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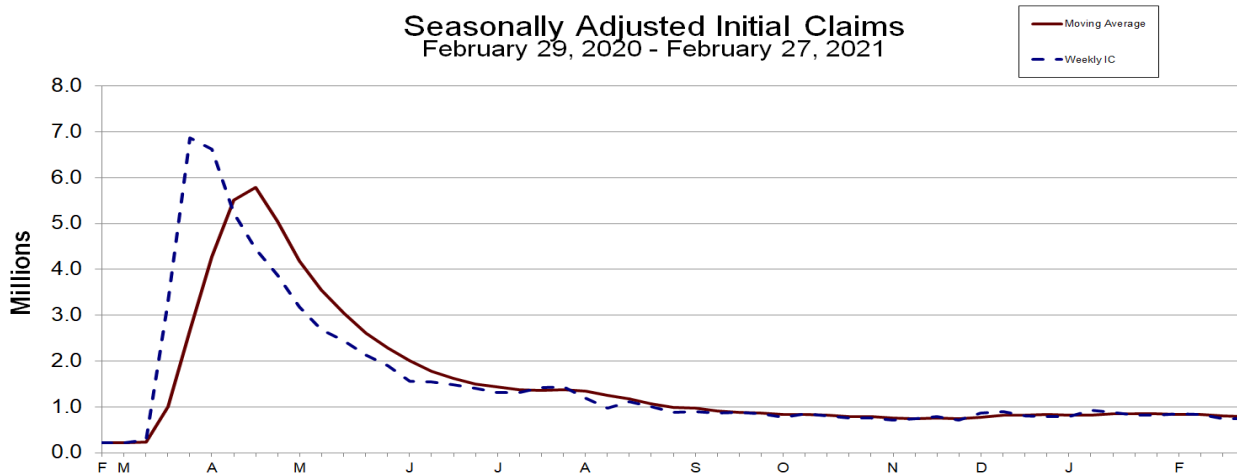
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

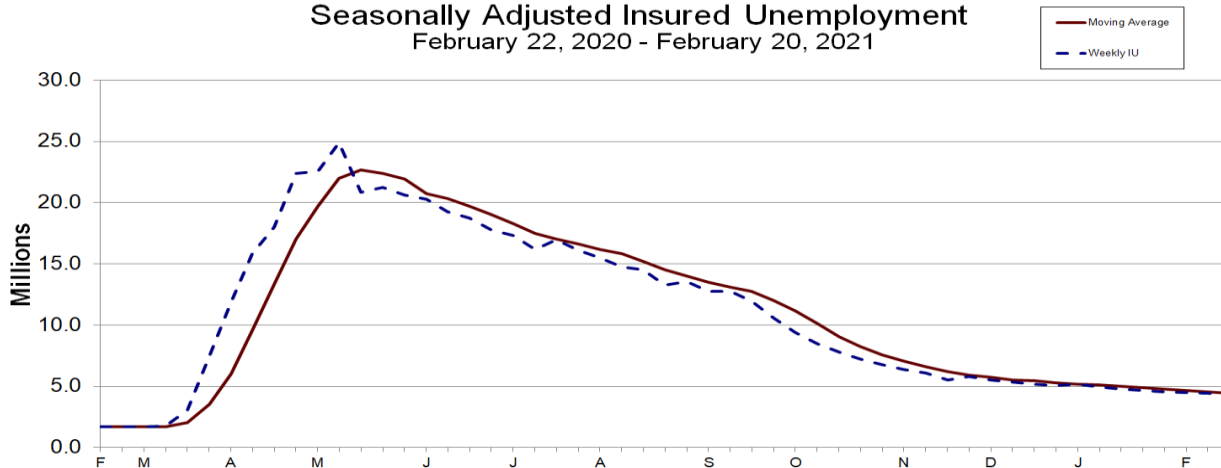
In the week ending February 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 745,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 6,000 from 730,000 to 736,000. The 4-week moving average was 790,750, a decrease of 16,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 807,750 to 807,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending February 20, 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 February 20 was 4,295,000, a decrease of 124,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 4,419,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,448,000, a decrease of 99,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 4,547,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
February 29, 2020 - February 27, 2021



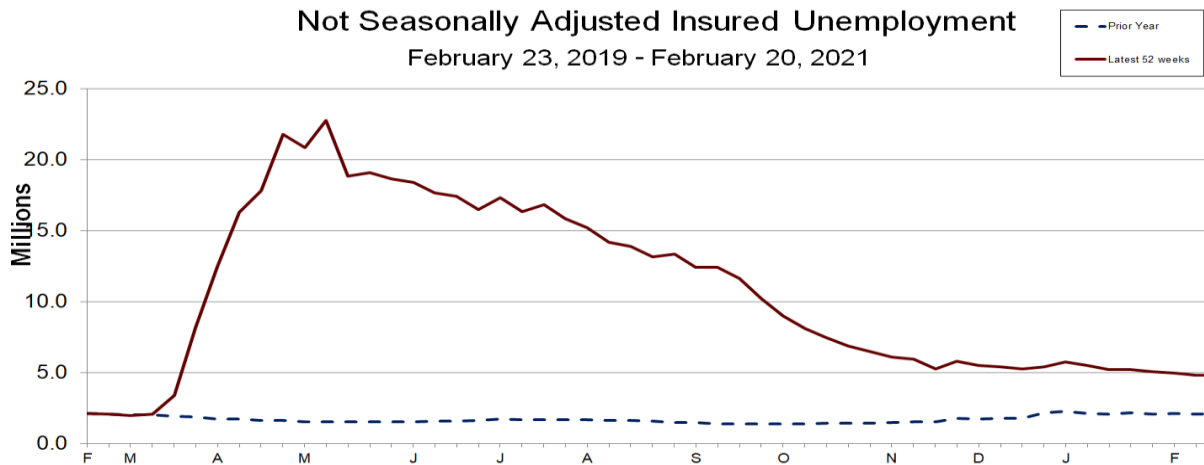
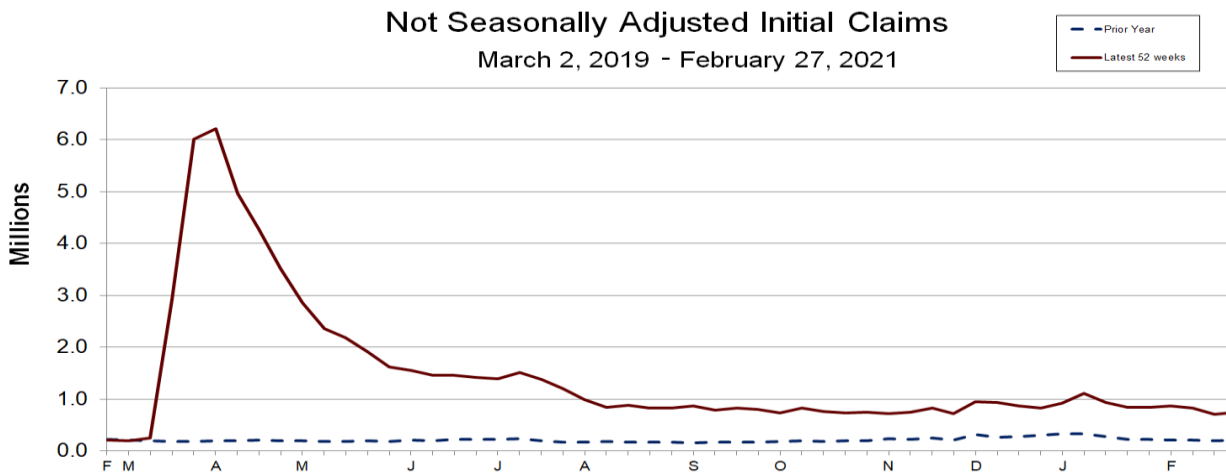
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
February 22, 2020 - February 20, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 748,078 in the week ending February 27, an increase of 31,519 (or 4.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 22,358 (or 3.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 216,982 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending February 27, 53 states reported 436,696 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending February 20, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 4,806,269, a decrease of 22,355 (or -0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 101,951 (or 2.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 2,105,457.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending February 13 was 18,026,537, a decrease of 1,018,763 from the previous week. There were 2,092,483 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending February 13, Extended Benefits were available in the following 19 states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,206 in the week ending February 20, a decrease of 181 from the prior week. There were 619 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 83 from the preceding week.

There were 19,431 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending February 13, an increase of 607 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,686, a decrease of 383 from the prior week.

During the week ending February 13, 51 states reported 7,328,311 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,466,916 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending February 13 were in Pennsylvania (6.3), Alaska (5.7), Nevada (5.4), Rhode Island (5.1), Connecticut (4.9), New York (4.9), the Virgin Islands (4.9), California (4.7), Illinois (4.7), and New Mexico (4.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending February 20 were in Illinois (+6,014), Missouri (+5,624), Tennessee (+3,987), Mississippi (+3,266), and Colorado (+2,842), while the largest decreases were in California (-49,138), Ohio (-45,189), New York (-9,117), Idaho (-5,111), and Michigan (-3,942).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	745,000	736,000	+9,000	834,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	748,078	716,559	+31,519	835,045	216,982
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	790,750	807,500	-16,750	826,500	214,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	4,295,000	4,419,000	-124,000	4,520,000	1,720,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	4,806,269	4,828,624	-22,355	4,971,328	2,105,457
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,448,000	4,547,000	-99,000	4,638,500	1,705,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.0%	3.1%	-0.1	3.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.4%	3.4%	0.0	3.5%	1.4%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>February 13</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	436,696	427,450	+9,246	512,862

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,206	1,387	-181	577
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	619	702	-83	397

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


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	4,794,140	4,934,269	-140,129	2,057,800
Federal Employees	19,431	18,824	+607	10,703
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,686	9,069	-383	5,507
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,328,311	7,520,114	-191,803	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	4,466,916	5,067,523	-600,607	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,305,204	1,388,029	-82,825	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,649	1,885	-236	5,396
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	102,200	105,587	-3,387	13,077
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>18,026,537</b>	<b>19,045,300</b>	<b>-1,018,763</b>	<b>2,092,483</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 142,133,208 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended February 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	10,953	11,395	-442	15,472	16,624	-1,152
Alaska	4,018	3,994	24	17,130	16,978	152
Arizona	3,486	4,108	-622	65,717	64,813	904
Arkansas	5,643	1,889	3,754	25,376	18,978	6,398
California	88,128	90,465	-2,337	775,154	792,120	-16,966
Colorado	14,415	15,002	-587	76,660	71,951	4,709
Connecticut	5,769	6,752	-983	83,556	77,719	5,837
Delaware	1,791	1,733	58	14,140	13,329	811
District of Columbia	938	971	-33	20,395	20,659	-264
Florida	15,903	18,630	-2,727	140,683	161,881	-21,198
Georgia	26,373	25,447	926	140,464	136,063	4,401
Hawaii	2,676	2,846	-170	21,339	20,535	804
Idaho	4,745	6,110	-1,365	14,096	15,363	-1,267
Illinois	74,151	68,383	5,768	263,427	268,922	-5,495
Indiana	12,016	9,735	2,281	72,133	73,668	-1,535
Iowa	4,452	5,192	-740	49,140	48,758	382
Kansas	2,928	4,412	-1,484	15,424	29,688	-14,264
Kentucky	13,689	14,139	-450	38,112	41,801	-3,689
Louisiana	5,679	6,447	-768	48,940	52,721	-3,781
Maine	1,631	2,198	-567	16,573	17,136	-563
Maryland	7,004	8,420	-1,416	54,977	63,453	-8,476
Massachusetts	14,033	16,318	-2,285	151,727	156,528	-4,801
Michigan	11,133	14,376	-3,243	167,131	168,829	-1,698
Minnesota	8,692	10,809	-2,117	117,236	117,459	-223
Mississippi	17,577	9,628	7,949	45,000	27,681	17,319
Missouri	8,176	19,166	-10,990	65,776	59,296	6,480
Montana	1,290	1,619	-329	17,009	17,268	-259
Nebraska	1,715	1,973	-258	15,493	15,640	-147
Nevada	10,051	7,509	2,542	69,403	71,634	-2,231
New Hampshire	2,196	2,933	-737	24,977	25,598	-621
New Jersey	9,214	10,768	-1,554	131,701	131,919	-218
New Mexico	3,320	3,143	177	34,376	36,026	-1,650
New York	59,322	47,814	11,508	448,931	438,339	10,592
North Carolina	7,233	8,474	-1,241	59,585	66,221	-6,636
North Dakota	646	858	-212	10,579	9,873	706
Ohio	119,284	101,862	17,422	191,021	191,787	-766
Oklahoma	5,838	5,981	-143	29,906	35,118	-5,212
Oregon	7,776	7,446	330	78,344	70,809	7,535
Pennsylvania	23,575	25,051	-1,476	311,044	316,054	-5,010
Puerto Rico	1,189	1,275	-86	31,148	28,927	2,221
Rhode Island	5,584	8,260	-2,676	22,049	23,153	-1,104
South Carolina	4,089	3,525	564	41,987	42,674	-687
South Dakota	372	496	-124	6,033	5,499	534
Tennessee	10,355	12,583	-2,228	56,119	51,144	4,975
Texas	54,170	36,401	17,769	322,060	326,288	-4,228
Utah	2,247	2,527	-280	15,728	16,054	-326
Vermont	949	777	172	12,414	12,295	119
Virgin Islands	113	131	-18	1,786	1,800	-14
Virginia	16,530	11,944	4,586	65,151	64,575	576
Washington	13,394	14,631	-1,237	155,170	141,976	13,194
West Virginia	7,576	2,795	4,781	25,525	21,196	4,329
Wisconsin	13,202	16,250	-3,048	106,813	108,216	-1,403
Wyoming	849	968	-119	6,139	5,588	551
US Total	748,078	716,559	31,519	4,806,269	4,828,624	-22,355

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,781	254	5,941.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	862	146	778.25	5,507	-274	5,726.00	3.8
December 12, 2020	892	30	814.25	5,322	-185	5,534.25	3.6
December 19, 2020	806	-86	819.00	5,198	-124	5,452.00	3.5
December 26, 2020	782	-24	835.50	5,072	-126	5,274.75	3.5
January 2, 2021	784	2	816.00	5,175	103	5,191.75	3.6
January 9, 2021	927	143	824.75	4,975	-200	5,105.00	3.5
January 16, 2021	875	-52	842.00	4,785	-190	5,001.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	812	-63	849.50	4,691	-94	4,906.50	3.3
January 30, 2021	812	0	856.50	4,558	-133	4,752.25	3.2
February 6, 2021	848	36	836.75	4,520	-38	4,638.50	3.2
February 13, 2021	834	-14	826.50	4,419	-101	4,547.00	3.1
February 20, 2021	736	-98	807.50	4,295	-124	4,448.00	3.0
February 27, 2021	745	9	790.75				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended February 27			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Feb 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Feb 13	Feb 6	Change
Alabama	1,846	1,868	-22	29,030	29,727	-697
Alaska	519	404	115	10,490	11,656	-1,166
Arizona	1,467	1,621	-154	84,560	85,121	-561
Arkansas	899	969	-70	41,556	24,217	17,339
California	27,062	22,445	4,617	1,043,343	1,631,495	-588,152
Colorado	9,916	8,014	1,902	32,427	39,955	-7,528
Connecticut	474	419	55	37,973	37,900	73
Delaware	67	46	21	5,031	5,261	-230
District of Columbia	161	159	2	15,265	16,138	-873
Florida	2,262	11,473	-9,211	0	0	0
Georgia	2,365	2,436	-71	183,272	195,842	-12,570
Hawaii	775	629	146	42,894	44,122	-1,228
Idaho	113	70	43	7,743	8,342	-599
Illinois	13,677	19,125	-5,448	205,149	214,075	-8,926
Indiana	14,948	9,934	5,014	174,867	185,968	-11,101
Iowa	694	731	-37	14,298	14,411	-113
Kansas	766	1,304	-538	28,256	38,007	-9,751
Kentucky	10,005	33,186	-23,181	25,473	30,562	-5,089
Louisiana	770	1,701	-931	113,825	115,904	-2,079
Maine	200	254	-54	13,279	13,318	-39
Maryland	3,364	3,009	355	195,106	186,070	9,036
Massachusetts	4,849	2,719	2,130	281,090	291,413	-10,323
Michigan	4,033	3,787	246	499,826	203,219	296,607
Minnesota	1	4	-3	43,593	47,300	-3,707
Mississippi	865	622	243	32,361	38,976	-6,615
Missouri	1,259	1,118	141	41,056	41,800	-744
Montana	852	1,237	-385	17,148	15,940	1,208
Nebraska	82	89	-7	3,418	3,342	76
Nevada	6,740	6,413	327	89,282	99,931	-10,649
New Hampshire	41	25	16	10,442	12,254	-1,812
New Jersey	5,409	3,549	1,860	353,360	375,932	-22,572
New Mexico	1,128	1,227	-99	40,349	55,584	-15,235
New York	42,301	40,918	1,383	1,243,020	1,258,276	-15,256
North Carolina	3,811	4,238	-427	97,494	100,745	-3,251
North Dakota	262	479	-217	4,388	4,008	380
Ohio	245,796	207,998	37,798	719,612	616,589	103,023
Oklahoma	549	410	139	18,178	18,551	-373
Oregon	6,951	2,164	4,787	102,837	70,713	32,124
Pennsylvania	789	10,564	-9,775	365,885	397,632	-31,747
Puerto Rico	2,122	2,579	-457	203,806	218,641	-14,835
Rhode Island	3,407	3,091	316	41,450	42,004	-554
South Carolina	2,033	2,230	-197	53,633	54,672	-1,039
South Dakota	18	12	6	446	334	112
Tennessee	461	2,191	-1,730	71,367	70,745	622
Texas	4,826	3,633	1,193	384,839	233,923	150,916
Utah	483	527	-44	2,619	2,886	-267
Vermont	56	71	-15	8,650	8,801	-151
Virgin Islands	31	17	14	0	0	0
Virginia	1,469	1,435	34	167,657	178,963	-11,306
Washington	2,312	2,281	31	103,735	104,582	-847
West Virginia	134	751	-617	10,523	10,694	-171
Wisconsin	969	1,119	-150	12,407	13,568	-1,161
Wyoming	307	155	152	3	5	-2
US Total	436,696	427,450	9,246	7,328,311	7,520,114	-191,803

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	February 13	February 6	Change	January 30	January 23
Alabama	61,730	61,142	588	59,958	58,687
Alaska	13,777	12,321	1,456	6,515	6,218
Arizona	71,918	71,540	378	69,093	68,070
Arkansas	16,859	23,653	-6,794	26,860	27,610
California	813,651	1,504,898	-691,247	648,806	1,598,317
Colorado	21,652	25,767	-4,115	39,657	0
Connecticut	71,767	74,410	-2,643	74,061	71,434
Delaware	12,569	12,603	-34	12,452	12,102
District of Columbia	10,926	12,829	-1,903	13,730	14,556
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	55,428	27,512	27,916	27,708	32,758
Idaho	7,122	6,943	179	5,720	4,446
Illinois	251,700	236,759	14,941	246,696	158,051
Indiana	79,817	80,829	-1,012	86,086	121,526
Iowa	46,909	8,584	38,325	9,750	11,713
Kansas	1,664	268	1,396	326	480
Kentucky	39,672	37,114	2,558	38,284	35,635
Louisiana	78,092	78,033	59	74,267	69,954
Maine	19,292	19,185	107	18,810	18,572
Maryland	80,310	79,391	919	79,507	78,644
Massachusetts	86,831	88,654	-1,823	97,474	103,695
Michigan	237,242	96,516	140,726	138,935	106,443
Minnesota	139,207	140,100	-893	133,717	134,915
Mississippi	30,781	35,044	-4,263	28,712	29,026
Missouri	22,519	23,619	-1,100	25,007	24,507
Montana	9,089	9,257	-168	8,991	8,897
Nebraska	5,156	4,932	224	3,523	2,626
Nevada	56,507	59,448	-2,941	62,347	65,308
New Hampshire	11,118	10,901	217	10,593	10,009
New Jersey	255,935	362,036	-106,101	99,708	108,941
New Mexico	23,087	16,572	6,515	15,399	15,368
New York	754,700	762,088	-7,388	757,368	717,842
North Carolina	193,528	193,039	489	189,576	183,121
North Dakota	8,220	8,607	-387	9,445	12,785
Ohio	131,907	134,240	-2,333	136,890	117,154
Oklahoma	47,863	48,556	-693	47,902	47,613
Oregon	76,994	75,271	1,723	73,647	68,809
Pennsylvania	264,750	244,796	19,954	240,354	245,231
Puerto Rico	64,351	87,091	-22,740	93,376	39,874
Rhode Island	17,417	17,248	169	16,639	16,483
South Carolina	86,981	87,667	-686	90,528	95,596
South Dakota	1,162	1,219	-57	1,136	1,115
Tennessee	59,696	60,185	-489	57,795	53,415
Texas	10,394	7,466	2,928	14,133	15,879
Utah	12,690	12,447	243	12,290	11,938
Vermont	13,376	13,567	-191	13,249	12,721
Virgin Islands	96	27	69	42	36
Virginia	37,021	38,033	-1,012	89,523	87,459
Washington	3,153	3,542	-389	3,991	4,245
West Virginia	21,709	22,084	-375	22,033	21,647
Wisconsin	23,458	24,603	-1,145	25,623	24,150
Wyoming	5,123	4,887	236	3,957	3,720
US Total	4,466,916	5,067,523	-600,607	4,062,189	4,779,341

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)



## Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		Change
	February 13	February 6	
Alabama	0	1	-1
Alaska	938	1,122	-184
Arizona	10,661	11,292	-631
Arkansas	84	76	8
California	419,067	385,856	33,211
Colorado	782	578	204
Connecticut	13,162	14,594	-1,432
Delaware	7	22	-15
District of Columbia	37	19	18
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	100	108	-8
Idaho	59	69	-10
Illinois	61,635	74,569	-12,934
Indiana	6	18	-12
Iowa	61	70	-9
Kansas	555	602	-47
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	101	74	27
Maine	107	99	8
Maryland	1,109	1,084	25
Massachusetts	62,134	62,250	-116
Michigan	96,002	95,597	405
Minnesota	1	11	-10
Mississippi	232	224	8
Missouri	101	125	-24
Montana	36	39	-3
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	76,143	73,899	2,244
New Hampshire	248	235	13
New Jersey	72,382	78,571	-6,189
New Mexico	21,581	29,641	-8,060
New York	187,227	192,076	-4,849
North Carolina	1,531	2,909	-1,378
North Dakota	11	4	7
Ohio	100	266	-166
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	16,533	17,415	-882
Pennsylvania	74,619	74,641	-22
Puerto Rico	11,415	6,989	4,426
Rhode Island	7,669	7,985	-316
South Carolina	139	175	-36
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	156	179	-23
Texas	139,940	224,119	-84,179
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	40	44	-4
Virgin Islands	48	0	48
Virginia	977	1,060	-83
Washington	26,182	27,923	-1,741
West Virginia	18	20	-2
Wisconsin	1,252	1,366	-114
Wyoming	16	13	3
US Total	1,305,204	1,388,029	-82,825

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
FEBRUARY 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
FEBRUARY 13

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	11,395	-692	9,660	26	9	16,624	0.9	-689	565	85	36	16,745
Alaska	3,994	526	3,221	13	3	16,978	5.7	-424	8,114	276	29	17,283
Arizona	4,108	205	957	0	0	64,813	2.2	-4,173	46,596	302	137	65,252
Arkansas	1,889	-1,258	834	2	0	18,978	1.6	-3,497	6,432	130	19	19,127
California	90,465	-49,138	55,486	224	74	792,120	4.7	63,326	442,868	3,774	1,731	797,625
Colorado	15,002	2,842	13,140	1	3	71,951	2.7	1,763	48,257	253	163	72,367
Connecticut	6,752	585	4,317	9	7	77,719	4.9	-5,710	36,028	294	59	78,072
Delaware	1,733	-333	1,101	2	4	13,329	2.9	-505	7,408	67	15	13,411
District of Columbia	971	-288	549	76	0	20,659	3.7	-1,580	13,656	718	10	21,387
Florida	18,630	-2,934	13,769	45	46	161,881	1.9	-66,927	128,311	521	286	162,688
Georgia	25,447	-1,085	20,417	81	33	136,063	3.2	-3,169	109,100	679	364	137,106
Hawaii	2,846	-1,029	1,826	39	6	20,535	3.5	-1,666	14,312	163	113	20,811
Idaho	6,110	-5,111	4,996	15	2	15,363	2.1	289	4,088	369	14	15,746
Illinois	68,383	6,014	56,571	8	4	268,922	4.7	-5,754	137,751	796	216	269,934
Indiana	9,735	-2,552	6,756	17	8	73,668	2.5	-4,114	50,755	243	89	74,000
Iowa	5,192	-796	2,561	9	3	48,758	3.3	1,795	18,017	148	40	48,946
Kansas	4,412	-2,923	2,918	2	0	29,688	2.2	5,594	17,685	13	8	29,709
Kentucky	14,139	2,111	11,631	2	1	41,801	2.3	-4,829	19,178	61	81	41,943
Louisiana	6,447	-11	4,649	6	6	52,721	2.9	-1,866	38,081	109	23	52,853
Maine	2,198	153	1,461	2	3	17,136	2.9	-138	8,512	73	58	17,267
Maryland	8,420	-1,515	5,720	30	2	63,453	2.6	-1,323	34,358	277	77	63,807
Massachusetts	16,318	-1,478	7,054	26	11	156,528	4.5	-6,610	79,437	364	110	157,002
Michigan	14,376	-3,942	8,434	2	1	168,829	4.1	-26,802	90,800	228	73	169,130
Minnesota	10,809	-1,302	7,270	14	4	117,459	4.2	1,611	55,259	210	97	117,766
Mississippi	9,628	3,266	8,801	3	0	27,681	2.6	-1,306	19,759	125	19	27,825
Missouri	19,166	5,624	16,103	3	4	59,296	2.2	4,726	32,261	190	26	59,512
Montana	1,619	-489	824	42	0	17,268	3.8	174	5,960	545	15	17,828
Nebraska	1,973	-315	1,480	1	6	15,640	1.6	-162	9,860	25	12	15,677
Nevada	7,509	131	5,457	7	3	71,634	5.4	-5,676	52,162	224	86	71,944
New Hampshire	2,933	595	2,489	2	1	25,598	4.0	-1,152	21,662	46	4	25,648
New Jersey	10,768	-807	2,372	35	16	131,919	3.4	-10,728	22,654	433	248	132,600
New Mexico	3,143	-264	2,406	2	1	36,026	4.6	-1,693	25,975	443	63	36,532
New York	47,814	-9,117	33,670	19	25	438,339	4.9	-15,969	275,119	417	451	439,207
North Carolina	8,474	-876	5,622	29	41	66,221	1.5	-3,492	44,591	280	281	66,782
North Dakota	858	-125	423	2	2	9,873	2.5	130	2,987	13	9	9,895
Ohio	101,862	-45,189	95,654	16	27	191,787	3.6	17,173	120,863	246	201	192,234
Oklahoma	5,981	-793	4,472	6	5	35,118	2.2	1,057	17,849	135	56	35,309
Oregon	7,446	-238	3,932	34	5	70,809	3.8	-5,999	40,261	958	118	71,885
Pennsylvania	25,051	-3,366	12,420	130	33	316,054	6.3	-8,106	173,748	1,378	440	317,872
Puerto Rico	1,275	-241	-115	7	1	28,927	3.5	-2,875	8,162	331	60	29,318
Rhode Island	8,260	-3,335	6,339	2	0	23,153	5.1	-5,158	11,954	66	22	23,241
South Carolina	3,525	-762	1,701	11	8	42,674	2.1	-2,992	26,435	57	76	42,807
South Dakota	496	-112	305	4	1	5,499	1.3	-162	2,335	127	2	5,628
Tennessee	12,583	3,987	10,728	11	6	51,144	1.5	-2,830	31,005	81	47	51,272
Texas	36,401	615	24,354	112	173	326,288	2.7	-28,564	199,013	1,284	1,634	329,206
Utah	2,527	-243	1,519	26	4	16,054	1.1	-506	4,094	251	21	16,326
Vermont	777	-222	167	0	0	12,295	4.2	-539	7,423	27	0	12,322
Virgin Islands	131	-37	76	1	0	1,800	4.9	-530	1,292	26	12	1,838
Virginia	11,944	-2,957	9,865	9	4	64,575	1.8	1,951	42,082	331	238	65,144
Washington	14,631	473	9,046	16	18	141,976	4.3	-6,451	82,157	702	602	143,280
West Virginia	2,795	293	1,588	4	1	21,196	3.3	-1,658	3,841	191	26	21,413
Wisconsin	16,250	0	10,152	12	3	108,216	3.9	3,994	64,220	237	65	108,518
Wyoming	968	-31	579	9	1	5,588	2.2	37	1,977	109	4	5,701
Totals	716,559	-118,486	517,727	1,206	619	4,828,624	3.4	-142,704	2,767,269	19,431	8,686	4,856,741

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 20, 2021**

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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>
IL	+6,014	Layoffs in the other services, construction, and wholesale and retail trade industries.
MO	+5,624	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TN	+3,987	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, other services, retail trade, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MS	+3,266	No comment.
CO	+2,842	No comment.
KY	+2,111	No comment

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-49,138	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
OH	-45,189	No comment.
NY	-9,117	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
ID	-5,111	No comment.
MI	-3,942	No comment.
PA	-3,366	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
RI	-3,335	No comment.
VA	-2,957	No comment.
FL	-2,934	No comment.
KS	-2,923	No comment.
IN	-2,552	No comment.
MD	-1,515	No comment.
MA	-1,478	No comment.
MN	-1,302	No comment.
AR	-1,258	No comment.
GA	-1,085	Fewer layoffs in the trade, manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and accommodation and food services industries.
HI	-1,029	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.

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