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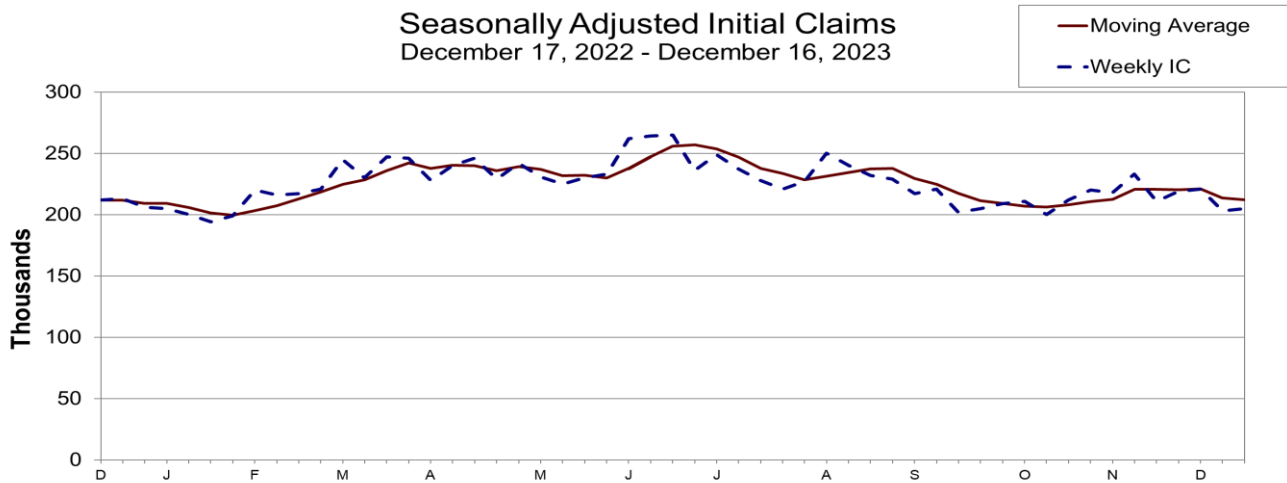
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

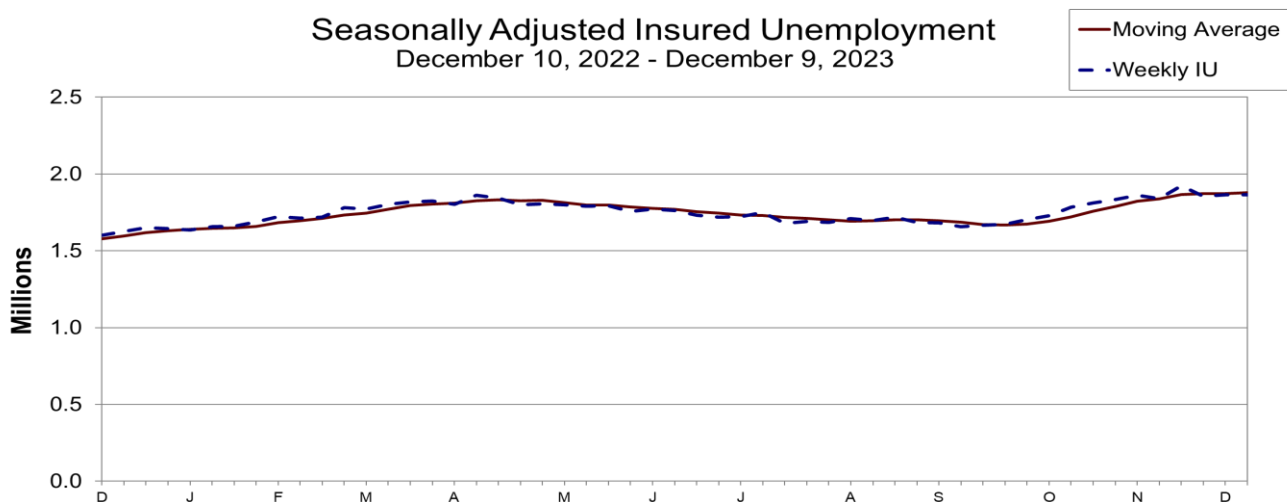
In the week ending December 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 205,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 202,000 to 203,000. The 4-week moving average was 212,000, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 213,250 to 213,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending December 9, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 9 was 1,865,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 10,000 from 1,876,000 to 1,866,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,878,000, an increase of 6,000 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 2,500 from 1,874,500 to 1,872,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 17, 2022 - December 16, 2023



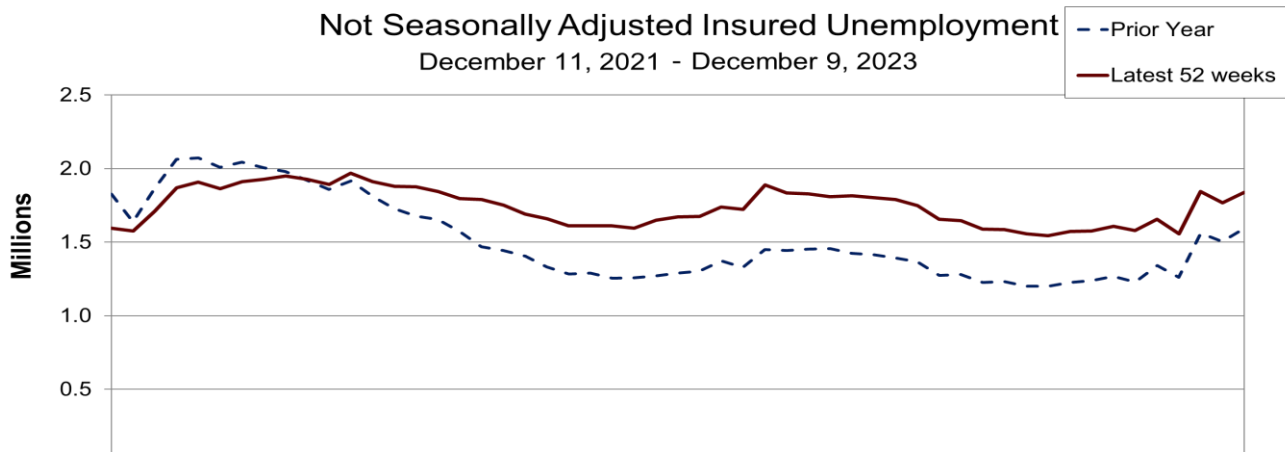
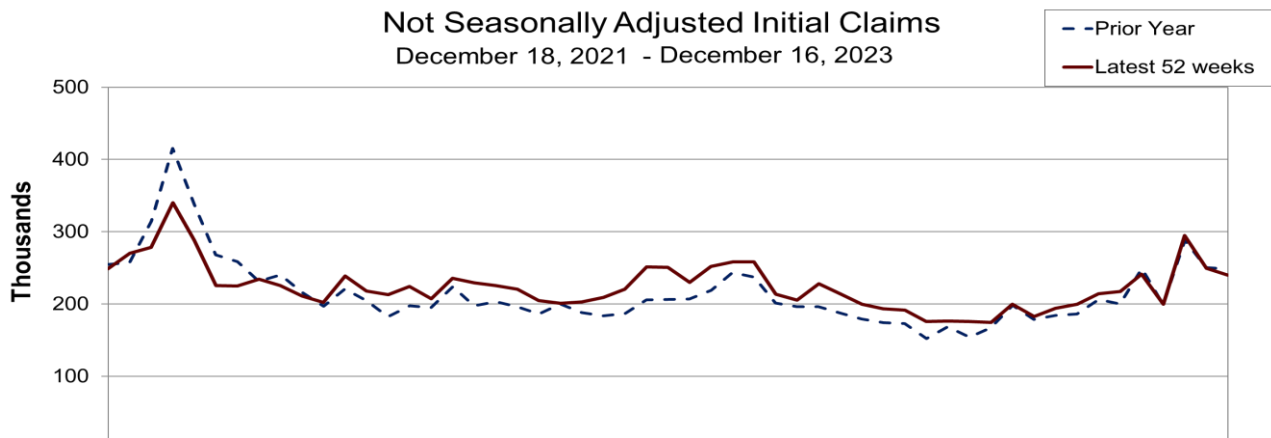
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 10, 2022 - December 9, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 239,865 in the week ending December 16, a decrease of 9,225 (or -3.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,368 (or -4.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 248,444 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending December 9, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,839,198, an increase of 71,943 (or 4.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 72,780 (or 4.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,594,527.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 2 was 1,794,718, a decrease of 76,244 from the previous week. There were 1,528,272 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 December 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 747 in the week ending December 9, an increase of 18 from the prior week. There were 389 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 31 from the preceding week.

There were 6,131 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 2, an increase of 340 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,277, a decrease of 192 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 2 were in New Jersey (2.3), Alaska (2.2), California (2.2), Minnesota (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Washington (1.9), Hawaii (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 9 were in Nevada (+329), Massachusetts (+298), Michigan (+279), Arizona (+259), and North Carolina (+173), while the largest decreases were in New York (-6,720), Pennsylvania (-4,311), Texas (-3,715), Kentucky (-3,707), and California (-3,618).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 16	December 9	Change	December 2	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	205,000	203,000	+2,000	221,000	212,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	239,865	249,090	-9,225	294,615	248,444
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	212,000	213,500	-1,500	221,000	211,750

WEEK ENDING	December 9	December 2	Change	November 25	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,865,000	1,866,000	-1,000	1,856,000	1,601,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,839,198	1,767,255	+71,943	1,845,080	1,594,527
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,878,000	1,872,000	+6,000	1,871,000	1,578,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 9	December 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	747	729	+18	780
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	389	420	-31	415

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

WEEK ENDING	December 2	November 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,761,662	1,839,108	-77,446	1,499,015
Federal Employees	6,131	5,791	+340	6,860
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,277	4,469	-192	4,148
Extended Benefits ³	280	478	-198	2,929
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,641	2,655	-14	1,679
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,727	18,461	+1,266	13,641
TOTAL	1,794,718	1,870,962	-76,244	1,528,272

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 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,133	2,450	-317	8,477	9,108	-631
Alaska	888	928	-40	6,661	6,470	191
Arizona	3,156	3,546	-390	20,259	21,541	-1,282
Arkansas	1,370	2,034	-664	9,748	10,293	-545
California	44,008	47,338	-3,330	392,827	383,897	8,930
Colorado	2,179	2,601	-422	29,973	26,999	2,974
Connecticut	3,968	3,387	581	24,877	22,832	2,045
Delaware	406	512	-106	5,342	4,794	548
District of Columbia	452	467	-15	5,831	6,009	-178
Florida	5,430	6,170	-740	34,485	32,433	2,052
Georgia	4,968	6,925	-1,957	29,241	30,332	-1,091
Hawaii	1,149	1,476	-327	9,848	10,482	-634
Idaho	2,132	2,140	-8	7,448	6,928	520
Illinois	13,508	13,856	-348	104,364	93,379	10,985
Indiana	3,722	3,765	-43	22,555	22,432	123
Iowa	4,814	4,606	208	11,561	10,105	1,456
Kansas	1,457	1,320	137	6,031	5,369	662
Kentucky	2,025	1,783	242	8,436	9,848	-1,412
Louisiana	1,657	1,784	-127	11,434	12,607	-1,173
Maine	1,013	997	16	6,203	5,448	755
Maryland	2,288	2,674	-386	22,861	22,972	-111
Massachusetts	8,833	7,874	959	66,510	64,068	2,442
Michigan	10,582	10,083	499	53,472	46,571	6,901
Minnesota	6,908	7,277	-369	59,600	52,453	7,147
Mississippi	1,094	1,181	-87	5,600	6,344	-744
Missouri	3,136	2,961	175	16,957	16,963	-6
Montana	1,737	1,056	681	9,751	7,848	1,903
Nebraska	950	1,075	-125	4,920	4,689	231
Nevada	3,011	3,097	-86	22,546	22,394	152
New Hampshire	432	485	-53	3,011	3,065	-54
New Jersey	10,311	10,675	-364	97,015	93,747	3,268
New Mexico	849	1,002	-153	9,834	9,594	240
New York	15,830	16,010	-180	163,481	159,566	3,915
North Carolina	2,619	3,100	-481	18,363	18,705	-342
North Dakota	871	688	183	3,272	2,574	698
Ohio	9,480	8,313	1,167	47,231	45,464	1,767
Oklahoma	2,273	1,327	946	9,422	9,671	-249
Oregon	4,381	5,153	-772	33,770	32,888	882
Pennsylvania	13,488	14,119	-631	99,764	99,379	385
Puerto Rico	1,179	1,285	-106	15,239	17,633	-2,394
Rhode Island	1,326	1,076	250	8,752	8,288	464
South Carolina	2,051	2,395	-344	13,364	13,617	-253
South Dakota	383	462	-79	1,747	1,519	228
Tennessee	3,088	3,232	-144	15,434	15,880	-446
Texas	14,797	15,685	-888	144,083	131,889	12,194
Utah	1,312	1,717	-405	11,296	11,020	276
Vermont	299	453	-154	1,916	2,466	-550
Virgin Islands	18	21	-3	262	192	70
Virginia	1,652	1,669	-17	13,103	12,007	1,096
Washington	6,816	6,969	-153	70,828	64,334	6,494
West Virginia	1,297	1,794	-497	8,924	8,619	305
Wisconsin	5,701	5,589	112	28,876	27,674	1,202
Wyoming	438	508	-70	2,393	1,856	537
US Total	239,865	249,090	-9,225	1,839,198	1,767,255	71,943

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 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	1,866	10	1,872.00	1.3
December 9, 2023	203	-18	213.50	1,865	-1	1,878.00	1.3
December 16, 2023	205	2	212.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 9					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 2					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	2,450	-515	-158	6	3	9,108	0.5	-454	4,794	22	17	9,147
Alaska	928	-33	-36	4	0	6,470	2.2	2	-103	86	9	6,565
Arizona	3,546	259	578	7	0	21,541	0.7	-618	3,945	84	21	21,646
Arkansas	2,034	-285	227	1	1	10,293	0.8	191	2,961	19	11	10,323
California	47,338	-3,618	367	163	96	383,897	2.2	-25,836	48,637	911	1,186	385,994
Colorado	2,601	-99	-426	7	5	26,999	1.0	2,001	6,688	154	116	27,269
Connecticut	3,387	-109	-589	1	1	22,832	1.4	-2,227	3,789	29	22	22,883
Delaware	512	-124	167	1	0	4,794	1.1	-658	1,122	9	4	4,807
District of Columbia	467	-31	-73	5	1	6,009	1.1	4	3,089	195	8	6,212
Florida	6,170	-13	135	14	34	32,433	0.3	-7,747	-6,073	98	85	32,616
Georgia	6,925	-2,686	313	24	15	30,332	0.7	-4,526	3,027	120	96	30,548
Hawaii	1,476	-100	386	3	10	10,482	1.8	-387	5,029	29	36	10,547
Idaho	2,140	-107	44	27	1	6,928	0.9	344	99	132	10	7,070
Illinois	13,856	-1,250	-2,567	10	3	93,379	1.6	1,621	18,932	277	108	93,764
Indiana	3,765	-1,358	-868	8	2	22,432	0.7	-2,856	-1,261	52	42	22,526
Iowa	4,606	-329	1,030	6	2	10,105	0.7	713	-681	18	8	10,131
Kansas	1,320	-217	283	2	5	5,369	0.4	-298	1,494	41	18	5,428
Kentucky	1,783	-3,707	-216	5	1	9,848	0.5	1,161	2,070	37	20	9,905
Louisiana	1,784	-166	-263	0	0	12,607	0.7	-311	1,177	36	10	12,653
Maine	997	-160	29	0	0	5,448	0.9	153	848	17	7	5,472
Maryland	2,674	-278	454	11	6	22,972	0.9	424	2,986	167	66	23,205
Massachusetts	7,874	298	424	11	5	64,068	1.8	-1,820	11,704	112	86	64,266
Michigan	10,083	279	836	2	2	46,571	1.1	-1,168	6,096	124	30	46,725
Minnesota	7,277	-2,113	767	11	6	52,453	1.9	800	6,132	75	45	52,573
Mississippi	1,181	-251	22	0	3	6,344	0.6	-575	849	34	9	6,387
Missouri	2,961	-734	-129	3	2	16,963	0.6	-1,424	2,937	47	25	17,035
Montana	1,056	-281	-253	43	0	7,848	1.6	610	35	191	5	8,044
Nebraska	1,075	-65	196	1	0	4,689	0.5	111	1,207	7	6	4,702
Nevada	3,097	329	231	12	3	22,394	1.5	-698	4,830	85	43	22,522
New Hampshire	485	-48	117	4	2	3,065	0.5	41	896	3	0	3,068
New Jersey	10,675	-702	1,740	15	11	93,747	2.3	-4,224	13,272	235	154	94,136
New Mexico	1,002	152	214	3	1	9,594	1.2	-617	914	177	26	9,797
New York	16,010	-6,720	-822	15	10	159,566	1.7	-5,045	21,053	346	229	160,141
North Carolina	3,100	173	-591	6	2	18,705	0.4	-1,154	2,755	63	66	18,834
North Dakota	688	-34	-55	1	1	2,574	0.6	346	-83	8	5	2,587
Ohio	8,313	-1,068	-4,781	3	13	45,464	0.9	355	2,732	59	59	45,582
Oklahoma	1,327	-366	53	5	6	9,671	0.6	-623	-212	32	37	9,740
Oregon	5,153	-3,398	569	77	4	32,888	1.7	-2,184	7,257	378	49	33,315
Pennsylvania	14,119	-4,311	1,915	17	9	99,379	1.7	-373	22,708	297	162	99,838
Puerto Rico	1,285	-76	-199	3	1	17,633	1.9	517	-986	189	52	17,874
Rhode Island	1,076	-277	0	2	3	8,288	1.8	93	1,602	18	17	8,323
South Carolina	2,395	-1,684	-15	4	1	13,617	0.6	-1,775	1,436	27	54	13,698
South Dakota	462	-14	-8	3	1	1,519	0.3	121	79	31	3	1,553
Tennessee	3,232	-978	865	0	4	15,880	0.5	272	2,904	35	39	15,954
Texas	15,685	-3,715	-251	49	81	131,889	1.0	-17,985	29,987	393	769	133,051
Utah	1,717	-228	-563	86	6	11,020	0.7	364	1,792	124	15	11,159
Vermont	453	-58	15	1	0	2,466	0.8	-200	74	2	1	2,469
Virgin Islands	21	-261	0	0	0	192	0.6	-94	16	2	4	198
Virginia	1,669	-276	323	9	5	12,007	0.3	23	3,387	77	66	12,150
Washington	6,969	-1,079	118	34	20	64,334	1.9	-892	13,828	297	285	64,916
West Virginia	1,794	-3	14	1	0	8,619	1.3	123	390	31	17	8,667
Wisconsin	5,589	-3,047	-540	8	1	27,674	1.0	-1,471	1,858	52	13	27,739
Wyoming	508	-43	23	13	0	1,856	0.7	25	-179	47	6	1,909
Totals	249,090	-45,525	-948	747	389	1,767,255	1.2	-77,825	263,839	6,131	4,277	1,777,663

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 December 9, 2023

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
NY	-6,720	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
PA	-4,311	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
TX	-3,715	No comment.
KY	-3,707	No comment.
CA	-3,618	No comment.
OR	-3,398	No comment.
WI	-3,047	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and construction industries.
GA	-2,686	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MN	-2,113	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
SC	-1,684	No comment.
IN	-1,358	No comment.
IL	-1,250	No comment.
WA	-1,079	No comment.
OH	-1,068	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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