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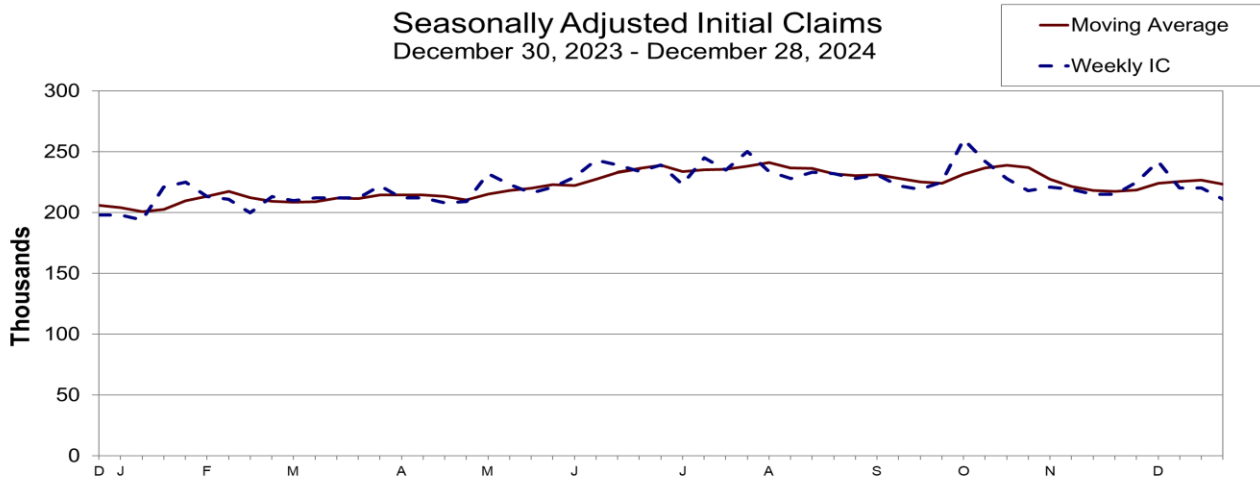
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

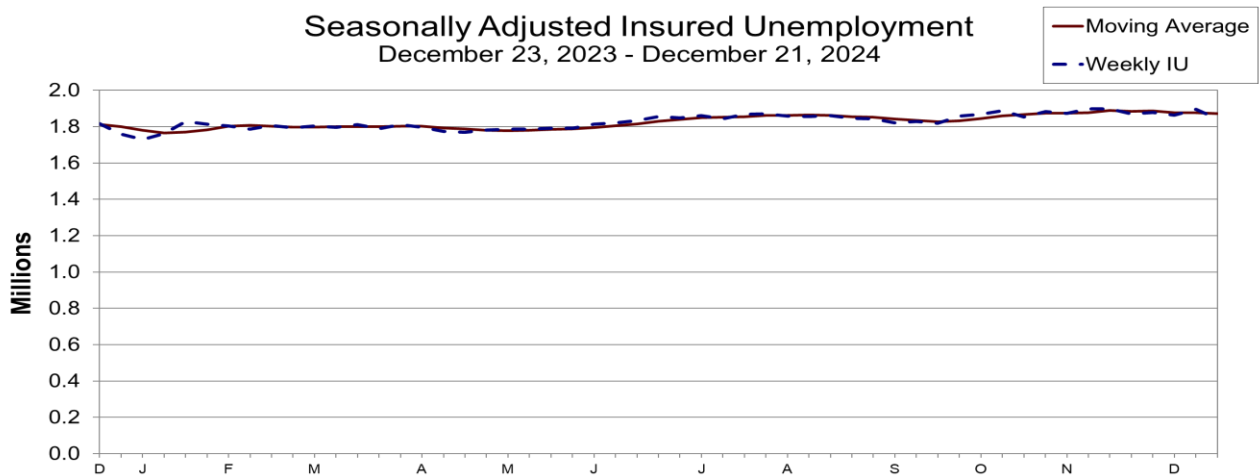
In the week ending December 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 211,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 219,000 to 220,000. The 4-week moving average was 223,250, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 226,500 to 226,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 21, 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 December 21 was 1,844,000, a decrease of 52,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 14,000 from 1,910,000 to 1,896,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,870,750, a decrease of 6,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,500 from 1,881,000 to 1,877,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 30, 2023 - December 28, 2024



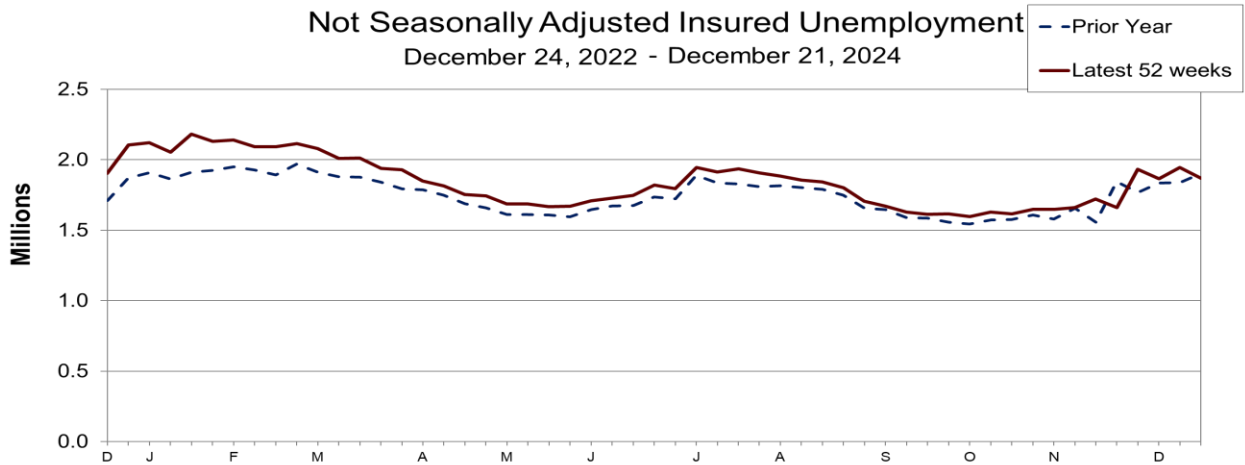
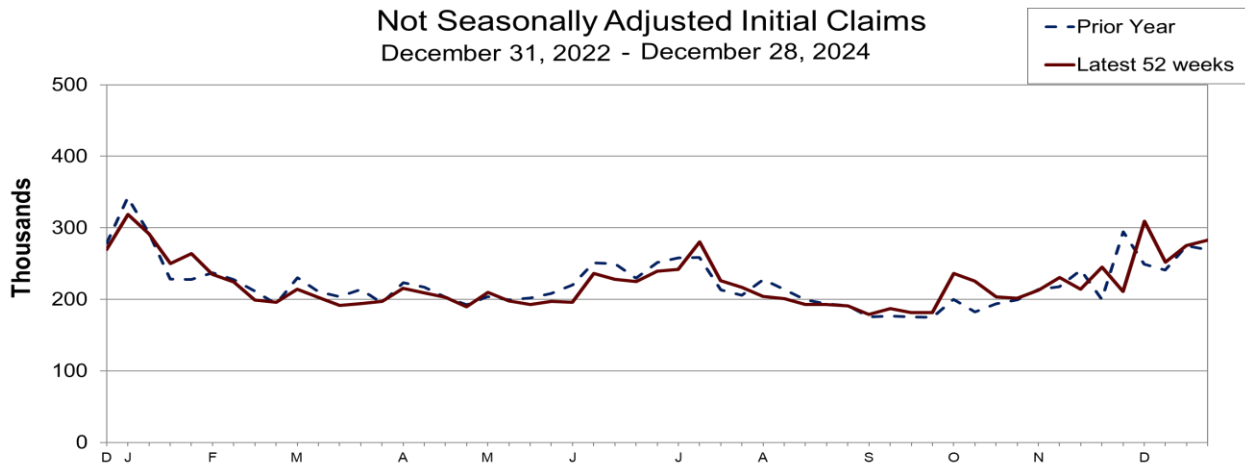
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 23, 2023 - December 21, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 282,998 in the week ending December 28, an increase of 7,441 (or 2.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 20,249 (or 7.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 269,409 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending December 21, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,869,384, a decrease of 76,213 (or -3.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 22,756 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,902,100.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 14 was 1,974,581, an increase of 81,926 from the previous week. There were 1,864,515 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending December 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 506 in the week ending December 21, a decrease of 41 from the prior week. There were 314 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 61 from the preceding week.

There were 6,558 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 14, an increase of 526 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,618, an increase of 71 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 14 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), Washington (2.2), Alaska (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Illinois (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), Montana (1.8), Nevada (1.7), New York (1.7), and Pennsylvania (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 21 were in New Jersey (+4,085), Kentucky (+2,135), Missouri (+2,108), Connecticut (+2,088), and Tennessee (+2,018), while the largest decreases were in New York (-965), Florida (-883), West Virginia (-473), Minnesota (-368), and Kansas (-295).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 28	December 21	Change	December 14	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	211,000	220,000	-9,000	220,000	198,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	282,998	275,557	+7,441	252,071	269,409
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	223,250	226,750	-3,500	225,500	205,750

WEEK ENDING	December 21	December 14	Change	December 7	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,844,000	1,896,000	-52,000	1,864,000	1,815,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,869,384	1,945,597	-76,213	1,864,303	1,902,100
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,870,750	1,877,500	-6,750	1,877,750	1,813,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.2%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 21	December 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	506	547	-41	580
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	314	375	-61	321

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

WEEK ENDING	December 14	December 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,939,286	1,857,699	+81,587	1,830,688
Federal Employees	6,558	6,032	+526	6,427
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,618	4,547	+71	4,214
Extended Benefits ³	162	100	+62	372
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,625	2,466	+159	2,589
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,332	21,811	-479	20,225
TOTAL	1,974,581	1,892,655	+81,926	1,864,515

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 151,636,941 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 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,738	2,441	-703	8,139	8,708	-569
Alaska	657	631	26	6,176	6,436	-260
Arizona	1,706	2,646	-940	20,286	22,433	-2,147
Arkansas	1,456	1,805	-349	6,496	7,469	-973
California	40,036	48,883	-8,847	357,079	397,421	-40,342
Colorado	2,318	3,386	-1,068	30,609	30,353	256
Connecticut	9,261	5,787	3,474	26,786	25,202	1,584
Delaware	719	326	393	5,320	4,983	337
District of Columbia	559	857	-298	7,095	7,122	-27
Florida	3,323	5,166	-1,843	24,343	33,717	-9,374
Georgia	4,192	5,191	-999	25,939	29,745	-3,806
Hawaii	887	920	-33	5,198	5,192	6
Idaho	2,573	2,332	241	8,700	8,272	428
Illinois	16,750	16,599	151	110,664	119,875	-9,211
Indiana	3,685	3,726	-41	24,709	24,094	615
Iowa	8,386	5,394	2,992	17,895	15,584	2,311
Kansas	1,718	1,742	-24	11,148	11,316	-168
Kentucky	4,216	5,455	-1,239	11,150	10,980	170
Louisiana	1,003	1,592	-589	10,901	10,792	109
Maine	864	1,102	-238	7,515	6,970	545
Maryland	3,326	2,902	424	22,535	23,442	-907
Massachusetts	14,205	10,663	3,542	69,478	67,157	2,321
Michigan	19,349	11,539	7,810	58,620	64,808	-6,188
Minnesota	6,743	7,205	-462	68,820	63,406	5,414
Mississippi	1,139	1,302	-163	5,926	6,758	-832
Missouri	5,763	5,375	388	18,108	18,626	-518
Montana	973	1,077	-104	9,165	8,658	507
Nebraska	1,331	1,490	-159	6,615	6,462	153
Nevada	2,896	3,184	-288	25,468	26,256	-788
New Hampshire	960	523	437	3,372	3,426	-54
New Jersey	20,482	14,845	5,637	101,610	101,641	-31
New Mexico	974	850	124	10,502	10,657	-155
New York	15,201	15,616	-415	158,734	161,157	-2,423
North Carolina	2,075	3,559	-1,484	27,280	29,939	-2,659
North Dakota	896	932	-36	5,423	4,457	966
Ohio	12,353	9,339	3,014	58,247	57,159	1,088
Oklahoma	1,124	1,547	-423	9,440	9,475	-35
Oregon	6,732	5,492	1,240	34,157	31,132	3,025
Pennsylvania	21,211	15,880	5,331	100,730	101,223	-493
Puerto Rico	1,369	1,261	108	13,768	15,063	-1,295
Rhode Island	3,185	1,735	1,450	11,013	10,118	895
South Carolina	2,096	2,614	-518	14,100	14,232	-132
South Dakota	274	426	-152	2,454	2,446	8
Tennessee	3,732	5,142	-1,410	16,315	15,701	614
Texas	6,712	15,338	-8,626	132,607	156,229	-23,622
Utah	1,494	1,885	-391	13,475	13,657	-182
Vermont	887	614	273	3,086	2,768	318
Virgin Islands	6	20	-14	236	258	-22
Virginia	1,436	2,230	-794	16,991	16,104	887
Washington	8,824	7,478	1,346	83,153	75,689	7,464
West Virginia	986	1,263	-277	8,763	8,513	250
Wisconsin	7,785	5,738	2,047	30,504	30,157	347
Wyoming	432	512	-80	2,541	2,159	382
US Total	282,998	275,557	7,441	1,869,384	1,945,597	-76,213

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 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,821	-22	1,842.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-9	228.25	1,827	6	1,834.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	219	-3	225.00	1,819	-8	1,827.50	1.2
September 28, 2024	225	6	224.25	1,858	39	1,831.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	260	35	231.50	1,869	11	1,843.25	1.2
October 12, 2024	242	-18	236.50	1,888	19	1,858.50	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-14	238.75	1,853	-35	1,867.00	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	237.00	1,884	31	1,873.50	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	227.25	1,872	-12	1,874.25	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,898	26	1,876.75	1.3
November 16, 2024	215	-4	218.25	1,897	-1	1,887.75	1.3
November 23, 2024	215	0	217.50	1,871	-26	1,884.50	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	10	218.50	1,879	8	1,886.25	1.2
December 7, 2024	242	17	224.25	1,864	-15	1,877.75	1.2
December 14, 2024	220	-22	225.50	1,896	32	1,877.50	1.3
December 21, 2024	220	0	226.75	1,844	-52	1,870.75	1.2
December 28, 2024	211	-9	223.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 21					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 14						
	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	2,441	254	18	4	3	8,708	0.4	-117	-883	22	16	8,746
Alaska	631	-13	-157	2	0	6,436	2.1	94	-242	91	3	6,530
Arizona	2,646	-194	-379	9	4	22,433	0.7	434	575	103	37	22,573
Arkansas	1,805	345	-445	0	1	7,469	0.6	38	-2,528	27	9	7,505
California	48,883	1,794	468	127	76	397,421	2.2	13,034	21,468	1,112	1,211	399,744
Colorado	3,386	-254	1,603	10	3	30,353	1.1	791	881	178	190	30,721
Connecticut	5,787	2,088	-165	1	0	25,202	1.5	941	624	33	12	25,247
Delaware	326	-72	-260	4	2	4,983	1.1	185	-60	4	4	4,991
District of Columbia	857	269	438	6	0	7,122	1.3	56	1,146	128	7	7,257
Florida	5,166	-883	-323	9	23	33,717	0.4	1,988	-871	85	73	33,875
Georgia	5,191	136	-451	14	10	29,745	0.6	1,001	-632	87	79	29,911
Hawaii	920	7	-261	1	9	5,192	0.9	-234	-4,096	37	57	5,286
Idaho	2,332	268	142	31	1	8,272	1.0	783	-40	203	5	8,480
Illinois	16,599	1,341	2,057	0	0	119,875	2.0	17,973	15,851	266	109	120,250
Indiana	3,726	-120	-685	3	5	24,094	0.8	484	621	21	21	24,136
Iowa	5,394	1,479	-422	3	1	15,584	1.0	1,331	2,124	14	8	15,606
Kansas	1,742	-295	-98	0	0	11,316	0.8	2,431	5,724	18	18	11,352
Kentucky	5,455	2,135	1,977	2	0	10,980	0.6	1,199	3,308	41	52	11,073
Louisiana	1,592	-286	-174	0	2	10,792	0.6	-1,478	-2,401	23	6	10,821
Maine	1,102	80	290	1	1	6,970	1.1	533	800	34	7	7,011
Maryland	2,902	478	-202	9	4	23,442	0.9	213	907	133	90	23,665
Massachusetts	10,663	1,793	903	6	8	67,157	1.9	3,079	-3,203	115	61	67,333
Michigan	11,539	1,711	917	3	2	64,808	1.5	9,612	11,595	145	24	64,977
Minnesota	7,205	-368	579	2	2	63,406	2.2	3,294	4,829	88	57	63,551
Mississippi	1,302	135	53	3	0	6,758	0.6	183	224	19	12	6,789
Missouri	5,375	2,108	-2,659	4	4	18,626	0.7	199	636	57	19	18,702
Montana	1,077	74	-170	24	0	8,658	1.8	297	-2,110	400	3	9,061
Nebraska	1,490	-131	-128	2	0	6,462	0.6	919	926	18	6	6,486
Nevada	3,184	381	-134	7	2	26,256	1.7	606	1,976	126	60	26,442
New Hampshire	523	34	18	1	0	3,426	0.5	69	199	3	2	3,431
New Jersey	14,845	4,085	-317	14	9	101,641	2.4	2,372	4,127	236	185	102,062
New Mexico	850	46	-146	1	1	10,657	1.3	149	818	171	28	10,856
New York	15,616	-965	-665	17	7	161,157	1.7	1,931	-2,617	260	158	161,575
North Carolina	3,559	-30	871	2	2	29,939	0.6	-84	11,060	59	101	30,099
North Dakota	932	-57	74	5	0	4,457	1.1	494	1,033	7	3	4,467
Ohio	9,339	699	-2,990	4	11	57,159	1.1	2,564	7,632	84	85	57,328
Oklahoma	1,547	282	-270	10	3	9,475	0.6	-75	-427	22	37	9,534
Oregon	5,492	851	-1,557	12	5	31,132	1.6	460	-2,213	476	33	31,641
Pennsylvania	15,880	995	20	17	7	101,223	1.7	-78	-1,994	202	128	101,553
Puerto Rico	1,261	-23	-590	3	3	15,063	1.6	-2,514	-1,300	80	47	15,190
Rhode Island	1,735	321	68	1	1	10,118	2.1	684	981	26	18	10,162
South Carolina	2,614	485	98	4	4	14,232	0.6	202	508	18	42	14,292
South Dakota	426	-49	37	1	1	2,446	0.6	219	482	33	1	2,480
Tennessee	5,142	2,018	1,548	0	4	15,701	0.5	-208	-594	32	43	15,776
Texas	15,338	-208	1,358	35	62	156,229	1.2	13,000	17,764	336	911	157,476
Utah	1,885	-234	747	45	3	13,657	0.8	529	2,534	184	19	13,860
Vermont	614	113	59	0	0	2,768	0.9	221	-36	1	0	2,769
Virgin Islands	20	-20	-3	0	0	258	0.7	-36	54	8	0	266
Virginia	2,230	-187	211	6	7	16,104	0.4	447	3,763	90	75	16,269
Washington	7,478	1,624	38	22	18	75,689	2.2	546	9,603	467	401	76,557
West Virginia	1,263	-473	326	4	1	8,513	1.3	-573	599	33	21	8,567
Wisconsin	5,738	-133	-560	7	1	30,157	1.0	1,014	-242	58	17	30,232
Wyoming	512	52	10	8	1	2,159	0.8	92	175	44	7	2,210
Totals	275,557	23,486	717	506	314	1,945,597	1.3	81,294	109,058	6,558	4,618	1,956,773

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 21, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+4,085	No comment.
KY	+2,135	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
MO	+2,108	Layoffs in arts, entertainment, and recreation industry.
CT	+2,088	No comment.
TN	+2,018	No comment.
CA	+1,794	No comment.
MA	+1,793	No comment.
MI	+1,711	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
WA	+1,624	No comment.
IA	+1,479	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
IL	+1,341	Layoffs in construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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