Dakota	375	127	-529	8	0	1,364	0.3	484	-2,560	43	2	1,409	
Tennessee	4,365	322	-2,491	6	7	18,782	0.6	975	-28,684	55	28	18,865	
Texas	19,102	8,639	-28,419	60	138	127,705	1.1	18,269	-246,747	656	1,145	129,506	
Utah	1,751	693	-1,554	49	4	6,257	0.4	282	-8,244	166	14	6,437	
Vermont	829	120	-1,184	1	0	3,083	1.1	903	-8,855	6	0	3,089	
Virgin Islands	49	-1	-11	0	0	954	2.7	432	-1,064	0	2	956	
Virginia	3,450	-3,096	-13,204	0	0	14,598	0.4	681	-59,206	60	56	14,714	
Washington	6,974	1,898	-18,649	41	10	53,493	1.7	12,644	-121,731	354	266	54,113	
West Virginia	1,741	834	-1,318	2	5	8,747	1.5	2,468	-12,248	48	21	8,816	
Wisconsin	11,721	3,172	-9,979	25	1	36,190	1.4	9,273	-68,074	96	23	36,309	
Wyoming	620	200	-287	14	0	2,005	0.8	185	-3,394	57	6	2,068	
Totals	283,935	66,950	-662,156	1,092	488	1,965,779	1.4	404,530	-3,824,465	9,786	5,301	1,980,866	

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 4, 2021**

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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>
TX	+8,639	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and manufacturing industries.
NY	+8,523	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
CA	+8,487	No comment.
MI	+4,182	Layoffs in the manufacturing, management of companies and enterprise and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IL	+3,390	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and other services industries.
WI	+3,172	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and construction industries.
IN	+2,560	No comment.
OR	+2,445	No comment.
MN	+2,399	No comment.
PA	+2,248	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and transportation and warehousing industries.
NJ	+2,219	No comment.
FL	+2,076	No comment.
WA	+1,898	Layoffs in the management, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, retail trade, health care and social assistance and wholesale trade industries.
IA	+1,874	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
OH	+1,788	No comment.
GA	+1,583	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, trade, and accommodation and food services industries.
AL	+1,514	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MO	+1,096	Layoffs in the construction and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
SC	+1,013	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
VA	-3,096	No comment.
NC	-1,718	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

## 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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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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