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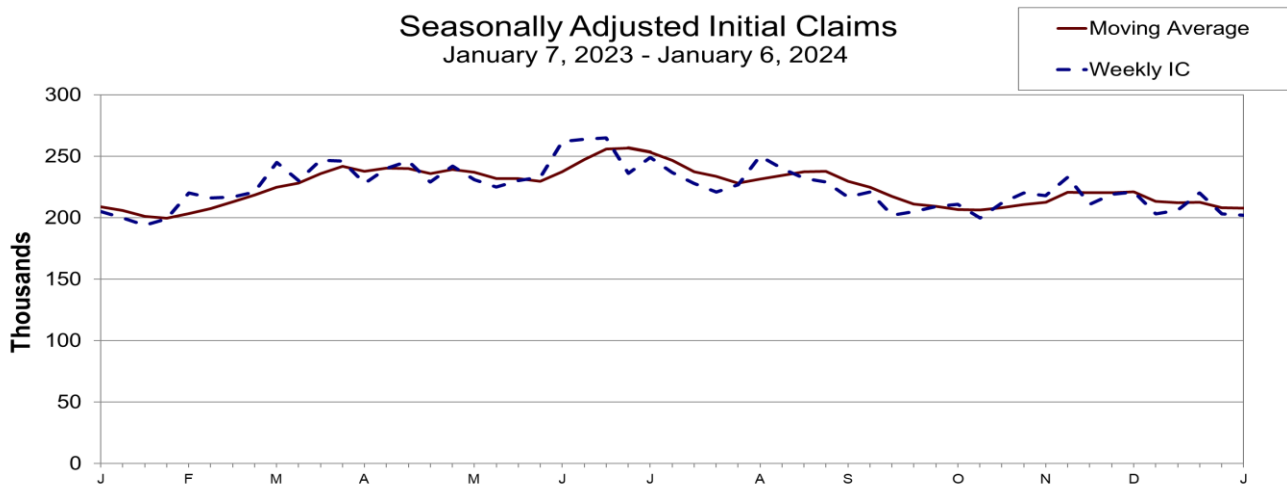
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

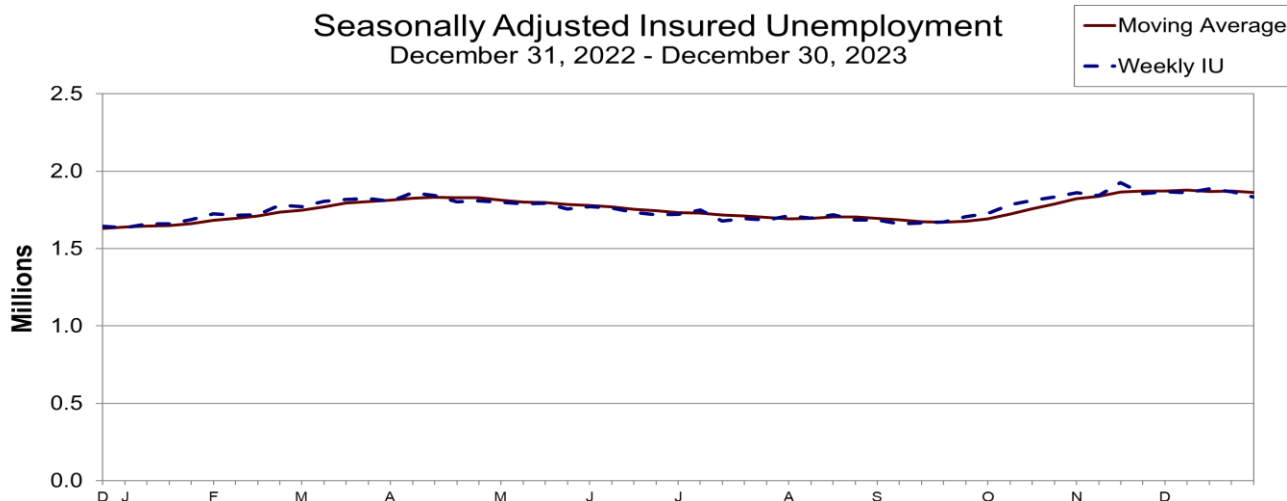
In the week ending January 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 202,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 202,000 to 203,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,750, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 207,750 to 208,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 30, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 1.2 to 1.3 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 30 was 1,834,000, a decrease of 34,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 13,000 from 1,855,000 to 1,868,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,862,250, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,250 from 1,867,000 to 1,870,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 7, 2023 - January 6, 2024



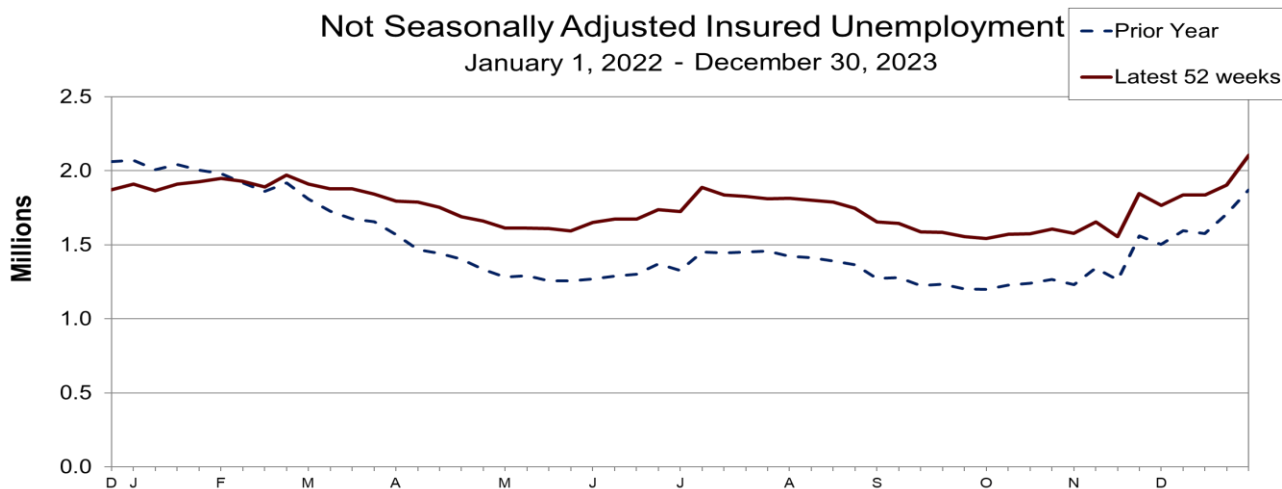
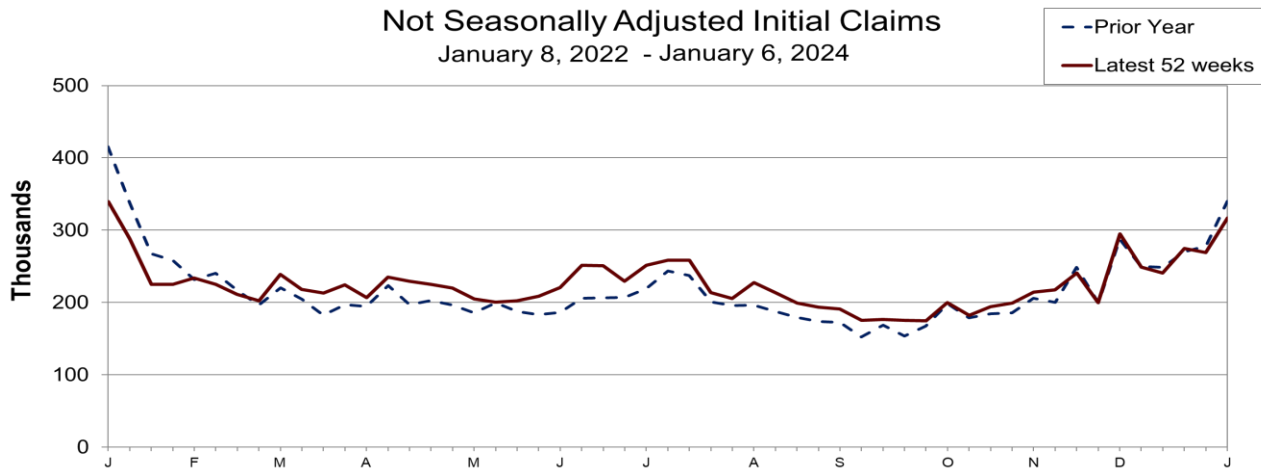
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 31, 2022 - December 30, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 317,048 in the week ending January 6, an increase of 47,632 (or 17.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 49,058 (or 18.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 339,883 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending December 30, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,104,874, an increase of 202,792 (or 10.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 242,898 (or 12.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,870,048.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 23 was 1,927,986, an increase of 63,471 from the previous week. There were 1,734,369 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 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 415 in the week ending December 30, a decrease of 165 from the prior week. There were 230 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 91 from the preceding week.

There were 6,284 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 23, a decrease of 143 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,188, a decrease of 26 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 23 were in Montana (2.4), New Jersey (2.4), Alaska (2.3), Minnesota (2.2), California (2.1), Massachusetts (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Illinois (1.9), and Washington (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 30 were in Pennsylvania (+4,545), New Jersey (+3,187), Michigan (+2,769), Massachusetts (+2,751), and Connecticut (+2,020), while the largest decreases were in California (-8,062), Texas (-5,821), Missouri (-2,308), Florida (-1,408), and Oregon (-1,236).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 6	December 30	Change	December 23	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	202,000	203,000	-1,000	220,000	205,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	317,048	269,416	+47,632	274,840	339,883
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	207,750	208,000	-250	212,500	209,000

WEEK ENDING	December 30	December 23	Change	December 16	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,834,000	1,868,000	-34,000	1,886,000	1,645,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,104,874	1,902,082	+202,792	1,836,547	1,870,048
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,862,250	1,870,250	-8,000	1,867,250	1,630,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.3%	+0.1	1.2%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 30	December 23	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	415	580	-165	469
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	230	321	-91	293

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

WEEK ENDING	December 23	December 16	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,896,878	1,830,688	+66,190	1,706,014
Federal Employees	6,284	6,427	-143	6,988
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,188	4,214	-26	4,209
Extended Benefits ³	292	372	-80	1,627
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,368	2,589	-221	1,454
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,976	20,225	-2,249	14,077
TOTAL	1,927,986	1,864,515	+63,471	1,734,369

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 January 6			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,900	2,226	674	10,736	10,029	707
Alaska	867	767	100	6,846	6,786	60
Arizona	3,187	2,298	889	20,044	21,387	-1,343
Arkansas	1,466	1,437	29	10,490	9,712	778
California	50,343	40,353	9,990	406,325	377,924	28,401
Colorado	2,703	1,408	1,295	32,286	29,997	2,289
Connecticut	5,312	7,972	-2,660	33,678	27,657	6,021
Delaware	587	917	-330	6,506	5,327	1,179
District of Columbia	502	352	150	5,930	5,745	185
Florida	5,833	4,081	1,752	31,086	36,719	-5,633
Georgia	11,355	5,331	6,024	36,557	30,965	5,592
Hawaii	1,758	1,411	347	10,147	8,435	1,712
Idaho	1,964	2,364	-400	10,573	9,263	1,310
Illinois	12,916	13,937	-1,021	117,799	111,456	6,343
Indiana	4,946	4,956	-10	27,844	27,136	708
Iowa	4,199	5,787	-1,588	20,595	16,563	4,032
Kansas	1,536	2,637	-1,101	7,078	6,590	488
Kentucky	2,118	2,765	-647	4,976	8,639	-3,663
Louisiana	1,407	1,273	134	11,550	13,125	-1,575
Maine	1,339	1,193	146	7,685	6,649	1,036
Maryland	2,627	3,388	-761	24,616	22,266	2,350
Massachusetts	9,088	12,511	-3,423	83,445	74,278	9,167
Michigan	14,652	13,391	1,261	62,118	61,524	594
Minnesota	8,362	6,720	1,642	77,004	62,448	14,556
Mississippi	1,094	1,058	36	6,399	6,978	-579
Missouri	5,810	5,726	84	23,454	23,305	149
Montana	2,610	1,607	1,003	12,566	11,518	1,048
Nebraska	1,242	1,489	-247	7,208	6,290	918
Nevada	2,853	2,755	98	25,177	25,299	-122
New Hampshire	505	948	-443	3,832	3,357	475
New Jersey	14,164	18,349	-4,185	117,258	98,186	19,072
New Mexico	808	736	72	10,470	9,945	525
New York	38,204	17,449	20,755	196,045	164,929	31,116
North Carolina	3,658	1,836	1,822	18,576	18,364	212
North Dakota	724	803	-79	5,162	3,864	1,298
Ohio	10,359	12,055	-1,696	59,382	52,878	6,504
Oklahoma	2,327	1,186	1,141	10,579	10,591	-12
Oregon	6,020	5,813	207	38,782	34,592	4,190
Pennsylvania	18,822	20,405	-1,583	125,222	106,731	18,491
Puerto Rico	1,273	1,884	-611	14,170	16,579	-2,409
Rhode Island	2,058	3,100	-1,042	13,237	9,918	3,319
South Carolina	6,056	2,001	4,055	18,546	15,088	3,458
South Dakota	327	365	-38	2,457	2,118	339
Tennessee	3,244	2,742	502	18,266	18,226	40
Texas	17,074	8,159	8,915	148,688	140,186	8,502
Utah	1,259	942	317	11,895	11,254	641
Vermont	446	498	-52	3,378	2,768	610
Virgin Islands	5	10	-5	154	176	-22
Virginia	2,628	2,070	558	13,680	12,357	1,323
Washington	8,526	7,270	1,256	77,778	65,598	12,180
West Virginia	1,390	901	489	10,546	8,029	2,517
Wisconsin	11,158	7,326	3,832	43,206	30,249	12,957
Wyoming	437	458	-21	2,847	2,089	758
US Total	317,048	269,416	47,632	2,104,874	1,902,082	202,792

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 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	1,861	-5	1,877.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	206	3	212.25	1,886	25	1,867.25	1.3
December 23, 2023	220	14	212.50	1,868	-18	1,870.25	1.3
December 30, 2023	203	-17	208.00	1,834	-34	1,862.25	1.2
January 6, 2024	202	-1	207.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 30

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 23

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	2,226	-197	-400	2	2	10,029	0.5	438	3,999	27	18	10,074
Alaska	767	-21	49	3	0	6,786	2.3	108	198	98	6	6,890
Arizona	2,298	-727	156	0	0	21,387	0.7	-471	3,700	116	21	21,524
Arkansas	1,437	-813	110	1	0	9,712	0.8	-285	2,872	20	12	9,744
California	40,353	-8,062	-2,030	85	51	377,924	2.1	1,971	42,062	935	1,056	379,915
Colorado	1,408	-375	-1,147	4	2	29,997	1.1	525	8,099	186	126	30,309
Connecticut	7,972	2,020	64	1	0	27,657	1.7	3,079	4,554	26	20	27,703
Delaware	917	331	211	0	0	5,327	1.2	284	1,402	10	4	5,341
District of Columbia	352	-67	-131	4	0	5,745	1.0	-231	2,586	125	6	5,876
Florida	4,081	-1,408	-157	10	16	36,719	0.4	2,131	-2,840	114	113	36,946
Georgia	5,331	-311	-887	10	7	30,965	0.7	588	3,224	99	75	31,139
Hawaii	1,411	230	11	2	1	8,435	1.4	-860	2,791	30	53	8,518
Idaho	2,364	174	104	18	3	9,263	1.1	951	-444	188	11	9,462
Illinois	13,937	-605	690	2	4	111,456	1.9	7,432	13,380	267	116	111,839
Indiana	4,956	545	-1,726	5	5	27,136	0.9	3,663	-2,765	51	29	27,216
Iowa	5,787	-29	743	3	1	16,563	1.1	3,103	-2,169	21	10	16,594
Kansas	2,637	797	1,204	0	0	6,590	0.5	998	1,515	32	15	6,637
Kentucky	2,765	-713	21	0	0	8,639	0.4	967	-3,844	26	26	8,691
Louisiana	1,273	-493	-266	3	1	13,125	0.7	-68	964	26	9	13,160
Maine	1,193	381	-6	1	0	6,649	1.1	479	703	23	9	6,681
Maryland	3,388	284	125	6	1	22,266	0.9	-269	1,451	128	71	22,465
Massachusetts	12,511	2,751	141	2	2	74,278	2.1	3,918	8,417	105	71	74,454
Michigan	13,391	2,769	-117	1	1	61,524	1.4	8,311	4,951	112	31	61,667
Minnesota	6,720	94	633	4	2	62,448	2.2	3,871	3,190	95	47	62,590
Mississippi	1,058	-191	-103	1	1	6,978	0.6	444	602	38	10	7,026
Missouri	5,726	-2,308	-496	1	2	23,305	0.8	5,315	451	47	18	23,370
Montana	1,607	360	443	90	0	11,518	2.4	750	2,252	297	3	11,818
Nebraska	1,489	-129	177	0	0	6,290	0.6	754	681	6	6	6,302
Nevada	2,755	-563	480	2	1	25,299	1.7	1,019	5,935	116	43	25,458
New Hampshire	948	443	66	4	0	3,357	0.5	130	823	7	0	3,364
New Jersey	18,349	3,187	2,856	15	12	98,186	2.4	672	10,598	203	155	98,544
New Mexico	736	-260	32	1	1	9,945	1.2	106	293	157	27	10,129
New York	17,449	1,168	-4,316	16	9	164,929	1.8	1,155	10,378	286	223	165,438
North Carolina	1,836	-852	-671	2	0	18,364	0.4	-515	1,190	58	73	18,495
North Dakota	803	-55	227	0	0	3,864	1.0	440	-316	8	4	3,876
Ohio	12,055	-274	-1,745	4	8	52,878	1.0	3,351	-662	62	69	53,009
Oklahoma	1,186	-631	-28	3	8	10,591	0.7	689	-40	22	31	10,644
Oregon	5,813	-1,236	-1,395	29	4	34,592	1.8	1,247	4,824	452	41	35,085
Pennsylvania	20,405	4,545	3,614	6	5	106,731	1.8	3,513	21,557	290	160	107,181
Puerto Rico	1,884	33	439	2	2	16,579	1.8	216	369	164	53	16,796
Rhode Island	3,100	1,433	715	1	0	9,918	2.1	781	1,460	17	20	9,955
South Carolina	2,001	-515	-1,278	2	2	15,088	0.7	1,364	812	27	43	15,158
South Dakota	365	-24	38	2	0	2,118	0.5	154	-249	32	1	2,151
Tennessee	2,742	-852	-521	6	2	18,226	0.5	1,931	2,844	36	31	18,293
Texas	8,159	-5,821	-2,129	18	49	140,186	1.1	1,721	21,772	404	850	141,440
Utah	942	-196	-619	20	0	11,254	0.7	131	63	168	11	11,433
Vermont	498	-57	-430	1	0	2,768	0.9	-36	-291	3	1	2,772
Virgin Islands	10	-13	-9	0	0	176	0.5	-28	24	0	2	178
Virginia	2,070	51	709	1	4	12,357	0.3	16	2,812	71	68	12,496
Washington	7,270	-170	-1,098	15	19	65,598	1.9	-488	7,067	322	253	66,173
West Virginia	901	-36	-173	2	2	8,029	1.2	115	110	35	19	8,083
Wisconsin	7,326	1,028	-1,259	3	0	30,249	1.1	-150	-1,539	56	13	30,318
Wyoming	458	-44	8	1	0	2,089	0.8	105	-360	40	5	2,134
Totals	269,416	-5,424	-9,071	415	230	1,902,082	1.3	65,535	191,456	6,284	4,188	1,912,554

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 30, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+4,545	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and construction industries.
NJ	+3,187	No comment.
MI	+2,769	Layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
MA	+2,751	No comment.
CT	+2,020	No comment.
RI	+1,433	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in manufacturing industries.
NY	+1,168	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and construction industries.
WI	+1,028	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-8,062	No comment.
TX	-5,821	No comment.
MO	-2,308	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and in healthcare and social assistance industries.
FL	-1,408	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; and services industries.
OR	-1,236	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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