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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 187,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since September 24, 2022 when it was 182,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 202,000 to 203,000. The 4-week moving average was 203,250, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 207,750 to 208,000.

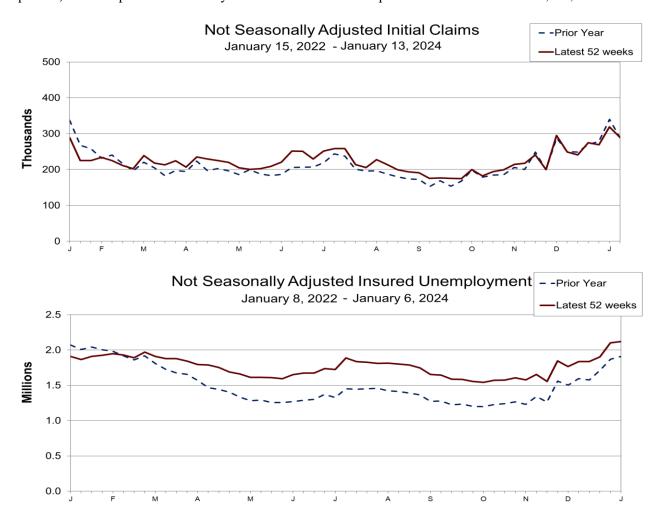
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 6, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 6 was 1,806,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,834,000 to 1,832,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,848,000, a decrease of 13,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,862,250 to 1,861,750.



### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 289,228 in the week ending January 13, a decrease of 29,543 (or -9.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,681 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 288,330 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending January 6, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,121,820, an increase of 18,454 (or 0.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 49,469 (or 2.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,908,639.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 30 was 2,129,892, an increase of 202,122 from the previous week. There were 1,893,809 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 December 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 637 in the week ending January 6, an increase of 222 from the prior week. There were 368 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 138 from the preceding week.

There were 6,595 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 30, an increase of 311 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,096, a decrease of 92 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 30 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.8), Minnesota (2.6), Montana (2.5), Alaska (2.3), California (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), New York (2.1), and Washington (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 6 were in New York (+20,535), California (+9,454), Texas (+9,337), Georgia (+6,261), and South Carolina (+4,152), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-4,044), Massachusetts (-3,341), Connecticut (-2,896), Iowa (-1,847), and Pennsylvania (-1,566).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 13	January 6	Change	December 30	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	187,000	203,000	-16,000	203,000	200,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	289,228	318,771	-29,543	269,409	288,330
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	203,250	208,000	-4,750	208,000	206,000
WEEK ENDING	January 6	December 30	Change	December 23	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,806,000	1,832,000	-26,000	1,868,000	1,634,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,121,820	2,103,366	+18,454	1,902,098	1,908,639
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,848,000	1,861,750	-13,750	1,870,250	1,639,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.3%	1.3%

### INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 6	December 30	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	637	415	+222	948
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	368	230	+138	375

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

WEEK ENDING	December 30	December 23	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	2,096,765	1,896,894	+199,871	1,865,797
Federal Employees	6,595	6,284	+311	7,328
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,096	4,188	-92	4,322
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	523	292	+231	2,411
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,405	2,368	+37	1,546
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	19,508	17,744	+1,764	12,405
TOTAL	2,129,892	1,927,770	+202,122	1,893,809

### **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 149,943,945 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: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

Advance					
1 Id valied	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
2,752	3,043	-291	9,247	11,674	-2,427
1,112	783	329	6,943	6,927	16
3,944	3,248	696	20,635	21,598	-963
		174			-960
		2.994			31,980
					1,489
					-417
					870
					-50
					-2,459
					-2,439 -4,810
					-184
					-202
					16,119
					1,593
					-635
					133
2,477	2,107	370	10,410	4,969	5,441
1,570	1,562	8	11,564	13,292	-1,728
1,048	1,303	-255	7,947	7,423	524
2,962	2,964	-2	24,635	24,322	313
8,470	9,170	-700	83,558	83,916	-358
10,456	14,847	-4,391	70,339	64,133	6,206
6,177	8,193	-2,016	74,358	72,962	1,396
1,138		-103	6,226	7,355	-1,129
					-1,793
					-2,055
					-153
					-1,155
					-564
					-1,403
					40
					-6,711
					-983
					575
					-88
					319
					-1,422
					-9,816
1,721			10,137	16,176	-6,039
1,630	1,982	-352	12,711	13,034	-323
3,031	6,153	-3,122	15,771	18,927	-3,156
437	352	85	2,600	2,561	39
4,075	3,302	773	17,819	19,176	-1,357
19,057	17,496	1,561	148,905	150,488	-1,583
1,639	1,312	327	12,077	12,003	74
597	466	131	3,979	3,177	802
					64
					1,478
					4,211
					1,988
					-2,828
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					18,454
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14,305         1,127       819         20,808       37,984         3,375       3,765         1,359       659         11,198<	3,944     3,248     696       1,759     1,585     174       52,801     49,807     2,994       2,748     2,648     100       5,675     5,076     599       572     595     -23       501     490     11       6,781     6,078     703       8,806     11,592     -2,786       1,477     1,729     -252       2,489     1,938     551       12,701     12,890     -189       5,317     4,925     392       5,206     3,933     1,273       2,506     1,463     1,043       2,477     2,107     370       1,570     1,562     8       1,048     1,303     -255       2,962     2,964     -2       8,470     9,170     -700       10,456     14,847     -4,391       6,177     8,193     -2,016       1,138     1,241     -103       6,160     6,044     116       2,803     2,613     190       1,144     1,272     -128       3,125     2,755     370       483     622     -139       12,605     14,305     -1,700 </td <td>3,944         3,248         696         20,635           1,759         1,585         174         10,175           52,801         49,807         2,994         432,799           2,748         2,648         100         33,821           5,675         5,076         599         32,357           572         595         -23         6,966           501         490         11         6,098           6,781         6,078         703         32,253           8,806         11,592         -2,786         32,936           1,477         1,729         -252         9,743           2,489         1,938         551         10,696           12,701         12,890         -189         132,416           5,317         4,925         392         29,363           5,206         3,933         1,273         19,837           2,506         1,463         1,043         6,704           2,477         2,107         370         10,410           1,570         1,562         8         11,564           1,048        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  2,107         370         10,410           1,570         1,562         8         11,564           1,048         1,303         -255         7,947           2,962         2,964	3.944 3.248 696 20.635 21.598 1.759 1.585 174 10.175 11.135 52.801 49,807 2.994 432.799 400.819 2.748 2.648 100 33.821 32.332 5.675 5.076 599 32.2357 32.774 572 595 -23 6.966 6.096 501 490 11 6.098 6.148 6.781 6.078 703 32.563 35.022 8.806 11.592 -2.786 32.936 37.746 1.477 1.729 -252 9.743 9.927 2.489 1.938 551 10.696 10.898 12.701 12.890 -189 132.416 116.297 5.317 4.925 392 2.9363 27.770 5.206 3.933 1.273 19.837 20.472 2.477 2.107 370 10.410 4.969 1.570 1.562 8 11.564 13.292 1.048 1.303 -255 7.947 7.423 2.962 2.964 -2 2.4635 2.432 2.962 2.964 -2 2.4635 2.432 2.962 2.964 -2 2.4635 2.432 2.962 2.964 -2 2.4635 2.432 8.470 9.170 -700 83.558 7.947 7.423 2.962 1.964 1.4847 -4.391 70.339 64.133 6.177 8.193 -2.016 74.358 72.962 8.472 9.170 7.700 10.334 12.33 6.1138 1.241 -103 6.226 7.355 6.160 6.044 116 2.2.659 2.4.452 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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.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes state estimate.

		Change from			Change from		
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.23	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 15, 2023 April 22, 2023	246 229	-17	240.00	1,843 1,801	-18 -42	1,832.75 1,827.25	1.3
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April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6 -	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,683	-1	1,695.75	1.1
September 9, 2023	221	4	224.75	1,658	-25	1,686.00	1.1
September 16, 2023	202	-19	217.25	1,665	7	1,672.50	1.1
September 23, 2023	205	3	211.25	1,672	7	1,669.50	1.1
September 30, 2023	209	4	209.25	1,705	33	1,675.00	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	2	206.75	1,727	22	1,692.25	1.2
October 14, 2023	200	-11	206.25	1,783	56	1,721.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	212	12	208.00	1,812	29	1,756.75	1.2
October 28, 2023	220	8	210.75	1,833	21	1,788.75	1.2
November 4, 2023	218	-2	212.50	1,862	29	1,822.50	1.2
November 11, 2023	233	15	220.75	1,841	-21	1,837.00	1.2
November 18, 2023	211	-22	220.73	1,925	84	1,865.25	1.3
November 25, 2023	219	8	220.30	1,856	-69	1,803.23	1.2
December 2, 2023	221	2	221.00	1,866	10	1,872.00	1.3
December 9, 2023	203	-18	213.50	1,861	-5 25	1,877.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	206	3	212.25	1,886	25	1,867.25	1.3
December 23, 2023	220	14	212.50	1,868	-18	1,870.25	1.3
December 30, 2023	203	-17	208.00	1,832	-36	1,861.75	1.2
January 6, 2024	203	0	208.00	1,806	-26	1,848.00	1.2
January 13, 2024	187	-16	203.25				

## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 6

## $\begin{array}{c} \text{INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED} \\ \text{DECEMBER 30} \end{array}$

JA	ANUARY 6							DECE	MBER 3	0	
		CHANG	E FROM				CHANG	E FROM			ALL PROGRAMS
											EXCLUDING
GT 4 TT 3 4 4 4 4 5 TT	CT + TT	LAST	YEAR	rropp l	rrorr 1	GT + TF (0/)	LAST	YEAR	riopp 1	rrorr l	RAILROAD
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK		UCFE 1		STATE (%)		AGO	UCFE 1		RETIREMENT
Alabama	3,043	817	-308	3	3	11,674 0.6		4,315	28	19	11,721
Alaska	783	16	-217	2	1	6,927 2.3		47	100	8	7,035
Arizona	3,248	950	-123	11	1	21,598 0.7	211	3,785	98	17	21,713
Arkansas	1,585	148	241	1	0	11,135 0.9	1,423	3,593	23	11	11,169
California	49,807	9,454	-10,023	158	101	400,819 2.3	22,895	51,031	1,120	1,004	402,943
Colorado	2,648	1,240	-1,342	13	5	32,332 1.2	2,335	9,374	195	175	32,702
Connecticut	5,076	-2,896	-630	2	2	32,774 2.0	5,117	4,796	32	26	32,832
Delaware	595	-322	75	2	3	6,096 1.3	769	1,516	5	5	6,106
District of Columbia	490	138	-226	11	0	6,148 1.1	403	2,787	135	6	6,289
Florida	6,078	1,997	-1,369	21	23	35,022 0.4		-3,206	84	99	35,205
Georgia	11,592	6,261	-3,120	40	10	37,746 0.8	,	1,471	101	83	37,930
Hawaii	1,729	318	77	1	6	9,927 1.7	,	3,440	27	36	9,990
Idaho	1,938	-426	169	25	2	10,898 1.3		51	190	16	11,104
Illinois	12,890	-1,047	-480	5	3	116,297 2.0		11,648	254	106	116,657
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Indiana	4,925	-31	-2,009		2	27,770 0.9		-2,965	55	31	27,856
Iowa	3,933	-1,847	780	0	0	20,472 1.3		-2,001	28	8	20,508
Kansas	1,463	-1,174	142	0	3	6,571 0.5		1,174	38	16	6,625
Kentucky	2,107	-658	-776	1	0	4,969 0.3		-6,762	6	19	4,994
Louisiana	1,562	289	-562	2	2	13,292 0.7		829	27	8	13,327
Maine	1,303	110	-6	0	0	7,423 1.2	774	811	23	9	7,455
Maryland	2,964	-424	457	10	6	24,322 1.0	2,056	2,760	129	67	24,518
Massachusetts	9,170	-3,341	-1,615	8	5	83,916 2.3	9,638	8,886	112	69	84,097
Michigan	14,847	1,456	-453	1	2	64,133 1.5	2,609	6,949	138	39	64,310
Minnesota	8,193	1,473	1,857	7	4	72,962 2.6	10,514	9,707	103	59	73,124
Mississippi	1,241	183	55	1	0	7,355 0.7	377	808	25	8	7,388
Missouri	6,044	318	-165	1	5	24,452 0.9	1,147	1,069	52	20	24,524
Montana	2,613	1,006	1,162	27	1	12,389 2.5	871	2,557	318	5	12,712
Nebraska	1,272	-217	170	1	0	7,473 0.8	1,183	1,159	12	7	7,492
Nevada *	2,755	0	-576	2	1	25,299 1.7		5,661	116	43	25,458
New Hampshire	622	-326	51	4	0	4,030 0.6		709	7	0	4,037
New Jersey	14,305	-4,044	348	21	7	115,954 2.8		14,327	215	158	116,327
New Mexico	819	83	-91	2	1	10,440 1.3		620	133	26	10,599
New York	37,984	20,535	-1,066	17	14	193,974 2.1		11,651	296	222	194,492
North Carolina	3,765	1,929	-373	3	1	19,421 0.4		1,626	53	82	19,556
North Dakota	659	-144	-373	0	2	4,773 1.2		413	8	4	4,785
Ohio				3							60,040
	10,515	-1,540	-3,543		16	59,915 1.1		-784	51	74	
Oklahoma	2,400	1,214	667	2	3	10,787 0.7		-234	21	34	10,842
Oregon	6,029	216	346	47	6	38,507 2.0		5,439	501	43	39,051
Pennsylvania	18,839	-1,566	1,742	22	7	126,297 2.2		25,842	280	162	126,739
Puerto Rico	1,418	-466	293	3	0	16,176 1.8		-1,249	181	37	16,394
Rhode Island	1,982	-1,118	109	2	3	13,034 2.8		1,854	24	20	13,078
South Carolina	6,153	4,152	869	2	10	18,927 0.9	3,839	1,301	26	48	19,001
South Dakota	352	-13	-45	2	0	2,561 0.6	443	160	38	4	2,603
Tennessee	3,302	560	-2,164	6	5	19,176 0.5	950	2,200	35	35	19,246
Texas	17,496	9,337	-2,970	39	55	150,488 1.1	10,302	28,474	392	736	151,616
Utah	1,312	370	-1,153	64	4	12,003 0.7	749	10	175	14	12,192
Vermont	466	-32	-89	0	0	3,177 1.1	409	-627	1	1	3,179
Virgin Islands	7	-3	3	0	0	154 0.4	-22	96	0	0	154
Virginia	2,782	712	824	5	8	12,827 0.3		2,738	75	65	12,967
Washington	8,667	1,397	1,614	22	31	73,609 2.1		12,105	366	277	74,252
West Virginia	1,452	551	-127	1	3	9,739 1.5		98	34	20	9,793
Wisconsin	11,054	3,728	398	7	1	42,830 1.5		1,430	65	11	42,906
Wyoming	497	3,728	-138	5	0	2,376 0.9		-174	44	4	2,424
Totals	318,771	49,362	-23,640	637	368	2,103,366 1.4	201,268	233,315	6,595	4,096	2,114,057

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Reflects week ended December 30, 2023.

## UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 6, 2024

## STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+20,535	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and in information industries.
CA	+9,454	No comment.
TX	+9,337	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and in healthcare and social assistance industries.
GA	+6,261	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodations and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in trade industries.
SC	+4,152	No comment.
WI	+3,728	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
FL	+1,997	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; and in service industries.
NC	+1,929	Layoffs in the manufacturing and retail trade industries.
MN	+1,473	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and in construction industries.
MI	+1,456	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WA	+1,397	No comment.
CO	+1,240	No comment.
OK	+1,214	No comment.
MT	+1,006	No comment.

### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-4,044	No comment.
MA	-3,341	No comment.
CT	-2,896	No comment.
IA	-1,847	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and in mining quarrying, and oil and gas extraction industries.
PA	-1,566	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodations and food services, and in construction industries.
OH	-1,540	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KS	-1,174	No comment.
RI	-1,118	No comment.
IL	-1,047	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.

# **Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data**

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