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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

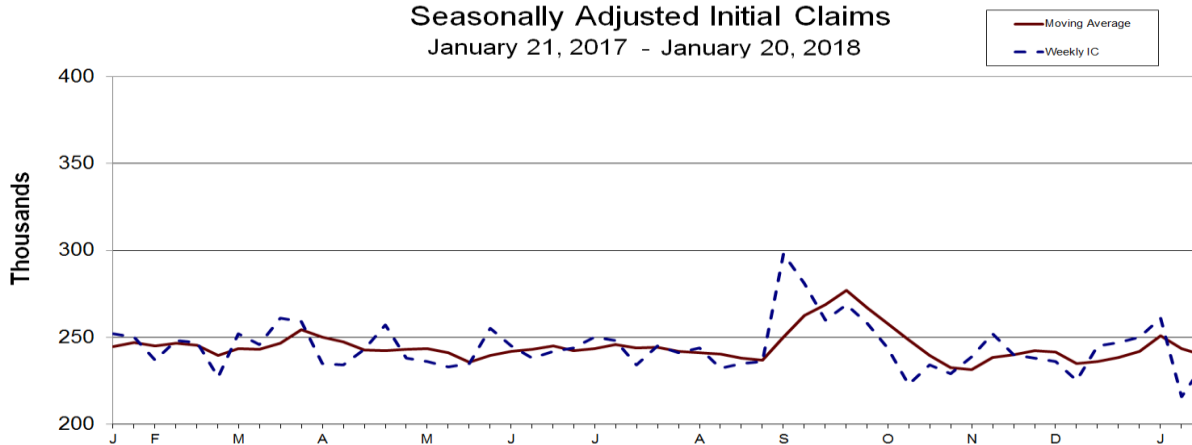
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 233,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 220,000 to 216,000. The 4-week moving average was 240,000, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 244,500 to 243,500.

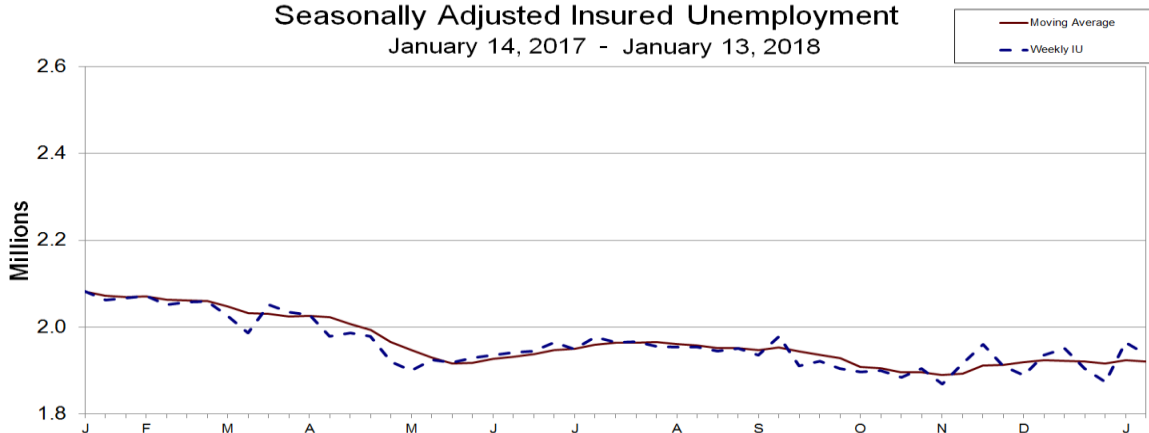
The claims taking procedures in Puerto Rico and in the Virgin Islands have still not returned to normal.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending January 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 13 was 1,937,000, a decrease of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 13,000 from 1,952,000 to 1,965,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,920,000, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,500 from 1,921,000 to 1,923,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
January 21, 2017 - January 20, 2018



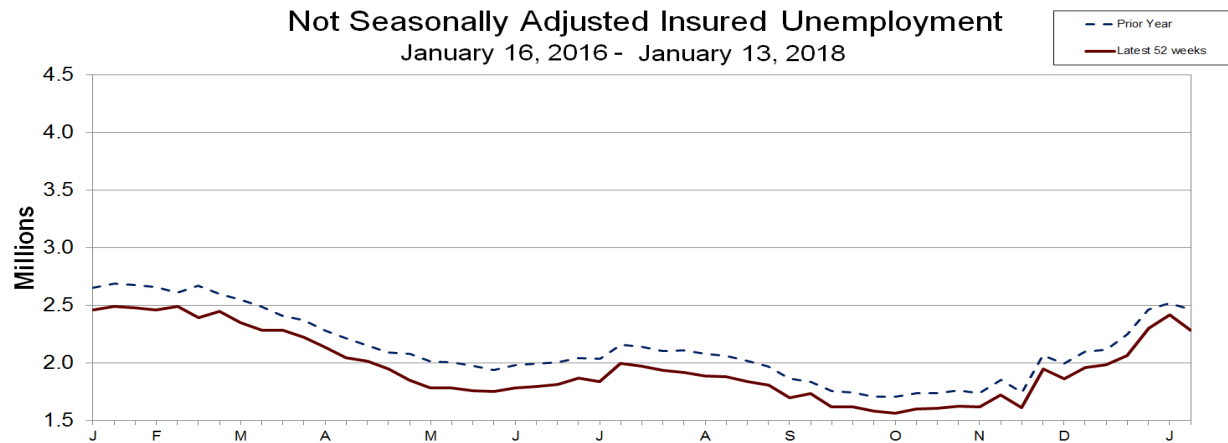
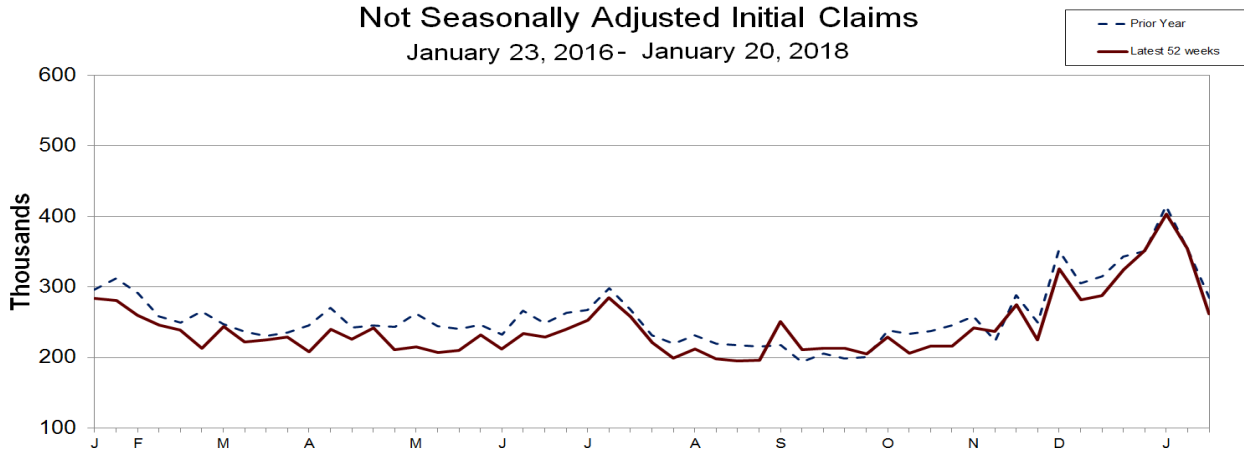
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
January 14, 2017 - January 13, 2018



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 262,301 in the week ending January 20, a decrease of 91,749 (or -25.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 111,248 (or -31.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 284,030 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending January 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,283,895, a decrease of 132,591 (or -5.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 100,196 (or -4.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,464,292.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 6 was 2,453,910, an increase of 116,813 from the previous week. There were 2,561,133 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska and the Virgin Island during the week ending January 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,658 in the week ending January 13, an increase of 510 from the prior week. There were 839 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 116 from the preceding week.

There were 14,491 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 6, an increase of 90 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,738, an increase of 268 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 6 were in the Virgin Islands (11.2), Puerto Rico (5.4), Alaska (4.3), Connecticut (3.1), New Jersey (3.1), Pennsylvania (2.9), Montana (2.7), Rhode Island (2.7), Illinois (2.6), and Massachusetts (2.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 13 were in California (+11,672), Texas (+5,567), Puerto Rico (+2,016), Connecticut (+1,660), and Arizona (+1,045), while the largest decreases were in New York (-26,335), Georgia (-8,200), Wisconsin (-6,689), Pennsylvania (-6,342), and Michigan (-4,664).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 20</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	233,000	216,000	+17,000	261,000	252,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	262,301	354,050	-91,749	403,619	284,030
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	240,000	243,500	-3,500	250,750	244,750
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,937,000	1,965,000	-28,000	1,873,000	2,083,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,283,895	2,416,486	-132,591	2,301,682	2,464,292
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,920,000	1,923,500	-3,500	1,916,250	2,081,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.3%	1.5%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.6%	1.7%	-0.1	1.6%	1.8%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,658	1,148	+510	1,328
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	839	723	+116	958

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,413,748	2,299,282	+114,466	2,515,294
Federal Employees	14,491	14,401	+90	14,406
Newly Discharged Veterans	8,738	8,470	+268	12,795
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	1,409	1,386	+23	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	6,110	5,785	+325	7,144
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	9,414	7,773	+1,641	11,494
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,453,910	2,337,097	+116,813	2,561,133

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 141,013,239 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,540	4,387	-1,847	18,709	21,752	-3,043
Alaska	1,366	1,699	-333	12,214	13,262	-1,048
Arizona	3,442	4,671	-1,229	19,673	22,503	-2,830
Arkansas	1,694	2,347	-653	14,447	16,921	-2,474
California	52,331	58,962	-6,631	345,422	383,701	-38,279
Colorado	2,566	3,012	-446	24,268	23,868	400
Connecticut	4,275	7,049	-2,774	46,361	51,729	-5,368
Delaware	807	1,388	-581	7,340	7,734	-394
District of Columbia	623	438	185	8,583	9,041	-458
Florida	7,039	9,001	-1,962	36,718	44,769	-8,051
Georgia	4,640	11,290	-6,650	30,093	40,703	-10,610
Hawaii	1,068	1,572	-504	7,853	8,623	-770
Idaho	1,703	2,655	-952	11,868	12,418	-550
Illinois	9,645	14,574	-4,929	153,234	150,747	2,487
Indiana	3,664	5,433	-1,769	23,535	22,370	1,165
Iowa	3,475	4,348	-873	32,250	32,764	-514
Kansas	2,356	3,600	-1,244	15,410	14,628	782
Kentucky	3,230	3,998	-768	24,802	24,105	697
Louisiana	1,584	2,945	-1,361	16,663	19,924	-3,261
Maine *	1,344	1,766	-422	9,687	9,061	626
Maryland	3,828	5,053	-1,225	36,521	36,084	437
Massachusetts	7,232	10,562	-3,330	87,007	91,279	-4,272
Michigan	13,994	15,190	-1,196	89,206	94,758	-5,552
Minnesota	4,008	5,589	-1,581	66,261	66,324	-63
Mississippi	768	1,733	-965	8,689	10,702	-2,013
Missouri	4,726	7,270	-2,544	35,078	38,387	-3,309
Montana	1,271	1,815	-544	12,516	11,964	552
Nebraska	1,053	1,355	-302	8,991	9,404	-413
Nevada	3,000	3,245	-245	20,943	22,515	-1,572
New Hampshire	641	810	-169	4,991	5,401	-410
New Jersey	10,674	15,040	-4,366	118,950	121,653	-2,703
New Mexico	948	1,168	-220	10,736	11,371	-635
New York	18,230	23,026	-4,796	183,710	188,087	-4,377
North Carolina	2,660	4,483	-1,823	21,625	22,541	-916
North Dakota	942	1,862	-920	9,356	7,501	1,855
Ohio	8,448	12,190	-3,742	86,907	86,861	46
Oklahoma	1,293	1,838	-545	14,570	15,347	-777
Oregon	4,542	4,967	-425	32,170	33,148	-978
Pennsylvania	17,069	27,976	-10,907	150,044	164,548	-14,504
Puerto Rico <sup>1M</sup>	2,507	3,919	-1,412	37,655	46,838	-9,183
Rhode Island	1,702	1,988	-286	11,902	12,332	-430
South Carolina	3,620	5,876	-2,256	20,015	22,056	-2,041
South Dakota	278	484	-206	3,295	3,369	-74
Tennessee	3,235	4,393	-1,158	22,373	24,687	-2,314
Texas	12,477	20,540	-8,063	143,013	144,179	-1,166
Utah	1,276	1,452	-176	12,376	11,870	506
Vermont	501	724	-223	6,114	6,076	38
Virgin Islands <sup>1M</sup>	8	43	-35	3,018	4,184	-1,166
Virginia	4,126	4,097	29	29,083	28,379	704
Washington	6,867	8,353	-1,486	66,851	65,784	1,067
West Virginia	1,641	2,509	-868	15,762	16,629	-867
Wisconsin	8,885	8,609	276	50,960	56,945	-5,985
Wyoming	459	756	-297	4,077	4,660	-583
US Total	262,301	354,050	-91,749	2,283,895	2,416,486	-132,591

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 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.

\*Denotes state estimate.

<sup>1</sup>Affected by Hurricane Irma.

<sup>M</sup>Affected by Hurricane Maria.

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,954	-2	1,960.50	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50	1,954	0	1,957.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	235	3	238.00	1,945	-9	1,952.25	1.4
August 26, 2017	236	1	236.75	1,951	6	1,951.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	298	62	250.25	1,935	-16	1,946.25	1.4
September 9, 2017	281	-17	262.50	1,979	44	1,952.50	1.4
September 16, 2017	260	-21	268.75	1,911	-68	1,944.00	1.4
September 23, 2017	269	9	277.00	1,921	10	1,936.50	1.4
September 30, 2017	258	-11	267.00	1,904	-17	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	244	-14	257.75	1,896	-8	1,908.00	1.3
October 14, 2017	223	-21	248.50	1,900	4	1,905.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	11	239.75	1,884	-16	1,896.00	1.3
October 28, 2017	229	-5	232.50	1,904	20	1,896.00	1.4
November 4, 2017	239	10	231.25	1,868	-36	1,889.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	252	13	238.50	1,915	47	1,892.75	1.4
November 18, 2017	240	-12	240.00	1,960	45	1,911.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	238	-2	242.25	1,911	-49	1,913.50	1.4
December 2, 2017	236	-2	241.50	1,889	-22	1,918.75	1.3
December 9, 2017	225	-11	234.75	1,936	47	1,924.00	1.4
December 16, 2017	245	20	236.00	1,951	15	1,921.75	1.4
December 23, 2017	247	2	238.25	1,905	-46	1,920.25	1.4
December 30, 2017	250	3	241.75	1,873	-32	1,916.25	1.3
January 6, 2018	261	11	250.75	1,965	92	1,923.50	1.4
January 13, 2018	216	-45	243.50	1,937	-28	1,920.00	1.4
January 20, 2018	233	17	240.00				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 13 INITIAL CLAIMS								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 6 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE	UCX	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE	UCX			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	4387	-3147	-58	38	19	21752	1.2	-3543	-1440	68	70	21890
Alaska	1699	477	133	6	0	13262	4.3	843	-2182	220	25	14915
Arizona	4671	1045	-6	26	1	22503	0.8	468	-3530	288	79	22870
Arkansas	2347	-835	-397	3	12	16921	1.4	-1233	-1092	77	115	17113
California	58962	11672	-1997	426	154	383701	2.3	36421	-36105	3021	1831	388553
Colorado	3012	-83	-534	67	21	23868	0.9	-704	-3980	410	238	24516
Connecticut	7049	1660	317	5	8	51729	3.1	5952	2599	65	89	51883
Delaware	1388	314	174	1	4	7734	1.8	842	524	26	14	7774
District of Columbia	438	65	45	14	1	9041	1.6	104	-96	339	16	9396
Florida	9001	1027	272	28	50	44769	0.5	2631	1509	229	219	45217
Georgia	11290	-8200	-1356	34	49	40703	1.0	-3916	-2099	330	255	41288
Hawaii	1572	-384	84	5	13	8623	1.4	102	-126	83	69	8775
Idaho	2655	373	-14	52	3	12418	1.8	141	-2333	358	16	12792
Illinois	14574	-3481	-1904	12	10	150747	2.6	17359	814	383	250	151380
Indiana	5433	-939	490	7	4	22370	0.8	1963	-9344	43	50	22463
Iowa	4348	-1616	716	10	4	32764	2.2	274	-2566	60	40	32864
Kansas	3600	454	-873	0	4	14628	1.1	54	-1381	47	53	14728
Kentucky	3998	-1307	-83	11	4	24105	1.3	1026	-1399	169	167	24441
Louisiana	2945	724	68	9	5	19924	1.1	364	-3441	52	27	20003
Maine	1766	73	34	5	0	9061	1.5	1164	-969	41	10	9112
Maryland	5053	-745	-432	26	20	36084	1.4	-4005	-7386	258	107	36449
Massachusetts	10562	-209	899	18	13	91279	2.6	4761	2713	167	155	91601
Michigan	15190	-4664	2447	43	20	94758	2.2	12023	-3004	265	120	95143
Minnesota	5589	-3194	-422	10	7	66324	2.4	-3551	-4707	134	82	66540
Mississippi	1733	292	-19	1	2	10702	1.0	-680	-2699	52	32	10786
Missouri	7270	-2745	277	18	8	38387	1.4	569	419	415	64	38866
Montana	1815	212	203	134	1	11964	2.7	213	-1808	645	30	12640
Nebraska	1355	-609	199	2	3	9404	1.0	722	-126	21	16	9441
Nevada	3245	472	-71	29	4	22515	1.8	-1625	-1945	177	80	22772
New Hampshire	810	-105	-128	0	1	5401	0.8	-77	-263	7	9	5417
New Jersey	15040	-1150	612	30	18	121653	3.1	8390	3343	251	302	122206
New Mexico	1168	119	-154	9	0	11371	1.5	140	-1614	350	64	11785
New York	23026	-26335	-1189	35	24	188087	2.1	-7553	-1247	386	449	188922
North Carolina	4483	799	-102	24	20	22541	0.5	976	-5153	82	175	22798
North Dakota	1862	827	686	6	2	7501	1.8	385	-1685	12	9	7522
Ohio	12190	-2745	2092	12	35	86861	1.6	4557	1038	145	247	87253
Oklahoma	1838	182	-85	15	4	15347	1.0	-664	-3977	65	100	15512
Oregon	4967	-1741	-1675	111	15	33148	1.8	-2140	-4092	724	125	33997
Pennsylvania	27976	-6342	-1040	103	54	164548	2.9	25163	5286	969	311	165828
Puerto Rico	3919	2016	1307	3	8	46838	5.4	15892	22780	37	31	46906
Rhode Island	1988	47	-193	5	2	12332	2.7	161	358	21	21	12374
South Carolina	5876	-304	1828	6	10	22056	1.1	304	2701	59	65	22180
South Dakota	484	5	34	15	0	3369	0.8	203	-521	43	5	3417
Tennessee	4393	-676	-171	26	16	24687	0.9	1210	2041	182	65	24934
Texas	20540	5567	2957	59	142	144179	1.2	-4722	-25872	1024	1324	146527
Utah	1452	202	-593	65	5	11870	0.9	183	-2473	418	23	12311
Vermont	724	-221	48	4	0	6076	2.0	104	-415	11	5	6092
Virgin Islands	43	36	-1	0	0	4184	11.2	1146	3514	28	0	4212
Virginia	4097	-88	233	14	19	28379	0.8	1241	-2343	304	372	29055
Washington	8353	-694	-316	52	16	65784	2.1	-1771	-812	545	625	66954
West Virginia	2509	824	372	4	1	16629	2.5	2416	-1444	55	41	16725
Wisconsin	8609	-6689	-1454	11	2	56945	2.0	95	-4151	113	35	57093
Wyoming	756	195	-9	9	1	4660	1.8	426	-1878	217	16	4893
Totals	354050	-49569	1251	1658	839	2416486	1.7	114804	-102059	14491	8738	2441124

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 13, 2018**

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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>
CA	+11,672	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
TX	+5,567	Layoffs in the manufacturing, educational service, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, and finance and insurance industries.
PR	+2,016	No comment.
CT	+1,660	Layoffs in the educational service and manufacturing industries.
AZ	+1,045	No comment.
FL	+1,027	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service 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>
NY	-26,335	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
GA	-8,200	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and trade industries.
WI	-6,689	Fewer layoffs in the construction and transportation and warehousing industries.
PA	-6,342	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
MI	-4,664	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
IL	-3,481	No comment.
MN	-3,194	No comment.
AL	-3,147	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
MO	-2,745	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	-2,745	No comment.
OR	-1,741	No comment.
IA	-1,616	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	-1,307	No comment.
NJ	-1,150	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and construction industries.

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## 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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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