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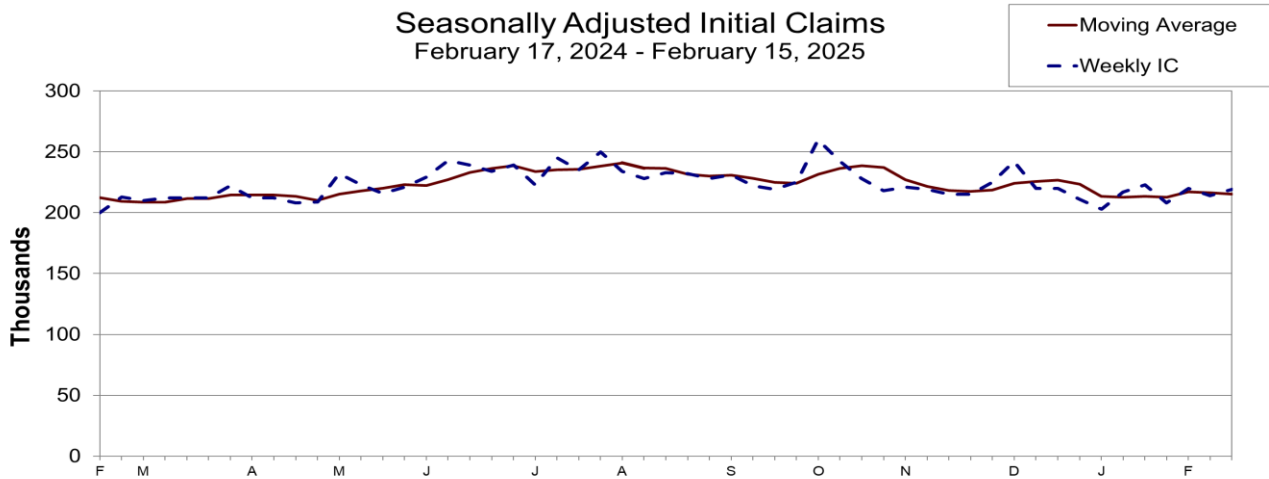
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

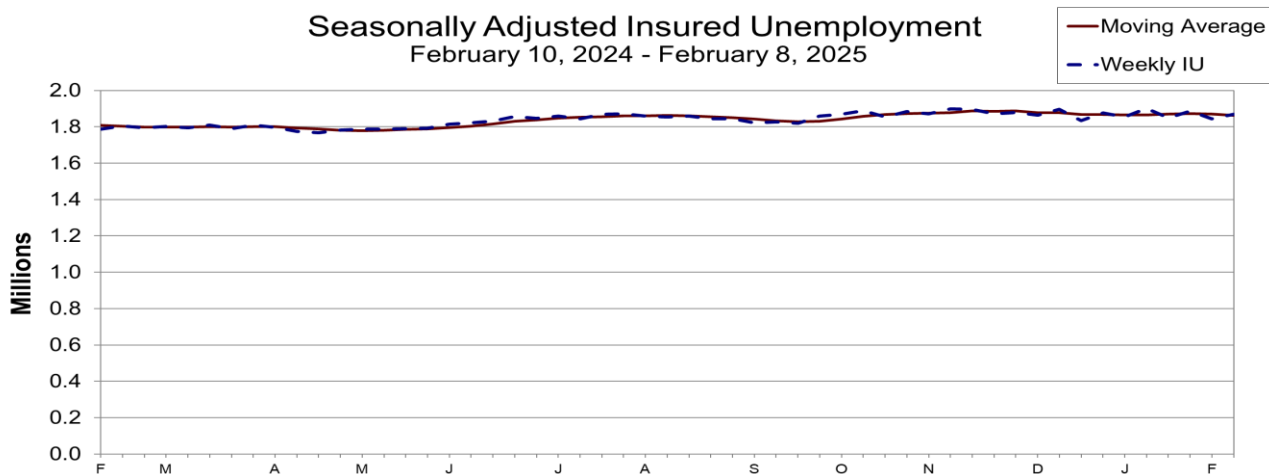
In the week ending February 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 219,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 213,000 to 214,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,250, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 216,000 to 216,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 8, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 8 was 1,869,000, an increase of 24,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,850,000 to 1,845,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,862,500, a decrease of 7,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,871,500 to 1,870,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
February 17, 2024 - February 15, 2025



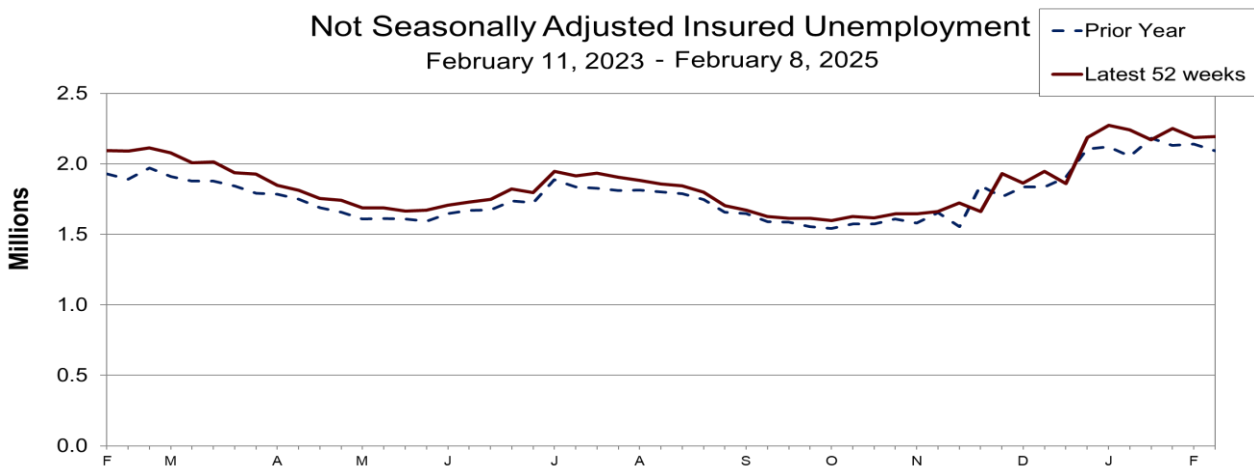
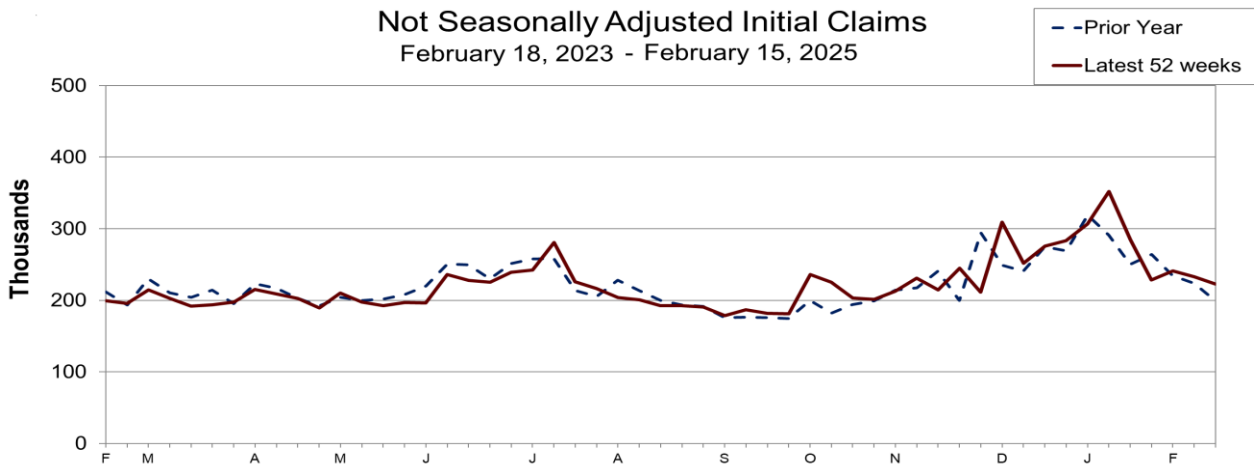
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
February 10, 2024 - February 8, 2025



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 222,627 in the week ending February 15, a decrease of 10,118 (or -4.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,416 (or -6.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,337 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,193,878, an increase of 6,054 (or 0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 22,136 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,092,801.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending February 1 was 2,219,008, a decrease of 63,324 from the previous week. There were 2,171,213 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 February 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 613 in the week ending February 8, an increase of 14 from the prior week. There were 399 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 7,110 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending February 1, a decrease of 335 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,405, a decrease of 202 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending February 1 were in New Jersey (2.9), Rhode Island (2.9), Minnesota (2.5), California (2.4), Massachusetts (2.4), Washington (2.4), Illinois (2.3), Montana (2.3), Michigan (2.0), and Pennsylvania (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 8 were in California (+1,161), Texas (+861), Florida (+816), Washington (+640), and Virginia (+596), while the largest decreases were in New York (-3,013), Pennsylvania (-2,944), Wisconsin (-1,549), Ohio (-1,095), and Illinois (-975).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	February 15	February 8	Change	February 1	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	219,000	214,000	+5,000	220,000	200,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	222,627	232,745	-10,118	241,101	199,337
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,250	216,250	-1,000	217,000	212,250

WEEK ENDING	February 8	February 1	Change	January 25	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,869,000	1,845,000	+24,000	1,886,000	1,787,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,193,878	2,187,824	+6,054	2,252,148	2,092,801
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,862,500	1,870,250	-7,750	1,872,250	1,808,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.5%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	February 8	February 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	613	599	+14	382
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	399	465	-66	392

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

WEEK ENDING	February 1	January 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,180,793	2,245,268	-64,475	2,133,266
Federal Employees	7,110	7,445	-335	6,893
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,405	4,607	-202	4,377
Extended Benefits ³	82	121	-39	392
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,851	2,720	+131	2,805
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,767	22,171	+1,596	23,480
TOTAL	2,219,008	2,282,332	-63,324	2,171,213

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 February 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,807	2,182	-375	8,340	9,204	-864
Alaska	581	619	-38	5,600	5,883	-283
Arizona	2,842	3,073	-231	21,303	22,452	-1,149
Arkansas	1,187	1,683	-496	7,309	7,836	-527
California *	45,623	50,545	-4,922	436,233	423,526	12,707
Colorado	3,273	3,387	-114	34,314	33,743	571
Connecticut	3,020	3,191	-171	32,902	31,965	937
Delaware	191	266	-75	6,740	6,741	-1
District of Columbia	1,695	1,682	13	8,960	8,234	726
Florida	5,615	6,778	-1,163	29,204	31,918	-2,714
Georgia	4,830	5,444	-614	29,079	30,395	-1,316
Hawaii	921	1,127	-206	5,664	5,769	-105
Idaho	1,459	1,574	-115	11,275	11,537	-262
Illinois	9,526	9,560	-34	141,048	137,997	3,051
Indiana	3,155	3,107	48	30,836	28,861	1,975
Iowa	2,347	2,182	165	23,122	23,827	-705
Kansas	1,218	1,603	-385	11,767	13,485	-1,718
Kentucky	5,118	2,085	3,033	14,032	13,687	345
Louisiana	1,447	1,647	-200	10,319	11,861	-1,542
Maine	543	654	-111	9,482	9,100	382
Maryland	2,354	3,175	-821	26,710	26,471	239
Massachusetts	5,365	6,077	-712	84,814	85,684	-870
Michigan	7,734	7,274	460	78,599	85,686	-7,087
Minnesota	4,552	4,479	73	77,916	73,259	4,657
Mississippi	832	908	-76	6,186	6,987	-801
Missouri	2,612	3,132	-520	23,242	25,086	-1,844
Montana	888	918	-30	12,040	11,131	909
Nebraska	789	792	-3	7,628	7,936	-308
Nevada	2,838	2,979	-141	26,338	26,662	-324
New Hampshire	369	448	-79	3,939	4,148	-209
New Jersey	9,428	10,442	-1,014	121,873	121,812	61
New Mexico	768	803	-35	10,872	10,756	116
New York	15,574	16,149	-575	182,394	182,657	-263
North Carolina	3,475	4,206	-731	26,607	27,388	-781
North Dakota	529	407	122	6,906	6,200	706
Ohio	5,994	6,469	-475	69,089	70,415	-1,326
Oklahoma	1,188	1,337	-149	9,996	10,373	-377
Oregon	5,585	5,224	361	38,086	34,066	4,020
Pennsylvania	11,322	12,482	-1,160	117,640	120,278	-2,638
Puerto Rico	1,126	1,461	-335	6,909	16,712	-9,803
Rhode Island	890	995	-105	14,207	13,958	249
South Carolina	1,947	2,345	-398	14,703	15,370	-667
South Dakota	235	268	-33	3,238	3,269	-31
Tennessee	5,645	2,892	2,753	18,007	17,811	196
Texas	15,742	16,222	-480	146,667	143,734	2,933
Utah	1,489	1,653	-164	15,552	15,601	-49
Vermont	323	370	-47	4,007	3,655	352
Virgin Islands	20	37	-17	230	218	12
Virginia	2,805	3,202	-397	18,895	17,288	1,607
Washington	7,768	7,114	654	92,471	84,356	8,115
West Virginia	884	953	-69	10,829	10,756	73
Wisconsin	4,735	4,746	-11	36,416	37,162	-746
Wyoming	424	397	27	3,343	2,918	425
US Total	222,627	232,745	-10,118	2,193,878	2,187,824	6,054

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	
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	1,900	47	1,866.00	1.2
January 18, 2025	223	6	213.50	1,850	-50	1,870.00	1.2
January 25, 2025	208	-15	212.75	1,886	36	1,872.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	220	12	217.00	1,845	-41	1,870.25	1.2
February 8, 2025	214	-6	216.25	1,869	24	1,862.50	1.2
February 15, 2025	219	5	215.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 8					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 1						
	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	2,182	-130	78	11	3	9,204	0.5	-543	-725	18	15	9,237
Alaska	619	4	-140	0	0	5,883	1.9	-21	-365	96	3	5,982
Arizona	3,073	-172	-406	4	1	22,452	0.7	-254	-82	114	32	22,598
Arkansas	1,683	20	-86	0	0	7,836	0.6	-284	-2,841	22	7	7,865
California	50,545	1,161	665	108	91	423,526	2.4	-12,494	-12,675	1,185	1,179	425,890
Colorado	3,387	5	221	4	10	33,743	1.2	642	1,507	206	155	34,104
Connecticut	3,191	-310	66	2	1	31,965	1.9	-2,377	-447	36	21	32,022
Delaware	266	58	93	3	4	6,741	1.4	-357	659	6	4	6,751
District of Columbia	1,682	372	1,261	116	1	8,234	1.5	430	2,426	242	5	8,481
Florida	6,778	816	486	19	25	31,918	0.3	-2,154	-5,224	81	69	32,068
Georgia	5,444	-284	-152	28	20	30,395	0.6	-1,611	-947	94	69	30,558
Hawaii	1,127	118	-205	0	6	5,769	1.0	246	-2,681	25	59	5,853
Idaho	1,574	225	81	11	1	11,537	1.4	-133	-81	233	8	11,778
Illinois	9,560	-975	178	5	4	137,997	2.3	-5,146	6,275	269	101	138,367
Indiana	3,107	-382	-114	5	2	28,861	0.9	-1,386	1,104	24	29	28,914
Iowa	2,182	-428	298	5	0	23,827	1.5	195	2,022	21	7	23,855
Kansas	1,603	-866	311	0	0	13,485	1.0	-740	7,126	6	0	13,491
Kentucky	2,085	356	-3,002	1	1	13,687	0.7	-1,291	2,108	34	46	13,767
Louisiana	1,647	-42	106	5	1	11,861	0.6	-596	-376	25	10	11,896
Maine	654	-72	-10	0	2	9,100	1.5	129	485	31	10	9,141
Maryland	3,175	279	39	30	13	26,471	1.0	202	381	147	77	26,695
Massachusetts	6,077	330	431	10	15	85,684	2.4	-1,293	-275	88	65	85,837
Michigan	7,274	-658	-575	4	3	85,686	2.0	-1,507	8,062	151	31	85,868
Minnesota	4,479	-271	498	4	6	73,259	2.5	-432	2,206	88	55	73,402
Mississippi	908	-155	-94	1	0	6,987	0.6	-356	129	29	9	7,025
Missouri	3,132	-839	277	2	3	25,086	0.9	-2,173	-854	59	33	25,178
Montana	918	117	211	6	0	11,131	2.3	-274	745	398	7	11,536
Nebraska	792	-41	67	2	0	7,936	0.8	-134	358	10	5	7,951
Nevada	2,979	102	-85	4	1	26,662	1.7	-271	1,050	128	47	26,837
New Hampshire	448	-51	-37	1	0	4,148	0.6	40	224	6	0	4,154
New Jersey	10,442	-236	935	30	22	121,812	2.9	-368	2,243	262	180	122,254
New Mexico	803	13	63	3	2	10,756	1.3	-173	453	125	25	10,906
New York	16,149	-3,013	-706	17	11	182,657	1.9	-2,233	-5,615	253	166	183,076
North Carolina	4,206	201	810	3	1	27,388	0.6	-1,545	6,683	55	87	27,530
North Dakota	407	-5	9	1	5	6,200	1.5	-333	410	8	0	6,208
Ohio	6,469	-1,095	1,100	10	11	70,415	1.3	-1,482	11,579	96	81	70,592
Oklahoma	1,337	7	50	5	6	10,373	0.6	15	343	30	31	10,434
Oregon	5,224	376	516	5	0	34,066	1.7	239	-2,206	534	30	34,630
Pennsylvania	12,482	-2,944	1,605	15	13	120,278	2.0	-6,541	1,172	241	150	120,669
Puerto Rico	1,461	40	163	6	0	16,712	1.8	-932	381	88	47	16,847
Rhode Island	995	-74	-92	4	1	13,958	2.9	-52	1,075	26	17	14,001
South Carolina	2,345	146	421	1	4	15,370	0.7	-941	321	29	39	15,438
South Dakota	268	-9	32	4	0	3,269	0.7	5	311	50	0	3,319
Tennessee	2,892	-106	483	3	9	17,811	0.6	-92	-274	30	29	17,870
Texas	16,222	861	946	52	64	143,734	1.1	-12,860	4,510	376	836	144,946
Utah	1,653	-44	441	14	4	15,601	0.9	-99	2,902	244	16	15,861
Vermont	370	22	-21	0	0	3,655	1.2	-80	-151	2	0	3,657
Virgin Islands	37	-5	16	0	0	218	0.6	-18	34	4	0	222
Virginia	3,202	596	631	31	8	17,288	0.4	87	1,777	110	61	17,459
Washington	7,114	640	1,387	11	23	84,356	2.4	1,165	13,401	532	413	85,301
West Virginia	953	-441	-18	0	1	10,756	1.6	-1,952	459	32	20	10,808
Wisconsin	4,746	-1,549	-496	5	0	37,162	1.3	-2,107	-1,471	57	17	37,236
Wyoming	397	-24	24	2	0	2,918	1.1	-84	223	54	2	2,974
Totals	232,745	-8,356	8,760	613	399	2,187,824	1.4	-64,324	47,854	7,110	4,405	2,199,339

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 FEBRUARY 8, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+1,161	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-3,013	Fewer layoffs in construction, transportation and warehousing, and in accommodation and food services industries.
PA	-2,944	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and in accommodation and food services industries.
WI	-1,549	Fewer layoffs in construction and in transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	-1,095	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing 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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