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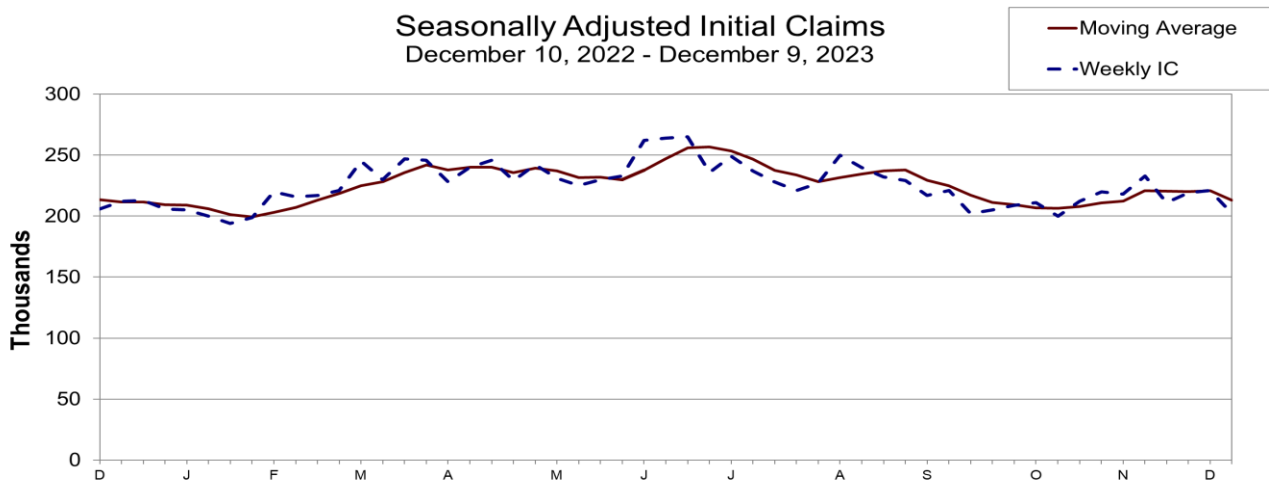
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

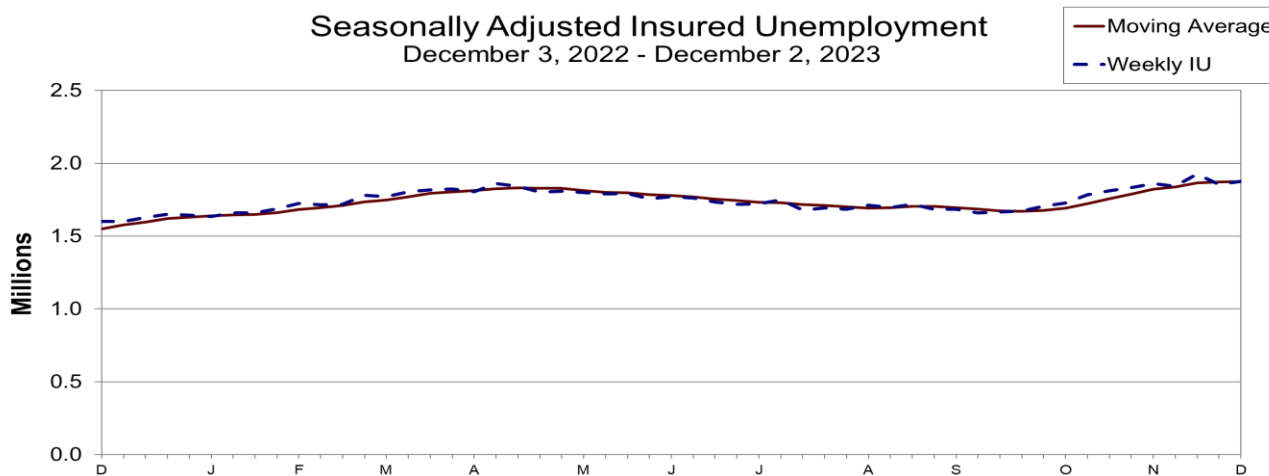
In the week ending December 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 202,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 220,000 to 221,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,250, a decrease of 7,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 220,750 to 221,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending December 2, an increase 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 2 was 1,876,000, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,861,000 to 1,856,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,874,500, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since December 11, 2021 when it was 1,888,250. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,872,250 to 1,871,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
December 10, 2022 - December 9, 2023



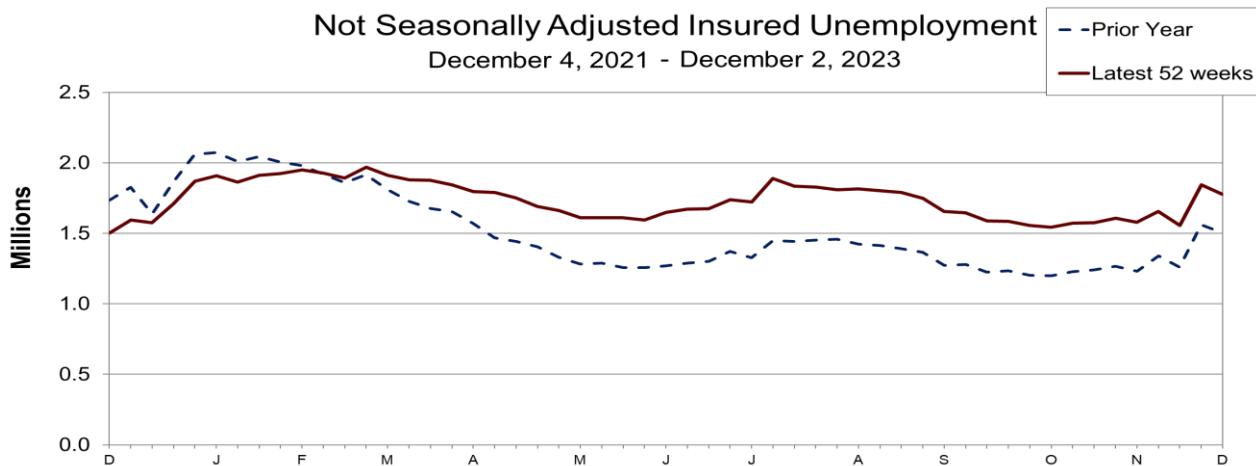
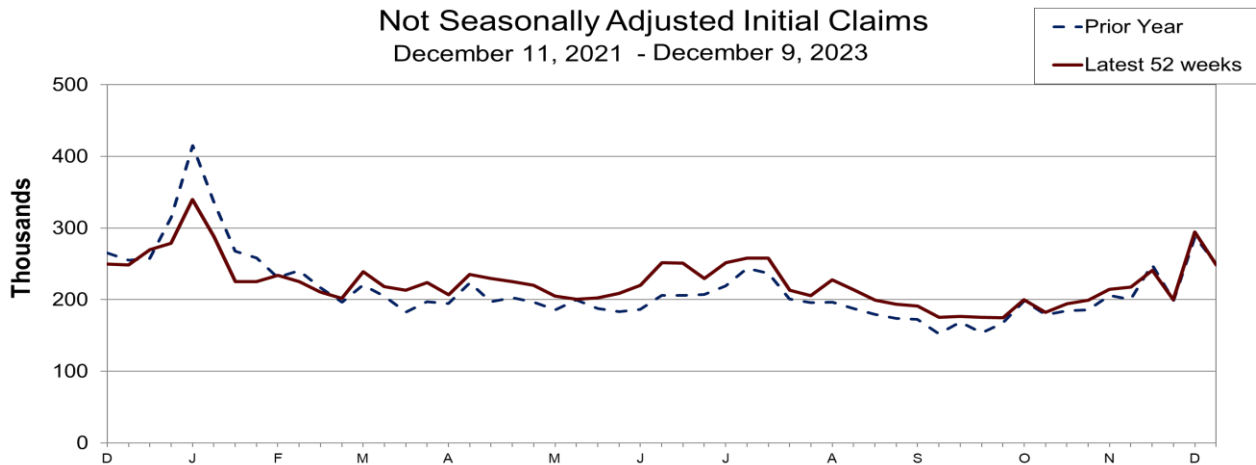
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
December 3, 2022 - December 2, 2023



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 248,299 in the week ending December 9, a decrease of 46,316 (or -15.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 23,834 (or -8.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 250,038 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending December 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,776,875, a decrease of 68,189 (or -3.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 87,241 (or -4.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,503,416.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 25 was 1,870,946, an increase of 291,769 from the previous week. There were 1,586,159 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 November 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 729 in the week ending December 2, an increase of 218 from the prior week. There were 420 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 191 from the preceding week.

There were 5,791 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 25, an increase of 746 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,469, an increase of 705 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 25 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.3), Alaska (2.2), Puerto Rico (1.9), Washington (1.9), Hawaii (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), Minnesota (1.8), New York (1.8), and Oregon (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 2 were in California (+13,478), New York (+9,073), Texas (+8,321), Georgia (+6,728), and Oregon (+5,406), while the largest decreases were in Kansas (-893), Vermont (-14), and Delaware (-14).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 9</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	202,000	221,000	-19,000	219,000	206,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	248,299	294,615	-46,316	199,750	250,038
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,250	221,000	-7,750	220,250	213,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,876,000	1,856,000	+20,000	1,925,000	1,601,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,776,875	1,845,064	-68,189	1,555,596	1,503,416
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,874,500	1,871,000	+3,500	1,865,250	1,549,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.3%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.0%	1.0%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	729	511	+218	776
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	420	229	+191	462

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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 25</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,839,092	1,551,166	+287,926	1,557,158
Federal Employees	5,791	5,045	+746	6,932
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,469	3,764	+705	4,524
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	478	290	+188	3,399
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,655	2,356	+299	1,822
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	18,461	16,556	+1,905	12,324
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,870,946</b>	<b>1,579,177</b>	<b>+291,769</b>	<b>1,586,159</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 149,106,140 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 December 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,269	2,965	-696	8,271	9,562	-1,291
Alaska	1,063	961	102	6,373	6,468	-95
Arizona	3,438	3,287	151	20,147	22,159	-2,012
Arkansas	1,899	2,319	-420	9,729	10,102	-373
California	47,816	50,956	-3,140	389,860	409,733	-19,873
Colorado	2,599	2,700	-101	28,401	24,998	3,403
Connecticut	3,474	3,496	-22	24,033	25,059	-1,026
Delaware	485	636	-151	5,121	5,452	-331
District of Columbia	471	498	-27	5,836	6,005	-169
Florida	5,818	6,183	-365	28,677	40,180	-11,503
Georgia	6,606	9,611	-3,005	29,209	34,858	-5,649
Hawaii	1,480	1,576	-96	10,728	10,853	-125
Idaho	2,151	2,247	-96	6,673	6,584	89
Illinois	13,856	15,106	-1,250	94,831	91,758	3,073
Indiana	5,165	5,123	42	25,538	25,288	250
Iowa	4,887	4,935	-48	10,141	9,392	749
Kansas	1,324	1,537	-213	5,365	5,667	-302
Kentucky	1,790	5,490	-3,700	9,896	8,687	1,209
Louisiana	1,615	1,950	-335	11,416	12,918	-1,502
Maine	1,039	1,157	-118	5,651	5,295	356
Maryland	2,438	2,952	-514	23,321	22,548	773
Massachusetts	7,805	7,576	229	63,592	65,888	-2,296
Michigan	9,993	9,804	189	45,222	47,739	-2,517
Minnesota	7,497	9,390	-1,893	55,973	51,653	4,320
Mississippi	990	1,432	-442	5,554	6,919	-1,365
Missouri	2,759	3,695	-936	16,423	18,387	-1,964
Montana	1,975	1,337	638	7,898	7,238	660
Nebraska	1,005	1,140	-135	4,499	4,578	-79
Nevada	3,019	2,768	251	21,690	23,092	-1,402
New Hampshire	405	533	-128	2,895	3,024	-129
New Jersey	10,479	11,377	-898	94,636	97,971	-3,335
New Mexico	998	850	148	9,692	10,211	-519
New York	16,149	22,730	-6,581	161,411	164,611	-3,200
North Carolina	2,920	2,927	-7	17,945	19,859	-1,914
North Dakota	750	722	28	2,865	2,228	637
Ohio	8,118	9,381	-1,263	44,888	45,109	-221
Oklahoma	1,273	1,693	-420	9,529	10,294	-765
Oregon	4,801	8,551	-3,750	33,182	35,072	-1,890
Pennsylvania	14,068	18,430	-4,362	98,874	99,752	-878
Puerto Rico	1,169	1,361	-192	15,792	17,116	-1,324
Rhode Island	1,114	1,353	-239	8,457	8,195	262
South Carolina	2,232	4,079	-1,847	13,198	15,392	-2,194
South Dakota	416	476	-60	1,496	1,398	98
Tennessee	3,199	4,210	-1,011	15,743	15,608	135
Texas	15,067	19,400	-4,333	130,810	149,874	-19,064
Utah	1,672	1,945	-273	10,949	10,656	293
Vermont	445	511	-66	2,673	2,666	7
Virgin Islands	16	282	-266	198	286	-88
Virginia	1,418	1,945	-527	12,826	11,984	842
Washington	7,001	8,048	-1,047	69,218	65,226	3,992
West Virginia	1,725	1,797	-72	9,325	8,496	829
Wisconsin	5,648	8,636	-2,988	28,035	29,145	-1,110
Wyoming	490	551	-61	2,170	1,831	339
US Total	248,299	294,615	-46,316	1,776,875	1,845,064	-68,189

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	
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,683	-1	1,695.75	1.1
September 9, 2023	221	4	224.75	1,658	-25	1,686.00	1.1
September 16, 2023	202	-19	217.25	1,665	7	1,672.50	1.1
September 23, 2023	205	3	211.25	1,672	7	1,669.50	1.1
September 30, 2023	209	4	209.25	1,705	33	1,675.00	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	2	206.75	1,727	22	1,692.25	1.2
October 14, 2023	200	-11	206.25	1,783	56	1,721.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	212	12	208.00	1,812	29	1,756.75	1.2
October 28, 2023	220	8	210.75	1,833	21	1,788.75	1.2
November 4, 2023	218	-2	212.50	1,862	29	1,822.50	1.2
November 11, 2023	233	15	220.75	1,841	-21	1,837.00	1.2
November 18, 2023	211	-22	220.50	1,925	84	1,865.25	1.3
November 25, 2023	219	8	220.25	1,856	-69	1,871.00	1.2
December 2, 2023	221	2	221.00	1,876	20	1,874.50	1.3
December 9, 2023	202	-19	213.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 2

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
NOVEMBER 25

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>		UCX <sup>1</sup>
Alabama	2,965	1,485	-303	5	4	9,562	0.5	1,233	4,839	27	17	9,606
Alaska	961	227	-104	9	0	6,468	2.2	407	-6	82	9	6,559
Arizona	3,287	823	346	11	1	22,159	0.7	883	4,241	85	46	22,290
Arkansas	2,319	737	533	4	0	10,102	0.8	1,396	2,678	20	27	10,149
California	50,956	13,478	-845	166	90	409,733	2.3	86,246	58,810	934	1,127	411,794
Colorado	2,700	589	-691	5	10	24,998	0.9	433	4,212	134	137	25,269
Connecticut	3,496	283	-9	3	1	25,059	1.5	4,350	4,756	30	28	25,117
Delaware	636	-14	24	2	0	5,452	1.2	1,111	1,402	18	3	5,473
District of Columbia	498	189	195	10	0	6,005	1.1	605	3,077	138	9	6,152
Florida	6,183	2,149	-210	12	27	40,180	0.4	9,808	-4,660	113	122	40,415
Georgia	9,611	6,728	-1,274	13	16	34,858	0.8	11,847	2,418	142	81	35,081
Hawaii	1,576	642	256	2	6	10,853	1.8	893	4,981	33	45	10,931
Idaho	2,247	302	-177	34	1	6,584	0.8	1,260	270	107	13	6,704
Illinois	15,106	4,355	-1,179	5	6	91,758	1.6	12,404	13,145	265	96	92,119
Indiana	5,123	2,238	-1,045	5	5	25,288	0.8	4,875	-809	51	31	25,370
Iowa	4,935	2,101	1,305	7	1	9,392	0.6	2,030	-313	15	7	9,414
Kansas	1,537	-893	-33	4	1	5,667	0.4	1,379	1,522	43	13	5,723
Kentucky	5,490	3,232	3,644	0	1	8,687	0.5	377	-632	23	31	8,741
Louisiana	1,950	748	-255	0	1	12,918	0.7	169	1,680	30	12	12,960
Maine	1,157	391	66	1	1	5,295	0.9	847	852	21	6	5,322
Maryland	2,952	517	555	12	11	22,548	0.9	1,830	2,137	145	60	22,753
Massachusetts	7,576	903	85	9	4	65,888	1.8	7,036	14,337	103	88	66,079
Michigan	9,804	2,639	504	2	3	47,739	1.1	5,991	2,098	90	49	47,878
Minnesota	9,390	3,146	1,249	6	1	51,653	1.8	11,830	5,694	80	37	51,770
Mississippi	1,432	157	-185	2	1	6,919	0.6	1,038	1,406	48	10	6,977
Missouri	3,695	1,108	-89	3	3	18,387	0.7	2,736	3,376	46	17	18,450
Montana	1,337	22	-199	38	0	7,238	1.5	1,552	-571	155	5	7,398
Nebraska	1,140	308	262	3	1	4,578	0.5	-88	1,340	6	6	4,590
Nevada	2,768	510	59	7	1	23,092	1.6	1,992	5,179	62	64	23,218
New Hampshire	533	48	102	0	0	3,024	0.5	159	962	5	0	3,029
New Jersey	11,377	2,077	1,456	21	25	97,971	2.4	11,752	16,528	194	178	98,343
New Mexico	850	93	-5	2	3	10,211	1.3	802	1,259	125	28	10,364
New York	22,730	9,073	-1,236	19	11	164,611	1.8	16,323	22,085	321	222	165,154
North Carolina	2,927	1,012	-1,102	4	1	19,859	0.4	1,160	3,625	67	60	19,986
North Dakota	722	213	-73	3	1	2,228	0.5	425	17	8	3	2,239
Ohio	9,381	692	-3,709	6	12	45,109	0.8	6,496	5,809	55	64	45,228
Oklahoma	1,693	473	372	6	3	10,294	0.6	1,207	-31	33	33	10,360
Oregon	8,551	5,406	2,604	103	10	35,072	1.8	5,129	7,983	358	51	35,481
Pennsylvania	18,430	5,287	3,557	14	19	99,752	1.7	14,279	24,793	256	154	100,162
Puerto Rico	1,361	548	-751	10	3	17,116	1.9	1,570	-261	183	35	17,334
Rhode Island	1,353	346	339	0	2	8,195	1.7	845	1,694	22	27	8,244
South Carolina	4,079	2,731	1,277	1	1	15,392	0.7	2,541	2,956	29	50	15,471
South Dakota	476	171	19	12	1	1,398	0.3	343	71	37	2	1,437
Tennessee	4,210	1,689	1,528	9	7	15,608	0.4	1,190	2,300	39	38	15,685
Texas	19,400	8,321	-490	40	88	149,874	1.1	21,111	31,411	409	900	151,183
Utah	1,945	602	-311	41	3	10,656	0.7	615	2,294	121	16	10,793
Vermont	511	-14	-84	0	0	2,666	0.9	640	186	2	1	2,669
Virgin Islands	282	264	254	1	0	286	0.8	84	42	0	8	294
Virginia	1,945	841	734	9	7	11,984	0.3	462	4,085	71	66	12,121
Washington	8,048	2,280	-512	24	24	65,226	1.9	14,585	15,822	287	295	65,808
West Virginia	1,797	1,015	23	2	2	8,496	1.3	2,586	681	29	19	8,544
Wisconsin	8,636	2,400	224	6	0	29,145	1.0	8,495	2,006	55	16	29,216
Wyoming	551	197	-62	16	0	1,831	0.7	199	-161	39	7	1,877
Totals	294,615	94,865	6,639	729	420	1,845,064	1.2	289,468	283,615	5,791	4,469	1,855,324

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 2, 2023**

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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>
CA	+13,478	No comment.
NY	+9,073	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and in accommodation and food services industries.
TX	+8,321	No comment.
GA	+6,728	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	+5,406	No comment.
PA	+5,287	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and in professional, scientific and technical services industries.
IL	+4,355	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in manufacturing industries.
KY	+3,232	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MN	+3,146	Layoffs in the construction and in finance and insurance industries.
SC	+2,731	No comment.
MI	+2,639	Layoffs in the construction industry.
WI	+2,400	Layoffs in the construction and in transportation and warehousing industries.
WA	+2,280	No comment.
IN	+2,238	No comment.
FL	+2,149	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; and in service industries.
IA	+2,101	Layoffs in the construction, retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	+2,077	No comment.
TN	+1,689	Layoffs in the wholesale trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, retail trade, and in accommodation and food services industries.
AL	+1,485	Layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, construction, health care and social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
MO	+1,108	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in manufacturing industries.
WV	+1,015	Layoffs in the utilities and manufacturing industries.
NC	+1,012	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and in construction industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		



## 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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