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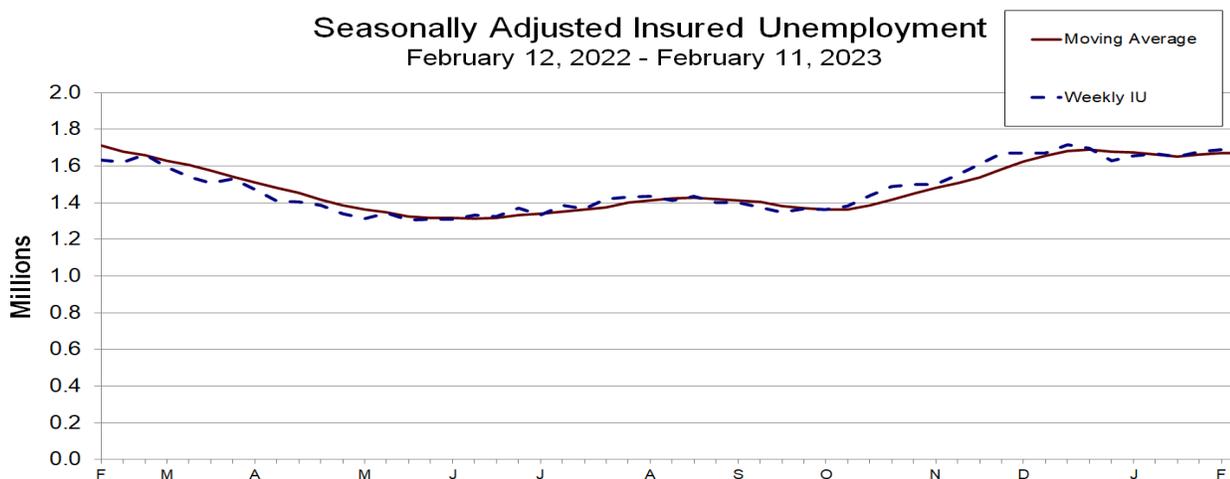
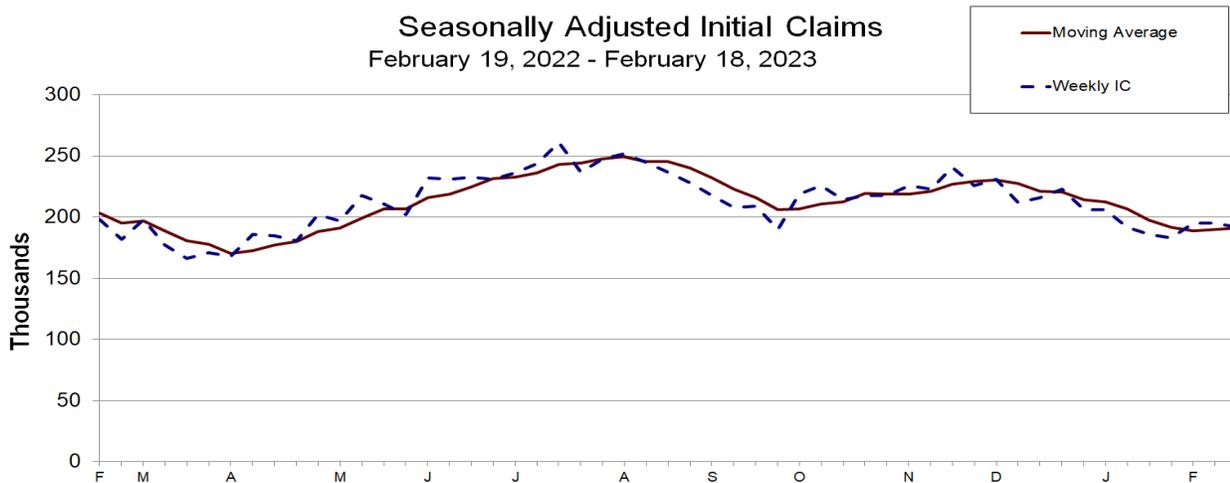
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending February 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 192,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 194,000 to 195,000. The 4-week moving average was 191,250, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 189,500 to 189,750.

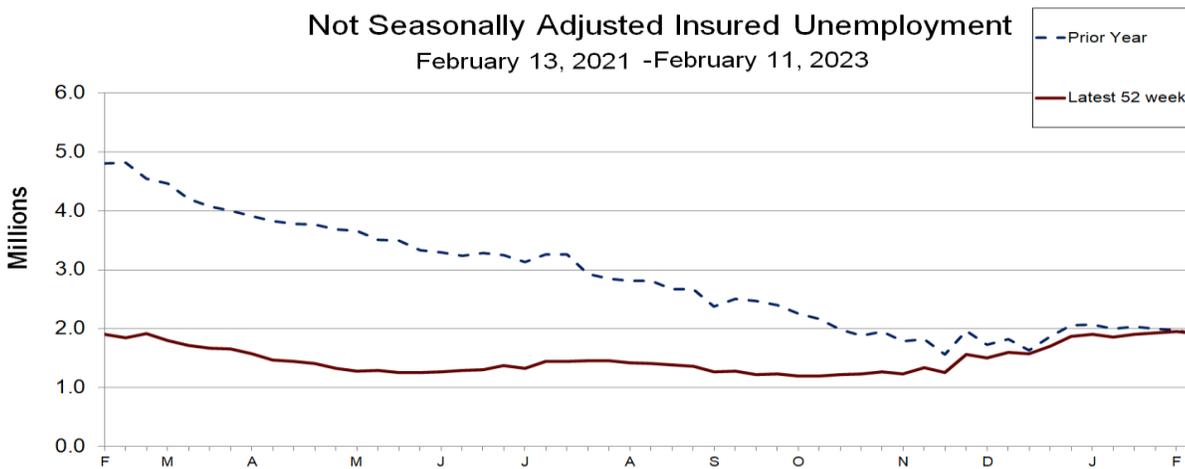
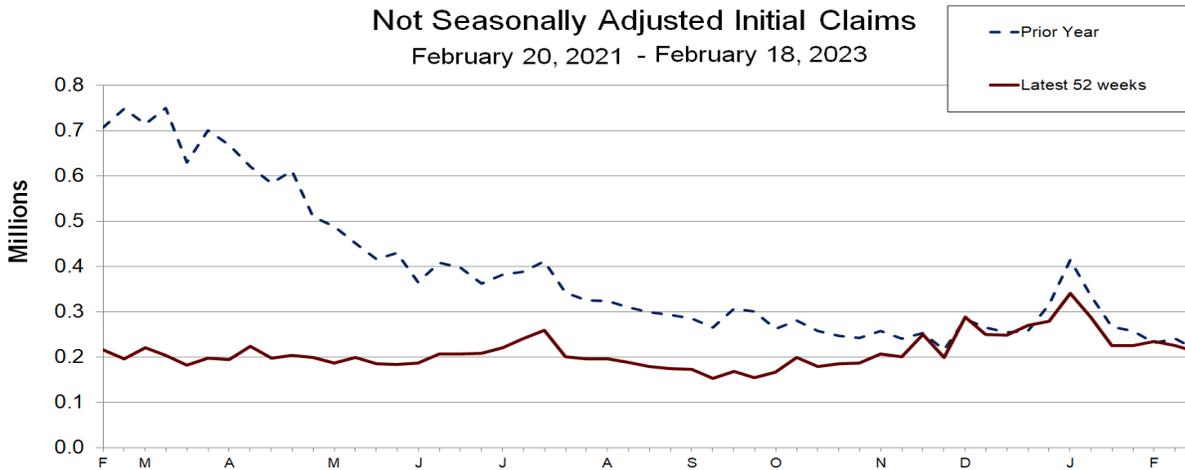
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending February 11, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 11 was 1,654,000, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,696,000 to 1,691,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,668,750, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,673,000 to 1,671,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 210,867 in the week ending February 18, a decrease of 14,465 (or -6.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,870 (or -5.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 215,978 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending February 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,921,791, a decrease of 26,639 (or -1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,913 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,910,832.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending February 4 was 1,979,303, an increase of 25,690 from the previous week. There were 2,033,907 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 February 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 438 in the week ending February 11, a decrease of 63 from the prior week. There were 382 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 19 from the preceding week.

There were 7,715 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending February 4, a decrease of 7 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,236, a decrease of 44 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending February 4 were in New Jersey (2.7), Rhode Island (2.5), Minnesota (2.4), California (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), Alaska (2.1), Montana (2.1), Illinois (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), and New York (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 11 were in Ohio (+1,855), Michigan (+1,350), Massachusetts (+743), Texas (+702), and Minnesota (+683), while the largest decreases were in California (-4,297), Pennsylvania (-2,594), Illinois (-1,956), Kansas (-985), and Iowa (-723).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 18	February 11	Change	February 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	192,000	195,000	-3,000	195,000	198,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	210,867	225,332	-14,465	234,007	215,978
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	191,250	189,750	+1,500	189,000	203,000

WEEK ENDING	February 11	February 4	Change	January 28	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,654,000	1,691,000	-37,000	1,680,000	1,633,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,921,791	1,948,430	-26,639	1,925,707	1,910,832
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,668,750	1,671,750	-3,000	1,662,750	1,711,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	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 11	February 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	438	501	-63	1,615
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	382	401	-19	372

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

WEEK ENDING	February 4	January 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,941,321	1,918,649	+22,672	1,966,858
Federal Employees	7,715	7,722	-7	10,543
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,236	4,280	-44	4,827
Extended Benefits ³	1,840	3,049	-1,209	34,256
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,003	2,568	-565	2,045
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,188	17,345	+4,843	15,378
TOTAL	1,979,303	1,953,613	+25,690	2,033,907

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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,923	2,230	-307	4,119	6,906	-2,787
Alaska	835	825	10	6,057	6,228	-171
Arizona *	3,238	3,357	-119	19,151	19,299	-148
Arkansas	1,399	1,355	44	8,455	8,430	25
California **	43,811	48,087	-4,276	400,812	403,719	-2,907
Colorado	2,579	2,701	-122	27,456	26,236	1,220
Connecticut	3,388	3,458	-70	30,322	29,137	1,185
Delaware	306	323	-17	5,156	4,884	272
District of Columbia	978	708	270	4,332	4,645	-313
Florida	5,096	5,887	-791	32,051	36,762	-4,711
Georgia	5,118	6,510	-1,392	27,362	29,393	-2,031
Hawaii	1,034	1,091	-57	5,616	5,862	-246
Idaho	1,165	1,365	-200	10,055	10,980	-925
Illinois	9,063	9,348	-285	122,403	112,042	10,361
Indiana	3,531	4,149	-618	28,288	33,029	-4,741
Iowa	1,814	1,792	22	21,751	22,736	-985
Kansas	1,507	1,073	434	5,774	5,792	-18
Kentucky	7,860	1,759	6,101	12,879	11,258	1,621
Louisiana	1,440	1,766	-326	11,013	12,296	-1,283
Maine	667	718	-51	8,053	7,669	384
Maryland	1,561	1,825	-264	20,619	22,144	-1,525
Massachusetts *	7,035	7,470	-435	78,369	82,012	-3,643
Michigan	6,212	8,827	-2,615	65,813	67,394	-1,581
Minnesota	3,538	4,983	-1,445	66,234	65,478	756
Mississippi	771	888	-117	5,076	5,768	-692
Missouri	2,309	3,134	-825	20,735	22,355	-1,620
Montana	657	732	-75	9,758	9,831	-73
Nebraska	549	750	-201	5,907	6,011	-104
Nevada	2,239	2,289	-50	19,086	19,923	-837
New Hampshire	275	424	-149	2,986	3,189	-203
New Jersey	6,835	5,906	929	109,472	108,038	1,434
New Mexico	607	711	-104	9,767	10,098	-331
New York	14,628	16,566	-1,938	174,979	173,681	1,298
North Carolina	3,072	3,328	-256	19,087	19,978	-891
North Dakota	314	300	14	5,651	5,494	157
Ohio	12,742	13,342	-600	61,268	62,398	-1,130
Oklahoma	1,771	1,356	415	10,391	10,702	-311
Oregon	4,225	4,781	-556	33,001	33,085	-84
Pennsylvania	9,385	8,999	386	99,260	102,109	-2,849
Puerto Rico	943	1,406	-463	7,539	17,682	-10,143
Rhode Island	1,160	885	275	11,739	11,631	108
South Carolina	1,685	2,093	-408	13,068	13,847	-779
South Dakota	190	214	-24	2,688	2,717	-29
Tennessee	2,067	2,622	-555	16,100	17,097	-997
Texas	14,247	15,649	-1,402	120,861	120,758	103
Utah	1,604	2,013	-409	13,448	13,801	-353
Vermont	312	333	-21	3,973	3,792	181
Virgin Islands	23	32	-9	192	204	-12
Virginia **	2,112	1,815	297	12,983	11,801	1,182
Washington	5,107	5,586	-479	61,226	57,912	3,314
West Virginia	754	909	-155	9,915	9,548	367
Wisconsin	4,863	6,223	-1,360	36,520	37,886	-1,366
Wyoming	323	439	-116	2,975	2,763	212
US Total	210,867	225,332	-14,465	1,921,791	1,948,430	-26,639

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.

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 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	1,691	11	1,671.75	1.2
February 11, 2023	195	0	189.75	1,654	-37	1,668.75	1.1
February 18, 2023	192	-3	191.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
FEBRUARY 11

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
FEBRUARY 4

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,230	-258	-265	6	11	6,906	0.4	748	1,786	30	11	6,947
Alaska	825	-59	-274	2	0	6,228	2.1	-201	-1,480	115	13	6,356
Arizona	3,357	5	468	8	2	19,299	0.6	49	6,149	109	12	19,420
Arkansas	1,355	394	600	2	0	8,430	0.7	1,244	2,681	30	10	8,470
California	48,087	-4,297	733	113	72	403,719	2.3	7,767	-30,969	1,255	810	405,784
Colorado	2,701	-413	-452	6	8	26,236	1.0	334	-1,230	268	112	26,616
Connecticut	3,458	453	470	1	3	29,137	1.8	-1,050	-1,922	30	32	29,199
Delaware	323	-56	-327	1	4	4,884	1.1	-54	115	71	7	4,962
District of Columbia	708	110	111	12	0	4,645	0.9	866	-185	169	3	4,817
Florida	5,887	-547	-38	14	48	36,762	0.4	-1,158	-6,841	126	106	36,994
Georgia	6,510	-65	542	25	16	29,393	0.7	293	-25,521	130	110	29,633
Hawaii	1,091	17	-388	3	8	5,862	1.0	312	-2,815	43	55	5,960
Idaho	1,365	-96	143	8	3	10,980	1.4	174	2,027	224	20	11,224
Illinois	9,348	-1,956	917	4	4	112,042	2.0	-4,756	-7,313	296	129	112,467
Indiana	4,149	-351	-1,823	6	3	33,029	1.1	622	966	41	25	33,095
Iowa	1,792	-723	-226	0	0	22,736	1.5	1,250	-1,013	25	5	22,766
Kansas	1,073	-985	-756	0	2	5,792	0.4	266	-1,527	30	9	5,831
Kentucky	1,759	-181	316	2	0	11,258	0.6	-217	-3,473	63	45	11,366
Louisiana	1,766	-163	46	3	2	12,296	0.7	177	-2,712	50	15	12,361
Maine	718	-1	47	0	0	7,669	1.3	-82	-507	35	11	7,715
Maryland	1,825	-137	-1,226	6	7	22,144	0.7	668	-2,561	139	74	22,357
Massachusetts	7,470	743	1,482	7	2	82,012	2.3	2,932	5,237	159	62	82,233
Michigan	8,827	1,350	-4,968	5	4	67,394	1.6	1,640	-11	160	57	67,611
Minnesota	4,983	683	570	3	5	65,478	2.4	3,639	-1,058	115	40	65,633
Mississippi	888	-30	-161	2	1	5,768	0.5	-138	388	31	14	5,813
Missouri	3,134	-719	-502	1	0	22,355	0.8	-69	1,484	91	20	22,466
Montana	732	-218	-149	21	2	9,831	2.1	170	968	497	23	10,351
Nebraska	750	-50	5	0	0	6,011	0.6	104	183	6	1	6,018
Nevada	2,289	-44	-40	4	2	19,923	1.4	-176	632	134	47	20,104
New Hampshire	424	20	37	0	0	3,189	0.5	286	123	1	2	3,192
New Jersey	5,906	53	-3,622	26	11	108,038	2.7	3,329	11,366	300	158	108,496
New Mexico	711	-24	38	2	1	10,098	1.3	56	-85	170	23	10,291
New York	16,566	-644	-114	15	15	173,681	1.9	304	-24,995	302	244	174,227
North Carolina	3,328	-385	321	2	2	19,978	0.4	329	4,344	60	116	20,154
North Dakota	300	-110	-119	2	0	5,494	1.4	229	-583	15	9	5,518
Ohio	13,342	1,855	3,615	3	9	62,398	1.2	837	4,925	109	93	62,600
Oklahoma	1,356	158	-363	2	5	10,702	0.7	104	-1,987	41	40	10,783
Oregon	4,781	75	504	18	5	33,085	1.8	617	2,989	539	45	33,669
Pennsylvania	8,999	-2,594	-2,971	11	14	102,109	1.8	-27	-3,088	234	102	102,445
Puerto Rico	1,406	-59	163	3	8	17,682	2.0	-141	779	103	121	17,906
Rhode Island	885	-367	36	0	0	11,631	2.5	-83	962	16	17	11,664
South Carolina	2,093	-42	508	2	2	13,847	0.7	231	1,495	43	35	13,925
South Dakota	214	-11	7	1	0	2,717	0.6	92	-118	28	1	2,746
Tennessee	2,622	150	-316	7	9	17,097	0.5	37	-2,555	38	47	17,182
Texas	15,649	702	1,225	44	75	120,758	1.0	-299	13,284	423	928	122,109
Utah	2,013	-203	1,080	13	2	13,801	0.9	173	4,229	197	10	14,008
Vermont	333	-40	-94	1	0	3,792	1.3	-99	-339	2	3	3,797
Virgin Islands	32	7	-43	1	0	204	0.6	-18	-510	12	0	216
Virginia	1,815	-14	-180	2	2	11,801	0.3	102	4,621	56	78	11,935
Washington	5,586	247	612	10	9	57,912	1.7	10	4,247	373	254	58,539
West Virginia	909	-161	-589	1	1	9,548	1.5	-176	-2,650	37	16	9,601
Wisconsin	6,223	317	-648	5	3	37,886	1.3	1,460	-4,995	87	16	37,989
Wyoming	439	-11	-62	2	0	2,763	1.1	16	106	57	0	2,820
Totals	225,332	-8,675	-6,120	438	382	1,948,430	1.3	22,723	-56,957	7,715	4,236	1,960,381

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 11, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	+1,855	Layoffs in the manufacturing and automobile industries.
MI	+1,350	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-4,297	Fewer layoffs in the service and construction industries.
PA	-2,594	No comment.
IL	-1,956	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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