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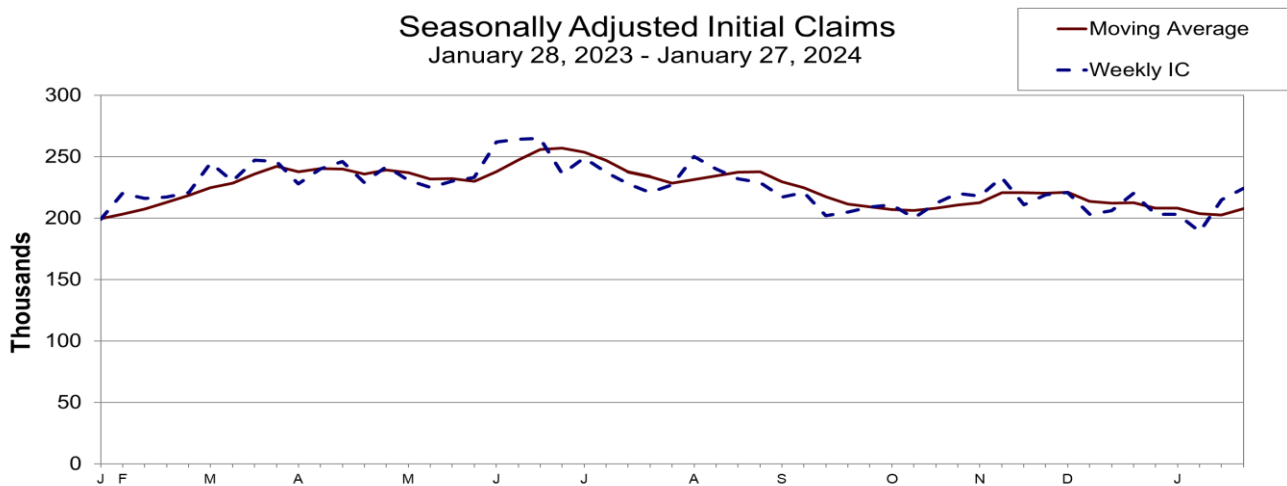
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

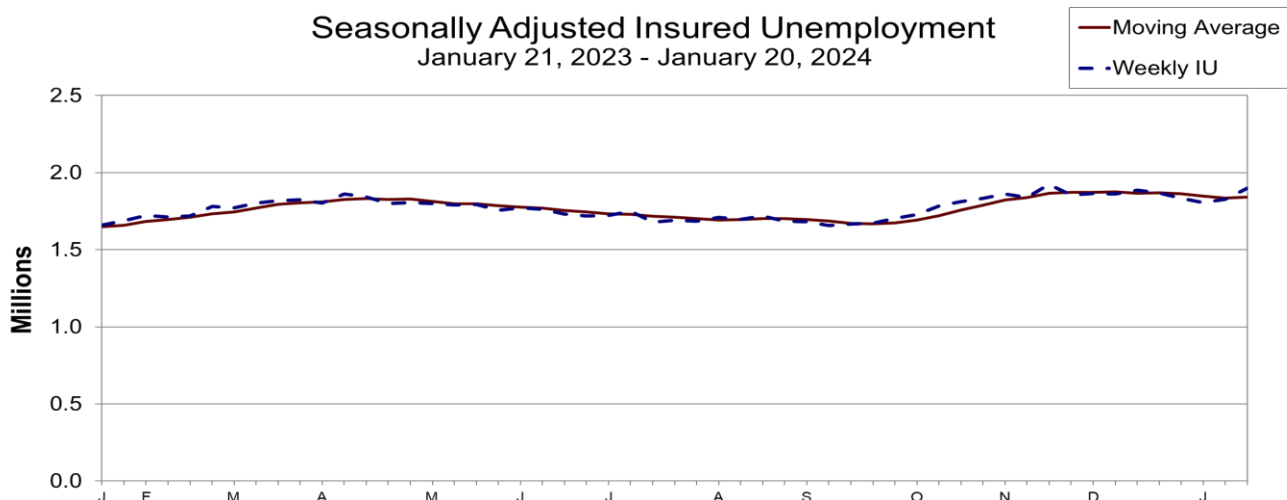
In the week ending January 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 224,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 214,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,750, an increase of 5,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 202,250 to 202,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending January 20, 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 January 20 was 1,898,000, an increase of 70,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,833,000 to 1,828,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,841,250, an increase of 7,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,835,000 to 1,833,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
January 28, 2023 - January 27, 2024



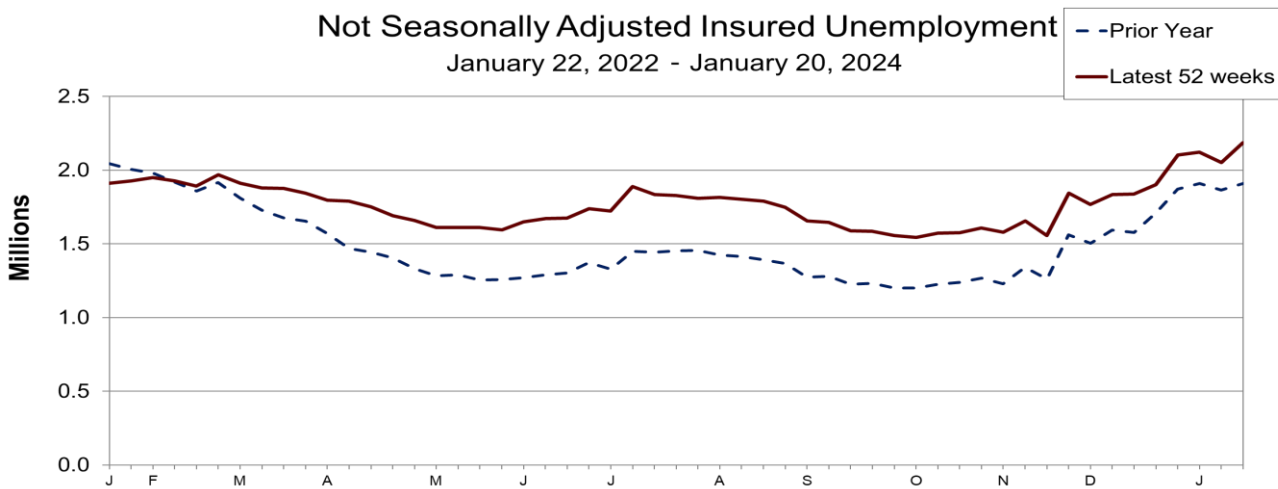
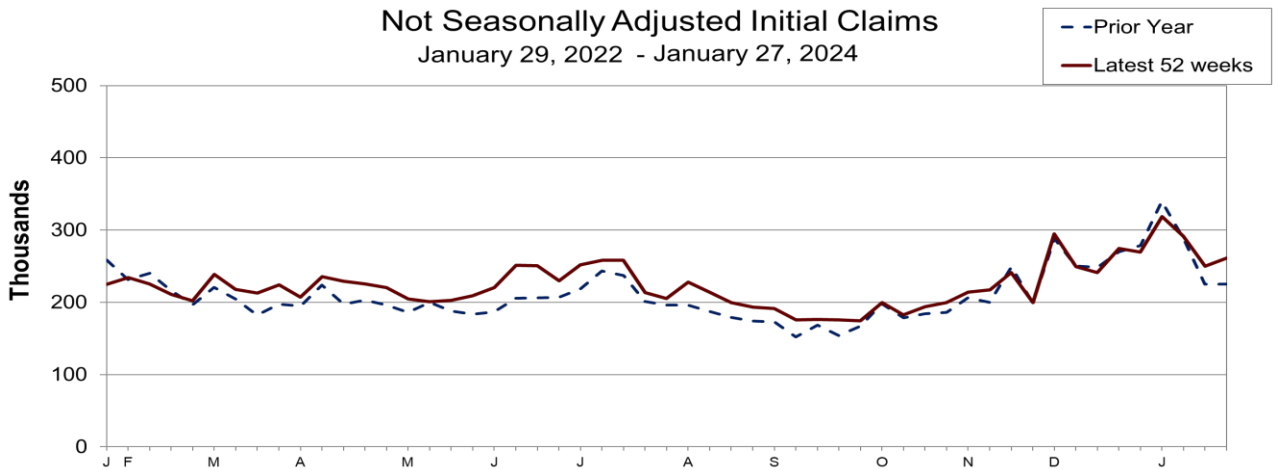
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 21, 2023 - January 20, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 261,029 in the week ending January 27, an increase of 11,082 (or 4.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected no change in the unadjusted data from the previous week. There were 225,026 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 20, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,187,036, an increase of 133,750 (or 6.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 53,023 (or 2.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,911,203.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 13 was 2,080,990, a decrease of 67,159 from the previous week. There were 1,890,290 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 13.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 420 in the week ending January 20, a decrease of 342 from the prior week. There were 357 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 58 from the preceding week.

There were 6,708 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 13, a decrease of 58 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,186, a decrease of 340 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 13 were in New Jersey (2.6), Rhode Island (2.6), Minnesota (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), Alaska (2.2), California (2.2), Illinois (2.2), Montana (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.1), Pennsylvania (2.0), and Washington (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 20 were in Wisconsin (+1,048) and Washington (+428), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-5,636), California (-4,632), New York (-4,208), Georgia (-3,477), and Oregon (-2,388).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 27	January 20	Change	January 13	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	224,000	215,000	+9,000	189,000	199,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	261,029	249,947	+11,082	291,330	225,026
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	207,750	202,500	+5,250	203,750	199,500

WEEK ENDING	January 20	January 13	Change	January 6	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,898,000	1,828,000	+70,000	1,806,000	1,660,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,187,036	2,053,286	+133,750	2,122,548	1,911,203
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,841,250	1,833,750	+7,500	1,848,250	1,649,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.2%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.4%	+0.1	1.4%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 20	January 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	420	762	-342	523
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	357	415	-58	346

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

WEEK ENDING	January 13	January 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,047,130	2,116,954	-69,824	1,858,702
Federal Employees	6,708	6,766	-58	7,289
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,186	4,526	-340	4,232
Extended Benefits ³	445	628	-183	2,512
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,391	2,369	+22	1,558
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,130	16,906	+3,224	15,997
TOTAL	2,080,990	2,148,149	-67,159	1,890,290

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 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,426	2,828	598	10,694	10,234	460
Alaska	886	789	97	6,545	6,615	-70
Arizona	3,653	3,476	177	20,865	21,958	-1,093
Arkansas	1,975	1,529	446	9,979	8,954	1,025
California	52,723	47,124	5,599	442,678	391,330	51,348
Colorado	2,396	2,312	84	35,327	33,253	2,074
Connecticut	3,989	4,134	-145	33,568	30,452	3,116
Delaware	334	361	-27	6,682	6,016	666
District of Columbia	525	354	171	6,122	5,953	169
Florida	5,681	5,803	-122	33,051	35,668	-2,617
Georgia	6,376	5,565	811	30,355	31,127	-772
Hawaii	1,288	1,305	-17	8,699	8,938	-239
Idaho	1,748	2,019	-271	11,533	11,120	413
Illinois	9,945	12,261	-2,316	134,651	127,138	7,513
Indiana	4,122	3,996	126	28,061	27,005	1,056
Iowa	4,178	4,359	-181	23,024	20,069	2,955
Kansas	1,561	1,621	-60	8,226	7,595	631
Kentucky	2,519	2,367	152	10,925	9,917	1,008
Louisiana	1,562	1,192	370	10,849	12,682	-1,833
Maine	824	869	-45	8,599	7,860	739
Maryland	2,695	2,926	-231	25,804	23,829	1,975
Massachusetts	6,666	7,630	-964	84,920	82,176	2,744
Michigan	10,179	10,395	-216	71,979	70,322	1,657
Minnesota	5,126	5,110	16	76,904	68,964	7,940
Mississippi	1,471	1,230	241	6,518	6,703	-185
Missouri	4,223	6,041	-1,818	26,524	24,954	1,570
Montana	966	1,481	-515	11,639	10,517	1,122
Nebraska	837	1,160	-323	7,728	7,835	-107
Nevada	2,746	2,745	1	24,633	24,924	-291
New Hampshire	436	494	-58	3,582	3,810	-228
New Jersey	10,866	11,530	-664	118,906	109,285	9,621
New Mexico	841	808	33	10,450	10,295	155
New York	20,734	16,418	4,316	189,482	180,028	9,454
North Carolina	3,436	3,245	191	19,412	19,730	-318
North Dakota	475	628	-153	6,446	5,538	908
Ohio	9,696	9,574	122	61,245	60,777	468
Oklahoma	1,367	1,408	-41	10,843	10,977	-134
Oregon	8,788	4,752	4,036	41,464	35,681	5,783
Pennsylvania	15,372	14,828	544	123,358	117,844	5,514
Puerto Rico	1,176	1,461	-285	16,449	18,811	-2,362
Rhode Island	1,330	1,242	88	13,029	12,455	574
South Carolina	2,503	2,069	434	14,955	14,978	-23
South Dakota	236	395	-159	2,962	2,663	299
Tennessee	3,242	3,131	111	19,284	18,223	1,061
Texas	14,831	14,293	538	147,511	145,716	1,795
Utah	1,217	1,289	-72	12,682	12,638	44
Vermont	462	367	95	4,345	3,790	555
Virgin Islands	17	27	-10	234	194	40
Virginia	2,568	2,576	-8	15,547	13,999	1,548
Washington	7,125	7,105	20	79,066	70,747	8,319
West Virginia	1,484	1,187	297	12,663	9,604	3,059
Wisconsin	7,748	7,597	151	42,747	38,760	3,987
Wyoming	459	541	-82	3,292	2,635	657
US Total	261,029	249,947	11,082	2,187,036	2,053,286	133,750

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 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	1,828	22	1,833.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	215	26	202.50	1,898	70	1,841.25	1.3
January 27, 2024	224	9	207.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 13

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	2,828	-59	472	9	3	10,234	0.5	-39	4,138	29	27	10,290
Alaska	789	-145	-82	2	1	6,615	2.2	-384	-47	105	10	6,730
Arizona	3,476	-613	350	6	0	21,958	0.7	132	3,405	98	25	22,081
Arkansas	1,529	-342	-632	1	0	8,954	0.7	-1,849	1,904	27	10	8,991
California	47,124	-4,632	-991	84	74	391,330	2.2	-33,174	23,401	1,203	1,087	393,620
Colorado	2,312	-403	-891	1	3	33,253	1.2	848	8,897	180	131	33,564
Connecticut	4,134	-1,385	1,081	0	4	30,452	1.8	-868	2,784	45	38	30,535
Delaware	361	-213	14	3	4	6,016	1.3	-467	1,437	7	6	6,029
District of Columbia	354	-155	-72	2	0	5,953	1.1	-388	2,206	134	6	6,093
Florida	5,803	-1,300	246	12	24	35,668	0.4	-941	-2,065	140	94	35,902
Georgia	5,565	-3,477	-403	44	12	31,127	0.7	-2,962	734	109	74	31,310
Hawaii	1,305	-145	416	1	9	8,938	1.5	-550	3,219	29	43	9,010
Idaho	2,019	-419	459	8	1	11,120	1.4	72	812	204	15	11,339
Illinois	12,261	-407	2,788	6	1	127,138	2.2	-4,811	12,683	278	94	127,510
Indiana	3,996	-1,241	-220	3	4	27,005	0.9	-2,266	-4,694	49	33	27,087
Iowa	4,359	-526	2,530	4	2	20,069	1.3	308	-820	19	6	20,094
Kansas	1,621	-896	550	1	2	7,595	0.5	1,248	2,549	42	19	7,656
Kentucky	2,367	-94	-2,843	1	0	9,917	0.5	-438	-4,058	28	40	9,985
Louisiana	1,192	-580	-586	1	0	12,682	0.7	-693	-25	29	8	12,719
Maine	869	-149	146	0	1	7,860	1.3	199	548	23	9	7,892
Maryland	2,926	-295	937	9	13	23,829	0.9	-516	5,195	110	68	24,007
Massachusetts	7,630	-925	667	5	2	82,176	2.3	-1,842	5,862	109	61	82,346
Michigan	10,395	-25	2,885	1	0	70,322	1.6	-1,559	3,929	129	26	70,477
Minnesota	5,110	-952	1,086	5	2	68,964	2.4	-813	9,187	98	53	69,115
Mississippi	1,230	-71	325	0	1	6,703	0.6	-690	708	30	13	6,746
Missouri	6,041	-371	2,438	3	4	24,954	0.9	1,904	2,041	53	26	25,033
Montana	1,481	-718	669	12	0	10,517	2.1	470	1,149	282	4	10,803
Nebraska	1,160	-18	443	0	1	7,835	0.8	200	2,053	12	7	7,854
Nevada	2,745	-415	391	7	0	24,924	1.7	-94	6,004	94	56	25,074
New Hampshire	494	-61	128	1	0	3,810	0.6	82	887	9	1	3,820
New Jersey	11,530	-1,239	2,105	20	22	109,285	2.6	-3,902	9,621	235	152	109,672
New Mexico	808	-314	66	1	1	10,295	1.3	-124	530	134	24	10,453
New York	16,418	-4,208	-267	16	19	180,028	1.9	-5,251	11,491	308	239	180,575
North Carolina	3,245	-441	-337	1	0	19,730	0.4	451	1,020	53	81	19,864
North Dakota	628	-607	189	0	1	5,538	1.4	599	535	8	3	5,549
Ohio	9,574	-1,738	510	7	10	60,777	1.1	292	-152	49	71	60,897
Oklahoma	1,408	-305	193	1	12	10,977	0.7	-311	689	21	32	11,030
Oregon	4,752	-2,388	155	19	4	35,681	1.8	-1,203	4,625	485	48	36,214
Pennsylvania	14,828	-176	3,150	16	9	117,844	2.0	394	20,138	260	158	118,262
Puerto Rico	1,461	-507	-122	4	1	18,811	2.1	-1,322	-59	164	43	19,018
Rhode Island	1,242	-490	45	2	2	12,455	2.6	-1	1,228	27	24	12,506
South Carolina	2,069	-1,055	-189	7	8	14,978	0.7	-1,290	960	31	44	15,053
South Dakota	395	-79	189	2	0	2,663	0.6	87	144	33	2	2,698
Tennessee	3,131	-1,047	592	7	8	18,223	0.5	-528	1,503	34	40	18,297
Texas	14,293	-5,636	-1,194	33	56	145,716	1.1	-4,132	24,682	385	718	146,819
Utah	1,289	-446	-620	17	5	12,638	0.8	-316	-384	211	12	12,861
Vermont	367	-242	-27	0	0	3,790	1.3	50	155	1	1	3,792
Virgin Islands	27	-10	-4	0	0	194	0.5	-2	32	2	6	202
Virginia	2,576	-307	628	5	5	13,999	0.4	584	2,628	81	78	14,158
Washington	7,105	428	1,649	16	22	70,747	2.0	-1,774	13,515	348	289	71,384
West Virginia	1,187	-372	187	2	2	9,604	1.4	-1,142	82	42	18	9,664
Wisconsin	7,597	1,048	2,273	7	1	38,760	1.3	-764	2,315	60	9	38,829
Wyoming	541	-220	119	5	1	2,635	1.0	224	3	32	4	2,671
Totals	249,947	-41,383	21,591	420	357	2,053,286	1.4	-69,262	189,324	6,708	4,186	2,064,180

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 January 20, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WI	+1,048	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-5,636	No comment.
CA	-4,632	No comment.
NY	-4,208	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and in arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
GA	-3,477	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and in accommodation and food services industries.
OR	-2,388	No comment.
OH	-1,738	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CT	-1,385	No comment.
FL	-1,300	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; and in service industries.
IN	-1,241	No comment.
NJ	-1,239	No comment.
SC	-1,055	No comment.
TN	-1,047	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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