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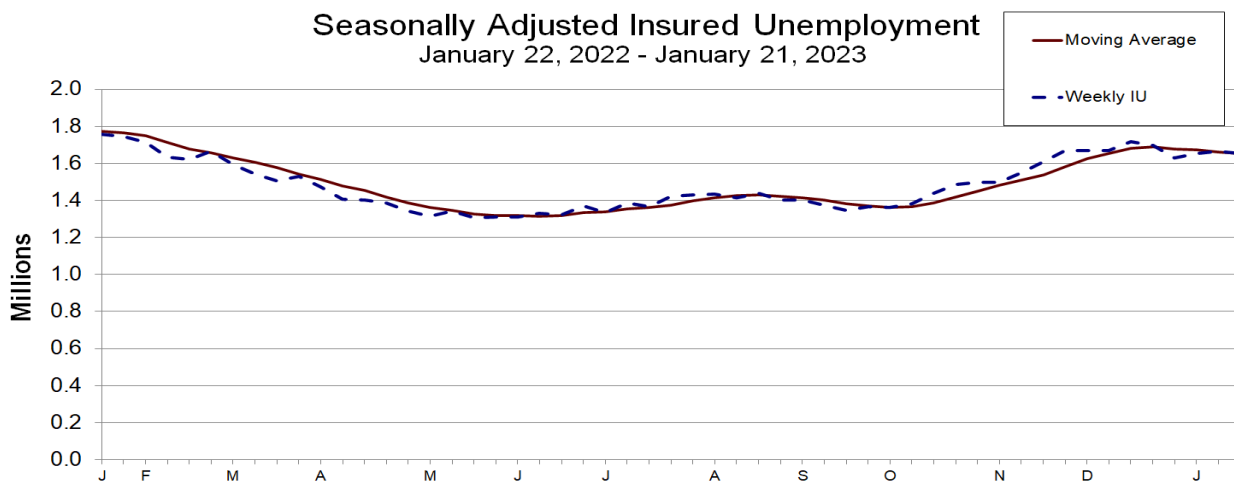
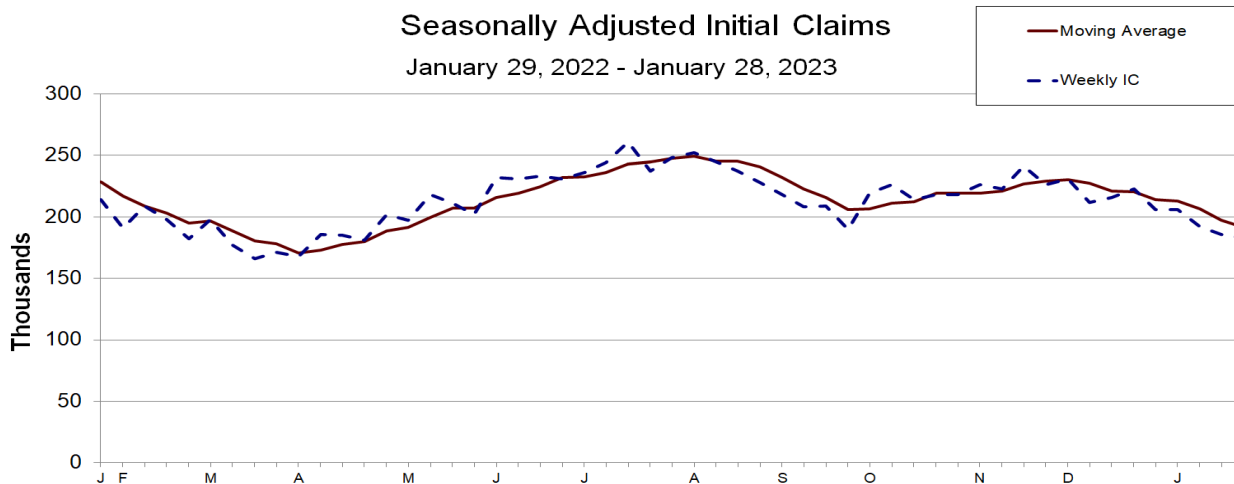
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 183,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 186,000. The 4-week moving average was 191,750, a decrease of 5,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 197,500.

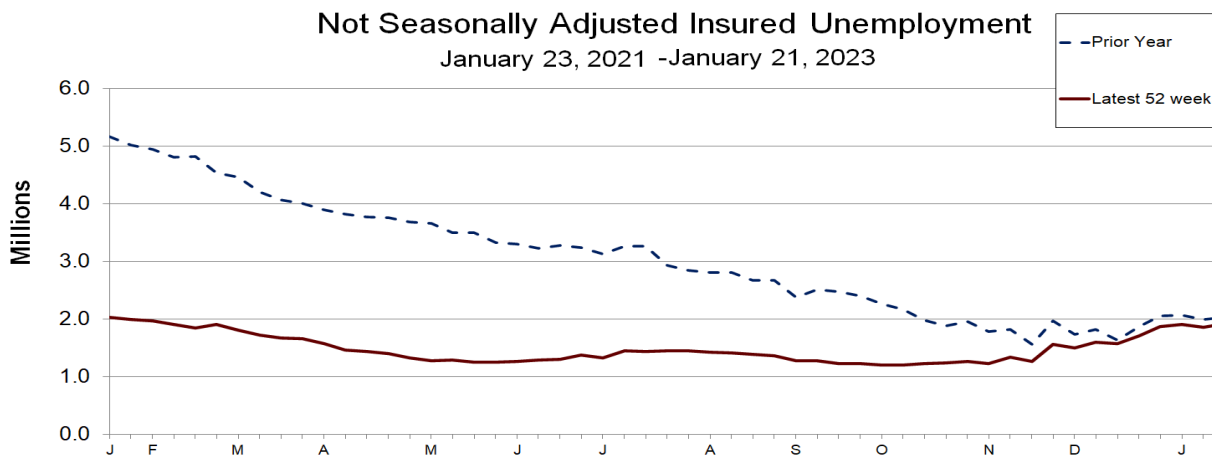
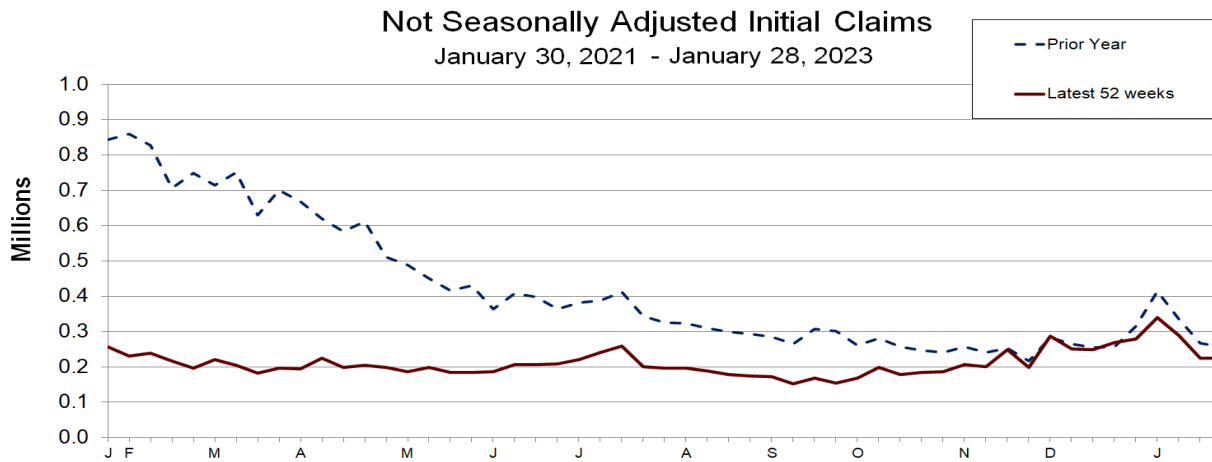
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending January 21, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 1.2 to 1.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 21 was 1,655,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 9,000 from 1,675,000 to 1,666,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,651,500, a decrease of 10,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,250 from 1,664,250 to 1,662,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,356 in the week ending January 28, a decrease of 872 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,915 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 257,583 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending January 21, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,916,025, an increase of 52,079 (or 2.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 64,963 (or 3.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,034,539.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 14 was 1,890,277, a decrease of 45,459 from the previous week. There were 2,198,192 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 523 in the week ending January 21, a decrease of 235 from the prior week. There were 346 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 61 from the preceding week.

There were 7,289 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 14, a decrease of 35 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,232, a decrease of 270 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 14 were in New Jersey (2.5), Rhode Island (2.4), Alaska (2.3), Minnesota (2.2), California (2.1), Massachusetts (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.1), Illinois (2.0), Montana (2.0), and New York (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 21 were in Arkansas (+419) and the Virgin Islands (+5), while the largest decreases were in California (-15,582), New York (-4,957), Ohio (-4,396), Georgia (-3,921), and Pennsylvania (-2,700).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 28	January 21	Change	January 14	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	183,000	186,000	-3,000	192,000	214,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,356	225,228	-872	288,330	257,583
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	191,750	197,500	-5,750	206,750	228,500

WEEK ENDING	January 21	January 14	Change	January 7	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,655,000	1,666,000	-11,000	1,655,000	1,757,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,916,025	1,863,946	+52,079	1,908,639	2,034,539
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,651,500	1,662,000	-10,500	1,675,000	1,774,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ¹	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 21	January 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	523	758	-235	684
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	346	407	-61	362

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

WEEK ENDING	January 14	January 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,858,692	1,903,260	-44,568	1,996,634
Federal Employees	7,289	7,324	-35	10,911
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,232	4,502	-270	4,714
Extended Benefits ³	2,511	2,825	-314	38,085
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,558	1,567	-9	2,170
STC / Workshare ⁵	15,995	16,258	-263	15,292
TOTAL	1,890,277	1,935,736	-45,459	2,198,192

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 145,292,485 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,282	2,356	-74	4,370	6,096	-1,726
Alaska	921	871	50	6,474	6,662	-188
Arizona	3,036	3,126	-90	17,820	18,553	-733
Arkansas	1,463	2,161	-698	6,910	7,050	-140
California	46,192	48,115	-1,923	405,464	367,929	37,535
Colorado	3,478	3,203	275	26,272	24,356	1,916
Connecticut	3,044	3,053	-9	29,563	27,668	1,895
Delaware	339	347	-8	5,322	4,579	743
District of Columbia	431	426	5	4,125	3,747	378
Florida	5,592	5,557	35	34,688	37,733	-3,045
Georgia	7,853	5,968	1,885	28,355	30,393	-2,038
Hawaii	1,026	889	137	5,759	5,709	50
Idaho	1,470	1,560	-90	10,230	10,308	-78
Illinois	9,824	9,473	351	111,557	114,455	-2,898
Indiana	4,305	4,216	89	32,229	31,699	530
Iowa	2,119	1,829	290	21,953	20,889	1,064
Kansas	1,459	1,071	388	5,399	5,046	353
Kentucky	1,823	5,210	-3,387	11,683	13,975	-2,292
Louisiana	1,707	1,778	-71	11,129	12,707	-1,578
Maine	663	723	-60	7,849	7,312	537
Maryland	1,751	1,989	-238	19,406	18,634	772
Massachusetts	6,916	6,963	-47	76,080	76,314	-234
Michigan	7,074	7,510	-436	65,250	66,393	-1,143
Minnesota	4,259	4,024	235	65,489	59,777	5,712
Mississippi	982	905	77	5,088	5,995	-907
Missouri	3,389	3,603	-214	20,763	22,913	-2,150
Montana	1,004	812	192	9,718	9,368	350
Nebraska	749	717	32	5,930	5,782	148
Nevada	2,282	2,354	-72	19,238	18,920	318
New Hampshire	355	366	-11	2,812	2,923	-111
New Jersey	6,987	6,297	690	105,457	99,664	5,793
New Mexico	720	742	-22	9,807	9,765	42
New York	17,880	16,685	1,195	173,259	168,537	4,722
North Carolina	3,486	3,582	-96	18,344	18,710	-366
North Dakota	484	439	45	5,640	5,003	637
Ohio	7,885	9,064	-1,179	60,112	60,929	-817
Oklahoma	1,204	1,215	-11	10,411	10,288	123
Oregon	5,333	4,597	736	32,453	31,056	1,397
Pennsylvania	12,003	11,678	325	99,086	97,700	1,386
Puerto Rico	1,267	1,583	-316	15,704	18,870	-3,166
Rhode Island	1,089	1,197	-108	11,389	11,227	162
South Carolina	2,241	2,258	-17	13,416	14,018	-602
South Dakota	208	206	2	2,562	2,519	43
Tennessee	2,559	2,539	20	16,365	16,720	-355
Texas	15,738	15,487	251	120,609	121,034	-425
Utah	2,259	1,909	350	13,529	13,022	507
Vermont	407	394	13	4,070	3,635	435
Virgin Islands	19	31	-12	200	162	38
Virginia	2,163	1,948	215	12,973	11,371	1,602
Washington	5,424	5,456	-32	62,504	57,232	5,272
West Virginia	760	1,000	-240	10,009	9,522	487
Wisconsin	6,021	5,324	697	38,185	36,445	1,740
Wyoming	431	422	9	3,016	2,632	384
US Total	224,356	225,228	-872	1,916,025	1,863,946	52,079

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.

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 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,498	0	1,480.25	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	53	1,508.50	1.1
November 19, 2022	241	18	227.00	1,609	58	1,539.00	1.1
November 26, 2022	226	-15	229.00	1,670	61	1,582.00	1.2
December 3, 2022	231	5	230.25	1,669	-1	1,624.75	1.2
December 10, 2022	212	-19	227.50	1,669	0	1,654.25	1.2
December 17, 2022	216	4	221.25	1,718	49	1,681.50	1.2
December 24, 2022	223	7	220.50	1,697	-21	1,688.25	1.2
December 31, 2022	206	-17	214.25	1,630	-67	1,678.50	1.1
January 7, 2023	206	0	212.75	1,655	25	1,675.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	192	-14	206.75	1,666	11	1,662.00	1.1
January 21, 2023	186	-6	197.50	1,655	-11	1,651.50	1.1
January 28, 2023	183	-3	191.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 21

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 14

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,356	-467	-2,318	5	6	6,096	0.3	-975	292	33	15	6,144
Alaska	871	-157	-371	3	0	6,662	2.3	-156	-2,152	120	15	6,797
Arizona	3,126	-306	58	4	0	18,553	0.6	-35	5,263	97	17	18,667
Arkansas	2,161	419	488	3	0	7,050	0.6	-200	-3,586	27	16	7,093
California	48,115	-15,582	-14,159	112	59	367,929	2.1	-19,393	-47,530	1,014	737	369,680
Colorado	3,203	-506	-498	2	3	24,356	0.9	579	-4,005	215	120	24,691
Connecticut	3,053	-1,402	-2,320	3	2	27,668	1.7	-750	-4,245	39	30	27,737
Delaware	347	-204	-348	1	3	4,579	1.0	-120	-571	14	24	4,617
District of Columbia	426	-207	-1,679	16	1	3,747	0.7	-351	-3,011	161	7	3,915
Florida	5,557	-1,564	-3,036	13	32	37,733	0.4	-1,956	-7,719	94	104	37,931
Georgia	5,968	-3,921	-1,352	23	20	30,393	0.7	56	-9,453	151	110	30,654
Hawaii	889	-396	-1,334	0	7	5,709	1.0	-363	-4,222	47	50	5,806
Idaho	1,560	-504	-55	14	0	10,308	1.3	-208	1,209	227	22	10,557
Illinois	9,473	-2,660	-5,677	5	6	114,455	2.0	1,747	-24,468	310	119	114,884
Indiana	4,216	-1,253	-4,807	3	4	31,699	1.0	-2,567	-740	39	28	31,766
Iowa	1,829	-693	-1,177	4	0	20,889	1.4	-451	-3,603	24	8	20,921
Kansas	1,071	-197	-2,018	0	0	5,046	0.4	-67	-1,843	28	10	5,084
Kentucky	5,210	-232	-6,562	0	1	13,975	0.7	2,068	-28,174	30	70	14,075
Louisiana	1,778	-535	-772	1	1	12,707	0.7	82	-3,527	45	12	12,764
Maine	723	-292	-493	0	0	7,312	1.2	155	-649	20	13	7,345
Maryland	1,989	-964	-1,700	7	1	18,634	0.6	-4,500	-4,828	109	36	18,779
Massachusetts	6,963	-1,852	-2,547	7	7	76,314	2.1	1,612	1,303	132	66	76,512
Michigan	7,510	-2,286	-4,968	2	2	66,393	1.6	-2,624	-3,603	130	47	66,570
Minnesota	4,024	-1,123	-2,547	5	4	59,777	2.2	-2,509	-9,741	110	50	59,937
Mississippi	905	-224	-602	0	2	5,995	0.5	-204	-537	27	13	6,035
Missouri	3,603	-776	-1,884	2	3	22,913	0.8	1,673	-1,178	90	22	23,025
Montana	812	-197	-305	43	2	9,368	2.0	-274	99	549	23	9,940
Nebraska	717	-215	-728	1	1	5,782	0.6	-529	108	6	1	5,789
Nevada	2,354	-596	-798	5	1	18,920	1.3	-989	-1,626	114	35	19,069
New Hampshire	366	-114	-231	2	3	2,923	0.4	13	-251	6	2	2,931
New Jersey	6,297	-1,310	-8,585	19	17	99,664	2.5	-1,992	-312	239	167	100,070
New Mexico	742	-225	-197	2	0	9,765	1.2	-252	-835	168	30	9,963
New York	16,685	-4,957	-6,570	19	13	168,537	1.9	-4,420	-37,506	313	263	169,113
North Carolina	3,582	-466	-650	4	1	18,710	0.4	615	2,850	67	91	18,868
North Dakota	439	-206	-305	0	1	5,003	1.3	198	-914	14	7	5,024
Ohio	9,064	-4,396	-6,348	4	7	60,929	1.2	-824	1,505	104	109	61,142
Oklahoma	1,215	-267	-1,025	5	3	10,288	0.7	-533	-2,732	32	46	10,366
Oregon	4,597	-1,129	-789	47	5	31,056	1.6	-32	-3,815	580	42	31,678
Pennsylvania	11,678	-2,700	-7,079	18	12	97,700	1.7	-686	2,857	241	126	98,067
Puerto Rico	1,583	-255	34	4	8	18,870	2.1	580	1,583	109	103	19,082
Rhode Island	1,197	-916	-821	0	0	11,227	2.4	-2	357	16	25	11,268
South Carolina	2,258	-801	146	3	6	14,018	0.7	-1,092	-116	28	30	14,076
South Dakota	206	-135	-99	3	0	2,519	0.6	-13	-205	32	3	2,554
Tennessee	2,539	-655	-4,606	4	10	16,720	0.5	-361	-2,815	67	44	16,831
Texas	15,487	-2,458	-3,577	46	74	121,034	1.0	-1,609	3,615	424	945	122,403
Utah	1,909	-336	617	18	1	13,022	0.8	232	2,250	199	17	13,238
Vermont	394	-146	-316	1	0	3,635	1.3	-75	-588	2	2	3,639
Virgin Islands	31	5	-14	0	0	162	0.5	-48	-452	2	0	164
Virginia	1,948	-708	-901	0	3	11,371	0.3	694	4,312	69	71	11,511
Washington	5,456	-68	-121	15	12	57,232	1.7	-1,617	-4,818	392	253	57,877
West Virginia	1,000	-606	-841	0	2	9,522	1.5	-893	-1,010	34	25	9,581
Wisconsin	5,324	-1,277	-4,913	17	0	36,445	1.3	-1,308	-8,888	96	11	36,552
Wyoming	422	-84	-147	8	0	2,632	1.0	-19	-70	53	0	2,685
Totals	225,228	-63,102	-111,847	523	346	1,863,946	1.3	-44,693	-208,735	7,289	4,232	1,875,467

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 21, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-15,582	Fewer layoffs in the construction and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industries.
NY	-4,957	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	-4,396	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
GA	-3,921	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and information industries.
PA	-2,700	No comment.
IL	-2,660	No comment.
TX	-2,458	No comment.
MI	-2,286	No comment.
MA	-1,852	No comment.
FL	-1,564	No comment.
CT	-1,402	Fewer layoffs in the arts, entertainment, and recreation, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-1,310	No comment.
WI	-1,277	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
IN	-1,253	No comment.
OR	-1,129	No comment.
MN	-1,123	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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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