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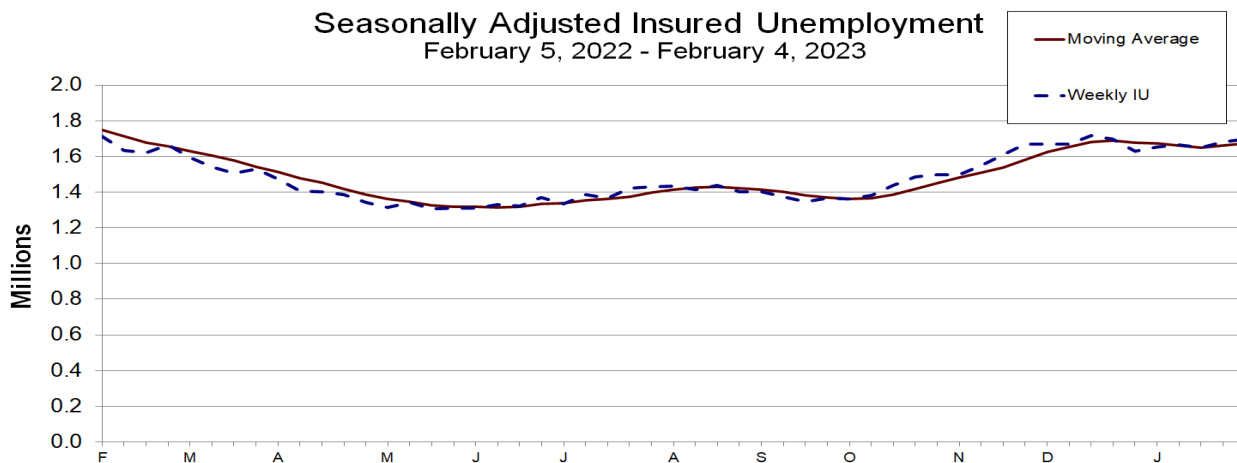
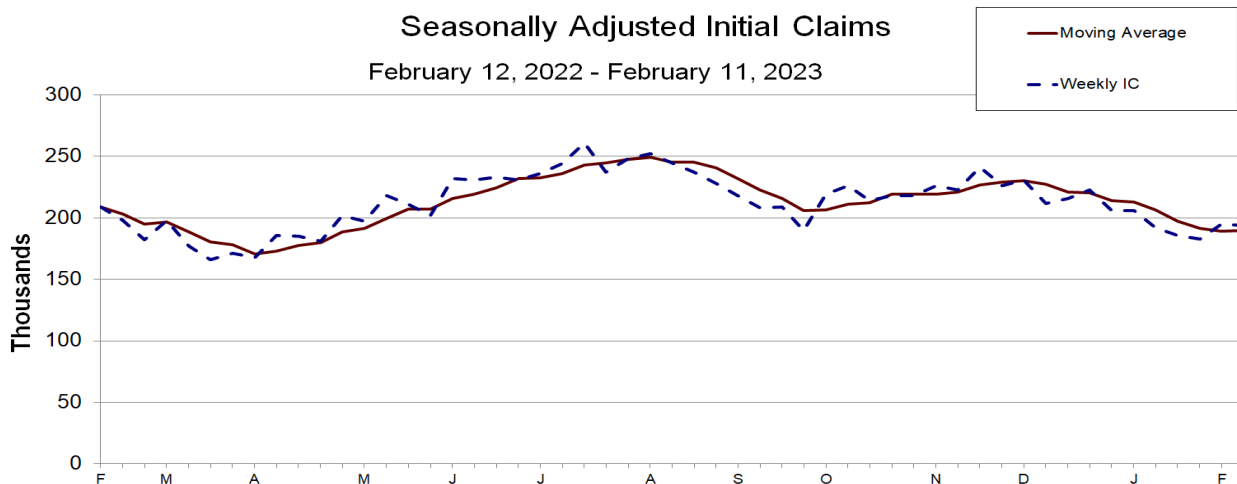
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 194,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 196,000 to 195,000. The 4-week moving average was 189,500, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 189,250 to 189,000.

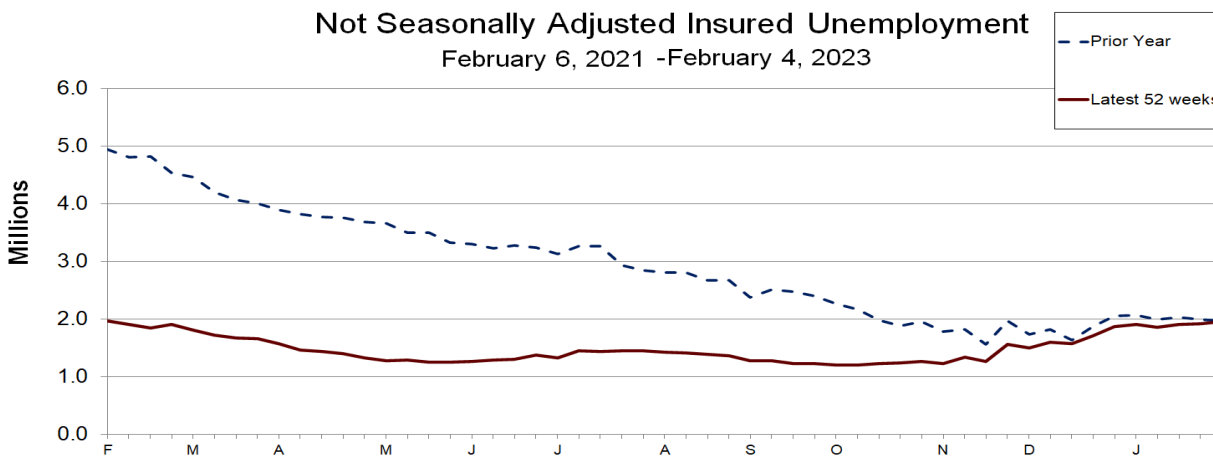
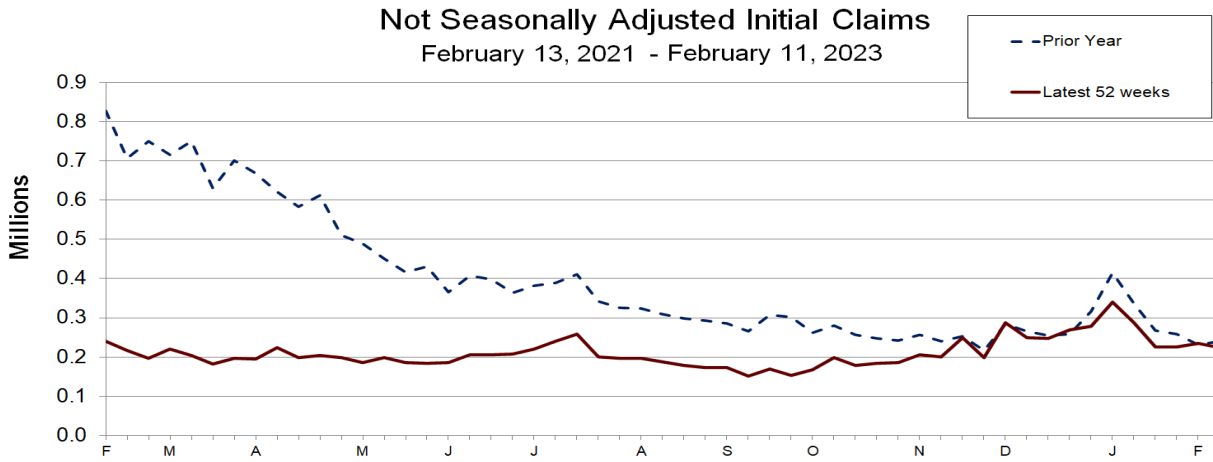
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 4 was 1,696,000, an increase of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,688,000 to 1,680,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,673,000, an increase of 10,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,664,750 to 1,662,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,727 in the week ending February 11, a decrease of 9,280 (or -4.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,190 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 239,812 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending February 4, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,954,081, an increase of 29,190 (or 1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 10,078 (or 0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,971,486.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 28 was 1,952,795, an increase of 10,109 from the previous week. There were 2,063,573 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 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 501 in the week ending February 4, an increase of 16 from the prior week. There were 401 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 14 from the preceding week.

There were 7,722 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 28, a decrease of 89 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,280, a decrease of 286 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 28 were in New Jersey (2.6), Rhode Island (2.5), California (2.3), Minnesota (2.3), Alaska (2.2), Massachusetts (2.2), Montana (2.1), Illinois (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), and New York (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 4 were in California (+6,820), Ohio (+3,528), Illinois (+1,533), Kansas (+611), and Florida (+568), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-1,463), New Jersey (-1,291), Texas (-859), Oregon (-692), and Arkansas (-632).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

| WEEK ENDING | February 11 | February 4 | Change | January 28 | Prior Year¹ |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Initial Claims (SA) | 194,000 | 195,000 | -1,000 | 183,000 | 209,000 |
| Initial Claims (NSA) | 224,727 | 234,007 | -9,280 | 225,026 | 239,812 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 189,500 | 189,000 | +500 | 191,750 | 209,000 |

| WEEK ENDING | February 4 | January 28 | Change | January 21 | Prior Year¹ |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Insured Unemployment (SA) | 1,696,000 | 1,680,000 | +16,000 | 1,650,000 | 1,714,000 |
| Insured Unemployment (NSA) | 1,954,081 | 1,924,891 | +29,190 | 1,911,201 | 1,971,486 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 1,673,000 | 1,662,750 | +10,250 | 1,650,250 | 1,750,250 |
| Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ² | 1.2% | 1.2% | 0.0 | 1.1% | 1.2% |
| Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ² | 1.3% | 1.3% | 0.0 | 1.3% | 1.4% |

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | February 4 | January 28 | Change | Prior Year¹ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Federal Employees (UCFE) | 501 | 485 | +16 | 624 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX) | 401 | 387 | +14 | 372 |

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

| WEEK ENDING | January 28 | January 21 | Change | Prior Year¹ |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Regular State | 1,917,833 | 1,903,649 | +14,184 | 1,994,743 |
| Federal Employees | 7,722 | 7,811 | -89 | 10,899 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 4,280 | 4,566 | -286 | 4,592 |
| Extended Benefits ³ | 3,049 | 2,871 | +178 | 36,029 |
| State Additional Benefits ⁴ | 2,566 | 2,037 | +529 | 2,197 |
| STC / Workshare ⁵ | 17,345 | 21,752 | -4,407 | 15,113 |
| TOTAL | 1,952,795 | 1,942,686 | +10,109 | 2,063,573 |

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 11 | | | Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 4 | | |
|----------------------|--|----------|--------|--|-----------|--------|
| | Advance | Prior Wk | Change | Advance | Prior Wk | Change |
| Alabama | 2,125 | 2,488 | -363 | 5,673 | 6,158 | -485 |
| Alaska | 884 | 884 | 0 | 6,151 | 6,429 | -278 |
| Arizona | 2,910 | 3,352 | -442 | 18,044 | 19,250 | -1,206 |
| Arkansas | 1,332 | 961 | 371 | 7,730 | 7,186 | 544 |
| California | 48,688 | 52,384 | -3,696 | 410,449 | 395,952 | 14,497 |
| Colorado | 2,769 | 3,114 | -345 | 26,860 | 25,902 | 958 |
| Connecticut | 3,734 | 3,005 | 729 | 30,118 | 30,187 | -69 |
| Delaware | 318 | 379 | -61 | 5,331 | 4,938 | 393 |
| District of Columbia | 653 | 598 | 55 | 4,512 | 3,779 | 733 |
| Florida | 5,677 | 6,434 | -757 | 33,128 | 37,110 | -3,982 |
| Georgia | 6,308 | 6,575 | -267 | 28,391 | 29,100 | -709 |
| Hawaii | 1,087 | 1,074 | 13 | 5,933 | 5,544 | 389 |
| Idaho | 1,369 | 1,461 | -92 | 10,639 | 10,806 | -167 |
| Illinois | 9,398 | 11,304 | -1,906 | 113,366 | 116,798 | -3,432 |
| Indiana | 4,315 | 4,500 | -185 | 33,180 | 32,407 | 773 |
| Iowa | 1,950 | 2,515 | -565 | 22,984 | 21,486 | 1,498 |
| Kansas | 1,377 | 2,058 | -681 | 6,150 | 5,526 | 624 |
| Kentucky | 1,765 | 1,940 | -175 | 11,375 | 11,475 | -100 |
| Louisiana | 1,607 | 1,929 | -322 | 11,145 | 12,119 | -974 |
| Maine | 747 | 719 | 28 | 7,926 | 7,751 | 175 |
| Maryland | 1,671 | 1,962 | -291 | 20,982 | 21,476 | -494 |
| Massachusetts | 7,436 | 6,727 | 709 | 81,619 | 79,080 | 2,539 |
| Michigan | 8,811 | 7,477 | 1,334 | 66,050 | 65,754 | 296 |
| Minnesota | 5,103 | 4,300 | 803 | 68,925 | 61,839 | 7,086 |
| Mississippi | 825 | 918 | -93 | 5,086 | 5,906 | -820 |
| Missouri | 3,040 | 3,853 | -813 | 21,879 | 22,424 | -545 |
| Montana | 730 | 950 | -220 | 10,176 | 9,661 | 515 |
| Nebraska | 750 | 800 | -50 | 6,018 | 5,907 | 111 |
| Nevada | 2,265 | 2,333 | -68 | 19,077 | 20,099 | -1,022 |
| New Hampshire | 339 | 404 | -65 | 2,989 | 2,903 | 86 |
| New Jersey | 5,763 | 5,853 | -90 | 110,069 | 104,709 | 5,360 |
| New Mexico | 682 | 735 | -53 | 9,952 | 10,042 | -90 |
| New York | 16,800 | 17,210 | -410 | 176,079 | 173,377 | 2,702 |
| North Carolina | 3,209 | 3,713 | -504 | 19,084 | 19,649 | -565 |
| North Dakota | 327 | 410 | -83 | 5,892 | 5,265 | 627 |
| Ohio | 13,303 | 11,487 | 1,816 | 61,137 | 61,561 | -424 |
| Oklahoma | 1,213 | 1,198 | 15 | 10,654 | 10,598 | 56 |
| Oregon | 4,780 | 4,706 | 74 | 33,370 | 32,468 | 902 |
| Pennsylvania | 8,909 | 11,593 | -2,684 | 101,248 | 102,136 | -888 |
| Puerto Rico | 1,313 | 1,465 | -152 | 15,438 | 17,823 | -2,385 |
| Rhode Island | 877 | 1,252 | -375 | 11,734 | 11,714 | 20 |
| South Carolina | 1,972 | 2,135 | -163 | 13,428 | 13,616 | -188 |
| South Dakota | 194 | 225 | -31 | 2,704 | 2,625 | 79 |
| Tennessee | 2,527 | 2,472 | 55 | 16,375 | 17,060 | -685 |
| Texas | 15,340 | 14,947 | 393 | 119,249 | 121,057 | -1,808 |
| Utah | 2,013 | 2,216 | -203 | 13,723 | 13,628 | 95 |
| Vermont | 323 | 373 | -50 | 4,044 | 3,891 | 153 |
| Virgin Islands | 27 | 25 | 2 | 212 | 222 | -10 |
| Virginia | 2,032 | 1,829 | 203 | 13,199 | 11,699 | 1,500 |
| Washington | 5,555 | 5,339 | 216 | 62,353 | 57,902 | 4,451 |
| West Virginia | 872 | 1,070 | -198 | 10,328 | 9,724 | 604 |
| Wisconsin | 6,297 | 5,906 | 391 | 38,853 | 36,426 | 2,427 |
| Wyoming | 416 | 450 | -34 | 3,070 | 2,747 | 323 |
| US Total | 224,727 | 234,007 | -9,280 | 1,954,081 | 1,924,891 | 29,190 |

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 | |
| 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 | 1,680 | 30 | 1,662.75 | 1.2 |
| February 4, 2023 | 195 | 12 | 189.00 | 1,696 | 16 | 1,673.00 | 1.2 |
| February 11, 2023 | 194 | -1 | 189.50 | | | | |

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
FEBRUARY 4

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 28

| STATE NAME | STATE | CHANGE FROM | | | | CHANGE FROM | | | | | | ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------|---|
| | | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | UCFE ¹ | UCX ¹ | STATE (%) ² | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | UCFE ¹ | UCX ¹ | | |
| Alabama | 2,488 | 92 | -1,471 | 6 | 9 | 6,158 | 0.3 | 483 | 777 | 31 | 11 | 6,200 |
| Alaska | 884 | 32 | -289 | 2 | 0 | 6,429 | 2.2 | -137 | -1,668 | 110 | 12 | 6,551 |
| Arizona | 3,352 | 256 | 587 | 8 | 2 | 19,250 | 0.6 | -25 | 5,714 | 109 | 12 | 19,371 |
| Arkansas | 961 | -632 | -436 | 0 | 0 | 7,186 | 0.6 | -497 | -3,294 | 42 | 15 | 7,243 |
| California | 52,384 | 6,820 | 783 | 121 | 65 | 395,952 | 2.3 | -3,147 | -46,223 | 1,194 | 814 | 397,960 |
| Colorado | 3,114 | -305 | -282 | 5 | 8 | 25,902 | 1.0 | 423 | -3,950 | 244 | 105 | 26,251 |
| Connecticut | 3,005 | 194 | -291 | 1 | 2 | 30,187 | 1.9 | 1,524 | 205 | 33 | 28 | 30,248 |
| Delaware | 379 | 31 | -36 | 2 | 1 | 4,938 | 1.1 | 30 | 32 | 16 | 7 | 4,961 |
| District of Columbia | 598 | 128 | -510 | 17 | 0 | 3,779 | 0.7 | -538 | -1,741 | 169 | 3 | 3,951 |
| Florida | 6,434 | 568 | -246 | 10 | 24 | 37,110 | 0.4 | -1,222 | -6,987 | 116 | 99 | 37,325 |
| Georgia | 6,575 | -1,463 | -44 | 33 | 19 | 29,100 | 0.6 | -162 | -9,171 | 142 | 119 | 29,361 |
| Hawaii | 1,074 | 59 | -467 | 1 | 14 | 5,544 | 1.0 | -108 | -3,619 | 50 | 51 | 5,645 |
| Idaho | 1,461 | -6 | 136 | 12 | 1 | 10,806 | 1.4 | 224 | 1,921 | 231 | 20 | 11,057 |
| Illinois | 11,304 | 1,533 | 570 | 7 | 1 | 116,798 | 2.0 | 6,667 | -21,504 | 301 | 107 | 117,206 |
| Indiana | 4,500 | 275 | -3,232 | 3 | 2 | 32,407 | 1.1 | 270 | -773 | 59 | 20 | 32,486 |
| Iowa | 2,515 | 534 | -42 | 2 | 0 | 21,486 | 1.4 | -196 | -2,254 | 26 | 9 | 21,521 |
| Kansas | 2,058 | 611 | 538 | 0 | 0 | 5,526 | 0.4 | 531 | -2,635 | 26 | 9 | 5,561 |
| Kentucky | 1,940 | 132 | -3,465 | 1 | 0 | 11,475 | 0.6 | -87 | -1,392 | 38 | 62 | 11,575 |
| Louisiana | 1,929 | 89 | 36 | 2 | 1 | 12,119 | 0.7 | -234 | -3,261 | 47 | 15 | 12,181 |
| Maine | 719 | 93 | -136 | 1 | 3 | 7,751 | 1.3 | 107 | -423 | 29 | 14 | 7,794 |
| Maryland | 1,962 | 55 | -941 | 8 | 1 | 21,476 | 0.7 | 734 | -2,201 | 101 | 80 | 21,657 |
| Massachusetts | 6,727 | -236 | 656 | 6 | 6 | 79,080 | 2.2 | 3,436 | 2,013 | 147 | 69 | 79,296 |
| Michigan | 7,477 | 326 | -3,434 | 5 | 7 | 65,754 | 1.6 | -1,112 | -1,042 | 157 | 52 | 65,963 |
| Minnesota | 4,300 | 112 | -697 | 3 | 2 | 61,839 | 2.3 | 650 | -5,564 | 111 | 60 | 62,010 |
| Mississippi | 918 | -155 | -179 | 1 | 1 | 5,906 | 0.5 | -6 | 194 | 25 | 19 | 5,950 |
| Missouri | 3,853 | 347 | -407 | 5 | 1 | 22,424 | 0.8 | 1,052 | 458 | 101 | 32 | 22,557 |
| Montana | 950 | -34 | 89 | 21 | 5 | 9,661 | 2.1 | 343 | 548 | 555 | 24 | 10,240 |
| Nebraska | 800 | 52 | -90 | 1 | 0 | 5,907 | 0.6 | -12 | 63 | 8 | 4 | 5,919 |
| Nevada | 2,333 | 11 | -258 | 7 | 1 | 20,099 | 1.4 | -31 | -328 | 133 | 32 | 20,264 |
| New Hampshire | 404 | -31 | -85 | 0 | 0 | 2,903 | 0.4 | -126 | -250 | 4 | 3 | 2,910 |
| New Jersey | 5,853 | -1,291 | -3,269 | 22 | 12 | 104,709 | 2.6 | 549 | 10,100 | 257 | 189 | 105,155 |
| New Mexico | 735 | -10 | -1 | 1 | 2 | 10,042 | 1.3 | 1 | -235 | 188 | 17 | 10,247 |
| New York | 17,210 | -424 | -998 | 23 | 19 | 173,377 | 1.9 | 2,225 | -30,401 | 302 | 242 | 173,921 |
| North Carolina | 3,713 | 59 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 19,649 | 0.4 | 339 | 3,416 | 65 | 92 | 19,806 |
| North Dakota | 410 | -27 | -93 | 2 | 1 | 5,265 | 1.3 | 48 | -801 | 10 | 7 | 5,282 |
| Ohio | 11,487 | 3,528 | 1,163 | 5 | 9 | 61,561 | 1.2 | 710 | 2,276 | 72 | 95 | 61,728 |
| Oklahoma | 1,198 | -78 | -881 | 5 | 3 | 10,598 | 0.7 | 48 | -2,264 | 34 | 39 | 10,671 |
| Oregon | 4,706 | -692 | 110 | 24 | 4 | 32,468 | 1.7 | 574 | 1,129 | 578 | 46 | 33,092 |
| Pennsylvania | 11,593 | -495 | -1,883 | 31 | 10 | 102,136 | 1.8 | 2,397 | -1,392 | 243 | 129 | 102,508 |
| Puerto Rico | 1,465 | 50 | -121 | 12 | 11 | 17,823 | 2.0 | -90 | 734 | 108 | 97 | 18,028 |
| Rhode Island | 1,252 | 162 | 252 | 2 | 1 | 11,714 | 2.5 | 439 | 682 | 21 | 16 | 11,751 |
| South Carolina | 2,135 | -223 | 647 | 3 | 5 | 13,616 | 0.6 | -251 | 1,419 | 23 | 37 | 13,676 |
| South Dakota | 225 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2,625 | 0.6 | 49 | -220 | 33 | 2 | 2,660 |
| Tennessee | 2,472 | -158 | -3,382 | 6 | 7 | 17,060 | 0.5 | -11 | -2,590 | 43 | 48 | 17,151 |
| Texas | 14,947 | -859 | -985 | 24 | 104 | 121,057 | 1.0 | -1,774 | 6,369 | 481 | 945 | 122,483 |
| Utah | 2,216 | -43 | 1,341 | 18 | 2 | 13,628 | 0.9 | 25 | 3,639 | 214 | 10 | 13,852 |
| Vermont | 373 | -42 | -128 | 0 | 1 | 3,891 | 1.3 | 43 | -459 | 3 | 2 | 3,896 |
| Virgin Islands | 25 | -1 | -36 | 0 | 0 | 222 | 0.6 | 26 | -650 | 0 | 0 | 222 |
| Virginia | 1,829 | -91 | -328 | 3 | 3 | 11,699 | 0.3 | 75 | 4,260 | 54 | 75 | 11,828 |
| Washington | 5,339 | -163 | 356 | 11 | 21 | 57,902 | 1.7 | -187 | 1,946 | 445 | 252 | 58,599 |
| West Virginia | 1,070 | 267 | -622 | 1 | 0 | 9,724 | 1.5 | 469 | -1,910 | 38 | 20 | 9,782 |
| Wisconsin | 5,906 | 13 | -1,743 | 6 | 6 | 36,426 | 1.3 | -909 | -7,224 | 97 | 13 | 36,536 |
| Wyoming | 450 | 8 | -48 | 5 | 0 | 2,747 | 1.1 | 61 | 20 | 58 | 0 | 2,805 |
| Totals | 234,007 | 8,981 | -24,281 | 501 | 401 | 1,924,891 | 1.3 | 13,690 | -118,511 | 7,722 | 4,280 | 1,936,893 |

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 February 4, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| CA | +6,820 | Layoffs in the service industry. |
| OH | +3,528 | No comment. |
| IL | +1,533 | Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries. |

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| GA | -1,463 | Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries. |
| NJ | -1,291 | 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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