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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

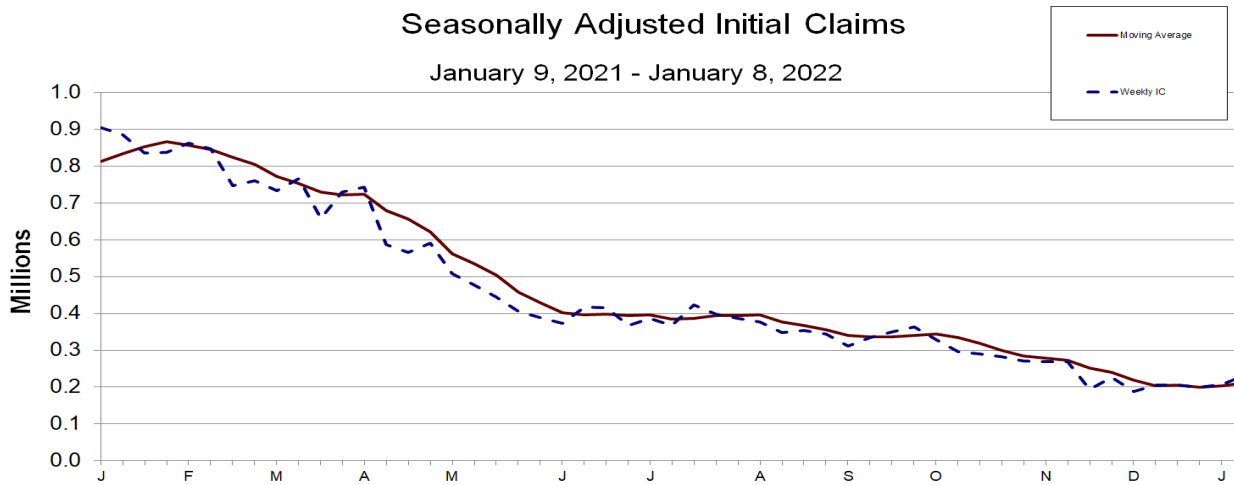
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 230,000, an increase of 23,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 207,000. The 4-week moving average was 210,750, an increase of 6,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 204,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending January 1, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 1 was 1,559,000, a decrease of 194,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since June 2, 1973 when it was 1,556,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,754,000 to 1,753,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,721,500, a decrease of 77,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 7, 2020 when it was 1,714,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,798,750 to 1,798,500.

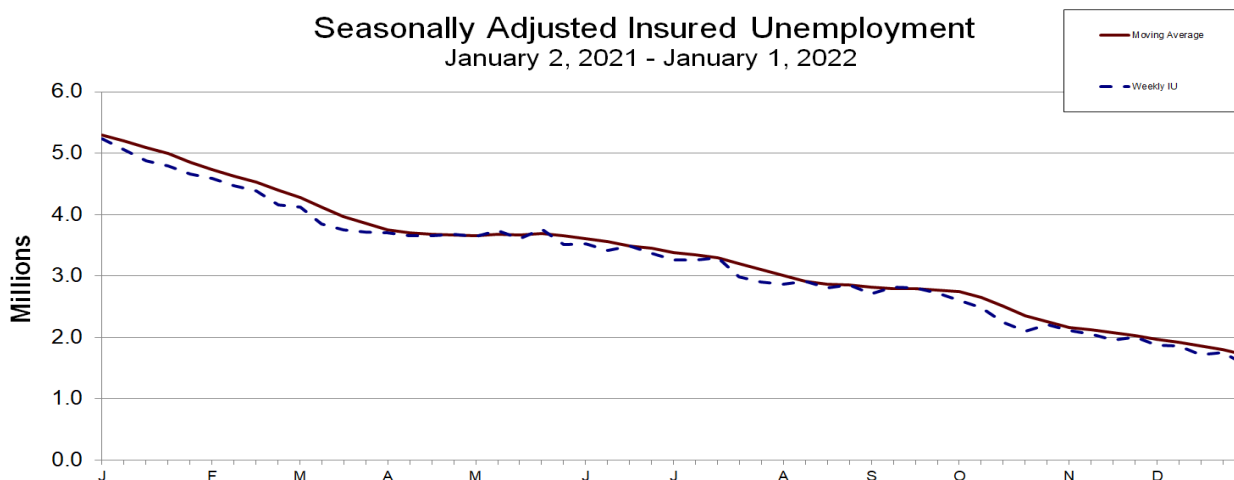
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

January 9, 2021 - January 8, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

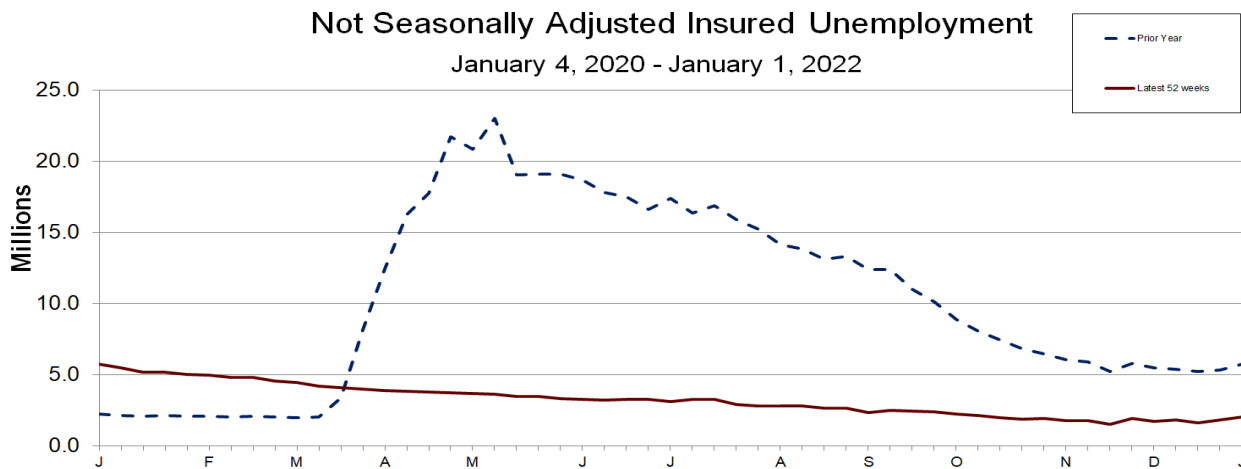
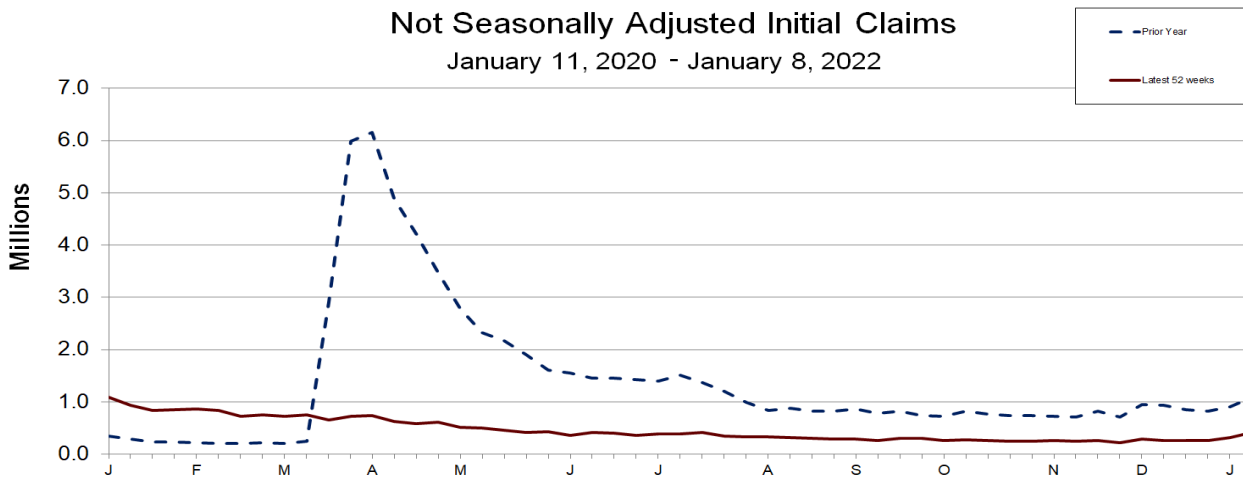
January 2, 2021 - January 1, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 419,446 in the week ending January 8, an increase of 103,693 (or 32.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 81,072 (or 25.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 1,082,696 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 1, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,056,818, an increase of 187,075 (or 10.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 381,506 (or 20.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 4.1 percent and the volume was 5,756,886.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 25 was 1,948,624, an increase of 226,264 from the previous week. There were 19,377,528 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending December 25, Extended Benefits were available in the following 3 states: Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 700 in the week ending January 1, a decrease of 23 from the prior week. There were 339 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 9,619 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 25, an increase of 197 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,551, an increase of 315 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 25 were in Alaska (3.2), Minnesota (2.6), California (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Illinois (2.3), New York (2.3), Massachusetts (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Connecticut (2.0), and Oregon (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 1 were in New York (+8,812), Pennsylvania (+6,772), Connecticut (+6,020), Washington (+4,626), and Michigan (+3,923), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-1,086), Tennessee (-674), Puerto Rico (-329), Rhode Island (-288), and New Mexico (-101).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 8	January 1	Change	December 25	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	230,000	207,000	+23,000	200,000	904,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	419,446	315,753	+103,693	257,870	1,082,696
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	210,750	204,500	+6,250	199,750	812,750

WEEK ENDING	January 1	December 25	Change	December 18	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,559,000	1,753,000	-194,000	1,718,000	5,240,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,056,818	1,869,743	+187,075	1,638,595	5,756,886
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,721,500	1,798,500	-77,000	1,860,000	5,291,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.3%	-0.2	1.3%	3.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.5%	1.4%	+0.1	1.2%	4.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

WEEK ENDING	January 1	December 25	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	700	723	-23	2,029
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	339	273	+66	1,062

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

WEEK ENDING	December 25	December 18	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	1,865,429	1,634,510	+230,919	5,327,960
Federal Employees	9,619	9,422	+197	16,915
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,551	4,236	+315	9,528
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	53,633	57,674	-4,041	1,328,333
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,999	2,186	-187	2,560
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	13,393	14,332	-939	94,819
TOTAL <sup>7</sup>	1,948,624	1,722,360	+226,264	19,377,528

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 138,088,262 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 9-10 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,211	2,831	2,380	6,000	6,241	-241
Alaska	1,645	1,055	590	8,805	8,936	-131
Arizona	3,159	2,141	1,018	12,156	13,157	-1,001
Arkansas	1,751	1,716	35	11,170	10,240	930
California	62,969	50,174	12,795	403,969	392,792	11,177
Colorado	3,360	2,208	1,152	20,435	19,240	1,195
Connecticut	7,811	9,322	-1,511	37,912	30,396	7,516
Delaware	778	725	53	5,419	4,139	1,280
District of Columbia	2,785	1,510	1,275	6,159	5,945	214
Florida	9,705	4,299	5,406	45,438	43,165	2,273
Georgia	6,867	5,727	1,140	35,442	35,034	408
Hawaii	2,874	1,769	1,105	10,601	9,005	1,596
Idaho	2,480	2,434	46	8,508	7,341	1,167
Illinois	16,700	14,209	2,491	114,974	124,546	-9,572
Indiana	12,210	6,452	5,758	32,948	29,757	3,191
Iowa	5,289	4,773	516	24,907	19,181	5,726
Kansas	3,033	1,450	1,583	6,710	5,771	939
Kentucky	11,219	2,769	8,450	43,652	10,350	33,302
Louisiana	2,616	1,633	983	15,149	17,041	-1,892
Maine	1,582	1,413	169	7,447	7,042	405
Maryland	4,001	3,710	291	23,085	22,095	990
Massachusetts	11,373	13,616	-2,243	76,075	67,896	8,179
Michigan	18,177	19,191	-1,014	57,217	60,283	-3,066
Minnesota	10,134	8,094	2,040	78,702	68,446	10,256
Mississippi	1,604	1,428	176	5,418	6,240	-822
Missouri	12,070	4,817	7,253	25,219	19,387	5,832
Montana	2,231	1,667	564	9,401	7,647	1,754
Nebraska	1,631	1,630	1	5,743	4,693	1,050
Nevada	3,558	2,655	903	20,118	21,273	-1,155
New Hampshire	623	1,056	-433	3,461	2,917	544
New Jersey	16,271	15,552	719	100,081	87,865	12,216
New Mexico	1,313	1,498	-185	11,033	11,092	-59
New York	37,222	26,470	10,752	219,781	193,159	26,622
North Carolina	3,730	1,848	1,882	15,876	17,608	-1,732
North Dakota	1,585	866	719	5,508	4,506	1,002
Ohio	17,442	12,358	5,084	56,298	48,648	7,650
Oklahoma	2,381	1,826	555	12,962	13,679	-717
Oregon	9,567	7,336	2,231	42,881	33,723	9,158
Pennsylvania	20,091	18,197	1,894	99,896	85,667	14,229
Puerto Rico*	1,310	780	530	12,483	11,210	1,273
Rhode Island	1,548	1,978	-430	11,198	8,981	2,217
South Carolina	3,985	3,711	274	15,712	14,185	1,527
South Dakota	518	429	89	2,519	2,111	408
Tennessee	9,379	4,092	5,287	17,150	15,911	1,239
Texas	22,802	13,400	9,402	115,679	114,202	1,477
Utah	8,102	1,670	6,432	8,873	8,041	832
Vermont	894	995	-101	4,495	3,661	834
Virgin Islands	35	40	-5	568	568	0
Virginia	2,671	1,813	858	8,697	11,262	-2,565
Washington	11,491	11,814	-323	71,354	54,298	17,056
West Virginia	2,055	1,010	1,045	10,071	8,114	1,957
Wisconsin	14,700	11,019	3,681	48,538	38,815	9,723
Wyoming	908	577	331	2,925	2,238	687
US Total	419,446	315,753	103,693	2,056,818	1,869,743	187,075

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.

\*Denotes OUI estimate.

## 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	
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	1,856	-11	1,919.00	1.4
December 18, 2021	206	1	206.50	1,718	-138	1,860.00	1.3
December 25, 2021	200	-6	199.75	1,753	35	1,798.50	1.3
January 1, 2022	207	7	204.50	1,559	-194	1,721.50	1.1
January 8, 2022	230	23	210.75				

## Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	December 25	December 18	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	2	54	-52
Arizona	6	27	-21
Arkansas	0	2	-2
California	2,346	2,385	-39
Colorado	48	10	38
Connecticut	6,896	6,896	0
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1	0	1
Florida	109	106	3
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	1
Illinois	28	34	-6
Indiana	3	0	3
Iowa	1	3	-2
Kansas	7	0	7
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	3	5	-2
Maine	10	8	2
Maryland	19	13	6
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	11	8	3
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	8	7	1
Missouri	4	3	1
Montana	1	1	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	11	3	8
New Hampshire	5	6	-1
New Jersey	40,141	43,764	-3,623
New Mexico	3,405	3,724	-319
New York	85	175	-90
North Carolina	29	18	11
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	33	27	6
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	4	3	1
Pennsylvania	72	89	-17
Puerto Rico	37	32	5
Rhode Island	8	5	3
South Carolina	11	14	-3
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	6	-6
Texas	221	219	2
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	4	1	3
Virgin Islands	1	0	1
Virginia	0	1	-1
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	3	0
Wisconsin	58	21	37
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	53,633	57,674	-4,041

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 1

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 25

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		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	2,831	315	-8,155	5	2	6,241	0.3	771	-17,400	30	19	6,290
Alaska	1,055	-79	-1,892	11	0	8,936	3.2	464	-11,128	175	10	9,121
Arizona	2,141	291	-5,851	10	1	13,157	0.5	852	-58,744	172	37	13,366
Arkansas	1,716	-55	-2,684	1	1	10,240	0.9	1,589	-12,766	50	20	10,310
California	50,174	1,323	-110,815	191	56	392,792	2.5	39,077	-483,823	1,849	929	395,570
Colorado	2,208	525	-23,026	6	6	19,240	0.8	1,554	-90,795	260	165	19,665
Connecticut	9,322	6,020	12	6	8	30,396	2.0	5,844	-48,177	50	44	30,490
Delaware	725	241	-1,953	1	3	4,139	1.0	118	-9,423	38	7	4,184
District of Columbia	1,510	-73	-140	5	0	5,945	1.2	154	-20,805	117	2	6,064
Florida	4,299	55	-20,398	12	17	43,165	0.5	1,969	-86,410	180	189	43,534
Georgia	5,727	3,022	-25,731	23	15	35,034	0.8	9,883	-136,980	273	125	35,432
Hawaii	1,769	375	-2,215	4	6	9,005	1.8	707	-20,267	69	46	9,120
Idaho	2,434	452	-2,178	26	0	7,341	1.0	1,292	-5,997	303	4	7,648
Illinois	14,209	271	-31,178	11	1	124,546	2.3	23,525	-205,957	402	133	125,081
Indiana	6,452	253	-8,344	4	4	29,757	1.0	3,671	-50,746	123	41	29,921
Iowa	4,773	1,190	-3,082	3	2	19,181	1.3	3,928	-23,984	40	20	19,241
Kansas	1,450	82	-21,540	2	0	5,771	0.4	658	-72,956	32	16	5,819
Kentucky	2,769	373	-14,172	0	0	10,350	0.6	232	-30,087	29	32	10,411
Louisiana	1,633	10	-23,732	1	2	17,041	1.0	603	-47,363	45	17	17,103
Maine	1,413	215	-2,527	1	0	7,042	1.3	969	-8,626	25	4	7,071
Maryland	3,710	533	-7,831	11	0	22,095	0.9	253	-57,213	184	65	22,344
Massachusetts	13,616	3,733	-12,754	14	8	67,896	2.1	7,829	-105,887	154	81	68,131
Michigan	19,191	3,923	-11,265	7	8	60,283	1.6	11,299	-144,849	133	42	60,458
Minnesota	8,094	222	-9,388	1	7	68,446	2.6	9,316	-79,989	160	70	68,676
Mississippi	1,428	350	-4,932	2	0	6,240	0.6	750	-23,945	51	9	6,300
Missouri	4,817	-1,086	-11,846	1	4	19,387	0.7	738	-30,439	87	16	19,490
Montana	1,667	79	-1,986	41	4	7,647	1.7	877	-10,183	560	15	8,222
Nebraska	1,630	335	-2,000	0	1	4,693	0.5	665	-9,470	16	3	4,712
Nevada	2,655	386	-5,806	6	0	21,273	1.8	370	-56,110	140	38	21,451
New Hampshire	1,056	382	-3,876	1	5	2,917	0.5	216	-21,420	10	1	2,928
New Jersey	15,552	3,254	-5,436	10	18	87,865	2.4	4,078	-53,345	263	190	88,318
New Mexico	1,498	-101	-2,583	5	2	11,092	1.5	541	-36,409	260	32	11,384
New York	26,470	8,812	-30,447	24	9	193,159	2.3	48,246	-210,014	433	287	193,879
North Carolina	1,848	-75	-11,483	4	2	17,608	0.4	184	-71,622	79	98	17,785
North Dakota	866	-67	-576	2	1	4,506	1.2	803	-3,768	10	0	4,516
Ohio	12,358	392	-17,368	10	13	48,648	1.0	6,380	-122,379	73	112	48,833
Oklahoma	1,826	64	-4,233	12	2	13,679	0.9	785	-28,478	61	50	13,790
Oregon	7,336	2,441	-5,474	50	8	33,723	1.9	3,801	-54,265	661	65	34,449
Pennsylvania	18,197	6,772	-20,450	24	8	85,667	1.6	4,609	-286,087	272	59	85,998
Puerto Rico	780	-329	-459	2	3	11,213	1.4	-4,942	-24,857	156	37	11,406
Rhode Island	1,978	-288	-3,634	0	0	8,981	2.1	1,201	-11,939	36	24	9,041
South Carolina	3,711	2,576	-5,067	3	9	14,185	0.7	3,154	-32,448	33	43	14,261
South Dakota	429	-41	-174	3	1	2,111	0.5	393	-2,635	50	1	2,162
Tennessee	4,092	-674	-12,839	7	7	15,911	0.5	847	-39,904	38	20	15,969
Texas	13,400	2,164	-32,589	45	75	114,202	1.0	12,497	-249,708	593	994	115,789
Utah	1,670	192	-1,305	32	4	8,041	0.5	505	-7,644	230	14	8,285
Vermont	995	191	-805	0	0	3,661	1.4	709	-8,533	2	0	3,663
Virgin Islands	40	-1	13	1	0	568	1.6	-330	-1,416	2	0	570
Virginia	1,813	609	-17,717	2	0	11,262	0.3	6,358	-52,326	32	26	11,320
Washington	11,814	4,626	-19,037	37	12	54,298	1.7	5,920	-135,709	359	249	54,906
West Virginia	1,010	202	-1,418	2	1	8,114	1.3	703	-12,347	44	27	8,185
Wisconsin	11,019	3,483	-8,169	11	3	38,815	1.5	4,234	-61,968	108	18	38,941
Wyoming	577	18	-309	7	0	2,238	0.9	299	-2,825	67	5	2,310
Totals	315,753	57,883	-582,844	700	339	1,869,743	1.4	231,148	-3,492,565	9,619	4,551	1,883,913

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 1, 2022**

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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>
NY	+8,812	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
PA	+6,772	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
CT	+6,020	No comment.
WA	+4,626	Layoffs in the mining, utilities, construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MI	+3,923	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
MA	+3,733	No comment.
WI	+3,483	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and construction industries.
NJ	+3,254	No comment.
GA	+3,022	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, construction, transportation and warehousing and trade industries.
SC	+2,576	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, utilities, construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	+2,441	No comment.
TX	+2,164	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, and professional, scientific, and technical services, utilities, and other services industries.
CA	+1,323	No comment.
IA	+1,190	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing 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>
MO	-1,086	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

### A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

### B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. 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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