



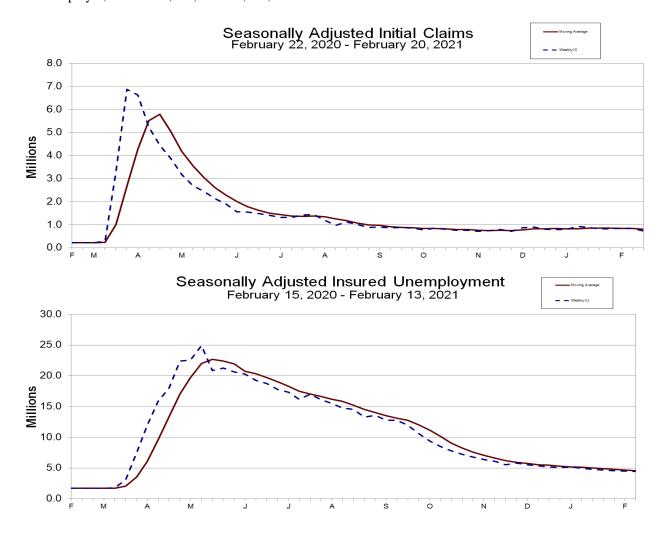
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#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 730,000, a decrease of 111,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 20,000 from 861,000 to 841,000. The 4-week moving average was 807,750, a decrease of 20,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 5,000 from 833,250 to 828,250.

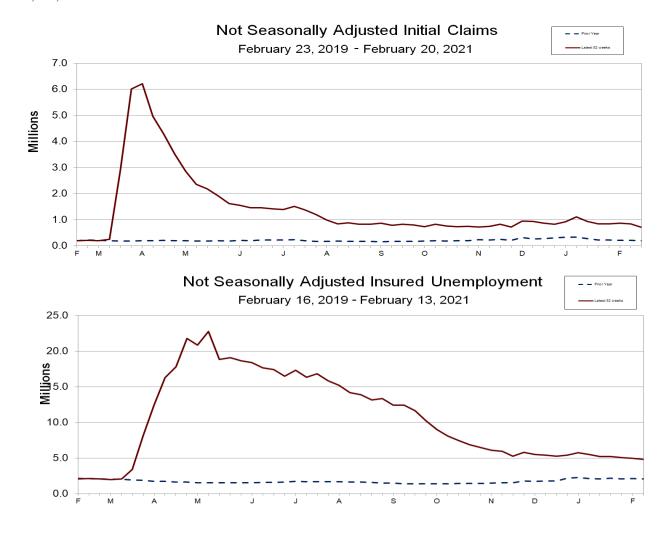
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.1 percent for the week ending February 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 13 was 4,419,000, a decrease of 101,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 26,000 from 4,494,000 to 4,520,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,547,000, a decrease of 91,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 6,500 from 4,632,000 to 4,638,500.



### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 710,313 in the week ending February 20, a decrease of 131,734 (or -15.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 21,100 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,278 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending February 20, 53 states reported 451,402 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending February 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 4,828,027, a decrease of 143,320 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 42,249 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,061,669.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending February 6 was 19,042,686, an increase of 701,102 from the previous week. There were 2,130,673 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending February 6, Extended Benefits were available in the following 18 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,386 in the week ending February 13, a decrease of 274 from the prior week. There were 708 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 226 from the preceding week.

There were 18,820 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending February 6, a decrease of 609 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,071, an increase of 742 from the prior week.

During the week ending February 6, 51 states reported 7,518,951 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 5,065,890 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending February 6 were in Pennsylvania (6.5), the Virgin Islands (6.3), Rhode Island (6.2), Alaska (5.8), Nevada (5.8), Connecticut (5.2), New York (5.0), Illinois (4.8), Michigan (4.8), and New Mexico (4.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 13 were in Illinois (+28,110), Ohio (+6,563), Idaho (+4,764), Kansas (+1,744), and California (+1,664), while the largest decreases were in Maryland (-9,835), Rhode Island (-6,129), Georgia (-5,854), New Jersey (-4,630), and Texas (-4,234).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 20	February 13	Change	February 6	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	730,000	841,000	-111,000	848,000	220,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	710,313	842,047	-131,734	868,053	199,278
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	807,750	828,250	-20,500	836,750	210,000
WEEK ENDING	February 13	February 6	Change	January 30	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	4,419,000	4,520,000	-101,000	4,558,000	1,693,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	4,828,027	4,971,347	-143,320	5,038,661	2,061,669
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,547,000	4,638,500	-91,500	4,752,250	1,713,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.1%	3.2%	-0.1	3.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.4%	3.5%	-0.1	3.5%	1.4%

### INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 20	February 13	Change	February 6
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	451,402	512,862	-61,460	341,867
WEEK ENDING	February 13	February 6	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,386	1,660	-274	619
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	708	934	-226	460

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

WEEK ENDING	February 6	January 30	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	4,934,288	5,003,178	-68,890	2,095,032
Federal Employees	18,820	19,429	-609	10,898
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,071	8,329	+742	5,663
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,518,951	7,685,857	-166,906	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	5,065,890	4,062,189	+1,003,701	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,388,194	1,456,461	-68,267	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,885	1,799	+86	5,571
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	105,587	104,342	+1,245	13,509
TOTAL <sup>8</sup>	19,042,686	18,341,584	+701,102	2,130,673

#### **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 142,133,208 as denominator.
- 3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: <u>PUA Program</u> information
- 4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: <u>PEUC Program information</u>
- 5. Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information
- 6. 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 4-4 of this link: Extensions and Special Programs PDF
- 7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: Extensions and Special Programs PDF
- 8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Claims	s Filed During Week	Ended February 20	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 13			
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang	
Alabama	10,721	12,087	-1,366	13,456	17,313	-3,857	
Alaska	4,320	3,468	852	16,687	17,402	-715	
Arizona	3,467	3,903	-436	71,947	68,986	2,961	
Arkansas	1,471	3,147	-1,676	16,694	22,475	-5,781	
California	89,473	139,603	-50,130	799,937	728,794	71,143	
Colorado*	16,245	12,160	4,085	73,199	70,188	3,011	
Connecticut	6,871	6,167	704	75,337	83,429	-8,092	
Delaware	1,645	2,066	-421	14,103	13,834	269	
District of Columbia	855	1,259	-404	20,158	22,239	-2,081	
Florida	16,100	21,564	-5,464	146,340	228,808	-82,468	
Georgia	25,007	26,532	-1,525	137,036	139,232	-2,196	
Hawaii	2,853	3,875	-1,022	20,800	22,142	-1,342	
Idaho	5,587	11,221	-5,634	14,619	15,074	-455	
Illinois	74,944	62,369	12,575	272,065	274,676	-2,611	
Indiana							
	10,711	12,287	-1,576	72,777	77,782	-5,005	
Iowa	5,457	5,988	-531	49,597	46,963	2,634	
Kansas	3,848	7,335	-3,487	28,504	24,094	4,410	
Kentucky	14,139	12,028	2,111	41,801	46,630	-4,829	
Louisiana	5,469	6,458	-989	49,785	54,587	-4,802	
Maine	2,095	2,045	50	16,569	17,274	-705	
Maryland	7,420	9,935	-2,515	57,175	64,776	-7,601	
Massachusetts	15,608	17,796	-2,188	149,015	163,138	-14,123	
Michigan	13,212	18,318	-5,106	164,449	195,631	-31,182	
Minnesota	10,802	12,111	-1,309	122,717	115,848	6,869	
Mississippi	9,312	6,362	2,950	25,568	28,987	-3,419	
Missouri	17,827	13,542	4,285	58,140	54,570	3,570	
Montana	1,477	2,108	-631	17,494	17,094	400	
Nebraska	1,967	2,288	-321	16,091	15,802	289	
Nevada	8,465	7,378	1,087	68,980	77,310	-8,330	
New Hampshire	2,408	2,338	70	25,424	26,750	-1,326	
New Jersey	10,041	11,575	-1,534	131,110	142,647	-11,537	
New Mexico	3,337	3,407	-70	35,649	37,719	-2,070	
New York	48,379	56,931	-8,552	443,223	454,308	-11,085	
North Carolina	7,713	9,350	-1,637	62,991	69,713	-6,722	
North Dakota	898	983	-85	10,811	9,743	1,068	
Ohio	100,792	147,051	-46,259	190,375	174,614	15,761	
Oklahoma	4,768	6,774	-2,006	28,569	34,061	-5,492	
Oregon	6,875	7,684	-809	75,954	76,808	-854	
Pennsylvania	24,144	28,417	-4,273	318,834	324,160	-5,326	
Puerto Rico	1,184	1,516	-332	28,169	31,802	-3,633	
Rhode Island	8,146	11,595	-3,449	23,125	28,311	-5,186	
South Carolina	3,705	4,287	-582	41,425	45,666	-4,241	
South Dakota	439	608	-169	5,453	5,661	-208	
Tennessee	12,077	8,596	3,481	49,049	53,974	-4,925	
Texas	35,355	42,788	-7,433	332,295	354,930	-22,635	
Utah	2,564	2,770	-206	15,939	16,560	-22,035 -621	
Vermont	2,364 727	2,770 999	-206 -272	12,660	12,834	-021 -174	
Vermont Virgin Islands							
C	99 15 207	168	-69 406	1,830	2,330	-500 2.560	
Virginia Washington	15,307	14,901	406	66,193	62,624	3,569	
Washington	14,488	14,158	330	158,083	148,427	9,656	
West Virginia	2,595	2,502	93	23,031	22,854	177	
Wisconsin	16,104	16,250	-146	110,619	104,222	6,397	
Wyoming	800	999	-199	6,176	5,551	625	
US Total	710,313	842,047	-131,734	4,828,027	4,971,347	-143,32	

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes state estimate.

		Change from			Change from		
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,781	254	5,941.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	862	146	778.25	5,507	-274	5,726.00	3.8
December 12, 2020	892	30	814.25	5,322	-185	5,534.25	3.6
December 19, 2020	806	-86	819.00	5,198	-124	5,452.00	3.5
December 26, 2020	782	-24	835.50	5,072	-126	5,274.75	3.5
January 2, 2021	784	2	816.00	5,175	103	5,191.75	3.6
January 9, 2021	927	143	824.75	4,975	-200	5,105.00	3.5
January 16, 2021	875	-52	842.00	4,785	-200 -190	5,001.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	812	-63	849.50	4,691	-190 -94	4,906.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	812	0	856.50	4,558	-94 -133	4,752.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	848	36	836.75	4,538 4,520	-135 -38	4,638.50	3.2
February 13, 2021	841	-7	828.25	4,320 4,419	-38 -101	4,638.30	3.1
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Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	PUA Initial Clai	ms Filed During Wee	k Ended February 20	PUA Continued C	laims For Week En	ded Feb 6
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Feb 6	Jan 30	Chang
Alabama	1,868	2,241	-373	29,727	29,558	169
Alaska	404	524	-120	11,656	12,532	-876
Arizona	1,624	1,943	-319	85,121	83,679	1,442
Arkansas	969	1,135	-166	24,217	77,294	-53,07
California	22,445	32,864	-10,419	1,631,495	988,681	642,81
Colorado	8,014	8,000	14	39,955	35,758	4,197
Connecticut	419	525	-106	37,900	36,932	968
Delaware	46	76	-30	5,261	5,579	-318
District of Columbia	160	163	-3	16,138	15,755	383
Florida	11,473	3,705	7,768	0	0	0
Georgia	2,436	2,522	-86	195,842	416,070	-220,22
Hawaii	629	653	-24	44,122	45,845	-1,723
Idaho	70	70	0	8,342	9,592	-1,250
Illinois	19,125	14,822	4,303	214,075	197,770	16,30
Indiana	9,934	9,123	811	185,968	258,801	-72,83
Iowa	731	782	-51	14,411	14,534	-123
Kansas	1,304	2,411	-1,107	38,007	40,546	-2,539
Kentucky	57,206	71,529	-14,323	30,562	18,217	12,34
Louisiana	1,718	2,416	-14,323 -698	115,904	115,315	589
	254	2,416 454				224
Maine			-200	13,318	13,094	
Maryland	3,009	2,743	266	186,070	258,122	-72,05
Massachusetts	2,719	3,358	-639	291,413	305,230	-13,81
Michigan	3,792	6,149	-2,357	203,219	558,646	-355,42
Minnesota	4	13	-9	47,300	46,612	688
Mississippi	622	1,080	-458	38,976	31,994	6,982
Missouri	1,118	1,296	-178	41,800	42,524	-724
Montana	1,237	531	706	15,940	17,944	-2,004
Nebraska	89	142	-53	3,342	3,360	-18
Nevada	6,413	12,432	-6,019	99,931	118,806	-18,87
New Hampshire	25	145	-120	12,254	12,891	-637
New Jersey	3,549	5,534	-1,985	375,932	374,632	1,300
New Mexico	1,117	1,429	-312	55,584	25,528	30,056
New York	40,918	36,713	4,205	1,258,276	1,280,228	-21,95
North Carolina	4,232	4,666	-434	100,745	100,128	617
North Dakota	479	709	-230	4,008	5,996	-1,988
Ohio	207,998	232,016	-24,018	616,589	481,052	135,53
Oklahoma	409	526	-117	17,388	17,699	-311
Oregon	2,164	1,535	629	70,713	88,165	-17,45
Pennsylvania	10,564	17,612	-7,048	397,632	410,529	-12,89
Puerto Rico	2,579	4,276	-1,697	218,641	267,257	-48,61
Rhode Island	3,091	4,817	-1,726	42,004	41,633	371
South Carolina	2,230	2,573	-343	54,672	51,723	2,949
South Dakota	12	6	6	334	503	-169
Tennessee	2,214	2,455	-241	70,745	73,201	-2,456
Texas	3,633	4,669	-1,036	233,923	345,008	-111,08
Utah	527	565	-38	2,886	3,199	-313
Vermont	71	57	14	8,801	8,739	62
Virgin Islands	17	27	-10	0	0	0
Virginia	1,435	3,553	-2,118	178,963	166,840	12,12
Washington	2,281	2,642	-361	104,582	106,609	-2,02
West Virginia	751	1,295	-544	10,694	10,844	-150
Wisconsin	1,119	1,340	-221	13,568	14,649	-1,08
Wyoming	1,119	0	155	13,308	14,049	-1,081 -9
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Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: <u>PUA Program information</u>. Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

			Claims Filed During Wee		
STATE	February 6	January 30	Change	January 23	January 1
Alabama	61,142	59,958	1,184	58,687	57,017
Alaska	12,321	6,515	5,806	6,218	6,151
Arizona	71,540	69,093	2,447	68,070	69,834
Arkansas	23,653	26,860	-3,207	27,610	18,710
California	1,504,898	648,806	856,092	1,598,317	518,616
Colorado	25,767	39,657	-13,890	0	0
Connecticut	74,410	74,061	349	71,434	68,073
Delaware	12,603	12,452	151	12,102	10,771
District of Columbia	12,829	13,730	-901	14,556	17,427
lorida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	27,512	27,708	-196	32,758	28,412
daho	6,943	5,720	1,223	4,446	3,884
llinois	236,759	246,696	-9,937	158,051	168,674
ndiana					
	80,829	86,086	-5,257	121,526	159,518
owa	8,584	9,750	-1,166	11,713	13,200
Cansas	268	326	-58	480	411
Kentucky	37,114	38,284	-1,170	35,635	34,089
ouisiana	78,033	74,267	3,766	69,954	61,499
Maine	19,185	18,810	375	18,572	18,144
Maryland	79,391	79,507	-116	78,644	77,309
<b>l</b> assachusetts	88,654	97,474	-8,820	103,695	110,905
Iichigan	96,516	138,935	-42,419	106,443	238,351
Iinnesota	140,100	133,717	6,383	134,915	136,100
Iississippi	35,044	28,712	6,332	29,026	27,513
Iissouri	23,619	25,007	-1,388	24,507	22,699
Iontana	9,257	8,991	266	8,897	8,127
lebraska	4,932	3,523	1,409	2,626	2,118
levada	59,448	62,347	-2,899	65,308	69,128
lew Hampshire	10,901	10,593	308	10,009	9,595
lew Jersey	362,036	99,708	262,328	108,941	114,746
lew Mexico	16,572	15,399	1,173	15,368	13,462
lew York	762,088	757,368	4,720	717,842	685,738
Jorth Carolina	193,039	189,576	3,463	183,121	118,591
Jorth Dakota	8,607	9,445	-838	12,785	6,413
Phio	134,240	136,890	-2,650	117,154	55,460
Oklahoma	46,923	47,902	-979	47,613	47,218
Oregon	75,271	73,647	1,624	68,809	61,431
ennsylvania	244,796	240,354	4,442	245,231	170,998
uerto Rico	87,091	93,376	-6,285	39,874	42,321
Rhode Island	17,248	16,639	609	16,483	15,705
outh Carolina	87,667	90,528	-2,861	95,596	79,183
outh Dakota	1,219	1,136	83	1,115	982
'ennessee	60,185	57,795	2,390	53,415	49,571
exas	7,466	14,133	-6,667	15,879	26,226
tah	12,447	12,290	157	11,938	10,694
ermont	13,567	13,249	318	12,721	12,428
irgin Islands	27	42	-15	36	49
irginia	38,033	89,523	-51,490	87,459	87,600
Vashington	3,542	3,991	-449	4,245	4,159
Vest Virginia	22,084	22,033	51	21,647	20,506
	24,603	25,623	-1,020	24,150	25,122
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Visconsin Vyoming	4,887	3,957	930	3,720	16

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: <a href="PEUC Program information">PEUC Program information</a>

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	EB	Claims Filed During Weeks En	nded:
STATE	February 6	January 30	Change
Alabama	1	0	1
Alaska	1,122	2,919	-1,797
Arizona	11,292	12,124	-832
Arkansas	76	87	-11
California	385,856	440,886	-55,030
Colorado	578	330	248
Connecticut	14,594	15,672	-1,078
Delaware	22	17	5
District of Columbia	19	23	-4
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	108	114	-6
Idaho	69	62	7
Illinois	74,569	60,067	14,502
Indiana	18	95	-77
Iowa	70	90	-20
Kansas	602	657	-55
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	74	232	-158
Maine	99	101	-2
Maryland	1,084	1,038	46
Massachusetts	62,250	117,745	-55,495
Michigan	95,597	107,278	-11,681
Minnesota	11	7	4
Mississippi	224	229	-5
Missouri	125	146	-21
Montana	39	56	-17
Nebraska	0	26	-26
Nevada	73,899	70,327	3,572
New Hampshire	235	269	-34
New Jersey	78,571	79,007	-436
New Mexico	29,641	29,361	280
New York	192,076	195,010	-2,934
North Carolina	2,909	7,252	-4,343
North Dakota	4	5	-1
Ohio	266	309	-43
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	17,415	18,421	-1,006
Pennsylvania	74,641	80,477	-5,836
Puerto Rico	6,989	5,784	1,205
Rhode Island	7,985	8,348	-363
South Carolina	175	169	6
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	179	141	38
Texas	224,119	168,785	55,334
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	44	52	-8
Virgin Islands	0	1	-1
Virginia	1,060	1,035	25
Washington	27,923	30,095	-2,172
West Virginia	20	22	-2
Wisconsin	1,366	1,569	-203
Wyoming	13	21	-8
US Total	1,388,029	1,456,461	-68,432

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information

## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 13

## INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 6

	1 LDROMKI 1								LDK	071101		ALL PROGRAMS
		CHANG LAST	E FROM YEAR					LAST	GE FROM YEAR			EXCLUDING RAILROAD
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE 1			` ′	<sup>2</sup> WEEK	AGO	UCFE 1		RETIREMENT
Alabama	12,087	-1,377	10,106	28	9	17,31	3 0.9	-224	742	76	33	17,422
Alaska	3,468	-529	2,553	13	1	17,40	2 5.8	-1,640	8,059	291	29	17,722
Arizona	3,903	-3,767	365	5	4	68,98	6 2.4	-898	50,470	299	152	69,437
Arkansas	3,147	-1,184	1,545	4	4	22,47	5 1.9	-1,769	9,496	194	22	22,691
California	139,603	1,664	96,158	273	88	728,7	94 4.3	-42,743	353,489	3,334	1,501	733,629
Colorado	12,160	-1,931	9,951	5	1	70,18	8 2.7	-2,651	48,112	279	174	70,641
Connecticut	6,167	-1,076	3,647	16	3	83,42	9 5.2	2 -1,100	44,045	259	61	83,749
Delaware	2,066	-276	1,456	1	1	13,83	4 3.0	) 48	7,917	51	14	13,899
District of Columbia	1,259	-221	786	93	0	22,23	9 3.9	-538	15,160	622	11	22,872
Florida	21,564	-146	16,335	40	52	228,8	08 2.7	41,334	194,359	490	322	229,620
Georgia	26,532	-5,854	20,255	90	39	139,2	32 3.2	-18,286	111,915	582	405	140,219
Hawaii	3,875	251	2,676	22	10	22,14	2 3.8	3 -1,670	16,021	185	105	22,432
Idaho	11,221	4,764	9,865	17	4	15,07	4 2.0	228	3,740	382	11	15,467
Illinois	62,369	28,110	54,324	9	3	274,6	76 4.8	-18,112	140,911	747	206	275,629
Indiana	12,287	-1,221	9,731	12	7	77,78	2 2.6	5 -1,513	55,430	267	100	78,149
Iowa	5,988	-132	3,749	8	2	46,96			16,164	119	36	47,118
Kansas	7,335	1,744	5,259	1	1	24,09			12,428	57	18	24,169
Kentucky	12,028	1,316	9,215	2	7	46,63			23,554	69	104	46,803
Louisiana	6,458	-2,552	4,719	17	12	54,58			39,530	120	24	54,731
Maine	2,045	-127	1,255	3	1	17,27			8,378	62	43	17,379
Maryland	9,935	-9,835	6,887	21	9	64,77			35,557	282	68	65,126
Massachusetts	17,796	-2,704	12,403	29	15	163,1		,	86,226	353	110	163,601
Michigan	18,318	-1,563	12,731	2	0	195,6			116,482	232	72	195,935
Minnesota	12,111	-1,363	8,470	7	8	115,8			51,892	213	101	116,162
Mississippi	6,362	-1,176	5,501	7	4	28,98			20,771	118	22	29,127
Missouri	13,542	1,329	10,179	5	3	54,57			27,208	153	24	54,747
Montana	2,108	-50	1,187	31	1	17,09			5,615	578	20	17,692
Nebraska	2,288	-185	1,751	5	2	15,80			9,998	26	13	15,841
Nevada	7,378	-2,575	4,835	5	0	77,31			57,725	200	81	77,591
New Hampshire	2,338	-1,256	1,914	2	1	26,75			22,735	46	6	26,802
New Jersey	11,575	-4,630	3,025	30	13	142,6			32,631	451	263	143,361
New Mexico	3,407	-302	2,682	6	3	37,71			27,732	516	67	38,302
New York	56,931	-3,052	42,598	21	30	454,3		,	290,197	428	622	455,358
North Carolina	9,350	-3,344	6,256	27	35	69,71			47,741	257	263	70,233
North Dakota	9,330	-3,344 -171	526	0	0	9,74			2,819	15	7	9,765
Ohio				15	24					294	201	
	147,051	6,563	140,519	15	5	174,6			103,400	124		175,109
Oklahoma	6,774 7,684	-427	5,141	50	3 7	34,06			16,548	942	48 139	34,233
Oregon	,	-1,163	3,400			76,80			45,641			77,889
Pennsylvania	28,417	-3,313	14,834	141 5	27 2	324,1			188,011	1,324	465	325,949
Puerto Rico	1,516	107	-72		7	31,80			10,688	376	43	32,221
Rhode Island	11,595	-6,129	10,599	13	•	28,31			17,147	74	19	28,404
South Carolina	4,287	-2,052	2,199	8	8	45,66			29,119	43	97	45,806
South Dakota	608	-38	414	10	2	5,66			2,465	81	4	5,746
Tennessee	8,596	-2,165	6,456	19	9	53,97			33,489	73	41	54,088
Texas	42,788	-4,234	29,998	156	197	354,9			221,455	1,253	1,980	358,163
Utah	2,770	-498	1,673	27	6	16,56			4,429	266	17	16,843
Vermont	999	-157	456	1	0	12,83			7,903	27	1	12,862
Virgin Islands	168	0	128	0	0	2,330			1,822	0	0	2,330
Virginia	14,901	698	12,208	16	5	62,62			40,143	329	222	63,175
Washington	14,158	-2,096	7,847	30	26	148,4			86,608	686	580	149,693
West Virginia	2,502	-220	1,330	4	2	22,85			5,998	219	32	23,105
Wisconsin	16,250	1,210	10,442	11	8	104,2			60,059	231	67	104,520
Wyoming	999	102	401	8	0	5,55			1,852	125	5	5,681
Totals	842,047	-26,006	632,868	1,386	708	4,971,3	3.5	-67,314	2,872,026	18,820	9,071	4,999,238

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 13, 2021

### STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+28,110	Layoffs in the other services, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
OH	+6,563	No comment.
ID	+4,764	No comment.
KS	+1,744	No comment.
CA	+1,664	No comment.
MO	+1,329	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and transportation and warehouse industries.
KY	+1,316	No comment.
WI	+1,210	No comment.

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

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MD	-9,835	No comment.
RI	-6,129	No comment.
GA	-5,854	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-4,630	No comment.
TX	-4,234	No comment.
AZ	-3,767	No comment.
NC	-3,344	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and administrative and
		support and waste management and remediation services industries.
PA	-3,313	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste
		management and remediation services industries.
NY	-3,052	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, and other services industries.
MA	-2,704	No comment.
NV	-2,575	No comment.
LA	-2,552	No comment.
TN	-2,165	No comment.
WA	-2,096	No comment.
SC	-2,052	No comment.
CO	-1,931	No comment.
MI	-1,563	No comment.
AL	-1,377	No comment.
NH	-1,256	No comment.
IN	-1,221	No comment.
AR	-1,184	No comment.
MS	-1,176	No comment.
OR	-1,163	No comment.
CT	-1,076	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.

# **Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data**

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