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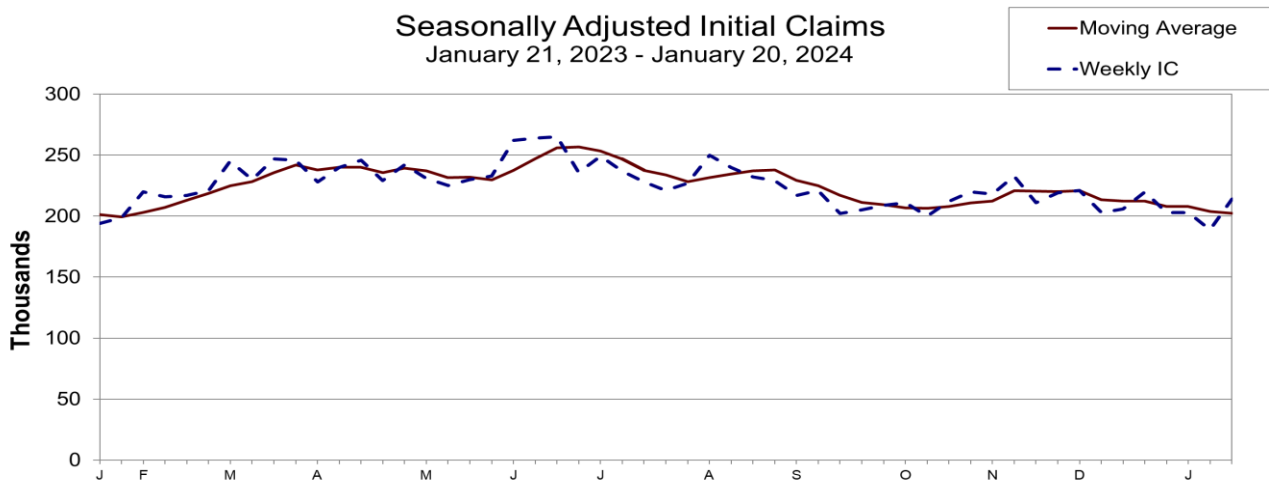
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

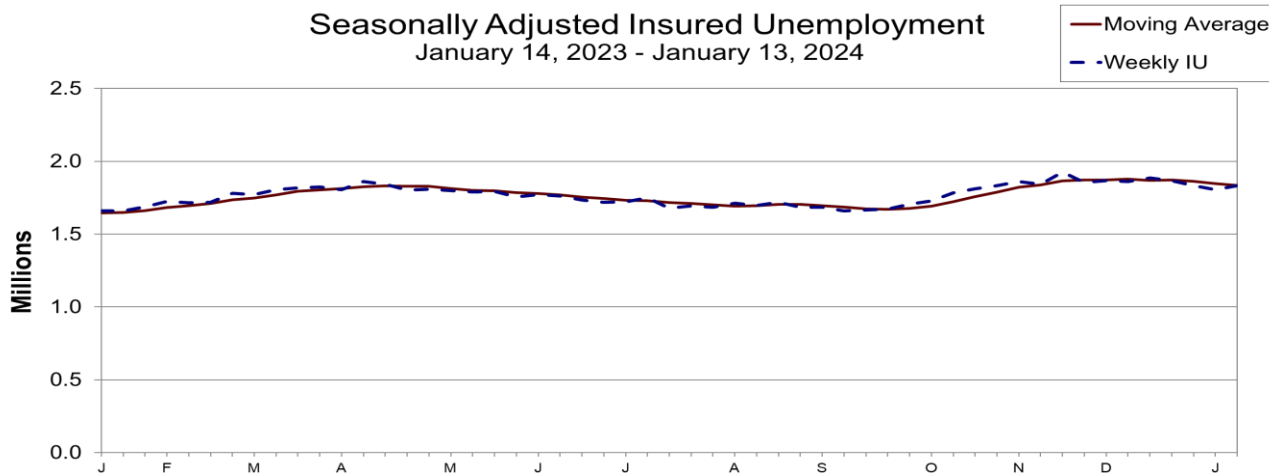
In the week ending January 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, an increase of 25,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 187,000 to 189,000. The 4-week moving average was 202,250, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 203,250 to 203,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 13 was 1,833,000, an increase of 27,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,806,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,835,000, a decrease of 13,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,848,000 to 1,848,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 21, 2023 - January 20, 2024



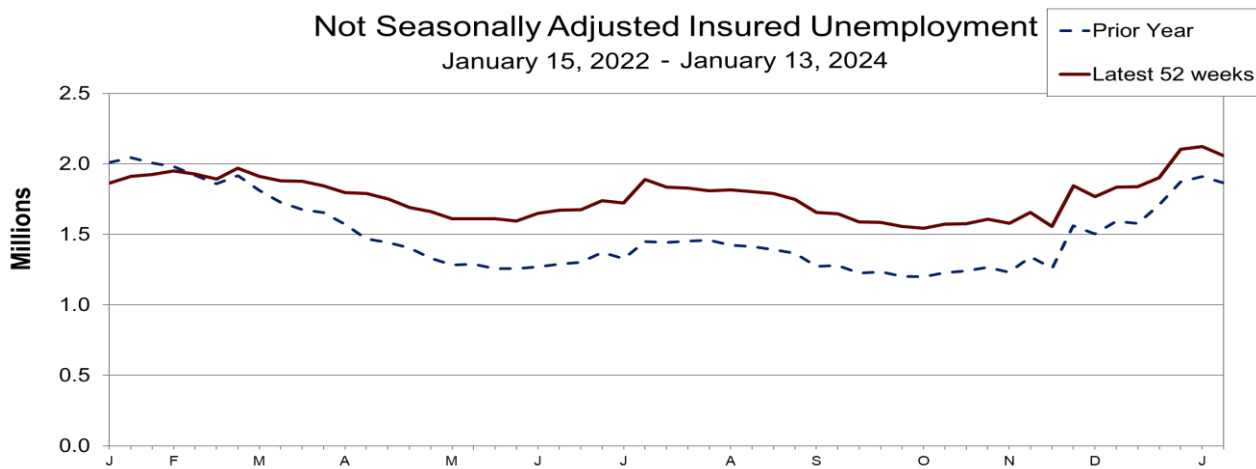
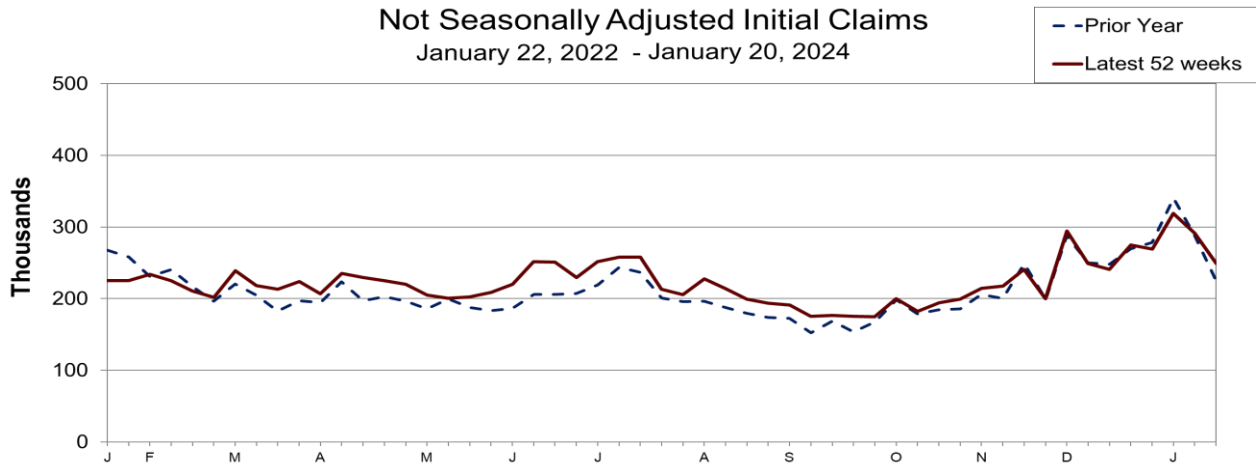
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
January 14, 2023 - January 13, 2024



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 248,955 in the week ending January 20, a decrease of 42,375 (or -14.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 71,558 (or -24.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 225,228 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending January 13, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,057,906, a decrease of 64,633 (or -3.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 93,934 (or -4.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,863,956.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 6 was 2,148,140, an increase of 17,359 from the previous week. There were 1,935,736 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 762 in the week ending January 13, an increase of 119 from the prior week. There were 415 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 40 from the preceding week.

There were 6,766 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 6, an increase of 189 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,526, an increase of 428 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 6 were in New Jersey (2.7), Rhode Island (2.6), Minnesota (2.5), California (2.4), Alaska (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), Illinois (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.2), Montana (2.1), and Washington (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 13 were in Texas (+2,433), California (+1,949), Oregon (+1,111), Kansas (+1,054), and Florida (+1,025), while the largest decreases were in New York (-17,358), Wisconsin (-4,505), Michigan (-4,427), Pennsylvania (-3,835), and South Carolina (-3,042).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 20</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	189,000	+25,000	203,000	194,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	248,955	291,330	-42,375	318,906	225,228
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	202,250	203,750	-1,500	208,000	201,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,833,000	1,806,000	+27,000	1,833,000	1,658,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,057,906	2,122,539	-64,633	2,104,271	1,863,956
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,835,000	1,848,250	-13,250	1,862,000	1,646,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	762	643	+119	758
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	415	375	+40	407

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,116,945	2,097,670	+19,275	1,903,260
Federal Employees	6,766	6,577	+189	7,324
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,526	4,098	+428	4,502
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	628	523	+105	2,825
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,369	2,405	-36	1,567
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	16,906	19,508	-2,602	16,258
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,148,140</b>	<b>2,130,781</b>	<b>+17,359</b>	<b>1,935,736</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 149,943,945 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 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,727	2,887	-160	9,300	10,273	-973
Alaska	903	934	-31	6,531	6,999	-468
Arizona	3,353	4,089	-736	20,622	21,826	-1,204
Arkansas	1,442	1,871	-429	8,251	10,803	-2,552
California	47,574	51,756	-4,182	396,785	424,504	-27,719
Colorado	2,373	2,715	-342	33,986	32,405	1,581
Connecticut	4,306	5,519	-1,213	31,823	31,320	503
Delaware	361	574	-213	6,470	6,483	-13
District of Columbia	365	509	-144	5,680	6,341	-661
Florida	5,610	7,103	-1,493	31,780	36,609	-4,829
Georgia	5,363	9,042	-3,679	29,983	34,089	-4,106
Hawaii	1,326	1,450	-124	9,174	9,488	-314
Idaho	2,046	2,438	-392	10,785	11,048	-263
Illinois	12,304	12,668	-364	128,769	131,949	-3,180
Indiana	4,031	5,237	-1,206	27,043	29,271	-2,228
Iowa	4,566	4,885	-319	20,170	19,761	409
Kansas	1,639	2,517	-878	7,922	6,347	1,575
Kentucky	2,362	2,461	-99	9,986	10,355	-369
Louisiana	1,063	1,772	-709	11,087	13,375	-2,288
Maine	902	1,018	-116	8,168	7,661	507
Maryland	2,560	3,221	-661	24,109	24,345	-236
Massachusetts	7,637	8,555	-918	81,639	84,018	-2,379
Michigan	10,467	10,420	47	68,783	71,881	-3,098
Minnesota	5,137	6,062	-925	73,495	69,777	3,718
Mississippi	1,080	1,301	-221	5,721	7,393	-1,672
Missouri	5,684	6,412	-728	24,291	23,050	1,241
Montana	1,945	2,199	-254	10,736	10,047	689
Nebraska	1,133	1,178	-45	7,499	7,635	-136
Nevada	2,751	3,160	-409	24,199	25,018	-819
New Hampshire	391	555	-164	3,508	3,728	-220
New Jersey	11,363	12,769	-1,406	110,570	113,187	-2,617
New Mexico	795	1,122	-327	10,365	10,419	-54
New York	16,506	20,626	-4,120	182,033	185,279	-3,246
North Carolina	3,142	3,686	-544	18,931	19,279	-348
North Dakota	702	1,235	-533	6,019	4,939	1,080
Ohio	9,484	11,312	-1,828	60,249	60,485	-236
Oklahoma	1,332	1,713	-381	10,784	11,288	-504
Oregon	4,790	7,140	-2,350	35,527	36,884	-1,357
Pennsylvania	14,808	15,004	-196	116,805	117,450	-645
Puerto Rico	1,289	1,968	-679	16,771	20,133	-3,362
Rhode Island	1,285	1,732	-447	12,616	12,456	160
South Carolina	1,960	3,124	-1,164	14,581	16,268	-1,687
South Dakota	366	474	-108	2,716	2,576	140
Tennessee	3,065	4,178	-1,113	17,396	18,751	-1,355
Texas	13,941	19,929	-5,988	143,514	149,848	-6,334
Utah	1,224	1,735	-511	12,549	12,945	-396
Vermont	362	609	-247	4,041	3,740	301
Virgin Islands	22	37	-15	202	196	6
Virginia	2,541	2,883	-342	14,902	13,415	1,487
Washington	7,152	6,677	475	75,860	72,521	3,339
West Virginia	1,143	1,559	-416	10,507	10,746	-239
Wisconsin	7,765	6,549	1,216	39,578	39,524	54
Wyoming	517	761	-244	3,095	2,411	684
US Total	248,955	291,330	-42,375	2,057,906	2,122,539	-64,633

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 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	1,833	-35	1,862.00	1.2
January 6, 2024	203	0	208.00	1,806	-27	1,848.25	1.2
January 13, 2024	189	-14	203.75	1,833	27	1,835.00	1.2
January 20, 2024	214	25	202.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 13						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 6						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	LAST WEEK		YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			
Alabama	2,887	-156	64	6	7	10,273	0.5	-1,401	3,202	24	19	10,316	
Alaska	934	151	-94	4	2	6,999	2.3	72	181	98	7	7,104	
Arizona	4,089	841	657	13	0	21,826	0.7	228	3,238	123	20	21,969	
Arkansas	1,871	286	129	0	0	10,803	0.9	-332	3,553	33	10	10,846	
California	51,756	1,949	-11,941	148	84	424,504	2.4	23,685	37,182	1,032	1,177	426,713	
Colorado	2,715	67	-994	2	3	32,405	1.2	73	8,628	184	156	32,745	
Connecticut	5,519	443	1,064	2	0	31,320	1.9	-1,454	2,902	37	24	31,381	
Delaware	574	-21	23	4	2	6,483	1.4	387	1,784	10	6	6,499	
District of Columbia	509	19	-124	7	0	6,341	1.1	193	2,243	173	6	6,520	
Florida	7,103	1,025	-18	24	31	36,609	0.4	1,587	-3,080	116	108	36,833	
Georgia	9,042	-2,550	-847	88	30	34,089	0.7	-3,657	3,752	98	80	34,267	
Hawaii	1,450	-279	165	3	5	9,488	1.6	-451	3,416	36	57	9,581	
Idaho	2,438	500	374	20	1	11,048	1.4	150	532	202	14	11,264	
Illinois	12,668	-222	535	5	4	131,949	2.2	15,652	19,241	268	124	132,341	
Indiana	5,237	312	-232	2	5	29,271	0.9	1,501	-4,995	59	37	29,367	
Iowa	4,885	952	2,363	2	3	19,761	1.3	-711	-1,579	20	6	19,787	
Kansas	2,517	1,054	1,249	2	1	6,347	0.5	-224	1,234	37	18	6,402	
Kentucky	2,461	354	-2,981	5	0	10,355	0.5	5,386	-1,552	21	27	10,403	
Louisiana	1,772	210	-541	3	2	13,375	0.7	83	750	27	8	13,410	
Maine	1,018	-285	3	0	0	7,661	1.2	238	504	30	8	7,699	
Maryland	3,221	257	268	14	4	24,345	1.0	23	1,211	127	61	24,533	
Massachusetts	8,555	-615	-260	14	10	84,018	2.3	102	9,316	111	63	84,192	
Michigan	10,420	-4,427	624	3	6	71,881	1.7	7,748	2,864	127	43	72,051	
Minnesota	6,062	-2,131	915	4	8	69,777	2.5	-3,185	7,491	101	61	69,939	
Mississippi	1,301	60	172	3	1	7,393	0.7	38	1,194	37	11	7,441	
Missouri	6,412	368	2,033	0	2	23,050	0.8	-1,402	1,810	56	21	23,127	
Montana	2,199	-414	1,190	16	0	10,047	2.1	-2,342	405	358	4	10,409	
Nebraska	1,178	-94	246	4	0	7,635	0.8	162	1,324	10	9	7,654	
Nevada	3,160	283	210	5	0	25,018	1.7	-1,034	5,109	91	37	25,146	
New Hampshire	555	-67	75	5	1	3,728	0.6	-302	818	11	0	3,739	
New Jersey	12,769	-1,536	1,376	20	6	113,187	2.7	-2,767	11,531	226	177	113,590	
New Mexico	1,122	303	155	5	2	10,419	1.3	-21	402	123	25	10,567	
New York	20,626	-17,358	-1,016	21	24	185,279	2.0	-8,695	12,322	324	248	185,851	
North Carolina	3,686	-79	-362	3	0	19,279	0.4	-142	1,184	60	73	19,412	
North Dakota	1,235	576	590	6	0	4,939	1.2	166	134	10	3	4,952	
Ohio	11,312	797	-2,148	1	17	60,485	1.1	570	-1,268	63	69	60,617	
Oklahoma	1,713	-687	231	2	2	11,288	0.7	501	467	22	32	11,342	
Oregon	7,140	1,111	1,414	93	7	36,884	1.9	-1,623	5,796	520	41	37,445	
Pennsylvania	15,004	-3,835	626	15	12	117,450	2.0	-8,847	19,064	261	154	117,865	
Puerto Rico	1,968	550	130	8	4	20,133	2.2	3,957	1,843	182	43	20,358	
Rhode Island	1,732	-250	-381	1	0	12,456	2.6	-578	1,227	16	20	12,492	
South Carolina	3,124	-3,042	65	7	2	16,268	0.7	-2,799	1,158	21	51	16,340	
South Dakota	474	122	133	3	0	2,576	0.6	15	44	38	3	2,617	
Tennessee	4,178	876	984	5	4	18,751	0.5	-425	1,670	36	36	18,823	
Texas	19,929	2,433	1,984	43	78	149,848	1.1	-640	27,205	409	850	151,107	
Utah	1,735	423	-510	38	1	12,945	0.8	942	155	203	13	13,161	
Vermont	609	143	69	0	0	3,740	1.3	563	30	3	1	3,744	
Virgin Islands	37	30	11	0	0	196	0.6	42	-14	0	6	202	
Virginia	2,883	101	227	9	10	13,415	0.4	588	2,738	79	72	13,566	
Washington	6,677	-1,990	1,153	47	26	72,521	2.1	-1,088	13,672	370	346	73,237	
West Virginia	1,559	107	-47	4	3	10,746	1.6	1,007	331	41	19	10,806	
Wisconsin	6,549	-4,505	-52	6	3	39,524	1.4	-3,306	1,771	62	15	39,601	
Wyoming	761	264	255	17	2	2,411	0.9	35	-240	40	7	2,458	
Totals	291,330	-27,576	-786	762	415	2,122,539	1.4	18,268	213,900	6,766	4,526	2,133,831	

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 JANUARY 13, 2024**

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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>
TX	+2,433	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industry.
CA	+1,949	No comment.
OR	+1,111	No comment.
KS	+1,054	No comment.
FL	+1,025	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; and in service 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>
NY	-17,358	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and in accommodation and food services industries.
WI	-4,505	Fewer layoffs in the construction and in transportation and warehousing industries.
MI	-4,427	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	-3,835	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing; accommodation and food services; and in manufacturing industries.
SC	-3,042	No comment.
GA	-2,550	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and in accommodation and food services industries.
MN	-2,131	No comment.
WA	-1,990	No comment.
NJ	-1,536	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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