

US Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Unemployment Insurance (UI)

**UI Weekly Claims Data
Unemployment Compensation for Federal Workers Fact Sheet**

Q1: What is Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE)?

A1: The UCFE program provides unemployment compensation for Federal employees who lost their employment through no fault of their own. UCFE is administered by the states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands who act as agents of the Federal government. In general, the unemployment insurance (UI) law of the state in which the former Federal employee had his/her last official duty station in Federal civilian service will be used to determine eligibility for UCFE benefits. Accordingly, the same terms and conditions that apply to individuals eligible for regular state UI apply to UCFE claimants. Additional information on UCFE can be found [here](#).

Q2: Is the UCFE data included in the headline number of the news release?

A2: Claims filed by former federal workers are generally not included in the advanced initial claims count. A UCFE claim would only be included in the headline figure when it is a “joint” claim, where the claimant’s eligibility is based on both Federal and other regular covered wage earnings from a different job.

Q3: Where can I find the latest claims data on former federal workers?

A3: The latest UCFE data can be found on pages 4 and 7 of the [UI Weekly Claims news release](#).

Q4: Where can I find historical claims data for former federal workers?

A4: Historical UCFE data is available through the UI [data downloads](#) resource on our website. Under the “ETA 539” table, click the raw data link. The column labeled C4 is the count for initial claims and the column labeled C9 is the continued weeks count.

Q5: Do you break out separately the Initial Claims filed by Federal Workers by specific State or Territory?

A5: UCFE data at the state level is available on page 7 of the news release and through the [data downloads](#) resource. If using the data downloads, scroll down to

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the “ETA 539” table, click on the raw data link. Column C4 is the count for initial claims and column C9 is the continued weeks.

Q6: Is the UCFE initial claims week ending date the same as the advanced initial claims data?

A6: No, the UCFE initial claims lags a week behind the advanced initial claims data.