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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

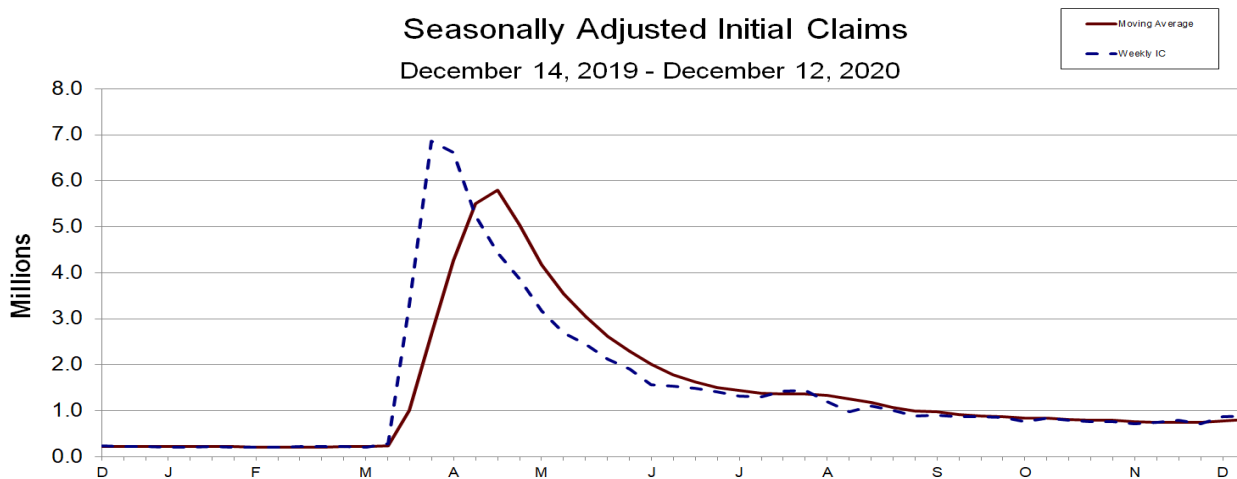
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 885,000, an increase of 23,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 9,000 from 853,000 to 862,000. The 4-week moving average was 812,500, an increase of 34,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 776,000 to 778,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.8 percent for the week ending December 5, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 5 was 5,508,000, a decrease of 273,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 24,000 from 5,757,000 to 5,781,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,726,250, a decrease of 215,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 6,000 from 5,935,750 to 5,941,750.

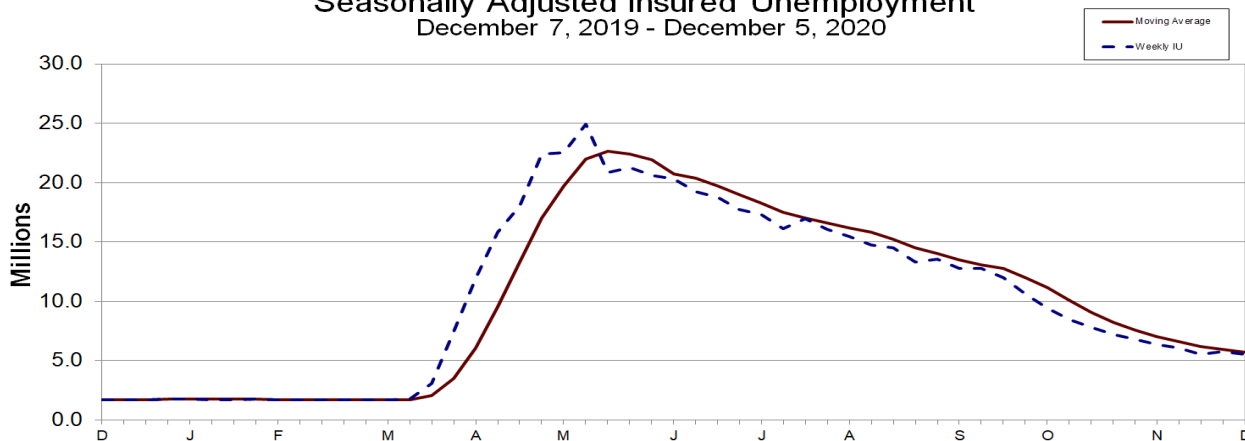
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

December 14, 2019 - December 12, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

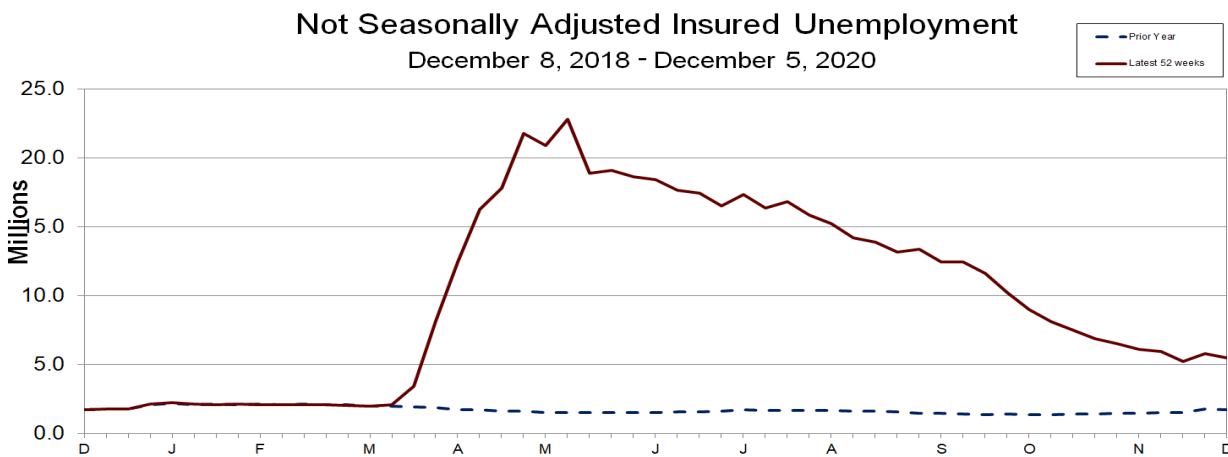
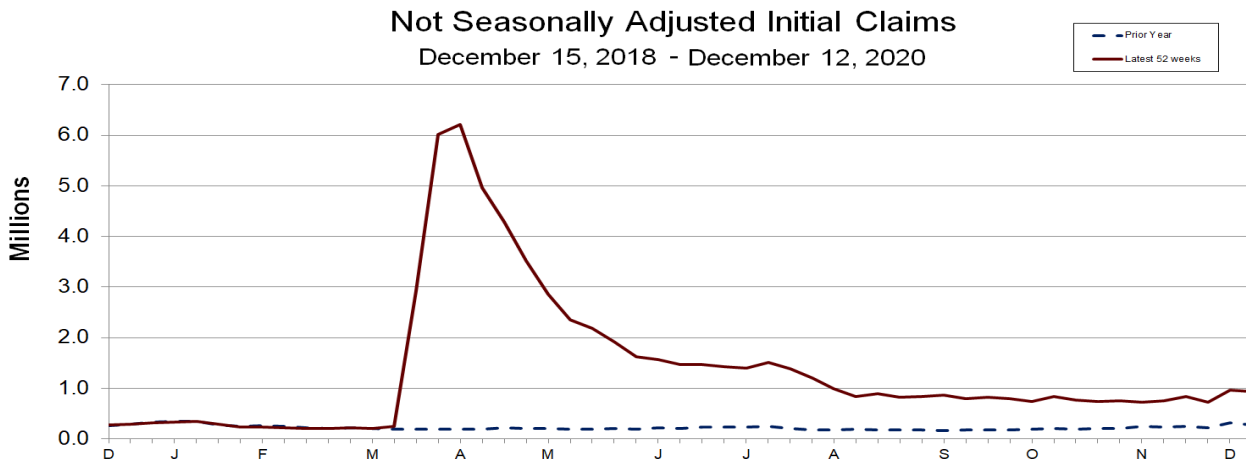
December 7, 2019 - December 5, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 935,138 in the week ending December 12, a decrease of 21,335 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 44,737 (or -4.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 270,547 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending December 12, 53 states reported 455,037 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending December 5, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted OHYHORILQXUHGXPORSORPHW programs totaled 5,492,701, a decrease of 312,357 (or -5.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 39,403 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,728,066.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 28 was 20,441,779, an increase of 1,398,281 from the previous week. There were 1,782,260 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending November 28, Extended Benefits were available in the following 27 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,234 in the week ending December 5, an increase of 301 from the prior week. There were 821 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 196 from the preceding week.

There were 16,501 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 28, an increase of 2,713 from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed filed by newly discharged veterans totaled 10,202, an increase of 1,059 from the prior week.

During the week ending November 28, 51 states reported 9,244,556 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,596,408 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 28 were in California (7.0), New Mexico (6.7), Alaska (6.6), Hawaii (6.5), Nevada (6.1), Illinois (5.6), Puerto Rico (5.6), Pennsylvania (5.5), Massachusetts (5.4), and the Virgin Islands (5.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 5 were in California (+48,341), Illinois (+33,485), Texas (+22,729), Pennsylvania (+16,955), and New York (+16,814), while the largest decreases were in Louisiana (-2,666), Kentucky (-1,151), New Mexico (-378), the Virgin Islands (7), and North Dakota (96).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 12	December 5	Change	November 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	885,000	862,000	+23,000	716,000	229,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	935,138	956,473	-21,335	718,522	270,547
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	812,500	778,250	+34,250	740,500	220,750

WEEK ENDING	December 5	November 28	Change	November 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,508,000	5,781,000	-273,000	5,527,000	1,725,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,492,701	5,805,058	-312,357	5,247,626	1,728,066
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,726,250	5,941,750	-215,500	6,196,000	1,696,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.8%	3.9%	-0.1	3.8%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.7%	4.0%	-0.3	3.6%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 12	December 5	Change	November 28
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	455,037	415,037	+40,000	288,234

WEEK ENDING	December 5	November 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,234	1,933	+301	1,247
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	821	625	+196	608

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

WEEK ENDING	November 28	November 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	5,766,130	5,213,781	+552,349	1,751,951
Federal Employees	16,501	13,788	+2,713	9,668
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,202	9,143	+1,059	5,858
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	9,244,556	8,555,763	+688,793	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,596,408	4,532,876	+63,532	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	693,598	614,517	+79,081	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	3,323	2,363	+960	5,761
STC / Workshare ⁷	111,061	101,267	+9,794	9,022
TOTAL⁸	20,441,779	19,043,498	+1,398,281	1,782,260

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 146,534,375 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,927	7,656	-729	20,179	24,658	-4,479
Alaska	4,809	4,525	284	19,980	20,295	-315
Arizona	9,280	7,362	1,918	79,353	82,614	-3,261
Arkansas	3,395	4,649	-1,254	19,330	24,634	-5,304
California	202,627	178,724	23,903	1,175,831	1,224,826	-48,995
Colorado	20,942	19,087	1,855	98,546	91,648	6,898
Connecticut	8,380	7,796	584	74,882	75,578	-696
Delaware	4,292	2,037	2,255	13,346	13,535	-189
District of Columbia	1,610	1,679	-69	27,520	29,411	-1,891
Florida	21,780	29,142	-7,362	135,622	186,749	-51,127
Georgia	23,286	33,003	-9,717	159,670	234,262	-74,592
Hawaii	4,700	4,272	428	35,218	40,237	-5,019
Idaho	3,854	5,075	-1,221	9,875	10,549	-674
Illinois	142,745	107,616	35,129	336,555	334,287	2,268
Indiana	17,964	23,622	-5,658	78,252	84,790	-6,538
Iowa	6,949	10,112	-3,163	38,748	42,382	-3,634
Kansas	37,448	31,158	6,290	81,566	61,255	20,311
Kentucky	7,079	8,168	-1,089	47,000	46,877	123
Louisiana	7,527	9,114	-1,587	62,669	75,004	-12,335
Maine	3,016	3,005	11	13,608	12,930	678
Maryland	10,247	10,204	43	68,948	74,434	-5,486
Massachusetts	24,381	26,573	-2,192	161,928	192,718	-30,790
Michigan	17,553	23,408	-5,855	171,290	211,537	-40,247
Minnesota	15,923	25,177	-9,254	139,907	140,443	-536
Mississippi	4,605	5,075	-470	26,283	31,543	-5,260
Missouri	8,359	10,569	-2,210	43,321	49,277	-5,956
Montana	2,594	4,001	-1,407	16,551	17,123	-572
Nebraska	2,534	3,034	-500	11,210	12,865	-1,655
Nevada	9,626	8,783	843	79,642	85,680	-6,038
New Hampshire	2,949	3,413	-464	20,743	21,242	-499
New Jersey	15,076	17,025	-1,949	149,476	154,758	-5,282
New Mexico	5,233	7,959	-2,726	52,240	54,405	-2,165
New York	58,023	62,677	-4,654	393,644	410,760	-17,116
North Carolina	8,765	9,950	-1,185	65,451	73,457	-8,006
North Dakota	1,698	1,709	-11	8,741	7,665	1,076
Ohio	36,894	36,373	521	154,133	154,041	92
Oklahoma	4,352	6,168	-1,816	37,313	47,184	-9,871
Oregon	10,249	15,753	-5,504	90,078	86,426	3,652
Pennsylvania	38,655	40,833	-2,178	316,549	318,365	-1,816
Puerto Rico	1,099	1,350	-251	43,960	48,409	-4,449
Rhode Island	5,567	5,261	306	17,711	15,849	1,862
South Carolina	3,723	4,774	-1,051	40,731	46,371	-5,640
South Dakota	858	904	-46	3,793	3,924	-131
Tennessee	7,464	6,856	608	45,294	47,466	-2,172
Texas	35,618	47,521	-11,903	391,327	374,452	16,875
Utah	3,167	3,305	-138	14,361	14,501	-140
Vermont	1,365	2,013	-648	12,293	11,938	355
Virgin Islands	13	60	-47	3,148	2,018	1,130
Virginia	21,095	16,654	4,441	68,210	73,804	-5,594
Washington	20,361	25,623	-5,262	190,948	175,224	15,724
West Virginia	3,143	3,059	84	23,269	20,995	2,274
Wisconsin	14,478	21,700	-7,222	96,831	104,264	-7,433
Wyoming	861	907	-46	5,627	5,399	228
US Total	935,138	956,473	-21,335	5,492,701	5,805,058	-312,357

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	
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,781	254	5,941.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	862	146	778.25	5,508	-273	5,726.25	3.8
December 12, 2020	885	23	812.50				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 12			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 28	Nov 21	Change
Alabama	1,924	2,672	-748	47,406	45,064	2,342
Alaska	340	254	86	8,874	10,883	-2,009
Arizona	1,622	1,581	41	209,441	218,703	-9,262
Arkansas	1,942	2,316	-374	4,837	45,719	-40,882
California	48,813	34,143	14,670	1,820,945	1,820,945	0
Colorado	20,621	17,232	3,389	83,656	63,694	19,962
Connecticut	562	545	17	39,796	38,565	1,231
Delaware	114	94	20	6,818	7,257	-439
District of Columbia	211	171	40	15,539	14,522	1,017
Florida	20,657	23,400	-2,743	0	0	0
Georgia	2,822	2,884	-62	206,153	172,490	33,663
Hawaii	9,358	4,308	5,050	99,044	68,816	30,228
Idaho	8	13	-5	11,208	10,941	267
Illinois	36,204	26,450	9,754	160,381	145,593	14,788
Indiana	25,232	28,579	-3,347	625,450	349,429	276,021
Iowa	1,535	1,692	-157	12,869	11,742	1,127
Kansas	6,547	5,382	1,165	59,340	46,120	13,220
Kentucky	6,755	4,477	2,278	37,463	47,630	-10,167
Louisiana	2,775	2,387	388	114,073	119,563	-5,490
Maine	931	1,182	-251	16,775	15,395	1,380
Maryland	2,902	2,593	309	208,656	185,085	23,571
Massachusetts	6,223	7,987	-1,764	432,810	403,891	28,919
Michigan	6,425	6,954	-529	411,643	435,249	-23,606
Minnesota	11	31	-20	44,817	39,539	5,278
Mississippi	1,301	0	1,301	25,110	26,228	-1,118
Missouri	332	296	36	43,416	40,652	2,764
Montana	1,202	1,780	-578	29,402	24,489	4,913
Nebraska	606	751	-145	7,870	7,161	709
Nevada	46,755	61,290	-14,535	78,977	77,712	1,265
New Hampshire	880	535	345	13,156	12,459	697
New Jersey	5,128	5,427	-299	374,307	349,335	24,972
New Mexico	1,268	1,631	-363	36,598	32,557	4,041
New York	28,181	31,335	-3,154	1,103,911	1,182,600	-78,689
North Carolina	10,147	12,377	-2,230	129,433	119,085	10,348
North Dakota	1,076	731	345	6,470	6,346	124
Ohio	54,722	43,767	10,955	430,840	381,988	48,852
Oklahoma	553	507	46	9,441	9,423	18
Oregon	33,840	19,597	14,243	206,860	121,506	85,354
Pennsylvania	14,047	13,191	856	712,054	684,978	27,076
Puerto Rico	13,967	13,267	700	234,520	215,385	19,135
Rhode Island	5,977	1,729	4,248	40,663	39,731	932
South Carolina	2,971	2,758	213	54,535	52,525	2,010
South Dakota	19	18	1	1,415	1,318	97
Tennessee	3,031	2,074	957	68,087	64,829	3,258
Texas	7,026	8,220	-1,194	582,764	414,607	168,157
Utah	682	731	-49	3,108	3,067	41
Vermont	53	64	-11	8,694	8,451	243
Virgin Islands	51	50	1	0	0	0
Virginia	8,366	9,201	-835	220,654	190,366	30,288
Washington	4,068	3,763	305	108,570	108,859	-289
West Virginia	1,504	207	1,297	2,800	34,560	-31,760
Wisconsin	2,595	2,282	313	31,136	27,055	4,081
Wyoming	155	131	24	1,771	1,656	115
US Total	455,037	415,037	40,000	9,244,556	8,555,763	688,793

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	November 28	November 21	Change	November 14	November 7
Alabama	25,293	26,810	-1,517	29,960	32,916
Alaska	8,475	8,459	16	8,909	8,856
Arizona	57,064	55,001	2,063	55,006	53,370
Arkansas	10,771	10,881	-110	12,414	12,395
California	1,366,951	1,272,167	94,784	1,264,212	1,294,265
Colorado	74,907	70,031	4,876	66,806	64,790
Connecticut	63,903	61,155	2,748	61,390	60,046
Delaware	14,118	14,193	-75	14,228	13,485
District of Columbia	26,558	25,433	1,125	25,054	23,984
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	53,573	45,256	8,317	50,244	42,411
Idaho	4,415	4,473	-58	4,876	5,237
Illinois	248,634	231,238	17,396	228,583	218,266
Indiana	58,562	56,452	2,110	56,653	53,389
Iowa	26,863	24,068	2,795	26,410	25,855
Kansas	21,764	22,105	-341	23,104	22,274
Kentucky	30,176	31,212	-1,036	29,672	29,580
Louisiana	43,831	41,452	2,379	39,167	35,533
Maine	12,982	12,683	299	13,513	13,896
Maryland	61,954	56,837	5,117	56,777	52,196
Massachusetts	180,256	175,774	4,482	173,966	171,042
Michigan	22,767	228,265	-205,498	213,879	220,670
Minnesota	90,072	83,514	6,558	83,409	80,864
Mississippi	16,991	17,360	-369	16,796	16,960
Missouri	35,669	36,110	-441	41,749	45,274
Montana	5,745	5,749	-4	5,710	5,657
Nebraska	4,341	4,230	111	4,249	4,225
Nevada	98,178	95,860	2,318	95,965	94,009
New Hampshire	8,235	7,056	1,179	7,749	7,467
New Jersey	187,753	178,203	9,550	181,185	179,936
New Mexico	38,550	35,654	2,896	34,946	32,483
New York	749,766	715,067	34,699	717,795	688,988
North Carolina	126,621	123,151	3,470	127,999	125,910
North Dakota	6,014	5,942	72	6,019	6,023
Ohio	101,160	97,556	3,604	98,202	95,005
Oklahoma	27,285	28,053	-768	27,888	26,260
Oregon	65,481	60,715	4,766	60,972	60,790
Pennsylvania	230,191	202,582	27,609	214,793	196,087
Puerto Rico	42,766	34,696	8,070	36,177	32,957
Rhode Island	19,553	19,302	251	19,674	19,891
South Carolina	58,169	60,582	-2,413	69,870	69,870
South Dakota	832	726	106	890	812
Tennessee	38,165	39,547	-1,382	42,818	45,141
Texas	34,537	20,465	14,072	22,615	28,860
Utah	7,600	7,983	-383	7,703	8,363
Vermont	9,825	8,963	862	9,598	9,158
Virgin Islands	67	48	19	110	78
Virginia	81,256	79,288	1,968	86,226	88,519
Washington	5,505	4,256	1,249	5,761	4,189
West Virginia	18,153	17,414	739	17,828	17,557
Wisconsin	70,597	65,454	5,143	65,989	60,044
Wyoming	3,514	3,405	109	3,508	3,451
US Total	4,596,408	4,532,876	63,532	4,569,016	4,509,284

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	November 28	November 21	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,638	1,475	163
Arizona	6,503	5,719	784
Arkansas	210	255	-45
California	148,518	116,397	32,121
Colorado	57	61	-4
Connecticut	8,494	8,327	167
Delaware	144	116	28
District of Columbia	28	30	-2
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	23	20	3
Idaho	27	15	12
Illinois	28,672	29,002	-330
Indiana	70	71	-1
Iowa	136	127	9
Kansas	4,432	1,416	3,016
Kentucky	78	109	-31
Louisiana	2,416	2,281	135
Maine	73	132	-59
Maryland	7,428	7,293	135
Massachusetts	23,622	22,663	959
Michigan	50,215	30,024	20,191
Minnesota	16,315	14,134	2,181
Mississippi	5,522	5,089	433
Missouri	212	68	144
Montana	77	144	-67
Nebraska	68	66	2
Nevada	16,774	14,832	1,942
New Hampshire	485	437	48
New Jersey	42,216	33,663	8,553
New Mexico	2,431	2,310	121
New York	51,160	51,256	-96
North Carolina	48,751	54,208	-5,457
North Dakota	7	5	2
Ohio	17,862	16,590	1,272
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	9,446	8,313	1,133
Pennsylvania	24,310	21,701	2,609
Puerto Rico	2,680	1,630	1,050
Rhode Island	3,513	3,147	366
South Carolina	19,992	15,238	4,754
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	52	231	-179
Texas	113,125	104,603	8,522
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	886	706	180
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	3,182	21,238	-18,056
Washington	20,910	19,326	1,584
West Virginia	30	21	9
Wisconsin	10,805	21	10,784
Wyoming	3	7	-4
US Total	693,598	614,517	79,081

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 5

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 28

STATE NAME	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	7,656	595	4,429	15	11	24,658	1.3	1,709	8,697	89	47	24,794
Alaska	4,525	691	3,379	18	1	20,295	6.6	829	10,758	229	40	20,564
Arizona	7,362	1,793	3,249	18	3	82,614	2.8	1,395	64,088	285	194	83,093
Arkansas	4,649	986	2,213	3	0	24,634	2.1	3,414	12,065	161	40	24,835
California	178,724	48,341	130,290	465	127	1,224,826	7.0	121,403	897,322	3,623	2,252	1,230,701
Colorado	19,087	1,916	15,925	35	26	91,648	3.4	11,951	71,984	265	332	92,245
Connecticut	7,796	1,847	3,505	30	5	75,578	4.6	972	45,395	402	95	76,075
Delaware	2,037	504	938	9	3	13,535	3.0	1,432	8,387	46	21	13,602
District of Columbia	1,679	569	1,044	35	2	29,411	5.0	136	22,528	436	8	29,855
Florida	29,142	6,079	23,461	59	58	186,749	2.1	44,496	147,832	470	341	187,560
Georgia	33,003	13,820	23,411	103	38	234,262	5.3	31,901	203,023	690	450	235,402
Hawaii	4,272	730	2,837	8	11	40,237	6.5	5,282	34,038	211	165	40,613
Idaho	5,075	1,084	2,801	32	2	10,549	1.4	1,304	5,061	164	10	10,723
Illinois	107,616	33,485	92,818	12	2	334,287	5.6	35,717	238,873	512	267	335,066
Indiana	23,622	3,047	19,589	27	9	84,790	2.8	6,116	69,317	207	100	85,097
Iowa	10,112	4,755	4,581	16	2	42,382	2.8	8,670	21,988	92	44	42,518
Kansas	31,158	8,639	28,982	4	1	61,255	4.5	11,363	53,009	65	45	61,365
Kentucky	8,168	-1,151	4,575	6	1	46,877	2.5	2,736	28,054	60	171	47,108
Louisiana	9,114	-2,666	6,666	17	11	75,004	4.0	141	60,441	145	44	75,193
Maine	3,005	1,061	1,654	9	0	12,930	2.1	982	7,547	40	7	12,977
Maryland	10,204	915	6,149	31	11	74,434	3.0	-1,414	49,905	280	53	74,767
Massachusetts	26,573	2,395	16,334	59	13	192,718	5.4	9,726	138,378	444	116	193,278
Michigan	23,408	443	12,888	82	9	211,537	4.9	52,099	158,736	250	85	211,872
Minnesota	25,177	650	16,018	18	11	140,443	4.9	25,728	90,409	177	114	140,734
Mississippi	5,075	1,702	3,710	5	0	31,543	2.8	1,803	23,608	102	30	31,675
Missouri	10,569	1,974	5,947	10	3	49,277	1.8	6,035	29,006	110	36	49,423
Montana	4,001	368	2,069	64	6	17,123	3.7	1,282	8,253	312	29	17,464
Nebraska	3,034	642	1,884	10	3	12,865	1.3	1,567	9,423	18	9	12,892
Nevada	8,783	2,341	5,642	19	0	85,680	6.1	1,317	66,594	157	125	85,962
New Hampshire	3,413	1,105	2,715	6	2	21,242	3.2	565	17,989	70	24	21,336
New Jersey	17,025	3,479	4,562	44	15	154,758	3.8	11,488	66,855	383	357	155,498
New Mexico	7,959	-378	6,918	16	0	54,405	6.7	5,275	45,135	399	88	54,892
New York	62,677	16,814	38,281	49	23	410,760	4.3	-2,772	271,441	282	365	411,407
North Carolina	9,950	3,559	6,107	45	41	73,457	1.7	4,608	53,763	280	322	74,059
North Dakota	1,709	96	705	4	0	7,665	1.9	656	4,331	23	8	7,696
Ohio	36,373	8,587	25,985	26	43	154,041	2.9	9,773	101,234	256	265	154,562
Oklahoma	6,168	2,627	4,197	29	6	47,184	3.0	1,959	29,433	73	69	47,326
Oregon	15,753	382	9,177	119	14	86,426	4.5	9,934	56,794	722	128	87,276
Pennsylvania	40,833	16,955	15,416	203	46	318,365	5.5	53,764	214,601	1,296	436	320,097
Puerto Rico	1,350	381	22	2	2	48,409	5.6	10,160	30,378	188	29	48,626
Rhode Island	5,261	1,329	3,738	9	1	15,849	3.3	1,142	9,181	87	16	15,952
South Carolina	4,774	2,207	809	15	16	46,371	2.2	4,602	31,033	44	119	46,534
South Dakota	904	468	274	8	0	3,924	0.9	909	2,207	51	4	3,979
Tennessee	6,856	670	3,546	23	14	47,466	1.4	-3,504	30,657	42	56	47,564
Texas	47,521	22,729	26,872	219	188	374,452	3.0	20,261	238,692	874	1,650	376,976
Utah	3,305	920	1,109	71	5	14,501	1.0	255	5,873	182	18	14,701
Vermont	2,013	758	1,036	2	0	11,938	3.9	1,856	7,987	23	4	11,965
Virgin Islands	60	7	48	0	0	2,018	5.4	608	1,780	0	14	2,032
Virginia	16,654	8,048	12,370	16	10	73,804	2.0	1,499	54,728	351	314	74,469
Washington	25,623	2,363	15,500	51	14	175,224	5.1	14,331	115,308	482	539	176,245
West Virginia	3,059	1,431	949	9	1	20,995	3.2	2,898	6,981	124	37	21,156
Wisconsin	21,700	5,562	11,136	33	8	104,264	3.6	16,640	66,765	174	63	104,501
Wyoming	907	297	147	16	3	5,399	2.1	433	2,603	53	7	5,459
Totals	956,473	237,951	638,607	2,234	821	5,805,058	4.0	557,432	4,050,468	16,501	10,202	5,831,761

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 DECEMBER 5, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+48,341	Layoffs in the services industry.
IL	+33,485	Layoffs in the other services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
TX	+22,729	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, manufacturing, and mining industries.
PA	+16,955	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
NY	+16,814	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and construction industries.
GA	+13,820	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and trade industries.
KS	+8,639	No comment.
OH	+8,587	No comment.
VA	+8,048	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
FL	+6,079	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
WI	+5,562	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IA	+4,755	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, educational services, and accommodation and food services industries.
NC	+3,559	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	+3,479	No comment.
IN	+3,047	No comment.
OK	+2,627	No comment.
MA	+2,395	No comment.
WA	+2,363	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, retail trade, educational services, and health care and social assistance industries.
NV	+2,341	No comment.
SC	+2,207	No comment.
MO	+1,974	Layoffs in the construction and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
CO	+1,916	No comment.
CT	+1,847	Layoffs in the educational services, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
AZ	+1,793	No comment.
MS	+1,702	No comment.
WV	+1,431	No comment.
RI	+1,329	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, healthcare and social assistance, educational services, finance and insurance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
NH	+1,105	No comment.
ID	+1,084	No comment.
ME	+1,061	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and construction industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
LA	-2,666	No comment.
KY	-1,151	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.

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