



News Release

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



TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL
8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, January 21, 2016

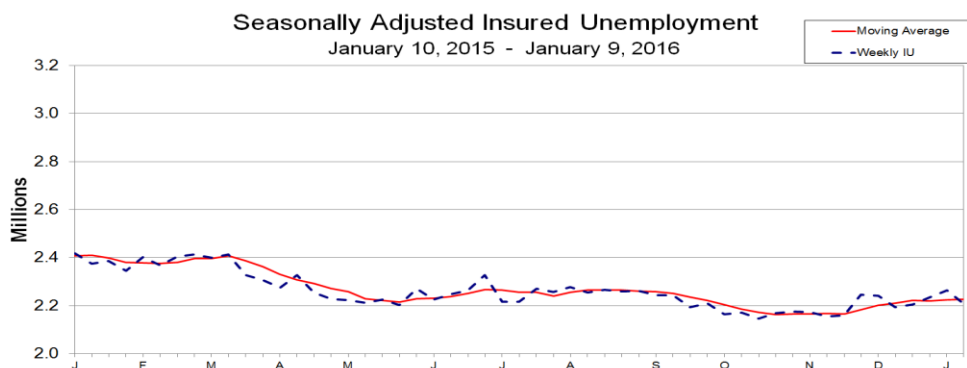
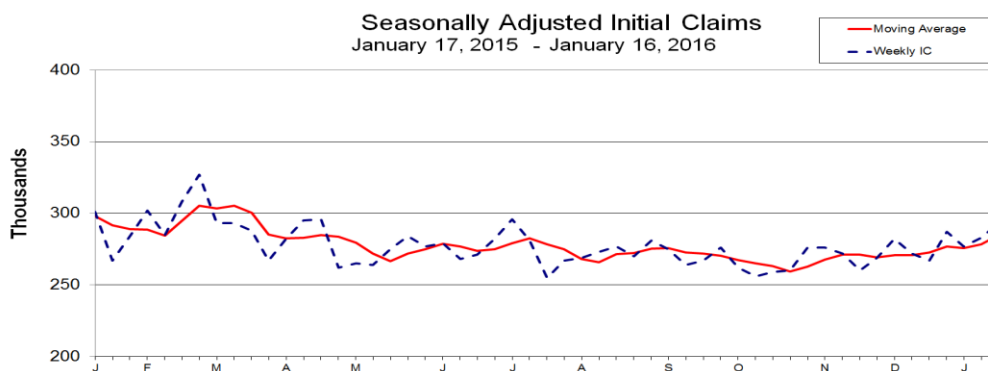
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 293,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 284,000 to 283,000. The 4-week moving average was 285,000, an increase of 6,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 278,750 to 278,500.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

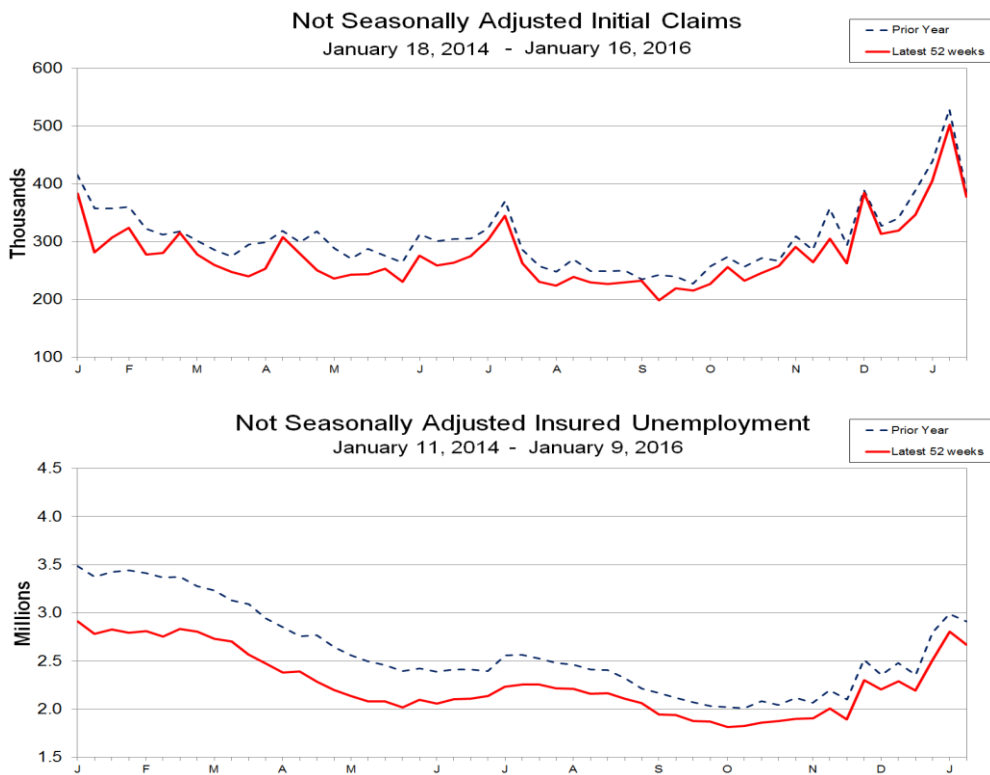
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending January 9, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 9 was 2,208,000, a decrease of 56,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 2,263,000 to 2,264,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,227,750, an increase of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 2,224,250 to 2,224,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 377,730 in the week ending January 16, a decrease of 125,174 (or -24.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 137,491 (or -27.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 383,538 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.0 percent during the week ending January 9, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,667,545, a decrease of 135,781 (or -4.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 67,932 (or -2.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.2 percent and the volume was 2,911,671.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 2 was 2,851,868, an increase of 302,793 from the previous week. There were 3,050,869 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2015.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending January 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,881 in the week ending January 9, an increase of 810 from the prior week. There were 1,497 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 622 from the preceding week.

There were 14,246 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 2, a decrease of 877 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 16,443, a decrease of 11 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 2 were in Alaska (4.6), New Jersey (3.5), Pennsylvania (3.4), Connecticut (3.2), Montana (3.2), West Virginia (3.2), Illinois (2.8), Massachusetts (2.8), Minnesota (2.8), and Rhode Island (2.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 9 were in California (+17,371), Texas (+13,399), New York (+6,819), Georgia (+5,901), and Missouri (+5,892), while the largest decreases were in Iowa (-2,737), Kentucky (-1,790), Minnesota (-1,031), New Jersey (-698), and Michigan (-591).

<hr size=3 width="100%" align=center>

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 16	January 9	Change	January 2	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	293,000	283,000	+10,000	277,000	301,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	377,730	502,904	-125,174	405,368	383,538
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	285,000	278,500	+6,500	275,750	298,250

WEEK ENDING	January 9	January 2	Change	December 26	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,208,000	2,264,000	-56,000	2,234,000	2,418,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,667,545	2,803,326	-135,781	2,502,457	2,911,671
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,227,750	2,224,500	+3,250	2,219,000	2,407,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.6%	1.7%	-0.1	1.6%	1.8%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	2.0%	2.1%	-0.1	1.8%	2.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 9	January 2	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,881	1,071	+810	1,986
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,497	875	+622	2,039

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 2	December 26	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,798,637	2,498,691	+299,946	2,985,736
Federal Employees	14,246	15,123	-877	17,698
Newly Discharged Veterans	16,443	16,454	-11	24,508
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	1	0	+1	8
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,052	6,353	+699	6,256
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,489	12,454	+3,035	16,663
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,851,868	2,549,075	+302,793	3,050,869

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 136,270,223 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 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,511	8,151	-3,640	24,185	31,509	-7,324
Alaska	1,849	2,168	-319	14,945	14,710	235
Arizona	4,403	5,595	-1,192	24,615	27,572	-2,957
Arkansas	2,790	4,706	-1,916	21,411	27,204	-5,793
California	75,182	58,280	16,902	426,239	425,252	987
Colorado	3,631	5,031	-1,400	32,852	32,685	167
Connecticut	4,831	7,978	-3,147	51,521	53,311	-1,790
Delaware	1,137	1,674	-537	8,201	8,562	-361
District of Columbia	669	402	267	8,411	8,506	-95
Florida	9,380	11,056	-1,676	43,441	49,557	-6,116
Georgia	12,547	24,027	-11,480	44,458	65,165	-20,707
Hawaii	1,264	1,714	-450	7,167	7,478	-311
Idaho	2,106	2,982	-876	12,570	14,962	-2,392
Illinois	16,153	19,432	-3,279	164,317	160,928	3,389
Indiana	6,445	11,082	-4,637	36,817	33,101	3,716
Iowa	4,414	7,048	-2,634	37,230	41,384	-4,154
Kansas	3,079	4,278	-1,199	20,376	20,242	134
Kentucky	4,086	7,211	-3,125	28,695	33,633	-4,938
Louisiana	3,065	4,203	-1,138	23,820	23,331	489
Maine	1,576	2,754	-1,178	12,086	11,772	314
Maryland	4,834	7,100	-2,266	43,108	48,334	-5,226
Massachusetts	8,777	13,220	-4,443	89,225	92,777	-3,552
Michigan	14,296	19,498	-5,202	97,776	98,342	-566
Minnesota	6,164	8,467	-2,303	75,429	76,507	-1,078
Mississippi	1,666	2,385	-719	12,419	16,551	-4,132
Missouri	7,749	15,254	-7,505	42,123	46,644	-4,521
Montana	1,603	2,359	-756	13,862	13,948	-86
Nebraska	1,443	1,756	-313	9,741	9,820	-79
Nevada	3,607	3,857	-250	25,135	27,589	-2,454
New Hampshire	920	1,378	-458	6,321	7,161	-840
New Jersey	13,873	19,138	-5,265	123,906	132,895	-8,989
New Mexico	1,447	1,765	-318	13,787	14,328	-541
New York	23,860	41,160	-17,300	197,463	217,374	-19,911
North Carolina	5,599	7,023	-1,424	31,352	31,500	-148
North Dakota	1,820	2,476	-656	13,842	8,796	5,046
Ohio	12,800	14,945	-2,145	93,536	95,814	-2,278
Oklahoma	2,176	2,569	-393	21,735	23,925	-2,190
Oregon	7,798	7,607	191	38,444	43,169	-4,725
Pennsylvania	27,361	42,598	-15,237	182,453	192,288	-9,835
*Puerto Rico	1,255	1,681	-426	21,556	22,240	-684
Rhode Island	2,311	2,731	-420	12,214	12,850	-636
South Carolina	4,067	9,699	-5,632	19,669	26,066	-6,397
South Dakota	391	677	-286	3,394	3,445	-51
Tennessee	6,509	12,850	-6,341	27,979	33,692	-5,713
Texas	18,984	26,258	-7,274	184,108	179,040	5,068
Utah	2,043	2,957	-914	15,303	14,501	802
Vermont	727	1,155	-428	7,218	7,093	125
Virgin Islands	28	31	-3	676	554	122
Virginia	6,296	6,790	-494	32,846	35,502	-2,656
Washington	9,455	11,373	-1,918	70,544	73,020	-2,476
West Virginia	2,965	3,791	-826	24,835	21,845	2,990
Wisconsin	10,822	17,385	-6,563	65,826	77,772	-11,946
*Wyoming	966	1,199	-233	6,363	7,080	-717
US Total	377,730	502,904	-125,174	2,667,545	2,803,326	-135,781

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.

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 10, 2015	304	9	293.00	2,418	3	2,407.50	1.8	
January 17, 2015	301	-3	298.25	2,376	-42	2,410.00	1.8	
January 24, 2015	267	-34	291.75	2,386	10	2,398.75	1.8	
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346	-40	2,381.50	1.8	
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402	56	2,377.50	1.8	
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369	-33	2,375.75	1.8	
February 21, 2015	308	23	294.75	2,405	36	2,380.50	1.8	
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414	9	2,397.50	1.8	
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399	-15	2,396.75	1.8	
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413	14	2,407.75	1.8	
March 21, 2015	288	-5	300.25	2,327	-86	2,388.25	1.7	
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308	-19	2,361.75	1.7	
April 4, 2015	282	15	282.50	2,275	-33	2,330.75	1.7	
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327	52	2,309.25	1.7	
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256	-71	2,291.50	1.7	
April 25, 2015	262	-34	283.75	2,229	-27	2,271.75	1.7	
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223	-6	2,258.75	1.7	
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212	-11	2,230.00	1.6	
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226	14	2,222.50	1.7	
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,204	-22	2,216.25	1.6	
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272	68	2,228.50	1.7	
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,225	-47	2,231.75	1.7	
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249	24	2,237.50	1.7	
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75	2,265	16	2,252.75	1.7	
June 27, 2015	282	11	275.00	2,327	62	2,266.50	1.7	
July 4, 2015	296	14	279.25	2,216	-111	2,264.25	1.6	
July 11, 2015	281	-15	282.50	2,216	0	2,256.00	1.6	
July 18, 2015	255	-26	278.50	2,270	54	2,257.25	1.7	
July 25, 2015	267	12	274.75	2,258	-12	2,240.00	1.7	
August 1, 2015	269	2	268.00	2,278	20	2,255.50	1.7	
August 8, 2015	273	4	266.00	2,256	-22	2,265.50	1.7	
August 15, 2015	277	4	271.50	2,266	10	2,264.50	1.7	
August 22, 2015	270	-7	272.25	2,259	-7	2,264.75	1.7	
August 29, 2015	281	11	275.25	2,263	4	2,261.00	1.7	
September 5, 2015	275	-6	275.75	2,243	-20	2,257.75	1.7	
September 12, 2015	264	-11	272.50	2,244	1	2,252.25	1.7	
September 19, 2015	267	3	271.75	2,195	-49	2,236.25	1.6	
September 26, 2015	276	9	270.50	2,209	14	2,222.75	1.6	
October 3, 2015	262	-14	267.25	2,165	-44	2,203.25	1.6	
October 10, 2015	256	-6	265.25	2,172	7	2,185.25	1.6	
October 17, 2015	259	3	263.25	2,146	-26	2,173.00	1.6	
October 24, 2015	260	1	259.25	2,170	24	2,163.25	1.6	
October 31, 2015	276	16	262.75	2,177	7	2,166.25	1.6	
November 7, 2015	276	0	267.75	2,173	-4	2,166.50	1.6	
November 14, 2015	272	-4	271.00	2,155	-18	2,168.75	1.6	
November 21, 2015	260	-12	271.00	2,161	6	2,166.50	1.6	
November 28, 2015	269	9	269.25	2,246	85	2,183.75	1.7	
December 5, 2015	282	13	270.75	2,242	-4	2,201.00	1.7	
December 12, 2015	272	-10	270.75	2,195	-47	2,211.00	1.6	
December 19, 2015	267	-5	272.50	2,205	10	2,222.00	1.6	
December 26, 2015	287	20	277.00	2,234	29	2,219.00	1.6	
January 2, 2016	277	-10	275.75	2,264	30	2,224.50	1.7	
January 9, 2016	283	6	278.50	2,208	-56	2,227.75	1.6	
January 16, 2016	293	10	285.00					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 9								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 2				
INITIAL CLAIMS								INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
STATE	CHANGE FROM							CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
						(%) ²						
Alabama	8151	1577	-988	17	27	31509	1.7	4930	-3737	74	163	31746
Alaska	2168	1037	-76	6	4	14710	4.6	-901	479	232	55	14997
Arizona	5595	2564	58	29	6	27572	1.1	594	-2529	344	169	28086
Arkansas	4706	335	-623	8	7	27204	2.4	2191	-2619	126	176	27506
California	58280	17371	-8626	415	176	425252	2.7	46666	1329	2742	3255	431249
Colorado	5031	2224	-40	66	48	32685	1.4	1	-608	324	645	33654
Connecticut	7978	1147	-1257	9	3	53311	3.2	9646	-8925	59	146	53516
Delaware	1674	-46	-44	3	5	8562	2.0	167	-1151	17	33	8612
District of Columbia	402	149	-163	8	1	8506	1.6	21	-1163	288	20	8814
Florida	11056	4240	-3947	30	96	49557	0.6	-4583	-23023	158	330	50045
Georgia	24027	5901	1423	22	69	65165	1.6	16852	-8209	319	587	66071
Hawaii	1714	115	-409	4	17	7478	1.3	514	-2847	91	155	7724
Idaho	2982	187	-437	51	12	14962	2.3	1103	-2074	299	37	15298
Illinois	19432	4650	-2242	15	30	160928	2.8	12810	-945	346	453	161727
Indiana	11082	4877	-2640	14	16	33101	1.1	2870	-5637	109	109	33319
Iowa	7048	-2737	-1884	10	10	41384	2.7	8259	584	50	99	41533
Kansas	4278	-388	-1705	0	12	20242	1.5	2776	-1971	71	135	20448
Kentucky	7211	-1790	36	21	15	33633	1.9	20671	-519	308	310	34251
Louisiana	4203	1744	602	12	13	23331	1.2	-1328	1180	56	65	23452
Maine	2754	791	-374	6	1	11772	2.0	1676	-3183	50	40	11862
Maryland	7100	825	-1173	33	20	48334	2.0	3461	-9611	386	252	48972
Massachusetts	13220	96	224	22	27	92777	2.8	8925	-15700	245	307	93329
Michigan	19498	-591	-783	41	34	98342	2.4	15417	-18388	262	261	98865
Minnesota	8467	-1031	-207	15	14	76507	2.8	5049	1890	185	204	76896
Mississippi	2385	300	-901	15	4	16551	1.5	850	-1762	63	60	16674
Missouri	15254	5892	-812	17	9	46644	1.8	5611	-7968	521	130	47295
Montana	2359	532	-62	159	5	13948	3.2	285	-47	539	46	14533
Nebraska	1756	-539	-439	3	2	9820	1.1	1478	-2747	32	36	9888
Nevada	3857	1063	-243	33	4	27589	2.3	-1755	123	242	172	28003
New Hampshire	1378	-149	49	1	7	7161	1.1	1002	-1970	5	8	7174
New Jersey	19138	-698	2138	12	27	132895	3.5	20738	-16826	277	514	133686
New Mexico	1765	808	-70	25	14	14328	1.8	-83	-2	339	81	14748
New York	41160	6819	2104	53	55	217374	2.5	24987	-26003	448	784	218606
North Carolina	7023	2459	-1387	30	30	31500	0.8	860	-12820	168	359	32027
North Dakota	2476	1311	543	5	3	8796	2.0	691	2369	19	9	8824
Ohio	14945	-401	-2718	17	45	95814	1.9	9263	-3128	166	471	96451
Oklahoma	2569	-441	252	9	22	23925	1.5	2430	6022	65	136	24126
Oregon	7607	-196	-303	148	28	43169	2.5	2818	-5257	780	328	44277
Pennsylvania	42598	4265	2225	126	109	192288	3.4	35646	-12563	570	587	193445
Puerto Rico	1681	1482	-609	2	5	22240	2.5	861	-5068	57	175	22472
Rhode Island	2731	563	-308	4	1	12850	2.8	1494	-3145	20	27	12897
South Carolina	9699	3621	0	14	44	26066	1.4	4666	-2709	47	139	26252
South Dakota	677	283	-46	2	1	3445	0.9	355	-261	49	8	3502
Tennessee	12850	5751	945	20	19	33692	1.2	5526	-4075	200	189	34081
Texas	26258	13399	475	80	249	179040	1.6	-1529	38328	655	2313	182008
Utah	2957	1258	85	90	11	14501	1.1	86	-653	444	57	15002
Vermont	1155	3	133	1	0	7093	2.4	547	-1097	26	6	7125
Virgin Islands	31	21	17	0	1	554	1.5	14	-144	4	14	572
Virginia	6790	1113	-2422	18	23	35502	1.0	2265	-5762	362	664	36528
Washington	11373	945	109	109	94	73020	2.4	5831	-4156	607	929	74556
West Virginia	3791	2332	1024	2	5	21845	3.2	3094	2551	86	71	22002
Wisconsin	17385	2030	-1503	21	14	77772	2.8	15234	-13516	164	103	78039
Wyoming	1199	463	218	8	3	7080	2.6	-183	2621	150	21	7251
Totals	502904	97536	-26781	1881	1497	2803326	2.1	300869	-187042	14246	16443	2834016

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.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 9, 2016

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+17,371	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
TX	+13,399	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, transportation and warehousing, and retail trade industries.
NY	+6,819	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and retail trade industries.
GA	+5,901	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, trade, and construction industries.
MO	+5,892	Layoffs in the manufacturing, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and construction industries.
TN	+5,751	No comment.
IN	+4,877	No comment.
IL	+4,650	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+4,265	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and professional, scientific and technical service industries.
FL	+4,240	Layoffs in the agriculture, manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
SC	+3,621	No comment.
AZ	+2,564	No comment.
NC	+2,459	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, professional, scientific and technical service and construction industries.
WV	+2,332	Layoffs in the mining, utilities, wholesale trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and health care and social assistance industries.
CO	+2,224	No comment.
WI	+2,030	No comment.
LA	+1,744	No comment.
AL	+1,577	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PR	+1,482	No comment.
ND	+1,311	No comment.
UT	+1,258	No comment.
CT	+1,147	No comment.
VA	+1,113	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industry.
NV	+1,063	No comment.
AK	+1,037	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IA	-2,737	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	-1,790	No comment.
MN	-1,031	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. 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.

[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 16-112-NAT

Program Contacts:
Brenda Loya (202) 693-3760
Tony Sznoluch (202) 693-3176
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676