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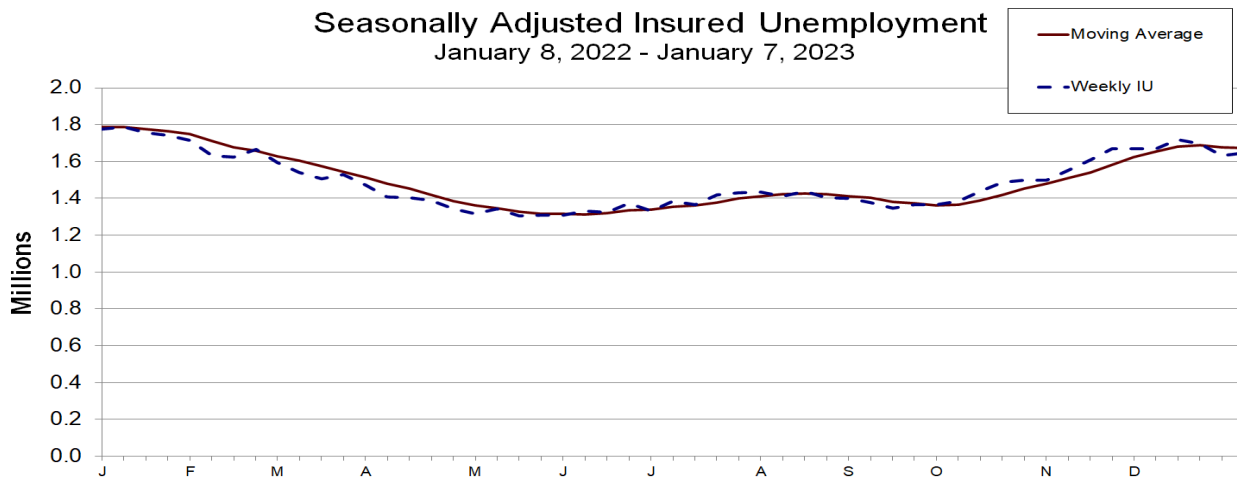
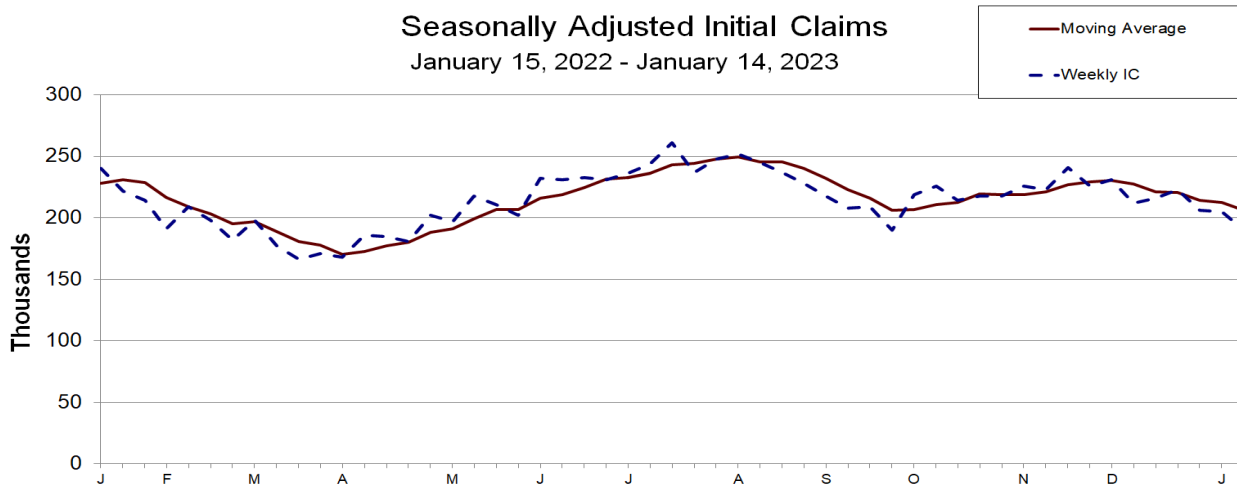
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 190,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 205,000. The 4-week moving average was 206,000, a decrease of 6,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 212,500.

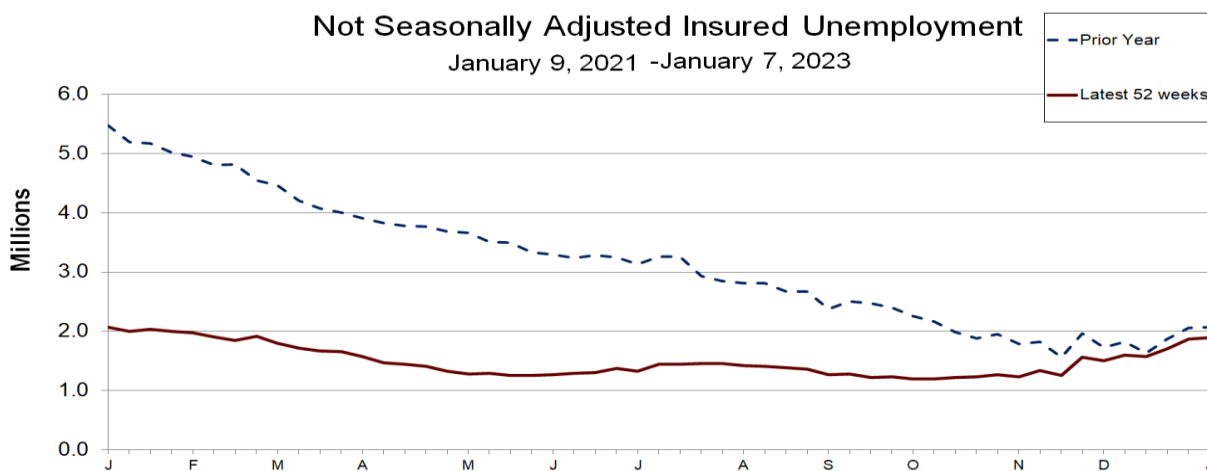
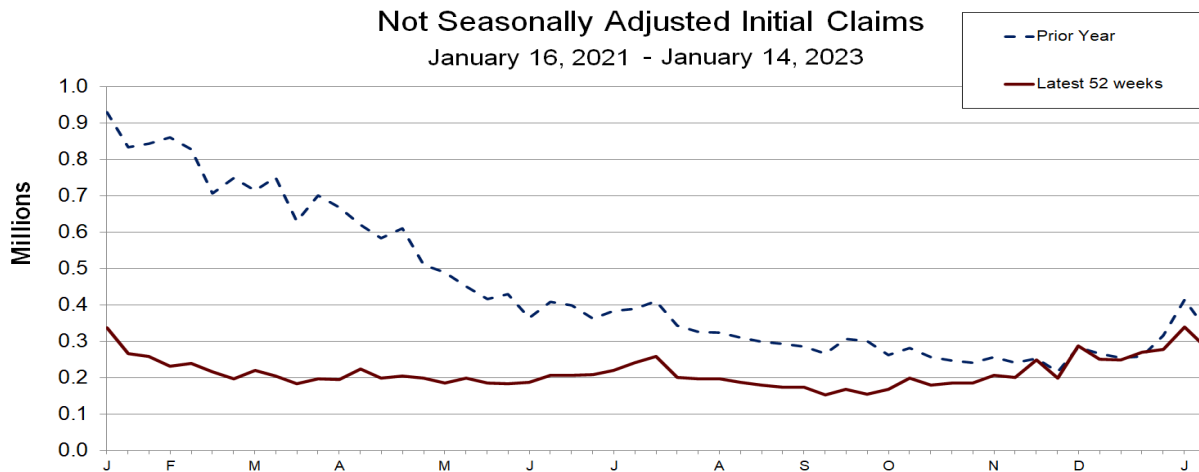
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending January 7, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 7 was 1,647,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,634,000 to 1,630,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,673,000, a decrease of 5,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,679,500 to 1,678,500.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 285,575 in the week ending January 14, a decrease of 53,582 (or -15.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 30,982 (or -9.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 336,424 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending January 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,898,425, an increase of 28,656 (or 1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 9,781 (or 0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,064,959.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 31 was 1,893,525, an increase of 159,159 from the previous week. There were 2,302,030 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending December 31.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 942 in the week ending January 7, an increase of 473 from the prior week. There were 374 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 81 from the preceding week.

There were 7,313 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 31, an increase of 325 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,332, an increase of 123 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 31 were in New Jersey (2.6), Rhode Island (2.6), Alaska (2.4), Minnesota (2.3), Massachusetts (2.1), Montana (2.1), New York (2.1), California (2.0), and Puerto Rico (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 7 were in California (+17,447), New York (+17,285), Texas (+10,178), Georgia (+8,494), and Florida (+3,209), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-4,064), Connecticut (-2,202), Iowa (-1,891), Massachusetts (-1,585), and Oregon (-1,525).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	190,000	205,000	-15,000	206,000	240,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	285,575	339,157	-53,582	278,487	336,424
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	206,000	212,500	-6,500	214,250	228,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,647,000	1,630,000	+17,000	1,697,000	1,776,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,898,425	1,869,769	+28,656	1,710,624	2,064,959
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,673,000	1,678,500	-5,500	1,688,250	1,788,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.2%	1.5%

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	942	469	+473	1,478
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	374	293	+81	458

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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>December 31</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,865,518	1,706,012	+159,506	2,048,132
Federal Employees	7,313	6,988	+325	10,661
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,332	4,209	+123	4,765
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,411	1,627	+784	52,532
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,546	1,454	+92	1,991
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	12,405	14,076	-1,671	14,464
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,893,525</b>	<b>1,734,366</b>	<b>+159,159</b>	<b>2,302,030</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 145,292,485 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,687	3,351	-664	5,710	7,359	-1,649
Alaska	1,133	1,000	133	6,748	6,880	-132
Arizona	3,313	3,371	-58	17,002	17,813	-811
Arkansas	1,600	1,344	256	6,485	7,542	-1,057
California *	64,470	59,830	4,640	389,646	349,788	39,858
Colorado	3,805	3,990	-185	24,896	22,958	1,938
Connecticut	4,679	5,706	-1,027	29,089	27,978	1,111
Delaware	539	850	-311	5,162	4,580	582
District of Columbia	588	716	-128	4,025	3,361	664
Florida	6,790	7,447	-657	35,955	38,228	-2,273
Georgia	9,640	14,712	-5,072	29,338	36,275	-6,937
Hawaii	1,302	1,652	-350	6,219	6,482	-263
Idaho	2,085	1,769	316	10,153	10,847	-694
Illinois	12,159	13,370	-1,211	114,156	104,649	9,507
Indiana	5,588	6,934	-1,346	34,318	30,735	3,583
Iowa	2,792	3,153	-361	21,576	22,473	-897
Kansas *	1,227	1,321	-94	5,677	5,397	280
Kentucky	5,453	2,883	2,570	12,006	11,731	275
Louisiana	2,142	2,124	18	11,325	12,463	-1,138
Maine	1,052	1,309	-257	7,336	6,612	724
Maryland	2,714	2,507	207	22,266	21,562	704
Massachusetts	8,726	10,785	-2,059	74,268	75,030	-762
Michigan	9,760	15,300	-5,540	67,152	57,184	9,968
Minnesota	5,203	6,336	-1,133	66,683	63,255	3,428
Mississippi	999	1,186	-187	5,324	6,547	-1,223
Missouri	4,211	6,209	-1,998	20,898	23,383	-2,485
Montana	1,095	1,451	-356	10,045	9,832	213
Nebraska	932	1,102	-170	6,324	6,314	10
Nevada	2,981	2,275	706	18,977	19,364	-387
New Hampshire	388	571	-183	2,748	3,321	-573
New Jersey	7,307	11,429	-4,122	103,204	101,627	1,577
New Mexico	953	910	43	9,830	9,820	10
New York	21,854	39,050	-17,196	174,934	182,323	-7,389
North Carolina	3,929	4,138	-209	17,094	17,795	-701
North Dakota	706	989	-283	5,216	4,360	856
Ohio	13,301	14,058	-757	60,959	60,699	260
Oklahoma	1,435	1,733	-298	10,781	11,021	-240
Oregon	5,702	5,683	19	31,329	33,068	-1,739
Pennsylvania	14,286	17,097	-2,811	97,671	100,452	-2,781
Puerto Rico	1,604	1,125	479	9,170	17,425	-8,255
Rhode Island	2,103	1,873	230	11,352	11,180	172
South Carolina	2,944	5,284	-2,340	14,399	17,626	-3,227
South Dakota	320	397	-77	2,513	2,401	112
Tennessee	3,087	5,466	-2,379	16,298	16,976	-678
Texas	17,164	20,466	-3,302	119,765	122,014	-2,249
Utah	2,245	2,465	-220	12,721	11,993	728
Vermont	532	555	-23	3,915	3,804	111
Virgin Islands	20	4	16	224	58	166
Virginia *	1,691	1,958	-267	9,915	10,089	-174
Washington	5,420	7,053	-1,633	63,133	61,504	1,629
West Virginia	1,533	1,579	-46	11,126	9,641	1,485
Wisconsin	6,896	10,656	-3,760	38,370	41,400	-3,030
Wyoming	490	635	-145	2,999	2,550	449
US Total	285,575	339,157	-53,582	1,898,425	1,869,769	28,656

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 state 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 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,498	0	1,480.25	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	53	1,508.50	1.1
November 19, 2022	241	18	227.00	1,609	58	1,539.00	1.1
November 26, 2022	226	-15	229.00	1,670	61	1,582.00	1.2
December 3, 2022	231	5	230.25	1,669	-1	1,624.75	1.2
December 10, 2022	212	-19	227.50	1,669	0	1,654.25	1.2
December 17, 2022	216	4	221.25	1,718	49	1,681.50	1.2
December 24, 2022	223	7	220.50	1,697	-21	1,688.25	1.2
December 31, 2022	206	-17	214.25	1,630	-67	1,678.50	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	212.50	1,647	17	1,673.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	190	-15	206.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 7

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 31

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO		UCFE <sup>1</sup>
Alabama	3,351	725	-2,044	8	8	7,359	0.4	1,329	-84	33	13	7,405
Alaska	1,000	282	-475	3	3	6,880	2.4	292	-2,019	124	13	7,017
Arizona	3,371	1,229	54	6	1	17,813	0.6	126	3,836	99	15	17,927
Arkansas	1,344	17	-652	0	1	7,542	0.6	702	-4,693	27	15	7,584
California	59,830	17,447	-1,639	192	59	349,788	2.0	13,926	-45,704	1,166	851	351,805
Colorado	3,990	1,435	-470	7	2	22,958	0.9	1,060	-6,080	197	91	23,246
Connecticut	5,706	-2,202	-2,179	2	1	27,978	1.7	4,875	-9,257	32	27	28,037
Delaware	850	144	60	3	4	4,580	1.0	655	-418	75	6	4,661
District of Columbia	716	233	-2,260	43	0	3,361	0.6	202	-2,927	95	2	3,458
Florida	7,447	3,209	-2,656	21	24	38,228	0.4	-1,331	-10,359	93	108	38,429
Georgia	14,712	8,494	7,126	36	12	36,275	0.8	8,534	225	150	131	36,556
Hawaii	1,652	252	-1,184	2	7	6,482	1.1	840	-4,078	42	54	6,578
Idaho	1,769	-491	-724	32	4	10,847	1.4	1,140	1,987	195	18	11,060
Illinois	13,370	123	-3,412	6	7	104,649	1.8	6,573	-8,965	334	126	105,109
Indiana	6,934	252	-4,992	5	8	30,735	1.0	834	-1,987	46	30	30,811
Iowa	3,153	-1,891	-1,832	5	0	22,473	1.5	3,741	-2,068	27	7	22,507
Kansas	1,321	-112	-1,793	1	0	5,397	0.4	322	-1,118	26	12	5,435
Kentucky	2,883	139	-8,362	3	0	11,731	0.6	-752	-36,055	38	53	11,822
Louisiana	2,124	585	-737	7	3	12,463	0.7	302	-4,057	48	12	12,523
Maine	1,309	110	-299	2	2	6,612	1.1	666	-875	28	13	6,653
Maryland	2,507	-756	-1,985	14	1	21,562	0.9	747	-1,841	115	55	21,732
Massachusetts	10,785	-1,585	-752	15	13	75,030	2.1	9,169	-1,596	122	64	75,216
Michigan	15,300	1,792	-2,733	2	6	57,184	1.4	611	-2,294	150	51	57,385
Minnesota	6,336	249	-3,163	4	5	63,255	2.3	3,997	-10,819	119	50	63,424
Mississippi	1,186	25	-595	2	0	6,547	0.6	171	116	28	15	6,590
Missouri	6,209	-13	-6,376	1	2	23,383	0.9	529	2,520	94	30	23,507
Montana	1,451	287	-605	116	3	9,832	2.1	566	823	495	22	10,349
Nebraska	1,102	-210	-525	0	1	6,314	0.7	705	606	7	1	6,322
Nevada	2,275	0	-1,202	5	1	19,364	1.5	0	-2,078	109	41	19,514
New Hampshire	571	-311	-61	0	0	3,321	0.5	787	-382	7	2	3,330
New Jersey	11,429	-4,064	-5,096	28	14	101,627	2.6	14,039	3,094	256	180	102,063
New Mexico	910	206	-323	6	1	9,820	1.3	168	-1,232	173	19	10,012
New York	39,050	17,285	1,941	17	12	182,323	2.1	27,772	-35,393	334	261	182,918
North Carolina	4,138	1,631	221	4	0	17,795	0.4	621	1,206	58	88	17,941
North Dakota	989	413	-447	3	0	4,360	1.1	180	-784	11	7	4,378
Ohio	14,058	258	-3,424	10	13	60,699	1.2	7,159	3,945	68	116	60,883
Oklahoma	1,733	519	-1,027	8	4	11,021	0.7	390	-3,156	46	45	11,112
Oregon	5,683	-1,525	-3,788	59	6	33,068	1.8	3,300	-8,989	559	38	33,665
Pennsylvania	17,097	306	-2,236	27	10	100,452	1.8	15,278	495	211	122	100,785
Puerto Rico	1,125	-320	49	3	5	17,425	2.0	1,215	2,529	133	139	17,697
Rhode Island	1,873	-512	319	1	0	11,180	2.6	2,722	202	21	15	11,216
South Carolina	5,284	2,005	1,228	8	3	17,626	0.8	3,350	1,473	28	36	17,690
South Dakota	397	70	-160	5	0	2,401	0.6	34	-195	37	3	2,441
Tennessee	5,466	2,203	-4,029	9	6	16,976	0.5	1,594	-955	44	53	17,073
Texas	20,466	10,178	-3,371	59	89	122,014	1.0	3,600	4,092	425	894	123,333
Utah	2,465	904	685	62	2	11,993	0.8	802	3,047	183	12	12,188
Vermont	555	-373	-353	0	0	3,804	1.3	745	-487	2	0	3,806
Virgin Islands	4	-15	-50	0	0	58	0.2	-94	-476	0	0	58
Virginia	1,958	597	-485	4	2	10,089	0.3	544	1,899	64	78	10,231
Washington	7,053	-1,315	-4,540	52	18	61,504	1.8	2,973	-6,325	365	259	62,128
West Virginia	1,579	505	-563	3	7	9,641	1.5	1,722	186	31	22	9,694
Wisconsin	10,656	2,071	-3,772	16	4	41,400	1.5	9,612	-6,611	77	16	41,493
Wyoming	635	185	-317	15	0	2,550	1.0	101	-11	66	1	2,617
Totals	339,157	60,670	-76,005	942	374	1,869,769	1.3	159,145	-192,087	7,313	4,332	1,881,414

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 7, 2023**

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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	+17,447	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and construction industries.
NY	+17,285	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	+10,178	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
GA	+8,494	Layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and accommodation and food services industries.
FL	+3,209	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
TN	+2,203	Layoffs in the art, entertainment, and recreation, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and retail trade industries.
WI	+2,071	Layoffs in the construction industry.
SC	+2,005	No comment.
MI	+1,792	Layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
NC	+1,631	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
CO	+1,435	No comment.
AZ	+1,229	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NJ	-4,064	No comment.
CT	-2,202	No comment.
IA	-1,891	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MA	-1,585	No comment.
OR	-1,525	No comment.
WA	-1,315	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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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