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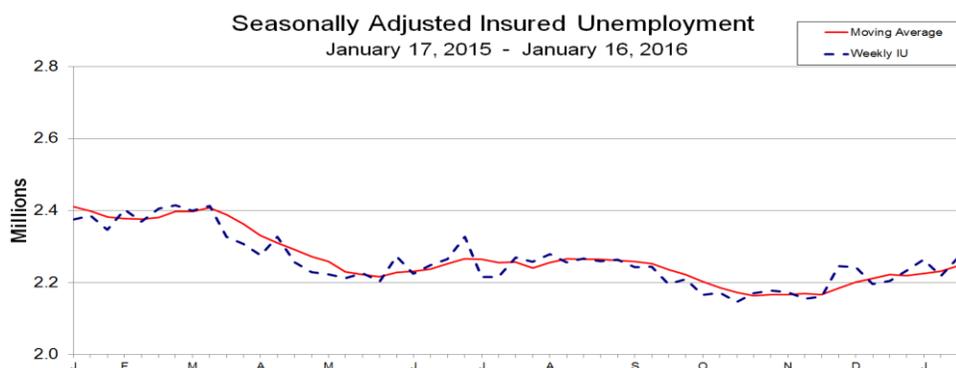
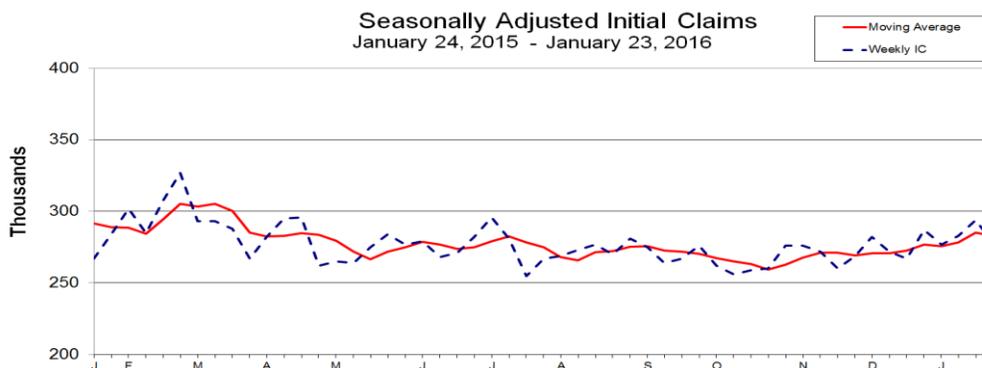
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending January 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 278,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 293,000 to 294,000. The 4-week moving average was 283,000, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 285,000 to 285,250.

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

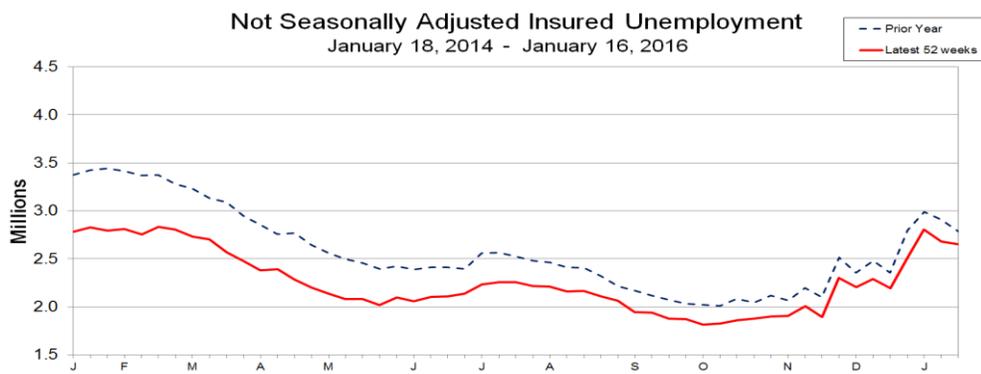
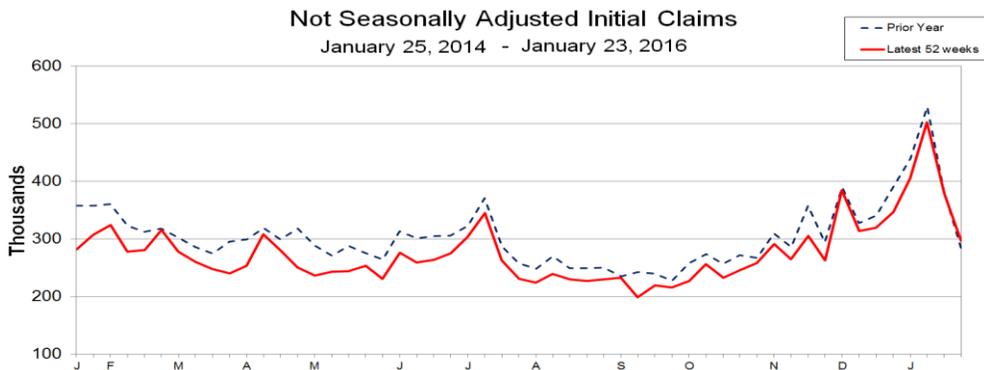
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending January 16, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending January 16 was 2,268,000, an increase of 49,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 11,000 from 2,208,000 to 2,219,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,246,250, an increase of 15,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,750 from 2,227,750 to 2,230,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 296,817 in the week ending January 23, a decrease of 81,930 (or -21.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 64,643 (or -17.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 281,885 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending January 16, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,651,669, a decrease of 28,807 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 86,539 (or -3.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.1 percent and the volume was 2,784,732.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending January 9 was 2,729,423, a decrease of 122,445 from the previous week. There were 2,971,342 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 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,512 in the week ending January 16, a decrease of 369 from the prior week. There were 1,296 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 201 from the preceding week.

There were 15,114 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending January 9, an increase of 868 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 16,776, an increase of 333 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending January 9 were in Alaska (4.8), West Virginia (3.5), Montana (3.3), Puerto Rico (3.3), New Jersey (3.2), Pennsylvania (3.2), Connecticut (3.0), Illinois (2.8), Wyoming (2.8), California (2.7), and Massachusetts (2.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending January 16 were in California (+16,425), Puerto Rico (+1,771), Oregon (+192), and the Virgin Islands (+4), while the largest decreases were in New York (-17,476), Pennsylvania (-15,349), Georgia (-11,141), Missouri (-7,446), and Texas (-7,132).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	January 23	January 16	Change	January 9	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	278,000	294,000	-16,000	283,000	267,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	296,817	378,747	-81,930	502,904	281,885
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	283,000	285,250	-2,250	278,500	291,750
WEEK ENDING	January 16	January 9	Change	January 2	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,268,000	2,219,000	+49,000	2,264,000	2,376,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,651,669	2,680,476	-28,807	2,803,326	2,784,732
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,246,250	2,230,500	+15,750	2,224,500	2,410,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.7%	1.6%	+0.1	1.7%	1.8%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.9%	2.0%	-0.1	2.1%	2.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 16	January 9	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,512	1,881	-369	1,677
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,296	1,497	-201	1,782

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	January 9	January 2	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,676,430	2,798,637	-122,207	2,908,185
Federal Employees	15,114	14,246	+868	18,069
Newly Discharged Veterans	16,776	16,443	+333	25,646
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	1	-1	6
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,806	7,052	-246	6,424
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	14,297	15,489	-1,192	13,012
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,729,423	2,851,868	-122,445	2,971,342

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 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,028	4,737	-1,709	22,442	25,695	-3,253
Alaska	1,632	1,659	-27	14,940	15,279	-339
Arizona	4,003	4,671	-668	24,459	27,794	-3,335
Arkansas	2,169	3,024	-855	20,442	22,679	-2,237
California	54,008	74,705	-20,697	410,515	421,761	-11,246
Colorado	3,153	3,595	-442	35,703	32,007	3,696
Connecticut	4,634	4,845	-211	50,458	49,543	915
Delaware	940	1,202	-262	8,260	7,812	448
District of Columbia	553	335	218	8,091	8,489	-398
Florida	7,914	9,775	-1,861	44,255	51,100	-6,845
Georgia	6,504	12,886	-6,382	36,942	46,552	-9,610
Hawaii	1,015	1,245	-230	6,702	6,891	-189
Idaho	1,771	2,304	-533	12,862	14,402	-1,540
Illinois	12,969	16,070	-3,101	166,802	163,001	3,801
Indiana	4,953	6,400	-1,447	35,507	36,598	-1,091
Iowa	3,854	3,818	36	37,779	35,687	2,092
Kansas	3,061	2,917	144	19,752	19,661	91
Kentucky	3,881	4,096	-215	29,251	28,914	337
*Louisiana	2,320	3,485	-1,165	21,659	23,891	-2,232
Maine	1,197	1,573	-376	12,195	12,202	-7
Maryland	4,432	5,227	-795	43,166	46,576	-3,410
Massachusetts	7,369	8,904	-1,535	92,055	90,224	1,831
Michigan	9,707	15,024	-5,317	102,837	101,394	1,443
Minnesota	5,380	6,061	-681	75,553	70,638	4,915
Mississippi	1,348	1,909	-561	12,175	14,429	-2,254
Missouri	6,751	7,808	-1,057	41,705	44,656	-2,951
Montana	1,258	1,531	-273	14,055	14,088	-33
Nebraska	1,159	1,456	-297	9,482	9,673	-191
Nevada	3,119	3,454	-335	25,423	27,280	-1,857
New Hampshire	756	1,020	-264	6,304	6,712	-408
New Jersey	9,804	14,047	-4,243	124,546	120,945	3,601
New Mexico	1,181	1,527	-346	13,703	14,286	-583
New York	20,694	23,684	-2,990	200,967	195,230	5,737
North Carolina	3,924	5,348	-1,424	31,346	32,675	-1,329
North Dakota	1,463	1,314	149	14,524	9,527	4,997
Ohio	10,529	12,744	-2,215	94,662	92,908	1,754
Oklahoma	1,935	2,151	-216	21,530	22,363	-833
Oregon	4,666	7,799	-3,133	37,293	38,494	-1,201
Pennsylvania	20,943	27,249	-6,306	187,180	178,904	8,276
Puerto Rico	2,067	3,452	-1,385	21,530	28,870	-7,340
Rhode Island	1,885	2,335	-450	12,270	12,118	152
South Carolina	2,780	4,151	-1,371	18,759	20,480	-1,721
South Dakota	302	437	-135	3,517	3,527	-10
Tennessee	3,578	6,764	-3,186	27,229	29,589	-2,360
Texas	16,630	19,126	-2,496	176,799	181,738	-4,939
Utah	1,672	1,892	-220	15,482	15,221	261
Vermont	732	753	-21	7,219	6,782	437
Virgin Islands	23	35	-12	564	668	-104
Virginia	5,953	4,565	1,388	34,795	35,811	-1,016
Washington	8,224	8,916	-692	68,824	67,584	1,240
West Virginia	1,954	3,104	-1,150	23,324	23,789	-465
Wisconsin	10,215	10,690	-475	66,379	65,662	717
Wyoming	825	928	-103	7,456	7,677	-221
US Total	296,817	378,747	-81,930	2,651,669	2,680,476	-28,807

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 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	2,219	-45	2,230.50	1.6	
January 16, 2016	294	11	285.25	2,268	49	2,246.25	1.7	
January 23, 2016	278	-16	283.00					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended January 16								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended January 9					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
INITIAL CLAIMS								INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1		
Alabama	4737	-3414	83	14	13	25695	1.4	-5814	-2505	73	178	25946	
Alaska	1659	-509	11	4	4	15279	4.8	569	-161	253	69	15601	
Arizona	4671	-924	92	21	6	27794	1.1	222	-2491	304	189	28287	
Arkansas	3024	-1682	-196	13	6	22679	2.0	-4525	-2708	127	165	22971	
California	74705	16425	12514	366	206	421761	2.7	-3491	-42402	3192	3287	428240	
Colorado	3595	-1436	-174	35	34	32007	1.3	-678	-1948	386	601	32994	
Connecticut	4845	-3133	-2995	7	4	49543	3.0	-3768	-8210	89	157	49789	
Delaware	1202	-472	-156	0	3	7812	1.8	-750	-1291	28	58	7898	
District of Columbia	335	-67	-91	12	2	8489	1.6	-17	-1381	286	12	8787	
Florida	9775	-1281	-2955	24	74	51100	0.7	1543	-21669	162	374	51636	
Georgia	12886	-11141	455	30	73	46552	1.2	-18613	-6456	285	568	47405	
Hawaii	1245	-469	-372	8	22	6891	1.2	-587	-2812	80	145	7116	
Idaho	2304	-678	-400	40	4	14402	2.2	-560	-950	321	41	14764	
Illinois	16070	-3362	-1087	14	21	163001	2.8	2073	-4763	365	536	163902	
Indiana	6400	-4682	-365	14	10	36598	1.3	3497	-7329	104	123	36825	
Iowa	3818	-3230	75	9	7	35687	2.4	-5697	-3886	45	96	35828	
Kansas	2917	-1361	50	6	5	19661	1.5	-581	-4611	59	132	19852	
Kentucky	4096	-3115	-320	18	5	28914	1.6	-4719	-2684	322	289	29525	
Louisiana	3485	-718	498	13	17	23891	1.3	560	1519	56	71	24018	
Maine	1573	-1181	-615	1	1	12202	2.1	430	-3144	55	34	12291	
Maryland	5227	-1873	-470	30	20	46576	1.9	-1758	-10739	351	266	47193	
Massachusetts	8904	-4316	-274	16	26	90224	2.7	-2553	-13609	237	312	90773	
Michigan	15024	-4474	-799	34	22	101394	2.5	3052	-15126	308	225	101927	
Minnesota	6061	-2406	508	13	14	70638	2.6	-5869	-709	170	194	71002	
Mississippi	1909	-476	-253	16	2	14429	1.3	-2122	-1140	68	54	14551	
Missouri	7808	-7446	-1176	20	9	44656	1.7	-1988	-8551	437	128	45221	
Montana	1531	-828	113	58	8	14088	3.3	140	187	646	58	14792	
Nebraska	1456	-300	-25	1	1	9673	1.0	-147	-2288	32	24	9729	
Nevada	3454	-403	-565	21	3	27280	2.3	-309	-2256	242	159	27681	
New Hampshire	1020	-358	-258	1	1	6712	1.1	-449	-1658	7	13	6732	
New Jersey	14047	-5091	106	26	24	120945	3.2	-11950	-17972	274	484	121703	
New Mexico	1527	-238	61	24	8	14286	1.8	-42	56	334	88	14708	
New York	23684	-17476	-3117	40	44	195230	2.2	-22144	-26598	424	765	196419	
North Carolina	5348	-1675	-1384	20	31	32675	0.8	1175	-10773	172	343	33190	
North Dakota	1314	-1162	411	8	3	9527	2.2	731	2308	20	8	9555	
Ohio	12744	-2201	386	14	45	92908	1.8	-2906	-4068	142	477	93527	
Oklahoma	2151	-418	117	8	17	22363	1.4	-1562	5157	67	142	22572	
Oregon	7799	192	664	138	31	38494	2.2	-4675	-2931	816	285	39595	
Pennsylvania	27249	-15349	70	111	78	178904	3.2	-13384	-5019	652	616	180172	
Puerto Rico	3452	1771	370	6	19	28870	3.3	6630	-1446	81	196	29147	
Rhode Island	2335	-396	-65	1	2	12118	2.7	-732	-2355	16	24	12158	
South Carolina	4151	-5548	-656	13	27	20480	1.1	-5586	-2233	50	153	20683	
South Dakota	437	-240	-10	8	1	3527	0.9	82	-281	38	10	3575	
Tennessee	6764	-6086	-1061	27	18	29589	1.1	-4103	-6069	199	176	29964	
Texas	19126	-7132	-548	51	186	181738	1.6	2698	35463	854	2588	185180	
Utah	1892	-1065	-209	43	3	15221	1.2	720	-600	459	52	15732	
Vermont	753	-402	-43	2	0	6782	2.3	-311	-828	28	3	6813	
Virgin Islands	35	4	-4	0	1	668	1.8	114	-22	10	14	692	
Virginia	4565	-2225	-595	16	20	35811	1.0	309	-2420	347	607	36765	
Washington	8916	-2457	308	68	97	67584	2.2	-5436	-195	611	979	69174	
West Virginia	3104	-687	560	6	5	23789	3.5	1944	3348	88	75	23952	
Wisconsin	10690	-6695	-1235	13	10	65662	2.4	-12110	-20386	149	93	65904	
Wyoming	928	-271	230	10	3	7677	2.8	597	2437	193	40	7910	
Totals	378747	-124157	-4791	1512	1296	2680476	2	-122850	-231198	15114	16776	2712366	

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 16, 2016

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+16,425	Layoffs in the service industry.
PR	+1,771	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-17,476	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and educational service industries.
PA	-15,349	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and construction industries.
GA	-11,141	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, construction, trade, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MO	-7,446	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and art, entertainment, and recreation industries.
TX	-7,132	No comment.
WI	-6,695	No comment.
TN	-6,086	No comment.
SC	-5,548	No comment.
NJ	-5,091	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, manufacturing, accommodation and food service, trade, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
IN	-4,682	No comment.
MI	-4,474	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industry.
MA	-4,316	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service industries.
AL	-3,414	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and manufacturing industries.
IL	-3,362	No comment.
IA	-3,230	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CT	-3,133	No comment.
KY	-3,115	No comment.
WA	-2,457	No comment.
MN	-2,406	No comment.
VA	-2,225	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
OH	-2,201	No comment.
MD	-1,873	No comment.
AR	-1,682	No comment.
NC	-1,675	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
CO	-1,436	No comment.
KS	-1,361	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
FL	-1,281	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade and service industries.
ME	-1,181	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food service, construction, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
ND	-1,162	No comment.
UT	-1,065	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.

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