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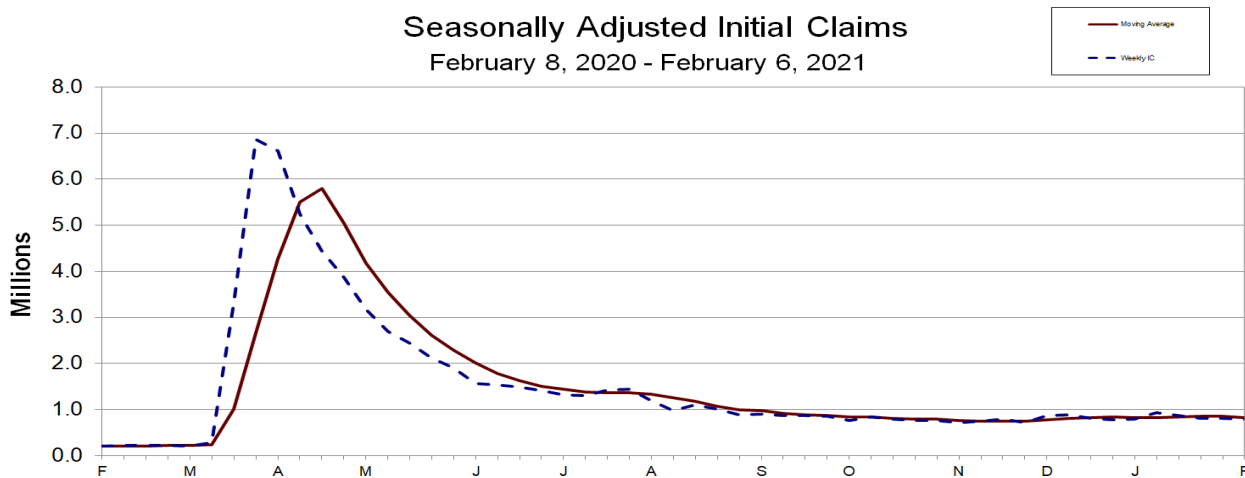
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

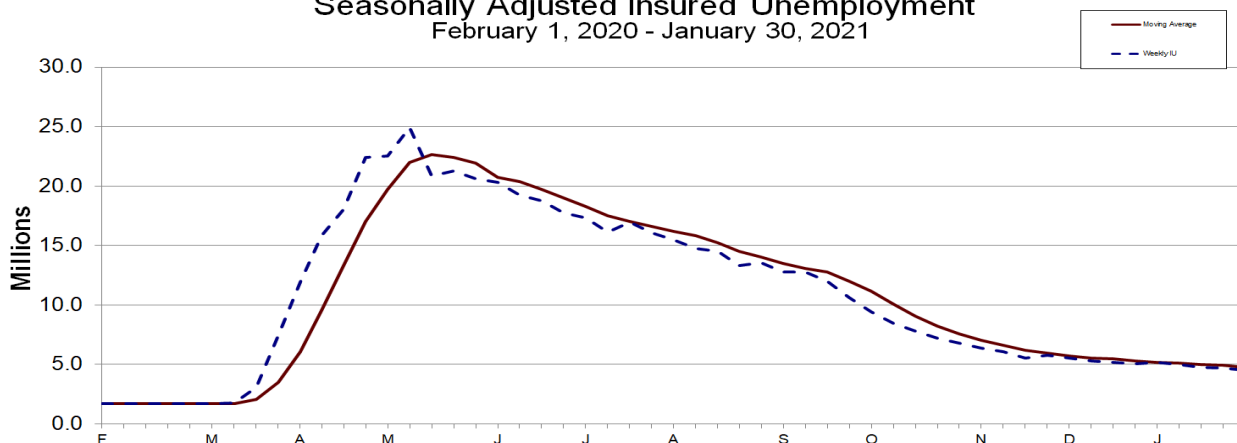
In the week ending February 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 793,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 33,000 from 779,000 to 812,000. The 4-week moving average was 823,000, a decrease of 33,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 8,250 from 848,250 to 856,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.2 percent for the week ending January 30, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 3.2 to 3.3 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 30 was 4,545,000, a decrease of 145,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 98,000 from 4,592,000 to 4,690,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,748,750, a decrease of 157,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 24,500 from 4,881,750 to 4,906,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
February 8, 2020 - February 6, 2021



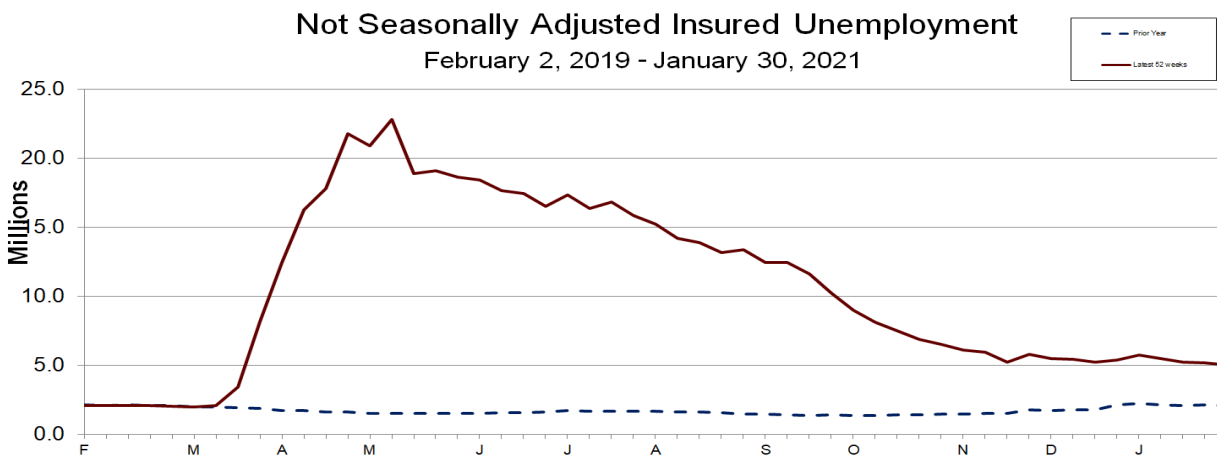
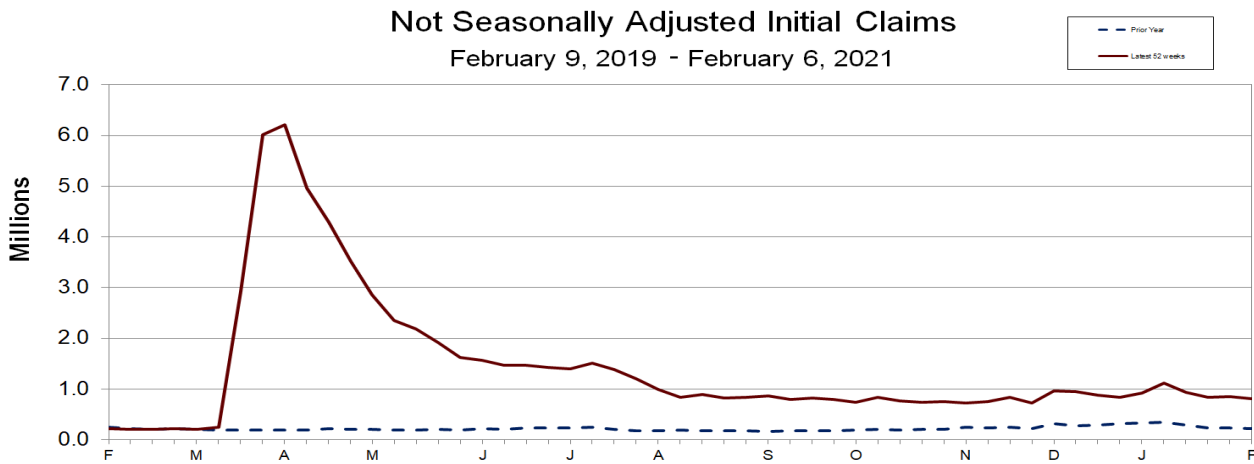
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
February 1, 2020 - January 30, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 813,145 in the week ending February 6, a decrease of 36,534 (or -4.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 17,368 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 219,601 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending February 6, 52 states reported 334,524 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.5 percent during the week ending January 30, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 5,025,135, a decrease of 167,609 (or -3.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 21,773 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,087,525.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 23 was 20,435,018, an increase of 2,596,539 from the previous week. There were 2,184,622 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending January 23, Extended Benefits were available in the following 19 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 4,990 in the week ending January 30, an increase of 3,076 from the prior week. There were 1,056 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 112 from the preceding week.

There were 19,171 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 23, a decrease of 71 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,171, an increase of 558 from the prior week.

During the week ending January 23, 50 states reported 8,715,306 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 50 states reported 4,777,842 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 23 were in Pennsylvania (6.8), Alaska (6.4), Kansas (6.1), Nevada (6.1), Rhode Island (5.6), Illinois (5.5), Connecticut (5.4), the Virgin Islands (5.4), Massachusetts (5.3), and New Mexico (5.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 30 were in California (+51,025), New York (+11,140), Florida (+6,322), Rhode Island (+4,684), and Pennsylvania (+3,844), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-55,473), Kansas (-7,496), Mississippi (-3,107), Ohio (-2,181), and New Jersey (-2,156).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	793,000	812,000	-19,000	812,000	204,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	813,145	849,679	-36,534	839,772	219,601
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	823,000	856,500	-33,500	849,500	209,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	4,545,000	4,690,000	-145,000	4,785,000	1,678,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,025,135	5,192,744	-167,609	5,222,401	2,087,525
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,748,750	4,906,250	-157,500	5,001,750	1,717,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.2%	3.3%	-0.1	3.4%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.5%	3.7%	-0.2	3.7%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 23</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	334,524	368,977	-34,453	403,590

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	4,990	1,914	+3,076	748
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,056	1,168	-112	535

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	5,155,916	5,188,211	-32,295	2,148,794
Federal Employees	19,171	19,242	-71	11,422
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,171	8,613	+558	5,723
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	8,715,306	7,218,801	+1,496,505	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	4,777,842	3,604,894	+1,172,948	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,653,350	1,702,647	-49,297	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,670	1,778	-108	5,463
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	102,592	94,293	+8,299	13,220
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>20,435,018</b>	<b>17,838,479</b>	<b>+2,596,539</b>	<b>2,184,622</b>

**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 142,133,208 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 February 6			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	12,275	12,664	-389	13,717	16,619	-2,902
Alaska	4,139	4,190	-51	18,786	18,936	-150
Arizona	7,672	15,148	-7,476	100,273	71,445	28,828
Arkansas	3,438	4,807	-1,369	21,857	24,543	-2,686
California	132,839	109,251	23,588	776,253	778,456	-2,203
Colorado	13,074	11,046	2,028	73,911	70,471	3,440
Connecticut	7,263	10,044	-2,781	84,773	86,359	-1,586
Delaware	2,032	2,584	-552	14,710	14,699	11
District of Columbia	1,533	1,499	34	22,311	24,345	-2,034
Florida	17,621	69,140	-51,519	164,356	173,919	-9,563
Georgia	26,111	27,215	-1,104	150,510	148,245	2,265
Hawaii	3,569	3,808	-239	24,170	24,674	-504
Idaho	6,072	4,859	1,213	14,076	14,627	-551
Illinois	32,288	40,008	-7,720	298,615	313,539	-14,924
Indiana	12,633	12,539	94	78,228	81,870	-3,642
Iowa	6,173	5,778	395	48,701	45,803	2,898
Kansas	4,931	17,997	-13,066	22,207	81,292	-59,085
Kentucky	10,489	11,019	-530	40,283	41,221	-938
Louisiana	7,476	10,376	-2,900	57,795	64,649	-6,854
Maine	2,027	2,713	-686	17,518	18,161	-643
Maryland	16,619	36,355	-19,736	67,085	80,737	-13,652
Massachusetts	19,684	20,492	-808	159,854	182,574	-22,720
Michigan	17,984	18,601	-617	181,236	207,636	-26,400
Minnesota	11,805	11,736	69	124,748	121,578	3,170
Mississippi	6,851	3,742	3,109	26,510	31,184	-4,674
Missouri	10,600	11,905	-1,305	54,678	56,498	-1,820
Montana	1,908	2,266	-358	17,754	17,656	98
Nebraska	2,221	2,699	-478	15,857	16,909	-1,052
Nevada	10,336	9,821	515	76,836	80,891	-4,055
New Hampshire	3,033	3,304	-271	26,862	27,908	-1,046
New Jersey	14,264	14,689	-425	135,182	142,773	-7,591
New Mexico	3,908	4,527	-619	38,657	40,971	-2,314
New York	57,566	77,390	-19,824	463,761	457,912	5,849
North Carolina	10,474	13,352	-2,878	67,770	70,952	-3,182
North Dakota	1,088	1,304	-216	10,685	9,554	1,131
Ohio	137,938	47,821	90,117	161,536	161,040	496
Oklahoma	5,253	7,667	-2,414	30,467	36,364	-5,897
Oregon	8,442	9,276	-834	87,018	84,374	2,644
Pennsylvania	29,773	30,424	-651	320,682	341,603	-20,921
Puerto Rico	1,279	1,058	221	32,466	36,941	-4,475
Rhode Island	17,534	16,379	1,155	27,770	25,483	2,287
South Carolina	6,700	4,453	2,247	46,091	49,950	-3,859
South Dakota	540	611	-71	5,415	5,356	59
Tennessee	9,498	11,497	-1,999	52,764	54,280	-1,516
Texas	38,941	52,577	-13,636	338,443	341,375	-2,932
Utah	3,327	3,065	262	16,727	16,818	-91
Vermont	1,080	1,276	-196	13,532	13,241	291
Virgin Islands	122	227	-105	2,488	2,002	486
Virginia	16,833	18,177	-1,344	65,987	67,337	-1,350
Washington	16,169	16,765	-596	176,356	162,039	14,317
West Virginia	2,336	2,920	-584	23,555	22,257	1,298
Wisconsin	14,596	15,639	-1,043	107,051	106,963	88
Wyoming	788	979	-191	6,262	5,715	547
US Total	813,145	849,679	-36,534	5,025,135	5,192,744	-167,609

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	
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	782	-24	835.50	5,072	-126	5,274.75	3.5
January 2, 2021	784	2	816.00	5,175	103	5,191.75	3.6
January 9, 2021	927	143	824.75	4,975	-200	5,105.00	3.5
January 16, 2021	875	-52	842.00	4,785	-190	5,001.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	812	-63	849.50	4,690	-95	4,906.25	3.3
January 30, 2021	812	0	856.50	4,545	-145	4,748.75	3.2
February 6, 2021	793	-19	823.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 6			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jan 23		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jan 23	Jan 16	Change
Alabama	2,032	2,149	-117	28,991	27,895	1,096
Alaska	488	416	72	14,957	20,881	-5,924
Arizona	2,498	2,230	268	82,784	78,880	3,904
Arkansas	1,708	326	1,382	20,731	10,518	10,213
California	35,956	46,416	-10,460	1,884,207	1,478,060	406,147
Colorado	30,659	0	30,659	0	0	0
Connecticut	544	581	-37	36,532	34,592	1,940
Delaware	97	106	-9	5,292	4,995	297
District of Columbia	174	153	21	15,281	15,256	25
Florida	6,982	12,140	-5,158	0	0	0
Georgia	2,583	2,810	-227	95,158	93,297	1,861
Hawaii	845	845	0	50,408	55,654	-5,246
Idaho	94	101	-7	11,326	11,279	47
Illinois	6,038	11,168	-5,130	154,043	166,132	-12,089
Indiana	7,492	10,408	-2,916	240,697	77,086	163,611
Iowa	938	1,066	-128	14,435	13,962	473
Kansas	3,573	4,142	-569	30,057	31,602	-1,545
Kentucky	57,488	31,493	25,995	16,298	11,173	5,125
Louisiana	3,029	3,990	-961	117,825	121,768	-3,943
Maine	265	487	-222	13,138	12,846	292
Maryland	5,130	14,887	-9,757	224,274	202,901	21,373
Massachusetts	4,257	4,433	-176	314,419	356,008	-41,589
Michigan	8,399	391	8,008	157,710	252,249	-94,539
Minnesota	5	0	5	43,246	44,273	-1,027
Mississippi	885	717	168	32,137	30,717	1,420
Missouri	1,339	1,846	-507	44,419	44,628	-209
Montana	868	641	227	18,513	22,313	-3,800
Nebraska	147	140	7	3,005	2,965	40
Nevada	35,460	70,368	-34,908	118,708	91,252	27,456
New Hampshire	283	193	90	13,076	10,643	2,433
New Jersey	5,046	5,745	-699	357,517	351,703	5,814
New Mexico	1,143	1,063	80	24,527	24,031	496
New York	41,926	56,338	-14,412	1,390,139	1,280,068	110,071
North Carolina	5,804	6,960	-1,156	98,490	133,837	-35,347
North Dakota	15	0	15	2,809	302	2,507
Ohio	10,156	0	10,156	497,905	542,475	-44,570
Oklahoma	538	633	-95	16,992	17,649	-657
Oregon	403	526	-123	101,711	132,018	-30,307
Pennsylvania	18,629	39,192	-20,563	1,227,532	255,246	972,286
Puerto Rico	3,883	4,216	-333	241,314	286,552	-45,238
Rhode Island	5,953	6,267	-314	41,604	40,930	674
South Carolina	3,041	2,998	43	60,203	71,733	-11,530
South Dakota	6	5	1	197	36	161
Tennessee	3,116	3,154	-38	73,084	75,452	-2,368
Texas	4,961	5,782	-821	450,868	335,604	115,264
Utah	773	950	-177	3,563	3,783	-220
Vermont	59	64	-5	8,713	8,607	106
Virgin Islands	32	29	3	0	0	0
Virginia	2,779	3,423	-644	175,511	191,552	-16,041
Washington	3,156	3,628	-472	112,692	108,890	3,802
West Virginia	1,359	1,700	-341	11,764	16,951	-5,187
Wisconsin	1,490	1,661	-171	16,489	17,518	-1,029
Wyoming	0	0	0	15	39	-24
US Total	334,524	368,977	-34,453	8,715,306	7,218,801	1,496,505

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:				
	January 23	January 16	Change	January 9	January 2
Alabama	58,687	57,017	1,670	56,610	53,753
Alaska	6,218	6,151	67	6,460	6,697
Arizona	68,070	69,834	-1,764	68,262	66,104
Arkansas	27,610	18,710	8,900	2,820	2,410
California	1,598,317	518,616	1,079,701	1,082,797	304,888
Colorado	0	0	0	0	36,725
Connecticut	71,434	68,073	3,361	61,863	58,448
Delaware	12,102	10,771	1,331	10,208	8,777
District of Columbia	14,556	17,427	-2,871	17,670	18,744
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	32,758	28,412	4,346	38,908	36,576
Idaho	4,446	3,884	562	3,685	3,424
Illinois	158,051	168,674	-10,623	192,069	210,534
Indiana	121,526	159,518	-37,992	13,950	28,847
Iowa	11,713	13,200	-1,487	14,751	17,596
Kansas	480	411	69	953	1,111
Kentucky	35,635	34,089	1,546	31,635	29,992
Louisiana	69,954	61,499	8,455	55,020	56,981
Maine	18,572	18,144	428	17,850	9,040
Maryland	78,644	77,309	1,335	74,356	67,667
Massachusetts	103,695	110,905	-7,210	120,621	126,943
Michigan	106,443	238,351	-131,908	95,654	96,519
Minnesota	134,915	136,100	-1,185	127,336	121,418
Mississippi	29,026	27,513	1,513	33,124	25,898
Missouri	24,507	22,699	1,808	25,372	23,662
Montana	8,897	8,127	770	7,644	6,653
Nebraska	2,626	2,118	508	1,635	668
Nevada	65,308	69,128	-3,820	74,167	71,599
New Hampshire	10,009	9,595	414	9,089	7,160
New Jersey	108,941	114,746	-5,805	127,219	143,198
New Mexico	15,368	13,462	1,906	15,307	3,972
New York	717,842	685,738	32,104	668,401	654,902
North Carolina	183,121	118,591	64,530	106,703	115,694
North Dakota	12,785	6,413	6,372	3,925	4,478
Ohio	117,154	55,460	61,694	58,645	65,764
Oklahoma	46,114	47,218	-1,104	45,747	44,655
Oregon	68,809	61,431	7,378	42,435	46,753
Pennsylvania	245,231	170,998	74,233	179,183	184,422
Puerto Rico	39,874	42,321	-2,447	51,577	39,352
Rhode Island	16,483	15,705	778	15,712	13,096
South Carolina	95,596	79,183	16,413	72,522	73,914
South Dakota	1,115	982	133	702	726
Tennessee	53,415	49,571	3,844	63,520	35,814
Texas	15,879	26,226	-10,347	17,256	17,244
Utah	11,938	10,694	1,244	9,383	6,403
Vermont	12,721	12,428	293	12,761	10,315
Virgin Islands	36	49	-13	35	28
Virginia	87,459	87,600	-141	105,850	42,882
Washington	4,245	4,159	86	4,735	5,783
West Virginia	21,647	20,506	1,141	19,632	16,070
Wisconsin	24,150	25,122	-972	27,183	31,936
Wyoming	3,720	16	3,704	66	360
US Total	4,777,842	3,604,894	1,172,948	3,893,008	3,056,595

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:		
	January 23	January 16	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	2,653	2,487	166
Arizona	12,474	8,063	4,411
Arkansas	95	96	-1
California	418,005	385,636	32,369
Colorado	254	195	59
Connecticut	17,080	18,505	-1,425
Delaware	14	13	1
District of Columbia	21	21	0
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	103	120	-17
Idaho	72	49	23
Illinois	142,635	129,120	13,515
Indiana	82	33	49
Iowa	129	92	37
Kansas	529	540	-11
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	4,369	4,528	-159
Maine	197	172	25
Maryland	4	771	-767
Massachusetts	117,745	108,489	9,256
Michigan	144,743	155,251	-10,508
Minnesota	4	19	-15
Mississippi	251	245	6
Missouri	481	132	349
Montana	60	37	23
Nebraska	17	29	-12
Nevada	66,066	59,781	6,285
New Hampshire	449	420	29
New Jersey	81,955	81,776	179
New Mexico	28,895	28,296	599
New York	198,104	199,749	-1,645
North Carolina	11,883	29,554	-17,671
North Dakota	6	9	-3
Ohio	321	288	33
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	20,519	21,582	-1,063
Pennsylvania	90,856	192,609	-101,753
Puerto Rico	5,565	5,265	300
Rhode Island	8,580	8,718	-138
South Carolina	223	176	47
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	169	151	18
Texas	238,717	191,062	47,655
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	64	62	2
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	990	965	25
Washington	35,643	65,947	-30,304
West Virginia	17	22	-5
Wisconsin	2,294	1,563	731
Wyoming	17	9	8
US Total	1,653,350	1,702,647	-49,297

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

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 30					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 23					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	12,664	1,049	10,494	31	10	16,619	0.9	61	-665	90	37	16,746
Alaska	4,190	215	3,068	9	1	18,936	6.4	-34	9,357	280	34	19,250
Arizona	15,148	2,114	11,341	9	1	71,445	2.5	637	52,591	286	152	71,883
Arkansas	4,807	906	2,970	4	3	24,543	2.1	1,981	11,333	188	24	24,755
California	109,251	51,025	65,793	317	94	778,456	4.6	-38,162	390,115	3,475	1,536	783,467
Colorado	11,046	-430	8,997	15	17	70,471	2.7	-15,424	48,911	259	183	70,913
Connecticut	10,044	-481	7,050	40	5	86,359	5.4	879	44,634	253	81	86,693
Delaware	2,584	12	1,962	4	6	14,699	3.2	822	7,869	52	14	14,765
District of Columbia	1,499	207	960	186	1	24,345	4.3	6	17,206	442	18	24,805
Florida	69,140	6,322	63,683	69	29	173,919	2.0	18,086	138,048	496	378	174,793
Georgia	27,215	-801	22,016	79	34	148,245	3.4	-3,326	119,913	683	370	149,298
Hawaii	3,808	-90	2,673	6	9	24,674	4.2	-194	18,604	187	146	25,007
Idaho	4,859	570	3,413	21	1	14,627	2.0	399	3,290	373	13	15,013
Illinois	40,008	-55,473	30,665	20	10	313,539	5.5	-15,318	170,300	774	235	314,548
Indiana	12,539	-815	9,523	29	7	81,870	2.8	-13,188	59,853	244	123	82,237
Iowa	5,778	527	2,712	12	2	45,803	3.1	-500	14,913	114	45	45,962
Kansas	17,997	-7,496	15,997	1	1	81,292	6.1	5,065	68,991	53	23	81,368
Kentucky	11,019	3,112	8,394	1	4	41,221	2.2	-2,270	18,002	74	125	41,420
Louisiana	10,376	-1,628	8,318	26	7	64,649	3.5	-267	48,460	97	30	64,776
Maine	2,713	-132	1,832	4	1	18,161	3.1	437	9,245	57	12	18,230
Maryland	36,355	2,886	33,152	41	4	80,737	3.4	1,131	50,949	256	62	81,055
Massachusetts	20,492	-1,693	14,969	43	12	182,574	5.3	10,545	105,647	449	122	183,145
Michigan	18,601	155	11,732	8	0	207,636	5.1	19,419	124,861	335	145	208,116
Minnesota	11,736	-83	8,036	14	9	121,578	4.4	-4,265	59,389	235	90	121,903
Mississippi	3,742	-3,107	2,779	3	0	31,184	2.9	590	22,510	128	27	31,339
Missouri	11,905	1,338	7,104	9	1	56,498	2.1	2,450	26,644	115	26	56,639
Montana	2,266	83	1,364	26	2	17,656	3.9	-203	6,129	579	20	18,255
Nebraska	2,699	-322	1,866	5	2	16,909	1.7	263	11,025	33	14	16,956
Nevada	9,821	-284	7,535	3,096	2	80,891	6.1	-36	61,714	180	91	81,162
New Hampshire	3,304	-460	2,848	3	7	27,908	4.4	-628	23,875	55	7	27,970
New Jersey	14,689	-2,156	6,385	47	21	142,773	3.7	1,090	32,751	440	263	143,476
New Mexico	4,527	-81	3,743	6	4	40,971	5.2	-1,556	30,905	480	72	41,523
New York	77,390	11,140	60,845	29	33	457,912	5.1	18,121	292,197	409	488	458,809
North Carolina	13,352	-166	9,741	48	63	70,952	1.6	3,480	48,610	269	279	71,500
North Dakota	1,304	38	857	3	0	9,554	2.4	260	2,772	21	8	9,583
Ohio	47,821	-2,181	40,492	25	31	161,040	3.0	-47,182	88,418	264	218	161,522
Oklahoma	7,667	1,413	5,888	15	8	36,364	2.3	-1,910	18,913	96	83	36,543
Oregon	9,276	361	4,423	52	15	84,374	4.5	3,744	52,498	1,034	126	85,534
Pennsylvania	30,424	3,844	14,531	196	47	341,603	6.8	20,680	205,652	1,635	488	343,726
Puerto Rico	1,058	-375	-940	8	4	36,941	4.4	-3,692	13,084	315	34	37,290
Rhode Island	16,379	4,684	15,408	1	4	25,483	5.6	1,752	14,441	85	17	25,585
South Carolina	4,453	-360	2,354	20	6	49,950	2.4	2,444	32,889	51	103	50,104
South Dakota	611	31	394	3	1	5,356	1.3	440	2,201	103	2	5,461
Tennessee	11,497	-1,805	9,135	27	24	54,280	1.6	1,963	32,916	77	72	54,429
Texas	52,577	-1,271	38,759	240	471	341,375	2.8	-1,882	200,549	1,199	1,759	344,333
Utah	3,065	141	1,775	52	6	16,818	1.1	254	4,946	285	14	17,117
Vermont	1,276	-183	795	1	0	13,241	4.6	333	8,235	27	2	13,270
Virgin Islands	227	167	192	0	2	2,002	5.4	296	1,486	0	6	2,008
Virginia	18,177	-135	15,602	28	3	67,337	1.8	39	45,074	326	256	67,919
Washington	16,765	-563	10,146	32	21	162,039	4.9	-817	96,779	702	592	163,333
West Virginia	2,920	12	1,556	3	1	22,257	3.5	744	5,352	168	28	22,453
Wisconsin	15,639	168	9,359	12	9	106,963	3.9	2,514	62,538	223	69	107,255
Wyoming	979	-42	450	11	0	5,715	2.2	272	2,240	120	9	5,844
Totals	849,679	9,907	625,136	4,990	1,056	5,192,744	3.7	-29,657	3,039,159	19,171	9,171	5,221,086

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 30, 2021**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+51,025	Layoffs in the service industry.
NY	+11,140	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, and transportation and warehousing industries.
FL	+6,322	No comment.
RI	+4,684	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, educational services, finance and insurance, manufacturing, and retail trade industries.
PA	+3,844	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
KY	+3,112	No comment.
MD	+2,886	No comment.
AZ	+2,114	No comment.
OK	+1,413	No comment.
MO	+1,338	Layoffs in the construction, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
AL	+1,049	Layoffs in the retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and finance and insurance industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
IL	-55,473	No comment.
KS	-7,496	No comment.
MS	-3,107	No comment.
OH	-2,181	No comment.
NJ	-2,156	No comment.
TN	-1,805	No comment.
MA	-1,693	No comment.
LA	-1,628	No comment.
TX	-1,271	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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