

TECHNICAL NOTES

- Starting with the week ending December 19, 2020, regular UI initial claims will be subject to adjustments and revisions in an attempt to account for fraudulent activity. However, CDLE recommends caution when analyzing and interpreting recent trends in regular UI initial claims, as fraudulent activity can distort economic significance and meaning.
- Per USDOL guidance, PUA initial claims have been revised from previously reported (starting with the week ending February 6th, 2021). These revised figures now only reflect those filing a new PUA claim or those who had intervening employment between active gaps within the PUA program. The claims that were removed from the previously reported numbers were existing PUA claims that had a break in filing that was not related to new employment and were subsequently reopened when programming became available to do so.
- The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) programs were both established through the CARES Act in early 2020. The programs, originally set to expire on December 26, 2020, were extended through mid-March 2021 via the Continued Assistance Act. With the start of the [Phase 1 rollout](#) on February 1st, PEUC and PUA claimants who had a monetary balance on their claim on December 26th were able to reopen their respective claim. Continued claim data will look distorted for a period of time, as these individuals are able to backdate their claims to December 27th, which will show in the data as multiple weeks claimed for a single week. However, the chart on page 12 attempts to estimate the number of individuals requesting payment within a given week (starting the week ending February 6th). For information on additional program rollouts, go [here](#). With the passage of the American Rescue Plan on March 11th, 2021, the PUA and PEUC programs have been extended through September 4th, 2021.

