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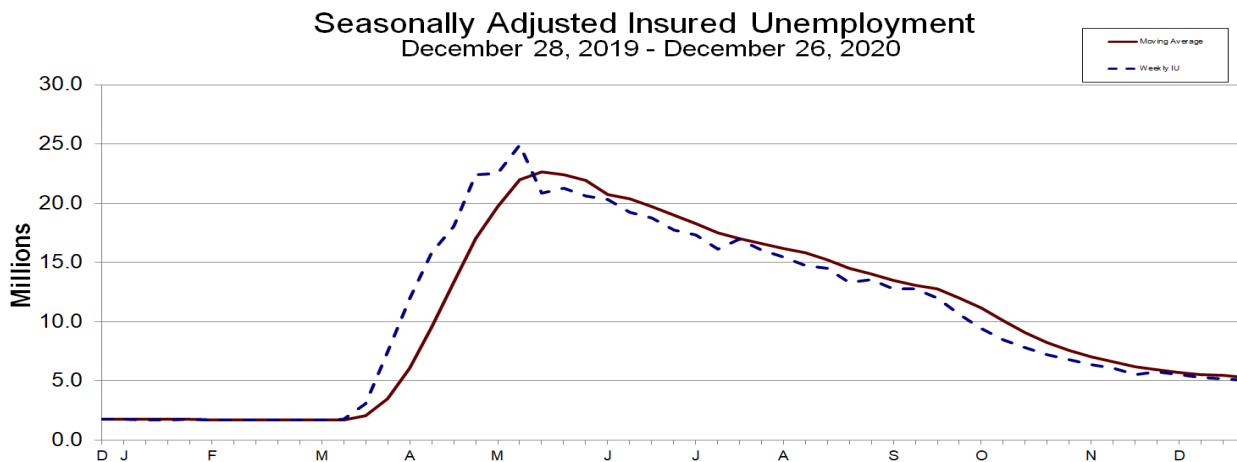
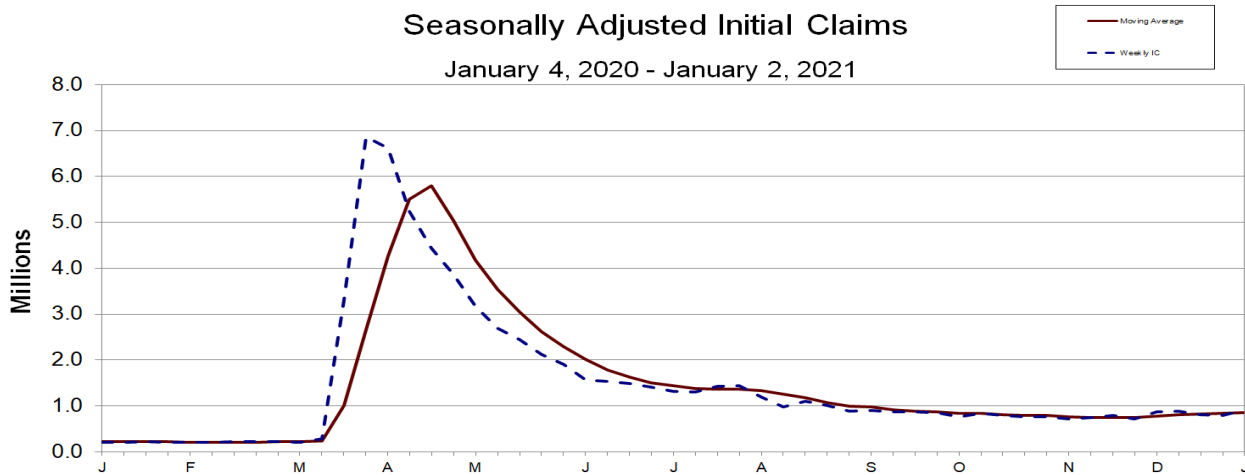
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 787,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 787,000 to 790,000. The 4-week moving average was 818,750, a decrease of 18,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 836,750 to 837,500.

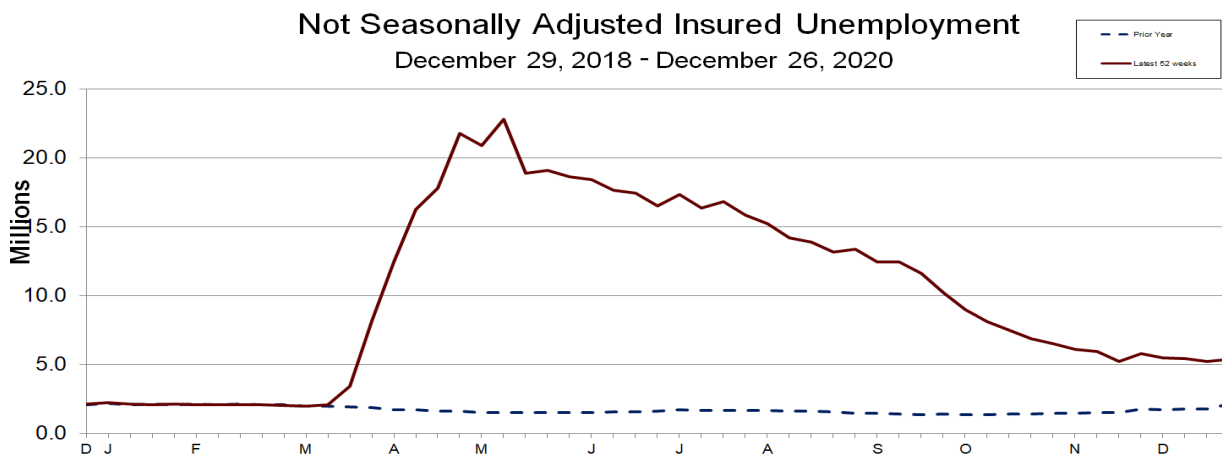
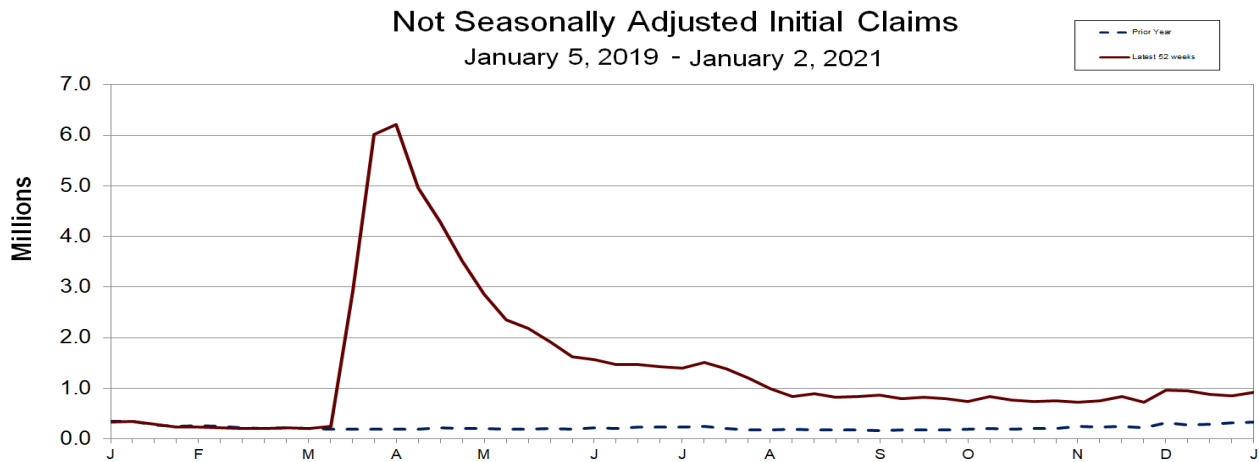
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending December 26, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 3.6 to 3.5 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 26 was 5,072,000, a decrease of 126,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 21,000 from 5,219,000 to 5,198,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,274,750, a decrease of 177,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 5,250 from 5,457,250 to 5,452,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 922,072 in the week ending January 2, an increase of 77,400 (or 9.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 81,127 (or 9.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 335,480 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending January 2, 45 states reported 161,460 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending December 26, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 5,382,459, an increase of 145,444 (or 2.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 271,437 (or 5.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,147,170.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 19 was 19,176,857, a decrease of 419,228 from the previous week. There were 1,803,796 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending December 19, Extended Benefits were available in the following 24 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,772 in the week ending December 26, an increase of 103 from the prior week. There were 735 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 119 from the preceding week.

There were 16,772 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 19, a decrease of 236 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,094, a decrease of 815 from the prior week.

During the week ending December 19, 51 states reported 8,383,387 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,516,900 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 19 were in Puerto Rico (7.8), Alaska (6.4), California (6.0), Kansas (5.9), Nevada (5.6), Illinois (5.5), New Mexico (5.5), Pennsylvania (5.2), Washington (5.1), and District of Columbia (4.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 26 were in New York (+10,318), California (+10,071), Kentucky (+4,341), Missouri (+4,105), and New Jersey (+2,851), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-34,568), Pennsylvania (-9,026), Georgia (-7,713), Kansas (-3,710), and Texas (-3,531).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 2	December 26	Change	December 19	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	787,000	790,000	-3,000	806,000	212,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	922,072	844,672	+77,400	872,941	335,480
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	818,750	837,500	-18,750	819,000	219,750

WEEK ENDING	December 26	December 19	Change	December 12	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,072,000	5,198,000	-126,000	5,322,000	1,775,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,382,459	5,237,015	+145,444	5,429,507	2,147,170
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,274,750	5,452,000	-177,250	5,534,250	1,736,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.6%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.7%	3.6%	+0.1	3.7%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 2	December 26	Change	December 19
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	161,460	310,462	-149,002	393,255

WEEK ENDING	December 26	December 19	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,772	1,669	+103	755
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	735	854	-119	323

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

WEEK ENDING	December 19	December 12	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	5,205,760	5,393,839	-188,079	1,773,908
Federal Employees	16,772	17,008	-236	10,833
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,094	9,909	-815	5,282
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	8,383,387	8,453,940	-70,553	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,516,900	4,810,334	-293,434	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	951,364	802,713	+148,651	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,359	3,035	-676	5,124
STC / Workshare ⁷	91,221	105,307	-14,086	8,649
TOTAL ⁸	19,176,857	19,596,085	-419,228	1,803,796

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 January 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	10,493	5,506	4,987	20,272	23,053	-2,781
Alaska	3,151	3,923	-772	19,828	19,791	37
Arizona	9,906	6,569	3,337	77,691	69,775	7,916
Arkansas	3,914	3,663	251	20,318	19,868	450
California	160,029	168,732	-8,703	885,995	1,048,514	-162,519
Colorado	44,179	25,402	18,777	113,051	103,251	9,800
Connecticut	9,342	8,748	594	79,296	73,730	5,566
Delaware	2,591	2,386	205	14,398	12,324	2,074
District of Columbia	1,335	1,655	-320	25,684	26,580	-896
Florida	21,441	26,533	-5,092	113,372	140,565	-27,193
Georgia	30,539	18,960	11,579	171,480	137,240	34,240
Hawaii	4,020	3,460	560	29,799	28,720	1,079
Idaho	4,339	4,226	113	12,584	11,706	878
Illinois	47,721	110,486	-62,765	343,543	327,644	15,899
Indiana	15,515	12,013	3,502	79,626	73,868	5,758
Iowa	8,236	7,141	1,095	43,901	38,023	5,878
Kansas	44,658	28,795	15,863	104,115	80,683	23,432
Kentucky	16,439	12,800	3,639	39,882	41,834	-1,952
Louisiana	22,472	8,246	14,226	62,177	60,641	1,536
Maine	3,850	2,667	1,183	15,138	13,693	1,445
Maryland	10,672	13,629	-2,957	67,753	75,984	-8,231
Massachusetts	25,869	23,388	2,481	158,596	159,086	-490
Michigan	29,033	19,818	9,215	200,249	165,203	35,046
Minnesota	17,500	16,271	1,229	154,617	129,135	25,482
Mississippi	5,956	5,205	751	27,667	28,218	-551
Missouri	15,649	13,841	1,808	46,531	43,407	3,124
Montana	3,549	2,537	1,012	17,510	15,800	1,710
Nebraska	3,592	2,870	722	13,177	12,432	745
Nevada	9,300	7,209	2,091	75,548	78,374	-2,826
New Hampshire	4,106	3,281	825	39,387	21,142	18,245
New Jersey	19,377	20,462	-1,085	140,148	138,261	1,887
New Mexico	4,166	3,587	579	46,904	44,466	2,438
New York	56,184	51,424	4,760	404,003	389,541	14,462
North Carolina	12,554	8,718	3,836	86,166	81,682	4,484
North Dakota	1,551	1,240	311	9,273	5,831	3,442
Ohio	29,150	28,811	339	169,184	153,423	15,761
Oklahoma	4,594	5,031	-437	36,435	39,132	-2,697
Oregon	11,751	11,018	733	94,922	81,984	12,938
Pennsylvania	34,020	38,279	-4,259	360,565	300,889	59,676
Puerto Rico	1,239	1,093	146	36,320	67,548	-31,228
Rhode Island	5,568	5,572	-4	20,644	19,829	815
South Carolina	9,328	4,317	5,011	45,686	40,354	5,332
South Dakota	542	655	-113	4,704	3,684	1,020
Tennessee	16,554	10,150	6,404	53,043	46,198	6,845
Texas	43,583	31,448	12,135	368,223	367,766	457
Utah	3,135	2,729	406	15,584	14,603	981
Vermont	1,756	1,097	659	12,574	10,088	2,486
Virgin Islands	6	52	-46	1,994	1,524	470
Virginia	25,170	11,890	13,280	65,239	63,443	1,796
Washington	30,210	19,901	10,309	206,773	173,308	33,465
West Virginia	2,237	2,112	125	21,921	18,541	3,380
Wisconsin	19,186	14,294	4,892	103,469	89,928	13,541
Wyoming	815	832	-17	5,500	4,708	792
US Total	922,072	844,672	77,400	5,382,459	5,237,015	145,444

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	5,507	-274	5,726.00	3.8
December 12, 2020	892	30	814.25	5,322	-185	5,534.25	3.6
December 19, 2020	806	-86	819.00	5,198	-124	5,452.00	3.5
December 26, 2020	790	-16	837.50	5,072	-126	5,274.75	3.5
January 2, 2021	787	-3	818.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 2			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Dec 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Dec 19	Dec 12	Change
Alabama	1,995	822	1,173	46,609	50,341	-3,732
Alaska	261	270	-9	11,744	11,744	0
Arizona	2,194	2,194	0	64,492	59,282	5,210
Arkansas	0	1,523	-1,523	26,695	38,111	-11,416
California	27,341	37,112	-9,771	1,955,600	1,646,479	309,121
Colorado	0	19,555	-19,555	97,585	86,464	11,121
Connecticut	801	690	111	40,329	40,103	226
Delaware	0	70	-70	5,426	5,451	-25
District of Columbia	168	141	27	15,251	16,043	-792
Florida	0	17,006	-17,006	0	0	0
Georgia	2,525	2,111	414	113,820	151,425	-37,605
Hawaii	1,044	1,380	-336	69,857	76,723	-6,866
Idaho	7	25	-18	11,654	11,531	123
Illinois	41	32,664	-32,623	189,851	176,072	13,779
Indiana	0	11,050	-11,050	263,680	341,542	-77,862
Iowa	793	936	-143	12,877	13,173	-296
Kansas	2,625	3,509	-884	15,442	48,392	-32,950
Kentucky	5	5,066	-5,061	27,792	10,672	17,120
Louisiana	29	2,353	-2,324	103,193	108,264	-5,071
Maine	253	1,768	-1,515	16,503	18,191	-1,688
Maryland	160	3,272	-3,112	206,124	178,007	28,117
Massachusetts	4,724	4,540	184	406,950	364,954	41,996
Michigan	6,039	5,342	697	304,080	358,475	-54,395
Minnesota	0	9	-9	40,677	43,291	-2,614
Mississippi	1,065	752	313	22,459	23,468	-1,009
Missouri	264	2,391	-2,127	42,140	43,168	-1,028
Montana	537	625	-88	24,632	26,908	-2,276
Nebraska	43	444	-401	5,626	6,509	-883
Nevada	1,020	5,046	-4,026	78,804	78,922	-118
New Hampshire	888	796	92	12,208	13,229	-1,021
New Jersey	4,849	7,281	-2,432	363,646	371,799	-8,153
New Mexico	26	680	-654	29,559	35,467	-5,908
New York	19,715	21,461	-1,746	1,172,566	1,023,966	148,600
North Carolina	8,552	8,099	453	108,798	135,587	-26,789
North Dakota	347	301	46	3,232	5,119	-1,887
Ohio	0	51,054	-51,054	472,948	481,088	-8,140
Oklahoma	61	332	-271	8,986	8,334	652
Oregon	4,474	5,161	-687	174,107	344,564	-170,457
Pennsylvania	27,729	10,065	17,664	596,474	611,365	-14,891
Puerto Rico	13,616	13,285	331	241,755	249,367	-7,612
Rhode Island	2,619	3,279	-660	41,310	41,939	-629
South Carolina	4,438	6,573	-2,135	44,446	54,598	-10,152
South Dakota	11	12	-1	1,099	1,456	-357
Tennessee	130	2,655	-2,525	62,284	62,108	176
Texas	6,610	4,644	1,966	481,120	561,486	-80,366
Utah	1,851	813	1,038	2,042	2,702	-660
Vermont	3	38	-35	8,390	8,577	-187
Virgin Islands	35	24	11	0	0	0
Virginia	4,684	4,562	122	169,417	234,680	-65,263
Washington	4,596	3,936	660	119,826	109,578	10,248
West Virginia	716	893	-177	25,033	30,737	-5,704
Wisconsin	1,576	1,778	-202	22,844	30,689	-7,845
Wyoming	0	74	-74	1,405	1,800	-395
US Total	161,460	310,462	-149,002	8,383,387	8,453,940	-70,553

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:				
	December 19	December 12	Change	December 5	November 28
Alabama	18,542	21,739	-3,197	23,323	25,293
Alaska	7,088	7,921	-833	8,145	8,475
Arizona	57,448	58,169	-721	57,239	57,064
Arkansas	9,378	10,016	-638	10,189	10,771
California	1,283,061	1,356,260	-73,199	1,381,630	1,366,951
Colorado	70,658	76,192	-5,534	74,017	74,907
Connecticut	62,089	66,717	-4,628	65,736	63,903
Delaware	11,975	12,783	-808	13,049	14,118
District of Columbia	25,260	27,746	-2,486	27,390	26,558
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	50,204	54,777	-4,573	52,266	53,573
Idaho	3,467	3,746	-279	3,965	4,415
Illinois	241,532	257,075	-15,543	246,235	248,634
Indiana	57,969	59,866	-1,897	59,254	58,562
Iowa	21,185	22,994	-1,809	24,234	26,863
Kansas	17,685	20,433	-2,748	20,743	21,764
Kentucky	31,780	31,092	688	32,032	30,176
Louisiana	50,099	54,958	-4,859	50,620	43,831
Maine	10,541	12,301	-1,760	12,478	12,982
Maryland	63,166	62,300	866	62,676	61,954
Massachusetts	162,349	176,354	-14,005	179,548	180,256
Michigan	211,685	228,982	-17,297	233,880	227,767
Minnesota	80,037	86,836	-6,799	87,238	90,072
Mississippi	14,374	15,403	-1,029	16,460	16,991
Missouri	26,020	29,083	-3,063	30,977	35,669
Montana	5,365	5,659	-294	5,669	5,745
Nebraska	4,149	4,370	-221	4,375	4,341
Nevada	95,439	99,474	-4,035	98,209	98,178
New Hampshire	7,547	8,444	-897	8,459	8,235
New Jersey	170,760	184,342	-13,582	187,015	187,753
New Mexico	35,183	39,332	-4,149	38,629	38,550
New York	685,857	749,327	-63,470	761,368	749,766
North Carolina	108,541	115,776	-7,235	120,458	126,621
North Dakota	4,274	5,402	-1,128	5,842	6,014
Ohio	90,149	101,506	-11,357	100,818	101,160
Oklahoma	22,957	23,641	-684	26,620	27,285
Oregon	58,268	66,699	-8,431	66,406	65,481
Pennsylvania	203,101	235,075	-31,974	219,813	230,191
Puerto Rico	116,421	96,241	20,180	43,737	42,766
Rhode Island	16,477	18,872	-2,395	19,289	19,553
South Carolina	71,323	47,656	23,667	52,281	58,169
South Dakota	677	855	-178	810	832
Tennessee	33,582	34,630	-1,048	37,503	38,165
Texas	16,166	19,012	-2,846	21,048	34,537
Utah	6,700	6,951	-251	7,253	7,600
Vermont	8,589	9,724	-1,135	9,833	9,825
Virgin Islands	17	46	-29	22	67
Virginia	83,933	85,692	-1,759	82,737	81,256
Washington	4,594	4,786	-192	5,392	5,505
West Virginia	16,170	18,147	-1,977	18,259	18,153
Wisconsin	59,823	71,506	-11,683	74,547	70,597
Wyoming	3,246	3,426	-180	3,514	3,514
US Total	4,516,900	4,810,334	-293,434	4,793,230	4,801,408

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:		
	December 19	December 12	Change
Alabama	0	4	-4
Alaska	1,633	1,908	-275
Arizona	8,737	8,061	676
Arkansas	107	143	-36
California	175,411	163,577	11,834
Colorado	106	87	19
Connecticut	9,000	8,708	292
Delaware	1,201	466	735
District of Columbia	9	33	-24
Florida	723	0	723
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	44	37	7
Idaho	25	24	1
Illinois	40,069	29,718	10,351
Indiana	18	33	-15
Iowa	56	106	-50
Kansas	741	5,433	-4,692
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,139	2,788	351
Maine	111	100	11
Maryland	266	8,733	-8,467
Massachusetts	48,991	35,629	13,362
Michigan	61,984	61,993	-9
Minnesota	25,302	20,114	5,188
Mississippi	8,306	6,864	1,442
Missouri	60	76	-16
Montana	88	51	37
Nebraska	28	28	0
Nevada	23,973	20,611	3,362
New Hampshire	370	394	-24
New Jersey	54,297	45,349	8,948
New Mexico	4,083	2,789	1,294
New York	140,053	54,135	85,918
North Carolina	36,194	39,721	-3,527
North Dakota	4	5	-1
Ohio	23,316	18,653	4,663
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	14,288	11,506	2,782
Pennsylvania	34,645	27,131	7,514
Puerto Rico	2,809	3,146	-337
Rhode Island	5,424	4,413	1,011
South Carolina	1,178	27,687	-26,509
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	25	20	5
Texas	185,005	159,780	25,225
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	910	1,117	-207
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	1,024	1,284	-260
Washington	35,216	26,449	8,767
West Virginia	13	22	-9
Wisconsin	2,375	3,784	-1,409
Wyoming	7	3	4
US Total	951,364	802,713	148,651

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 26

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 19

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	5,506	-2,037	2,306	25	5	23,053	1.2	-274	7,509	82	36	23,171
Alaska	3,923	-93	3,063	15	2	19,791	6.4	-444	11,132	249	36	20,076
Arizona	6,569	-463	4,414	20	3	69,775	2.4	-5,270	52,267	302	187	70,264
Arkansas	3,663	-313	118	2	0	19,868	1.7	-2,595	7,836	154	29	20,051
California	168,732	10,071	134,431	359	110	1,048,514	6.0	41,815	747,963	3,653	1,848	1,054,015
Colorado	25,402	961	23,679	33	23	103,251	3.8	4,366	84,472	320	263	103,834
Connecticut	8,748	1,160	4,064	26	7	73,730	4.5	-176	37,053	215	66	74,011
Delaware	2,386	874	947	11	3	12,324	2.7	122	7,368	35	43	12,402
District of Columbia	1,655	-215	1,289	21	0	26,580	4.6	-1,192	19,554	443	5	27,028
Florida	26,533	-2,076	22,726	49	61	140,565	1.6	-20,685	108,822	272	254	141,091
Georgia	18,960	-7,713	14,829	58	21	137,240	3.1	-27,720	112,981	486	342	138,068
Hawaii	3,460	-514	2,215	5	7	28,720	4.6	-3,440	22,953	192	191	29,103
Idaho	4,226	270	2,035	33	0	11,706	1.6	481	3,634	269	9	11,984
Illinois	110,486	-34,568	93,949	12	4	327,644	5.5	-10,380	218,542	678	197	328,519
Indiana	12,013	-221	8,595	27	14	73,868	2.4	362	56,112	185	101	74,154
Iowa	7,141	-130	-3,197	12	3	38,023	2.5	531	12,060	94	42	38,159
Kansas	28,795	-3,710	25,736	2	0	80,683	5.9	1,905	71,158	66	34	80,783
Kentucky	12,800	4,341	6,589	1	1	41,834	2.2	-5,116	23,345	76	134	42,044
Louisiana	8,246	320	6,777	21	6	60,641	3.2	-3,807	45,371	150	44	60,835
Maine	2,667	-313	1,682	2	0	13,693	2.3	-931	7,793	54	5	13,752
Maryland	13,629	138	7,407	23	5	75,984	3.1	1,906	50,105	243	58	76,285
Massachusetts	23,388	1,409	10,137	57	24	159,086	4.4	-9,053	94,813	364	103	159,553
Michigan	19,818	624	922	50	9	165,203	3.8	-41,212	105,677	284	29	165,516
Minnesota	16,271	1,974	10,108	17	10	129,135	4.5	-5,085	74,530	219	95	129,449
Mississippi	5,205	566	3,572	4	1	28,218	2.5	217	20,097	94	25	28,337
Missouri	13,841	4,105	6,664	2	2	43,407	1.6	-985	20,923	97	28	43,532
Montana	2,537	60	815	44	5	15,800	3.4	-950	6,906	412	22	16,234
Nebraska	2,870	-23	1,052	6	4	12,432	1.3	147	8,687	31	11	12,474
Nevada	7,209	-589	4,665	11	2	78,374	5.6	-7,639	59,181	172	102	78,648
New Hampshire	3,281	444	2,158	5	4	21,142	3.2	-147	17,488	37	10	21,189
New Jersey	20,462	2,851	-2,393	44	13	138,261	3.4	-7,939	49,013	300	300	138,861
New Mexico	3,587	-1,215	2,452	19	2	44,466	5.5	-5,990	35,234	361	84	44,911
New York	51,424	10,318	33,040	30	31	389,541	4.1	12,583	247,978	406	433	390,380
North Carolina	8,718	-650	6,592	59	54	81,682	1.8	13,136	62,149	266	243	82,191
North Dakota	1,240	203	279	1	1	5,831	1.4	-1,649	1,102	19	7	5,857
Ohio	28,811	-2,349	12,868	14	23	153,423	2.9	-2,001	91,622	240	220	153,883
Oklahoma	5,031	-184	2,873	18	10	39,132	2.5	-3,659	22,397	143	91	39,366
Oregon	11,018	757	3,787	94	9	81,984	4.3	-879	53,862	853	131	82,968
Pennsylvania	38,279	-9,026	12,127	196	44	300,889	5.2	-31,550	183,626	1,115	379	302,383
Puerto Rico	1,093	-26	80	4	0	67,548	7.8	2,600	54,264	172	16	67,736
Rhode Island	5,572	-1,197	1,911	2	1	19,829	4.2	565	11,502	77	25	19,931
South Carolina	4,317	872	2,136	13	11	40,354	1.9	-524	25,083	38	78	40,470
South Dakota	655	-115	414	12	1	3,684	0.9	-542	1,268	77	2	3,763
Tennessee	10,150	2,764	5,560	41	16	46,198	1.4	1,736	28,564	55	43	46,296
Texas	31,448	-3,531	22,501	117	154	367,766	3.0	-63,833	248,386	1,197	1,769	370,732
Utah	2,729	-285	1,445	57	3	14,603	1.0	21	4,187	217	18	14,838
Vermont	1,097	-221	-550	0	0	10,088	3.3	-1,825	6,151	14	2	10,104
Virgin Islands	52	-8	35	1	0	1,524	4.1	-1,032	1,298	0	8	1,532
Virginia	11,890	-2,750	8,585	22	3	63,443	1.7	-4,035	44,346	311	254	64,008
Washington	19,901	1,532	9,795	49	19	173,308	5.1	6,906	111,975	591	560	174,459
West Virginia	2,112	-391	851	2	0	18,541	2.8	-1,535	4,538	148	33	18,722
Wisconsin	14,294	175	3,811	15	4	89,928	3.1	-7,409	53,770	179	46	90,153
Wyoming	832	-132	202	9	0	4,708	1.8	-388	2,051	65	3	4,776
Totals	844,672	-28,269	532,148	1,772	735	5,237,015	3.6	-192,492	3,460,698	16,772	9,094	5,262,881

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 26, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+10,318	Layoffs in the accommodations and food services, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
CA	+10,071	Layoffs in the service industry.
KY	+4,341	No comment.
MO	+4,105	No comment.
NJ	+2,851	No comment.
TN	+2,764	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
MN	+1,974	No comment.
WA	+1,532	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, and management of companies and enterprises industries.
MA	+1,409	No comment.
CT	+1,160	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-34,568	No comment.
PA	-9,026	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and educational services industries.
GA	-7,713	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
KS	-3,710	No comment.
TX	-3,531	No comment.
VA	-2,750	No comment.
OH	-2,349	No comment.
FL	-2,076	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and service industries.
AL	-2,037	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and retail trade industries.
NM	-1,215	No comment.
RI	-1,197	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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