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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

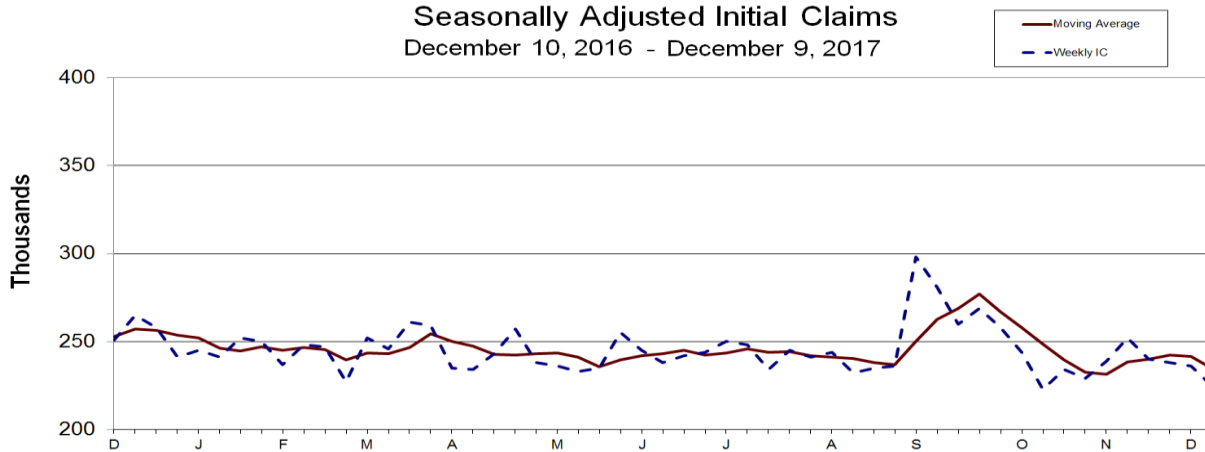
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 225,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 236,000. The 4-week moving average was 234,750, a decrease of 6,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 241,500.

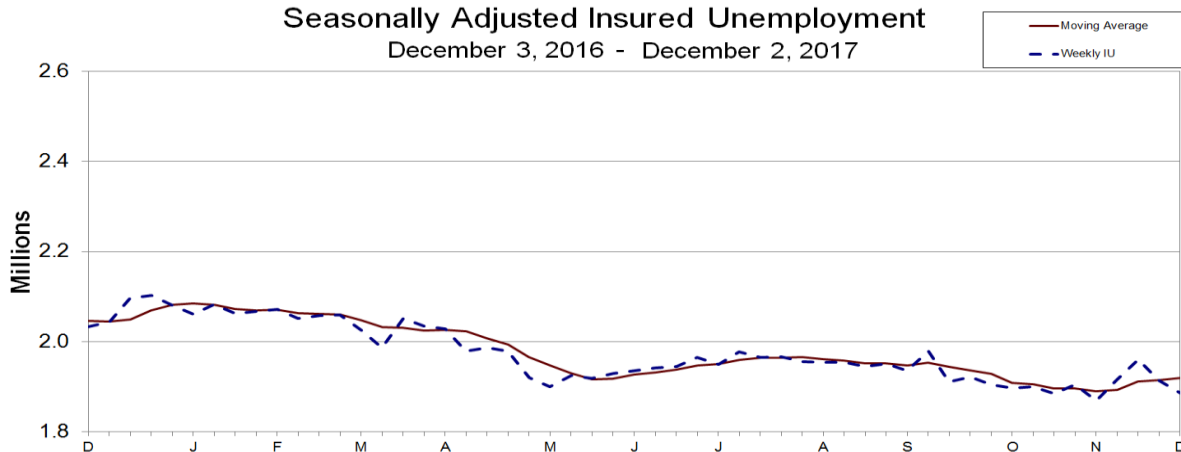
Claims taking procedures continue to be disrupted in the Virgin Islands. The claims taking process in Puerto Rico has still not returned to normal.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending December 2, 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 2 was 1,886,000, a decrease of 27,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,908,000 to 1,913,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,918,500, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,912,750 to 1,914,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
December 10, 2016 - December 9, 2017



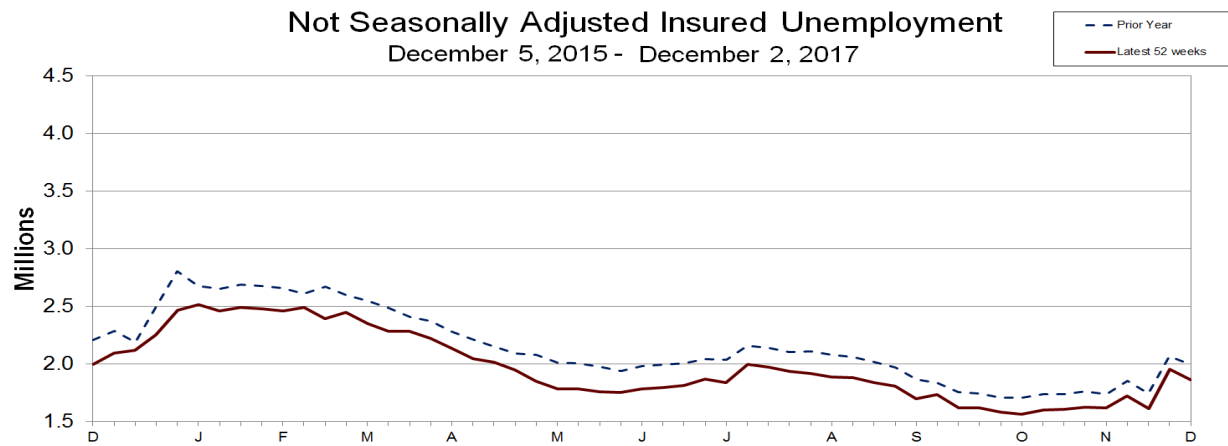
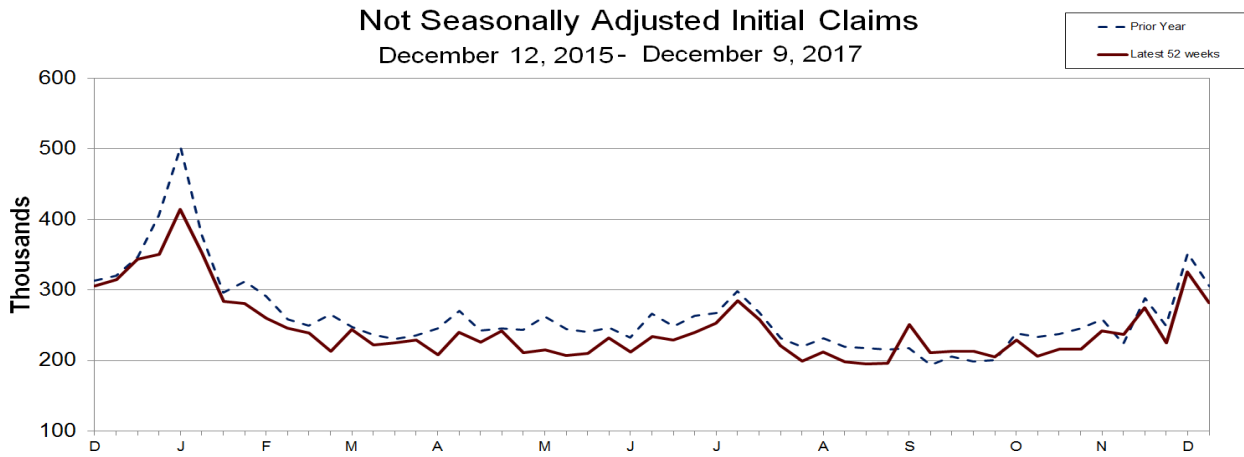
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
December 3, 2016 - December 2, 2017



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 281,556 in the week ending December 9, a decrease of 44,508 (or -13.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 29,556 (or -9.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 305,268 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending December 2, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,863,145, a decrease of 90,362 (or -4.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 63,140 (or -3.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,996,669.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 25 was 1,993,465, an increase of 346,039 from the previous week. There were 2,117,437 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska during the week ending November 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,622 in the week ending December 2, an increase of 617 from the prior week. There were 835 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 384 from the preceding week.

There were 15,821 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 25, an increase of 4,299 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,884, an increase of 739 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 25 were in Puerto Rico (6.0), Alaska (3.9), the Virgin Islands (2.7), New Jersey (2.4), California (2.3), Montana (2.2), Connecticut (2.1), Pennsylvania (1.9), Massachusetts (1.8), Nevada (1.8), Washington (1.8), and West Virginia (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 2 were in California (+18,331), New York (+11,774), Texas (+8,862), Pennsylvania (+7,485), and Georgia (+6,368), while the largest decreases were in Vermont (-312), Nebraska (-211), Idaho (-96), and Oklahoma (-59).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 9</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	225,000	236,000	-11,000	238,000	251,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	281,556	326,064	-44,508	224,879	305,268
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	234,750	241,500	-6,750	242,250	253,000
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,886,000	1,913,000	-27,000	1,960,000	2,033,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,863,145	1,953,507	-90,362	1,614,936	1,996,669
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,918,500	1,914,000	+4,500	1,911,750	2,046,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.4%	-0.1	1.4%	1.5%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.4%	-0.1	1.1%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,622	1,005	+617	1,592
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	835	451	+384	1,135

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,950,540	1,612,766	+337,774	2,067,695
Federal Employees	15,821	11,522	+4,299	16,079
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,884	8,145	+739	13,509
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	977	1,100	-123	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	6,800	6,266	+534	7,572
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	10,443	7,627	+2,816	12,582
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,993,465	1,647,426	+346,039	2,117,437

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 140,510,815 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,989	4,721	-1,732	16,934	18,847	-1,913
Alaska	1,544	1,603	-59	11,400	12,014	-614
Arizona	3,635	4,047	-412	19,528	23,026	-3,498
Arkansas	1,815	2,690	-875	13,334	14,548	-1,214
California	48,339	54,267	-5,928	340,613	380,313	-39,700
Colorado	2,763	2,384	379	21,514	21,148	366
Connecticut	4,184	4,549	-365	35,402	34,504	898
Delaware	558	1,006	-448	5,226	6,546	-1,320
District of Columbia	599	397	202	8,071	8,760	-689
Florida	7,260	8,024	-764	34,532	49,712	-15,180
Georgia	5,163	9,487	-4,324	26,303	32,005	-5,702
Hawaii	1,304	1,410	-106	7,660	7,937	-277
Idaho	2,184	2,188	-4	7,330	7,810	-480
Illinois	16,894	15,427	1,467	102,234	101,044	1,190
Indiana	3,600	3,360	240	15,809	14,514	1,295
Iowa	5,544	4,507	1,037	18,610	16,800	1,810
Kansas	2,190	2,098	92	9,832	10,702	-870
Kentucky	2,726	2,733	-7	16,911	17,881	-970
Louisiana	1,882	2,553	-671	16,810	19,604	-2,794
Maine	1,423	1,138	285	5,455	5,496	-41
Maryland	3,508	4,638	-1,130	30,456	34,174	-3,718
Massachusetts	8,189	7,816	373	62,058	62,499	-441
Michigan	15,388	14,401	987	51,519	54,601	-3,082
Minnesota	7,231	7,966	-735	50,255	46,416	3,839
Mississippi	1,055	1,484	-429	7,904	10,021	-2,117
Missouri	4,077	4,438	-361	22,798	24,430	-1,632
Montana	1,555	1,639	-84	9,176	9,547	-371
Nebraska	1,324	1,069	255	4,866	5,041	-175
Nevada	3,242	3,190	52	20,739	23,178	-2,439
New Hampshire	637	664	-27	3,508	3,871	-363
New Jersey	10,816	11,089	-273	92,130	93,440	-1,310
New Mexico	957	1,069	-112	9,956	10,703	-747
New York	15,790	25,985	-10,195	140,288	149,763	-9,475
North Carolina	3,356	3,526	-170	19,252	20,735	-1,483
North Dakota	1,591	1,198	393	5,323	3,888	1,435
Ohio	10,005	10,406	-401	56,687	53,686	3,001
Oklahoma	1,565	1,628	-63	13,868	15,160	-1,292
Oregon	4,518	6,725	-2,207	28,073	30,486	-2,413
Pennsylvania	18,889	24,799	-5,910	120,448	109,825	10,623
Puerto Rico <sup>1M</sup>	5,740	7,281	-1,541	52,036	52,642	-606
Rhode Island	1,184	1,233	-49	7,521	7,241	280
South Carolina	3,281	3,368	-87	18,131	19,004	-873
South Dakota	617	516	101	1,966	1,799	167
Tennessee	2,911	3,233	-322	17,510	18,976	-1,466
Texas	14,248	19,599	-5,351	135,430	140,371	-4,941
Utah	1,909	1,776	133	9,270	8,875	395
Vermont	577	879	-302	3,859	4,048	-189
Virgin Islands <sup>*1M</sup>	201	161	40	1,103	1,004	99
Virginia	3,451	3,504	-53	25,023	24,516	507
Washington	7,241	9,382	-2,141	59,414	57,952	1,462
West Virginia	1,887	2,190	-303	12,280	11,988	292
Wisconsin	7,313	10,094	-2,781	33,452	36,674	-3,222
Wyoming	707	529	178	3,338	3,742	-404
US Total	281,556	326,064	-44,508	1,863,145	1,953,507	-90,362

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 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 estimate.

<sup>1</sup>Affected by Hurricane Irma.

<sup>M</sup>Affected by Hurricane Maria.

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,954	-2	1,960.50	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50	1,954	0	1,957.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	235	3	238.00	1,945	-9	1,952.25	1.4
August 26, 2017	236	1	236.75	1,951	6	1,951.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	298	62	250.25	1,935	-16	1,946.25	1.4
September 9, 2017	281	-17	262.50	1,979	44	1,952.50	1.4
September 16, 2017	260	-21	268.75	1,911	-68	1,944.00	1.4
September 23, 2017	269	9	277.00	1,921	10	1,936.50	1.4
September 30, 2017	258	-11	267.00	1,904	-17	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	244	-14	257.75	1,896	-8	1,908.00	1.3
October 14, 2017	223	-21	248.50	1,900	4	1,905.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	11	239.75	1,884	-16	1,896.00	1.3
October 28, 2017	229	-5	232.50	1,904	20	1,896.00	1.4
November 4, 2017	239	10	231.25	1,868	-36	1,889.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	252	13	238.50	1,915	47	1,892.75	1.4
November 18, 2017	240	-12	240.00	1,960	45	1,911.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	238	-2	242.25	1,913	-47	1,914.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	236	-2	241.50	1,886	-27	1,918.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	225	-11	234.75				

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 2 INITIAL CLAIMS							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 25 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(% 2)	CHANGE FROM		UCFE 1	UCX 1	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	4721	2394	688	12	13	18847	1.0	2903	-2351	58	78	18983
Alaska	1603	311	-62	8	2	12014	3.9	1613	-2203	198	21	13208
Arizona	4047	1372	-211	31	2	23026	0.9	1119	-3257	226	76	23328
Arkansas	2690	132	-259	4	3	14548	1.2	2291	-2106	75	70	14693
California	54267	18331	457	400	146	380313	2.3	126150	-2826	3229	2049	385591
Colorado	2384	311	-950	51	23	21148	0.8	1228	-5295	345	268	21761
Connecticut	4549	2048	29	7	7	34504	2.1	4477	-1438	44	90	34638
Delaware	1006	310	-38	0	2	6546	1.5	1865	-31	26	12	6584
District of Columbia	397	183	-1	13	3	8760	1.6	376	136	377	12	9149
Florida	8024	2769	460	20	49	49712	0.6	11722	2061	241	230	50183
Georgia	9487	6368	-554	44	46	32005	0.8	8524	-2030	341	246	32592
Hawaii	1410	495	-270	8	9	7937	1.3	775	-143	77	88	8102
Idaho	2188	-96	-304	72	0	7810	1.1	1651	-1186	225	21	8056
Illinois	15427	5015	-1586	28	10	101044	1.7	12295	-4100	436	236	101716
Indiana	3360	1217	-1300	1	6	14514	0.5	1191	-7597	49	56	14619
Iowa	4507	1179	-835	5	3	16800	1.1	2674	-3534	47	43	16890
Kansas	2098	359	-545	18	4	10702	0.8	1297	-1292	219	50	10971
Kentucky	2733	61	-434	9	1	17881	1.0	2508	-1967	359	150	18390
Louisiana	2553	696	-556	5	5	19604	1.0	1139	-3753	59	27	19690
Maine	1138	374	-578	3	1	5496	0.9	753	-975	28	15	5539
Maryland	4638	1211	-483	48	12	34174	1.4	2794	-1574	448	135	34757
Massachusetts	7816	412	-356	19	18	62499	1.8	5213	-2828	329	149	62977
Michigan	14401	4092	2312	32	20	54601	1.3	10740	-2901	253	143	54997
Minnesota	7966	1933	-2988	15	4	46416	1.7	10034	-6082	115	104	46635
Mississippi	1484	248	-638	3	6	10021	0.9	1413	-1987	59	44	10124
Missouri	4438	1227	-709	31	2	24430	0.9	1409	-1555	721	52	25203
Montana	1639	50	-489	82	1	9547	2.2	1695	-324	433	33	10015
Nebraska	1069	-211	-343	3	2	5041	0.5	921	-448	15	11	5067
Nevada	3190	19	-184	22	4	23178	1.8	2839	-1245	177	85	23440
New Hampshire	664	133	-121	1	0	3871	0.6	260	-459	4	3	3878
New Jersey	11089	470	-1195	22	22	93440	2.4	10879	-3318	255	330	94025
New Mexico	1069	148	-218	17	1	10703	1.4	872	-1785	339	76	11118
New York	25985	11774	-4416	37	41	149763	1.7	19106	-10202	647	436	150846
North Carolina	3526	1636	-900	10	13	20735	0.5	858	-3445	93	166	20994
North Dakota	1198	278	-659	5	3	3888	1.0	821	-1639	20	4	3912
Ohio	10406	1988	-430	16	22	53686	1.0	5621	-5018	211	229	54126
Oklahoma	1628	-59	-165	8	8	15160	1.0	1307	-4850	70	101	15331
Oregon	6725	2785	-108	139	16	30486	1.7	4170	-1091	580	113	31179
Pennsylvania	24799	7485	-4727	101	58	109825	1.9	10930	-6996	1304	360	111489
Puerto Rico	7281	4175	5708	2	6	52642	6.0	24176	29165	38	22	52702
Rhode Island	1233	268	-10	5	2	7241	1.6	829	-898	20	21	7282
South Carolina	3368	1610	-1190	6	9	19004	1.0	2139	2565	71	64	19139
South Dakota	516	207	-231	11	2	1799	0.4	417	-351	27	6	1832
Tennessee	3233	939	-429	11	1	18976	0.7	2127	617	429	116	19521
Texas	19599	8862	-595	106	171	140371	1.2	6161	-35242	1238	1445	143054
Utah	1776	595	-780	61	5	8875	0.7	471	-1011	319	20	9214
Vermont	879	-312	-339	3	0	4048	1.3	1034	-857	15	4	4067
Virgin Islands	161	48	115	0	0	1004	2.7	50	148	0	0	1004
Virginia	3504	1043	-967	13	21	24516	0.7	2611	-872	206	73	24795
Washington	9382	1844	-342	27	20	57952	1.8	6186	3742	449	616	59017
West Virginia	2190	1235	47	3	3	11988	1.8	2706	-2774	47	32	12067
Wisconsin	10094	1142	-2543	7	6	36674	1.3	10616	-7875	102	37	36813
Wyoming	529	81	-294	17	1	3742	1.4	615	-1910	128	16	3886
Totals	326064	101185	-25516	1622	835	1953507	1.4	338571	-117187	15821	8884	1979189

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 2, 2017**

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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>
CA	+18,331	Layoffs in the service and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industries.
NY	+11,774	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
TX	+8,862	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
PA	+7,485	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and construction industries.
GA	+6,368	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, trade, and construction industries.
IL	+5,015	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
PR	+4,175	No comment.
MI	+4,092	No comment.
OR	+2,785	No comment.
FL	+2,769	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
AL	+2,394	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and retail trade industries.
CT	+2,048	Layoffs in the educational service industry.
OH	+1,988	No comment.
MN	+1,933	No comment.
WA	+1,844	Layoffs in the retail trade, finance and insurance, and public administration industries.
NC	+1,636	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries.
SC	+1,610	No comment.
AZ	+1,372	No comment.
WV	+1,235	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, utilities, construction, and manufacturing industries.
MO	+1,227	Layoffs in the construction, healthcare and social assistance, and retail trade industries.
IN	+1,217	No comment.
MD	+1,211	No comment.
IA	+1,179	Layoffs in the construction industry.
WI	+1,142	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
VA	+1,043	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service 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>
None		

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## 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.

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)

[Weekly Claims Data](#)

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