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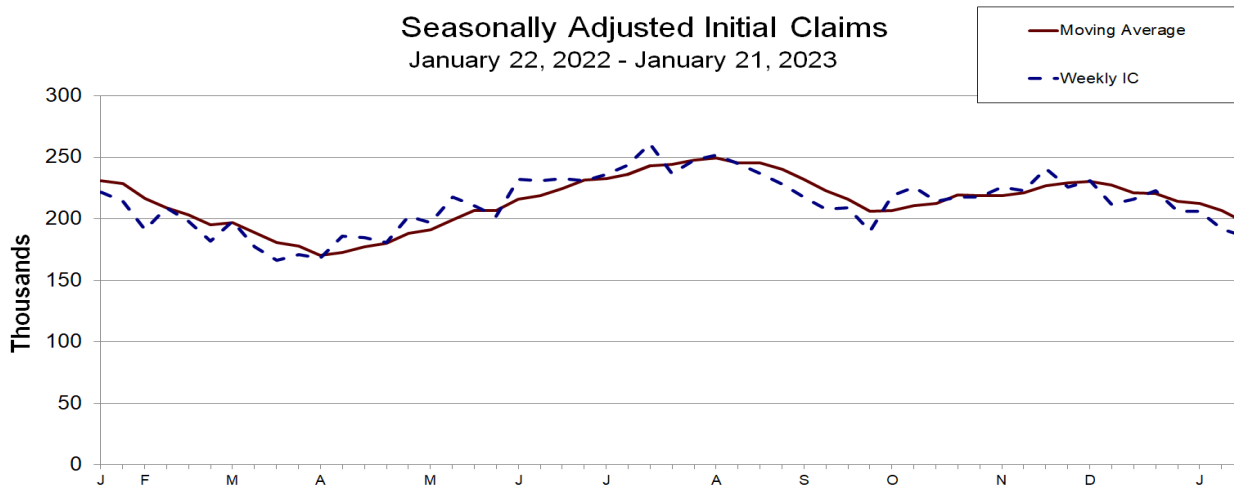
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

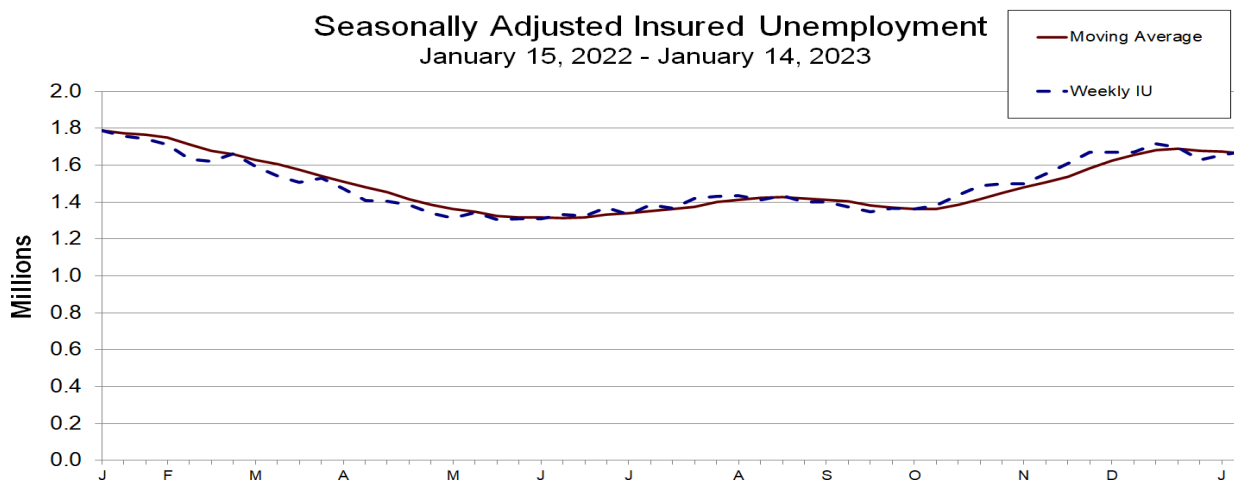
In the week ending January 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 186,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 190,000 to 192,000. The 4-week moving average was 197,500, a decrease of 9,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 206,000 to 206,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending January 14, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 14 was 1,675,000, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 8,000 from 1,647,000 to 1,655,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,664,250, a decrease of 10,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 1,673,000 to 1,675,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 22, 2022 - January 21, 2023



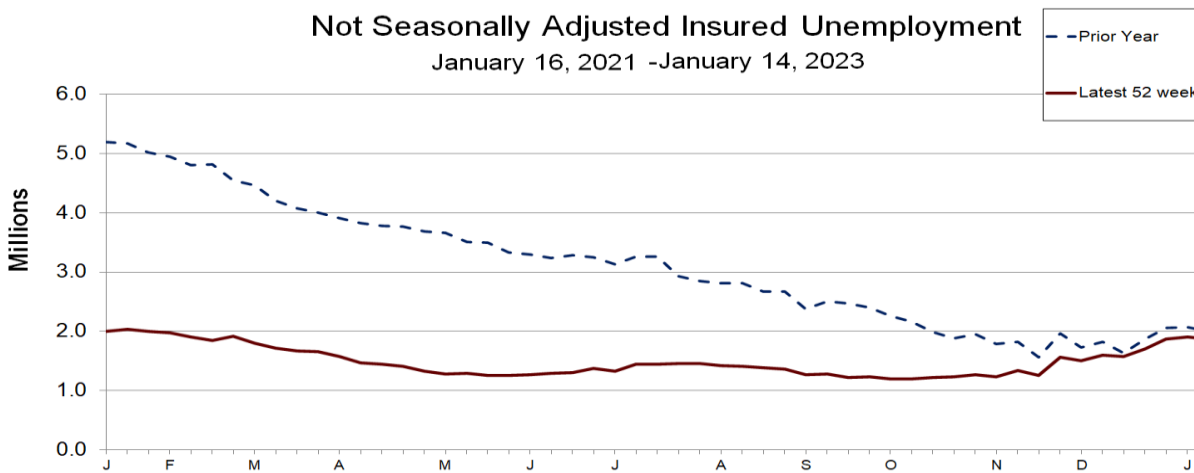
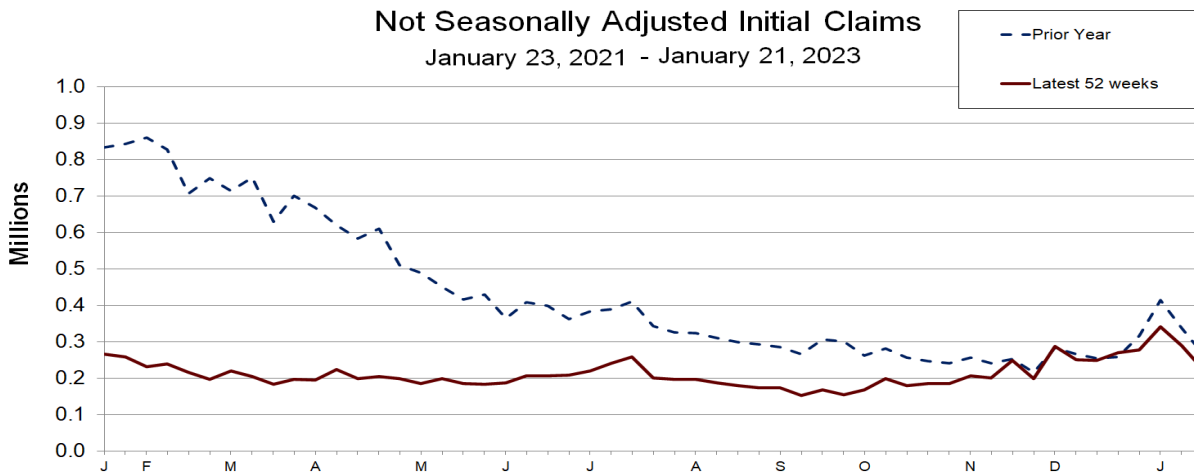
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
January 15, 2022 - January 14, 2023



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,481 in the week ending January 21, a decrease of 63,849 (or -22.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 56,437 (or -19.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 266,990 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending January 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,873,829, a decrease of 34,805 (or -1.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 56,282 (or -2.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,001,240.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 7 was 1,935,731, an increase of 41,922 from the previous week. There were 2,310,889 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 January 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 758 in the week ending January 14, a decrease of 190 from the prior week. There were 407 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 32 from the preceding week.

There were 7,324 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 7, a decrease of 4 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,502, an increase of 180 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 7 were in New Jersey (2.5), Rhode Island (2.4), Alaska (2.3), Minnesota (2.3), California (2.2), Massachusetts (2.1), Montana (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.1), Illinois (2.0), and New York (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 14 were in California (+3,867), Kentucky (+2,559), Puerto Rico (+713), Virginia (+698), and Maryland (+446), while the largest decreases were in New York (-17,408), Michigan (-5,504), Georgia (-4,823), Wisconsin (-4,055), and New Jersey (-3,822).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	186,000	192,000	-6,000	206,000	222,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,481	288,330	-63,849	340,213	266,990
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	197,500	206,750	-9,250	212,750	231,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,675,000	1,655,000	+20,000	1,630,000	1,787,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,873,829	1,908,634	-34,805	1,870,048	2,001,240
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,664,250	1,675,000	-10,750	1,678,500	1,786,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 14</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	758	948	-190	940
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	407	375	+32	439

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,903,255	1,865,797	+37,458	2,060,096
Federal Employees	7,324	7,328	-4	10,130
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,502	4,322	+180	5,046
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,825	2,411	+414	48,096
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,567	1,546	+21	2,167
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	16,258	12,405	+3,853	15,484
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,935,731</b>	<b>1,893,809</b>	<b>+41,922</b>	<b>2,310,889</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 145,292,485 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 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,253	2,823	-570	4,724	7,071	-2,347
Alaska	953	1,028	-75	6,586	6,818	-232
Arizona	3,052	3,432	-380	17,265	18,588	-1,323
Arkansas	2,064	1,742	322	6,251	7,250	-999
California	48,664	63,697	-15,033	374,053	387,322	-13,269
Colorado	3,247	3,709	-462	25,078	23,777	1,301
Connecticut	3,331	4,455	-1,124	28,459	28,418	41
Delaware	341	551	-210	4,978	4,698	279
District of Columbia	446	633	-187	3,621	4,098	-477
Florida	5,271	7,121	-1,850	33,992	39,689	-5,697
Georgia	5,775	9,889	-4,114	29,369	30,337	-968
Hawaii	904	1,285	-381	5,799	6,067	-268
Idaho	1,581	2,064	-483	9,990	10,516	-526
Illinois	9,466	12,133	-2,667	116,102	112,708	3,394
Indiana	4,288	5,469	-1,181	31,762	34,266	-2,504
Iowa	1,984	2,522	-538	21,204	21,340	-136
Kansas	1,063	1,268	-205	5,336	5,113	223
Kentucky	5,224	5,442	-218	14,076	11,907	2,169
Louisiana	1,648	2,313	-665	11,386	12,625	-1,239
Maine	769	1,015	-246	7,521	7,157	364
Maryland	2,136	2,953	-817	21,382	23,134	-1,752
Massachusetts	6,915	8,815	-1,900	75,905	74,702	1,203
Michigan	7,500	9,796	-2,296	64,621	69,017	-4,396
Minnesota	4,033	5,147	-1,114	64,019	62,286	1,733
Mississippi	813	1,129	-316	5,039	6,199	-1,160
Missouri	3,287	4,379	-1,092	22,122	21,240	882
Montana	884	1,009	-125	9,781	9,642	139
Nebraska	721	932	-211	5,789	6,311	-522
Nevada	2,309	2,950	-641	18,223	19,909	-1,686
New Hampshire	311	480	-169	2,743	2,910	-167
New Jersey	6,173	7,607	-1,434	101,036	101,656	-620
New Mexico	701	967	-266	9,641	10,017	-376
New York	16,847	21,642	-4,795	170,654	172,957	-2,303
North Carolina	3,450	4,048	-598	17,922	18,095	-173
North Dakota	495	645	-150	5,430	4,805	625
Ohio	8,973	13,460	-4,487	60,245	61,753	-1,508
Oklahoma	1,142	1,482	-340	10,283	10,821	-538
Oregon	4,552	5,726	-1,174	31,267	31,088	179
Pennsylvania	11,602	14,378	-2,776	96,930	98,386	-1,456
Puerto Rico	1,425	1,838	-413	16,662	18,290	-1,628
Rhode Island	1,191	2,113	-922	11,526	11,229	297
South Carolina	2,148	3,059	-911	13,611	15,110	-1,499
South Dakota	186	341	-155	2,509	2,532	-23
Tennessee	2,474	3,194	-720	16,015	17,081	-1,066
Texas	14,852	17,945	-3,093	118,975	122,643	-3,668
Utah	1,910	2,245	-335	12,946	12,790	156
Vermont	385	540	-155	3,871	3,710	161
Virgin Islands	21	26	-5	164	210	-46
Virginia	2,177	2,656	-479	12,686	10,677	2,009
Washington	5,561	5,524	37	61,475	58,849	2,626
West Virginia	974	1,606	-632	10,226	10,415	-189
Wisconsin	5,603	6,601	-998	39,616	37,753	1,863
Wyoming	406	506	-100	2,963	2,651	312
US Total	224,481	288,330	-63,849	1,873,829	1,908,634	-34,805

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	
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,498	0	1,480.25	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	53	1,508.50	1.1
November 19, 2022	241	18	227.00	1,609	58	1,539.00	1.1
November 26, 2022	226	-15	229.00	1,670	61	1,582.00	1.2
December 3, 2022	231	5	230.25	1,669	-1	1,624.75	1.2
December 10, 2022	212	-19	227.50	1,669	0	1,654.25	1.2
December 17, 2022	216	4	221.25	1,718	49	1,681.50	1.2
December 24, 2022	223	7	220.50	1,697	-21	1,688.25	1.2
December 31, 2022	206	-17	214.25	1,630	-67	1,678.50	1.1
January 7, 2023	206	0	212.75	1,655	25	1,675.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	192	-14	206.75	1,675	20	1,664.25	1.2
January 21, 2023	186	-6	197.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 14

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JANUARY 7

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2,823	-528	-2,572	5	7	7,071	0.4	-288	-372	28	15	7,114
Alaska	1,028	28	-447	0	0	6,818	2.3	-62	-2,081	114	17	6,949
Arizona	3,432	61	115	8	0	18,588	0.6	775	4,611	119	13	18,720
Arkansas	1,742	398	-254	1	1	7,250	0.6	-292	-4,985	27	17	7,294
California	63,697	3,867	2,228	190	72	387,322	2.2	37,534	-8,170	1,069	849	389,240
Colorado	3,709	-281	-751	5	9	23,777	0.9	819	-5,261	253	102	24,132
Connecticut	4,455	-1,251	-3,430	2	1	28,418	1.8	440	-8,817	23	36	28,477
Delaware	551	-299	-239	1	2	4,699	1.1	119	-299	27	19	4,745
District of Columbia	633	-83	-2,343	15	0	4,098	0.8	737	-2,190	116	12	4,226
Florida	7,121	-326	-2,982	16	18	39,689	0.4	1,461	-8,898	97	102	39,888
Georgia	9,889	-4,823	2,303	48	32	30,337	0.7	-5,938	-5,713	142	116	30,595
Hawaii	1,285	-367	-1,551	0	10	6,067	1.1	-420	-4,493	69	66	6,202
Idaho	2,064	295	-429	13	3	10,516	1.3	-331	1,656	210	21	10,747
Illinois	12,133	-1,237	-4,649	8	4	112,708	2.0	8,059	-906	307	119	113,134
Indiana	5,469	-1,465	-6,457	6	4	34,266	1.1	3,531	1,544	40	21	34,327
Iowa	2,522	-631	-2,463	5	0	21,340	1.4	-1,133	-3,201	26	8	21,374
Kansas	1,268	-53	-1,846	0	0	5,113	0.4	-284	-1,402	31	11	5,155
Kentucky	5,442	2,559	-5,803	3	1	11,907	0.6	176	-35,879	51	41	11,999
Louisiana	2,313	189	-548	2	3	12,625	0.7	162	-3,895	52	13	12,690
Maine	1,015	-294	-593	1	0	7,157	1.2	545	-330	29	13	7,199
Maryland	2,953	446	-1,539	8	3	23,134	0.8	1,572	-269	183	72	23,389
Massachusetts	8,815	-1,970	-2,722	15	5	74,702	2.1	-328	-1,924	119	65	74,886
Michigan	9,796	-5,504	-8,237	4	0	69,017	1.7	11,833	9,539	127	57	69,201
Minnesota	5,147	-1,189	-4,352	7	6	62,286	2.3	-969	-11,788	116	61	62,463
Mississippi	1,129	-57	-652	2	0	6,199	0.6	-348	-232	28	16	6,243
Missouri	4,379	-1,830	-8,206	3	2	21,240	0.8	-2,143	377	104	29	21,373
Montana	1,009	-442	-1,047	49	2	9,642	2.1	-190	633	532	27	10,201
Nebraska	932	-170	-695	0	1	6,311	0.7	-3	603	6	9	6,326
Nevada	2,950	-381	-527	4	1	19,909	1.4	271	-1,533	103	35	20,047
New Hampshire	480	-91	-152	2	1	2,910	0.4	-411	-793	2	3	2,915
New Jersey	7,607	-3,822	-8,918	25	10	101,656	2.5	29	3,123	217	158	102,031
New Mexico	967	57	-266	5	2	10,017	1.3	197	-1,035	171	26	10,214
New York	21,642	-17,408	-15,467	28	18	172,957	1.9	-9,366	-44,759	318	257	173,532
North Carolina	4,048	-90	131	4	6	18,095	0.4	300	1,506	77	98	18,270
North Dakota	645	-344	-791	3	2	4,805	1.2	445	-339	8	9	4,822
Ohio	13,460	-598	-4,022	5	18	61,753	1.2	1,054	4,999	80	103	61,936
Oklahoma	1,482	-251	-1,278	5	4	10,821	0.7	-200	-3,356	34	51	10,906
Oregon	5,726	43	-3,745	91	16	31,088	1.6	-1,980	-10,969	540	51	31,679
Pennsylvania	14,378	-2,719	-4,955	19	14	98,386	1.7	-2,066	-1,571	221	114	98,721
Puerto Rico	1,838	713	762	3	11	18,290	2.1	865	3,394	88	90	18,468
Rhode Island	2,113	240	559	1	1	11,229	2.4	49	251	15	19	11,263
South Carolina	3,059	-2,225	-997	4	1	15,110	0.7	-2,516	-1,043	36	38	15,184
South Dakota	341	-56	-216	3	1	2,532	0.6	131	-64	27	3	2,562
Tennessee	3,194	-2,272	-6,301	5	15	17,081	0.5	105	-850	44	48	17,173
Texas	17,945	-2,521	-5,892	46	73	122,643	1.0	629	4,721	472	1,046	124,161
Utah	2,245	-220	465	32	5	12,790	0.8	797	3,844	210	12	13,012
Vermont	540	-15	-368	0	2	3,710	1.3	-94	-581	2	0	3,712
Virgin Islands	26	22	-28	0	0	210	0.6	152	-324	0	4	214
Virginia	2,656	698	213	7	0	10,677	0.3	588	2,487	68	72	10,817
Washington	5,524	-1,529	-6,069	22	16	58,849	1.7	-2,655	-8,980	382	281	59,512
West Virginia	1,606	27	-536	1	1	10,415	1.6	774	960	35	24	10,474
Wisconsin	6,601	-4,055	-7,827	13	3	37,753	1.3	-3,647	-10,258	78	12	37,843
Wyoming	506	-129	-446	13	0	2,651	1.0	101	90	51	1	2,703
Totals	288,330	-51,883	-126,832	758	407	1,908,634	1.3	38,586	-153,222	7,324	4,502	1,920,460

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 14, 2023**

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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	+3,867	Layoffs in the construction industry.
KY	+2,559	Layoffs in the automobile 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	-17,408	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
MI	-5,504	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and management of companies and enterprises industries.
GA	-4,823	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WI	-4,055	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-3,822	No comment.
PA	-2,719	No comment.
TX	-2,521	No comment.
TN	-2,272	No comment.
SC	-2,225	No comment.
MA	-1,970	No comment.
MO	-1,830	Fewer layoffs in the arts, entertainment, and recreation, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
WA	-1,529	No comment.
IN	-1,465	No comment.
CT	-1,251	No comment.
IL	-1,237	No comment.
MN	-1,189	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](#).

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