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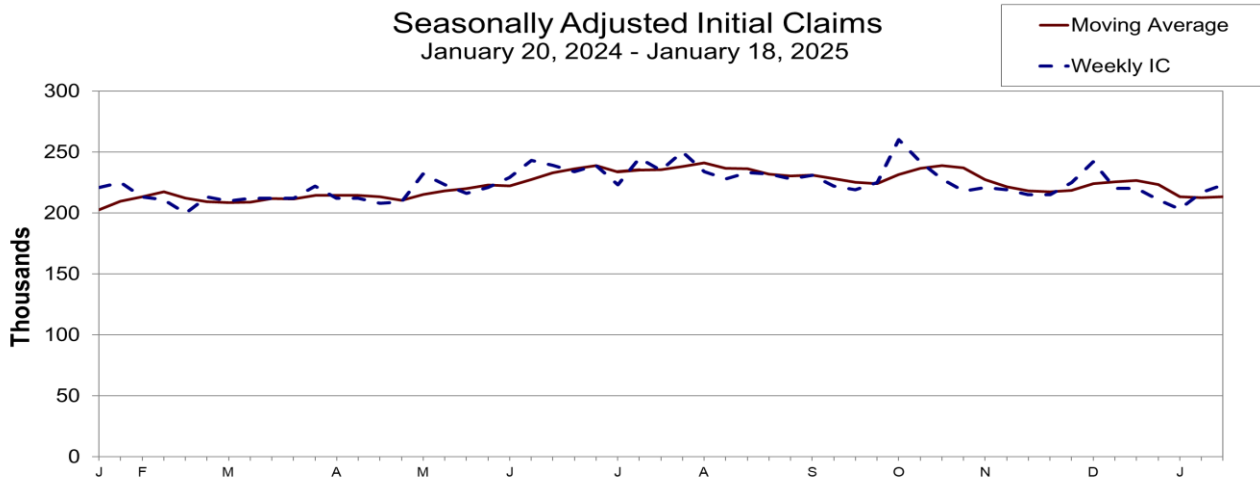
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

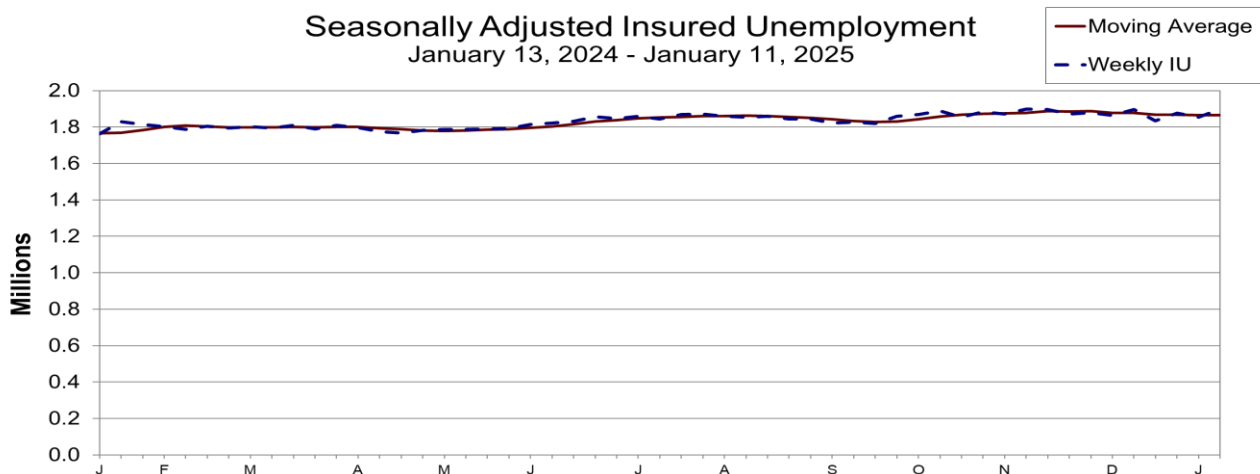
In the week ending January 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 223,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 217,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,500, an increase of 750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 212,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 11 was 1,899,000, an increase of 46,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 13, 2021 when it was 1,974,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,859,000 to 1,853,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,865,750, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,866,750 to 1,865,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 20, 2024 - January 18, 2025



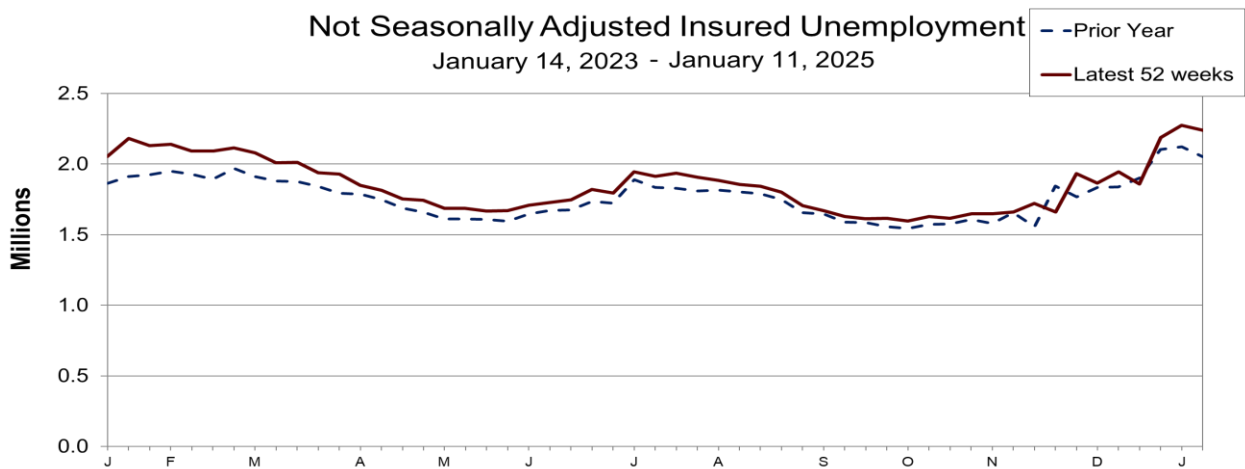
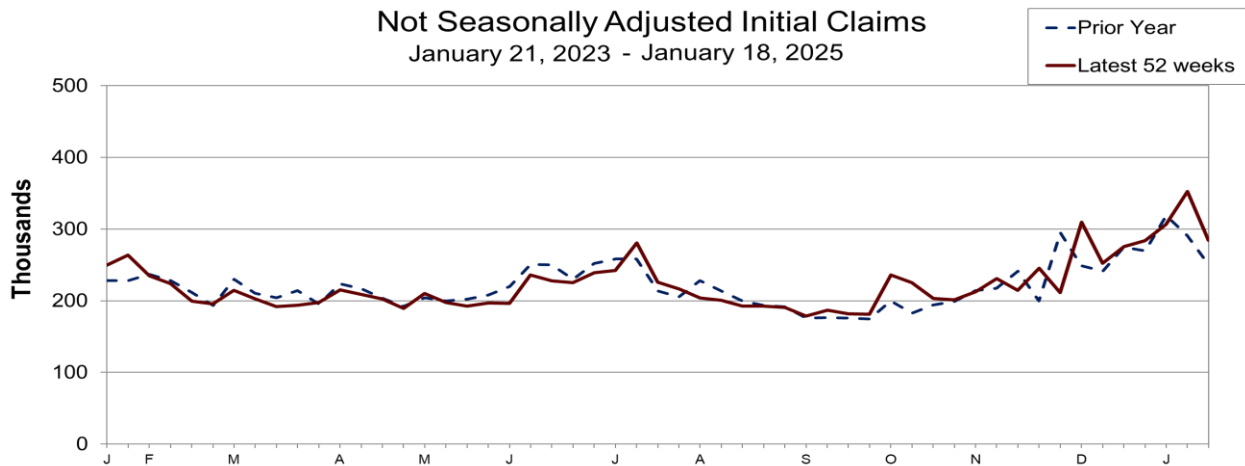
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
January 13, 2024 - January 11, 2025



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 284,222 in the week ending January 18, a decrease of 68,135 (or -19.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 75,722 (or -21.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 249,947 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending January 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,240,493, a decrease of 32,804 (or -1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 87,078 (or -3.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,053,299.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 4 was 2,301,359, an increase of 87,908 from the previous week. There were 2,148,149 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 January 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 595 in the week ending January 11, an increase of 117 from the prior week. There were 334 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 25 from the preceding week.

There were 6,861 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 4, an increase of 485 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,479, an increase of 57 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 4 were in Rhode Island (3.2), New Jersey (3.1), Minnesota (2.7), Washington (2.5), Illinois (2.4), Massachusetts (2.4), California (2.3), Connecticut (2.2), Montana (2.2), and Pennsylvania (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 11 were in Michigan (+14,985), California (+12,731), Texas (+11,439), Illinois (+5,634), and Missouri (+4,845), while the largest decreases were in New York (-15,396), Washington (-3,877), Wisconsin (-3,830), Oregon (-2,954), and Minnesota (-2,046).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	223,000	217,000	+6,000	203,000	221,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	284,222	352,357	-68,135	306,657	249,947
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,500	212,750	+750	213,500	202,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 28</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,899,000	1,853,000	+46,000	1,877,000	1,761,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,240,493	2,273,297	-32,804	2,186,732	2,053,299
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,865,750	1,865,250	+500	1,868,000	1,765,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.4%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	595	478	+117	762
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	334	309	+25	415

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>December 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,265,408	2,178,985	+86,423	2,116,954
Federal Employees	6,861	6,376	+485	6,766
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,479	4,422	+57	4,526
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	117	107	+10	628
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,432	2,334	+98	2,369
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	22,062	21,227	+835	16,906
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,301,359</b>	<b>2,213,451</b>	<b>+87,908</b>	<b>2,148,149</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 152,086,893 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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama *	2,925	2,976	-51	9,889	10,649	-760
Alaska	819	747	72	6,181	6,650	-469
Arizona	3,142	3,584	-442	20,990	21,883	-893
Arkansas	1,776	1,570	206	7,479	7,830	-351
California **	60,988	54,244	6,744	438,912	413,299	25,613
Colorado	3,619	4,255	-636	32,905	30,966	1,939
Connecticut	4,316	6,777	-2,461	33,726	36,505	-2,779
Delaware	390	499	-109	7,582	6,810	772
District of Columbia	1,235	1,033	202	7,830	7,295	535
Florida	6,528	7,525	-997	28,217	30,802	-2,585
Georgia	6,538	11,484	-4,946	31,010	39,398	-8,388
Hawaii *	1,214	1,552	-338	6,314	6,817	-503
Idaho	1,776	2,254	-478	10,603	11,909	-1,306
Illinois	13,661	18,931	-5,270	142,367	140,112	2,255
Indiana	4,630	5,904	-1,274	29,793	30,829	-1,036
Iowa	2,732	5,074	-2,342	22,439	25,917	-3,478
Kansas	1,532	1,862	-330	8,001	10,950	-2,949
Kentucky	2,968	6,590	-3,622	16,950	14,042	2,908
Louisiana	1,721	2,070	-349	11,278	12,737	-1,459
Maine	988	1,025	-37	9,153	8,368	785
Maryland	2,684	2,911	-227	26,600	25,922	678
Massachusetts	7,760	9,908	-2,148	82,374	86,799	-4,425
Michigan	18,340	27,365	-9,025	87,334	89,847	-2,513
Minnesota	5,054	6,841	-1,787	78,298	78,336	-38
Mississippi *	1,148	1,353	-205	7,535	8,110	-575
Missouri	7,981	11,720	-3,739	31,797	25,694	6,103
Montana	1,296	1,232	64	10,821	10,895	-74
Nebraska	1,106	1,221	-115	7,901	8,617	-716
Nevada	2,821	3,374	-553	26,229	27,780	-1,551
New Hampshire	430	550	-120	3,781	4,248	-467
New Jersey	12,578	15,584	-3,006	121,694	128,253	-6,559
New Mexico	901	1,022	-121	11,025	11,222	-197
New York	17,670	21,902	-4,232	182,133	195,828	-13,695
North Carolina	3,750	4,631	-881	27,001	28,063	-1,062
North Dakota	695	1,230	-535	6,949	6,002	947
Ohio	8,485	13,940	-5,455	74,269	72,288	1,981
Oklahoma	1,517	1,451	66	10,061	10,772	-711
Oregon	5,303	5,878	-575	37,140	38,655	-1,515
Pennsylvania	15,645	19,414	-3,769	118,766	131,996	-13,230
Puerto Rico	1,639	1,884	-245	10,292	18,736	-8,444
Rhode Island	1,904	1,955	-51	14,193	15,448	-1,255
South Carolina	2,205	5,218	-3,013	16,297	20,083	-3,786
South Dakota	301	528	-227	3,161	3,009	152
Tennessee	3,864	5,480	-1,616	18,310	18,155	155
Texas	16,393	24,238	-7,845	159,833	154,085	5,748
Utah	2,041	2,336	-295	15,253	15,343	-90
Vermont	425	615	-190	3,962	3,989	-27
Virgin Islands	26	22	4	256	242	14
Virginia	2,837	3,407	-570	18,498	16,539	1,959
Washington	5,891	6,852	-961	92,130	88,739	3,391
West Virginia	2,030	1,417	613	14,193	10,343	3,850
Wisconsin	5,532	6,156	-624	37,562	42,900	-5,338
Wyoming	472	766	-294	3,226	2,591	635
US Total	284,222	352,357	-68,135	2,240,493	2,273,297	-32,804

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 estimates.

\*\*Denotes state estimates.

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 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	1,897	33	1,877.75	1.3
December 21, 2024	220	0	226.75	1,834	-63	1,868.50	1.2
December 28, 2024	211	-9	223.25	1,877	43	1,868.00	1.2
January 4, 2025	203	-8	213.50	1,853	-24	1,865.25	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	14	212.75	1,899	46	1,865.75	1.2
January 18, 2025	223	6	213.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 11

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 4

STATE NAME	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	2,976	320	89	3	7	10,649	0.5	-852	376	15	16	10,680
Alaska	747	200	-187	1	0	6,650	2.1	57	-349	101	2	6,753
Arizona	3,584	1,186	-505	17	1	21,883	0.7	-233	57	108	33	22,024
Arkansas	1,570	319	-301	0	0	7,830	0.7	-289	-2,973	34	9	7,873
California	54,244	12,731	2,488	103	38	413,299	2.3	17,726	-11,205	1,116	1,219	415,634
Colorado	4,255	1,116	1,540	9	3	30,966	1.1	839	-1,439	227	155	31,348
Connecticut	6,777	1,391	1,258	1	0	36,505	2.2	255	5,185	31	14	36,550
Delaware	499	87	-75	1	0	6,810	1.5	420	327	7	4	6,821
District of Columbia	1,033	230	524	9	1	7,295	1.3	-253	954	131	8	7,434
Florida	7,525	2,507	422	16	26	30,802	0.3	-1,474	-5,807	83	74	30,959
Georgia	11,484	-524	2,442	26	24	39,398	0.8	3,307	5,309	80	60	39,538
Hawaii	1,552	-166	102	0	14	6,817	1.1	690	-2,685	38	57	6,912
Idaho	2,254	306	-184	36	3	11,909	1.4	405	861	241	4	12,154
Illinois	18,931	5,634	6,263	7	4	140,112	2.4	9,275	8,163	281	107	140,500
Indiana	5,904	610	667	2	4	30,829	1.0	2,796	1,558	25	22	30,876
Iowa	5,074	492	189	1	0	25,917	1.7	997	6,156	15	5	25,937
Kansas	1,862	109	-655	0	1	10,950	0.8	-287	4,603	22	17	10,989
Kentucky	6,590	3,650	4,129	2	0	14,042	0.7	7,536	3,687	39	43	14,124
Louisiana	2,070	737	298	3	2	12,737	0.7	-56	-638	24	9	12,770
Maine	1,025	-40	7	0	1	8,368	1.3	233	707	37	8	8,413
Maryland	2,911	246	-310	13	3	25,922	1.0	535	1,577	136	79	26,137
Massachusetts	9,908	-165	1,353	8	8	86,799	2.4	2,984	2,781	95	66	86,960
Michigan	27,365	14,985	16,945	6	7	89,847	2.1	14,288	17,966	129	35	90,011
Minnesota	6,841	-2,046	779	10	2	78,336	2.7	-1,541	8,559	90	50	78,476
Mississippi	1,353	174	52	2	0	8,110	0.7	321	717	31	6	8,147
Missouri	11,720	4,845	5,308	2	2	25,694	0.9	1,030	2,644	58	22	25,774
Montana	1,232	217	-967	6	0	10,895	2.2	486	848	427	5	11,327
Nebraska	1,221	11	43	2	1	8,617	0.9	423	982	18	4	8,639
Nevada	3,374	699	214	4	1	27,780	1.8	-753	2,762	131	49	27,960
New Hampshire	550	25	-5	1	0	4,248	0.6	-94	520	0	1	4,249
New Jersey	15,584	-309	2,815	19	13	128,253	3.1	7,356	15,066	235	177	128,665
New Mexico	1,022	287	-100	2	1	11,222	1.3	1	803	117	22	11,361
New York	21,902	-15,396	1,276	12	19	195,828	2.1	5,251	10,549	230	194	196,252
North Carolina	4,631	836	945	42	0	28,063	0.6	-343	8,784	61	98	28,222
North Dakota	1,230	485	-5	3	0	6,002	1.4	360	1,063	12	3	6,017
Ohio	13,940	4,546	2,628	5	13	72,288	1.3	4,012	11,803	79	89	72,456
Oklahoma	1,451	-42	-262	2	6	10,772	0.7	-74	-516	37	26	10,835
Oregon	5,878	-2,954	-1,262	7	0	38,655	2.0	835	1,771	464	33	39,152
Pennsylvania	19,414	-923	4,410	10	13	131,996	2.2	6,690	14,547	284	134	132,414
Puerto Rico	1,884	887	-84	6	7	18,736	2.0	3,367	-1,397	72	58	18,866
Rhode Island	1,955	-147	223	4	2	15,448	3.2	1,363	2,992	24	19	15,491
South Carolina	5,218	158	2,094	5	9	20,083	0.9	1,449	3,815	23	38	20,144
South Dakota	528	151	54	2	1	3,009	0.7	192	433	41	2	3,052
Tennessee	5,480	1,899	1,302	1	4	18,155	0.6	324	-596	30	41	18,226
Texas	24,238	11,439	4,309	52	74	154,085	1.1	-7,633	4,237	406	829	155,320
Utah	2,336	763	601	43	1	15,343	0.9	689	2,389	226	20	15,589
Vermont	615	54	6	0	0	3,989	1.3	267	249	1	0	3,990
Virgin Islands	22	11	-15	3	0	242	0.7	46	46	2	0	244
Virginia	3,407	1,093	524	13	3	16,539	0.4	556	3,124	101	76	16,716
Washington	6,852	-3,877	175	53	12	88,739	2.5	-117	16,218	502	390	89,631
West Virginia	1,417	364	-142	1	0	10,343	1.6	1,030	-403	33	21	10,397
Wisconsin	6,156	-3,830	-393	5	2	42,900	1.5	2,113	3,376	61	22	42,983
Wyoming	766	319	5	14	1	2,591	0.9	60	180	50	4	2,645
Totals	352,357	45,700	61,027	595	334	2,273,297	1.5	86,565	150,736	6,861	4,479	2,284,637

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 11, 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>
MI	+14,985	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
CA	+12,731	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry.
TX	+11,439	Layoffs in health care and social assistance industry.
IL	+5,634	Layoffs in construction, manufacturing, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and industries.
MO	+4,845	Layoffs in manufacturing, construction, and in arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
OH	+4,546	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
KY	+3,650	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
FL	+2,507	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries.
TN	+1,899	No comment.
CT	+1,391	No comment.
AZ	+1,186	No comment.
CO	+1,116	No comment.
VA	+1,093	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NY	-15,396	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
WA	-3,877	No comment.
WI	-3,830	Fewer layoffs in construction, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries
OR	-2,954	No comment.
MN	-2,046	Fewer layoffs in construction 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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