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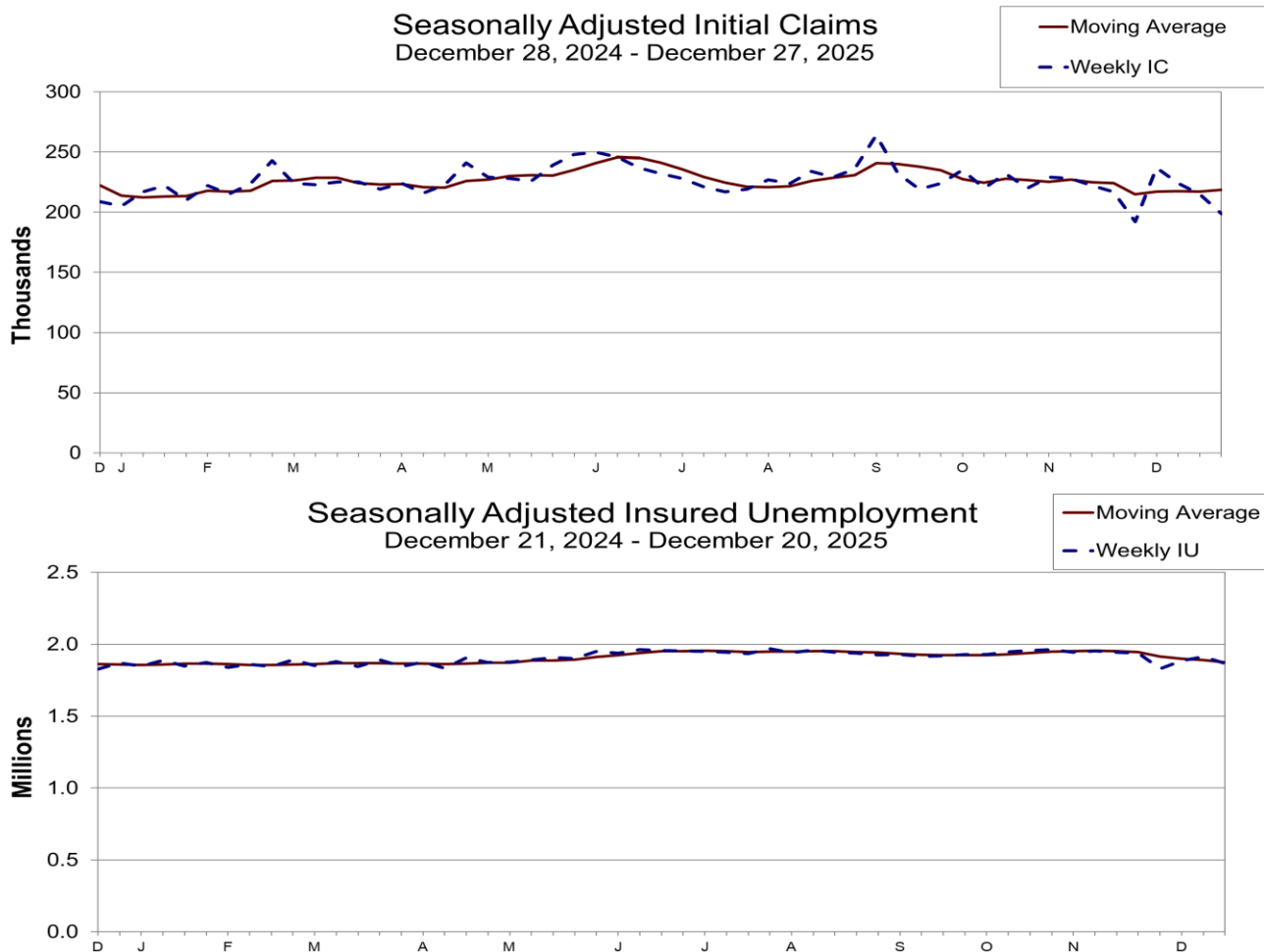
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 199,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 214,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 218,750, an increase of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 216,750 to 217,000.

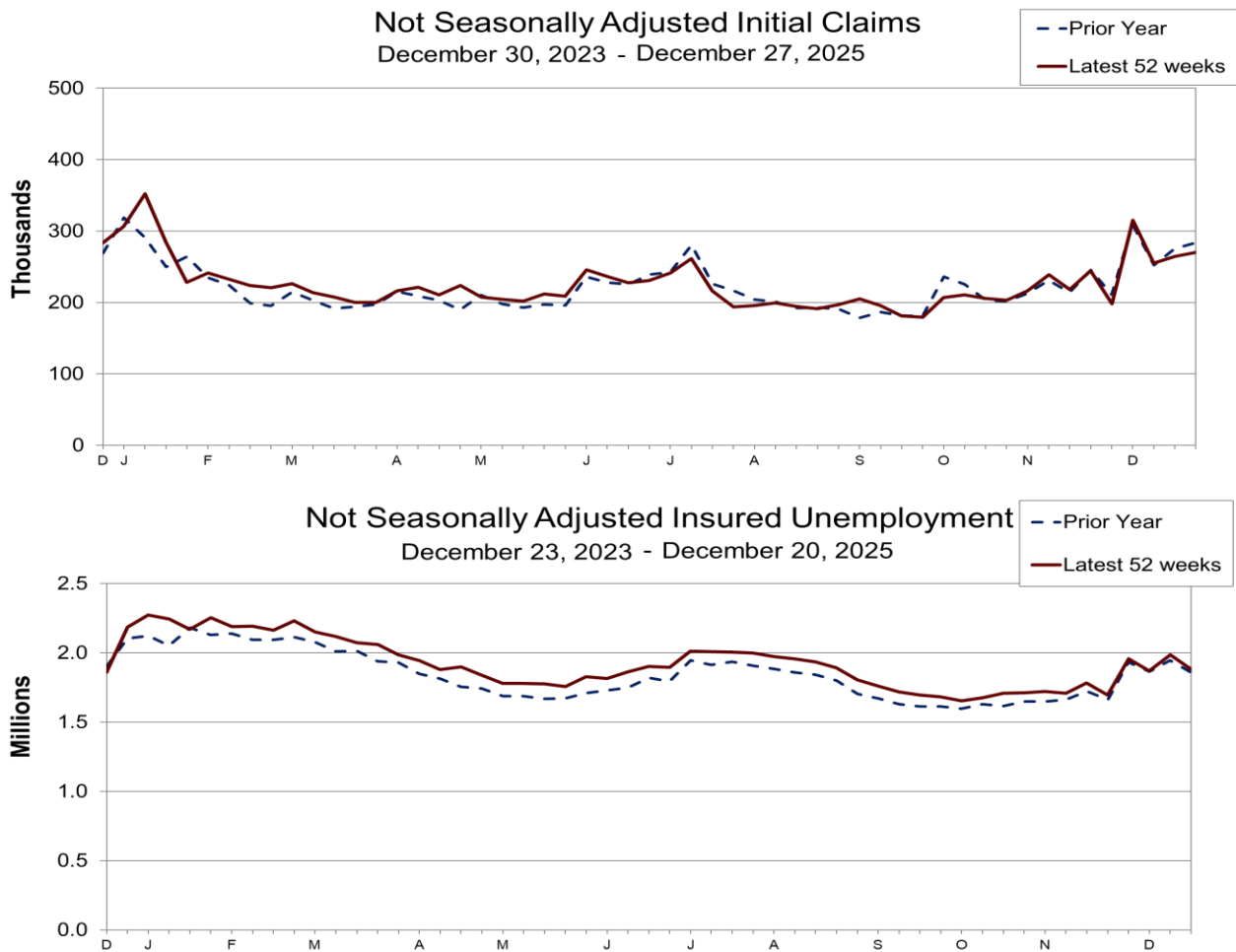
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending December 20, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 1.3 to 1.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 20 was 1,866,000, a decrease of 47,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 10,000 from 1,923,000 to 1,913,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,873,500, a decrease of 17,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,500 from 1,893,750 to 1,891,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 269,953 in the week ending December 27, an increase of 5,333 (or 2.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 26,612 (or 10.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 283,488 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending December 20, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,880,845, a decrease of 103,231 (or -5.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 55,485 (or -2.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,859,372.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 13 was 2,021,951, an increase of 116,047 from the previous week. There were 1,974,874 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 December 13.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 812 in the week ending December 20, an increase of 7 from the prior week. There were 364 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 27 from the preceding week.

There were 13,390 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 13, an increase of 503 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,644, an increase of 121 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 13 were in Washington (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Massachusetts (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), California (2.1), Illinois (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Alaska (2.0), Montana (1.9), and Puerto Rico (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 20 were in New Jersey (+3,343), Missouri (+1,608), Washington (+1,588), Oregon (+1,364), and Connecticut (+1,291), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,285), Minnesota (-1,012), Georgia (-730), West Virginia (-713), and Wisconsin (-518).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 27	December 20	Change	December 13	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	199,000	215,000	-16,000	224,000	209,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	269,953	264,620	+5,333	255,177	283,488
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	218,750	217,000	+1,750	217,500	222,250

WEEK ENDING	December 20	December 13	Change	December 6	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,866,000	1,913,000	-47,000	1,885,000	1,828,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,880,845	1,984,076	-103,231	1,870,127	1,859,372
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,873,500	1,891,250	-17,750	1,899,000	1,861,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 20	December 13	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	812	805	+7	506
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	364	391	-27	314

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

WEEK ENDING	December 13	December 6	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,977,154	1,863,807	+113,347	1,939,579
Federal Employees	13,390	12,887	+503	6,558
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,644	4,523	+121	4,618
Extended Benefits ³	43	10	+33	162
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,430	3,274	+156	2,625
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,290	21,403	+1,887	21,332
TOTAL	2,021,951	1,905,904	+116,047	1,974,874

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 153,186,715 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 December 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,114	1,964	-850	7,909	9,034	-1,125
Alaska	593	682	-89	6,076	6,293	-217
Arizona	1,418	2,326	-908	15,449	18,552	-3,103
Arkansas	604	1,825	-1,221	5,980	7,573	-1,593
California	41,018	47,248	-6,230	332,964	384,848	-51,884
Colorado	2,369	3,542	-1,173	33,674	33,339	335
Connecticut	8,999	5,381	3,618	28,109	25,032	3,077
Delaware	781	415	366	5,522	5,249	273
District of Columbia	473	728	-255	9,784	8,777	1,007
Florida	3,138	5,303	-2,165	20,467	30,700	-10,233
Georgia	3,263	4,165	-902	21,885	26,489	-4,604
Hawaii	1,395	995	400	5,850	5,441	409
Idaho	1,826	1,882	-56	8,893	8,462	431
Illinois	14,576	14,247	329	109,109	123,677	-14,568
Indiana	3,481	3,445	36	22,361	22,174	187
Iowa	5,323	4,174	1,149	15,389	14,874	515
Kansas	1,584	1,582	2	9,699	9,341	358
Kentucky	4,005	2,171	1,834	10,761	10,300	461
Louisiana	773	1,491	-718	6,461	8,580	-2,119
Maine	781	1,057	-276	7,665	7,426	239
Maryland	2,779	2,674	105	24,953	25,750	-797
Massachusetts	8,817	8,517	300	81,343	80,355	988
Michigan	15,609	10,801	4,808	62,318	70,667	-8,349
Minnesota	6,447	7,232	-785	68,812	64,731	4,081
Mississippi	918	1,092	-174	5,790	6,592	-802
Missouri	8,086	5,769	2,317	20,272	20,528	-256
Montana	1,017	1,194	-177	9,455	9,283	172
Nebraska	2,007	1,919	88	6,566	6,230	336
Nevada	2,735	3,349	-614	28,734	27,799	935
New Hampshire	737	580	157	3,463	4,245	-782
New Jersey	21,302	14,495	6,807	101,785	101,486	299
New Mexico	902	1,021	-119	10,731	10,703	28
New York	17,525	17,829	-304	176,128	175,044	1,084
North Carolina	1,864	3,375	-1,511	17,138	19,554	-2,416
North Dakota	906	1,054	-148	5,852	4,796	1,056
Ohio	10,396	8,259	2,137	54,905	53,407	1,498
Oklahoma	1,407	1,426	-19	10,619	10,801	-182
Oregon	7,963	6,391	1,572	39,458	36,106	3,352
Pennsylvania	21,186	15,843	5,343	101,697	100,583	1,114
Puerto Rico	1,546	1,447	99	14,433	17,654	-3,221
Rhode Island	2,882	1,605	1,277	10,975	10,357	618
South Carolina	2,097	2,800	-703	14,243	14,909	-666
South Dakota	327	397	-70	2,513	2,452	61
Tennessee	5,057	3,584	1,473	17,371	17,219	152
Texas	8,540	16,740	-8,200	135,946	162,386	-26,440
Utah	1,457	1,831	-374	14,156	14,177	-21
Vermont	901	593	308	3,289	2,954	335
Virgin Islands	6	16	-10	182	268	-86
Virginia	1,845	2,790	-945	20,141	18,836	1,305
Washington	7,690	8,250	-560	94,121	88,088	6,033
West Virginia	581	1,200	-619	7,711	7,896	-185
Wisconsin	6,525	5,395	1,130	28,997	29,665	-668
Wyoming	382	529	-147	2,741	2,394	347
US Total	269,953	264,620	5,333	1,880,845	1,984,076	-103,231

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			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,928	1	1,934.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	232	-32	240.25	1,916	-12	1,927.50	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-13	237.75	1,921	5	1,923.00	1.3
September 27, 2025	224	5	234.75	1,929	8	1,923.50	1.3
October 4, 2025	235	11	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	220	-15	224.50	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	232	12	227.75	1,957	10	1,940.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	220	-12	226.75	1,964	7	1,949.00	1.3
November 1, 2025	229	9	225.25	1,946	-18	1,953.50	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	-1	227.25	1,953	7	1,955.00	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,944	-9	1,951.75	1.3
November 22, 2025	217	-5	224.00	1,937	-7	1,945.00	1.3
November 29, 2025	192	-25	214.75	1,830	-107	1,916.00	1.2
December 6, 2025	237	45	217.00	1,885	55	1,899.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-13	217.50	1,913	28	1,891.25	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	217.00	1,866	-47	1,873.50	1.2
December 27, 2025	199	-16	218.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 20					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 13						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,964	49	-477	6	2	9,034	0.4	-7	254	79	14	9,127
Alaska	682	43	51	7	0	6,293	2.0	181	-143	90	3	6,386
Arizona	2,326	-2	-320	12	5	18,552	0.6	-277	-3,881	117	33	18,702
Arkansas	1,825	-151	20	0	0	7,573	0.6	610	104	36	6	7,615
California	47,248	267	-1,635	189	92	384,848	2.1	24,660	-12,573	1,870	1,190	387,908
Colorado	3,542	91	156	8	2	33,339	1.2	288	2,986	301	201	33,841
Connecticut	5,381	1,291	-406	2	1	25,032	1.5	1,218	-170	58	27	25,117
Delaware	415	19	89	1	1	5,249	1.1	19	266	24	6	5,279
District of Columbia	728	35	-129	35	1	8,777	1.6	-240	1,655	1,515	10	10,302
Florida	5,303	-195	137	22	25	30,700	0.3	3,537	-3,017	245	90	31,035
Georgia	4,165	-730	-1,026	40	13	26,489	0.6	-21	-3,256	392	62	26,943
Hawaii	995	74	75	3	6	5,441	0.9	-30	28	58	62	5,561
Idaho	1,882	200	-450	19	2	8,462	1.0	712	190	184	6	8,652
Illinois	14,247	-90	-2,352	8	8	123,677	2.1	24,038	3,802	597	116	124,390
Indiana	3,445	-508	-281	3	2	22,174	0.7	449	-1,920	50	39	22,263
Iowa	4,174	-273	-1,220	4	2	14,874	1.0	1,941	-710	31	5	14,910
Kansas	1,582	-212	-389	2	0	9,341	0.7	580	-1,301	40	16	9,397
Kentucky	2,171	-42	-3,284	3	0	10,300	0.5	121	-680	95	28	10,423
Louisiana	1,491	-182	-101	0	1	8,580	0.5	220	-2,212	43	9	8,632
Maine	1,057	-61	-45	1	0	7,426	1.2	506	456	49	2	7,477
Maryland	2,674	693	-228	51	10	25,750	1.0	-8	2,308	859	60	26,669
Massachusetts	8,517	625	-2,146	1	0	80,355	2.2	3,654	13,198	363	74	80,792
Michigan	10,801	380	-738	2	6	70,667	1.6	12,939	5,859	178	25	70,870
Minnesota	7,232	-1,012	27	13	3	64,731	2.2	3,366	1,325	138	49	64,918
Mississippi	1,092	-9	-210	0	1	6,592	0.6	242	-166	55	7	6,654
Missouri	5,769	1,608	394	3	1	20,528	0.7	2,384	1,902	131	24	20,683
Montana	1,194	-39	117	45	0	9,283	1.9	489	625	335	4	9,622
Nebraska	1,919	765	429	2	1	6,230	0.6	418	-232	20	1	6,251
Nevada	3,349	477	165	8	2	27,799	1.8	814	1,543	145	75	28,019
New Hampshire	580	41	57	0	0	4,245	0.6	171	819	6	0	4,251
New Jersey	14,495	3,343	-350	18	15	101,486	2.4	2,057	-155	373	224	102,083
New Mexico	1,021	73	171	1	2	10,703	1.3	217	46	166	36	10,905
New York	17,829	-1,285	2,213	31	17	175,044	1.8	4,001	13,887	656	211	175,911
North Carolina	3,375	-143	-184	5	2	19,554	0.4	378	-10,385	129	77	19,760
North Dakota	1,054	-78	122	1	0	4,796	1.1	721	339	18	4	4,818
Ohio	8,259	-485	-1,080	4	9	53,407	1.0	2,564	-3,752	178	56	53,641
Oklahoma	1,426	77	-121	3	13	10,801	0.7	52	1,326	74	40	10,915
Oregon	6,391	1,364	899	49	1	36,106	1.8	522	4,974	558	81	36,745
Pennsylvania	15,843	1,175	111	27	8	100,583	1.7	755	-2,211	512	118	101,213
Puerto Rico	1,447	48	186	4	2	17,654	1.9	343	2,591	271	79	18,004
Rhode Island	1,605	169	-130	6	0	10,357	2.1	712	239	40	21	10,418
South Carolina	2,800	600	186	3	2	14,909	0.7	333	677	63	48	15,020
South Dakota	397	-67	-29	2	1	2,452	0.5	259	6	30	2	2,484
Tennessee	3,584	539	-1,558	0	7	17,219	0.6	896	1,518	104	34	17,357
Texas	16,740	406	1,402	58	77	162,386	1.2	13,408	6,157	766	842	163,994
Utah	1,831	-118	-54	47	4	14,177	0.8	278	520	257	20	14,454
Vermont	593	65	-21	0	0	2,954	1.0	217	186	2	0	2,956
Virgin Islands	16	2	-4	0	0	268	0.8	24	10	10	0	278
Virginia	2,790	212	560	12	3	18,836	0.5	275	2,732	260	69	19,165
Washington	8,250	1,588	772	31	8	88,088	2.5	2,313	12,399	625	409	89,122
West Virginia	1,200	-713	-63	1	2	7,896	1.1	-591	-617	50	10	7,956
Wisconsin	5,395	-518	-343	8	4	29,665	1.0	1,195	-492	95	14	29,774
Wyoming	529	37	17	11	0	2,394	0.9	46	235	49	5	2,448
Totals	264,620	9,443	-11,018	812	364	1,984,076	1.3	113,949	37,289	13,390	4,644	2,002,110

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 DECEMBER 20, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+3,343	No comment.
MO	+1,608	Layoffs in manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
WA	+1,588	Layoffs in construction, educational services, and in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industries.
OR	+1,364	No comment.
CT	+1,291	No comment.
PA	+1,175	Layoffs in accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-1,285	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and construction industries.
MN	-1,012	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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