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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

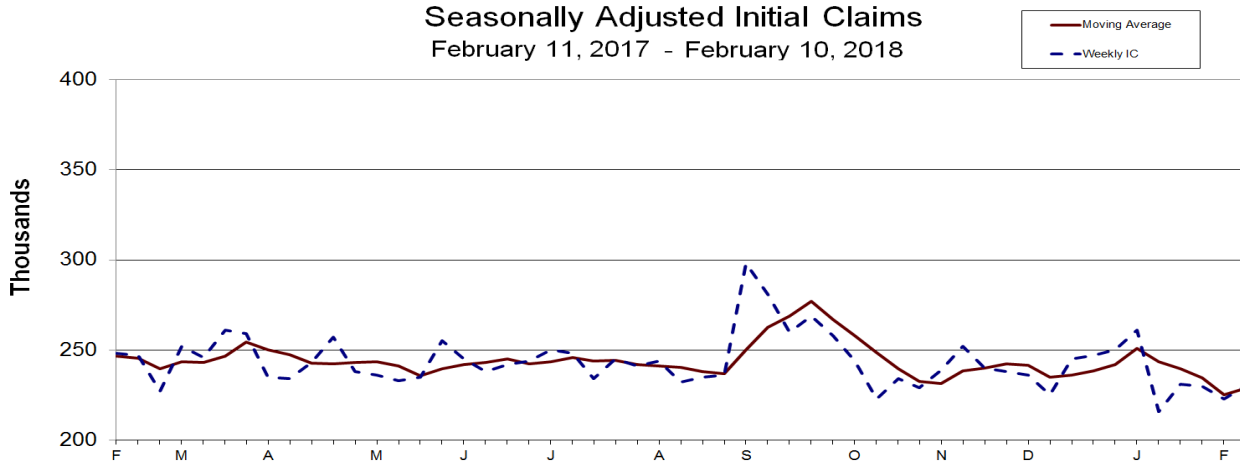
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 230,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 221,000 to 223,000. The 4-week moving average was 228,500, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 224,500 to 225,000.

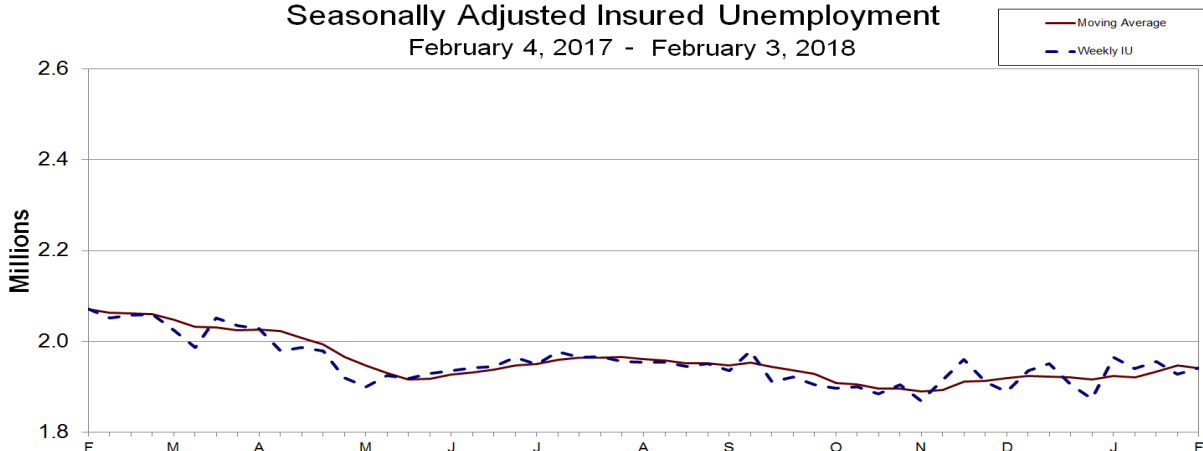
Claims taking procedures in Puerto Rico and in the Virgin Islands have still not returned to normal.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending February 3, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 3 was 1,942,000, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,923,000 to 1,927,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,941,250, a decrease of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,946,000 to 1,947,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 11, 2017 - February 10, 2018



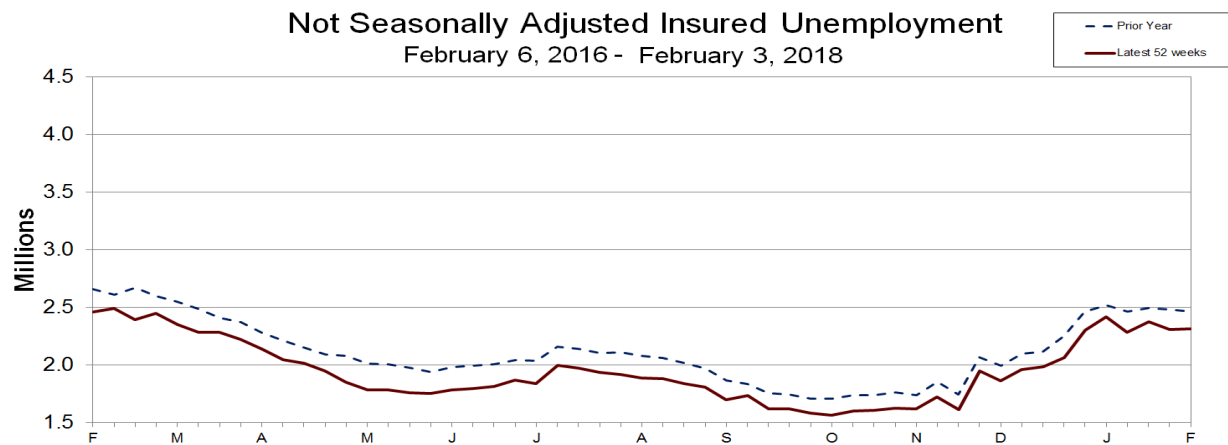
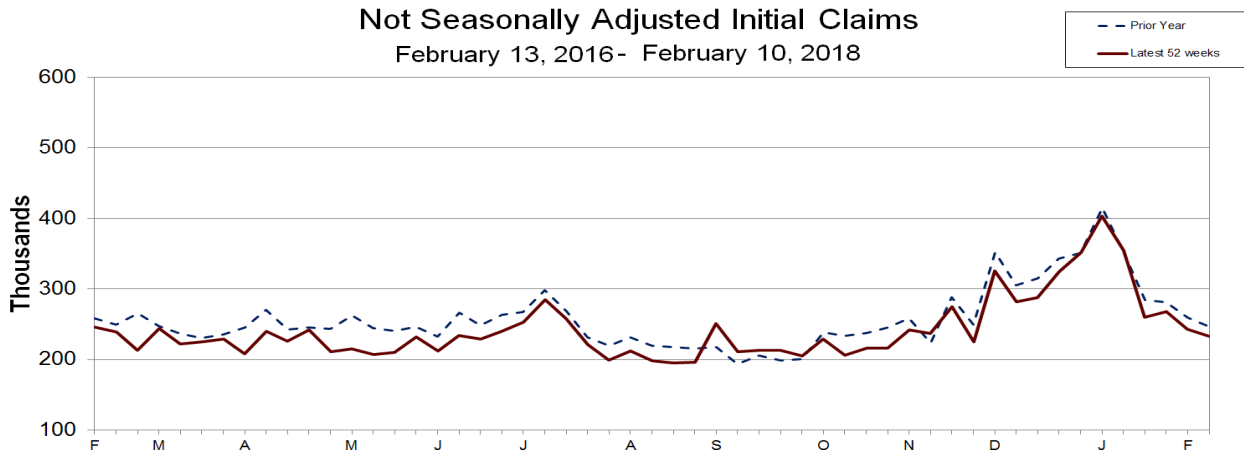
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
February 4, 2017 - February 3, 2018



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 233,009 in the week ending February 10, a decrease of 9,953 (or -4.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 16,510 (or -6.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 245,886 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending February 3, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,317,271, an increase of 6,616 (or 0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,563 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,464,850.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 27 was 2,347,377, a decrease of 66,722 from the previous week. There were 2,526,820 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska and the Virgin Islands during the week ending January 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 922 in the week ending February 3, a decrease of 997 from the prior week. There were 740 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 39 from the preceding week.

There were 12,275 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 27, a decrease of 1,891 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,826, an increase of 172 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 27 were in the Virgin Islands (10.0), Puerto Rico (4.1), Alaska (3.9), Connecticut (3.0), New Jersey (3.0), Montana (2.8), Rhode Island (2.8), Massachusetts (2.6), Illinois (2.5), and Pennsylvania (2.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 3 were in Kentucky (+614), Ohio (+130), Wisconsin (+117), Minnesota (+113), and South Carolina (+97), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-7,390), California (-5,375), Georgia (-1,771), Pennsylvania (-1,589), and Connecticut (-1,511).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 10	February 3	Change	January 27	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	230,000	223,000	+7,000	230,000	248,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	233,009	242,962	-9,953	267,766	245,886
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	228,500	225,000	+3,500	234,500	246,750
WEEK ENDING	February 3	January 27	Change	January 20	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,942,000	1,927,000	+15,000	1,956,000	2,071,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,317,271	2,310,655	+6,616	2,376,238	2,464,850
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,941,250	1,947,000	-5,750	1,933,500	2,071,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.5%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.7%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 3	January 27	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	922	1,919	-997	1,084
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	740	701	+39	983

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 27	January 20	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,307,488	2,373,111	-65,623	2,478,304
Federal Employees	12,275	14,166	-1,891	13,774
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,826	8,654	+172	12,042
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	1,082	1,168	-86	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	6,703	6,611	+92	7,525
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	11,003	10,389	+614	15,175
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,347,377	2,414,099	-66,722	2,526,820

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 141,013,239 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 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	2,072	2,455	-383	17,285	17,600	-315
Alaska	1,256	1,274	-18	12,827	12,019	808
Arizona	3,779	4,071	-292	19,969	22,328	-2,359
Arkansas	1,514	1,674	-160	13,931	15,085	-1,154
California	41,663	43,687	-2,024	413,635	380,202	33,433
Colorado	2,131	2,268	-137	27,025	23,993	3,032
Connecticut	3,796	3,754	42	52,122	49,931	2,191
Delaware	518	616	-98	7,063	7,709	-646
District of Columbia	558	369	189	8,616	9,121	-505
Florida	6,904	7,632	-728	38,434	42,015	-3,581
Georgia	5,974	6,141	-167	29,196	30,944	-1,748
Hawaii	1,371	1,171	200	7,977	7,579	398
Idaho	1,289	1,561	-272	11,537	12,391	-854
Illinois	10,215	9,990	225	141,343	148,534	-7,191
Indiana	2,933	2,884	49	24,773	23,665	1,108
Iowa	2,841	2,473	368	32,603	31,518	1,085
Kansas	2,194	1,922	272	13,642	13,870	-228
Kentucky	3,446	3,770	-324	24,982	24,637	345
Louisiana	1,978	2,291	-313	16,174	19,205	-3,031
Maine *	769	1,072	-303	9,588	9,818	-230
Maryland	3,379	4,054	-675	36,564	39,993	-3,429
Massachusetts	5,855	6,050	-195	89,359	91,280	-1,921
Michigan	12,211	11,852	359	88,523	86,890	1,633
Minnesota	4,138	3,808	330	67,051	63,485	3,566
Mississippi	1,019	1,195	-176	8,519	9,991	-1,472
Missouri	3,513	3,884	-371	33,261	41,254	-7,993
Montana	994	1,015	-21	12,901	12,482	419
Nebraska	790	840	-50	8,433	8,637	-204
Nevada	2,795	2,707	88	21,271	22,773	-1,502
New Hampshire	511	612	-101	4,954	5,385	-431
New Jersey	8,959	8,863	96	120,935	117,895	3,040
New Mexico	752	895	-143	10,851	11,282	-431
New York	16,232	17,128	-896	176,387	177,493	-1,106
North Carolina	3,528	3,585	-57	22,677	23,203	-526
North Dakota	606	588	18	9,496	8,004	1,492
Ohio	7,462	7,616	-154	80,667	80,677	-10
Oklahoma	1,336	1,590	-254	14,312	14,835	-523
Oregon	4,248	4,579	-331	32,062	32,944	-882
Pennsylvania	15,639	17,048	-1,409	157,062	144,440	12,622
Puerto Rico ^{1M}	1,469	2,953	-1,484	28,840	35,367	-6,527
Rhode Island	913	1,190	-277	12,724	12,779	-55
South Carolina	2,431	3,109	-678	18,629	19,519	-890
South Dakota	224	217	7	3,433	3,457	-24
Tennessee	2,850	2,393	457	22,902	25,114	-2,212
Texas	13,664	14,131	-467	127,974	136,766	-8,792
Utah	1,176	793	383	12,214	12,532	-318
Vermont	465	468	-3	5,875	5,584	291
Virgin Islands ^{1M}	24	17	7	4,358	3,720	638
Virginia	3,331	3,301	30	27,695	27,036	659
Washington	6,863	6,810	53	64,565	64,128	437
West Virginia	1,081	1,279	-198	14,939	14,809	130
Wisconsin	6,951	6,968	-17	50,256	50,427	-171
Wyoming	399	349	50	4,860	4,310	550
US Total	233,009	242,962	-9,953	2,317,271	2,310,655	6,616

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 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.

¹Affected by Hurricane Irma.

^MAffected by Hurricane Maria.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,954	-2	1,960.50	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50	1,954	0	1,957.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	235	3	238.00	1,945	-9	1,952.25	1.4
August 26, 2017	236	1	236.75	1,951	6	1,951.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	298	62	250.25	1,935	-16	1,946.25	1.4
September 9, 2017	281	-17	262.50	1,979	44	1,952.50	1.4
September 16, 2017	260	-21	268.75	1,911	-68	1,944.00	1.4
September 23, 2017	269	9	277.00	1,921	10	1,936.50	1.4
September 30, 2017	258	-11	267.00	1,904	-17	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	244	-14	257.75	1,896	-8	1,908.00	1.3
October 14, 2017	223	-21	248.50	1,900	4	1,905.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	11	239.75	1,884	-16	1,896.00	1.3
October 28, 2017	229	-5	232.50	1,904	20	1,896.00	1.4
November 4, 2017	239	10	231.25	1,868	-36	1,889.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	252	13	238.50	1,915	47	1,892.75	1.4
November 18, 2017	240	-12	240.00	1,960	45	1,911.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	238	-2	242.25	1,911	-49	1,913.50	1.4
December 2, 2017	236	-2	241.50	1,889	-22	1,918.75	1.3
December 9, 2017	225	-11	234.75	1,936	47	1,924.00	1.4
December 16, 2017	245	20	236.00	1,951	15	1,921.75	1.4
December 23, 2017	247	2	238.25	1,905	-46	1,920.25	1.4
December 30, 2017	250	3	241.75	1,873	-32	1,916.25	1.3
January 6, 2018	261	11	250.75	1,965	92	1,923.50	1.4
January 13, 2018	216	-45	243.50	1,940	-25	1,920.75	1.4
January 20, 2018	231	15	239.50	1,956	16	1,933.50	1.4
January 27, 2018	230	-1	234.50	1,927	-29	1,947.00	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-7	225.00	1,942	15	1,941.25	1.4
February 10, 2018	230	7	228.50				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 3
INITIAL CLAIMS

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 27
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ₁	UCX ₁	LAST WEEK		YEAR AGO	UCFE ₁	UCX ₁			
Alabama	2455	-679	-263	15	7	17600	0.9	-1072	-2678	69	72	17741	
Alaska	1274	-55	-82	7	3	12019	3.9	-1159	-2085	196	37	13332	
Arizona	4071	-83	-229	14	0	22328	0.8	-309	-3174	285	72	22685	
Arkansas	1674	-271	-51	4	2	15085	1.3	-1313	-1620	87	121	15293	
California	43687	-5375	-1777	240	130	380202	2.3	-18271	-27397	2534	1772	384508	
Colorado	2268	-98	-318	17	25	23993	0.9	-2089	-7466	291	238	24522	
Connecticut	3754	-1511	-126	9	9	49931	3.0	231	430	39	90	50060	
Delaware	616	-148	-191	2	4	7709	1.8	619	-615	21	9	7739	
District of Columbia	369	-22	-29	8	4	9121	1.6	-80	163	342	18	9481	
Florida	7632	5	-190	23	44	42015	0.5	-3429	-2123	186	176	42377	
Georgia	6141	-1771	-1124	41	39	30944	0.7	-1729	-3371	194	246	31384	
Hawaii	1171	-178	-90	2	8	7579	1.2	-287	-639	98	96	7773	
Idaho	1561	14	-241	13	3	12391	1.8	38	-2714	368	23	12782	
Illinois	9990	-436	-988	10	12	148534	2.5	3973	-11008	298	245	149077	
Indiana	2884	-473	-689	3	10	23665	0.8	-232	-10535	47	44	23756	
Iowa	2473	-137	-224	3	2	31518	2.1	-579	-3344	63	36	31617	
Kansas	1922	-38	-442	1	0	13870	1.0	-2035	-1138	60	43	13973	
Kentucky	3770	614	947	5	4	24637	1.3	-304	-1866	129	169	24935	
Louisiana	2291	-177	-65	11	5	19205	1.0	112	-2409	38	27	19270	
Maine	1072	63	102	2	0	9818	1.7	311	-566	37	8	9863	
Maryland	4054	-159	-363	24	8	39993	1.6	-429	-4166	365	125	40483	
Massachusetts	6050	-721	-989	18	8	91280	2.6	425	-1027	168	161	91609	
Michigan	11852	-468	2128	23	16	86890	2.1	-3461	-8457	203	113	87206	
Minnesota	3808	113	-437	6	8	63485	2.3	49	-3278	157	84	63726	
Mississippi	1195	-114	-141	10	0	9991	0.9	-321	-2005	45	26	10062	
Missouri	3884	-7390	-539	9	4	41254	1.5	3649	4284	229	66	41549	
Montana	1015	4	74	18	1	12482	2.8	-325	-1429	636	34	13154	
Nebraska	840	-82	-35	3	4	8637	0.9	-459	77	28	18	8683	
Nevada	2707	-56	-150	7	6	22773	1.8	-193	-2898	202	82	23057	
New Hampshire	612	-31	-135	0	3	5385	0.8	-26	-472	2	8	5395	
New Jersey	8863	-118	-2272	27	22	117895	3.0	-442	-2730	303	283	118481	
New Mexico	895	-80	-166	8	2	11282	1.4	117	-1851	304	57	11643	
New York	17128	-1154	-1484	33	29	177493	2.0	-2320	-7793	372	455	178320	
North Carolina	3585	-206	-343	13	12	23203	0.5	-303	-4690	97	170	23470	
North Dakota	588	-20	-116	1	2	8004	2.0	31	-1083	20	7	8031	
Ohio	7616	130	-1304	10	24	80677	1.5	-2110	-6795	142	222	81041	
Oklahoma	1590	27	-154	5	10	14835	1.0	-22	-3516	63	98	14996	
Oregon	4579	-195	-48	38	11	32944	1.8	362	-1800	771	126	33841	
Pennsylvania	17048	-1589	-1611	71	41	144440	2.5	-15848	-16942	481	346	145267	
Puerto Rico	2953	-38	871	1	8	35367	4.1	-6261	11522	14	57	35438	
Rhode Island	1190	-151	84	4	0	12779	2.8	-464	-71	19	18	12816	
South Carolina	3109	97	514	7	12	19519	1.0	-751	2388	50	69	19638	
South Dakota	217	-47	-116	3	0	3457	0.8	-37	-442	52	2	3511	
Tennessee	2393	-756	-719	17	14	25114	0.9	-312	1333	138	150	25402	
Texas	14131	-144	-1175	49	149	136766	1.2	-3838	-19099	550	1439	138755	
Utah	793	-160	-571	22	1	12532	0.9	0	-2430	317	25	12874	
Vermont	468	-121	-94	0	1	5584	1.9	-27	-670	14	5	5603	
Virgin Islands	17	-23	-16	0	0	3720	10.0	-2028	3282	0	10	3730	
Virginia	3301	-118	-248	38	12	27036	0.7	-710	-3023	286	290	27612	
Washington	6810	-192	-144	11	12	64128	2.0	12	-3178	547	649	65324	
West Virginia	1279	-285	-89	1	2	14809	2.2	-584	-2388	62	43	14914	
Wisconsin	6968	117	-705	12	3	50427	1.8	-436	-6174	119	32	50578	
Wyoming	349	-118	-188	3	4	4310	1.6	-917	-2478	137	14	4461	
Totals	242962	-24804	-16751	922	740	2310655	1.6	-65583	-172154	12275	8826	2332838	

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 3, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	-7,390	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
CA	-5,375	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
GA	-1,771	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
PA	-1,589	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
CT	-1,511	No comment.
NY	-1,154	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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