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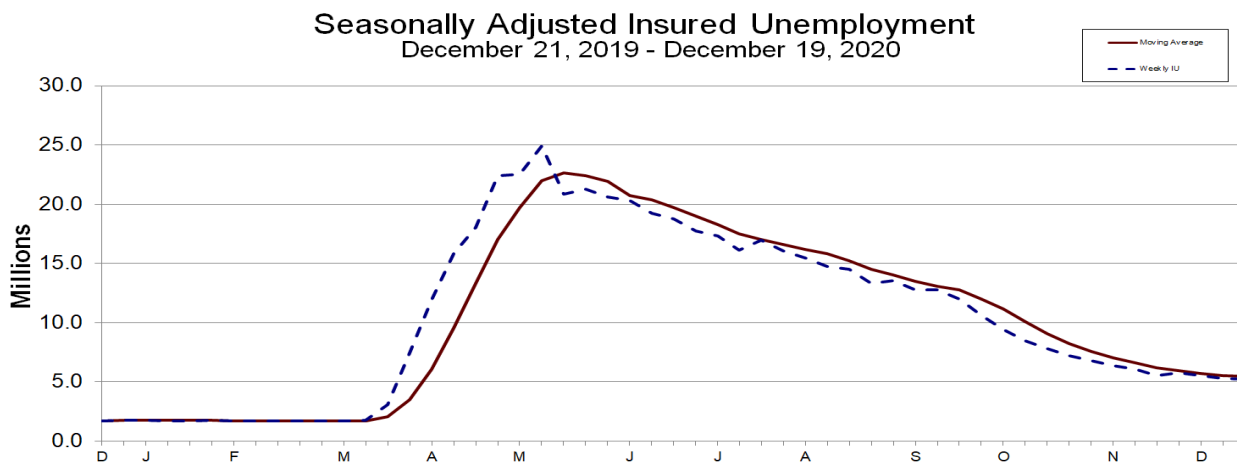
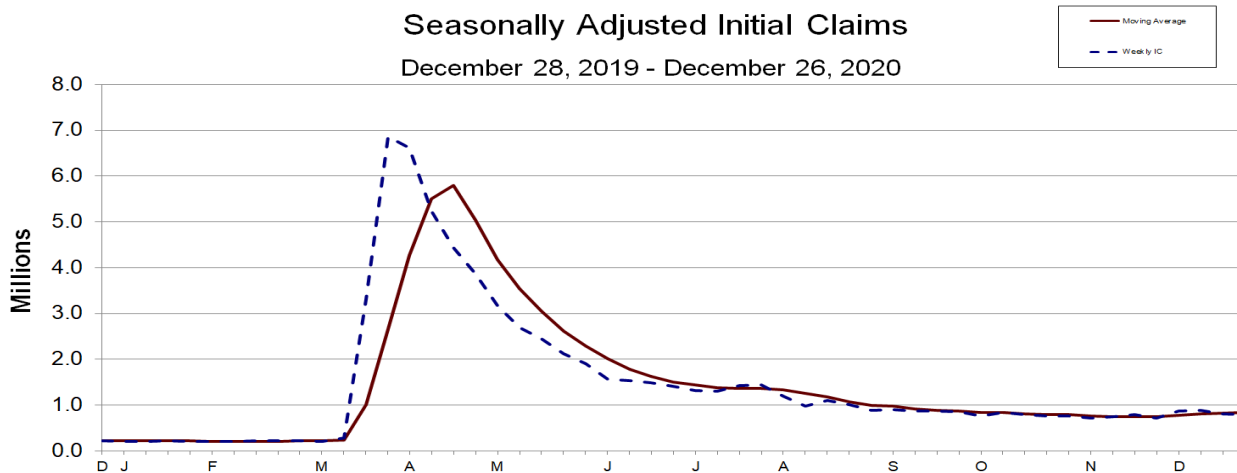
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 787,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 803,000 to 806,000. The 4-week moving average was 836,750, an increase of 17,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 818,250 to 819,000.

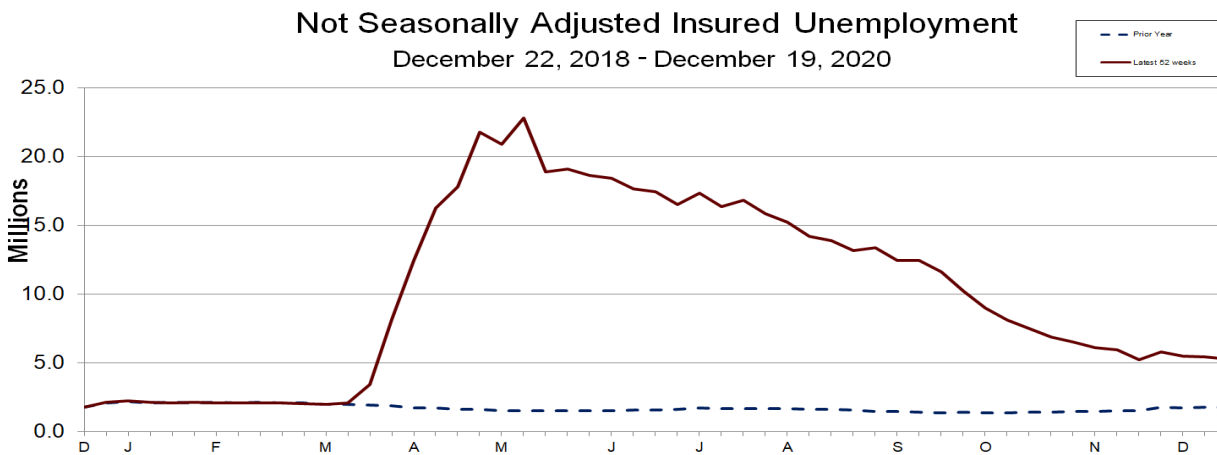
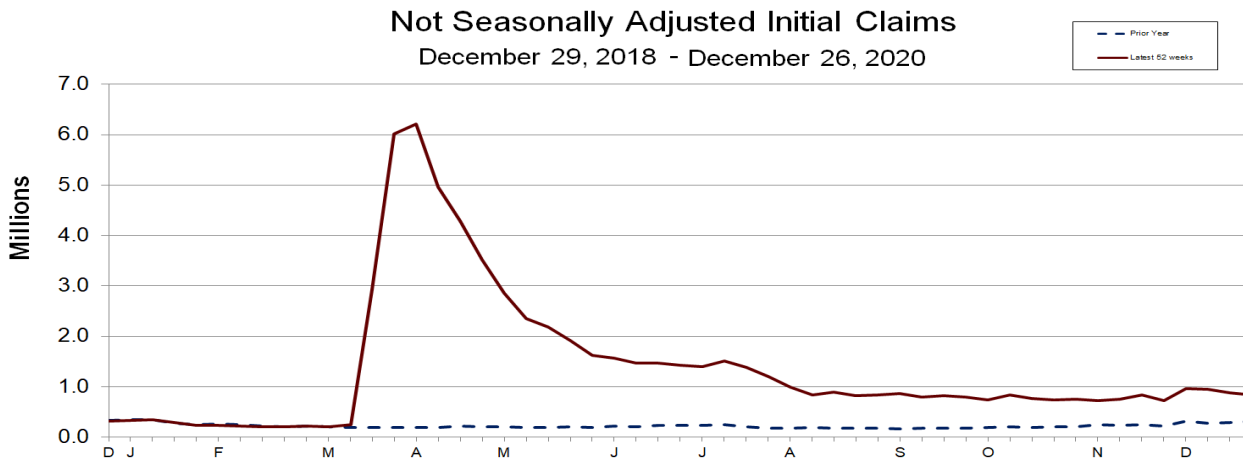
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending December 19, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 19 was 5,219,000, a decrease of 103,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 15,000 from 5,337,000 to 5,322,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,457,250, a decrease of 77,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,750 from 5,538,000 to 5,534,250.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 841,111 in the week ending December 26, a decrease of 31,736 (or -3.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,655 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 312,524 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending December 26, 52 states reported 308,262 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.6 percent during the week ending December 19, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 5,258,073, a decrease of 171,035 (or -3.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 68,324 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,776,317.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 12 was 19,563,905, a decrease of 799,841 from the previous week. There were 1,828,100 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending December 12, Extended Benefits were available in the following 24 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,669 in the week ending December 19, a decrease of 693 from the prior week. There were 854 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 68 from the preceding week.

There were 17,003 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 12, a decrease of 266 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,907, an increase of 406 from the prior week.

During the week ending December 12, 51 states reported 8,459,647 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,772,853 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 12 were in Puerto Rico (7.5), the Virgin Islands (6.8), Alaska (6.5), Nevada (6.2), New Mexico (6.2), California (5.8), Kansas (5.8), Pennsylvania (5.8), Illinois (5.7), and Hawaii (5.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 19 were in Pennsylvania (+8,047), Illinois (+6,695), Colorado (+4,544), Georgia (+2,971), and Florida (+2,591), while the largest decreases were in California (-45,727), New York (-17,047), Ohio (-7,209), Kansas (-4,290), and Texas (-3,666).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	787,000	806,000	-19,000	892,000	220,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	841,111	872,847	-31,736	941,910	312,524
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	836,750	819,000	+17,750	814,250	226,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,219,000	5,322,000	-103,000	5,507,000	1,728,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,258,073	5,429,108	-171,035	5,491,904	1,776,317
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,457,250	5,534,250	-77,000	5,726,000	1,717,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.8%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.6%	3.7%	-0.1	3.7%	1.2%

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


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 12</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	308,262	396,948	-88,686	454,471

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,669	2,362	-693	777
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	854	786	+68	488

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


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	5,393,440	5,457,941	-64,501	1,796,207
Federal Employees	17,003	17,269	-266	10,315
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,907	9,501	+406	5,854
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	8,459,647	9,271,112	-811,465	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	4,772,853	4,793,230	-20,377	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	802,713	712,878	+89,835	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	3,035	2,560	+475	5,726
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	105,307	99,255	+6,052	9,998
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>19,563,905</b>	<b>20,363,746</b>	<b>-799,841</b>	<b>1,828,100</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 146,534,375 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 December 26			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,067	7,543	-2,476	18,414	23,327	-4,913
Alaska	4,308	4,016	292	19,540	20,235	-695
Arizona	8,211	7,032	1,179	73,583	75,045	-1,462
Arkansas	3,625	3,976	-351	17,443	22,463	-5,020
California	167,622	158,661	8,961	1,060,829	1,006,699	54,130
Colorado	27,120	24,441	2,679	105,585	98,885	6,700
Connecticut	8,728	7,588	1,140	73,960	73,906	54
Delaware	2,331	1,512	819	13,348	12,202	1,146
District of Columbia	1,414	1,870	-456	25,604	27,772	-2,168
Florida	23,053	28,609	-5,556	125,325	161,250	-35,925
Georgia	18,804	26,673	-7,869	138,465	164,960	-26,495
Hawaii	3,559	3,973	-414	29,262	32,077	-2,815
Idaho	3,983	3,956	27	11,005	11,225	-220
Illinois	116,495	145,054	-28,559	338,541	338,024	517
Indiana	12,732	12,234	498	73,156	73,506	-350
Iowa	7,644	7,271	373	38,296	37,492	804
Kansas	28,949	32,505	-3,556	93,846	78,778	15,068
Kentucky	12,603	8,459	4,144	41,236	46,950	-5,714
Louisiana	8,009	7,926	83	58,268	64,448	-6,180
Maine	2,619	2,980	-361	13,341	14,624	-1,283
Maryland	12,735	13,491	-756	66,295	74,078	-7,783
Massachusetts	22,866	21,886	980	153,384	167,823	-14,439
Michigan	18,279	19,194	-915	160,287	206,415	-46,128
Minnesota	16,237	14,297	1,940	134,122	134,220	-98
Mississippi	4,133	4,639	-506	25,673	28,001	-2,328
Missouri	12,691	9,736	2,955	42,154	44,392	-2,238
Montana	2,454	2,477	-23	15,963	16,750	-787
Nebraska	2,692	2,893	-201	11,788	12,285	-497
Nevada	7,976	7,798	178	74,625	86,013	-11,388
New Hampshire	2,932	2,837	95	20,941	21,289	-348
New Jersey	18,452	17,611	841	137,410	146,200	-8,790
New Mexico	3,784	4,802	-1,018	45,881	50,456	-4,575
New York	50,353	41,106	9,247	390,161	376,958	13,203
North Carolina	8,080	9,368	-1,288	78,657	68,546	10,111
North Dakota	1,279	1,037	242	6,582	7,480	-898
Ohio	28,076	31,160	-3,084	151,768	155,424	-3,656
Oklahoma	3,500	5,215	-1,715	33,211	42,791	-9,580
Oregon	10,497	10,261	236	88,108	82,863	5,245
Pennsylvania	37,907	47,305	-9,398	303,281	332,439	-29,158
Puerto Rico	982	1,119	-137	66,516	64,948	1,568
Rhode Island	5,487	6,769	-1,282	20,226	19,264	962
South Carolina	4,551	3,445	1,106	38,910	40,878	-1,968
South Dakota	602	770	-168	3,609	4,226	-617
Tennessee	10,198	7,386	2,812	46,301	44,462	1,839
Texas	28,896	34,979	-6,083	372,389	431,599	-59,210
Utah	2,910	3,014	-104	14,512	14,582	-70
Vermont	1,060	1,318	-258	10,354	11,913	-1,559
Virgin Islands	18	60	-42	1,528	2,556	-1,028
Virginia	17,966	14,640	3,326	64,795	67,478	-2,683
Washington	19,780	18,369	1,411	192,170	166,402	25,768
West Virginia	1,928	2,503	-575	19,871	20,076	-205
Wisconsin	14,179	14,119	60	92,372	97,337	-4,965
Wyoming	755	964	-209	5,182	5,096	86
US Total	841,111	872,847	-31,736	5,258,073	5,429,108	-171,035

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	
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
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	5,219	-103	5,457.25	3.6
December 26, 2020	787	-19	836.75				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 26			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Dec 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Dec 12	Dec 5	Change
Alabama	822	1,861	-1,039	50,341	49,020	1,321
Alaska	270	270	0	11,744	10,194	1,550
Arizona	0	2,794	-2,794	59,282	56,030	3,252
Arkansas	1,523	1,684	-161	38,111	44,866	-6,755
California	37,112	47,619	-10,507	1,646,479	2,042,916	-396,437
Colorado	19,555	27,989	-8,434	92,171	81,154	11,017
Connecticut	690	499	191	40,103	40,958	-855
Delaware	70	111	-41	5,451	5,086	365
District of Columbia	140	277	-137	16,043	15,372	671
Florida	17,006	20,793	-3,787	0	0	0
Georgia	2,111	2,490	-379	151,425	176,982	-25,557
Hawaii	1,380	2,211	-831	76,723	146,355	-69,632
Idaho	21	18	3	11,531	11,470	61
Illinois	32,664	37,962	-5,298	176,072	165,160	10,912
Indiana	11,050	14,275	-3,225	341,542	541,812	-200,270
Iowa	936	1,282	-346	13,173	12,894	279
Kansas	3,509	5,656	-2,147	48,392	64,552	-16,160
Kentucky	5,066	4,497	569	10,672	46,356	-35,684
Louisiana	2,353	2,276	77	108,264	109,367	-1,103
Maine	1,768	1,856	-88	18,191	17,226	965
Maryland	3,272	2,838	434	178,007	196,131	-18,124
Massachusetts	4,540	5,158	-618	364,954	381,692	-16,738
Michigan	5,341	5,528	-187	358,475	385,840	-27,365
Minnesota	9	20	-11	43,291	42,592	699
Mississippi	752	693	59	23,468	24,979	-1,511
Missouri	1,822	2,391	-569	43,168	43,926	-758
Montana	625	1,037	-412	26,908	30,756	-3,848
Nebraska	444	530	-86	6,509	6,035	474
Nevada	5,046	13,498	-8,452	78,922	79,424	-502
New Hampshire	796	960	-164	13,229	13,271	-42
New Jersey	7,281	2,950	4,331	371,799	361,762	10,037
New Mexico	655	1,128	-473	35,467	36,199	-732
New York	21,461	19,976	1,485	1,023,966	1,036,144	-12,178
North Carolina	8,097	9,113	-1,016	135,587	131,457	4,130
North Dakota	301	451	-150	5,119	6,951	-1,832
Ohio	51,054	56,676	-5,622	481,088	440,206	40,882
Oklahoma	332	517	-185	8,334	9,465	-1,131
Oregon	5,161	21,192	-16,031	344,564	397,613	-53,049
Pennsylvania	10,065	11,623	-1,558	611,365	677,813	-66,448
Puerto Rico	13,800	13,366	434	249,367	239,066	10,301
Rhode Island	3,279	4,300	-1,021	41,939	41,562	377
South Carolina	6,573	21,344	-14,771	54,598	54,508	90
South Dakota	12	21	-9	1,456	1,514	-58
Tennessee	2,736	2,549	187	62,108	65,200	-3,092
Texas	4,644	6,018	-1,374	561,486	519,220	42,266
Utah	813	776	37	2,702	2,919	-217
Vermont	38	55	-17	8,577	8,675	-98
Virgin Islands	24	92	-68	0	0	0
Virginia	4,562	8,369	-3,807	234,680	219,607	15,073
Washington	3,936	3,715	221	109,578	111,177	-1,599
West Virginia	893	1,258	-365	30,737	35,428	-4,691
Wisconsin	1,778	2,294	-516	30,689	30,439	250
Wyoming	74	92	-18	1,800	1,771	29
US Total	308,262	396,948	-88,686	8,459,647	9,271,112	-811,465

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:				
	December 12	December 5	Change	November 28	November 21
Alabama	21,739	23,323	-1,584	25,293	26,810
Alaska	7,921	8,145	-224	8,475	8,459
Arizona	58,169	57,239	930	57,064	55,001
Arkansas	10,016	10,189	-173	10,771	10,881
California	1,356,260	1,381,630	-25,370	1,366,951	1,272,167
Colorado	76,192	74,017	2,175	74,907	70,031
Connecticut	66,717	65,736	981	63,903	61,155
Delaware	12,783	13,049	-266	14,118	14,193
District of Columbia	27,746	27,390	356	26,558	25,433
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	54,777	52,266	2,511	53,573	45,256
Idaho	3,746	3,965	-219	4,415	4,473
Illinois	257,075	246,235	10,840	248,634	231,238
Indiana	59,866	59,254	612	58,562	56,452
Iowa	22,994	24,234	-1,240	26,863	24,068
Kansas	20,433	20,743	-310	21,764	22,105
Kentucky	31,092	32,032	-940	30,176	31,212
Louisiana	54,958	50,620	4,338	43,831	41,452
Maine	12,301	12,478	-177	12,982	12,683
Maryland	62,300	62,676	-376	61,954	56,837
Massachusetts	176,354	179,548	-3,194	180,256	175,774
Michigan	228,982	233,880	-4,898	227,767	228,265
Minnesota	86,836	87,238	-402	90,072	83,514
Mississippi	15,403	16,460	-1,057	16,991	17,360
Missouri	29,083	30,977	-1,894	35,669	36,110
Montana	5,659	5,669	-10	5,745	5,749
Nebraska	4,370	4,375	-5	4,341	4,230
Nevada	99,474	98,209	1,265	98,178	95,860
New Hampshire	8,444	8,459	-15	8,235	7,056
New Jersey	184,342	187,015	-2,673	187,753	178,203
New Mexico	1,851	38,629	-36,778	38,550	35,654
New York	749,327	761,368	-12,041	749,766	715,067
North Carolina	115,776	120,458	-4,682	126,621	123,151
North Dakota	5,402	5,842	-440	6,014	5,942
Ohio	101,506	100,818	688	101,160	97,556
Oklahoma	23,641	26,620	-2,979	27,285	28,053
Oregon	66,699	66,406	293	65,481	60,715
Pennsylvania	235,075	219,813	15,262	230,191	202,582
Puerto Rico	96,241	43,737	52,504	42,766	34,696
Rhode Island	18,872	19,289	-417	19,553	19,302
South Carolina	47,656	52,281	-4,625	58,169	60,582
South Dakota	855	810	45	832	726
Tennessee	34,630	37,503	-2,873	38,165	39,547
Texas	19,012	21,048	-2,036	34,537	20,465
Utah	6,951	7,253	-302	7,600	7,983
Vermont	9,724	9,833	-109	9,825	8,963
Virgin Islands	46	22	24	67	48
Virginia	85,692	82,737	2,955	81,256	79,288
Washington	4,786	5,392	-606	5,505	4,256
West Virginia	18,147	18,259	-112	18,153	17,414
Wisconsin	71,506	74,547	-3,041	70,597	65,454
Wyoming	3,426	3,514	-88	3,514	3,405
US Total	4,772,853	4,793,230	-20,377	4,801,408	4,532,876

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:		
	December 12	December 5	Change
Alabama	4	2	2
Alaska	1,908	1,792	116
Arizona	8,061	7,266	795
Arkansas	143	154	-11
California	163,577	141,661	21,916
Colorado	87	95	-8
Connecticut	8,708	8,569	139
Delaware	466	180	286
District of Columbia	33	39	-6
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	37	28	9
Idaho	24	24	0
Illinois	29,718	27,057	2,661
Indiana	33	43	-10
Iowa	106	189	-83
Kansas	5,433	4,900	533
Kentucky	0	4	-4
Louisiana	2,788	2,712	76
Maine	100	85	15
Maryland	8,733	7,746	987
Massachusetts	35,629	30,665	4,964
Michigan	61,993	41,580	20,413
Minnesota	20,114	17,728	2,386
Mississippi	6,864	5,838	1,026
Missouri	76	73	3
Montana	51	45	6
Nebraska	28	42	-14
Nevada	20,611	18,705	1,906
New Hampshire	394	499	-105
New Jersey	45,349	43,118	2,231
New Mexico	2,789	2,563	226
New York	54,135	50,616	3,519
North Carolina	39,721	43,143	-3,422
North Dakota	5	3	2
Ohio	18,653	18,427	226
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	11,506	10,152	1,354
Pennsylvania	27,131	25,456	1,675
Puerto Rico	3,146	2,664	482
Rhode Island	4,413	3,897	516
South Carolina	27,687	24,701	2,986
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	20	33	-13
Texas	159,780	138,240	21,540
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	1,117	978	139
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	1,284	1,548	-264
Washington	26,449	23,587	2,862
West Virginia	22	23	-1
Wisconsin	3,784	6,008	-2,224
Wyoming	3	0	3
US Total	802,713	712,878	89,835

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 19

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
DECEMBER 12

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	7,543	-25	4,380	29	5	23,327	1.2	-116	8,181	89	49	23,465
Alaska	4,016	-491	2,989	19	1	20,235	6.5	-34	10,463	256	29	20,520
Arizona	7,032	111	3,738	17	2	75,045	2.6	-934	57,527	336	170	75,551
Arkansas	3,976	-73	1,397	5	1	22,463	1.9	510	10,708	143	27	22,633
California	158,661	-45,727	108,718	309	131	1,006,699	5.8	-152,989	681,312	3,411	1,870	1,011,980
Colorado	24,441	4,544	22,081	44	35	98,885	3.7	1,313	79,048	332	272	99,489
Connecticut	7,588	-795	2,530	17	8	73,906	4.5	-812	40,760	274	68	74,248
Delaware	1,512	-2,880	610	30	11	12,202	2.7	-352	7,366	33	19	12,254
District of Columbia	1,870	60	1,272	29	1	27,772	4.8	-419	20,836	480	7	28,259
Florida	28,609	2,591	23,272	54	62	161,250	1.8	6,788	124,384	421	373	162,044
Georgia	26,673	2,971	21,788	67	30	164,960	3.7	6,913	139,827	536	344	165,840
Hawaii	3,973	-655	2,863	34	8	32,077	5.2	-2,673	26,384	203	145	32,425
Idaho	3,956	-127	1,984	23	2	11,225	1.5	595	3,868	240	8	11,473
Illinois	145,054	6,695	128,385	18	3	338,024	5.7	7,640	230,512	637	236	338,897
Indiana	12,234	-3,468	8,323	27	9	73,506	2.4	-5,197	56,495	174	64	73,744
Iowa	7,271	745	-86	14	4	37,492	2.4	-626	15,373	91	42	37,625
Kansas	32,505	-4,290	29,409	0	0	78,778	5.8	10,253	70,216	82	35	78,895
Kentucky	8,459	1,200	3,856	3	0	46,950	2.5	-581	28,071	62	116	47,128
Louisiana	7,926	-1,363	5,708	19	11	64,448	3.4	-2,362	49,090	128	37	64,613
Maine	2,980	-145	1,857	2	1	14,624	2.4	370	8,861	56	6	14,686
Maryland	13,491	2,005	8,785	18	2	74,078	3.0	-3,627	49,396	244	64	74,386
Massachusetts	21,886	-3,308	12,602	39	19	167,823	4.7	-1,991	106,442	388	91	168,302
Michigan	19,194	-271	8,356	44	12	206,415	4.8	28,462	145,554	241	73	206,729
Minnesota	14,297	-1,722	7,481	17	6	134,220	4.7	-1,447	80,573	196	95	134,511
Mississippi	4,639	-451	3,115	7	1	28,001	2.5	-910	20,012	104	20	28,125
Missouri	9,736	513	2,590	5	4	44,392	1.6	-944	24,621	125	30	44,547
Montana	2,477	-305	936	51	3	16,750	3.7	121	7,606	417	22	17,189
Nebraska	2,893	204	1,682	9	1	12,285	1.3	304	8,786	26	13	12,324
Nevada	7,798	-1,229	5,225	8	0	86,013	6.2	1,597	67,042	155	114	86,282
New Hampshire	2,837	-341	2,181	8	2	21,289	3.2	249	17,756	44	10	21,343
New Jersey	17,611	1,243	4,610	32	17	146,200	3.6	-4,210	56,994	346	354	146,900
New Mexico	4,802	-298	3,816	9	0	50,456	6.2	-2,302	41,185	363	80	50,899
New York	41,106	-17,047	25,044	14	21	376,958	4.0	-16,663	238,238	296	365	377,619
North Carolina	9,368	-286	5,782	33	56	68,546	1.5	-724	48,164	252	307	69,105
North Dakota	1,037	-549	21	2	3	7,480	1.8	-276	2,940	27	7	7,514
Ohio	31,160	-7,209	20,526	14	18	155,424	2.9	-1,565	98,019	295	254	155,973
Oklahoma	5,215	-82	3,091	15	7	42,791	2.7	-2,215	26,347	68	58	42,917
Oregon	10,261	-203	5,369	65	14	82,863	4.3	-1,848	55,129	766	185	83,814
Pennsylvania	47,305	8,047	27,338	177	67	332,439	5.8	19,012	213,227	1,260	406	334,105
Puerto Rico	1,119	-154	-136	5	1	64,948	7.5	19,763	50,239	402	34	65,384
Rhode Island	6,769	1,152	5,050	4	1	19,264	4.1	1,619	11,470	69	15	19,348
South Carolina	3,445	-136	514	7	13	40,878	2.0	-1,498	25,759	46	120	41,044
South Dakota	770	-156	281	10	2	4,226	1.0	382	1,865	83	2	4,311
Tennessee	7,386	-49	4,133	22	20	44,462	1.3	-724	27,250	49	51	44,562
Texas	34,979	-3,666	22,390	162	202	431,599	3.5	42,693	297,700	1,180	2,293	435,072
Utah	3,014	-66	1,391	52	4	14,582	1.0	140	4,701	219	18	14,819
Vermont	1,318	-116	423	0	0	11,913	3.9	4	8,422	18	2	11,933
Virgin Islands	60	-21	7	0	1	2,556	6.8	-562	1,878	0	12	2,568
Virginia	14,640	131	11,032	19	3	67,478	1.8	-541	48,041	319	281	68,078
Washington	18,369	-2,154	9,473	26	19	166,402	4.9	-4,047	106,019	575	517	167,494
West Virginia	2,503	-904	744	8	1	20,076	3.0	-1,621	5,809	166	36	20,278
Wisconsin	14,119	-543	6,343	15	9	97,337	3.4	3,310	61,353	206	55	97,598
Wyoming	964	30	335	12	0	5,096	1.9	-24	2,404	74	6	5,176
Totals	872,847	-69,063	585,604	1,669	854	5,429,108	3.7	-62,796	3,630,223	17,003	9,907	5,456,018

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 DECEMBER 19, 2020**

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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>
PA	+8,047	Layoffs in the accommodations and food services, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and other services industries.
IL	+6,695	Layoffs in the other service, wholesale trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
CO	+4,544	No comment.
GA	+2,971	No comment.
FL	+2,591	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
MD	+2,005	No comment.
NJ	+1,243	No comment.
KY	+1,200	No comment.
RI	+1,152	Layoffs in the educational services, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services 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>
CA	-45,727	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-17,047	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	-7,209	No comment.
KS	-4,290	No comment.
TX	-3,666	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, mining, accommodation and food services, management of companies and enterprises, and other services industries.
IN	-3,468	No comment.
MA	-3,308	No comment.
DE	-2,880	No comment.
WA	-2,154	No comment.
MN	-1,722	No comment.
LA	-1,363	No comment.
NV	-1,229	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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