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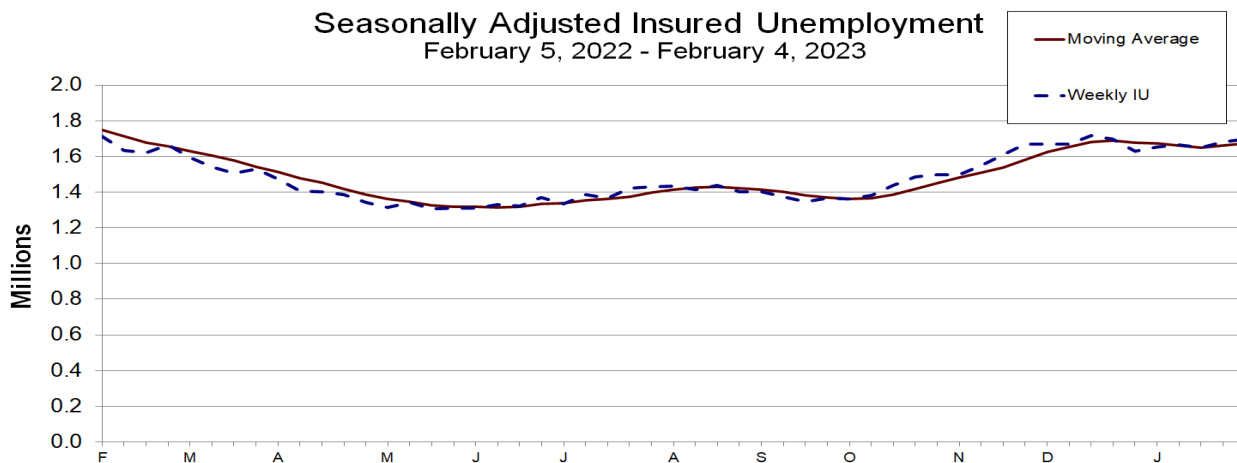
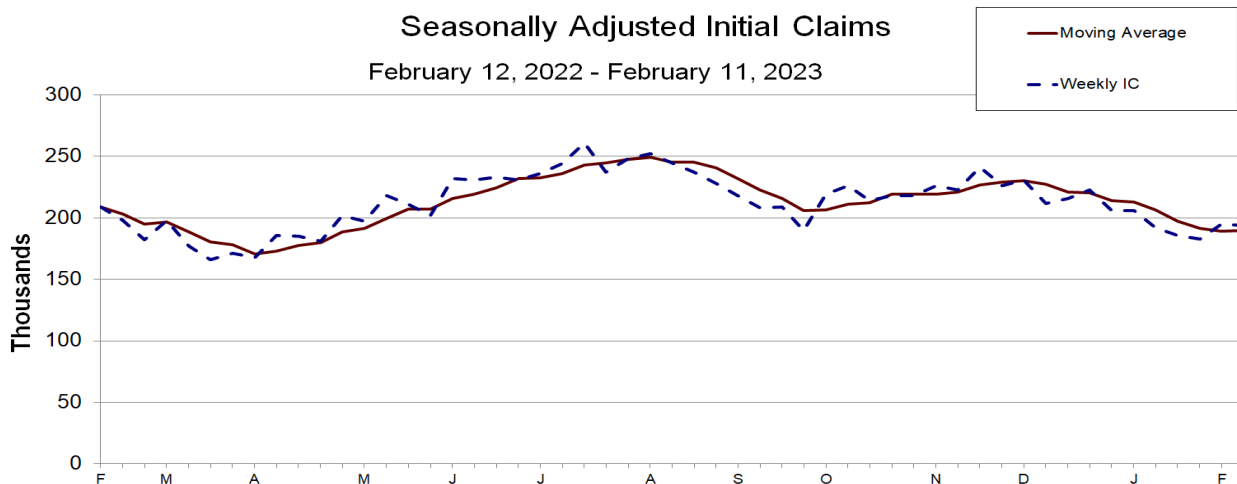
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 194,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 196,000 to 195,000. The 4-week moving average was 189,500, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 189,250 to 189,000.

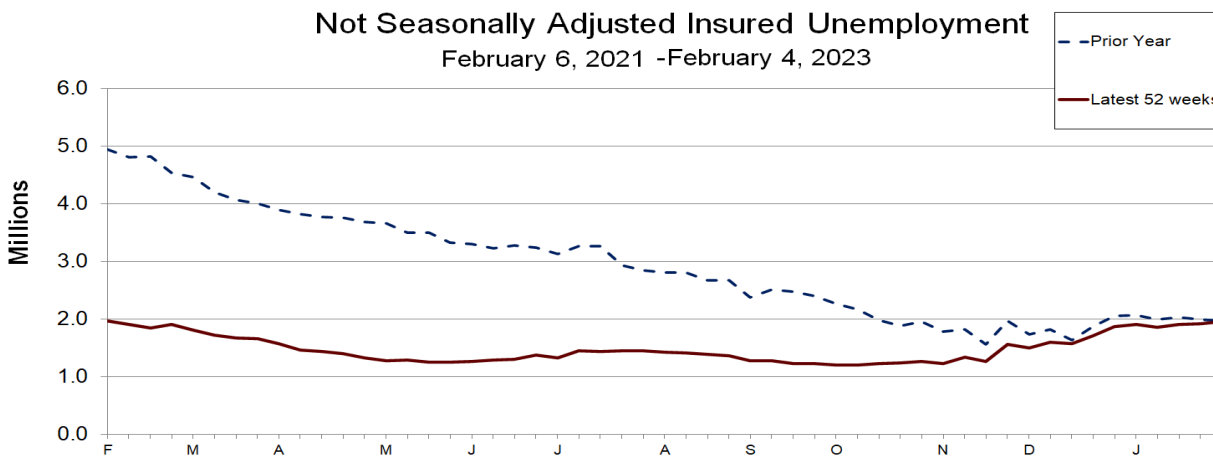
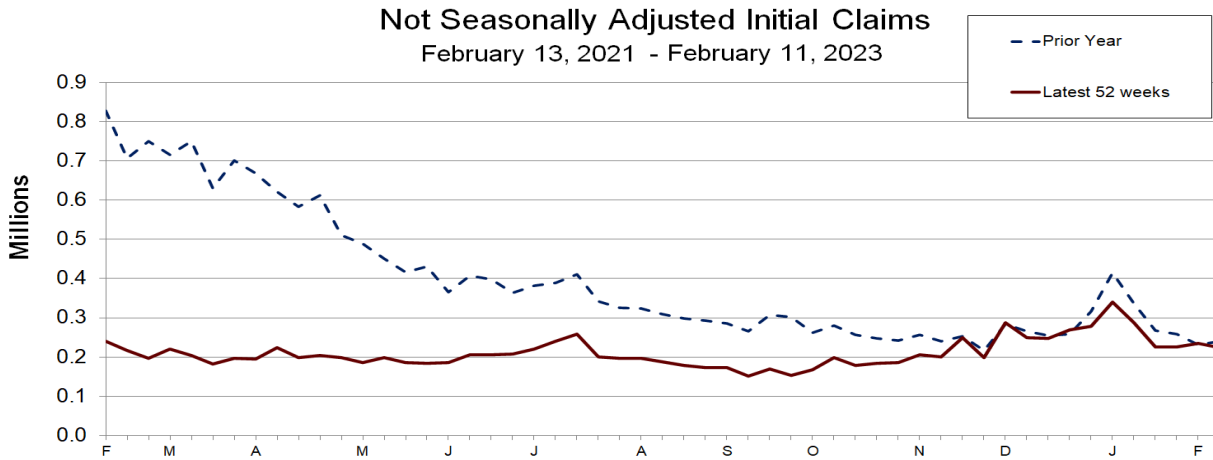
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 4 was 1,696,000, an increase of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,688,000 to 1,680,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,673,000, an increase of 10,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,664,750 to 1,662,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,727 in the week ending February 11, a decrease of 9,280 (or -4.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,190 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 239,812 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending February 4, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,954,081, an increase of 29,190 (or 1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 10,078 (or 0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,971,486.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 28 was 1,952,795, an increase of 10,109 from the previous week. There were 2,063,573 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 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 501 in the week ending February 4, an increase of 16 from the prior week. There were 401 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 14 from the preceding week.

There were 7,722 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 28, a decrease of 89 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,280, a decrease of 286 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 28 were in New Jersey (2.6), Rhode Island (2.5), California (2.3), Minnesota (2.3), Alaska (2.2), Massachusetts (2.2), Montana (2.1), Illinois (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), and New York (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 4 were in California (+6,820), Ohio (+3,528), Illinois (+1,533), Kansas (+611), and Florida (+568), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-1,463), New Jersey (-1,291), Texas (-859), Oregon (-692), and Arkansas (-632).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 11	February 4	Change	January 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	194,000	195,000	-1,000	183,000	209,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,727	234,007	-9,280	225,026	239,812
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	189,500	189,000	+500	191,750	209,000

WEEK ENDING	February 4	January 28	Change	January 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,696,000	1,680,000	+16,000	1,650,000	1,714,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,954,081	1,924,891	+29,190	1,911,201	1,971,486
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,673,000	1,662,750	+10,250	1,650,250	1,750,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.1%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 4	January 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	501	485	+16	624
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	401	387	+14	372

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

WEEK ENDING	January 28	January 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,917,833	1,903,649	+14,184	1,994,743
Federal Employees	7,722	7,811	-89	10,899
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,280	4,566	-286	4,592
Extended Benefits ³	3,049	2,871	+178	36,029
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,566	2,037	+529	2,197
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,345	21,752	-4,407	15,113
TOTAL	1,952,795	1,942,686	+10,109	2,063,573

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 February 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,125	2,488	-363	5,673	6,158	-485
Alaska	884	884	0	6,151	6,429	-278
Arizona	2,910	3,352	-442	18,044	19,250	-1,206
Arkansas	1,332	961	371	7,730	7,186	544
California	48,688	52,384	-3,696	410,449	395,952	14,497
Colorado	2,769	3,114	-345	26,860	25,902	958
Connecticut	3,734	3,005	729	30,118	30,187	-69
Delaware	318	379	-61	5,331	4,938	393
District of Columbia	653	598	55	4,512	3,779	733
Florida	5,677	6,434	-757	33,128	37,110	-3,982
Georgia	6,308	6,575	-267	28,391	29,100	-709
Hawaii	1,087	1,074	13	5,933	5,544	389
Idaho	1,369	1,461	-92	10,639	10,806	-167
Illinois	9,398	11,304	-1,906	113,366	116,798	-3,432
Indiana	4,315	4,500	-185	33,180	32,407	773
Iowa	1,950	2,515	-565	22,984	21,486	1,498
Kansas	1,377	2,058	-681	6,150	5,526	624
Kentucky	1,765	1,940	-175	11,375	11,475	-100
Louisiana	1,607	1,929	-322	11,145	12,119	-974
Maine	747	719	28	7,926	7,751	175
Maryland	1,671	1,962	-291	20,982	21,476	-494
Massachusetts	7,436	6,727	709	81,619	79,080	2,539
Michigan	8,811	7,477	1,334	66,050	65,754	296
Minnesota	5,103	4,300	803	68,925	61,839	7,086
Mississippi	825	918	-93	5,086	5,906	-820
Missouri	3,040	3,853	-813	21,879	22,424	-545
Montana	730	950	-220	10,176	9,661	515
Nebraska	750	800	-50	6,018	5,907	111
Nevada	2,265	2,333	-68	19,077	20,099	-1,022
New Hampshire	339	404	-65	2,989	2,903	86
New Jersey	5,763	5,853	-90	110,069	104,709	5,360
New Mexico	682	735	-53	9,952	10,042	-90
New York	16,800	17,210	-410	176,079	173,377	2,702
North Carolina	3,209	3,713	-504	19,084	19,649	-565
North Dakota	327	410	-83	5,892	5,265	627
Ohio	13,303	11,487	1,816	61,137	61,561	-424
Oklahoma	1,213	1,198	15	10,654	10,598	56
Oregon	4,780	4,706	74	33,370	32,468	902
Pennsylvania	8,909	11,593	-2,684	101,248	102,136	-888
Puerto Rico	1,313	1,465	-152	15,438	17,823	-2,385
Rhode Island	877	1,252	-375	11,734	11,714	20
South Carolina	1,972	2,135	-163	13,428	13,616	-188
South Dakota	194	225	-31	2,704	2,625	79
Tennessee	2,527	2,472	55	16,375	17,060	-685
Texas	15,340	14,947	393	119,249	121,057	-1,808
Utah	2,013	2,216	-203	13,723	13,628	95
Vermont	323	373	-50	4,044	3,891	153
Virgin Islands	27	25	2	212	222	-10
Virginia	2,032	1,829	203	13,199	11,699	1,500
Washington	5,555	5,339	216	62,353	57,902	4,451
West Virginia	872	1,070	-198	10,328	9,724	604
Wisconsin	6,297	5,906	391	38,853	36,426	2,427
Wyoming	416	450	-34	3,070	2,747	323
US Total	224,727	234,007	-9,280	1,954,081	1,924,891	29,190

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	
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	1,650	-16	1,650.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	183	-3	191.75	1,680	30	1,662.75	1.2
February 4, 2023	195	12	189.00	1,696	16	1,673.00	1.2
February 11, 2023	194	-1	189.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
FEBRUARY 4

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 28

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				CHANGE FROM						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,488	92	-1,471	6	9	6,158	0.3	483	777	31	11	6,200
Alaska	884	32	-289	2	0	6,429	2.2	-137	-1,668	110	12	6,551
Arizona	3,352	256	587	8	2	19,250	0.6	-25	5,714	109	12	19,371
Arkansas	961	-632	-436	0	0	7,186	0.6	-497	-3,294	42	15	7,243
California	52,384	6,820	783	121	65	395,952	2.3	-3,147	-46,223	1,194	814	397,960
Colorado	3,114	-305	-282	5	8	25,902	1.0	423	-3,950	244	105	26,251
Connecticut	3,005	194	-291	1	2	30,187	1.9	1,524	205	33	28	30,248
Delaware	379	31	-36	2	1	4,938	1.1	30	32	16	7	4,961
District of Columbia	598	128	-510	17	0	3,779	0.7	-538	-1,741	169	3	3,951
Florida	6,434	568	-246	10	24	37,110	0.4	-1,222	-6,987	116	99	37,325
Georgia	6,575	-1,463	-44	33	19	29,100	0.6	-162	-9,171	142	119	29,361
Hawaii	1,074	59	-467	1	14	5,544	1.0	-108	-3,619	50	51	5,645
Idaho	1,461	-6	136	12	1	10,806	1.4	224	1,921	231	20	11,057
Illinois	11,304	1,533	570	7	1	116,798	2.0	6,667	-21,504	301	107	117,206
Indiana	4,500	275	-3,232	3	2	32,407	1.1	270	-773	59	20	32,486
Iowa	2,515	534	-42	2	0	21,486	1.4	-196	-2,254	26	9	21,521
Kansas	2,058	611	538	0	0	5,526	0.4	531	-2,635	26	9	5,561
Kentucky	1,940	132	-3,465	1	0	11,475	0.6	-87	-1,392	38	62	11,575
Louisiana	1,929	89	36	2	1	12,119	0.7	-234	-3,261	47	15	12,181
Maine	719	93	-136	1	3	7,751	1.3	107	-423	29	14	7,794
Maryland	1,962	55	-941	8	1	21,476	0.7	734	-2,201	101	80	21,657
Massachusetts	6,727	-236	656	6	6	79,080	2.2	3,436	2,013	147	69	79,296
Michigan	7,477	326	-3,434	5	7	65,754	1.6	-1,112	-1,042	157	52	65,963
Minnesota	4,300	112	-697	3	2	61,839	2.3	650	-5,564	111	60	62,010
Mississippi	918	-155	-179	1	1	5,906	0.5	-6	194	25	19	5,950
Missouri	3,853	347	-407	5	1	22,424	0.8	1,052	458	101	32	22,557
Montana	950	-34	89	21	5	9,661	2.1	343	548	555	24	10,240
Nebraska	800	52	-90	1	0	5,907	0.6	-12	63	8	4	5,919
Nevada	2,333	11	-258	7	1	20,099	1.4	-31	-328	133	32	20,264
New Hampshire	404	-31	-85	0	0	2,903	0.4	-126	-250	4	3	2,910
New Jersey	5,853	-1,291	-3,269	22	12	104,709	2.6	549	10,100	257	189	105,155
New Mexico	735	-10	-1	1	2	10,042	1.3	1	-235	188	17	10,247
New York	17,210	-424	-998	23	19	173,377	1.9	2,225	-30,401	302	242	173,921
North Carolina	3,713	59	8	4	3	19,649	0.4	339	3,416	65	92	19,806
North Dakota	410	-27	-93	2	1	5,265	1.3	48	-801	10	7	5,282
Ohio	11,487	3,528	1,163	5	9	61,561	1.2	710	2,276	72	95	61,728
Oklahoma	1,198	-78	-881	5	3	10,598	0.7	48	-2,264	34	39	10,671
Oregon	4,706	-692	110	24	4	32,468	1.7	574	1,129	578	46	33,092
Pennsylvania	11,593	-495	-1,883	31	10	102,136	1.8	2,397	-1,392	243	129	102,508
Puerto Rico	1,465	50	-121	12	11	17,823	2.0	-90	734	108	97	18,028
Rhode Island	1,252	162	252	2	1	11,714	2.5	439	682	21	16	11,751
South Carolina	2,135	-223	647	3	5	13,616	0.6	-251	1,419	23	37	13,676
South Dakota	225	3	3	2	1	2,625	0.6	49	-220	33	2	2,660
Tennessee	2,472	-158	-3,382	6	7	17,060	0.5	-11	-2,590	43	48	17,151
Texas	14,947	-859	-985	24	104	121,057	1.0	-1,774	6,369	481	945	122,483
Utah	2,216	-43	1,341	18	2	13,628	0.9	25	3,639	214	10	13,852
Vermont	373	-42	-128	0	1	3,891	1.3	43	-459	3	2	3,896
Virgin Islands	25	-1	-36	0	0	222	0.6	26	-650	0	0	222
Virginia	1,829	-91	-328	3	3	11,699	0.3	75	4,260	54	75	11,828
Washington	5,339	-163	356	11	21	57,902	1.7	-187	1,946	445	252	58,599
West Virginia	1,070	267	-622	1	0	9,724	1.5	469	-1,910	38	20	9,782
Wisconsin	5,906	13	-1,743	6	6	36,426	1.3	-909	-7,224	97	13	36,536
Wyoming	450	8	-48	5	0	2,747	1.1	61	20	58	0	2,805
Totals	234,007	8,981	-24,281	501	401	1,924,891	1.3	13,690	-118,511	7,722	4,280	1,936,893

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 4, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+6,820	Layoffs in the service industry.
OH	+3,528	No comment.
IL	+1,533	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	-1,463	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
NJ	-1,291	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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