



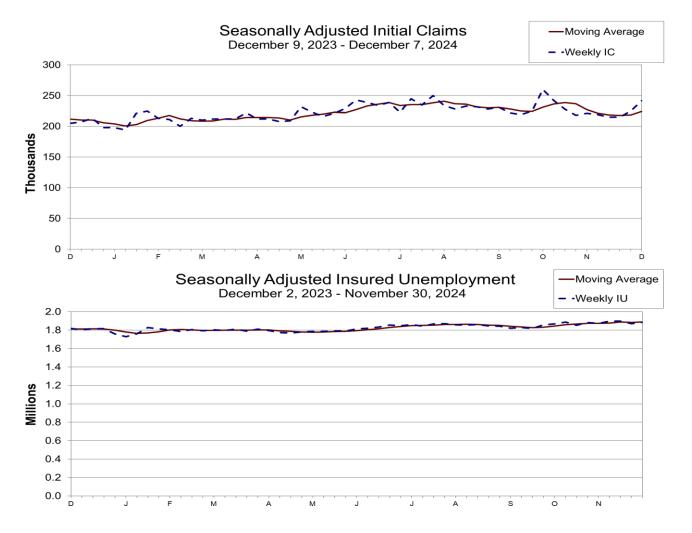
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 242,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 224,000 to 225,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,250, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 218,250 to 218,500.

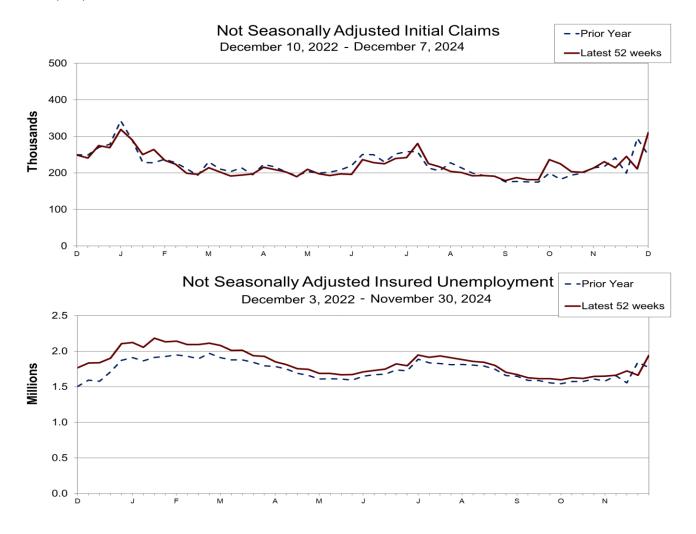
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 30, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 30 was 1,886,000, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,871,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,888,000, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,928,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,884,250 to 1,884,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 310,366 in the week ending December 7, an increase of 99,140 (or 46.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 76,932 (or 36.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 249,090 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending November 30, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,938,688, an increase of 276,963 (or 16.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 261,984 (or 15.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,767,271.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 23 was 1,688,220, a decrease of 63,269 from the previous week. There were 1,870,962 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 November 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 399 in the week ending November 30, a decrease of 353 from the prior week. There were 226 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 164 from the preceding week.

There were 5,088 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 23, an increase of 61 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,259, a decrease of 263 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 23 were in New Jersey (2.2), Alaska (2.0), Washington (2.0), California (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), Minnesota (1.7), Nevada (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), and New York (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 30 were in Wisconsin (+1,785), North Dakota (+1,004), Kentucky (+731), Pennsylvania (+642), and Iowa (+252), while the largest decreases were in California (-10,113), Texas (-5,996), Florida (-2,373), Georgia (-2,239), and New York (-1,946).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 7	November 30	Change	November 23	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	242,000	225,000	+17,000	215,000	205,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	310,366	211,226	+99,140	245,163	249,090
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,250	218,500	+5,750	217,500	211,750
WEEK ENDING	November 30	November 23	Change	November 16	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,886,000	1,871,000	+15,000	1,897,000	1,818,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,938,688	1,661,725	+276,963	1,722,041	1,767,271
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,888,000	1,884,500	+3,500	1,887,750	1,811,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.1%	+0.2	1.1%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 30	November 23	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	399	752	-353	729
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	226	390	-164	420

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

WEEK ENDING	November 23	November 16	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,655,694	1,715,315	-59,621	1,839,108
Federal Employees	5,088	5,027	+61	5,791
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,259	4,522	-263	4,469
Extended Benefits ³	113	155	-42	478
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,451	2,633	-182	2,655
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,615	23,837	-3,222	18,461
TOTAL	1,688,220	1,751,489	-63,269	1,870,962

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 151,636,941 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

	Initial Claims	Filed During Week I	Ended December 7	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 30			
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang	
Alabama	2,296	1,466	830	8,522	8,459	63	
Alaska	843	592	251	6,210	6,109	101	
Arizona	2,999	1,983	1,016	21,426	22,033	-607	
Arkansas	1,545	1,280	265	7,232	6,434	798	
California	52,784	37,957	14,827	414,358	327,988	86,37	
Colorado	3,547	2,467	1,080	29,352	28,322	1,030	
Connecticut	3,889	3,013	876	24,778	22,974	1,804	
Delaware	293	463	-170	5,860	4,733	1,127	
District of Columbia	671	413	258	7,080	6,635	445	
Florida	5,962	3,987	1,975	33,214	29,914	3,300	
	9,446	3,598	5,848	33,536	24,333	9,203	
Georgia							
Hawaii	1,290	684	606	6,528	4,868	1,660	
Idaho	2,228	2,050	178	6,898	6,097	801	
Illinois	18,863	11,351	7,512	104,372	87,134	17,23	
Indiana	5,357	2,883	2,474	24,134	20,931	3,203	
Iowa	5,944	3,388	2,556	13,122	10,183	2,939	
Kansas	1,998	1,031	967	7,964	7,465	499	
Kentucky	2,927	2,770	157	10,250	8,697	1,553	
Louisiana	1,830	1,423	407	10,594	11,690	-1,090	
Maine	1,267	721	546	6,354	5,298	1,056	
Maryland	2,675	2,176	499	23,419	21,101	2,318	
Massachusetts	11,926	6,735	5,191	61,618	57,084	4,534	
Michigan	11,820	9,561	2,259	56,926	51,183	5,743	
Minnesota	10,944	7,360	3,584	65,158	47,301	17,85	
Mississippi	1,254	1,065	189	6,134	6,143	-9	
Missouri	4,002	2,506	1,496	17,657	16,848	809	
Montana	1,492	1,196	296	8,686	7,085	1,601	
Nebraska	1,169	1,016	153	5,198	4,769	429	
Nevada	2,853	2,524	329	26,160	25,424	736	
New Hampshire	421	423	-2	3,071	3,123	-52	
New Jersey	12,390	9,625	2,765	104,247	92,367	11,88	
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New Mexico	837	791	46	10,946	10,310	636	
New York	23,618	14,462	9,156	163,671	146,399	17,27	
North Carolina	3,859	2,504	1,355	30,701	29,083	1,618	
North Dakota	1,183	1,863	-680	5,150	2,733	2,417	
Ohio	10,417	7,345	3,072	50,800	45,218	5,582	
Oklahoma	1,223	1,138	85	9,721	9,343	378	
Oregon	6,913	4,899	2,014	35,094	29,399	5,695	
Pennsylvania	19,698	15,081	4,617	100,117	87,372	12,74	
Puerto Rico	1,179	913	266	15,399	16,398	-999	
Rhode Island	1,254	1,206	48	9,255	8,545	710	
South Carolina	2,937	1,347	1,590	14,723	13,530	1,193	
South Dakota	565	406	159	1,881	1,387	494	
Tennessee	4,276	2,916	1,360	15,715	14,553	1,162	
Texas	20,420	10,940	9,480	156,959	135,079	21,88	
Utah	2,448	1,792	656	12,585	11,800	785	
Vermont	601	599	2	2,850	1,966	884	
Virgin Islands	23	29	-6	2,830	276	20	
Virginia	2,544	1,284	1,260	16,575	15,070	1,505	
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Washington	8,186	6,480	1,706	82,953	69,436	13,51	
West Virginia	1,742	717	1,025	9,757	6,091	3,666	
Wisconsin	9,003	6,432	2,571	30,816	22,988	7,828	
Wyoming	515	375	140	2,666	2,024	642	
US Total	310,366	211,226	99,140	1,938,688	1,661,725	276	

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.

		Change from			Change from		
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	***
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,821	-22	1,842.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-9	228.25	1,827	6	1,834.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	219	-3	225.00	1,819	-8	1,827.50	1.2
September 28, 2024	225	6	224.25	1,858	39	1,831.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	260	35	231.50	1,869	11	1,843.25	1.2
October 12, 2024	242	-18	236.50	1,888	19	1,858.50	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-14	238.75	1,853	-35	1,867.00	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	237.00	1,884	31	1,873.50	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	227.25	1,872	-12	1,874.25	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,872	26	1,876.75	1.3
November 16, 2024	219	-2 -4	218.25	1,898	-1	1,887.75	1.3
November 16, 2024 November 23, 2024	215	0	218.25 217.50	1,897	-1 -26	1,887.75	1.3
November 30, 2024	225	10	218.50	1,886	15	1,888.00	1.2

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 30

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 23

NO	VEMBER					NOVEMBER 23
			E FROM			CHANGE FROM TOTAL
CEL EE NAME	COD A ODD	LAST	YEAR	ricen 1	rrow 1	LAST YEAR INSURED
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK		UCFE 1		STATE (%) ² WEEK AGO UCFE ¹ UCX ¹ UNEMPLOYMENT
Alabama	1,466	-692	-1,499	1	2	8,459 0.4 -167 -1,103 21 18 8,498
Alaska	592	-180	-369	2	0	6,109 2.0 233 -359 65 1 6,175
Arizona	1,983	-1,092	-1,304	4	1	22,033 0.7 -1,511 -126 92 38 22,163
Arkansas	1,280	-560	-1,039	0	0	6,434 0.5 -835 -3,668 20 8 6,462
California	37,957	-10,113	-12,999	97	58	327,988 1.8 -35,384 -81,745 614 1,177 329,779
Colorado	2,467	-1,191	-233	8	1	28,322 1.0 -208 3,324 121 148 28,591
Connecticut	3,013	-7	-483	0	1	22,974 1.4 904 -2,085 35 15 23,024
Delaware	463	224	-173	0	1	4,733 1.0 -96 -719 7 5 4,745
District of Columbia	413	-298	-85	3	1	6,635 1.2 -180 630 131 3 6,769
Florida	3,987	-2,373	-2,196	9	12	29,914 0.3 -4,909 -10,266 77 73 30,064
Georgia	3,598	-2,239	-6,013	7	16	24,333 0.5 -5,036 -10,525 67 47 24,447
Hawaii	684	-233	-892	1	2	4,868 0.8 -731 -6,005 41 51 4,960
Idaho	2,050	149	-197	27	0	6,097 0.7 727 -487 118 4 6,219
Illinois	11,351	-1,694	-3,755	2	1	87,134 1.5 -4,051 -4,624 247 138 87,519
Indiana	2,883	-352	-2,240	4	4	20,931 0.7 8 -4,357 25 23 20,979
Iowa	3,388	252	-1,547	0	1	10,183 0.7 583 791 11 2 10,196
Kansas	1,031	31	-506	0	0	7,465 0.5 -780 1,798 22 11 7,498
Kentucky	2,770	731	-2,720	2	1	8,697 0.4 46 10 34 53 8,784
Louisiana	1,423	-699	-527	0	1	11,690 0.6 303 -1,228 22 12 11,724
Maine	721	-247	-436	1	0	5,298 0.8 121 3 24 4 5,326
Maryland	2,176	-348	-776	7	3	21,101 0.8 -1,357 -1,447 117 72 21,290
Massachusetts	6,735	109	-841	6	12	57,084 1.6 1,023 -8,804 76 66 57,226
Michigan	9,561	-132	-243	2	3	51,183 1.2 -535 3,444 107 23 51,313
Minnesota	7,360	-682	-2,030	2	3	47,301 1.7 2,703 -4,352 64 53 47,418
Mississippi	1,065	-71	-367	0	0	6,143 0.5 74 -776 19 12 6,174
Missouri	2,506	-942	-1,189	0	0	16,848 0.6 65 -1,539 65 14 16,927
Montana	1,196	-91	-141	29	0	7,085 1.5 809 -153 303 7 7,395
Nebraska	1,016	123	-124	1	0	4,769 0.5 198 191 14 5 4,788
Nevada	2,524	-820	-244	7	1	25,424 1.7 226 2,332 72 59 25,555
New Hampshire	423	-19	-110	0	0	3,123 0.5 22 99 1 2 3,126
New Jersey	9,625	-202	-1,752	13	6	92,367 2.2 -3,685 -5,604 242 162 92,771
New Mexico	791	-95	-59	1	0	10,310 1.2 -40 99 90 28 10,428
New York	14,462	-1,946	-8,268	13	8	146,399 1.6 -1,097 -18,212 209 187 146,795
North Carolina	2,504	-1,325	-423	0	1	29,083 0.6 -1,578 9,224 58 107 29,248
North Dakota	1,863	1,004	1,141	1	2	2,733 0.7 499 505 11 3 2,747
Ohio	7,345	-808	-2,036	8	8	45,218 0.8 645 109 47 62 45,327
Oklahoma	1,138	-261	-555	1	0	9,343 0.6 -43 -951 18 24 9,385
Oregon	4,899	-324	-3,652	29	1	29,399 1.5 516 -5,673 359 31 29,789
Pennsylvania	15,081	642	-3,349	6	4	87,372 1.5 1,686 -12,380 213 130 87,715
Puerto Rico	913	-214	-448	6	1	16,398 1.8 -1,551 -718 61 55 16,514
Rhode Island	1,206	-114	-147	2	3	8,545 1.8 310 350 55 16 8,616
South Carolina	1,347	-206	-2,732	2	3	13,530 0.6 -345 -1,862 23 47 13,600
South Dakota	406	-25	-70	4	0	1,387 0.3 -44 -11 19 0 1,406
Tennessee	2,916	142	-1,294	0	4	14,553 0.5 -359 -1,055 22 36 14,611
Texas	10,940	-5,996	-8,460	16	40	135,079 1.0 -8,681 -14,795 354 762 136,195
Utah	1,792	-331	-153	39	5	11,800 0.7 252 1,144 115 16 11,931
Vermont	599	164	88	1	0	1,966 0.7 -193 -700 1 0 1,967
Virgin Islands	29	-17	-253	1	0	276 0.8 -6 -10 8 0 284
Virginia	1,284	-960	-661	0	0	15,070 0.4 -484 3,086 88 83 15,241
Washington	6,480	-1,057	-1,568	19	11	69,436 2.0 248 4,210 363 331 70,130
West Virginia	717	-1,057 -196	-1,080	19	2	6,091 0.9 -425 -2,405 21 16 6,128
Wisconsin				4	2	
	6,432	1,785	-2,204			
Wyoming	375	-141	-176	10	0	2,024 0.7 51 193 32 1 2,057
Totals	211,226	-33,937	-83,389	399	226	1,661,725 1.1 -60,316 -183,359 5,088 4,259 1,671,072

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 NOVEMBER 30, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000 $\,$

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WI	+1,785	Layoffs in construction and manufacturing industries.
ND	+1,004	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000 $\,$

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-10,113	No comment.
TX	-5,996	No comment.
FL	-2,373	Fewer layoffs in a griculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries
GA	-2,239	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; health care and social assistance; and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
NY	-1,946	Fewer layoffs in professional, scientific, and technical services; health care and social assistance; and manufacturing industries.
IL	-1,694	No comment.
NC	-1,325	Fewer layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
CO	-1,191	No comment.
AZ	-1,092	No comment.
WA	-1,057	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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