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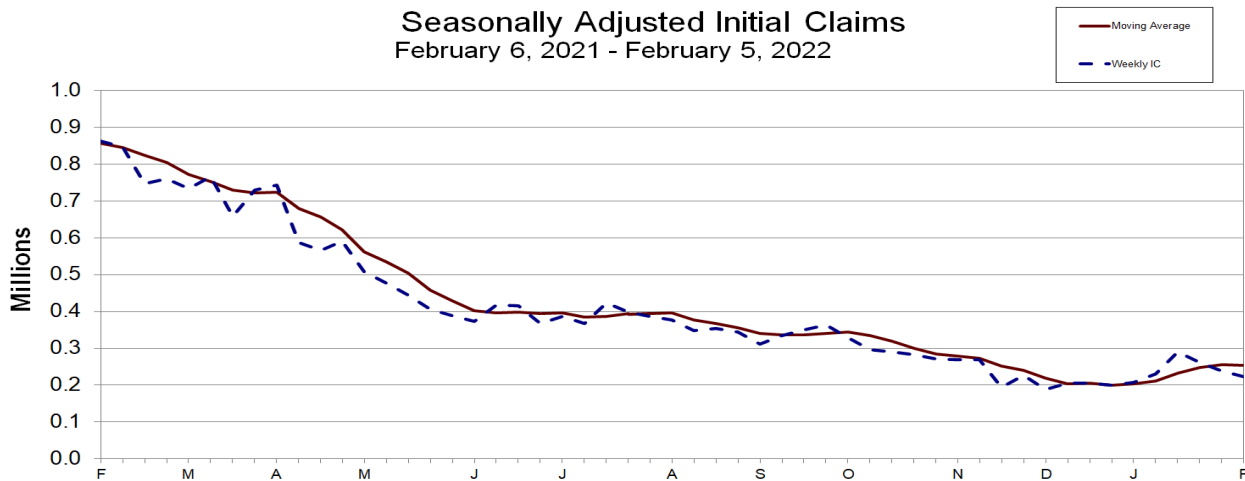
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

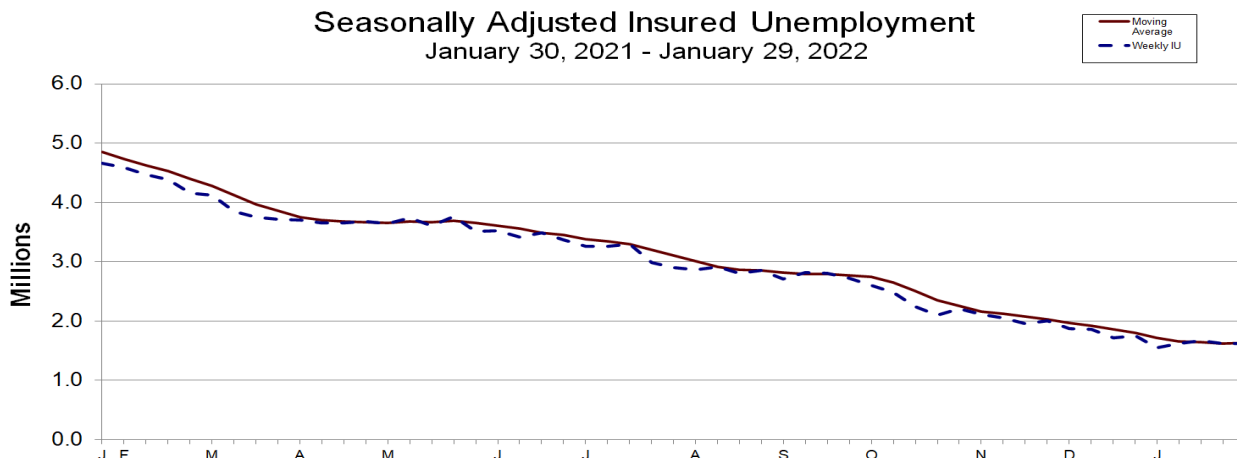
In the week ending February 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 223,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 238,000 to 239,000. The 4-week moving average was 253,250, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 255,000 to 255,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 29 was 1,621,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,628,000 to 1,621,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,634,500, an increase of 16,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,619,750 to 1,618,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
February 6, 2021 - February 5, 2022



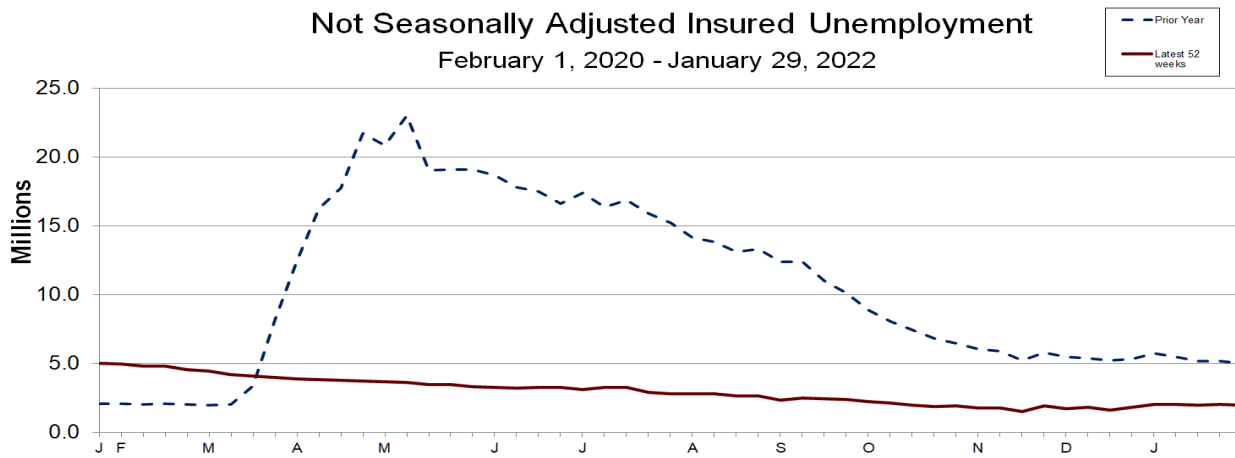
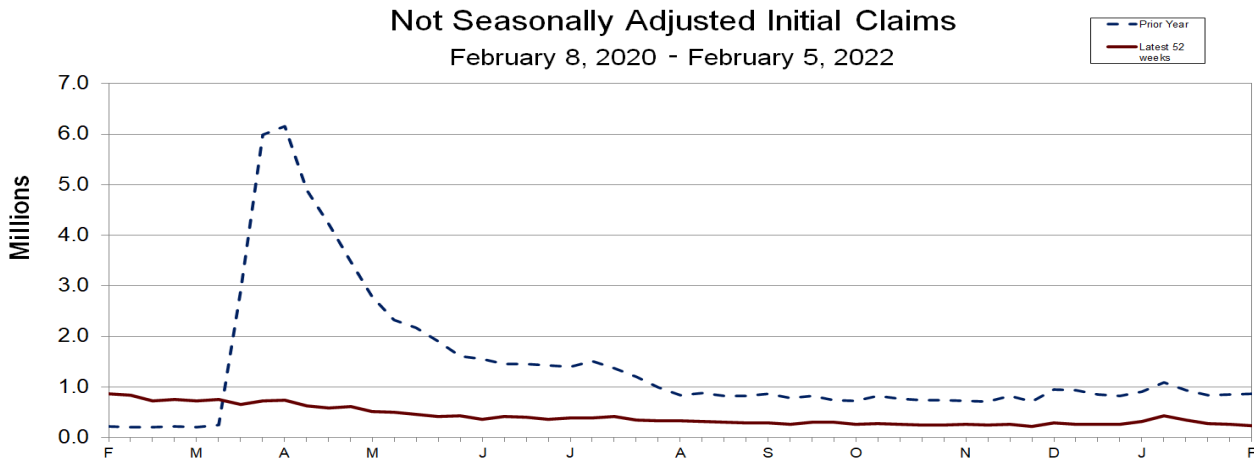
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
January 30, 2021 - January 29, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 228,909 in the week ending February 5, a decrease of 28,674 (or -11.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,497 (or -5.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 868,053 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending January 29, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,000,770, a decrease of 33,761 (or -1.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 32,877 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.5 percent and the volume was 5,038,663.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 22 was 2,099,857, an increase of 32,069 from the previous week. There were 20,242,844 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

During the week ending January 22, Extended Benefits were available in the following 2 states: New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 651 in the week ending January 29, a decrease of 33 from the prior week. There were 405 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 43 from the preceding week.

There were 10,528 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 22, a decrease of 383 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,088, an increase of 374 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 22 were in Alaska (2.9), California (2.7), Illinois (2.5), Minnesota (2.5), New Jersey (2.5), Rhode Island (2.5), Virgin Islands (2.5), New York (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), and Puerto Rico (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 29 were in Pennsylvania (+2,735), Georgia (+1,551), Michigan (+1,238), Indiana (+939), and Texas (+785), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-4,847), California (-2,595), Kentucky (-2,318), Utah (-1,870), and Alabama (-1,343).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 5</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	223,000	239,000	-16,000	261,000	863,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	228,909	257,583	-28,674	268,730	868,053
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	253,250	255,250	-2,000	247,250	855,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 15</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,621,000	1,621,000	0	1,672,000	4,655,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,000,770	2,034,531	-33,761	2,001,235	5,038,663
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,634,500	1,618,000	+16,500	1,651,000	4,846,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	3.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.4%	3.5%

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	651	684	-33	4,990
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	405	362	+43	1,056

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>January 15</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,029,976	1,996,633	+33,343	5,156,989
Federal Employees	10,528	10,911	-383	19,171
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,088	4,714	+374	9,171
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	36,539	38,085	-1,546	1,653,350
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	2,251	2,170	+81	1,670
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	15,475	15,275	+200	102,592
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>2,099,857</b>	<b>2,067,788</b>	<b>+32,069</b>	<b>20,242,844</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 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 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 February 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,347	3,959	-1,612	3,829	5,381	-1,552
Alaska	1,159	1,173	-14	7,631	8,097	-466
Arizona	2,766	2,765	1	11,422	13,536	-2,114
Arkansas	606	1,397	-791	8,489	10,480	-1,991
California	49,315	51,601	-2,286	445,333	442,175	3,158
Colorado	2,297	2,293	4	19,177	20,369	-1,192
Connecticut	2,994	3,296	-302	31,562	29,982	1,580
Delaware	394	415	-21	5,186	4,906	280
District of Columbia	507	1,108	-601	4,680	5,520	-840
Florida	5,549	6,680	-1,131	39,876	44,097	-4,221
Georgia	5,655	6,619	-964	54,268	38,271	15,997
Hawaii	1,497	1,541	-44	8,839	9,157	-318
Idaho	1,254	1,325	-71	8,496	8,885	-389
Illinois	7,786	10,734	-2,948	120,662	138,302	-17,640
Indiana	6,196	7,732	-1,536	32,424	33,180	-756
Iowa	2,209	2,557	-348	24,147	23,740	407
Kansas	1,780	1,520	260	7,349	8,161	-812
Kentucky	1,427	5,405	-3,978	14,625	12,867	1,758
Louisiana	1,535	1,893	-358	13,241	15,380	-2,139
Maine	691	855	-164	8,154	8,174	-20
Maryland	2,791	2,903	-112	24,162	23,677	485
Massachusetts	5,911	6,071	-160	75,084	77,067	-1,983
Michigan	13,794	10,911	2,883	64,953	66,796	-1,843
Minnesota	4,589	4,997	-408	71,497	67,403	4,094
Mississippi	947	1,097	-150	4,508	5,712	-1,204
Missouri	3,453	4,260	-807	19,296	21,966	-2,670
Montana	896	861	35	9,266	9,113	153
Nebraska	746	890	-144	5,859	5,844	15
Nevada	2,491	2,591	-100	17,867	20,427	-2,560
New Hampshire	355	489	-134	2,800	3,153	-353
New Jersey	9,081	9,122	-41	97,888	94,609	3,279
New Mexico	698	736	-38	10,009	10,277	-268
New York	16,646	18,208	-1,562	200,630	203,778	-3,148
North Carolina	2,908	3,705	-797	14,786	16,233	-1,447
North Dakota	448	503	-55	6,467	6,066	401
Ohio	9,338	10,324	-986	57,518	59,285	-1,767
Oklahoma	1,474	2,079	-605	11,491	12,862	-1,371
Oregon	4,231	4,596	-365	30,903	31,339	-436
Pennsylvania	12,106	13,874	-1,768	105,234	104,173	1,061
Puerto Rico	1,159	1,586	-427	15,002	17,089	-2,087
Rhode Island	858	1,000	-142	10,860	11,032	-172
South Carolina	1,578	1,488	90	11,914	12,197	-283
South Dakota	190	222	-32	2,821	2,845	-24
Tennessee	2,847	5,854	-3,007	18,514	19,650	-1,136
Texas	14,013	15,932	-1,919	104,778	114,688	-9,910
Utah	899	875	24	8,147	9,989	-1,842
Vermont	419	501	-82	4,338	4,350	-12
Virgin Islands	31	61	-30	732	872	-140
Virginia	2,192	2,157	35	8,071	7,439	632
Washington	4,998	4,983	15	57,396	55,956	1,440
West Virginia	1,443	1,692	-249	11,761	11,634	127
Wisconsin	6,935	7,649	-714	43,794	43,650	144
Wyoming	480	498	-18	3,034	2,700	334
US Total	228,909	257,583	-28,674	2,000,770	2,034,531	-33,761

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	
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	1,555	-198	1,720.50	1.1
January 8, 2022	231	24	211.00	1,624	69	1,662.50	1.2
January 15, 2022	290	59	232.00	1,672	48	1,651.00	1.2
January 22, 2022	261	-29	247.25	1,621	-51	1,618.00	1.2
January 29, 2022	239	-22	255.25	1,621	0	1,634.50	1.2
February 5, 2022	223	-16	253.25				

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

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	January 22	January 15	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	20	31	-11
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	2,121	2,566	-445
Colorado	0	1	-1
Connecticut	172	189	-17
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0
Florida	86	78	8
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	62	31	31
Indiana	1	3	-2
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	21	11	10
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	5	0	5
Maine	1	2	-1
Maryland	20	30	-10
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	0	21	-21
Minnesota	8	0	8
Mississippi	2	6	-4
Missouri	3	6	-3
Montana	1	1	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	25	6	19
New Hampshire	5	3	2
New Jersey	30,926	31,908	-982
New Mexico	2,423	2,643	-220
New York	46	93	-47
North Carolina	29	17	12
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	107	34	73
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	18	16	2
Pennsylvania	86	86	0
Puerto Rico	93	66	27
Rhode Island	1	1	0
South Carolina	6	20	-14
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	6	7	-1
Texas	221	170	51
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	8	-8
Virgin Islands	2	0	2
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	3	4	-1
Wisconsin	15	23	-8
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	36,539	38,085	-1,546

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 29

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 22

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	3,959	-1,343	-8,705	5	4	5,381	0.3	-3	-11,238	28	17	5,426
Alaska	1,173	5	-3,017	2	0	8,097	2.9	-288	-10,839	149	5	8,251
Arizona	2,765	93	-12,383	5	0	13,536	0.5	292	-57,908	157	20	13,713
Arkansas	1,397	-2	-3,410	4	2	10,480	0.9	46	-14,063	1	15	10,496
California	51,601	-2,595	-57,650	167	72	442,175	2.7	31,881	-336,281	2,371	986	445,532
Colorado	2,293	-106	-2,805	6	10	20,369	0.8	707	-28,380	200	248	20,817
Connecticut	3,296	-509	-6,748	7	4	29,982	1.9	1,473	-56,377	63	45	30,090
Delaware	415	-52	-2,169	1	3	4,906	1.2	-7	-9,793	10	7	4,923
District of Columbia	1,108	-100	-391	10	0	5,520	1.1	-345	-18,825	93	2	5,615
Florida	6,680	-666	-62,460	17	23	44,097	0.5	-3,031	-129,822	174	171	44,442
Georgia	6,619	1,551	-20,596	39	21	38,271	0.9	3,162	-109,974	243	162	38,676
Hawaii	1,541	-136	-2,268	2	12	9,157	1.8	273	-15,590	83	76	9,316
Idaho	1,325	-9	-3,534	22	1	8,885	1.2	114	-5,742	324	7	9,216
Illinois	10,734	-1,083	-29,274	6	13	138,302	2.5	14,654	-175,237	385	175	138,862
Indiana	7,732	939	-4,807	10	6	33,180	1.2	1,862	-48,690	87	40	33,307
Iowa	2,557	187	-3,221	3	2	23,740	1.6	1,262	-22,063	62	18	23,820
Kansas	1,520	-983	-16,447	1	0	8,161	0.6	1,226	-73,131	31	24	8,216
Kentucky	5,405	-2,318	-5,614	0	1	12,867	0.7	-30,208	-28,354	66	75	13,008
Louisiana	1,893	-29	-8,483	3	1	15,380	0.9	-951	-50,269	39	17	15,436
Maine	855	-49	-1,858	0	1	8,174	1.4	161	-9,987	29	8	8,211
Maryland	2,903	-151	-33,452	19	6	23,677	1.0	439	-57,060	194	88	23,959
Massachusetts	6,071	-1,321	-14,421	8	12	77,067	2.3	833	-105,507	197	61	77,325
Michigan	10,911	1,238	-7,690	5	1	66,796	1.7	-1,749	-140,840	137	75	67,008
Minnesota	4,997	-323	-6,739	6	1	67,403	2.5	187	-54,175	159	68	67,630
Mississippi	1,097	-107	-2,645	1	0	5,712	0.5	-256	-25,472	54	9	5,775
Missouri	4,260	138	-7,645	3	3	21,966	0.8	285	-34,532	83	20	22,069
Montana	861	-75	-1,405	30	2	9,113	2.0	185	-8,543	636	20	9,769
Nebraska	890	-278	-1,809	1	1	5,844	0.6	195	-11,065	18	5	5,867
Nevada	2,591	127	-7,230	8	0	20,427	1.6	-194	-60,464	143	37	20,607
New Hampshire	489	18	-2,815	2	2	3,153	0.5	-51	-24,755	13	0	3,166
New Jersey	9,122	-942	-5,567	25	15	94,609	2.5	-2,093	-48,164	247	258	95,114
New Mexico	736	7	-3,791	4	1	10,277	1.4	18	-30,694	299	20	10,596
New York	18,208	675	-59,182	22	18	203,778	2.4	1,541	-254,134	492	293	204,563
North Carolina	3,705	290	-9,647	3	4	16,233	0.4	637	-54,719	67	108	16,408
North Dakota	503	-92	-801	1	1	6,066	1.6	357	-3,488	13	1	6,080
Ohio	10,324	-4,847	-37,497	8	4	59,285	1.2	48	-101,755	122	96	59,503
Oklahoma	2,079	-62	-5,588	6	7	12,862	0.9	-235	-23,502	70	45	12,977
Oregon	4,596	-441	-4,680	38	10	31,339	1.7	-300	-53,035	800	50	32,189
Pennsylvania	13,874	2,735	-16,550	22	7	104,173	1.9	7,938	-237,430	324	65	104,562
Puerto Rico	1,586	215	528	6	3	17,089	2.1	747	-19,852	183	91	17,363
Rhode Island	1,000	-247	-15,379	2	1	11,032	2.5	266	-14,451	34	31	11,097
South Carolina	1,488	341	-2,965	2	2	12,197	0.6	134	-37,753	32	47	12,276
South Dakota	222	-46	-389	4	0	2,845	0.7	140	-2,511	55	6	2,906
Tennessee	5,854	-274	-5,643	6	3	19,650	0.6	873	-34,630	45	18	19,713
Texas	15,932	785	-36,645	58	96	114,688	1.0	2,313	-226,687	567	1,073	116,328
Utah	875	-1,870	-2,190	17	6	9,989	0.7	-369	-6,829	240	15	10,244
Vermont	501	-10	-775	0	0	4,350	1.6	387	-8,891	1	0	4,351
Virgin Islands	61	17	-166	0	0	872	2.5	-164	-1,130	0	0	872
Virginia	2,157	217	-16,020	4	2	7,439	0.2	-104	-59,898	34	36	7,509
Washington	4,983	124	-11,782	10	14	55,956	1.8	-2,003	-106,083	434	276	56,666
West Virginia	1,692	311	-1,228	2	3	11,634	1.9	2,224	-10,623	57	32	11,723
Wisconsin	7,649	-183	-7,990	9	3	43,650	1.6	-1,211	-63,313	122	24	43,796
Wyoming	498	89	-481	9	1	2,700	1.1	-2	-3,015	61	2	2,763
Totals	257,583	-11,147	-586,119	651	405	2,034,531	1.5	33,296	-3,137,563	10,528	5,088	2,050,147

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 29, 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>
PA	+2,735	Layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and educational services industries.
GA	+1,551	Layoffs in the trade, health care and social assistance, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and accommodation and food services industries.
MI	+1,238	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
OH	-4,847	No comment.
CA	-2,595	No comment.
KY	-2,318	No comment.
UT	-1,870	No comment.
AL	-1,343	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance and educational services industries.
MA	-1,321	No comment.
IL	-1,083	No comment.

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## 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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