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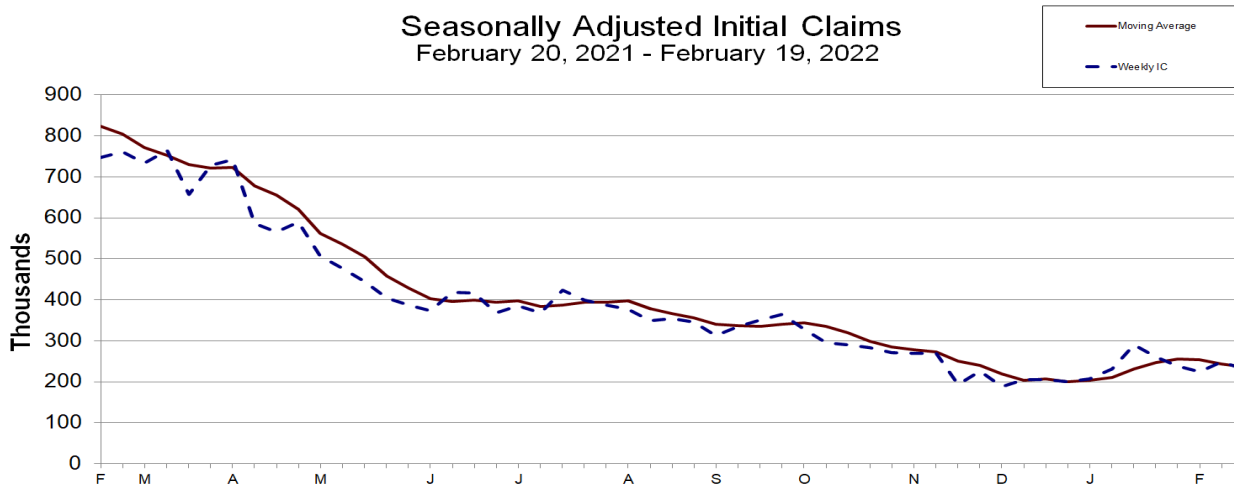
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

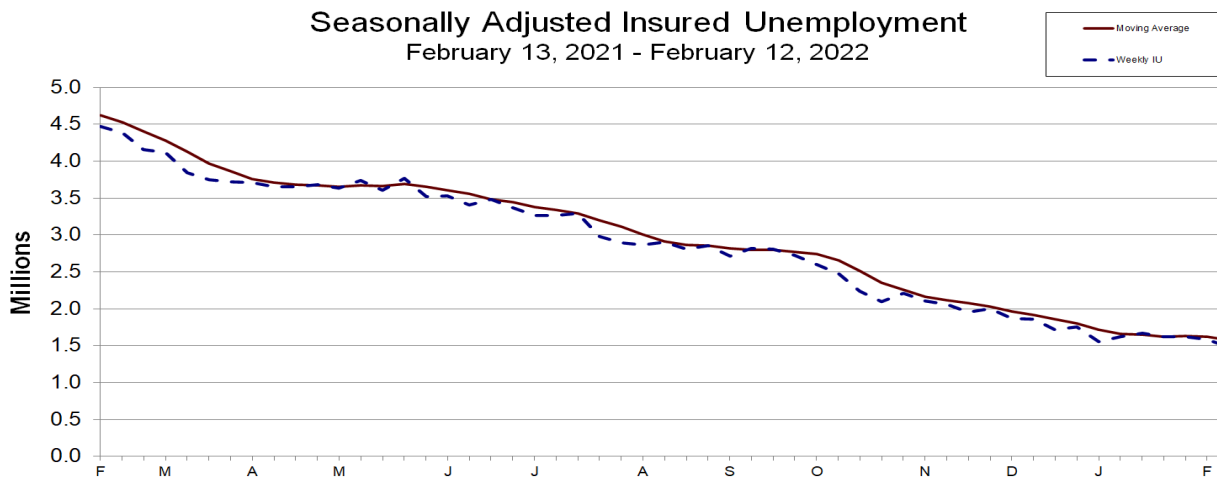
In the week ending February 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 232,000, a decrease of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 248,000 to 249,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,250, a decrease of 7,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 243,250 to 243,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending February 12, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 1.2 to 1.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 12 was 1,476,000, a decrease of 112,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 1970 when it was 1,456,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,593,000 to 1,588,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,576,000, a decrease of 49,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since June 30, 1973 when it was 1,570,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,626,250 to 1,625,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 20, 2021 - February 19, 2022



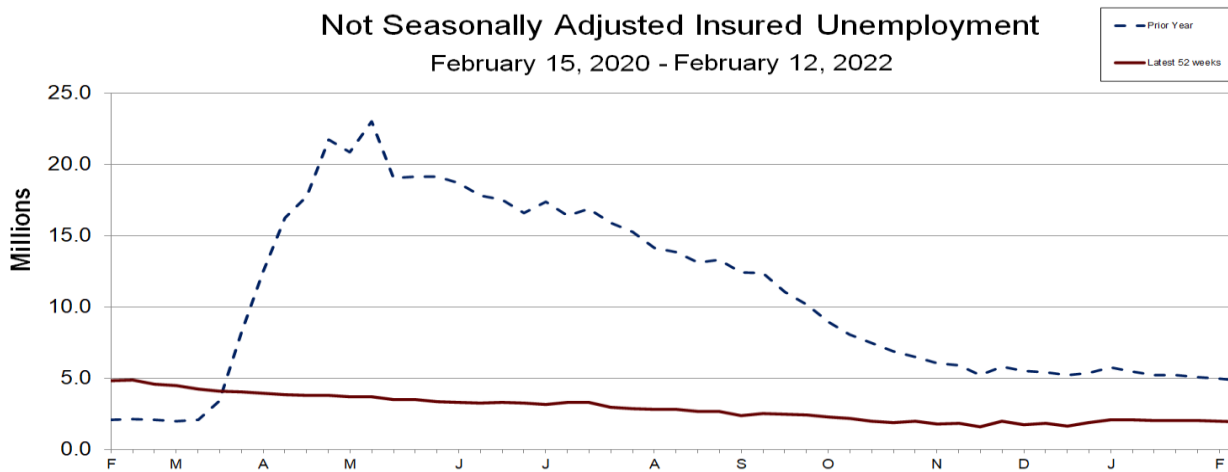
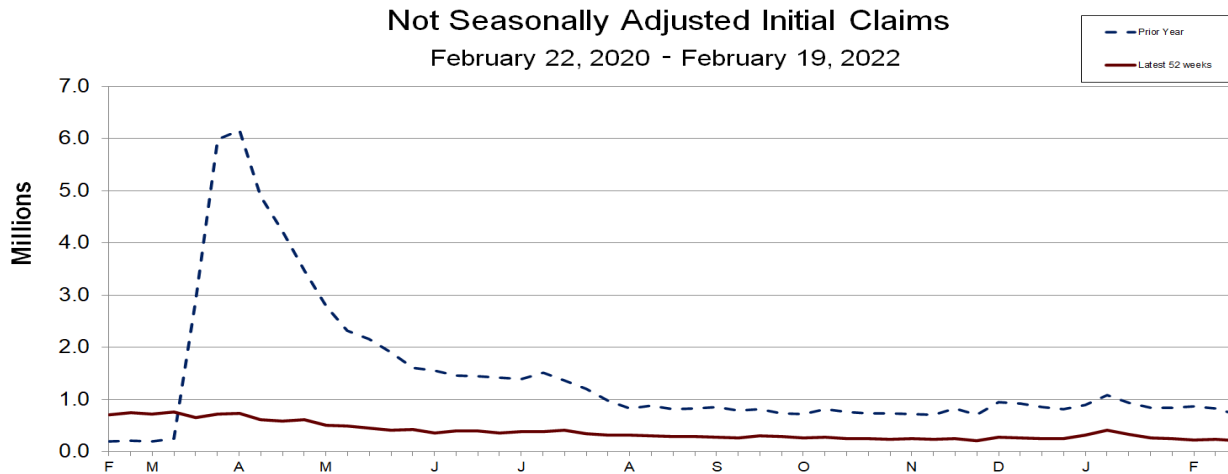
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
February 13, 2021 - February 12, 2022



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 214,873 in the week ending February 19, a decrease of 24,824 (or -10.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,928 (or -3.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 716,559 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,912,532, a decrease of 57,726 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 54,377 (or 2.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.4 percent and the volume was 4,828,682.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending February 5 was 2,032,667, a decrease of 30,906 from the previous week. There were 19,883,148 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending February 5, Extended Benefits were available in the following 2 states: New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,612 in the week ending February 12, an increase of 988 from the prior week. There were 370 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 2 from the preceding week.

There were 10,532 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending February 5, a decrease of 367 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,826, an increase of 234 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending February 5 were in California (2.7), Alaska (2.6), Illinois (2.5), Minnesota (2.5), New Jersey (2.5), Rhode Island (2.4), the Virgin Islands (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), New York (2.3), and Montana (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 12 were in Missouri (+7,253), Ohio (+5,392), Kentucky (+4,555), Tennessee (+1,737), and Illinois (+1,488), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-1,688), California (-1,618), Wisconsin (-1,034), New Jersey (-941), and Connecticut (-747).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 19	February 12	Change	February 5	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	232,000	249,000	-17,000	225,000	747,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	214,873	239,697	-24,824	230,740	716,559
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,250	243,500	-7,250	253,750	823,500

WEEK ENDING	February 12	February 5	Change	January 29	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,476,000	1,588,000	-112,000	1,619,000	4,469,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,912,532	1,970,258	-57,726	1,999,446	4,828,682
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,576,000	1,625,000	-49,000	1,634,000	4,626,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	3.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	3.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	February 12	February 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,612	624	+988	1,387
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	370	372	-2	702

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	February 5	January 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,965,630	1,994,743	-29,113	4,934,269
Federal Employees	10,532	10,899	-367	18,824
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,826	4,592	+234	9,069
Extended Benefits ⁴	34,256	36,029	-1,773	1,388,029
State Additional Benefits ⁵	2,045	2,197	-152	1,885
STC / Workshare ⁶	15,378	15,113	+265	105,587
TOTAL⁷	2,032,667	2,063,573	-30,906	19,883,148

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 138,088,262 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,760	2,222	-462	3,499	4,776	-1,277
Alaska	1,034	1,120	-86	7,184	7,481	-297
Arizona	2,408	2,498	-90	11,053	12,628	-1,575
Arkansas	861	1,221	-360	8,795	10,796	-2,001
California	44,797	45,736	-939	432,990	438,176	-5,186
Colorado	1,866	1,980	-114	18,270	18,848	-578
Connecticut	2,597	2,241	356	31,296	29,772	1,524
Delaware	294	604	-310	4,967	5,023	-56
District of Columbia	568	721	-153	4,174	5,253	-1,079
Florida	4,941	6,044	-1,103	35,955	40,819	-4,864
Georgia	5,047	5,909	-862	32,584	37,520	-4,936
Hawaii	1,419	1,474	-55	7,913	8,552	-639
Idaho	1,002	1,048	-46	8,030	8,708	-678
Illinois	9,754	9,919	-165	118,526	134,888	-16,362
Indiana	4,523	5,403	-880	29,191	31,880	-2,689
Iowa	1,737	1,684	53	22,792	23,310	-518
Kansas	2,627	1,998	629	6,557	8,012	-1,455
Kentucky	5,178	5,998	-820	15,828	13,159	2,669
Louisiana	1,235	1,631	-396	12,691	14,758	-2,067
Maine	717	744	-27	7,877	8,253	-376
Maryland	1,761	2,622	-861	23,598	24,769	-1,171
Massachusetts	4,625	5,264	-639	77,164	76,344	820
Michigan	17,958	14,404	3,554	69,185	67,258	1,927
Minnesota	3,365	3,822	-457	67,233	65,774	1,459
Mississippi	852	961	-109	4,545	5,316	-771
Missouri	3,943	10,889	-6,946	23,082	19,651	3,431
Montana	678	765	-87	8,951	8,915	36
Nebraska	625	701	-76	5,725	5,821	-96
Nevada	1,635	2,292	-657	16,888	18,616	-1,728
New Hampshire	329	300	29	2,746	2,949	-203
New Jersey	7,134	8,587	-1,453	94,577	94,635	-58
New Mexico	576	661	-85	9,750	10,070	-320
New York	13,279	16,269	-2,990	190,703	194,407	-3,704
North Carolina	2,680	3,019	-339	14,447	15,332	-885
North Dakota	332	331	1	6,212	6,069	143
Ohio	12,800	15,119	-2,319	58,969	59,436	-467
Oklahoma	1,368	1,740	-372	11,339	12,720	-1,381
Oregon	3,415	3,822	-407	28,052	28,591	-539
Pennsylvania	9,573	10,511	-938	101,526	97,996	3,530
Puerto Rico	799	1,152	-353	8,199	15,494	-7,295
Rhode Island	1,002	1,037	-35	10,811	10,745	66
South Carolina	1,120	1,044	76	10,718	11,585	-867
South Dakota	168	167	1	2,678	2,811	-133
Tennessee	2,657	4,675	-2,018	17,324	18,750	-1,426
Texas	12,973	13,945	-972	101,109	105,765	-4,656
Utah	1,296	842	454	8,773	9,218	-445
Vermont	360	409	-49	4,184	4,067	117
Virgin Islands	23	63	-40	548	838	-290
Virginia*	2,222	1,973	249	8,229	7,238	991
Washington	4,452	4,739	-287	52,547	51,811	736
West Virginia	825	1,105	-280	10,061	11,387	-1,326
Wisconsin	5,342	5,837	-495	39,620	40,568	-948
Wyoming	341	435	-94	2,867	2,700	167
US Total	214,873	239,697	-24,824	1,912,532	1,970,258	-57,726

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	
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	1,867	-132	1,968.75	1.4
December 11, 2021	205	17	203.50	1,856	-11	1,919.00	1.4
December 18, 2021	206	1	206.50	1,718	-138	1,860.00	1.3
December 25, 2021	200	-6	199.75	1,753	35	1,798.50	1.3
January 1, 2022	207	7	204.50	1,555	-198	1,720.50	1.1
January 8, 2022	231	24	211.00	1,624	69	1,662.50	1.2
January 15, 2022	290	59	232.00	1,672	48	1,651.00	1.2
January 22, 2022	261	-29	247.25	1,621	-51	1,618.00	1.2
January 29, 2022	239	-22	255.25	1,619	-2	1,634.00	1.2
February 5, 2022	225	-14	253.75	1,588	-31	1,625.00	1.1
February 12, 2022	249	24	243.50	1,476	-112	1,576.00	1.1
February 19, 2022	232	-17	236.25				

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	February 5	January 29	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	63	4	59
Arkansas	1	0	1
California	1,982	1,953	29
Colorado	0	2	-2
Connecticut	115	88	27
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0
Florida	98	60	38
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	32	16	16
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	10	15	-5
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1	1	0
Maine	2	3	-1
Maryland	16	24	-8
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	20	1	19
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	1	2	-1
Missouri	0	3	-3
Montana	1	1	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	4	9	-5
New Hampshire	1	3	-2
New Jersey	29,218	31,119	-1,901
New Mexico	2,092	2,190	-98
New York	70	79	-9
North Carolina	26	12	14
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	29	0	29
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	6	21	-15
Pennsylvania	109	117	-8
Puerto Rico	79	61	18
Rhode Island	1	1	0
South Carolina	5	7	-2
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	4	5	-1
Texas	243	204	39
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	1	0	1
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	17	11	6
Wisconsin	5	13	-8
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	34,256	36,029	-1,773

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

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 12						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 5						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	2,222	-273	-9,865	7	5	4,776	0.3	-344	-12,537	24	16	4,816	
Alaska	1,120	21	-2,348	2	1	7,481	2.6	-227	-9,921	155	8	7,644	
Arizona	2,498	-391	-1,405	4	1	12,628	0.5	-522	-56,358	133	10	12,771	
Arkansas	1,221	466	-1,926	1,049	1	10,796	0.9	5,047	-11,679	56	19	10,871	
California	45,736	-1,618	-93,867	145	67	438,176	2.7	3,488	-290,618	2,313	1,088	441,577	
Colorado	1,980	-232	-2,970	0	11	18,848	0.7	-148	-28,979	210	183	19,241	
Connecticut	2,241	-747	-3,926	6	1	29,772	1.9	-1,287	-53,657	60	69	29,901	
Delaware	604	-46	-1,462	2	5	5,023	1.2	254	-8,811	10	8	5,041	
District of Columbia	721	124	-538	8	0	5,253	1.0	423	-16,986	71	8	5,332	
Florida	6,044	119	-15,520	16	26	40,819	0.5	-2,784	-187,989	154	178	41,151	
Georgia	5,909	-59	-20,623	27	18	37,520	0.9	-17,394	-101,712	291	124	37,935	
Hawaii	1,474	-5	-2,401	3	6	8,552	1.7	-125	-13,649	77	73	8,702	
Idaho	1,048	-174	-10,173	10	2	8,708	1.2	-245	-6,366	326	5	9,039	
Illinois	9,919	1,488	-52,450	9	6	134,888	2.5	15,533	-139,788	392	172	135,452	
Indiana	5,403	-569	-6,884	4	5	31,880	1.2	-183	-45,902	94	53	32,027	
Iowa	1,684	-334	-4,304	2	2	23,310	1.6	-439	-23,653	38	17	23,365	
Kansas	1,998	169	-5,337	1	1	8,012	0.6	693	-16,082	30	17	8,059	
Kentucky	5,998	4,555	-6,030	1	1	13,159	0.7	-1,572	-33,471	113	76	13,348	
Louisiana	1,631	-89	-4,827	4	1	14,758	0.8	-250	-39,829	53	19	14,830	
Maine	744	73	-1,301	0	1	8,253	1.4	77	-9,021	28	15	8,296	
Maryland	2,622	-429	-7,313	10	5	24,769	1.0	64	-40,007	305	128	25,202	
Massachusetts	5,264	-724	-12,532	6	6	76,344	2.3	-431	-86,794	116	60	76,520	
Michigan	14,404	609	-3,914	7	4	67,258	1.7	-147	-128,373	130	42	67,430	
Minnesota	3,822	-591	-8,289	9	3	65,774	2.5	-762	-50,074	153	67	65,994	
Mississippi	961	-88	-5,401	7	0	5,316	0.5	-64	-23,671	46	11	5,373	
Missouri	10,889	7,253	-2,653	3	3	19,651	0.7	-1,220	-34,919	67	22	19,740	
Montana	765	-116	-1,343	27	1	8,915	2.0	52	-8,179	605	17	9,537	
Nebraska	701	-44	-1,587	0	0	5,821	0.6	-7	-9,981	18	2	5,841	
Nevada	2,292	-37	-5,086	5	1	18,616	1.5	-675	-58,694	129	39	18,784	
New Hampshire	300	-87	-2,038	1	0	2,949	0.5	-117	-23,801	5	2	2,956	
New Jersey	8,587	-941	-2,988	31	8	94,635	2.5	-2,037	-48,012	379	190	95,204	
New Mexico	661	-12	-2,746	3	0	10,070	1.4	-113	-27,649	269	20	10,359	
New York	16,269	-411	-40,662	24	22	194,407	2.3	-4,269	-259,901	448	264	195,119	
North Carolina	3,019	12	-6,331	6	2	15,332	0.4	-302	-54,381	75	100	15,507	
North Dakota	331	-88	-652	0	0	6,069	1.6	-8	-3,674	11	1	6,081	
Ohio	15,119	5,392	-131,932	6	9	59,436	1.2	1,963	-115,178	123	87	59,646	
Oklahoma	1,740	21	-5,034	3	5	12,720	0.8	31	-21,341	68	47	12,835	
Oregon	3,822	-455	-3,862	37	2	28,591	1.6	-1,505	-48,217	748	49	29,388	
Pennsylvania	10,511	-1,688	-17,906	21	10	97,996	1.8	-9,687	-226,164	320	67	98,383	
Puerto Rico	1,152	-91	-364	5	4	15,494	1.9	-1,409	-16,308	250	56	15,800	
Rhode Island	1,037	188	-10,558	3	2	10,745	2.4	76	-17,566	49	25	10,819	
South Carolina	1,044	-541	-3,243	3	3	11,585	0.6	-767	-34,081	45	45	11,675	
South Dakota	167	-40	-441	3	0	2,811	0.7	-24	-2,850	49	3	2,863	
Tennessee	4,675	1,737	-3,921	0	8	18,750	0.6	-902	-35,224	44	15	18,809	
Texas	13,945	-479	-21,841	44	79	105,765	0.9	-1,709	-249,087	524	962	107,251	
Utah	842	-91	-1,928	16	2	9,218	0.6	-354	-7,342	216	15	9,449	
Vermont	409	-18	-590	0	0	4,067	1.5	-64	-8,767	3	0	4,070	
Virgin Islands	63	-12	-105	0	0	838	2.4	124	-1,492	2	0	840	
Virginia	1,973	-22	-12,928	2	1	7,238	0.2	58	-55,386	33	36	7,307	
Washington	4,739	-235	-9,419	17	20	51,811	1.6	-1,854	-96,616	429	251	52,491	
West Virginia	1,105	-393	-1,397	1	5	11,387	1.8	-811	-11,467	58	32	11,477	
Wisconsin	5,837	-1,034	-10,413	5	3	40,568	1.5	-2,313	-63,654	126	11	40,705	
Wyoming	435	-66	-564	7	1	2,700	1.1	0	-2,851	61	2	2,763	
Totals	239,697	8,957	-588,138	1,612	370	1,970,258	1.4	-29,188	-2,978,709	10,532	4,826	1,985,616	

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 February 12, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+7,253	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
OH	+5,392	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	+4,555	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
TN	+1,737	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, health care and social assistance, retail trade, and accommodation and food service industries.
IL	+1,488	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-1,688	No comment.
CA	-1,618	No comment.
WI	-1,034	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. 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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