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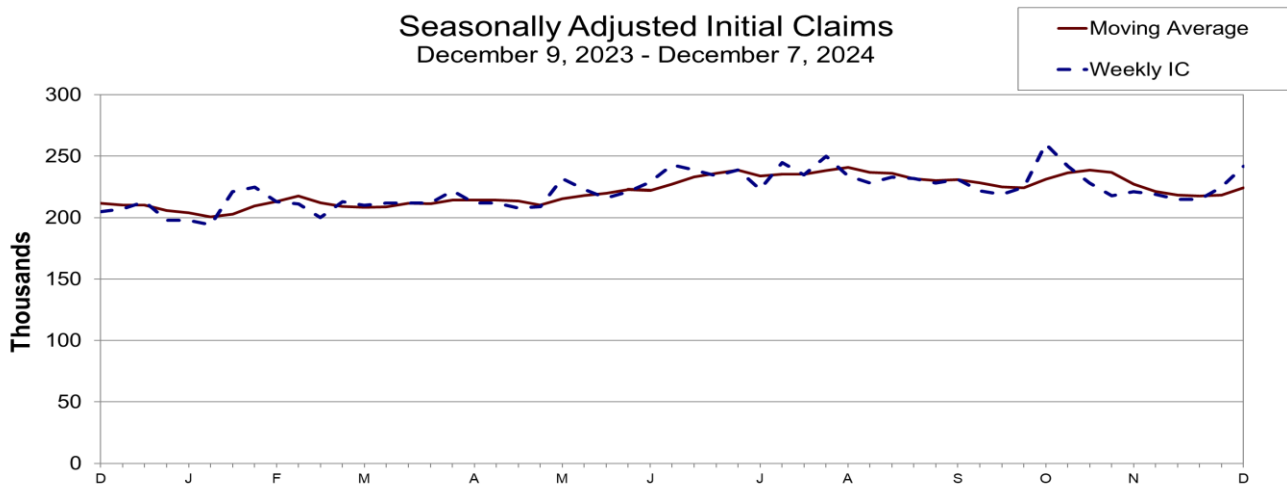
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

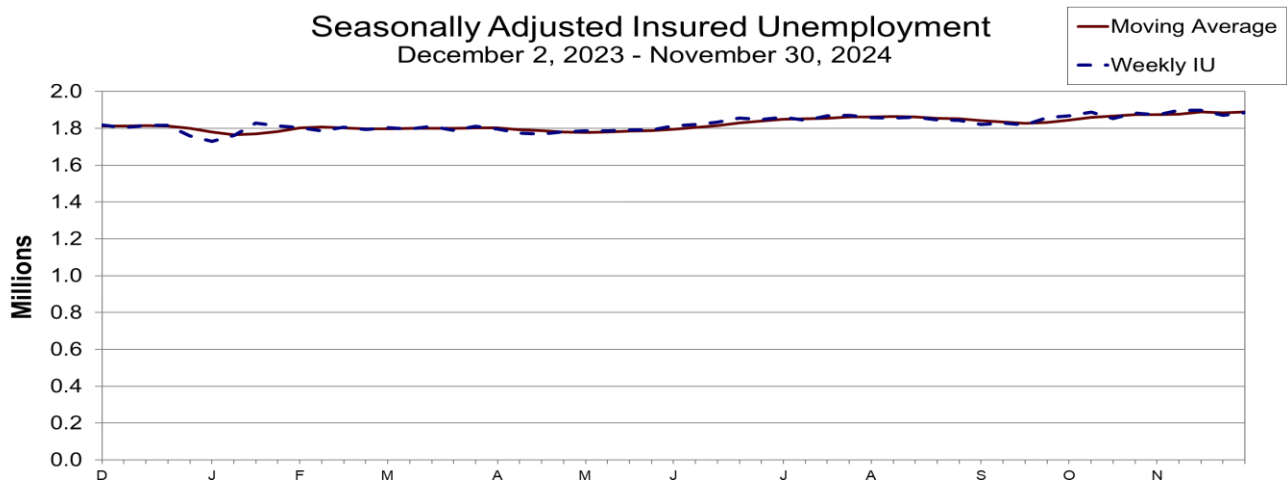
In the week ending December 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 242,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 224,000 to 225,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,250, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 218,250 to 218,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 30, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 30 was 1,886,000, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,871,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,888,000, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,928,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,884,250 to 1,884,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
December 9, 2023 - December 7, 2024



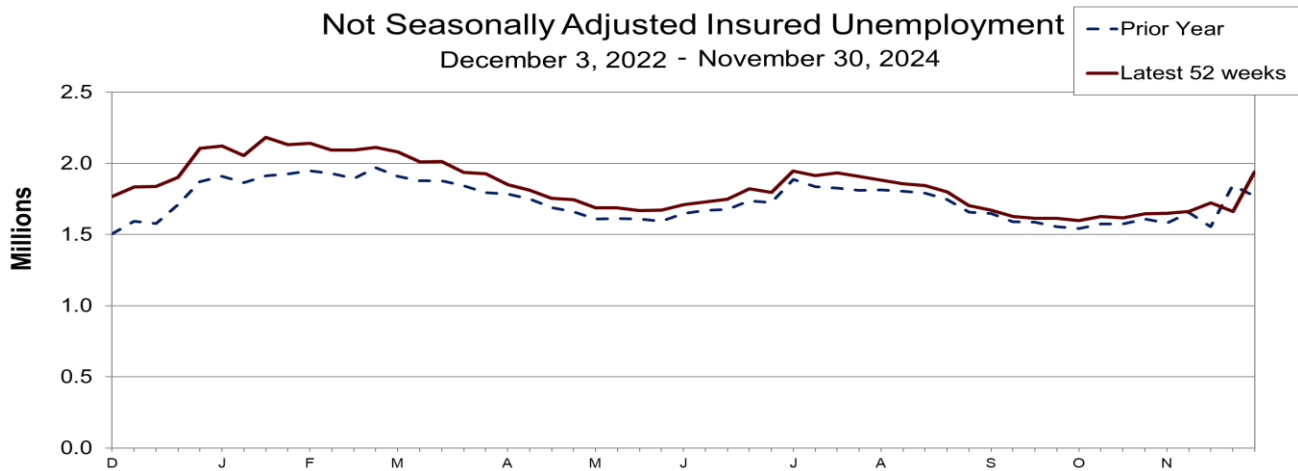
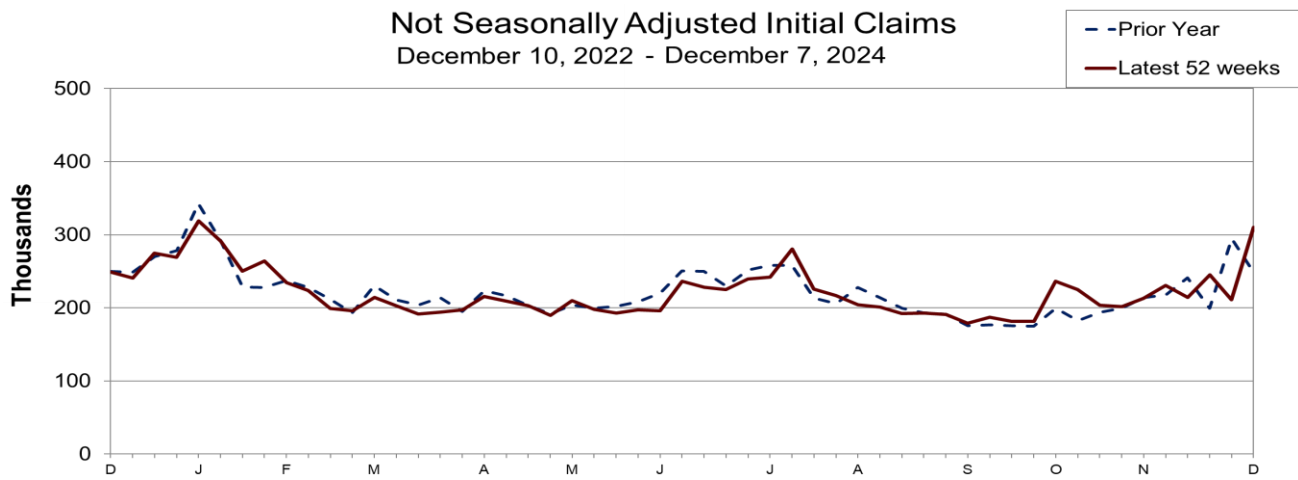
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
December 2, 2023 - November 30, 2024



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 310,366 in the week ending December 7, an increase of 99,140 (or 46.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 76,932 (or 36.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 249,090 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending November 30, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,938,688, an increase of 276,963 (or 16.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 261,984 (or 15.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,767,271.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 23 was 1,688,220, a decrease of 63,269 from the previous week. There were 1,870,962 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending November 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 399 in the week ending November 30, a decrease of 353 from the prior week. There were 226 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 164 from the preceding week.

There were 5,088 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 23, an increase of 61 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,259, a decrease of 263 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 23 were in New Jersey (2.2), Alaska (2.0), Washington (2.0), California (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), Minnesota (1.7), Nevada (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), and New York (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 30 were in Wisconsin (+1,785), North Dakota (+1,004), Kentucky (+731), Pennsylvania (+642), and Iowa (+252), while the largest decreases were in California (-10,113), Texas (-5,996), Florida (-2,373), Georgia (-2,239), and New York (-1,946).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 7</b>	<b>November 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	242,000	225,000	+17,000	215,000	205,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	310,366	211,226	+99,140	245,163	249,090
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,250	218,500	+5,750	217,500	211,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 30</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 16</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,886,000	1,871,000	+15,000	1,897,000	1,818,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,938,688	1,661,725	+276,963	1,722,041	1,767,271
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,888,000	1,884,500	+3,500	1,887,750	1,811,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.1%	+0.2	1.1%	1.2%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 30</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	399	752	-353	729
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	226	390	-164	420

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>November 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,655,694	1,715,315	-59,621	1,839,108
Federal Employees	5,088	5,027	+61	5,791
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,259	4,522	-263	4,469
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	113	155	-42	478
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,451	2,633	-182	2,655
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	20,615	23,837	-3,222	18,461
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,688,220</b>	<b>1,751,489</b>	<b>-63,269</b>	<b>1,870,962</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 151,636,941 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 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,296	1,466	830	8,522	8,459	63
Alaska	843	592	251	6,210	6,109	101
Arizona	2,999	1,983	1,016	21,426	22,033	-607
Arkansas	1,545	1,280	265	7,232	6,434	798
California	52,784	37,957	14,827	414,358	327,988	86,370
Colorado	3,547	2,467	1,080	29,352	28,322	1,030
Connecticut	3,889	3,013	876	24,778	22,974	1,804
Delaware	293	463	-170	5,860	4,733	1,127
District of Columbia	671	413	258	7,080	6,635	445
Florida	5,962	3,987	1,975	33,214	29,914	3,300
Georgia	9,446	3,598	5,848	33,536	24,333	9,203
Hawaii	1,290	684	606	6,528	4,868	1,660
Idaho	2,228	2,050	178	6,898	6,097	801
Illinois	18,863	11,351	7,512	104,372	87,134	17,238
Indiana	5,357	2,883	2,474	24,134	20,931	3,203
Iowa	5,944	3,388	2,556	13,122	10,183	2,939
Kansas	1,998	1,031	967	7,964	7,465	499
Kentucky	2,927	2,770	157	10,250	8,697	1,553
Louisiana	1,830	1,423	407	10,594	11,690	-1,096
Maine	1,267	721	546	6,354	5,298	1,056
Maryland	2,675	2,176	499	23,419	21,101	2,318
Massachusetts	11,926	6,735	5,191	61,618	57,084	4,534
Michigan	11,820	9,561	2,259	56,926	51,183	5,743
Minnesota	10,944	7,360	3,584	65,158	47,301	17,857
Mississippi	1,254	1,065	189	6,134	6,143	-9
Missouri	4,002	2,506	1,496	17,657	16,848	809
Montana	1,492	1,196	296	8,686	7,085	1,601
Nebraska	1,169	1,016	153	5,198	4,769	429
Nevada	2,853	2,524	329	26,160	25,424	736
New Hampshire	421	423	-2	3,071	3,123	-52
New Jersey	12,390	9,625	2,765	104,247	92,367	11,880
New Mexico	837	791	46	10,946	10,310	636
New York	23,618	14,462	9,156	163,671	146,399	17,272
North Carolina	3,859	2,504	1,355	30,701	29,083	1,618
North Dakota	1,183	1,863	-680	5,150	2,733	2,417
Ohio	10,417	7,345	3,072	50,800	45,218	5,582
Oklahoma	1,223	1,138	85	9,721	9,343	378
Oregon	6,913	4,899	2,014	35,094	29,399	5,695
Pennsylvania	19,698	15,081	4,617	100,117	87,372	12,745
Puerto Rico	1,179	913	266	15,399	16,399	-999
Rhode Island	1,254	1,206	48	9,255	8,545	710
South Carolina	2,937	1,347	1,590	14,723	13,530	1,193
South Dakota	565	406	159	1,881	1,387	494
Tennessee	4,276	2,916	1,360	15,715	14,553	1,162
Texas	20,420	10,940	9,480	156,959	135,079	21,880
Utah	2,448	1,792	656	12,585	11,800	785
Vermont	601	599	2	2,850	1,966	884
Virgin Islands	23	29	-6	296	276	20
Virginia	2,544	1,284	1,260	16,575	15,070	1,505
Washington	8,186	6,480	1,706	82,953	69,436	13,517
West Virginia	1,742	717	1,025	9,757	6,091	3,666
Wisconsin	9,003	6,432	2,571	30,816	22,988	7,828
Wyoming	515	375	140	2,666	2,024	642
US Total	310,366	211,226	99,140	1,938,688	1,661,725	276,963

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 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,821	-22	1,842.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-9	228.25	1,827	6	1,834.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	219	-3	225.00	1,819	-8	1,827.50	1.2
September 28, 2024	225	6	224.25	1,858	39	1,831.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	260	35	231.50	1,869	11	1,843.25	1.2
October 12, 2024	242	-18	236.50	1,888	19	1,858.50	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-14	238.75	1,853	-35	1,867.00	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	237.00	1,884	31	1,873.50	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	227.25	1,872	-12	1,874.25	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,898	26	1,876.75	1.3
November 16, 2024	215	-4	218.25	1,897	-1	1,887.75	1.3
November 23, 2024	215	0	217.50	1,871	-26	1,884.50	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	10	218.50	1,886	15	1,888.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	242	17	224.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 30					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 23						TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(% ) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,466	-692	-1,499	1	2	8,459	0.4	-167	-1,103	21	18	8,498
Alaska	592	-180	-369	2	0	6,109	2.0	233	-359	65	1	6,175
Arizona	1,983	-1,092	-1,304	4	1	22,033	0.7	-1,511	-126	92	38	22,163
Arkansas	1,280	-560	-1,039	0	0	6,434	0.5	-835	-3,668	20	8	6,462
California	37,957	-10,113	-12,999	97	58	327,988	1.8	-35,384	-81,745	614	1,177	329,779
Colorado	2,467	-1,191	-233	8	1	28,322	1.0	-208	3,324	121	148	28,591
Connecticut	3,013	-7	-483	0	1	22,974	1.4	904	-2,085	35	15	23,024
Delaware	463	224	-173	0	1	4,733	1.0	-96	-719	7	5	4,745
District of Columbia	413	-298	-85	3	1	6,635	1.2	-180	630	131	3	6,769
Florida	3,987	-2,373	-2,196	9	12	29,914	0.3	-4,909	-10,266	77	73	30,064
Georgia	3,598	-2,239	-6,013	7	16	24,333	0.5	-5,036	-10,525	67	47	24,447
Hawaii	684	-233	-892	1	2	4,868	0.8	-731	-6,005	41	51	4,960
Idaho	2,050	149	-197	27	0	6,097	0.7	727	-487	118	4	6,219
Illinois	11,351	-1,694	-3,755	2	1	87,134	1.5	-4,051	-4,624	247	138	87,519
Indiana	2,883	-352	-2,240	4	4	20,931	0.7	8	-4,357	25	23	20,979
Iowa	3,388	252	-1,547	0	1	10,183	0.7	583	791	11	2	10,196
Kansas	1,031	31	-506	0	0	7,465	0.5	-780	1,798	22	11	7,498
Kentucky	2,770	731	-2,720	2	1	8,697	0.4	46	10	34	53	8,784
Louisiana	1,423	-699	-527	0	1	11,690	0.6	303	-1,228	22	12	11,724
Maine	721	-247	-436	1	0	5,298	0.8	121	3	24	4	5,326
Maryland	2,176	-348	-776	7	3	21,101	0.8	-1,357	-1,447	117	72	21,290
Massachusetts	6,735	109	-841	6	12	57,084	1.6	1,023	-8,804	76	66	57,226
Michigan	9,561	-132	-243	2	3	51,183	1.2	-535	3,444	107	23	51,313
Minnesota	7,360	-682	-2,030	2	3	47,301	1.7	2,703	-4,352	64	53	47,418
Mississippi	1,065	-71	-367	0	0	6,143	0.5	74	-776	19	12	6,174
Missouri	2,506	-942	-1,189	0	0	16,848	0.6	65	-1,539	65	14	16,927
Montana	1,196	-91	-141	29	0	7,085	1.5	809	-153	303	7	7,395
Nebraska	1,016	123	-124	1	0	4,769	0.5	198	191	14	5	4,788
Nevada	2,524	-820	-244	7	1	25,424	1.7	226	2,332	72	59	25,555
New Hampshire	423	-19	-110	0	0	3,123	0.5	22	99	1	2	3,126
New Jersey	9,625	-202	-1,752	13	6	92,367	2.2	-3,685	-5,604	242	162	92,771
New Mexico	791	-95	-59	1	0	10,310	1.2	-40	99	90	28	10,428
New York	14,462	-1,946	-8,268	13	8	146,399	1.6	-1,097	-18,212	209	187	146,795
North Carolina	2,504	-1,325	-423	0	1	29,083	0.6	-1,578	9,224	58	107	29,248
North Dakota	1,863	1,004	1,141	1	2	2,733	0.7	499	505	11	3	2,747
Ohio	7,345	-808	-2,036	8	8	45,218	0.8	645	109	47	62	45,327
Oklahoma	1,138	-261	-555	1	0	9,343	0.6	-43	-951	18	24	9,385
Oregon	4,899	-324	-3,652	29	1	29,399	1.5	516	-5,673	359	31	29,789
Pennsylvania	15,081	642	-3,349	6	4	87,372	1.5	1,686	-12,380	213	130	87,715
Puerto Rico	913	-214	-448	6	1	16,398	1.8	-1,551	-718	61	55	16,514
Rhode Island	1,206	-114	-147	2	3	8,545	1.8	310	350	55	16	8,616
South Carolina	1,347	-206	-2,732	2	3	13,530	0.6	-345	-1,862	23	47	13,600
South Dakota	406	-25	-70	4	0	1,387	0.3	-44	-11	19	0	1,406
Tennessee	2,916	142	-1,294	0	4	14,553	0.5	-359	-1,055	22	36	14,611
Texas	10,940	-5,996	-8,460	16	40	135,079	1.0	-8,681	-14,795	354	762	136,195
Utah	1,792	-331	-153	39	5	11,800	0.7	252	1,144	115	16	11,931
Vermont	599	164	88	1	0	1,966	0.7	-193	-700	1	0	1,967
Virgin Islands	29	-17	-253	1	0	276	0.8	-6	-10	8	0	284
Virginia	1,284	-960	-661	0	0	15,070	0.4	-484	3,086	88	83	15,241
Washington	6,480	-1,057	-1,568	19	11	69,436	2.0	248	4,210	363	331	70,130
West Virginia	717	-196	-1,080	1	2	6,091	0.9	-425	-2,405	21	16	6,128
Wisconsin	6,432	1,785	-2,204	4	2	22,988	0.8	1,743	-6,157	47	18	23,053
Wyoming	375	-141	-176	10	0	2,024	0.7	51	193	32	1	2,057
Totals	211,226	-33,937	-83,389	399	226	1,661,725	1.1	-60,316	-183,359	5,088	4,259	1,671,072

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 NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

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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>
WI	+1,785	Layoffs in construction and manufacturing industries.
ND	+1,004	No comment.

**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	-10,113	No comment.
TX	-5,996	No comment.
FL	-2,373	Fewer layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries
GA	-2,239	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; health care and social assistance; and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
NY	-1,946	Fewer layoffs in professional, scientific, and technical services; health care and social assistance; and manufacturing industries.
IL	-1,694	No comment.
NC	-1,325	Fewer layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
CO	-1,191	No comment.
AZ	-1,092	No comment.
WA	-1,057	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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