



News Release

Connect with DOL at
<https://blog.dol.gov>



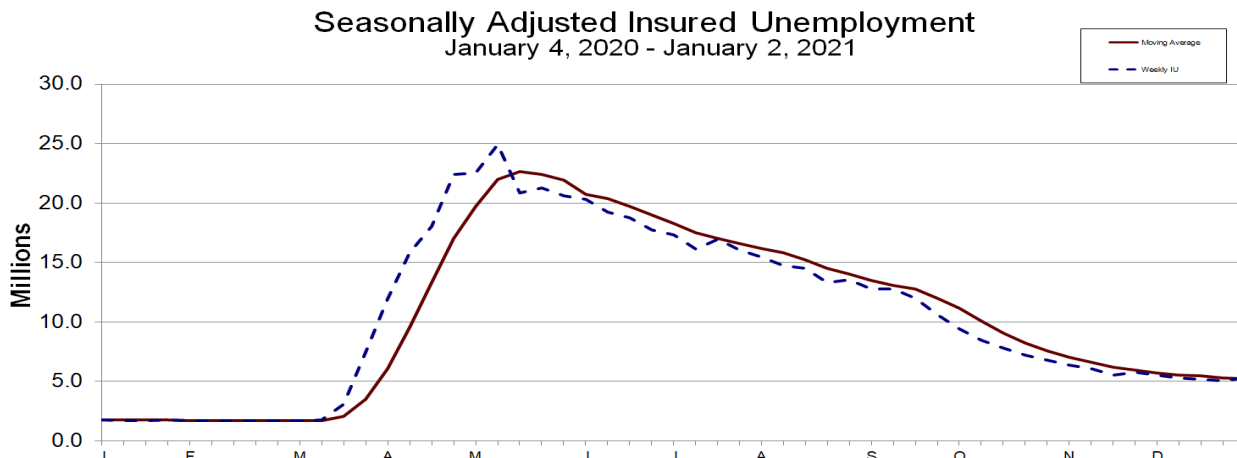
TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL
8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, January 14, 2021

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 965,000, an increase of 181,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 787,000 to 784,000. The 4-week moving average was 834,250, an increase of 18,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,750 from 818,750 to 816,000.

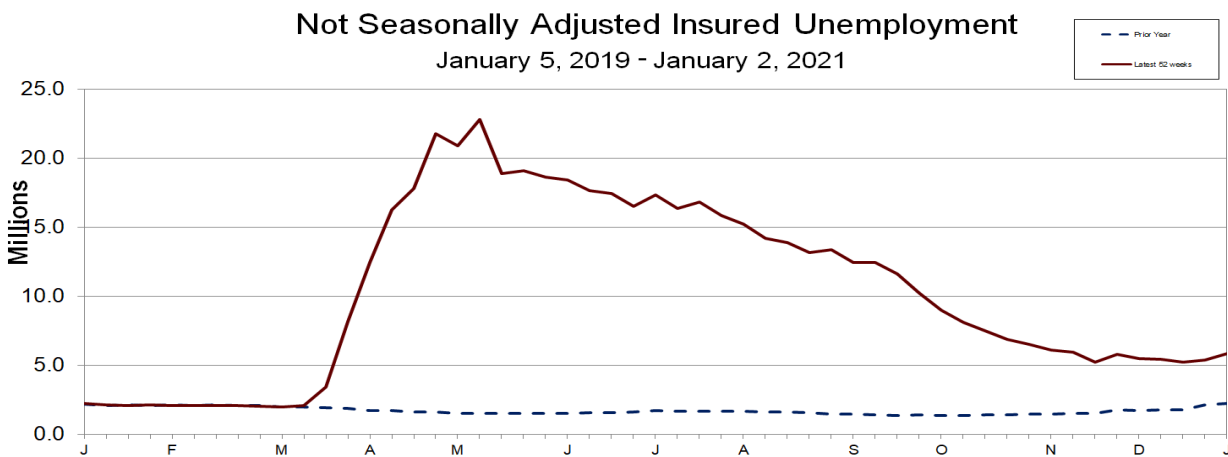
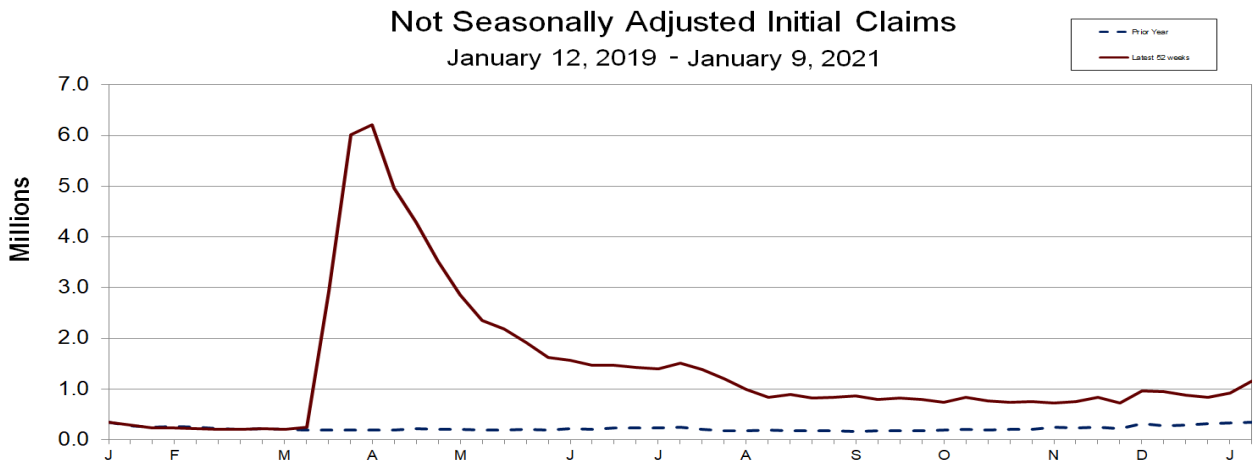
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.7 percent for the week ending January 2, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 2 was 5,271,000, an increase of 199,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 5,072,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,215,750, a decrease of 59,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 5,274,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,151,015 in the week ending January 9, an increase of 231,335 (or 25.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 131,769 (or 14.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 338,550 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending January 9, 45 states reported 284,470 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.1 percent during the week ending January 2, an increase of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 5,856,230, an increase of 474,180 (or 8.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 274,958 (or 5.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,249,123.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 26 was 18,406,940, a decrease of 744,511 from the previous week. There were 2,176,360 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending December 26, Extended Benefits were available in the following 23 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, 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 2,008 in the week ending January 2, an increase of 236 from the prior week. There were 1,060 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 325 from the preceding week.

There were 16,873 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 26, an increase of 101 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,500, an increase of 406 from the prior week.

During the week ending December 26, 49 states reported 7,442,888 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 50 states reported 4,166,261 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 26 were in Pennsylvania (6.6), Alaska (6.5), Kansas (6.4), New Mexico (5.9), Illinois (5.6), Washington (5.6), Nevada (5.5), the Virgin Islands (5.3), Minnesota (5.2), and California (5.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 2 were in Louisiana (+17,119), Kansas (+15,400), Texas (+14,541), Georgia (+12,498), and Washington (+10,950), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-65,099), California (-7,743), Maryland (-2,088), and Florida (-1,836).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 9	January 2	Change	December 26	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	965,000	784,000	+181,000	782,000	207,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	1,151,015	919,680	+231,335	835,972	338,550
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	834,250	816,000	+18,250	835,500	214,250

WEEK ENDING	January 2	December 26	Change	December 19	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,271,000	5,072,000	+199,000	5,198,000	1,759,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,856,230	5,382,050	+474,180	5,237,096	2,249,123
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,215,750	5,274,750	-59,000	5,452,000	1,744,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.7%	3.5%	+0.2	3.5%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	4.1%	3.7%	+0.4	3.6%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 9	January 2	Change	December 26
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	284,470	161,159	+123,311	310,462

WEEK ENDING	January 2	December 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,008	1,772	+236	898
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,060	735	+325	425

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

WEEK ENDING	December 26	December 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	5,347,353	5,205,841	+141,512	2,143,843
Federal Employees	16,873	16,772	+101	10,957
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,500	9,094	+406	5,708
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	7,442,888	8,383,387	-940,499	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,166,261	4,491,413	-325,152	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	1,326,802	951,364	+375,438	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,560	2,359	+201	4,959
STC / Workshare ⁷	94,703	91,221	+3,482	10,893
TOTAL⁸	18,406,940	19,151,451	-744,511	2,176,360

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 January 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	13,313	10,986	2,327	12,638	23,641	-11,003
Alaska	4,175	2,947	1,228	19,470	20,064	-594
Arizona	19,038	7,992	11,046	81,940	71,901	10,039
Arkansas	5,570	4,400	1,170	22,280	23,006	-726
California	181,576	160,989	20,587	982,831	876,615	106,216
Colorado	15,947	25,234	-9,287	152,063	110,035	42,028
Connecticut	10,298	9,310	988	84,486	78,573	5,913
Delaware	3,557	2,678	879	16,623	13,562	3,061
District of Columbia	1,945	1,650	295	25,381	26,750	-1,369
Florida	75,444	24,697	50,747	155,097	129,575	25,522
Georgia	36,667	31,458	5,209	187,050	172,014	15,036
Hawaii	5,095	3,984	1,111	28,992	29,178	-186
Idaho	4,349	4,612	-263	13,558	13,338	220
Illinois	96,667	45,387	51,280	362,145	330,503	31,642
Indiana	18,812	14,796	4,016	93,141	80,503	12,638
Iowa	7,638	7,855	-217	49,451	43,165	6,286
Kansas	67,031	44,195	22,836	116,473	88,227	28,246
Kentucky	11,219	16,941	-5,722	43,652	40,437	3,215
Louisiana	20,302	25,365	-5,063	83,612	64,404	19,208
Maine	3,561	3,940	-379	16,483	15,668	815
Maryland	21,808	11,541	10,267	67,410	79,308	-11,898
Massachusetts	31,116	26,370	4,746	165,523	173,783	-8,260
Michigan	23,553	30,456	-6,903	190,511	205,132	-14,621
Minnesota	17,500	17,482	18	156,943	148,435	8,508
Mississippi	9,273	6,360	2,913	30,424	30,185	239
Missouri	11,393	16,663	-5,270	52,018	49,826	2,192
Montana	3,100	3,653	-553	18,525	17,830	695
Nebraska	5,158	3,643	1,515	14,836	14,543	293
Nevada	10,231	8,461	1,770	74,420	77,383	-2,963
New Hampshire	3,067	4,932	-1,865	27,283	24,337	2,946
New Jersey	20,638	20,988	-350	155,184	141,210	13,974
New Mexico	14,685	4,081	10,604	44,563	47,501	-2,938
New York	72,476	56,917	15,559	460,320	403,173	57,147
North Carolina	14,511	13,331	1,180	86,698	89,230	-2,532
North Dakota	2,101	1,442	659	9,520	8,274	1,246
Ohio	36,027	29,726	6,301	209,411	171,027	38,384
Oklahoma	5,960	6,059	-99	34,798	42,157	-7,359
Oregon	12,663	12,810	-147	159,244	87,988	71,256
Pennsylvania	40,760	38,512	2,248	361,778	381,710	-19,932
Puerto Rico	1,627	1,239	388	47,941	36,070	11,871
Rhode Island	7,672	5,612	2,060	23,037	20,920	2,117
South Carolina	8,635	8,778	-143	49,219	46,633	2,586
South Dakota	905	603	302	6,219	4,746	1,473
Tennessee	21,979	16,931	5,048	59,057	55,815	3,242
Texas	60,271	45,989	14,282	357,018	363,910	-6,892
Utah	3,994	2,975	1,019	16,344	15,685	659
Vermont	1,724	1,800	-76	12,760	12,194	566
Virgin Islands	11	27	-16	1,840	1,984	-144
Virginia	31,095	19,530	11,565	64,415	63,588	827
Washington	27,743	30,851	-3,108	201,031	190,007	11,024
West Virginia	3,385	2,428	957	24,478	20,461	4,017
Wisconsin	22,534	19,188	3,346	120,428	100,783	19,645
Wyoming	1,216	886	330	5,668	5,063	605
US Total	1,151,015	919,680	231,335	5,856,230	5,382,050	474,180

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
January 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	5,198	-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	5,271	199	5,215.75	3.7
January 9, 2021	965	181	834.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 9			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Dec 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Dec 26	Dec 19	Change
Alabama	3,848	1,995	1,853	47,094	46,609	485
Alaska	377	261	116	10,629	11,744	-1,115
Arizona	4,162	2,194	1,968	64,492	64,492	0
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	26,695	-26,695
California	33,625	27,341	6,284	1,534,130	1,955,600	-421,470
Colorado	0	0	0	90,511	97,585	-7,074
Connecticut	678	801	-123	39,974	40,329	-355
Delaware	0	87	-87	2,898	5,426	-2,528
District of Columbia	93	166	-73	15,916	15,251	665
Florida	37,175	0	37,175	0	0	0
Georgia	2,842	2,525	317	118,778	113,820	4,958
Hawaii	1,289	1,044	245	53,893	69,857	-15,964
Idaho	102	9	93	11,523	11,654	-131
Illinois	15,501	41	15,460	176,107	189,851	-13,744
Indiana	0	0	0	167,888	263,680	-95,792
Iowa	1,213	793	420	13,354	12,877	477
Kansas	6,951	2,625	4,326	20,812	15,442	5,370
Kentucky	10,881	5	10,876	12,912	27,792	-14,880
Louisiana	7,087	28	7,059	84,855	103,193	-18,338
Maine	721	253	468	15,979	16,503	-524
Maryland	5,847	160	5,687	136,813	206,124	-69,311
Massachusetts	4,670	4,724	-54	332,819	406,950	-74,131
Michigan	8,406	6,038	2,368	219,785	304,080	-84,295
Minnesota	0	0	0	41,336	40,677	659
Mississippi	0	1,065	-1,065	23,055	22,459	596
Missouri	2,387	264	2,123	64,157	42,140	22,017
Montana	579	537	42	19,359	24,632	-5,273
Nebraska	231	43	188	3,916	5,626	-1,710
Nevada	8,379	1,116	7,263	78,770	78,804	-34
New Hampshire	484	888	-404	10,122	12,208	-2,086
New Jersey	5,166	4,849	317	347,943	363,646	-15,703
New Mexico	418	27	391	28,813	29,559	-746
New York	31,822	19,715	12,107	1,193,878	1,172,566	21,312
North Carolina	11,904	8,553	3,351	92,731	108,798	-16,067
North Dakota	275	347	-72	2,783	3,232	-449
Ohio	0	0	0	432,627	472,948	-40,321
Oklahoma	21	61	-40	0	8,986	-8,986
Oregon	3,433	4,474	-1,041	175,858	174,107	1,751
Pennsylvania	33,747	27,729	6,018	502,462	596,474	-94,012
Puerto Rico	3,868	13,111	-9,243	241,218	241,755	-537
Rhode Island	3,341	2,619	722	41,518	41,310	208
South Carolina	7,220	4,438	2,782	39,237	44,446	-5,209
South Dakota	17	11	6	1,111	1,099	12
Tennessee	4,348	151	4,197	55,602	62,284	-6,682
Texas	5,625	6,610	-985	516,076	481,120	34,956
Utah	3,010	1,851	1,159	1,853	2,042	-189
Vermont	52	3	49	3,338	8,390	-5,052
Virgin Islands	61	35	26	0	0	0
Virginia	3,387	4,684	-1,297	191,177	169,417	21,760
Washington	5,226	4,596	630	119,912	119,826	86
West Virginia	2,208	716	1,492	21,754	25,033	-3,279
Wisconsin	1,793	1,576	217	20,004	22,844	-2,840
Wyoming	0	0	0	1,116	1,405	-289
US Total	284,470	161,159	123,311	7,442,888	8,383,387	-940,499

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 26	December 19	Change	December 12	December 5
Alabama	17,813	18,542	-729	21,739	23,323
Alaska	6,704	7,088	-384	7,921	8,145
Arizona	59,508	57,448	2,060	58,169	57,239
Arkansas	9,395	9,378	17	10,016	10,189
California	1,299,995	1,283,061	16,934	1,356,260	1,381,630
Colorado	70,781	70,658	123	76,192	74,017
Connecticut	52,903	62,089	-9,186	66,717	65,736
Delaware	10,653	11,975	-1,322	12,783	13,049
District of Columbia	22,122	25,260	-3,138	27,746	27,390
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	51,398	50,204	1,194	54,777	52,266
Idaho	3,355	3,467	-112	3,746	3,965
Illinois	240,206	241,532	-1,326	257,075	246,235
Indiana	51,016	57,969	-6,953	59,866	59,254
Iowa	19,643	21,185	-1,542	22,994	24,234
Kansas	14,555	17,685	-3,130	20,433	20,743
Kentucky	30,989	31,780	-791	31,092	32,032
Louisiana	49,891	50,099	-208	54,958	50,620
Maine	9,171	10,541	-1,370	12,301	12,478
Maryland	48,749	63,166	-14,417	62,300	62,676
Massachusetts	145,566	162,349	-16,783	176,354	179,548
Michigan	145,310	211,685	-66,375	228,982	233,880
Minnesota	77,111	80,037	-2,926	86,836	87,238
Mississippi	14,806	14,374	432	15,403	16,460
Missouri	26,275	26,020	255	29,083	30,977
Montana	5,143	5,365	-222	5,659	5,669
Nebraska	3,986	4,149	-163	4,370	4,375
Nevada	86,101	95,439	-9,338	99,474	98,209
New Hampshire	7,758	7,547	211	8,444	8,459
New Jersey	148,479	170,760	-22,281	184,342	187,015
New Mexico	33,676	35,183	-1,507	39,332	38,629
New York	642,002	685,857	-43,855	749,327	761,368
North Carolina	101,550	108,541	-6,991	115,776	120,458
North Dakota	5,047	4,274	773	5,402	5,842
Ohio	75,860	90,149	-14,289	101,506	100,818
Oklahoma	0	22,957	-22,957	23,641	26,620
Oregon	52,682	58,268	-5,586	66,699	66,406
Pennsylvania	217,528	203,101	14,427	235,075	219,813
Puerto Rico	28,986	116,421	-87,435	96,241	43,737
Rhode Island	14,449	16,477	-2,028	18,872	19,289
South Carolina	68,453	71,323	-2,870	47,656	52,281
South Dakota	750	677	73	855	810
Tennessee	32,488	33,582	-1,094	34,630	37,503
Texas	10,784	16,166	-5,382	19,012	21,048
Utah	6,381	6,700	-319	6,951	7,253
Vermont	8,082	8,589	-507	9,724	9,833
Virgin Islands	15	17	-2	46	22
Virginia	83,541	83,933	-392	85,692	82,737
Washington	5,487	4,594	893	4,786	5,392
West Virginia	14,298	16,170	-1,872	18,147	18,259
Wisconsin	31,797	34,336	-2,539	40,136	39,723
Wyoming	3,023	3,246	-223	3,426	3,514
US Total	4,166,261	4,491,413	-325,152	4,778,964	4,758,406

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 26	December 19	Change
Alabama	1	0	1
Alaska	1,758	1,633	125
Arizona	9,861	8,737	1,124
Arkansas	80	107	-27
California	324,139	175,411	148,728
Colorado	69	106	-37
Connecticut	14,582	9,000	5,582
Delaware	1,482	1,201	281
District of Columbia	5	9	-4
Florida	0	723	-723
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	25	44	-19
Idaho	24	25	-1
Illinois	54,950	40,069	14,881
Indiana	32	18	14
Iowa	82	56	26
Kansas	562	741	-179
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	4,482	3,139	1,343
Maine	124	111	13
Maryland	11	266	-255
Massachusetts	66,135	48,991	17,144
Michigan	98,851	61,984	36,867
Minnesota	2,155	25,302	-23,147
Mississippi	603	8,306	-7,703
Missouri	208	60	148
Montana	71	88	-17
Nebraska	15	28	-13
Nevada	34,516	23,973	10,543
New Hampshire	305	370	-65
New Jersey	79,463	54,297	25,166
New Mexico	6,591	4,083	2,508
New York	208,996	140,053	68,943
North Carolina	40,502	36,194	4,308
North Dakota	3	4	-1
Ohio	29,113	23,316	5,797
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	21,692	14,288	7,404
Pennsylvania	51,290	34,645	16,645
Puerto Rico	2,223	2,809	-586
Rhode Island	9,994	5,424	4,570
South Carolina	597	1,178	-581
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	114	25	89
Texas	208,832	185,005	23,827
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	473	910	-437
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	1,112	1,024	88
Washington	48,279	35,216	13,063
West Virginia	16	13	3
Wisconsin	2,382	2,375	7
Wyoming	2	7	-5
US Total	1,326,802	951,364	375,438

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JANUARY 2

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 26

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
Alabama	10,986	5,480	6,408	30	12	23,641	1.2	588	5,118	83	38	23,762	
Alaska	2,947	-976	1,966	12	1	20,064	6.5	273	9,887	268	28	20,360	
Arizona	7,992	1,423	4,860	11	1	71,901	2.5	2,126	53,910	308	164	72,373	
Arkansas	4,400	737	1,824	5	2	23,006	1.9	3,138	7,683	133	28	23,167	
California	160,989	-7,743	124,269	381	123	876,615	5.0	-171,899	517,009	3,256	1,725	881,596	
Colorado	25,234	8,532	22,803	103	38	110,035	4.1	6,784	88,644	280	270	110,585	
Connecticut	9,310	562	1,458	20	3	78,573	4.8	4,843	32,011	270	59	78,902	
Delaware	2,678	292	1,803	6	5	13,562	3.0	1,238	6,681	43	21	13,626	
District of Columbia	1,650	-5	1,169	25	1	26,750	4.6	170	19,552	441	10	27,201	
Florida	24,697	-1,836	20,079	30	79	129,575	1.5	-10,990	93,386	442	310	130,327	
Georgia	31,458	12,498	14,398	106	28	172,014	3.9	34,774	133,310	530	357	172,901	
Hawaii	3,984	524	2,159	15	9	29,178	4.7	377	22,365	198	147	29,523	
Idaho	4,612	386	1,655	23	4	13,338	1.8	1,632	4,484	297	7	13,642	
Illinois	45,387	-65,099	33,608	13	4	330,503	5.6	2,859	205,155	571	226	331,300	
Indiana	14,796	2,783	10,362	30	8	80,503	2.7	6,635	60,441	203	104	80,810	
Iowa	7,855	714	3,269	12	2	43,165	2.8	5,142	8,616	111	40	43,316	
Kansas	44,195	15,400	42,176	2	0	88,227	6.4	7,544	77,052	59	31	88,317	
Kentucky	16,941	4,141	11,766	4	2	40,437	2.1	-1,397	17,922	71	152	40,660	
Louisiana	25,365	17,119	23,707	40	9	64,404	3.4	3,763	47,851	137	36	64,577	
Maine	3,940	1,273	2,277	2	0	15,668	2.6	1,975	7,840	68	5	15,741	
Maryland	11,541	-2,088	7,544	19	6	79,308	3.2	3,324	48,737	250	98	79,656	
Massachusetts	26,370	2,982	16,906	54	12	173,783	4.8	14,697	97,255	382	115	174,280	
Michigan	30,456	10,638	17,249	51	5	205,132	4.8	39,929	133,029	239	72	205,443	
Minnesota	17,482	1,211	10,189	13	149	148,435	5.2	19,300	80,209	203	101	148,739	
Mississippi	6,360	1,155	5,182	4	2	30,185	2.7	1,967	20,504	90	26	30,301	
Missouri	16,663	2,822	9,189	8	1	49,826	1.8	6,419	20,041	90	29	49,945	
Montana	3,653	1,116	2,098	125	3	17,830	3.9	2,030	6,774	461	25	18,316	
Nebraska	3,643	773	2,544	5	2	14,543	1.5	2,111	9,378	30	12	14,585	
Nevada	8,461	1,252	6,197	13	1	77,383	5.5	-991	56,582	154	98	77,635	
New Hampshire	4,932	1,651	4,242	4	2	24,337	3.7	3,195	19,869	45	11	24,393	
New Jersey	20,988	526	5,663	37	11	141,210	3.5	2,949	29,875	317	289	141,816	
New Mexico	4,081	494	3,282	3	0	47,501	5.9	3,035	37,361	417	85	48,003	
New York	56,917	5,493	12,071	32	23	403,173	4.3	13,632	221,505	342	431	403,946	
North Carolina	13,331	4,613	9,823	94	50	89,230	2.0	7,548	68,382	330	260	89,820	
North Dakota	1,442	202	606	3	1	8,274	2.0	2,443	2,489	12	10	8,296	
Ohio	29,726	915	18,967	25	32	171,027	3.2	17,604	97,740	245	270	171,542	
Oklahoma	6,059	1,028	3,116	31	7	42,157	2.7	3,025	24,077	109	69	42,335	
Oregon	12,810	1,792	6,096	60	13	87,988	4.6	6,004	52,537	885	141	89,014	
Pennsylvania	38,512	233	11,214	158	31	381,710	6.6	80,821	246,299	1,254	461	383,425	
Puerto Rico	1,239	146	386	2	8	36,070	4.2	-31,478	18,876	184	13	36,267	
Rhode Island	5,612	40	3,640	5	1	20,920	4.4	1,091	8,811	56	22	20,998	
South Carolina	8,778	4,461	1,307	26	16	46,633	2.2	6,279	27,711	54	92	46,779	
South Dakota	603	-52	205	8	0	4,746	1.1	1,062	1,948	64	31	4,841	
Tennessee	16,931	6,781	13,847	36	20	55,815	1.7	9,617	33,652	79	76	55,970	
Texas	45,989	14,541	33,622	135	286	363,910	2.9	-3,856	222,437	1,140	1,890	366,940	
Utah	2,975	246	1,457	61	6	15,685	1.1	1,082	4,357	250	19	15,954	
Vermont	1,800	703	1,120	1	0	12,194	4.0	2,106	6,777	19	2	12,215	
Virgin Islands	27	-25	17	1	1	1,984	5.3	460	1,516	28	18	2,030	
Virginia	19,530	7,640	16,342	14	7	63,588	1.7	145	41,417	321	269	64,178	
Washington	30,851	10,950	20,827	85	26	190,007	5.6	16,699	119,644	641	613	191,261	
West Virginia	2,428	316	864	2	1	20,461	3.1	1,920	4,574	147	31	20,639	
Wisconsin	19,188	4,894	6,334	14	6	100,783	3.5	10,855	51,178	189	59	101,031	
Wyoming	886	54	224	9	0	5,063	1.9	355	1,844	77	4	5,144	
Totals	919,680	83,708	584,386	2,008	1,060	5,382,050	3.7	144,954	3,236,302	16,873	9,500	5,408,423	

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 JANUARY 2, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
LA	+17,119	No comment.
KS	+15,400	No comment.
TX	+14,541	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, management of companies and enterprises, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and finance and insurance industries.
GA	+12,498	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
WA	+10,950	Layoffs in the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, educational services, accommodation and food services, other services, and public administration industries.
MI	+10,638	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CO	+8,532	No comment.
VA	+7,640	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
TN	+6,781	Layoffs in the other services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, retail trade, and accommodation and food services industries.
NY	+5,493	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, information, and construction industries.
AL	+5,480	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, retail trade, accommodation and food services, construction, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing industries.
WI	+4,894	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries
NC	+4,613	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and educational services industries.
SC	+4,461	No comment.
KY	+4,141	No comment.
MA	+2,982	No comment.
MO	+2,822	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IN	+2,783	No comment.
OR	+1,792	No comment.
NH	+1,651	No comment.
AZ	+1,423	No comment.
ME	+1,273	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodations and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and manufacturing services.
NV	+1,252	No comment.
MN	+1,211	No comment.
MS	+1,155	No comment.
MT	+1,116	No comment.
OK	+1,028	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-65,099	No comment.
CA	-7,743	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
MD	-2,088	No comment.
FL	-1,836	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.

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.

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)

[Weekly Claims Data](#)

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The Department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts Departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Washington, D.C. 20210
Release Number: USDL 21-60-NAT

Program Contacts:
Thomas Stengle: (202) 693-2991
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676