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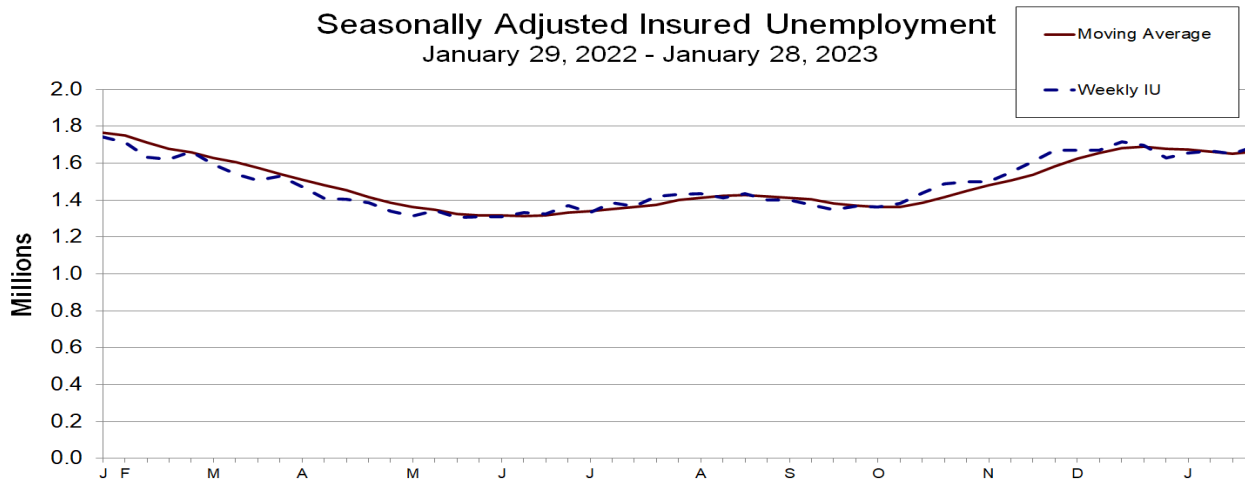
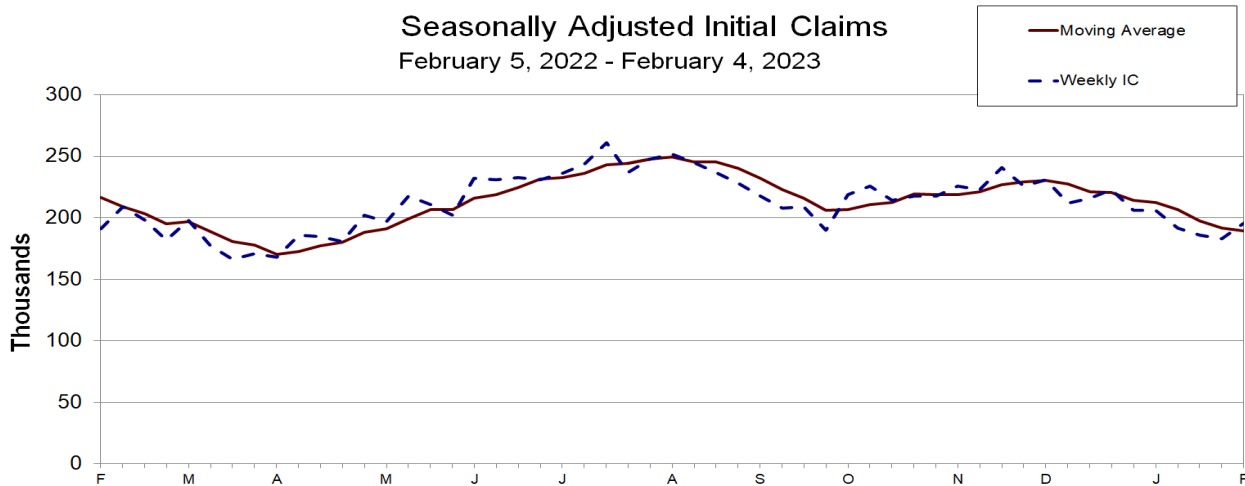
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 196,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 183,000. The 4-week moving average was 189,250, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 191,750.

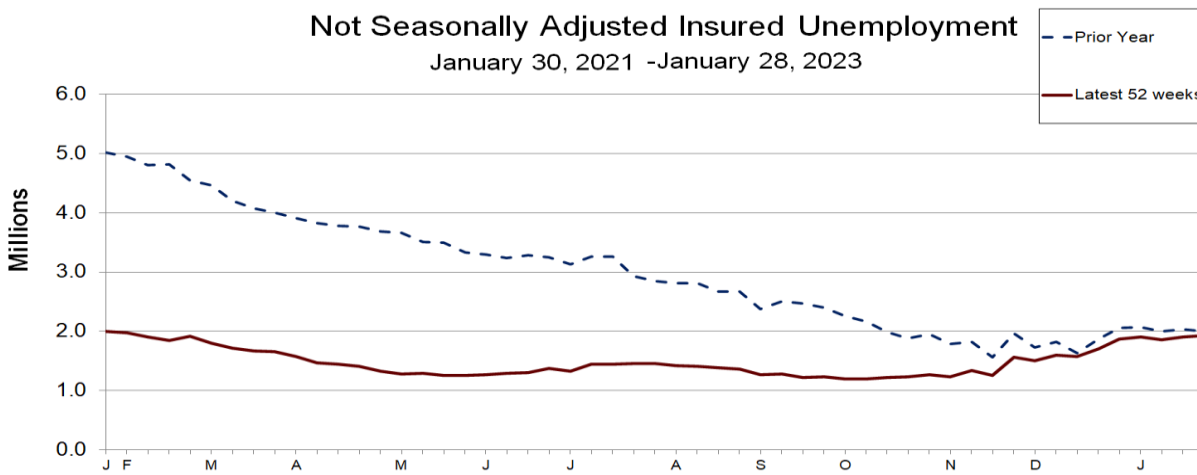
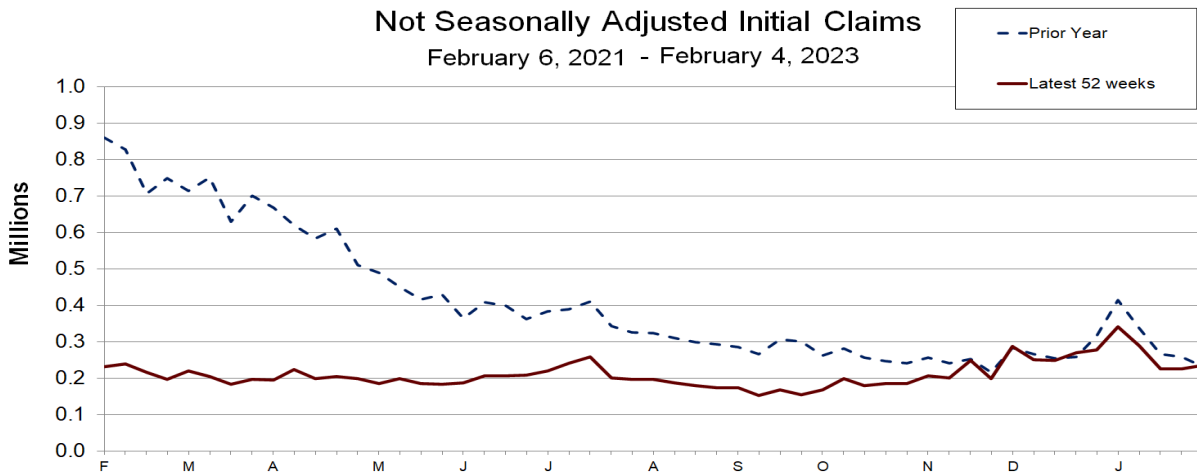
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 28, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 28 was 1,688,000, an increase of 38,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,655,000 to 1,650,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,664,750, an increase of 14,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,651,500 to 1,650,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,654 in the week ending February 4, an increase of 9,628 (or 4.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,310 (or -2.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 230,740 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending January 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,934,854, an increase of 23,663 (or 1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,805 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,999,446.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 21 was 1,942,676, an increase of 52,388 from the previous week. There were 2,238,754 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 485 in the week ending January 28, a decrease of 38 from the prior week. There were 387 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 41 from the preceding week.

There were 7,811 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 21, an increase of 522 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,566, an increase of 334 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 21 were in New Jersey (2.6), Rhode Island (2.4), California (2.3), Alaska (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), Massachusetts (2.1), Montana (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), Illinois (1.9), and New York (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 28 were in Georgia (+2,070), New York (+949), New Jersey (+847), Oregon (+801), and Wisconsin (+569), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-3,402), California (-2,551), Ohio (-1,105), Arkansas (-568), and Michigan (-359).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 4	January 28	Change	January 21	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	196,000	183,000	+13,000	186,000	191,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	234,654	225,026	+9,628	225,228	230,740
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	189,250	191,750	-2,500	197,500	216,750

WEEK ENDING	January 28	January 21	Change	January 14	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,688,000	1,650,000	+38,000	1,666,000	1,743,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,934,854	1,911,191	+23,663	1,863,956	1,999,446
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,664,750	1,650,250	+14,500	1,662,000	1,765,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 28	January 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	485	523	-38	651
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	387	346	+41	405

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

WEEK ENDING	January 21	January 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,903,639	1,858,702	+44,937	2,029,982
Federal Employees	7,811	7,289	+522	10,528
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,566	4,232	+334	5,088
Extended Benefits ³	2,871	2,512	+359	36,539
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,037	1,558	+479	2,251
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,752	15,995	+5,757	15,486
TOTAL	1,942,676	1,890,288	+52,388	2,238,754

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 February 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,364	2,396	-32	4,489	5,675	-1,186
Alaska	939	852	87	6,337	6,566	-229
Arizona	3,275	3,096	179	17,926	19,275	-1,349
Arkansas	821	1,593	-772	6,559	7,683	-1,124
California	53,143	45,564	7,579	402,949	399,099	3,850
Colorado	3,167	3,419	-252	26,668	25,479	1,189
Connecticut	3,208	2,811	397	29,629	28,663	966
Delaware	367	348	19	5,235	4,908	327
District of Columbia	630	470	160	3,694	4,317	-623
Florida	6,158	5,866	292	34,074	38,332	-4,258
Georgia	6,373	8,038	-1,665	28,144	29,262	-1,118
Hawaii	1,075	1,015	60	5,642	5,642	0
Idaho	1,462	1,467	-5	10,350	10,582	-232
Illinois	11,332	9,771	1,561	118,454	110,131	8,323
Indiana	4,568	4,225	343	32,725	32,137	588
Iowa	2,707	1,981	726	21,835	21,682	153
Kansas	1,804	1,447	357	5,771	4,995	776
Kentucky	1,945	1,808	137	11,573	11,562	11
Louisiana	1,809	1,840	-31	11,149	12,353	-1,204
Maine	739	626	113	8,036	7,644	392
Maryland	1,780	1,907	-127	20,351	20,742	-391
Massachusetts	7,947	6,963	984	85,002	75,644	9,358
Michigan	7,479	7,151	328	63,068	66,866	-3,798
Minnesota	4,403	4,188	215	66,236	61,189	5,047
Mississippi	838	1,073	-235	5,122	5,912	-790
Missouri	3,713	3,506	207	21,180	21,372	-192
Montana	975	984	-9	10,068	9,318	750
Nebraska	802	748	54	5,923	5,919	4
Nevada	2,257	2,322	-65	19,205	20,130	-925
New Hampshire	352	435	-83	2,683	3,029	-346
New Jersey	5,704	7,144	-1,440	106,392	104,160	2,232
New Mexico	709	745	-36	9,818	10,041	-223
New York	17,429	17,634	-205	175,600	171,152	4,448
North Carolina	3,628	3,654	-26	18,766	19,310	-544
North Dakota	444	437	7	5,671	5,217	454
Ohio	11,378	7,959	3,419	61,463	60,851	612
Oklahoma	1,162	1,276	-114	10,553	10,550	3
Oregon	4,699	5,398	-699	32,932	31,894	1,038
Pennsylvania	11,549	12,088	-539	101,408	99,739	1,669
Puerto Rico	1,361	1,415	-54	15,585	17,913	-2,328
Rhode Island	1,240	1,090	150	11,936	11,275	661
South Carolina	2,023	2,358	-335	13,200	13,867	-667
South Dakota	203	222	-19	2,600	2,576	24
Tennessee	2,405	2,630	-225	16,451	17,071	-620
Texas	14,744	15,806	-1,062	117,866	122,831	-4,965
Utah	2,216	2,259	-43	13,549	13,603	-54
Vermont	361	415	-54	4,122	3,848	274
Virgin Islands	14	26	-12	234	196	38
Virginia	2,074	1,920	154	13,073	11,624	1,449
Washington	5,427	5,502	-75	62,556	58,089	4,467
West Virginia	1,026	803	223	10,556	9,255	1,301
Wisconsin	5,997	5,893	104	37,397	37,335	62
Wyoming	429	442	-13	3,049	2,686	363
US Total	234,654	225,026	9,628	1,934,854	1,911,191	23,663

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 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	206	0	212.75	1,655	25	1,675.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	192	-14	206.75	1,666	11	1,662.00	1.1
January 21, 2023	186	-6	197.50	1,650	-16	1,650.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	183	-3	191.75	1,688	38	1,664.75	1.2
February 4, 2023	196	13	189.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 28

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 21

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	2,396	40	-2,906	12	5	5,675	0.3	-421	291	29	10	5,714
Alaska	852	-19	-316	1	1	6,566	2.2	-96	-1,819	113	13	6,692
Arizona	3,096	-30	424	3	0	19,275	0.6	722	6,031	122	20	19,417
Arkansas	1,593	-568	194	1	2	7,683	0.6	633	-2,751	40	14	7,737
California	45,564	-2,551	-8,632	106	70	399,099	2.3	31,170	-11,195	1,274	842	401,215
Colorado	3,419	216	159	0	4	25,479	0.9	1,123	-2,830	193	168	25,840
Connecticut	2,811	-242	-994	3	1	28,663	1.8	995	154	35	49	28,747
Delaware	348	1	-119	3	2	4,908	1.1	329	-5	23	6	4,937
District of Columbia	470	44	-738	10	0	4,317	0.8	570	-1,548	130	3	4,450
Florida	5,866	309	-1,480	11	34	38,332	0.4	599	-8,796	82	96	38,510
Georgia	8,038	2,070	2,970	40	21	29,262	0.7	-1,131	-5,847	160	125	29,547
Hawaii	1,015	126	-662	2	5	5,642	1.0	-77	-3,243	31	61	5,734
Idaho	1,467	-93	133	14	2	10,582	1.3	274	1,811	229	21	10,832
Illinois	9,771	298	-2,046	6	4	110,131	1.9	-4,324	-13,517	319	133	110,583
Indiana	4,225	9	-2,568	5	1	32,137	1.1	438	819	56	31	32,224
Iowa	1,981	152	-389	1	1	21,682	1.4	793	-796	24	5	21,711
Kansas	1,447	376	-1,056	3	0	4,995	0.4	-51	-1,940	26	9	5,030
Kentucky	1,808	-3,402	-5,915	3	0	11,562	0.6	-2,413	-31,513	62	47	11,671
Louisiana	1,840	62	-82	4	3	12,353	0.7	-354	-3,978	49	14	12,416
Maine	626	-97	-278	0	0	7,644	1.3	332	-369	55	12	7,711
Maryland	1,907	-82	-1,147	8	2	20,742	0.7	2,108	-2,496	142	46	20,930
Massachusetts	6,963	0	-429	7	7	75,644	2.1	-670	-590	113	78	75,835
Michigan	7,151	-359	-2,522	4	7	66,866	1.6	473	-1,679	164	56	67,086
Minnesota	4,188	164	-1,132	2	3	61,189	2.2	1,412	-6,027	104	66	61,359
Mississippi	1,073	168	-131	1	3	5,912	0.5	-83	-56	37	17	5,966
Missouri	3,506	-97	-616	3	4	21,372	0.8	-1,541	-309	105	23	21,500
Montana	984	172	48	22	3	9,318	2.0	-50	390	540	21	9,879
Nebraska	748	31	-420	1	1	5,919	0.6	137	270	8	6	5,933
Nevada	2,322	-32	-142	3	0	20,130	1.4	1,210	-491	112	39	20,281
New Hampshire	435	69	-36	2	0	3,029	0.5	106	-175	1	2	3,032
New Jersey	7,144	847	-2,920	25	10	104,160	2.6	4,496	7,458	258	180	104,598
New Mexico	745	3	16	2	0	10,041	1.3	276	-218	194	22	10,257
New York	17,634	949	101	21	12	171,152	1.9	2,615	-31,085	306	236	171,694
North Carolina	3,654	72	239	5	1	19,310	0.4	600	3,714	65	101	19,476
North Dakota	437	-2	-158	0	1	5,217	1.3	214	-492	11	10	5,238
Ohio	7,959	-1,105	-7,212	6	9	60,851	1.2	-78	1,614	80	119	61,050
Oklahoma	1,276	61	-865	4	5	10,550	0.7	262	-2,547	35	45	10,630
Oregon	5,398	801	361	26	4	31,894	1.7	838	255	571	46	32,511
Pennsylvania	12,088	410	1,163	11	16	99,739	1.8	2,039	4,296	377	124	100,240
Puerto Rico	1,415	-168	44	9	8	17,913	2.0	-957	1,571	88	125	18,126
Rhode Island	1,090	-107	-157	3	2	11,275	2.4	48	509	22	17	11,314
South Carolina	2,358	100	1,211	2	6	13,867	0.7	-151	1,804	22	37	13,926
South Dakota	222	16	-46	2	0	2,576	0.6	57	-129	37	2	2,615
Tennessee	2,630	91	-3,498	4	8	17,071	0.5	351	-1,706	42	52	17,165
Texas	15,806	319	659	29	96	122,831	1.0	1,797	10,456	485	1,022	124,338
Utah	2,259	350	1,254	28	1	13,603	0.9	581	3,245	207	12	13,822
Vermont	415	21	-96	0	0	3,848	1.3	213	-115	3	0	3,851
Virgin Islands	26	-5	-18	1	0	196	0.6	34	-840	0	2	198
Virginia	1,920	-28	-20	1	2	11,624	0.3	253	4,081	60	78	11,762
Washington	5,502	46	643	10	15	58,089	1.7	857	130	384	262	58,735
West Virginia	803	-197	-578	2	0	9,255	1.5	-267	-155	35	25	9,315
Wisconsin	5,893	569	-1,939	9	4	37,335	1.3	890	-7,526	97	16	37,448
Wyoming	442	20	33	4	1	2,686	1.0	54	53	54	0	2,740
Totals	225,026	-202	-42,611	485	387	1,911,191	1.3	47,235	-97,831	7,811	4,566	1,923,568

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 JANUARY 28, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	+2,070	Layoffs in the trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-3,402	No comment.
CA	-2,551	Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
OH	-1,105	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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