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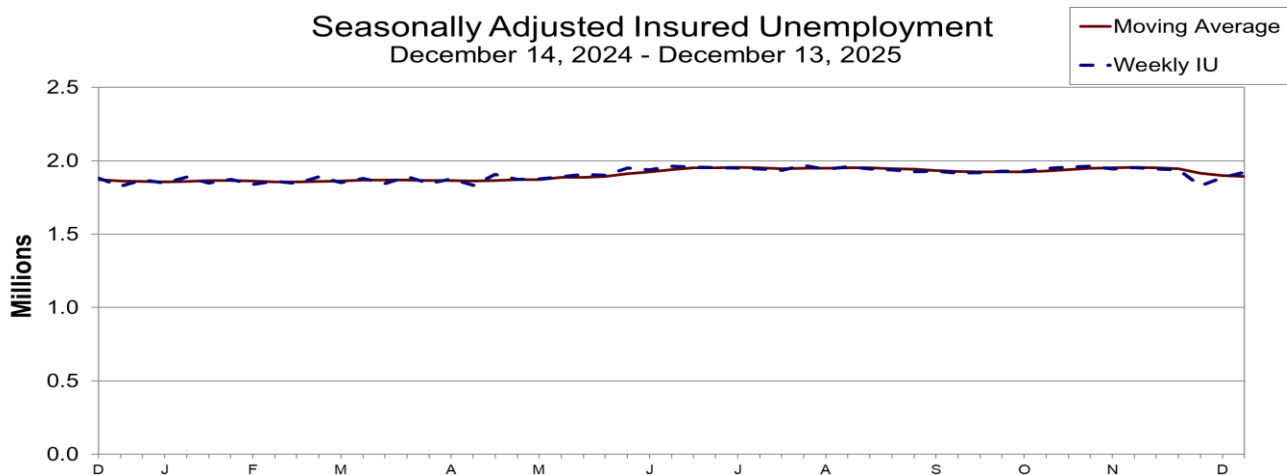
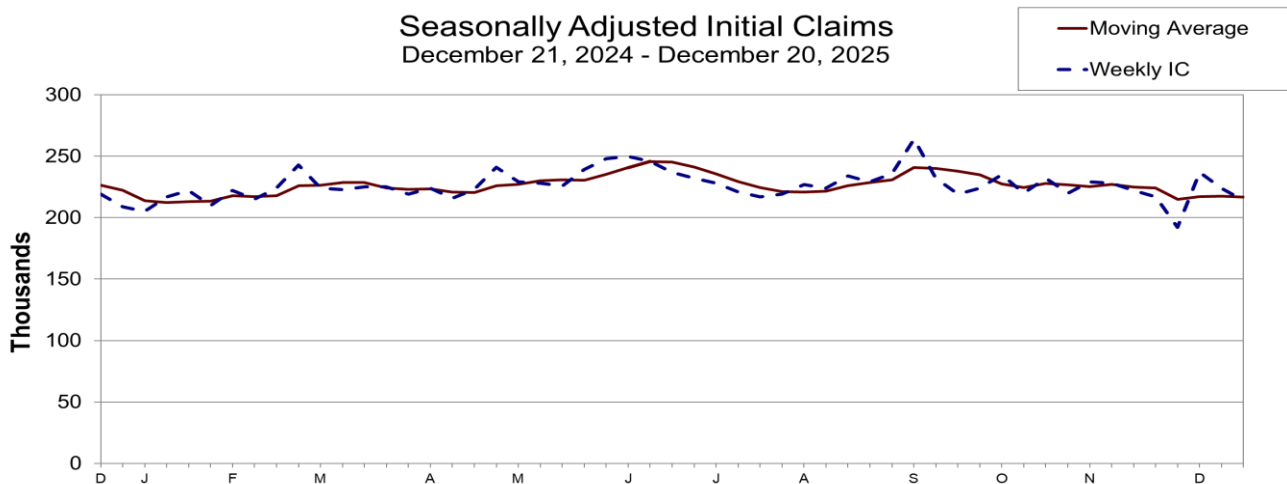
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 224,000. The 4-week moving average was 216,750, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 217,500.

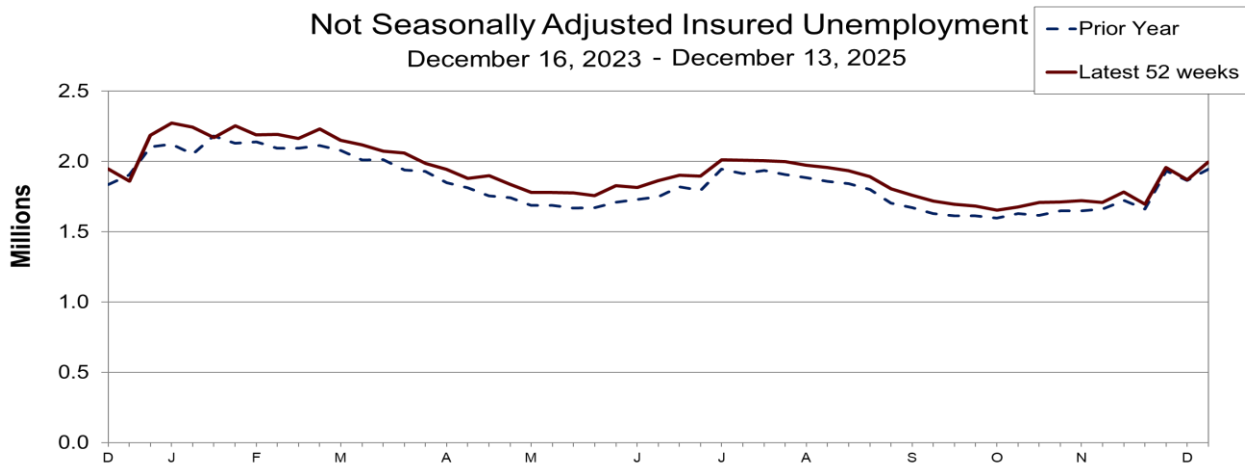
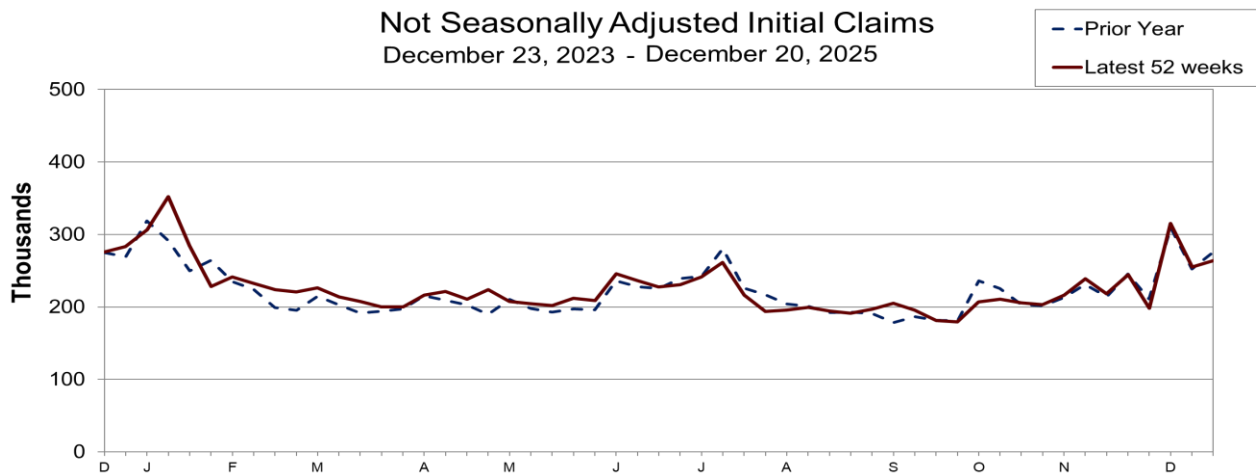
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending December 13, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 13 was 1,923,000, an increase of 38,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 12,000 from 1,897,000 to 1,885,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,893,750, a decrease of 5,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,000 from 1,902,000 to 1,899,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 264,009 in the week ending December 20, an increase of 8,832 (or 3.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 20,817 (or 8.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 275,557 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending December 13, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,994,074, an increase of 123,957 (or 6.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 84,834 (or 4.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,945,890.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 6 was 1,905,668, a decrease of 88,170 from the previous week. There were 1,892,662 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending December 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 805 in the week ending December 13, a decrease of 286 from the prior week. There were 391 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 3 from the preceding week.

There were 12,887 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 6, a decrease of 1,190 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,523, a decrease of 96 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 6 were in New Jersey (2.4), Washington (2.4), Massachusetts (2.1), Minnesota (2.1), California (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Alaska (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Montana (1.8), Nevada (1.8), New York (1.8), and Oregon (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 13 were in Rhode Island (+452), West Virginia (+325), Connecticut (+128), Mississippi (+57), and New Mexico (+51), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-7,242), New York (-5,720), Pennsylvania (-5,129), Minnesota (-4,361), and Georgia (-4,325).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 20	December 13	Change	December 6	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	224,000	-10,000	237,000	219,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	264,009	255,177	+8,832	314,915	275,557
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	216,750	217,500	-750	217,000	226,250

WEEK ENDING	December 13	December 6	Change	November 29	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,923,000	1,885,000	+38,000	1,830,000	1,882,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,994,074	1,870,117	+123,957	1,956,626	1,945,890
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,893,750	1,899,000	-5,250	1,916,000	1,872,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.3%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 13	December 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	805	1,091	-286	547
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	391	394	-3	375

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

WEEK ENDING	December 6	November 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,863,797	1,949,178	-85,381	1,857,706
Federal Employees	12,887	14,077	-1,190	6,032
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,523	4,619	-96	4,547
Extended Benefits ³	10	9	+1	100
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,048	3,246	-198	2,466
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,403	22,709	-1,306	21,811
TOTAL	1,905,668	1,993,838	-88,170	1,892,662

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 153,186,715 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 December 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,836	1,915	-79	8,114	9,041	-927
Alaska	758	639	119	6,199	6,112	87
Arizona	2,176	2,328	-152	16,297	18,829	-2,532
Arkansas	1,745	1,976	-231	6,869	6,963	-94
California	47,645	46,981	664	388,879	360,188	28,691
Colorado	3,625	3,451	174	34,328	33,051	1,277
Connecticut	5,482	4,090	1,392	26,786	23,814	2,972
Delaware	377	396	-19	5,473	5,230	243
District of Columbia	757	693	64	10,158	9,017	1,141
Florida	5,047	5,498	-451	26,516	27,163	-647
Georgia	3,952	4,895	-943	25,002	26,510	-1,508
Hawaii	1,025	921	104	5,662	5,461	201
Idaho	1,896	1,682	214	7,963	7,750	213
Illinois	14,329	14,337	-8	125,017	99,639	25,378
Indiana	3,487	3,953	-466	22,173	21,725	448
Iowa	4,105	4,447	-342	14,320	12,933	1,387
Kansas	1,520	1,794	-274	10,451	8,761	1,690
Kentucky	2,168	2,213	-45	10,201	10,179	22
Louisiana	1,313	1,673	-360	6,737	8,360	-1,623
Maine	1,099	1,118	-19	7,718	6,920	798
Maryland	2,354	1,981	373	25,781	25,758	23
Massachusetts	9,301	7,892	1,409	80,170	76,701	3,469
Michigan	10,716	10,421	295	69,176	57,728	11,448
Minnesota	7,308	8,244	-936	69,255	61,365	7,890
Mississippi	993	1,101	-108	5,806	6,350	-544
Missouri	5,619	4,161	1,458	20,162	18,144	2,018
Montana	1,202	1,233	-31	9,452	8,794	658
Nebraska	1,884	1,154	730	5,941	5,812	129
Nevada	3,259	2,872	387	28,019	26,985	1,034
New Hampshire	419	539	-120	3,470	4,074	-604
New Jersey	14,385	11,152	3,233	102,896	99,429	3,467
New Mexico	984	948	36	10,933	10,486	447
New York	18,006	19,114	-1,108	176,772	171,043	5,729
North Carolina	3,289	3,518	-229	18,628	19,176	-548
North Dakota	1,139	1,132	7	5,359	4,075	1,284
Ohio	8,173	8,744	-571	53,109	50,843	2,266
Oklahoma	1,325	1,349	-24	10,718	10,749	-31
Oregon	6,891	5,027	1,864	38,929	35,584	3,345
Pennsylvania	15,805	14,668	1,137	99,625	99,828	-203
Puerto Rico	1,337	1,399	-62	15,877	17,311	-1,434
Rhode Island	1,601	1,436	165	10,449	9,645	804
South Carolina	2,652	2,200	452	14,515	14,576	-61
South Dakota	469	464	5	2,388	2,193	195
Tennessee	3,612	3,045	567	17,099	16,323	776
Texas	16,327	16,334	-7	160,865	148,978	11,887
Utah	1,831	1,949	-118	14,082	13,899	183
Vermont	577	528	49	3,144	2,737	407
Virgin Islands	17	14	3	276	244	32
Virginia	2,799	2,578	221	20,681	18,561	2,120
Washington	8,256	6,662	1,594	94,199	85,775	8,424
West Virginia	1,154	1,913	-759	8,481	8,487	-6
Wisconsin	5,473	5,913	-440	30,168	28,470	1,698
Wyoming	510	492	18	2,786	2,348	438
US Total	264,009	255,177	8,832	1,994,074	1,870,117	123,957

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	
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,928	1	1,934.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	232	-32	240.25	1,916	-12	1,927.50	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-13	237.75	1,921	5	1,923.00	1.3
September 27, 2025	224	5	234.75	1,929	8	1,923.50	1.3
October 4, 2025	235	11	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	220	-15	224.50	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	232	12	227.75	1,957	10	1,940.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	220	-12	226.75	1,964	7	1,949.00	1.3
November 1, 2025	229	9	225.25	1,946	-18	1,953.50	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	-1	227.25	1,953	7	1,955.00	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,944	-9	1,951.75	1.3
November 22, 2025	217	-5	224.00	1,937	-7	1,945.00	1.3
November 29, 2025	192	-25	214.75	1,830	-107	1,916.00	1.2
December 6, 2025	237	45	217.00	1,885	55	1,899.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-13	217.50	1,923	38	1,893.75	1.3
December 20, 2025	214	-10	216.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 13					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 6						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,915	-370	-272	6	6	9,041	0.4	-447	216	75	15	9,131
Alaska	639	-118	-5	2	0	6,112	1.9	122	-230	88	3	6,203
Arizona	2,328	-286	-512	4	8	18,829	0.6	-951	-3,170	105	25	18,959
Arkansas	1,976	-177	516	3	2	6,963	0.5	-1,083	-468	42	5	7,010
California	46,981	-819	-108	192	95	360,188	2.0	-45,822	-24,199	1,709	1,141	363,038
Colorado	3,451	-831	-189	4	8	33,051	1.2	534	3,489	332	197	33,580
Connecticut	4,090	128	391	3	5	23,814	1.4	-165	-447	58	36	23,908
Delaware	396	-96	-2	1	3	5,230	1.1	-624	432	21	7	5,258
District of Columbia	693	-134	105	43	1	9,017	1.6	-258	1,951	1,595	9	10,621
Florida	5,498	-691	-551	23	29	27,163	0.3	-5,441	-4,566	198	90	27,451
Georgia	4,895	-4,325	-160	36	13	26,510	0.6	-5,100	-2,234	432	68	27,010
Hawaii	921	-284	8	1	6	5,461	0.9	-447	28	64	44	5,569
Idaho	1,682	-239	-382	7	1	7,750	0.9	393	261	167	5	7,922
Illinois	14,337	-7,242	-921	6	5	99,639	1.7	-117	-2,263	442	126	100,207
Indiana	3,953	-776	107	3	0	21,725	0.7	-189	-1,885	59	28	21,812
Iowa	4,447	-2,188	532	5	2	12,933	0.8	3,441	-1,320	28	4	12,965
Kansas	1,794	-461	-521	1	0	8,761	0.6	584	-677	37	24	8,822
Kentucky	2,213	-127	-1,107	4	1	10,179	0.5	162	398	85	25	10,289
Louisiana	1,673	-172	-205	4	1	8,360	0.4	104	-3,910	39	10	8,409
Maine	1,118	-115	96	1	0	6,920	1.1	372	483	44	2	6,966
Maryland	1,981	-656	-443	26	3	25,758	1.0	-1,519	2,529	888	63	26,709
Massachusetts	7,892	-137	-978	1	0	76,701	2.1	1,291	12,623	323	98	77,122
Michigan	10,421	-2,108	593	7	2	57,728	1.3	-2,977	2,532	147	37	57,912
Minnesota	8,244	-4,361	671	10	6	61,365	2.1	-1,142	1,253	130	49	61,544
Mississippi	1,101	57	-66	0	0	6,350	0.6	-333	-225	65	9	6,424
Missouri	4,161	-409	894	3	4	18,144	0.6	-270	-283	117	14	18,275
Montana	1,233	-421	230	48	0	8,794	1.8	518	433	296	5	9,095
Nebraska	1,154	-496	-467	1	2	5,812	0.6	-59	269	24	1	5,837
Nevada	2,872	-261	69	6	0	26,985	1.8	-884	1,335	131	70	27,186
New Hampshire	539	-55	50	3	0	4,074	0.6	83	717	14	0	4,088
New Jersey	11,152	-1,464	392	29	14	99,429	2.4	-2,516	160	366	222	100,017
New Mexico	948	51	144	0	2	10,486	1.2	-412	-22	154	31	10,671
New York	19,114	-5,720	2,533	29	12	171,043	1.8	-2,869	11,817	670	230	171,943
North Carolina	3,518	-370	-71	2	2	19,176	0.4	-771	-10,847	122	67	19,365
North Dakota	1,132	-281	143	1	0	4,075	1.0	864	112	20	3	4,098
Ohio	8,744	-1,371	104	13	13	50,843	0.9	3,051	-3,752	156	54	51,053
Oklahoma	1,349	-171	84	9	8	10,749	0.7	-672	1,199	88	31	10,868
Oregon	5,027	-2,979	386	52	2	35,584	1.8	-2,594	4,912	555	76	36,215
Pennsylvania	14,668	-5,129	-217	37	8	99,828	1.7	734	-1,473	524	140	100,492
Puerto Rico	1,399	-28	115	2	3	17,311	1.9	-838	-266	237	64	17,612
Rhode Island	1,436	452	22	4	0	9,645	2.0	146	211	38	24	9,707
South Carolina	2,200	-1,487	71	3	4	14,576	0.7	-1,352	546	64	50	14,690
South Dakota	464	-207	-11	6	0	2,193	0.5	393	-34	25	2	2,220
Tennessee	3,045	-3,014	-79	1	5	16,323	0.5	896	414	94	37	16,454
Texas	16,334	-3,519	788	48	77	148,978	1.1	-18,471	5,749	690	771	150,439
Utah	1,949	-551	-170	50	3	13,899	0.8	617	771	245	19	14,163
Vermont	528	-56	27	0	0	2,737	0.9	-351	190	4	0	2,741
Virgin Islands	14	2	-26	1	0	244	0.7	-22	-50	2	6	252
Virginia	2,578	-495	161	15	2	18,561	0.5	360	2,904	261	72	18,894
Washington	6,662	-2,593	808	28	28	85,775	2.4	-2,158	10,632	648	387	86,810
West Virginia	1,913	325	177	1	2	8,487	1.2	442	-599	56	9	8,552
Wisconsin	5,913	-2,831	42	4	2	28,470	1.0	-760	-673	68	15	28,553
Wyoming	492	-132	32	16	1	2,348	0.9	-2	281	45	3	2,396
Totals	255,177	-59,738	2,828	805	391	1,870,117	1.2	-86,509	5,254	12,887	4,523	1,887,527

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 13, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-7,242	No comment.
NY	-5,720	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing; accommodation and food services; and in construction industries.
PA	-5,129	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MN	-4,361	No comment.
GA	-4,325	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and in construction industries.
TX	-3,519	No comment.
TN	-3,014	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
OR	-2,979	No comment.
WI	-2,831	Fewer layoffs in construction, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
WA	-2,593	No comment.
IA	-2,188	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
MI	-2,108	Fewer layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and in construction industries.
SC	-1,487	No comment.
NJ	-1,464	No comment.
OH	-1,371	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.

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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