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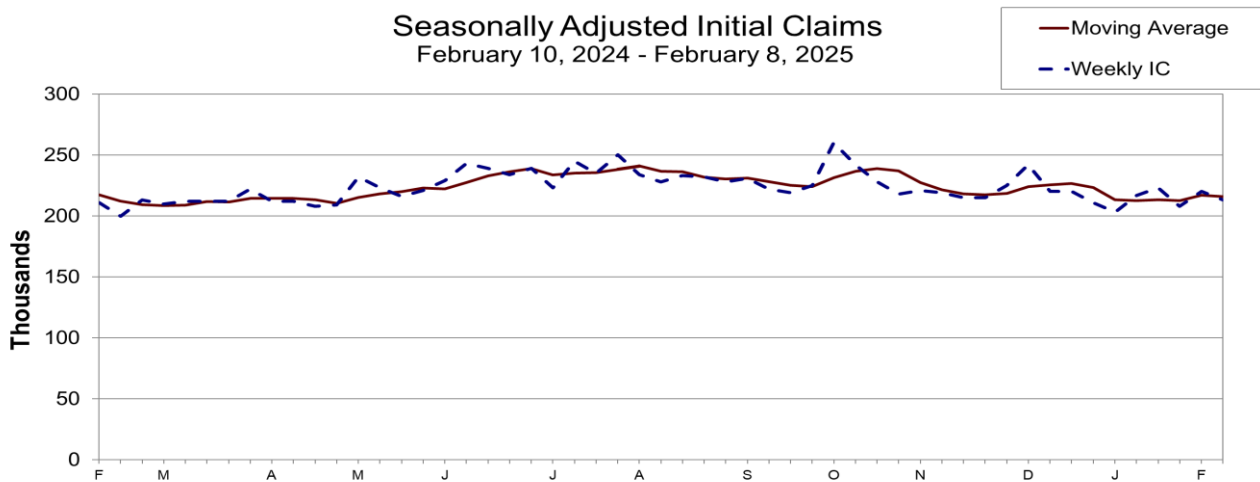
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

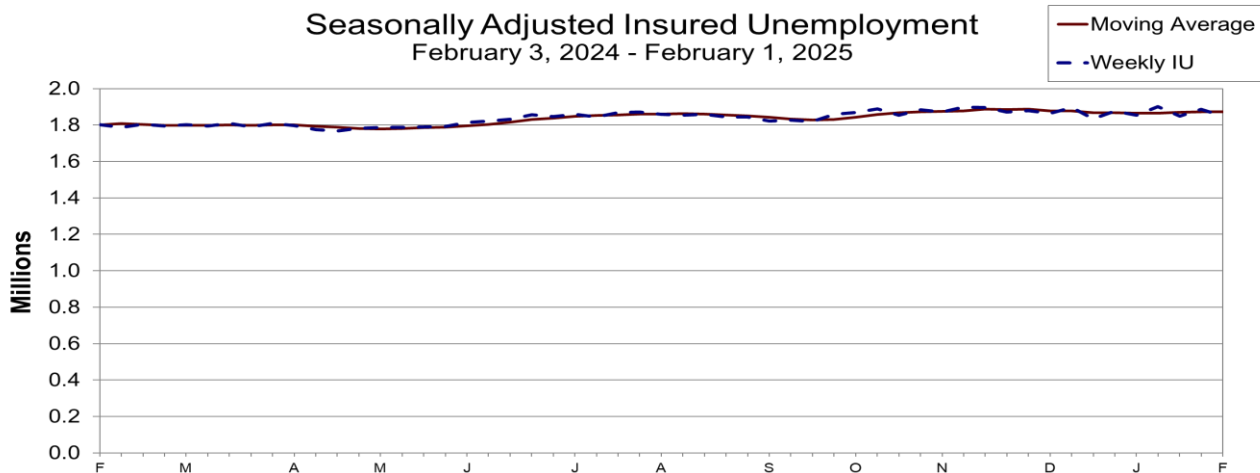
In the week ending February 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 213,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 219,000 to 220,000. The 4-week moving average was 216,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 216,750 to 217,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending February 1, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending February 1 was 1,850,000, a decrease of 36,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,886,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,871,500, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,872,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
February 10, 2024 - February 8, 2025



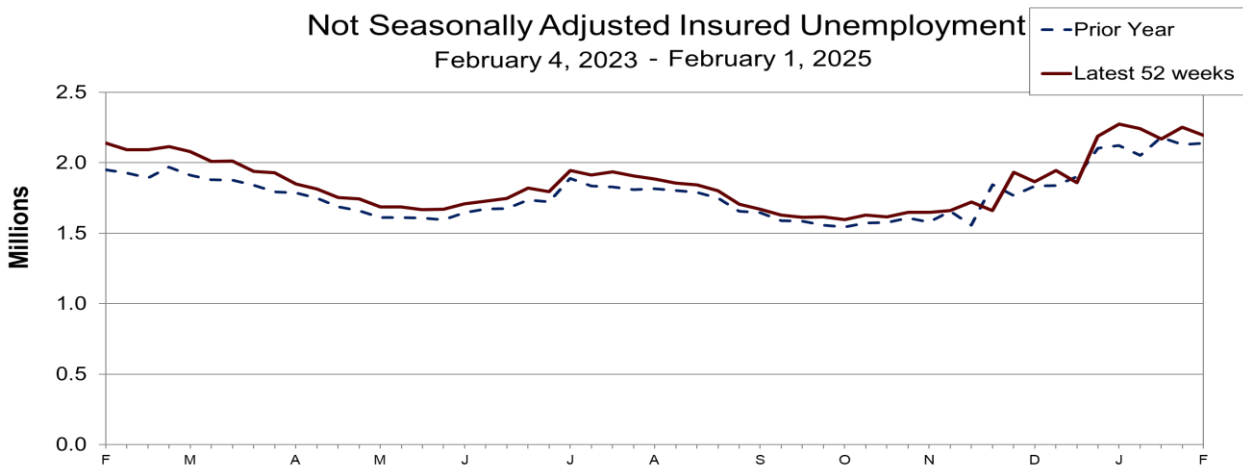
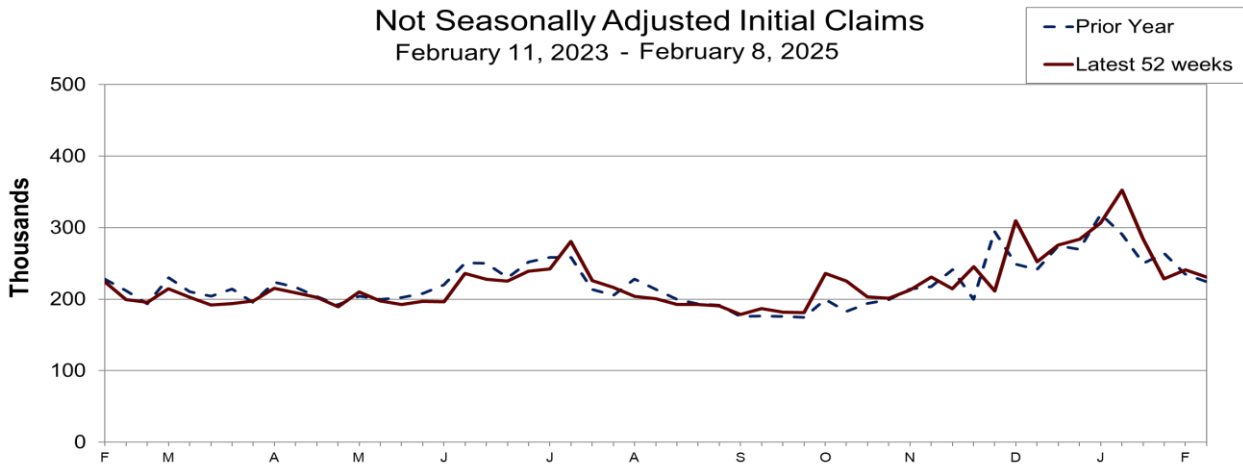
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
February 3, 2024 - February 1, 2025



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 231,006 in the week ending February 8, a decrease of 10,095 (or -4.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,761 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 223,985 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending February 1, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,194,062, a decrease of 58,075 (or -2.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,090 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,139,970.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending January 25 was 2,282,321, an increase of 85,537 from the previous week. There were 2,160,218 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 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 599 in the week ending February 1, an increase of 105 from the prior week. There were 465 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 79 from the preceding week.

There were 7,445 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending January 25, an increase of 779 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,607, an increase of 242 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 25 were in New Jersey (2.9), Rhode Island (2.9), Minnesota (2.6), California (2.4), Illinois (2.4), Massachusetts (2.4), Washington (2.4), Montana (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), Connecticut (2.0), Michigan (2.0), and New York (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 1 were in New York (+3,964), California (+3,418), Georgia (+1,049), Kansas (+855), and Texas (+798), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-978), Massachusetts (-854), Michigan (-493), Kentucky (-446), and Montana (-299).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	213,000	220,000	-7,000	208,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	231,006	241,101	-10,095	228,320	223,985
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	216,000	217,000	-1,000	212,750	217,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,850,000	1,886,000	-36,000	1,850,000	1,803,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,194,062	2,252,137	-58,075	2,170,177	2,139,970
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,871,500	1,872,250	-750	1,870,000	1,801,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.4%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	599	494	+105	411
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	465	386	+79	380

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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 25</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,245,257	2,163,993	+81,264	2,122,892
Federal Employees	7,445	6,666	+779	6,953
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,607	4,365	+242	4,276
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	121	101	+20	434
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,720	2,540	+180	2,640
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	22,171	19,119	+3,052	23,023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,282,321</b>	<b>2,196,784</b>	<b>+85,537</b>	<b>2,160,218</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 February 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,070	2,312	-242	8,428	9,747	-1,319
Alaska	663	615	48	5,768	5,904	-136
Arizona	2,975	3,245	-270	21,247	22,706	-1,459
Arkansas	1,594	1,663	-69	7,272	8,120	-848
California	51,069	49,384	1,685	428,879	436,020	-7,141
Colorado	3,457	3,382	75	33,455	33,101	354
Connecticut	3,235	3,501	-266	33,365	34,342	-977
Delaware	262	208	54	7,372	7,098	274
District of Columbia	1,780	1,310	470	8,320	7,804	516
Florida	6,486	5,962	524	27,966	34,072	-6,106
Georgia	5,230	5,728	-498	29,082	32,006	-2,924
Hawaii	1,147	1,009	138	5,946	5,512	434
Idaho	1,577	1,349	228	11,010	11,670	-660
Illinois	9,589	10,535	-946	139,201	143,143	-3,942
Indiana	3,097	3,489	-392	28,913	30,247	-1,334
Iowa	2,355	2,610	-255	23,821	23,632	189
Kansas	1,543	2,469	-926	12,712	14,225	-1,513
Kentucky	2,102	1,729	373	13,751	14,978	-1,227
Louisiana	1,510	1,689	-179	10,561	12,457	-1,896
Maine	695	726	-31	9,501	8,971	530
Maryland	2,747	2,896	-149	26,749	26,269	480
Massachusetts	5,989	5,747	242	84,815	86,977	-2,162
Michigan	7,243	7,932	-689	84,106	87,193	-3,087
Minnesota	4,526	4,750	-224	77,498	73,691	3,807
Mississippi	833	1,063	-230	6,231	7,343	-1,112
Missouri	2,994	3,971	-977	23,772	27,259	-3,487
Montana	931	801	130	11,379	11,405	-26
Nebraska	777	833	-56	7,649	8,070	-421
Nevada	2,911	2,877	34	25,893	26,933	-1,040
New Hampshire	359	499	-140	3,947	4,108	-161
New Jersey	10,313	10,678	-365	123,508	122,180	1,328
New Mexico	770	790	-20	10,823	10,929	-106
New York	16,243	19,162	-2,919	183,532	184,890	-1,358
North Carolina	4,128	4,005	123	26,665	28,933	-2,268
North Dakota	459	412	47	6,848	6,533	315
Ohio	6,380	7,564	-1,184	69,706	71,897	-2,191
Oklahoma	1,343	1,330	13	10,133	10,358	-225
Oregon	5,552	4,848	704	36,945	33,827	3,118
Pennsylvania	12,451	15,426	-2,975	119,013	126,819	-7,806
Puerto Rico	1,373	1,421	-48	14,683	17,644	-2,961
Rhode Island	968	1,069	-101	14,169	14,010	159
South Carolina	2,177	2,199	-22	14,838	16,311	-1,473
South Dakota	242	277	-35	3,289	3,264	25
Tennessee	2,915	2,998	-83	18,115	17,903	212
Texas	15,760	15,361	399	141,281	156,594	-15,313
Utah	1,653	1,697	-44	15,494	15,700	-206
Vermont	364	348	16	3,894	3,735	159
Virgin Islands	19	42	-23	230	236	-6
Virginia	2,916	2,606	310	18,597	17,201	1,396
Washington	7,114	6,474	640	90,784	83,191	7,593
West Virginia	914	1,394	-480	11,701	12,708	-1,007
Wisconsin	4,831	6,295	-1,464	37,909	39,269	-1,360
Wyoming	375	421	-46	3,296	3,002	294
US Total	231,006	241,101	-10,095	2,194,062	2,252,137	-58,075

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	
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	1,900	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	1,850	-36	1,871.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	213	-7	216.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 1					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 25						
	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	2,312	548	-105	4	4	9,747	0.5	530	-665	16	23	9,786
Alaska	615	67	-123	3	0	5,904	1.9	-299	-398	99	3	6,006
Arizona	3,245	188	-481	6	2	22,706	0.7	367	130	120	38	22,864
Arkansas	1,663	538	-453	1	0	8,120	0.6	332	-2,456	21	7	8,148
California	49,384	3,418	1,557	140	131	436,020	2.4	42,981	25,262	1,546	1,284	438,850
Colorado	3,382	-23	265	5	15	33,101	1.2	312	-1,756	202	153	33,456
Connecticut	3,501	17	130	1	3	34,342	2.0	2,847	-226	42	20	34,404
Delaware	208	-63	-34	3	1	7,098	1.5	681	505	6	2	7,106
District of Columbia	1,310	542	867	107	2	7,804	1.4	149	3,342	180	5	7,989
Florida	5,962	215	-324	19	24	34,072	0.4	2,440	-2,240	87	81	34,240
Georgia	5,728	1,049	-516	26	17	32,006	0.7	2,390	339	85	66	32,157
Hawaii	1,009	121	-277	4	6	5,512	0.9	137	-2,970	33	49	5,594
Idaho	1,349	-228	-173	16	2	11,670	1.4	360	-118	245	10	11,925
Illinois	10,535	128	-60	8	6	143,143	2.4	-1,379	7,259	275	117	143,535
Indiana	3,489	-128	-14	2	1	30,247	1.0	291	1,800	30	29	30,306
Iowa	2,610	-252	37	1	1	23,632	1.5	260	1,118	18	8	23,658
Kansas	2,469	855	1,104	0	0	14,225	1.0	2,461	6,928	10	0	14,235
Kentucky	1,729	-446	-94	0	5	14,978	0.8	27	3,995	41	31	15,050
Louisiana	1,689	650	104	4	1	12,457	0.7	1	245	25	8	12,490
Maine	726	85	-54	0	0	8,971	1.4	150	560	34	15	9,020
Maryland	2,896	340	50	34	7	26,269	1.0	758	479	155	88	26,512
Massachusetts	5,747	-854	-384	5	8	86,977	2.4	2,098	1,147	116	59	87,152
Michigan	7,932	-493	-819	5	1	87,193	2.0	-9,773	14,818	171	22	87,386
Minnesota	4,750	115	700	4	3	73,691	2.6	1,317	3,556	92	53	73,836
Mississippi	1,063	213	-32	3	0	7,343	0.6	155	499	32	12	7,387
Missouri	3,971	-184	-2,403	3	3	27,259	1.0	-3,405	-231	71	28	27,358
Montana	801	-299	42	1	0	11,405	2.3	509	780	381	8	11,794
Nebraska	833	-280	-111	2	2	8,070	0.8	169	570	12	5	8,087
Nevada	2,877	332	177	6	1	26,933	1.8	417	1,548	131	54	27,118
New Hampshire	499	23	-1	0	5	4,108	0.6	144	184	5	0	4,113
New Jersey	10,678	-978	278	16	21	122,180	2.9	1,736	5,125	235	177	122,592
New Mexico	790	20	3	0	1	10,929	1.3	-26	502	146	17	11,092
New York	19,162	3,964	1,776	18	16	184,890	2.0	7,250	-2,425	232	191	185,313
North Carolina	4,005	471	414	7	0	28,933	0.6	1,214	8,385	63	107	29,103
North Dakota	412	-126	-14	1	1	6,533	1.6	269	784	8	1	6,542
Ohio	7,564	290	1,843	8	9	71,897	1.3	626	9,726	79	98	72,074
Oklahoma	1,330	-11	118	5	6	10,358	0.6	379	-2	30	31	10,419
Oregon	4,848	397	-801	2	5	33,827	1.7	516	-3,338	549	31	34,407
Pennsylvania	15,426	639	3,072	13	10	126,819	2.2	6,764	5,118	244	126	127,189
Puerto Rico	1,421	-134	-38	5	2	17,644	1.9	-588	776	80	50	17,774
Rhode Island	1,069	-219	-25	2	0	14,010	2.9	485	1,119	25	25	14,060
South Carolina	2,199	449	-21	2	4	16,311	0.7	591	975	26	41	16,378
South Dakota	277	-20	26	0	0	3,264	0.7	209	388	42	1	3,307
Tennessee	2,998	163	263	1	4	17,903	0.6	-351	-1,190	38	30	17,971
Texas	15,361	798	-1,346	53	93	156,594	1.1	9,481	14,265	335	864	157,793
Utah	1,697	69	389	21	1	15,700	0.9	263	2,927	232	17	15,949
Vermont	348	-43	-49	0	0	3,735	1.2	44	-168	1	0	3,736
Virgin Islands	42	11	16	1	0	236	0.7	-10	-16	6	0	242
Virginia	2,606	84	70	16	7	17,201	0.4	-2	2,214	98	65	17,364
Washington	6,474	196	838	5	28	83,191	2.4	2,422	11,175	550	412	84,153
West Virginia	1,394	-122	137	1	4	12,708	1.9	767	1,688	32	18	12,758
Wisconsin	6,295	769	851	2	2	39,269	1.4	2,251	-130	59	24	39,352
Wyoming	421	-80	-3	7	0	3,002	1.1	243	217	54	3	3,059
Totals	241,101	12,781	6,372	599	465	2,252,137	1.5	81,960	122,119	7,445	4,607	2,264,189

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 FEBRUARY 1, 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>
NY	3,964	Layoffs in construction, transportation and warehousing, and in accommodation and food services industries
CA	3,418	No comment.
GA	1,049	Layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and in transportation and warehousing industries.

**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		



## 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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