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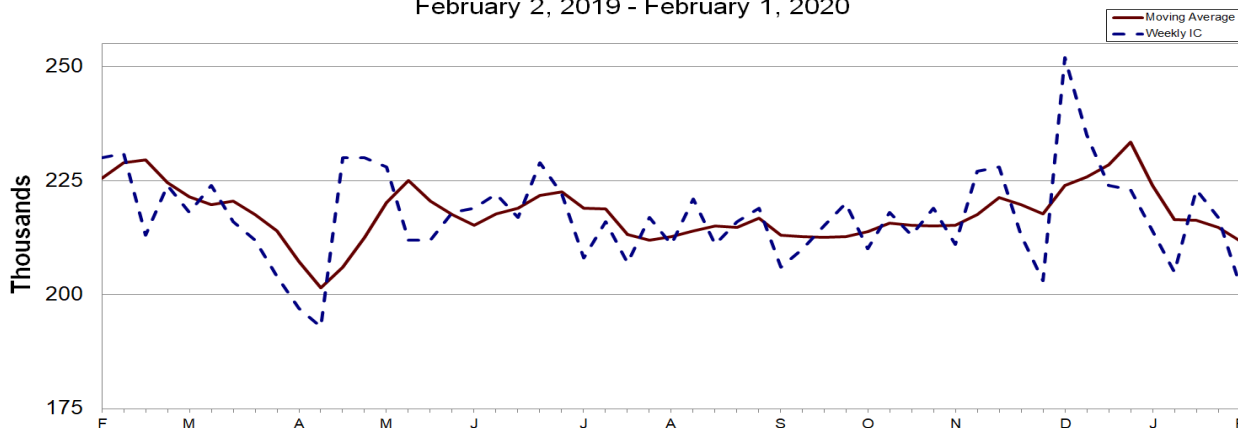
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

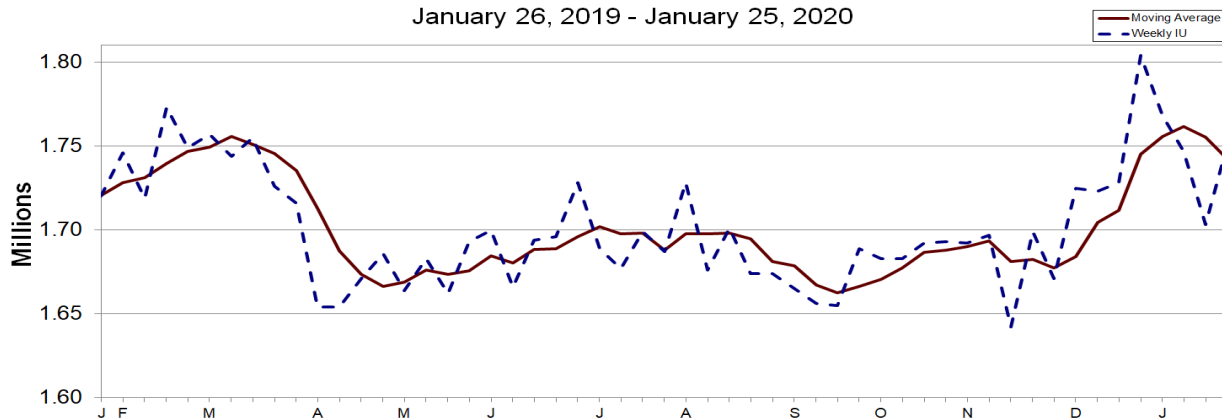
In the week ending February 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 202,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 216,000 to 217,000. The 4-week moving average was 211,750, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 214,500 to 214,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 25 was 1,751,000, an increase of 48,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,703,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,742,250, a decrease of 13,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,755,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 2, 2019 - February 1, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
January 26, 2019 - January 25, 2020



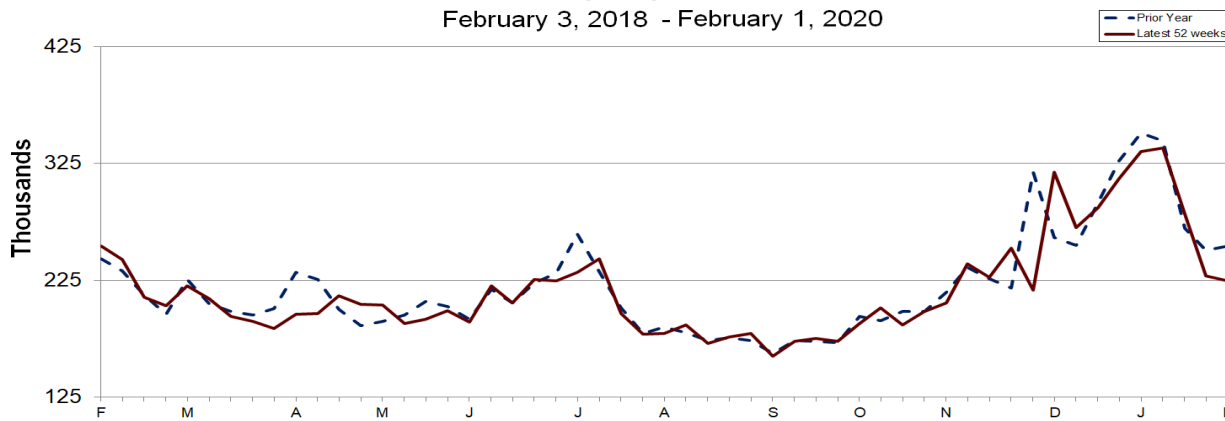
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,448 in the week ending February 1, a decrease of 4,554 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 11,493 (or 5.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 254,336 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 25, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,142,856, an increase of 63,839 (or 3.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,108 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,098,817.

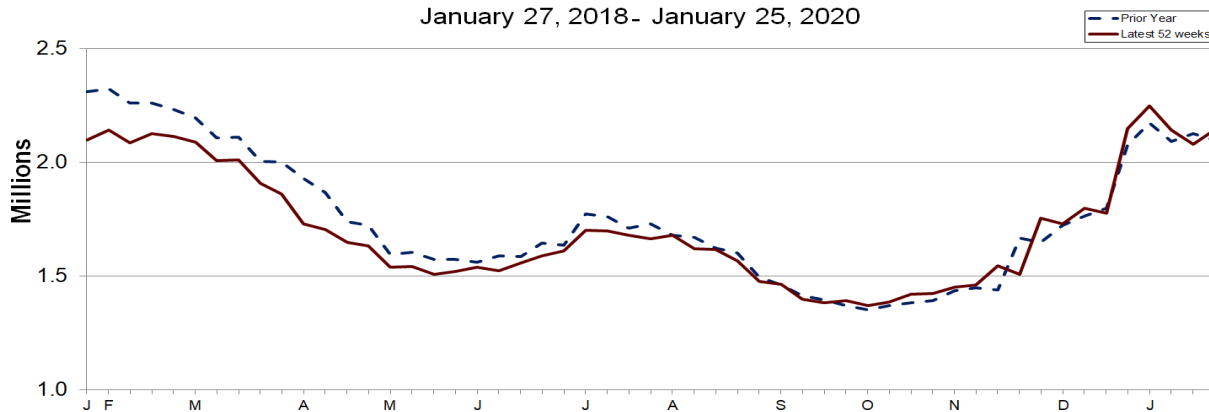
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

February 3, 2018 - February 1, 2020



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

January 27, 2018 - January 25, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 18 was 2,108,482, a decrease of 63,345 from the previous week. There were 2,203,333 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 837 in the week ending January 25, a decrease of 150 from the prior week. There were 468 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 81 from the preceding week.

There were 11,467 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 18, an increase of 364 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,490, a decrease of 223 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 18 were in Alaska (3.1), New Jersey (2.7), Puerto Rico (2.7), Montana (2.6), Connecticut (2.5), West Virginia (2.5), Pennsylvania (2.4), Rhode Island (2.3), Illinois (2.2), and Minnesota (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 25 were in Missouri (+536), Oregon (+406), Virginia (+228), Ohio (+221), and Kansas (+155), while the largest decreases were in California (-19,262), Illinois (-5,045), Georgia (-2,904), Pennsylvania (-2,859), and New York (-2,801).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 1	January 25	Change	January 18	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	202,000	217,000	-15,000	223,000	230,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,448	229,002	-4,554	282,088	254,336
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	211,750	214,750	-3,000	216,250	225,500
WEEK ENDING	January 25	January 18	Change	January 11	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,751,000	1,703,000	+48,000	1,747,000	1,720,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,142,856	2,079,017	+63,839	2,141,587	2,098,817
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,742,250	1,755,500	-13,250	1,761,750	1,720,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.5%	1.4%	+0.1	1.5%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 25	January 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	837	987	-150	6,669
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	468	549	-81	538

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 18	January 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,075,857	2,137,945	-62,088	2,121,966
Federal Employees	11,467	11,103	+364	57,389
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,490	5,713	-223	7,866
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,017	5,302	-285	5,695
STC / Workshare ⁵	10,651	11,764	-1,113	10,417
TOTAL	2,108,482	2,171,827	-63,345	2,203,333

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 145,230,691 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 1			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama*	2,124	2,775	-651	16,573	17,789	-1,216
Alaska	1,212	1,003	209	9,437	9,496	-59
Arizona	3,649	3,475	174	16,272	18,401	-2,129
Arkansas	1,669	1,683	-14	11,588	12,331	-743
California	43,931	45,596	-1,665	394,901	336,269	58,632
Colorado	2,092	2,164	-72	22,467	22,738	-271
Connecticut	2,973	2,949	24	42,725	41,760	965
Delaware	612	674	-62	6,260	5,703	557
District of Columbia	536	534	2	6,910	7,149	-239
Florida	5,238	5,206	32	30,486	33,347	-2,861
Georgia	5,007	5,257	-250	27,092	28,998	-1,906
Hawaii	1,152	1,014	138	6,362	6,372	-10
Idaho	1,375	1,825	-450	10,631	11,071	-440
Illinois	9,385	9,762	-377	142,980	131,469	11,511
Indiana	3,188	2,956	232	22,832	21,366	1,466
Iowa	3,424	3,115	309	31,618	30,369	1,249
Kansas	2,106	2,557	-451	12,809	11,182	1,627
Kentucky	2,560	2,569	-9	22,531	22,874	-343
Louisiana	1,979	1,878	101	12,640	15,500	-2,860
Maine	858	944	-86	8,793	8,457	336
Maryland	3,095	3,283	-188	29,312	29,216	96
Massachusetts	5,472	6,022	-550	74,998	75,529	-531
Michigan	6,677	7,678	-1,001	80,935	91,306	-10,371
Minnesota	3,807	3,931	-124	65,765	61,704	4,061
Mississippi	796	993	-197	6,716	8,562	-1,846
Missouri	4,543	5,474	-931	27,515	29,170	-1,655
Montana	948	922	26	11,838	11,830	8
Nebraska	826	960	-134	5,103	5,107	-4
Nevada	2,461	2,101	360	17,924	19,025	-1,101
New Hampshire	400	577	-177	3,734	4,202	-468
New Jersey	8,184	9,325	-1,141	112,863	107,082	5,781
New Mexico	775	764	11	9,718	10,137	-419
New York	16,736	15,022	1,714	167,288	164,044	3,244
North Carolina	3,477	3,344	133	20,709	22,415	-1,706
North Dakota	565	543	22	7,940	7,179	761
Ohio	7,270	8,086	-816	72,036	72,002	34
Oklahoma	1,607	1,830	-223	16,533	17,291	-758
Oregon	4,858	4,457	401	31,905	32,306	-401
Pennsylvania*	15,911	13,359	2,552	137,329	140,027	-2,698
Puerto Rico	1,821	2,335	-514	20,411	22,725	-2,314
Rhode Island	977	1,048	-71	11,239	10,750	489
South Carolina	2,001	2,248	-247	16,556	17,113	-557
South Dakota	190	291	-101	3,063	3,071	-8
Tennessee	2,360	2,484	-124	19,436	20,786	-1,350
Texas	13,769	13,070	699	140,480	132,656	7,824
Utah	1,337	1,271	66	11,766	12,061	-295
Vermont	474	518	-44	5,280	4,986	294
Virgin Islands	28	44	-16	520	552	-32
Virginia	2,744	3,059	-315	22,190	21,661	529
Washington	7,097	8,072	-975	67,255	67,705	-450
West Virginia	1,314	1,290	24	19,480	16,745	2,735
Wisconsin	6,341	6,134	207	44,962	44,077	885
Wyoming	517	531	-14	4,150	3,354	796
US Total	224,448	229,002	-4,554	2,142,856	2,079,017	63,839

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 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	
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,687	-12	1,688.00	1.2
August 3, 2019	211	-6	212.75	1,728	41	1,697.75	1.2
August 10, 2019	221	10	214.00	1,676	-52	1,697.50	1.2
August 17, 2019	211	-10	215.00	1,701	25	1,698.00	1.2
August 24, 2019	216	5	214.75	1,674	-27	1,694.75	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	3	216.75	1,674	0	1,681.25	1.2
September 7, 2019	206	-13	213.00	1,665	-9	1,678.50	1.2
September 14, 2019	210	4	212.75	1,656	-9	1,667.25	1.1
September 21, 2019	215	5	212.50	1,655	-1	1,662.50	1.1
September 28, 2019	220	5	212.75	1,689	34	1,666.25	1.2
October 5, 2019	210	-10	213.75	1,683	-6	1,670.75	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	8	215.75	1,683	0	1,677.50	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,692	9	1,686.75	1.2
October 26, 2019	219	6	215.00	1,693	1	1,687.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	211	-8	215.25	1,692	-1	1,690.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	227	16	217.50	1,697	5	1,693.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	228	1	221.25	1,642	-55	1,681.00	1.1
November 23, 2019	213	-15	219.75	1,699	57	1,682.50	1.2
November 30, 2019	203	-10	217.75	1,671	-28	1,677.25	1.2
December 7, 2019	252	49	224.00	1,725	54	1,684.25	1.2
December 14, 2019	235	-17	225.75	1,723	-2	1,704.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	224	-11	228.50	1,728	5	1,711.75	1.2
December 28, 2019	223	-1	233.50	1,804	76	1,745.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	214	-9	224.00	1,768	-36	1,755.75	1.2
January 11, 2020	205	-9	216.50	1,747	-21	1,761.75	1.2
January 18, 2020	223	18	216.25	1,703	-44	1,755.50	1.2
January 25, 2020	217	-6	214.75	1,751	48	1,742.25	1.2
February 1, 2020	202	-15	211.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 25					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 18					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2775	-185	361	50	14	17789	0.9	-540	885	141	75	18005
Alaska	1003	-178	-116	3	0	9496	3.1	-488	-1121	195	13	9704
Arizona	3475	-677	-206	8	1	18401	0.7	-20	-1179	235	40	18676
Arkansas	1683	-46	-37	2	5	12331	1.0	-898	-409	62	31	12424
California	45596	-19262	-11290	157	67	336269	1.9	-40678	-52338	2336	1031	339636
Colorado	2164	-358	-245	28	9	22738	0.9	1634	-406	319	141	23198
Connecticut	2949	-827	-191	12	5	41760	2.5	-723	512	50	72	41882
Delaware	674	-156	-3	3	2	5703	1.3	-264	-506	20	11	5734
District of Columbia	534	-60	-370	15	0	7149	1.2	-122	-2908	192	6	7347
Florida	5206	-882	-3020	30	23	33347	0.4	-1371	-6470	154	99	33600
Georgia	5257	-2904	-272	22	19	28998	0.7	-3081	706	153	140	29291
Hawaii	1014	-220	-70	1	7	6372	1.0	-249	-595	73	49	6494
Idaho	1825	-400	399	47	5	11071	1.5	-866	-346	307	8	11386
Illinois	9762	-5045	-933	7	4	131469	2.2	-2498	-348	325	146	131940
Indiana	2956	-785	-511	3	3	21366	0.7	-260	767	24	19	21409
Iowa	3115	-500	-613	6	1	30369	2.0	744	860	50	16	30435
Kansas	2557	155	56	2	0	11182	0.8	544	-869	33	24	11239
Kentucky	2569	-515	-380	5	1	22874	1.2	-1192	1914	243	115	23232
Louisiana	1878	-130	119	3	7	15500	0.8	-576	-366	53	16	15569
Maine	944	-15	40	0	0	8457	1.4	-204	210	47	12	8516
Maryland	3283	-456	-796	13	5	29216	1.1	28	-4601	202	68	29486
Massachusetts	6022	-918	-559	7	6	75529	2.1	453	-5418	130	98	75757
Michigan	7678	-2626	-1177	33	4	91306	2.1	7170	1399	170	80	91556
Minnesota	3931	-532	-284	5	5	61704	2.2	-924	1393	123	71	61898
Mississippi	993	-142	-27	2	0	8562	0.8	-242	256	54	17	8633
Missouri	5474	536	123	8	1	29170	1.1	-775	-922	89	33	29292
Montana	922	-314	-134	34	1	11830	2.6	576	483	700	25	12555
Nebraska	960	-28	-155	3	1	5107	0.5	167	-1867	16	8	5131
Nevada	2101	-350	-218	4	0	19025	1.4	-303	-1445	175	48	19248
New Hampshire	577	-36	-52	0	0	4202	0.6	-13	-608	8	0	4210
New Jersey	9325	-1403	-1805	17	34	107082	2.7	-1343	-1137	241	214	107537
New Mexico	764	-183	-133	4	0	10137	1.3	217	-90	309	45	10491
New York	15022	-2801	407	30	28	164044	1.7	-544	2455	284	287	164615
North Carolina	3344	-873	120	13	23	22415	0.5	168	39	112	110	22637
North Dakota	543	-242	10	1	1	7179	1.7	370	647	17	4	7200
Ohio	8086	221	-752	15	8	72002	1.3	-853	-2302	107	130	72239
Oklahoma	1830	-151	-428	9	7	17291	1.1	-176	2623	53	45	17389
Oregon	4457	406	861	37	6	32306	1.7	702	1418	727	57	33090
Pennsylvania	13359	-2859	-1285	50	28	140027	2.4	-2299	4255	567	192	140786
Puerto Rico	2335	-789	1162	2	1	22725	2.7	434	6476	217	91	23033
Rhode Island	1048	-146	-356	0	5	10750	2.3	-237	-664	20	14	10784
South Carolina	2248	-878	133	2	7	17113	0.8	-1667	-372	36	69	17218
South Dakota	291	-47	17	8	1	3071	0.7	76	-69	55	3	3129
Tennessee	2484	-609	92	14	6	20786	0.7	345	665	99	48	20933
Texas	13070	-2713	591	34	82	132656	1.1	-12470	9180	717	996	134369
Utah	1271	-187	42	32	2	12061	0.8	0	-440	284	15	12360
Vermont	518	-237	-10	2	0	4986	1.6	25	-321	8	1	4995
Virgin Islands	44	4	12	0	0	552	1.6	-10	104	2	0	554
Virginia	3059	228	-454	13	6	21661	0.6	-557	-2120	181	168	22010
Washington	8072	-1007	1587	20	20	67705	2.0	1802	4511	525	420	68650
West Virginia	1290	-605	-137	0	3	16745	2.5	-936	2963	48	35	16828
Wisconsin	6134	-254	-768	4	4	44077	1.5	-699	-510	110	30	44217
Wyoming	531	-105	77	17	0	3354	1.3	53	300	69	4	3427
Totals	229002	-53086	-21578	837	468	2079017	1.4	-62570	-45726	11467	5490	2095974

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 JANUARY 25, 2020

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
CA	-19,262	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, and service industries.
IL	-5,045	No comment.
GA	-2,904	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.
PA	-2,859	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, professional, scientific and technical services, and retail trade industries.
NY	-2,801	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, manufacturing, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
TX	-2,713	No comment.
MI	-2,626	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-1,403	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, retail trade, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
WA	-1,007	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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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