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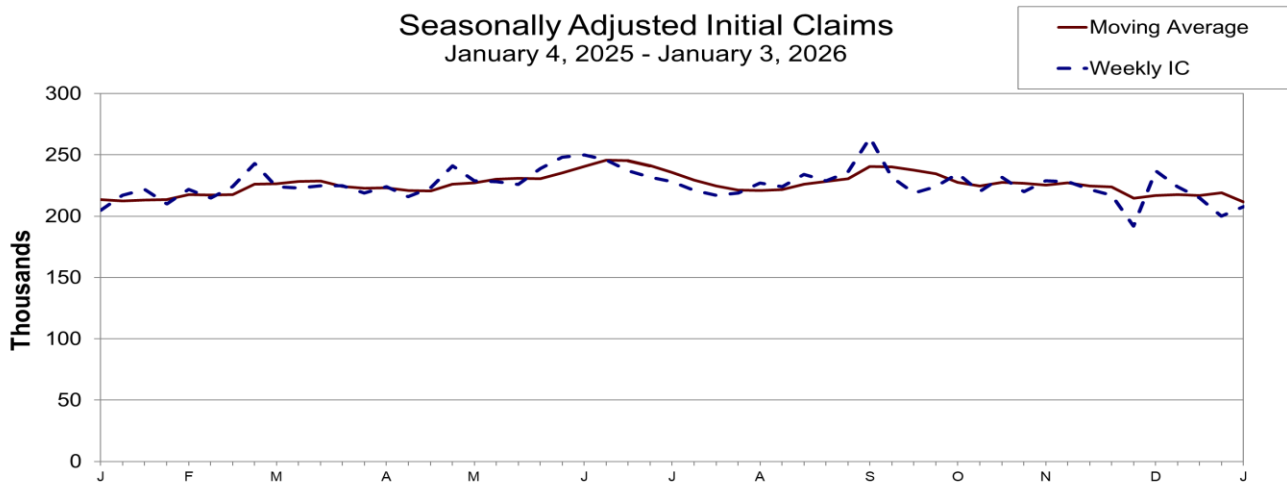
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

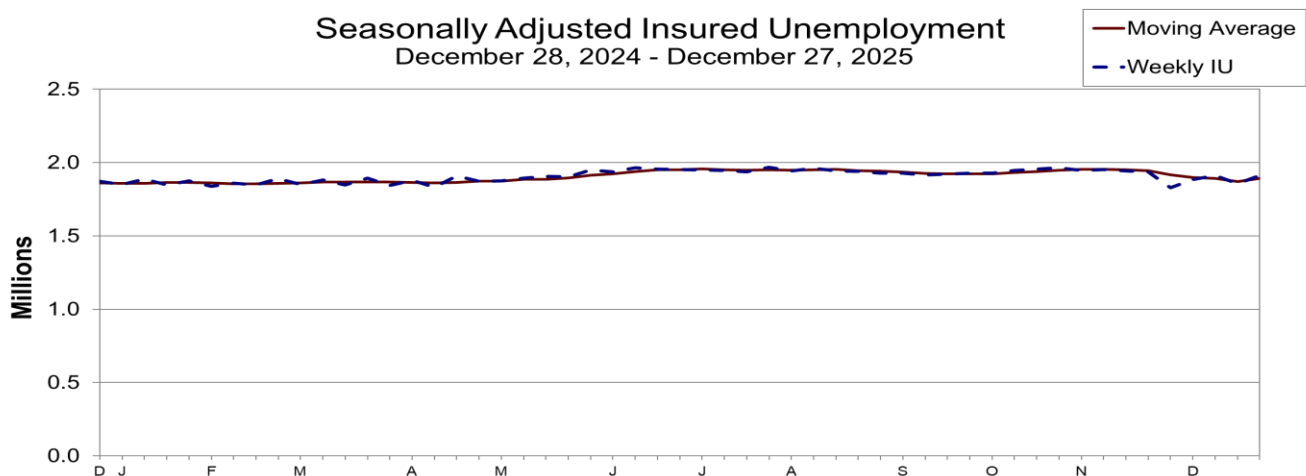
In the week ending January 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 208,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 199,000 to 200,000. The 4-week moving average was 211,750, a decrease of 7,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since April 27, 2024 when it was 210,250. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 218,750 to 219,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 27, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 27 was 1,914,000, an increase of 56,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,866,000 to 1,858,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,892,750, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,873,500 to 1,871,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 4, 2025 - January 3, 2026



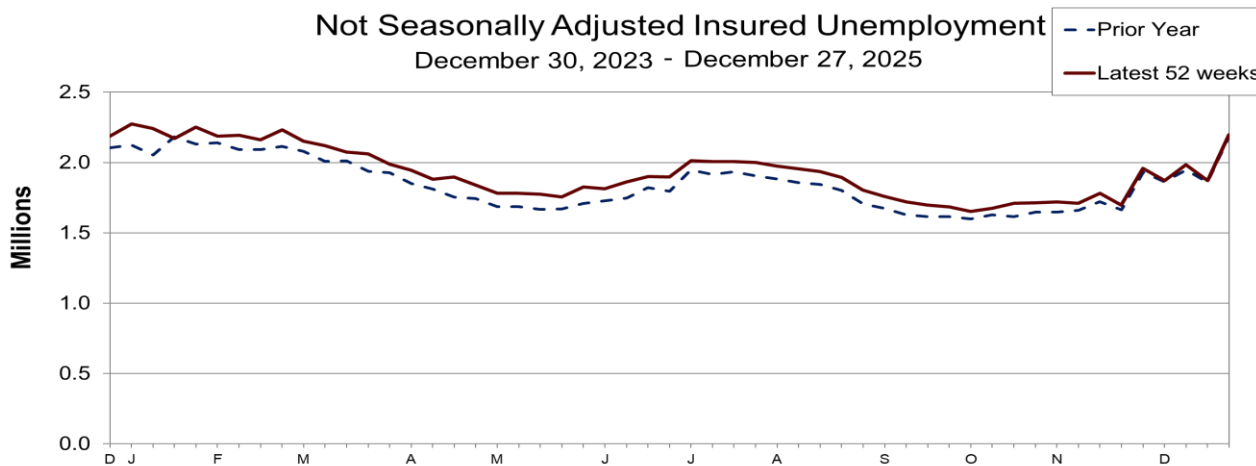
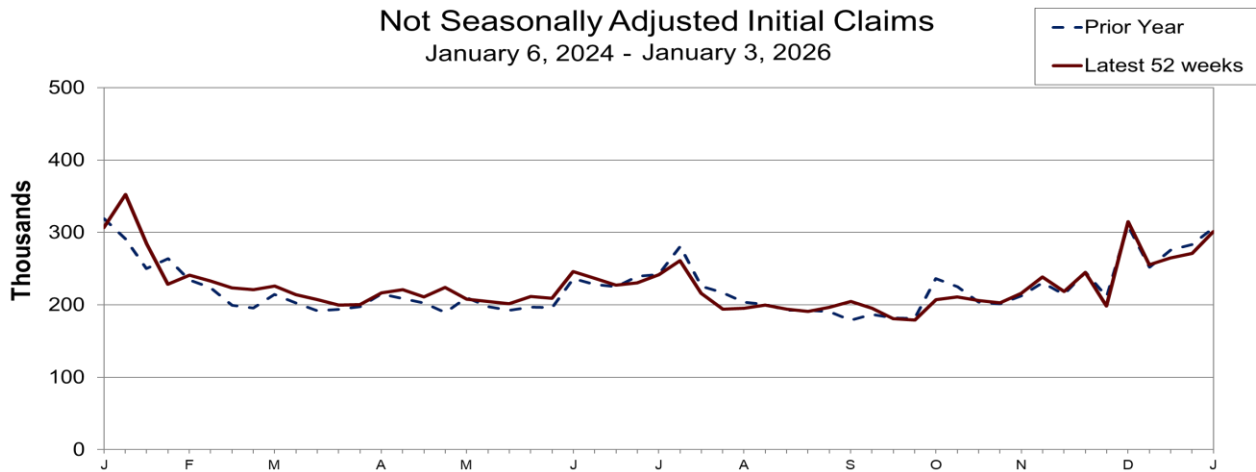
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
December 28, 2024 - December 27, 2025



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 300,860 in the week ending January 3, an increase of 29,677 (or 10.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 17,786 (or 6.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 306,657 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending December 27, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,195,157, an increase of 322,493 (or 17.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 258,234 (or 13.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,186,732.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 20 was 1,906,793, a decrease of 115,386 from the previous week. There were 1,886,299 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 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 479 in the week ending December 27, a decrease of 333 from the prior week. There were 187 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 177 from the preceding week.

There were 12,161 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 20, a decrease of 1,229 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,158, a decrease of 486 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 20 were in Washington (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3), Minnesota (2.2), Rhode Island (2.2), Alaska (2.0), Montana (1.9), Nevada (1.9), Oregon (1.9), and Puerto Rico (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 27 were in New Jersey (+6,871), Pennsylvania (+5,406), Michigan (+4,794), Connecticut (+3,366), and Missouri (+2,532), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-7,951), California (-6,514), Florida (-1,981), North Carolina (-1,454), and Colorado (-1,226).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 3</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	208,000	200,000	+8,000	215,000	205,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	300,860	271,183	+29,677	264,603	306,657
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	211,750	219,000	-7,250	217,000	213,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,914,000	1,858,000	+56,000	1,914,000	1,871,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,195,157	1,872,664	+322,493	1,984,304	2,186,732
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,892,750	1,871,750	+21,000	1,891,500	1,860,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.2%	+0.2	1.3%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	479	812	-333	340
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	187	364	-177	201

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,866,624	1,977,382	-110,758	1,853,528
Federal Employees	12,161	13,390	-1,229	6,212
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,158	4,644	-486	4,161
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	13	43	-30	80
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	3,216	3,430	-214	2,361
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	20,621	23,290	-2,669	19,957
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,906,793</b>	<b>2,022,179</b>	<b>-115,386</b>	<b>1,886,299</b>

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 January 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,072	1,205	867	8,978	8,770	208
Alaska	605	539	66	6,381	6,174	207
Arizona	1,914	1,528	386	15,718	17,344	-1,626
Arkansas	1,263	678	585	7,430	6,653	777
California	45,407	40,734	4,673	384,982	329,780	55,202
Colorado	3,412	2,316	1,096	34,429	32,710	1,719
Connecticut	6,707	8,747	-2,040	35,911	26,084	9,827
Delaware	359	807	-448	6,352	5,298	1,054
District of Columbia	646	454	192	10,061	8,398	1,663
Florida	4,000	3,322	678	25,145	24,469	676
Georgia	8,945	3,415	5,530	30,199	23,315	6,884
Hawaii	1,682	1,366	316	6,954	5,696	1,258
Idaho	1,588	1,783	-195	10,577	9,430	1,147
Illinois	11,603	14,520	-2,917	131,190	107,960	23,230
Indiana	4,694	3,479	1,215	25,720	22,299	3,421
Iowa	4,107	5,396	-1,289	22,026	15,735	6,291
Kansas	1,838	1,610	228	10,363	8,727	1,636
Kentucky	5,390	3,990	1,400	10,792	10,537	255
Louisiana	892	862	30	6,325	8,061	-1,736
Maine	1,059	742	317	8,692	7,379	1,313
Maryland	2,672	3,062	-390	26,718	24,892	1,826
Massachusetts	8,178	7,891	287	92,069	81,517	10,552
Michigan	15,075	15,595	-520	77,347	64,309	13,038
Minnesota	8,594	6,354	2,240	84,494	64,224	20,270
Mississippi	1,459	973	486	6,488	6,574	-86
Missouri	4,929	8,301	-3,372	23,515	20,890	2,625
Montana	1,127	1,052	75	10,970	9,266	1,704
Nebraska	1,043	2,018	-975	7,898	6,825	1,073
Nevada	2,894	2,816	78	30,099	28,521	1,578
New Hampshire	585	915	-330	3,953	4,238	-285
New Jersey	16,369	21,366	-4,997	121,661	100,415	21,246
New Mexico	767	924	-157	11,411	10,457	954
New York	32,947	17,397	15,550	202,601	175,051	27,550
North Carolina	3,039	1,921	1,118	18,649	18,117	532
North Dakota	720	827	-107	6,678	5,281	1,397
Ohio	8,281	10,484	-2,203	63,046	55,263	7,783
Oklahoma	1,325	1,508	-183	11,658	10,681	977
Oregon	10,871	7,432	3,439	47,162	36,610	10,552
Pennsylvania	20,183	21,249	-1,066	119,437	101,938	17,499
Puerto Rico *	1,090	1,447	-357	18,653	17,654	999
Rhode Island	2,400	2,886	-486	13,894	10,786	3,108
South Carolina	3,678	2,195	1,483	17,235	14,648	2,587
South Dakota	382	280	102	2,757	2,548	209
Tennessee	3,179	5,000	-1,821	19,348	16,894	2,454
Texas	13,811	8,772	5,039	165,131	138,285	26,846
Utah	1,596	1,456	140	15,083	14,253	830
Vermont	518	914	-396	3,984	3,091	893
Virgin Islands	11	7	4	212	160	52
Virginia	2,462	1,756	706	20,734	18,367	2,367
Washington	9,742	9,236	506	104,993	87,908	17,085
West Virginia	956	609	347	9,031	7,204	1,827
Wisconsin	11,336	6,518	4,818	36,927	28,581	8,346
Wyoming	458	529	-71	3,096	2,397	699
US Total	300,860	271,183	29,677	2,195,157	1,872,664	322,493

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.

## 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 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	1,914	29	1,891.50	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	217.00	1,858	-56	1,871.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	200	-15	219.00	1,914	56	1,892.75	1.2
January 3, 2026	208	8	211.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 27					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 20						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,205	-759	-627	0	2	8,770	0.4	-264	-264	67	8	8,845
Alaska	539	-143	-56	0	0	6,174	2.0	-119	-124	85	4	6,263
Arizona	1,528	-798	-242	5	2	17,344	0.5	-1,208	-4,269	118	26	17,488
Arkansas	678	-1,147	-853	1	0	6,653	0.5	-920	-382	30	8	6,691
California	40,734	-6,514	1,114	130	47	329,780	1.8	-55,068	-23,144	1,547	982	332,309
Colorado	2,316	-1,226	75	0	1	32,710	1.2	-629	2,784	349	187	33,246
Connecticut	8,747	3,366	-388	1	2	26,084	1.5	1,052	545	50	28	26,162
Delaware	807	392	84	3	0	5,298	1.1	49	388	20	5	5,323
District of Columbia	454	-274	-106	16	0	8,398	1.5	-379	1,313	1,404	10	9,812
Florida	3,322	-1,981	-153	17	11	24,469	0.3	-6,231	-3,546	177	67	24,713
Georgia	3,415	-750	-957	17	8	23,315	0.5	-3,174	-3,889	308	51	23,674
Hawaii	1,366	371	496	1	4	5,696	0.9	243	560	58	28	5,782
Idaho	1,783	-99	-770	5	1	9,430	1.1	968	224	182	8	9,620
Illinois	14,520	273	-2,202	5	1	107,960	1.8	-15,717	-1,705	400	108	108,468
Indiana	3,479	34	-196	2	2	22,299	0.7	125	-2,332	44	25	22,368
Iowa	5,396	1,222	-2,741	2	3	15,735	1.0	861	-2,195	31	7	15,773
Kansas	1,610	28	-311	0	0	8,727	0.6	-614	-2,336	29	22	8,778
Kentucky	3,990	1,819	-214	1	0	10,537	0.5	237	-546	112	24	10,673
Louisiana	862	-629	-244	2	3	8,061	0.4	-519	-4,323	38	4	8,103
Maine	742	-315	-84	0	1	7,379	1.2	-47	212	45	1	7,425
Maryland	3,062	388	-454	24	4	24,892	1.0	-858	2,585	810	60	25,762
Massachusetts	7,891	-626	-6,383	5	2	81,517	2.3	1,162	11,418	327	102	81,946
Michigan	15,595	4,794	-3,825	0	1	64,309	1.5	-6,358	3,909	167	20	64,496
Minnesota	6,354	-878	-353	5	0	64,224	2.2	-507	99	126	47	64,397
Mississippi	973	-119	-235	2	1	6,574	0.6	-18	-249	54	9	6,637
Missouri	8,301	2,532	2,326	4	1	20,890	0.7	362	1,594	92	19	21,001
Montana	1,052	-142	211	23	0	9,266	1.9	-17	370	350	6	9,622
Nebraska	2,018	99	656	0	0	6,825	0.7	595	-60	19	1	6,845
Nevada	2,816	-533	-168	8	2	28,521	1.9	722	2,320	140	73	28,734
New Hampshire	915	335	-134	1	0	4,238	0.6	-7	725	4	0	4,242
New Jersey	21,366	6,871	790	27	15	100,415	2.4	-1,071	420	321	220	100,956
New Mexico	924	-97	-42	2	1	10,457	1.2	-246	42	148	37	10,642
New York	17,397	-432	2,332	17	11	175,051	1.8	7	17,506	615	203	175,869
North Carolina	1,921	-1,454	-182	2	0	18,117	0.4	-1,437	-9,959	113	65	18,295
North Dakota	827	-227	-3	1	0	5,281	1.3	485	386	21	4	5,306
Ohio	10,484	2,225	-1,944	6	8	55,263	1.0	1,856	-3,625	155	51	55,469
Oklahoma	1,508	82	317	3	3	10,681	0.7	-120	955	68	36	10,785
Oregon	7,432	1,041	1,167	30	1	36,610	1.9	504	4,997	578	79	37,267
Pennsylvania	21,249	5,406	90	17	3	101,938	1.7	1,355	15	546	109	102,593
Puerto Rico	1,447	0	78	4	2	17,654	1.9	0	3,916	271	79	18,004
Rhode Island	2,886	1,281	-348	4	1	10,786	2.2	429	32	43	14	10,843
South Carolina	2,195	-605	-21	2	0	14,648	0.7	-261	89	62	43	14,753
South Dakota	280	-117	-16	2	0	2,548	0.6	96	114	31	3	2,582
Tennessee	5,000	1,416	1,270	2	3	16,894	0.5	-325	782	67	34	16,995
Texas	8,772	-7,951	1,785	19	30	138,285	1.0	-24,317	4,100	627	728	139,640
Utah	1,456	-375	-38	28	1	14,253	0.8	76	680	278	19	14,550
Vermont	914	321	16	0	0	3,091	1.0	137	248	4	0	3,095
Virgin Islands	7	-9	-3	0	0	160	0.5	-108	-64	0	2	162
Virginia	1,756	-1,034	288	1	1	18,367	0.5	-469	2,655	244	63	18,674
Washington	9,236	986	364	11	6	87,908	2.5	-180	11,014	626	401	88,935
West Virginia	609	-591	-419	3	1	7,204	1.0	-692	-815	53	10	7,267
Wisconsin	6,518	1,123	-1,283	7	1	28,581	1.0	-1,084	-1,631	64	13	28,658
Wyoming	529	0	67	11	0	2,397	0.9	3	237	43	5	2,445
Totals	271,183	6,580	-12,469	479	187	1,872,664	1.2	-111,640	11,776	12,161	4,158	1,888,983

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 27, 2025**

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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NJ	+6,871	No comment.
PA	+5,406	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, manufacturing, and accommodation and food services industries.
MI	+4,749	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
CT	+3,366	No comment.
MO	+2,532	Layoffs in manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	+2,225	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
KY	+1,819	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
TN	+1,416	No comment.
RI	+1,281	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and manufacturing industries.
IA	+1,222	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
WI	+1,123	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing and in manufacturing industries.
OR	+1,041	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
TX	-7,951	No comment.
CA	-6,514	No comment.
FL	-1,981	Fewer layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and in retail trade industries.
NC	-1,454	Fewer layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and in accommodation and food services industries.
CO	-1,226	No comment.
VA	-1,034	Fewer layoffs in accommodation and food services 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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