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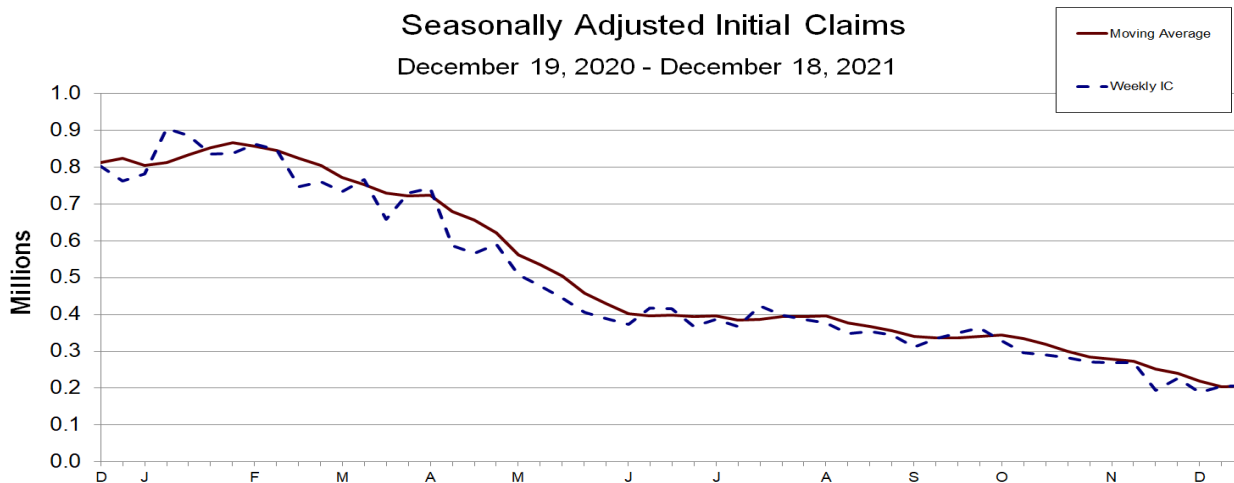
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

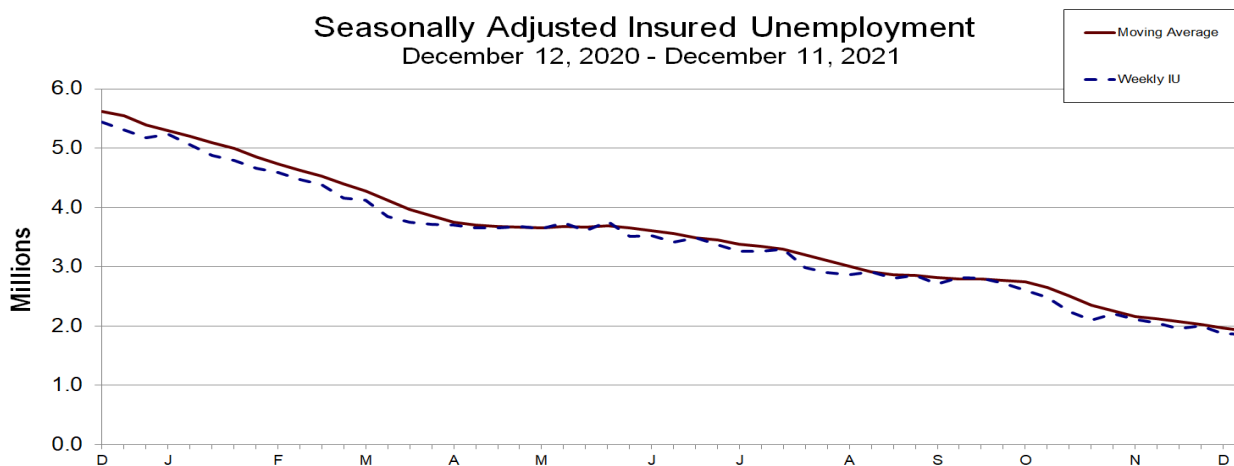
In the week ending December 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 205,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 206,000 to 205,000. The 4-week moving average was 206,250, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 203,750 to 203,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending December 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 11 was 1,859,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 22,000 from 1,845,000 to 1,867,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,919,750, a decrease of 49,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,730,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 5,500 from 1,963,250 to 1,968,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 19, 2020 - December 18, 2021



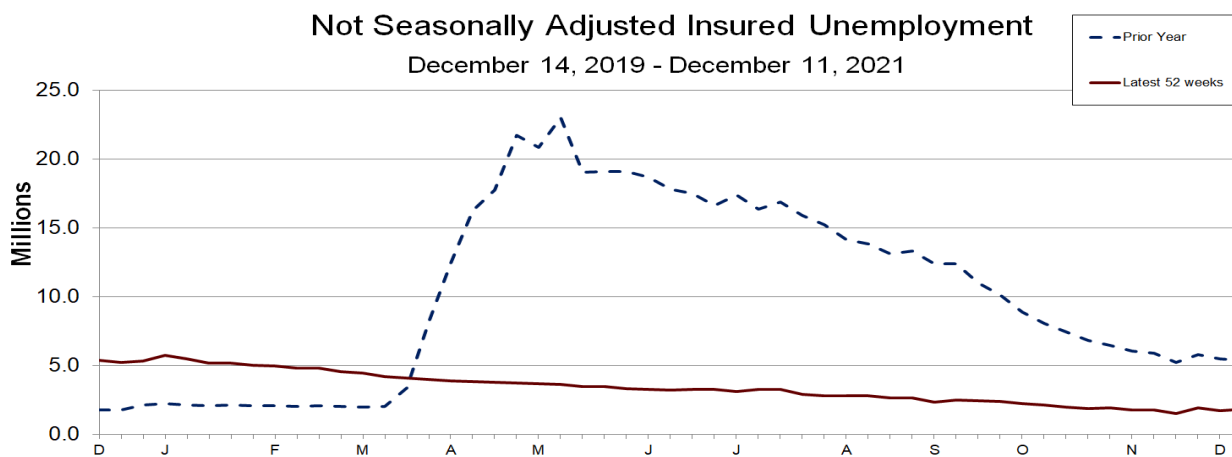
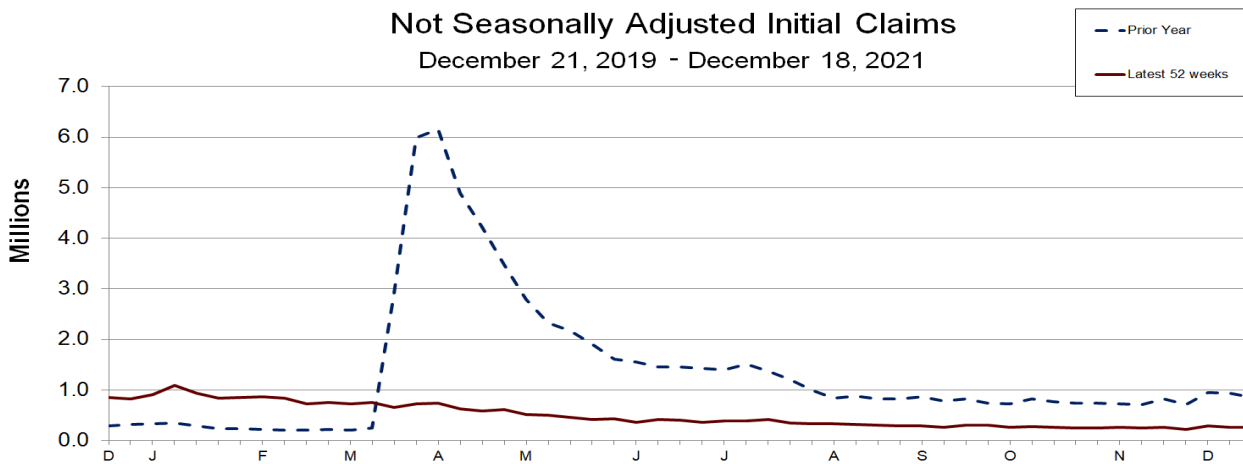
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 12, 2020 - December 11, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 254,006 in the week ending December 18, a decrease of 11,686 (or -4.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,745 (or -4.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 854,497 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending December 18, 33 states reported 1,550 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending December 11, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,830,635, an increase of 96,023 (or 5.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 104,088 (or 6.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.7 percent and the volume was 5,415,945.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 4 was 2,137,980, a decrease of 320,452 from the previous week. There were 21,033,848 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending December 4, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 969 in the week ending December 11, a decrease of 123 from the prior week. There were 414 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 74 from the preceding week.

There were 9,824 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 4, an increase of 38 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,718, a decrease of 583 from the prior week.

During the week ending December 4, 41 states reported 133,763 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 43 states reported 116,434 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 4 were in Alaska (3.1), Virgin Islands (2.9), Puerto Rico (2.5), California (2.4), New Jersey (2.4), District of Columbia (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), Hawaii (1.9), Illinois (1.8), and Massachusetts (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 11 were in Missouri (+7,344), Kentucky (+3,600), Illinois (+1,171), Nebraska (+1,032), and Tennessee (+705), while the largest decreases were in New York (-8,157), North Carolina (-4,320), Texas (-4,086), Wisconsin (-3,214), and Oregon (-1,982).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 18	December 11	Change	December 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	205,000	205,000	0	188,000	803,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	254,006	265,692	-11,686	283,935	854,497
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	206,250	203,500	+2,750	219,750	812,000

WEEK ENDING	December 11	December 4	Change	November 27	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,859,000	1,867,000	-8,000	1,999,000	5,433,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,830,635	1,734,612	+96,023	1,965,792	5,415,945
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,919,750	1,968,750	-49,000	2,029,250	5,620,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.5%	3.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.3%	+0.1	1.5%	3.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 18	December 11	Change	December 4	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	1,550	1,852	-302	1,835	393,263

WEEK ENDING	December 11	December 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	969	1,092	-123	2,362
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	414	488	-74	786

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

WEEK ENDING	December 4	November 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,729,944	1,960,392	-230,448	5,445,793
Federal Employees	9,824	9,786	+38	17,269
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,718	5,301	-583	9,501
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	133,763	194,189	-60,426	9,656,580
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	116,434	136,413	-19,979	5,090,012
Extended Benefits ⁵	124,276	132,622	-8,346	712,878
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,252	2,630	-378	2,560
STC / Workshare ⁷	16,769	17,099	-330	99,255
TOTAL⁸	2,137,980	2,458,432	-320,452	21,033,848

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 135,015,266 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 9-10 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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,665	3,077	588	4,628	6,102	-1,474
Alaska	1,395	1,258	137	8,582	8,657	-75
Arizona	2,365	2,493	-128	12,148	13,657	-1,509
Arkansas	1,466	930	536	7,572	8,970	-1,398
California	57,339	55,938	1,401	431,190	386,859	44,331
Colorado	2,207	2,562	-355	20,776	21,109	-333
Connecticut	4,181	3,504	677	24,003	22,944	1,059
Delaware	380	405	-25	4,491	3,882	609
District of Columbia	968	758	210	6,304	11,150	-4,846
Florida	4,862	6,033	-1,171	42,346	48,006	-5,660
Georgia	2,160	4,132	-1,972	30,888	30,253	635
Hawaii	1,906	1,615	291	10,159	9,664	495
Idaho	1,815	1,613	202	5,246	4,975	271
Illinois	13,195	14,572	-1,377	124,941	95,708	29,233
Indiana	5,026	4,481	545	26,546	26,230	316
Iowa	3,585	3,703	-118	14,426	12,407	2,019
Kansas	1,219	1,284	-65	5,682	5,415	267
Kentucky	3,274	5,205	-1,931	12,631	9,299	3,332
Louisiana	1,623	1,820	-197	15,669	17,727	-2,058
Maine	1,070	1,205	-135	6,111	5,789	322
Maryland	2,372	2,328	44	22,707	24,819	-2,112
Massachusetts	7,554	7,465	89	58,205	56,938	1,267
Michigan	12,816	11,987	829	54,812	46,589	8,223
Minnesota	7,568	7,827	-259	63,892	57,340	6,552
Mississippi	1,249	1,251	-2	4,657	5,618	-961
Missouri	5,559	11,295	-5,736	17,904	14,517	3,387
Montana	1,462	1,425	37	7,011	5,957	1,054
Nebraska	1,228	1,495	-267	3,712	3,640	72
Nevada	2,750	2,188	562	20,102	21,775	-1,673
New Hampshire	516	490	26	2,492	2,592	-100
New Jersey	7,514	8,335	-821	90,382	87,725	2,657
New Mexico	1,744	1,566	178	10,854	10,804	50
New York	15,413	15,233	180	144,270	145,175	-905
North Carolina	2,282	2,145	137	18,477	20,563	-2,086
North Dakota	955	896	59	3,664	2,784	880
Ohio	9,277	9,134	143	40,763	39,356	1,407
Oklahoma	2,441	1,769	672	12,167	13,999	-1,832
Oregon	4,518	4,045	473	31,409	30,467	942
Pennsylvania	8,043	12,625	-4,582	80,359	85,989	-5,630
Puerto Rico	899	876	23	20,383	20,423	-40
Rhode Island	1,097	933	164	7,430	7,158	272
South Carolina	1,216	1,271	-55	10,875	11,475	-600
South Dakota	451	456	-5	1,528	1,310	218
Tennessee	4,085	5,070	-985	14,903	15,877	-974
Texas	14,746	15,016	-270	114,639	110,122	4,517
Utah	1,867	1,777	90	7,082	6,621	461
Vermont	515	645	-130	3,210	2,812	398
Virgin Islands	27	45	-18	894	1,020	-126
Virginia	3,589	3,310	279	45,991	38,389	7,602
Washington	6,190	5,383	807	54,301	49,714	4,587
West Virginia	1,030	1,758	-728	8,659	8,799	-140
Wisconsin	8,807	8,507	300	36,215	33,556	2,659
Wyoming	525	558	-33	2,347	1,886	461
US Total	254,006	265,692	-11,686	1,830,635	1,734,612	96,023

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 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,239	-241	2,512.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	283	-8	299.75	2,101	-138	2,355.75	1.6
October 30, 2021	271	-12	285.25	2,209	108	2,257.25	1.6
November 6, 2021	269	-2	278.50	2,109	-100	2,164.50	1.6
November 13, 2021	270	1	273.25	2,055	-54	2,118.50	1.5
November 20, 2021	194	-76	251.00	1,954	-101	2,081.75	1.4
November 27, 2021	227	33	240.00	1,999	45	2,029.25	1.5
December 4, 2021	188	-39	219.75	1,867	-132	1,968.75	1.4
December 11, 2021	205	17	203.50	1,859	-8	1,919.75	1.4
December 18, 2021	205	0	206.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 18			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Dec 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Dec 4	Nov 27	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	1	0	1	22	0	22
Arizona	0	0	0	3,615	3,595	20
Arkansas	2	0	2	1,708	475	1,233
California	100	79	21	56,314	117,254	-60,940
Colorado	1	0	1	600	520	80
Connecticut	9	8	1	113	39	74
Delaware	3	3	0	195	124	71
District of Columbia	30	21	9	1,074	1,094	-20
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	87	114	-27	5,151	4,687	464
Hawaii	6	3	3	579	1,066	-487
Idaho	28	36	-8	229	83	146
Illinois	1	0	1	179	0	179
Indiana	125	102	23	9,185	10,114	-929
Iowa	19	25	-6	4	11	-7
Kansas	0	0	0	322	368	-46
Kentucky	440	485	-45	2,652	2,655	-3
Louisiana	1	4	-3	85	11	74
Maine	3	20	-17	15	12	3
Maryland	13	24	-11	5,270	5,690	-420
Massachusetts	1	2	-1	621	762	-141
Michigan	93	62	31	780	989	-209
Minnesota	0	0	0	61	78	-17
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	188	362	-174	1,601	1,639	-38
Montana	0	0	0	0	15	-15
Nebraska	0	0	0	15	4	11
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	92	110	-18	6	14	-8
New Jersey	91	92	-1	11,698	12,108	-410
New Mexico	0	1	-1	152	261	-109
New York	21	16	5	5,386	5,554	-168
North Carolina	30	21	9	807	821	-14
North Dakota	0	1	-1	89	111	-22
Ohio	3	16	-13	16,268	14,863	1,405
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	46	91	-45	1,127	948	179
Pennsylvania	1	4	-3	3,856	3,783	73
Puerto Rico	3	6	-3	2,096	2,344	-248
Rhode Island	13	12	1	53	100	-47
South Carolina	0	0	0	16	72	-56
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	13	33	-20	38	123	-85
Texas	34	40	-6	379	310	69
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	2	-2	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	46	55	-9	773	767	6
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	6	2	4	625	725	-100
Wyoming	0	0	0	4	0	4
US Total	1,550	1,852	-302	133,763	194,189	-60,426

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 4	November 27	Change	November 20	November 13
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	26	16	10	5	49
Arizona	65	119	-54	159	476
Arkansas	16	83	-67	99	1,149
California	32,785	46,825	-14,040	33,890	46,343
Colorado	1,507	855	652	400	936
Connecticut	147	171	-24	163	174
Delaware	169	471	-302	187	513
District of Columbia	17	85	-68	50	30
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	396	360	36	477	480
Idaho	2	1	1	4	2
Illinois	575	546	29	350	870
Indiana	855	1,232	-377	1,025	1,779
Iowa	391	443	-52	330	470
Kansas	673	832	-159	266	763
Kentucky	924	988	-64	752	1,214
Louisiana	4	35	-31	2	26
Maine	18	31	-13	10	43
Maryland	2,859	2,698	161	1,917	3,628
Massachusetts	204	243	-39	294	266
Michigan	80	165	-85	94	164
Minnesota	214	118	96	311	482
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	645	594	51	335	1,449
Montana	8	9	-1	15	7
Nebraska	11	0	11	6	60
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	3	10	-7	2	30
New Jersey	18,273	20,132	-1,859	17,427	24,133
New Mexico	21	11	10	52	27
New York	46,934	49,575	-2,641	46,447	51,295
North Carolina	144	224	-80	268	1,110
North Dakota	1	0	1	0	41
Ohio	740	1,130	-390	885	1,440
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	264	272	-8	259	982
Pennsylvania	2,738	3,083	-345	2,240	3,804
Puerto Rico	3,242	3,593	-351	2,733	0
Rhode Island	84	65	19	39	85
South Carolina	0	13	-13	0	17
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	46	48	-2	20	29
Texas	451	222	229	222	536
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	101	65	36	45	211
Virgin Islands	7	5	2	3	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	95	162	-67	71	259
West Virginia	15	0	15	3	8
Wisconsin	681	883	-202	863	1,065
Wyoming	3	0	3	8	4
US Total	116,434	136,413	-19,979	112,728	146,449

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 4	November 27	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,291	1,534	-243
Arizona	9	28	-19
Arkansas	1	1	0
California	2,742	4,663	-1,921
Colorado	5	43	-38
Connecticut	19,778	20,481	-703
Delaware	0	27	-27
District of Columbia	2	0	2
Florida	236	253	-17
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	1	2	-1
Illinois	53	58	-5
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	1	19	-18
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	11	11	0
Maine	9	10	-1
Maryland	44	41	3
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	45	27	18
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	7	5	2
Missouri	7	7	0
Montana	2	1	1
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	20	20	0
New Hampshire	13	7	6
New Jersey	91,886	96,926	-5,040
New Mexico	6,823	7,021	-198
New York	114	72	42
North Carolina	77	56	21
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	158	239	-81
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	1	2	-1
Pennsylvania	236	172	64
Puerto Rico	205	205	0
Rhode Island	11	9	2
South Carolina	34	39	-5
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	13	12	1
Texas	412	610	-198
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	4	3	1
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	4	1	3
Wisconsin	17	13	4
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	124,276	132,622	-8,346

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 11

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 4

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	3,077	-621	-4,491	11	10	6,102	0.3	-519	-17,341	24	18	6,144
Alaska	1,258	-142	-3,249	15	1	8,657	3.1	-89	-11,612	143	9	8,809
Arizona	2,493	-204	-4,428	12	3	13,657	0.5	-1,533	-62,322	154	23	13,834
Arkansas	930	-1,014	-3,119	2	1	8,970	0.8	-2,123	-12,983	49	22	9,041
California	55,938	574	-148,450	225	86	386,859	2.4	-76,603	-772,829	1,964	877	389,700
Colorado	2,562	280	-17,335	13	2	21,109	0.8	421	-76,463	196	195	21,500
Connecticut	3,504	78	-4,879	7	1	22,944	1.5	-543	-51,774	66	36	23,046
Delaware	405	-231	-3,987	3	1	3,882	0.9	-545	-8,672	15	6	3,903
District of Columbia	758	107	-1,052	9	0	11,150	2.2	-1,930	-17,041	112	9	11,271
Florida	6,033	-179	-19,985	23	20	48,006	0.6	-4,907	-106,456	208	180	48,394
Georgia	4,132	14	-19,570	19	11	30,253	0.7	-55,730	-127,794	364	120	30,737
Hawaii	1,615	-236	-3,013	1	13	9,664	1.9	-1,612	-25,094	94	64	9,822
Idaho	1,613	-50	-2,470	54	1	4,975	0.7	86	-5,655	219	8	5,202
Illinois	14,572	1,171	-123,787	18	3	95,708	1.8	-25,562	-234,676	570	171	96,449
Indiana	4,481	-1,282	-11,221	9	5	26,230	0.9	-2,949	-52,473	101	47	26,378
Iowa	3,703	32	-2,823	9	5	12,407	0.9	494	-25,711	42	16	12,465
Kansas	1,284	-42	-22,235	2	2	5,415	0.4	-426	-50,954	35	20	5,470
Kentucky	5,205	3,600	-2,054	1	0	9,299	0.5	-1,009	-38,232	34	50	9,383
Louisiana	1,820	-363	-7,469	6	2	17,727	1.0	-2,442	-49,083	49	17	17,793
Maine	1,205	-51	-1,920	0	3	5,789	1.0	114	-8,465	23	21	5,833
Maryland	2,328	-314	-9,158	18	9	24,819	1.0	630	-52,886	271	103	25,193
Massachusetts	7,465	-334	-17,729	11	11	56,938	1.8	-1,482	-112,876	103	72	57,113
Michigan	11,987	-1,209	-7,478	7	5	46,589	1.2	-7,803	-131,364	183	29	46,801
Minnesota	7,827	-1,546	-8,192	11	2	57,340	2.2	-329	-78,327	170	63	57,573
Mississippi	1,251	-217	-3,839	5	2	5,618	0.5	-644	-23,293	39	20	5,677
Missouri	11,295	7,344	2,072	12	4	14,517	0.6	-2,148	-30,819	85	21	14,623
Montana	1,425	-72	-1,357	83	0	5,957	1.3	-345	-10,672	455	16	6,428
Nebraska	1,495	1,032	-738	0	1	3,640	0.4	866	-8,351	18	5	3,663
Nevada	2,188	-213	-6,839	16	1	21,775	1.8	-1,473	-62,641	120	43	21,938
New Hampshire	490	-82	-2,688	1	2	2,592	0.4	112	-18,448	12	2	2,606
New Jersey	8,335	-507	-8,033	27	10	87,725	2.4	-4,914	-62,685	281	189	88,195
New Mexico	1,566	-21	-3,534	6	0	10,804	1.5	-470	-41,954	250	23	11,077
New York	15,233	-8,157	-42,920	10	21	145,175	1.8	-5,751	-248,446	301	243	145,719
North Carolina	2,145	-4,320	-7,509	2	3	20,563	0.5	-1,997	-48,707	73	106	20,742
North Dakota	896	89	-690	2	0	2,784	0.7	250	-4,972	10	0	2,794
Ohio	9,134	-177	-29,235	5	16	39,356	0.8	-173	-117,633	99	113	39,568
Oklahoma	1,769	-343	-3,528	11	6	13,999	0.9	-1,455	-31,007	68	56	14,123
Oregon	4,045	-1,982	-6,419	78	6	30,467	1.7	-3,550	-54,244	662	62	31,191
Pennsylvania	12,625	450	-26,633	37	14	85,989	1.6	-17,799	-227,438	225	77	86,291
Puerto Rico	876	-123	-397	3	2	20,423	2.5	-855	-24,762	252	139	20,814
Rhode Island	933	-13	-4,684	0	3	7,158	1.7	-144	-10,487	45	22	7,225
South Carolina	1,271	-517	-2,310	4	6	11,475	0.6	-1,227	-30,901	38	52	11,565
South Dakota	456	81	-470	9	6	1,310	0.3	-54	-2,534	43	1	1,354
Tennessee	5,070	705	-2,365	12	9	15,877	0.5	-2,905	-29,309	40	23	15,940
Texas	15,016	-4,086	-23,629	53	78	110,122	0.9	-17,583	-278,784	691	1,004	111,817
Utah	1,777	26	-1,303	35	7	6,621	0.5	364	-7,821	191	14	6,826
Vermont	645	-184	-789	0	0	2,812	1.0	-271	-9,097	3	0	2,815
Virgin Islands	45	-4	-36	0	0	1,020	2.9	66	-2,098	0	0	1,020
Virginia	3,310	-140	-11,199	0	1	38,389	1.1	23,791	-29,630	50	49	38,488
Washington	5,383	-1,591	-15,140	34	12	49,714	1.6	-3,779	-120,735	370	224	50,308
West Virginia	1,758	17	-1,649	2	1	8,799	1.5	52	-12,898	45	18	8,862
Wisconsin	8,507	-3,214	-6,155	18	5	33,556	1.3	-2,634	-60,471	118	16	33,690
Wyoming	558	-62	-376	18	1	1,886	0.7	-119	-3,234	51	4	1,941
Totals	265,692	-18,243	-662,486	969	414	1,734,612	1.3	-231,180	-3,745,154	9,824	4,718	1,749,154

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 11, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+7,344	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
KY	+3,600	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
IL	+1,171	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and other services industries.
NE	+1,032	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-8,157	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
NC	-4,320	Fewer layoffs in the educational services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and professional and technical services industries.
TX	-4,086	No comment.
WI	-3,214	No comment.
OR	-1,982	No comment.
WA	-1,591	No comment.
MN	-1,546	No comment.
IN	-1,282	No comment.
MI	-1,209	No comment.
AR	-1,014	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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