



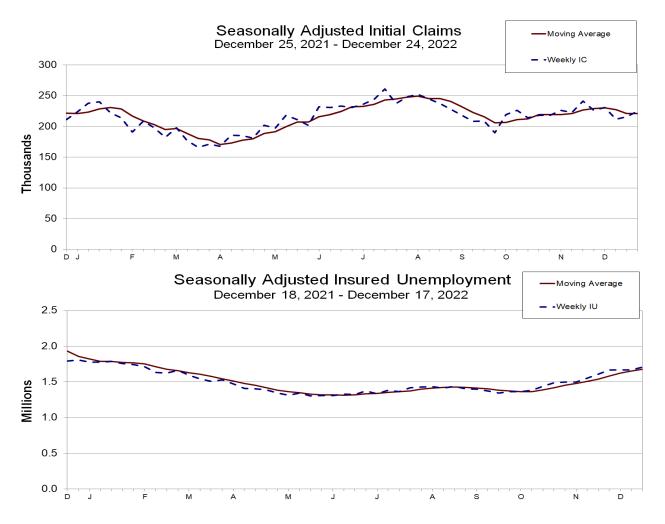
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 225,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 216,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,000, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 221,750 to 221,250.

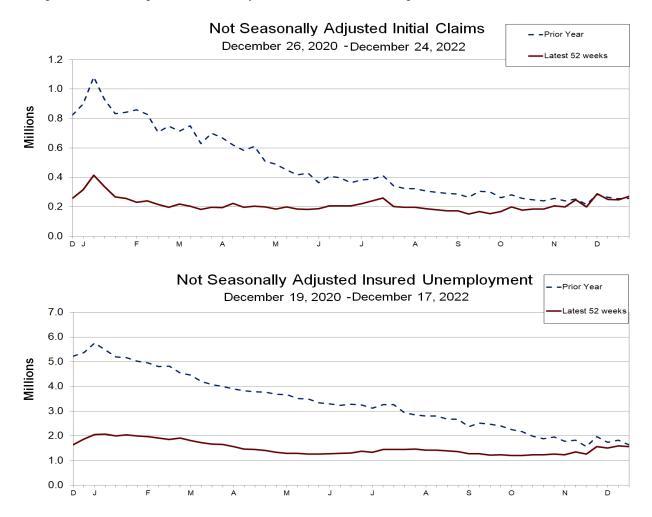
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 17, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 17 was 1,710,000, an increase of 41,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,672,000 to 1,669,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,679,500, an increase of 25,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,000 from 1,657,250 to 1,654,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 271,590 in the week ending December 24, an increase of 23,146 (or 9.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 12,974 (or 5.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 257,870 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending December 17, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,569,764, a decrease of 24,364 (or -1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 61,762 (or -3.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,638,597.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 10 was 1,619,728, an increase of 91,461 from the previous week. There were 2,177,372 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 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 607 in the week ending December 17, a decrease of 173 from the prior week. There were 381 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 34 from the preceding week.

There were 7,068 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 10, an increase of 208 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,425, an increase of 277 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 10 were in Alaska (2.3), California (2.1), New Jersey (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.0), Minnesota (1.8), Montana (1.8), Rhode Island (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), and Washington (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 17 were in Massachusetts (+1,505), New Jersey (+1,258), Missouri (+1,040), Rhode Island (+522), and Pennsylvania (+460), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,268), Ohio (-1,806), Texas (-941), Georgia (-760), and Washington (-704).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 24	December 17	Change	December 10	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	225,000	216,000	+9,000	212,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	271,590	248,444	+23,146	250,038	257,870
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,000	221,250	-250	227,500	221,750
WEEK ENDING	December 17	December 10	Change	December 3	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,710,000	1,669,000	+41,000	1,669,000	1,793,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,569,764	1,594,128	-24,364	1,503,412	1,638,597
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,679,500	1,654,250	+25,250	1,624,750	1,930,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	December 17	December 10	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	607	780	-173	695
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	381	415	-34	367

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	December 10	December 3	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,589,381	1,499,012	+90,369	1,823,518
Federal Employees	7,068	6,860	+208	9,465
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,425	4,148	+277	4,764
Extended Benefits ⁴	2,978	2,929	+49	67,543
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,788	1,679	+109	2,434
STC / Workshare ⁶	14,088	13,639	+449	14,506
TOTAL ⁷	1,619,728	1,528,267	+91,461	2,177,372

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 143,627,296 as denominator.
- 3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: Weekly Pandemic Program Claims
- 4. Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information
- 5. 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
- 6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>
- 7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Claims F	Filed During Week E	nded December 24	Insured Unemploy	ment For Week Ended I	December 17
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,630	2,706	-76	3,750	4,693	-943
Alaska	958	874	84	6,553	6,656	-103
Arizona	2,354	2,786	-432	16,286	17,851	-1,565
Arkansas	831	1,363	-532	6,076	7,286	-1,210
California **	42,510	44,703	-2,193	335,585	351,982	-16,397
Colorado	2,726	3,096	-370	21,895	21,482	413
Connecticut	6,212	4,293	1,919	21,934	20,447	1,487
Delaware	524	330	194	4,259	3,895	364
District of Columbia	536	575	-39	3,322	3,150	172
Florida	4,344	5,669	-1,325	34,528	41,901	-7,373
Georgia	4,074	5,852	-1,778	23,404	27,331	-3,927
Hawaii	1,185	985	200	5,245	5,302	-57
Idaho	2,327	2,091	236	7,967	7,506	461
Illinois	16,743	15,797	946	88,284	87,585	699
Indiana	5,617	4,545	1,072	23,035	21,595	1,440
Iowa	5,727	3,946	1,781	15,249	12,682	2,567
Kansas **	2,091		633	4,379		314
		1,458			4,065	
Kentucky	6,553	2,391	4,162	9,194	10,378	-1,184
Louisiana	1,647	2,078	-431	10,438	11,656	-1,218
Maine	1,011	844	167	5,327	5,034	293
Maryland	2,566	2,304	262	19,407	19,834	-427
Massachusetts *	11,308	8,955	2,353	56,429	56,072	357
Michigan	10,299	9,316	983	43,987	50,303	-6,316
Minnesota	7,220	6,163	1,057	57,459	49,356	8,103
Mississippi	929	1,301	-372	4,915	5,624	-709
Missouri	8,915	4,130	4,785	15,289	14,732	557
Montana	1,684	1,413	271	8,613	8,235	378
Nebraska	1,445	1,113	332	4,410	3,786	624
Nevada	2,847	3,066	-219	17,805	18,320	-515
New Hampshire	392	462	-70	2,223	2,281	-58
New Jersey	10,760	10,193	567	84,688	83,055	1,633
New Mexico	1,101	799	302	8,998	8,927	71
New York	18,751	16,517	2,234	149,086	142,060	7,026
North Carolina	2,628	3,598	-970	15,711	16,718	-1,007
North Dakota	1,017	938	79	4,075	3,059	1,016
Ohio	13,131	11,288	1,843	48,149	46,506	1,643
Oklahoma	1,452	1,486	-34	5,606	10,095	-4,489
Oregon	6,370	4,712	1,658	26,456	25,892	564
Pennsylvania	14,314	12,664	1,650	79,800	77,953	1,847
Puerto Rico	1,255	1,214	41	8,118	17,354	-9,236
Rhode Island	1,830	1,598	232	7,903	7,126	777
South Carolina	2,487	2,460	27	12,039	12,444	-405
South Dakota	501	333	168	1,867	1,714	153
Tennessee	3,498	2,746	752	13,105	13,277	-172
Texas	13,143	14,995	-1,852	106,006	116,445	-10,439
Utah	1,669	2,236	-567	10,824	10,119	705
Vermont	765	479	286	2,824	2,560	264
Virgin Islands	11	19	-8	196	214	-18
Virginia **	1,340	1,457	-117	9,085	9,027	58
Washington	8,331	6,147	2,184	57,213	52,194	5,019
West Virginia	899	1,143	-244	8,069	7,148	921
Wisconsin	7,535	6,230	1,305	30,119	27,126	2,993
Wyoming	597	587	10	2,580	2,095	485
US Total	271,590	248,444	23,146	1,569,764	1,594,128	-24,364

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 OUI estimate.

^{**}Denotes state estimate.

		Change from			Change from		
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
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	1,710	41	1,679.50	1.2
December 24, 2022	225	9	221.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 17

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 10

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CTATE NAME	CTL A TELE	LAST	YEAR	HOPE	riov l	OTT A TEXT	(0/) 2	LAST	YEAR	LIGER !	riow l	EXCLUDING RAILROAD
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK		UCFE 1		STATE				UCFE 1		RETIREMENT
Alabama	2,706	98	-1,103	5	6	4,693	0.2	379	-1,269	36	16	4,745
Alaska	874	-90	-404	7	1	6,656	2.3	83	-2,038	120	12	6,788
Arizona	2,786	-182	280	11	0	17,851	0.6	255	3,603	89	16	17,956
Arkansas	1,363	-444	-298	1	0	7,286	0.6	-46	-1,370	25	10	7,321
California	44,703	-2,268	-11,468	106	55	351,982		16,722	-69,790	998	802	353,782
Colorado	3,096	69	933	3	8	21,482	0.8	1,171	1,422	203	104	21,789
Connecticut	4,293	317	112	3	3	20,447	1.3	1,404	-2,957	24	35	20,506
Delaware	330	-15	-57	4	1	3,895	0.9	223	-223	16	5	3,916
District of Columbia	575	35	-484	12	1	3,150	0.6	230	-3,323	140	10	3,300
Florida	5,669	-366	509	4	20	41,901	0.5	3,395	-4,025	90	110	42,101
Georgia	5,852	-760	3,419	20	22	27,331	0.6	26	-4,456	181	125	27,637
Hawaii	985	-105	-873	0	2	5,302	0.9	-148	-4,712	46	57	5,405
Idaho	2,091	-5	233	19	3	7,506	1.0	677	1,956	173	16	7,695
Illinois	15,797	-626	2,546	11	2	87,585	1.5	13,138	-35,771	382	149	88,116
Indiana	4,545	-88	-289	5	6	21,595	0.8	-2,098	-4,803	42	27	21,664
Iowa	3,946	370	604	3	2	12,682	0.8	1,896	-1,459	28	5	12,715
Kansas	1,458	421	181	0	2	4,065	0.3	190	-1,386	32	14	4,111
Kentucky	2,391	392	-899	0	0	10,378	0.6	2,600	-2,416	48	58	10,484
Louisiana	2,078	31	155	5	1	11,656	0.7	226	-5,497	51	14	11,721
Maine	844	-124	-211	3	2	5,034	0.8	434	-1,115	29	11	5,074
Maryland	2,304	84	-207	11	7	19,834	0.8	-152	-3,377	178	51	20,063
Massachusetts	8,955	1,505	1,332	8	5	56,072	1.6	3,708	-2,712	119	78	56,269
Michigan	9,316	69	-3,512	0	5	50,303	1.2	9,828	-6,520	130	47	50,480
Minnesota	6,163	-347	-1,102	12	3	49,356	1.8	3,035	-10,097	101	55	49,512
Mississippi	1,301	142	-109	3	0	5,624	0.5	129	-39	23	13	5,660
Missouri	4,130	1,040	-1,616	2	1	14,732	0.5	706	-3,745	97	23	14,852
Montana	1,413	104	-39	45	0	8,235	1.8	422	1,577	440	20	8,695
Nebraska	1,113	234	-109	2	0	3,786	0.4	304	90	7	2	3,795
Nevada	3,066	200	387	12	2	18,320	1.4	756	-3,249	84	44	18,448
New Hampshire	462	94	-111	0	3	2,281	0.4	112	-448	4	3	2,288
New Jersey	10,193	1,258	2,555	16	7	83,055	2.1	2,580	-5,768	230	160	83,445
New Mexico	799	11	-926	5	0	8,927	1.1	247	-2,004	188	18	9,133
New York	16,517	-315	1,146	27	25	142,060	1.6	3,547	-2,205	336	320	142,716
North Carolina	3,598	-93	1,214	4	1	16,718	0.4	768	-2,340	62	91	16,871
North Dakota	938	195	57	2	0	3,059	0.8	402	-373	10	6	3,075
Ohio	11,288	-1,806	1,937	9	16	46,506	0.9	3,774	5,159	74	113	46,693
Oklahoma	1,486	212	-1,230	1	2	10,095	0.7	212	-3,315	37	45	10,177
Oregon	4,712	128	137	57	9	25,892	1.4	261	-5,070	500	37	26,429
Pennsylvania	12,664	460	4,757	17	17	77,953	1.4	1,283	-2,593	212	142	78,307
Puerto Rico	1,214	-270	193	6	8	17,354	2.0	-1,265	-4,087	119	111	17,584
Rhode Island	1,598	522	501	0	1	7,126	1.7	440	-215	24	15	7,165
South Carolina	2,460	50	1,256	6	1	12,444	0.6	263	1,010	23	41	12,508
South Dakota	333	-137	-156	6	0	1,714	0.4	274	158	25	2	1,741
Tennessee	2,746	379	-1,330	9	5	13,277	0.4	301	-1,575	42	42	13,361
Texas	14,995	-941	-196	49	102	116,445	0.9	14,543	-13	535	985	117,965
Utah	2,236	-44	370	27	3	10,119	0.6	891	2,972	158	15	10,292
Vermont	479	41	-46	1	0	2,560	0.9	168	-511	5	1	2,566
Virgin Islands	19	-2	-36	0	0	214	0.6	38	-650	2	0	216
Virginia	1,457	111	-1,930	4	5	9,027	0.2	407	-35,243	71	76	9,174
Washington	6,147	-704	-39	23	13	52,194	1.6	1,688	1,436	329	247	52,770
West Virginia	1,143	-637	50	2	0	7,148	1.1	-1,081	-806	34	17	7,199
Wisconsin	6,230	101	-2,487	5	3	27,126	1.0	1,310	-8,843	71	7	27,204
Wyoming	587	102	24	14	0	2,095	0.8	60	125	45	2	2,142
Totals	248,444	-1,594	-6,379	607	381	1,594,128	3 1.1	90,716	-232,900	7,068	4,425	1,605,621

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 DECEMBER 17, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+1,505	No comment.
NJ	+1,258	No comment.
MO	+1,040	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and transportation and warehousing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,268	No comment.
OH	-1.806	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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