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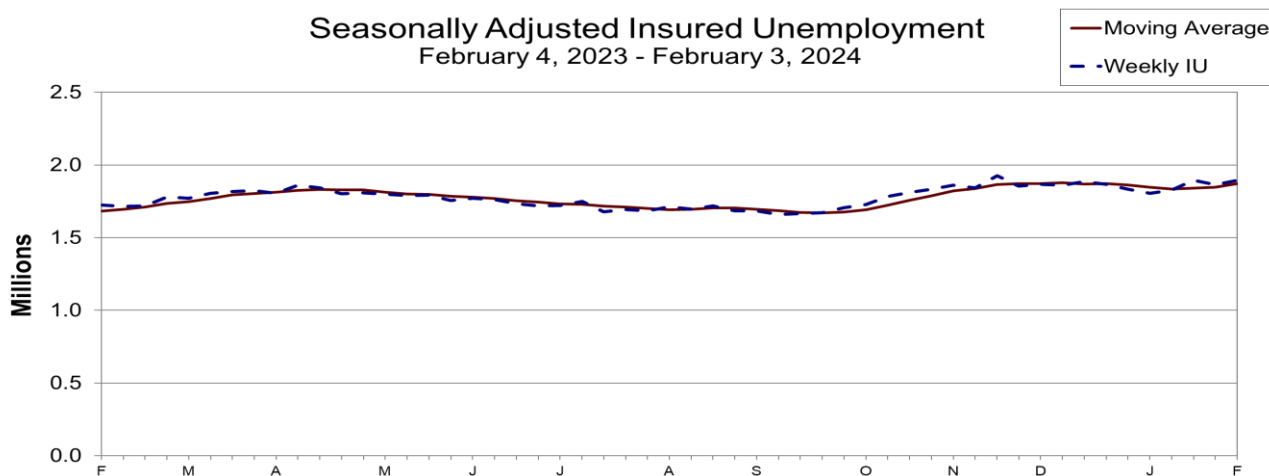
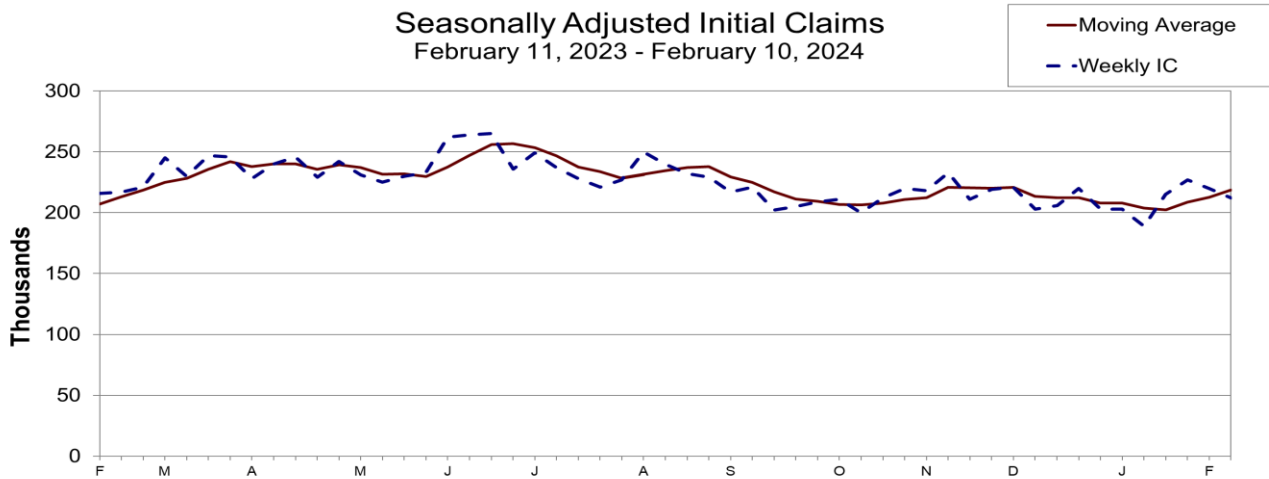
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 212,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 218,000 to 220,000. The 4-week moving average was 218,500, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 212,250 to 212,750.

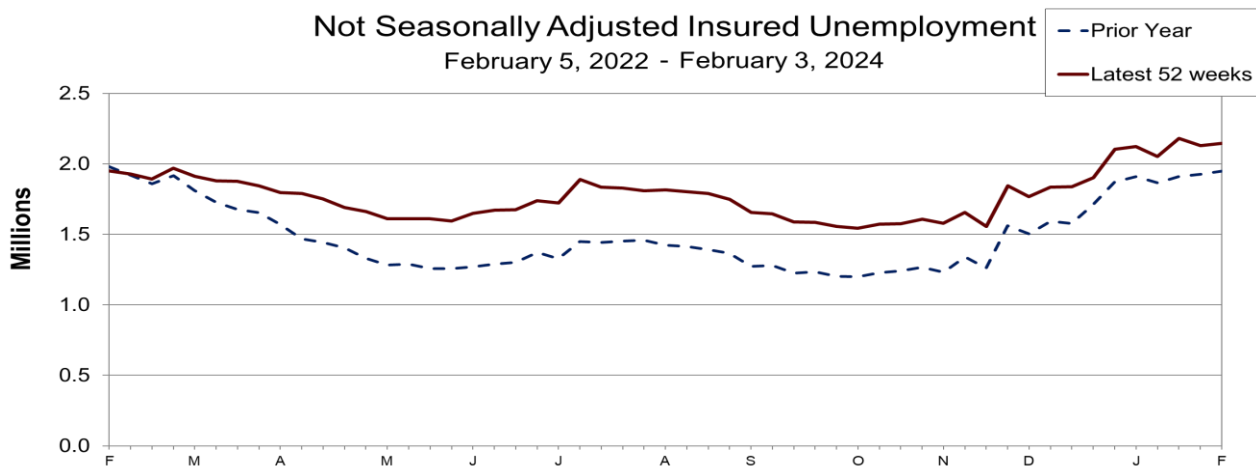
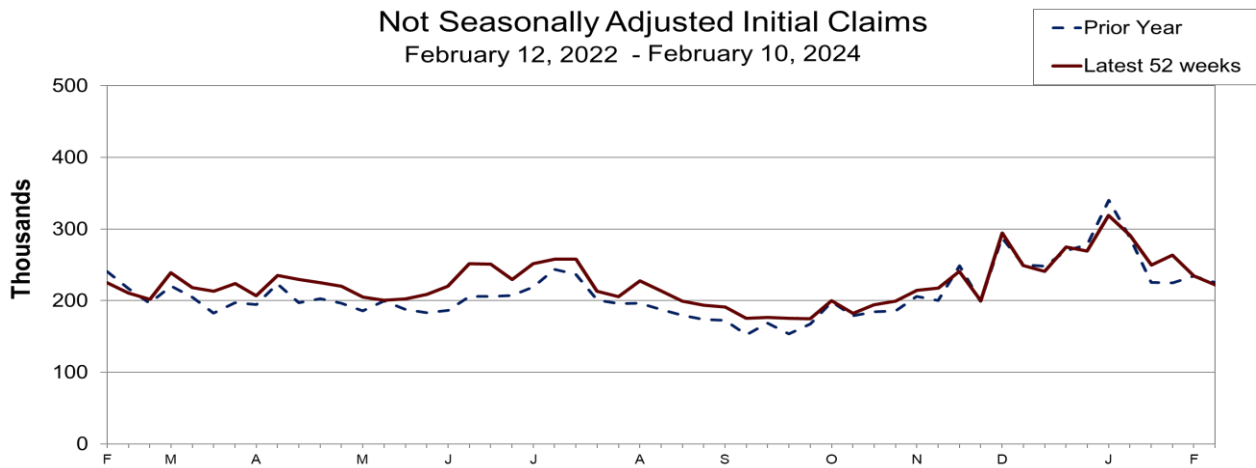
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending February 3, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 3 was 1,895,000, an increase of 30,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,871,000 to 1,865,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,870,500, an increase of 22,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,849,750 to 1,848,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 222,164 in the week ending February 10, a decrease of 12,565 (or -5.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,523 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 225,332 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 3, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,146,550, an increase of 16,542 (or 0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 16,786 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,948,437.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 27 was 2,160,209, a decrease of 52,269 from the previous week. There were 1,953,615 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 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 411 in the week ending February 3, a decrease of 91 from the prior week. There were 380 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 10 from the preceding week.

There were 6,953 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 27, a decrease of 430 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,276, a decrease of 215 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 27 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.7), Minnesota (2.5), Massachusetts (2.4), California (2.3), Illinois (2.3), Montana (2.2), Alaska (2.1), Connecticut (2.1), Pennsylvania (2.1), and Washington (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 3 were in Missouri (+1,921), Texas (+1,514), Colorado (+783), Illinois (+612), and Florida (+399), while the largest decreases were in Oregon (-4,561), California (-4,312), Ohio (-4,090), New York (-3,165), and Pennsylvania (-3,075).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 10	February 3	Change	January 27	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	212,000	220,000	-8,000	227,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	222,164	234,729	-12,565	263,919	225,332
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	218,500	212,750	+5,750	208,500	207,250

WEEK ENDING	February 3	January 27	Change	January 20	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,895,000	1,865,000	+30,000	1,894,000	1,723,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,146,550	2,130,008	+16,542	2,181,429	1,948,437
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,870,500	1,848,250	+22,250	1,840,250	1,682,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.5%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 3	January 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	411	502	-91	501
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	380	370	+10	401

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

WEEK ENDING	January 27	January 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,122,883	2,174,421	-51,538	1,918,649
Federal Employees	6,953	7,383	-430	7,722
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,276	4,491	-215	4,280
Extended Benefits ³	434	576	-142	3,049
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,640	2,577	+63	2,568
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,023	23,030	-7	17,347
TOTAL	2,160,209	2,212,478	-52,269	1,953,615

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 February 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,018	2,417	-399	9,037	10,412	-1,375
Alaska	822	738	84	6,171	6,302	-131
Arizona	3,395	3,726	-331	21,134	22,576	-1,442
Arkansas	1,688	2,116	-428	10,222	10,576	-354
California	50,405	47,827	2,578	442,948	410,758	32,190
Colorado	3,197	3,117	80	32,764	34,857	-2,093
Connecticut	3,216	3,371	-155	34,009	34,568	-559
Delaware	169	242	-73	6,544	6,593	-49
District of Columbia *	466	443	23	5,854	4,462	1,392
Florida	6,074	6,286	-212	33,145	36,312	-3,167
Georgia	5,391	6,244	-853	30,117	31,667	-1,550
Hawaii	1,343	1,286	57	8,700	8,473	227
Idaho	1,530	1,522	8	11,246	11,788	-542
Illinois	9,388	10,595	-1,207	133,093	135,884	-2,791
Indiana	3,267	3,503	-236	27,867	28,447	-580
Iowa	2,043	2,573	-530	21,918	22,514	-596
Kansas	1,285	1,365	-80	6,916	7,297	-381
Kentucky	5,087	1,823	3,264	11,636	10,983	653
Louisiana	1,406	1,585	-179	10,690	12,212	-1,522
Maine	721	780	-59	8,943	8,411	532
Maryland	2,610	2,846	-236	26,400	25,790	610
Massachusetts	5,589	6,131	-542	85,419	85,830	-411
Michigan	7,735	8,751	-1,016	76,104	72,375	3,729
Minnesota	4,091	4,050	41	74,599	70,135	4,464
Mississippi	911	1,095	-184	5,820	6,844	-1,024
Missouri	2,780	6,374	-3,594	25,590	27,490	-1,900
Montana	731	759	-28	10,528	10,625	-97
Nebraska	712	944	-232	7,251	7,500	-249
Nevada	3,037	2,700	337	24,820	25,385	-565
New Hampshire	376	500	-124	3,696	3,924	-228
New Jersey	9,334	10,400	-1,066	120,757	117,055	3,702
New Mexico	730	787	-57	10,413	10,427	-14
New York	17,019	17,386	-367	190,231	187,315	2,916
North Carolina	3,309	3,591	-282	19,850	20,548	-698
North Dakota	437	426	11	6,267	5,749	518
Ohio	5,319	5,721	-402	58,093	62,171	-4,078
Oklahoma	1,216	1,212	4	9,848	10,360	-512
Oregon	4,284	5,649	-1,365	36,044	37,165	-1,121
Pennsylvania	10,837	12,354	-1,517	118,022	121,700	-3,678
Puerto Rico	1,196	1,459	-263	13,969	16,868	-2,899
Rhode Island	1,066	1,094	-28	13,134	12,891	243
South Carolina	1,821	2,220	-399	14,622	15,336	-714
South Dakota	221	251	-30	3,019	2,876	143
Tennessee	2,418	2,735	-317	18,159	19,093	-934
Texas	15,026	16,707	-1,681	137,355	142,329	-4,974
Utah	1,175	1,308	-133	12,612	12,773	-161
Vermont	387	397	-10	4,099	3,903	196
Virgin Islands	21	26	-5	196	252	-56
Virginia	2,488	2,536	-48	16,545	14,987	1,558
Washington	5,745	5,636	109	76,050	72,016	4,034
West Virginia	942	1,257	-315	11,277	11,020	257
Wisconsin	5,338	5,444	-106	39,678	39,399	279
Wyoming	352	424	-72	3,129	2,785	344
US Total	222,164	234,729	-12,565	2,146,550	2,130,008	16,542

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.

* Denotes state estimate.

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	
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	1,894	66	1,840.25	1.3
January 27, 2024	227	12	208.50	1,865	-29	1,848.25	1.2
February 3, 2024	220	-7	212.75	1,895	30	1,870.50	1.3
February 10, 2024	212	-8	218.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 3					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 27						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,417	-1,120	-71	5	4	10,412	0.5	-1,228	4,254	36	22	10,470
Alaska	738	-54	-146	3	1	6,302	2.1	-339	-127	101	12	6,415
Arizona	3,726	-53	374	3	0	22,576	0.7	312	3,326	116	20	22,712
Arkansas	2,116	42	1,155	0	2	10,576	0.8	-25	3,390	27	13	10,616
California	47,827	-4,312	-4,557	92	79	410,758	2.3	-25,340	14,806	1,206	1,099	413,063
Colorado	3,117	783	3	1	4	34,857	1.2	322	8,955	170	134	35,161
Connecticut	3,371	-508	366	3	3	34,568	2.1	2,529	4,381	39	25	34,632
Delaware	242	-95	-137	2	0	6,593	1.4	404	1,655	7	4	6,604
District of Columbia*	443	-88	-155	4	0	4,462	0.8	-1,879	683	107	5	4,574
Florida	6,286	399	-148	12	21	36,312	0.4	-748	-1,608	100	97	36,509
Georgia	6,244	-353	-331	38	15	31,667	0.7	134	2,567	109	96	31,872
Hawaii	1,286	5	212	1	9	8,473	1.4	-56	2,923	36	45	8,554
Idaho	1,522	-209	61	10	0	11,788	1.4	-128	982	232	12	12,032
Illinois	10,595	612	-709	13	6	135,884	2.3	2,683	19,086	280	105	136,269
Indiana	3,503	-575	-997	1	3	28,447	0.9	436	-3,960	43	36	28,526
Iowa	2,573	-1,344	58	2	2	22,514	1.5	-392	1,028	23	6	22,543
Kansas	1,365	-148	-693	2	0	7,297	0.5	-571	1,771	40	16	7,353
Kentucky	1,823	-680	-117	1	0	10,983	0.6	111	-492	46	37	11,066
Louisiana	1,585	-137	-344	2	0	12,212	0.7	-343	93	28	10	12,250
Maine	780	-13	61	0	2	8,411	1.4	163	660	24	10	8,445
Maryland	2,846	-182	884	6	10	25,790	1.0	292	4,314	112	60	25,962
Massachusetts	6,131	-601	-596	2	11	85,830	2.4	370	6,750	118	58	86,006
Michigan	8,751	-1,491	1,274	3	3	72,375	1.7	-955	6,621	125	16	72,516
Minnesota	4,050	-978	-250	5	0	70,135	2.5	-2,223	8,296	104	53	70,292
Mississippi	1,095	-503	177	4	1	6,844	0.6	-864	938	22	17	6,883
Missouri	6,374	1,921	2,521	0	4	27,490	1.0	373	5,066	62	25	27,577
Montana	759	-5	-191	2	0	10,625	2.2	-815	964	282	6	10,913
Nebraska	944	68	144	0	2	7,500	0.8	-559	1,593	9	6	7,515
Nevada	2,700	-59	367	2	0	25,385	1.7	-158	5,286	95	50	25,530
New Hampshire	500	-44	96	2	1	3,924	0.6	90	1,021	7	2	3,933
New Jersey	10,400	-623	1,404	18	9	117,055	2.8	-530	12,346	242	182	117,479
New Mexico	787	-70	52	1	0	10,427	1.3	56	385	147	20	10,594
New York	17,386	-3,165	176	23	15	187,315	2.0	-281	13,938	307	238	187,860
North Carolina	3,591	32	-122	3	0	20,548	0.4	286	899	53	86	20,687
North Dakota	426	5	16	3	0	5,749	1.4	-201	484	6	2	5,757
Ohio	5,721	-4,090	-5,766	5	4	62,171	1.2	69	610	63	69	62,303
Oklahoma	1,212	-216	14	3	2	10,360	0.6	-638	-238	19	34	10,413
Oregon	5,649	-4,561	943	27	4	37,165	1.9	-4,198	4,697	534	41	37,740
Pennsylvania	12,354	-3,075	761	12	14	121,700	2.1	-2,814	19,564	336	151	122,187
Puerto Rico	1,459	118	-6	1	3	16,868	1.8	-1,708	-955	171	51	17,090
Rhode Island	1,094	-235	-158	2	1	12,891	2.7	146	1,177	34	24	12,949
South Carolina	2,220	-380	85	4	5	15,336	0.7	-71	1,720	22	55	15,413
South Dakota	251	-12	26	4	0	2,876	0.7	-33	251	50	3	2,929
Tennessee	2,735	-587	263	4	7	19,093	0.5	-1,041	2,033	37	48	19,178
Texas	16,707	1,514	1,760	45	102	142,329	1.1	-7,133	21,272	372	761	143,462
Utah	1,308	-8	-908	15	1	12,773	0.8	14	-855	209	10	12,992
Vermont	397	-75	24	0	0	3,903	1.3	-178	12	2	1	3,906
Virgin Islands	26	-9	1	0	0	252	0.7	30	30	2	0	254
Virginia	2,536	-5	707	6	6	14,987	0.4	401	3,288	92	81	15,160
Washington	5,636	-1,557	297	4	22	72,016	2.1	-2,162	14,114	397	280	72,693
West Virginia	1,257	-277	187	0	1	11,020	1.7	-528	1,296	49	20	11,089
Wisconsin	5,444	-2,136	-462	5	0	39,399	1.4	-2,459	2,973	60	12	39,471
Wyoming	424	-56	-26	5	1	2,785	1.0	-44	38	43	10	2,838
Totals	234,729	-29,190	-2,421	411	380	2,130,008	1.4	-51,421	204,301	6,953	4,276	2,141,237

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.

*Denotes state estimate.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 3, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+1,921	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	+1,514	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OR	-4,561	No comment.
CA	-4,312	No comment.
OH	-4,090	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NY	-3,165	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and in manufacturing industries.
PA	-3,075	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
WI	-2,136	Fewer layoffs in the construction and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
WA	-1,557	No comment.
MI	-1,491	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IA	-1,344	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
AL	-1,120	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.

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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