

Statewide Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

	JAN 2026	DEC 2025	JAN 2025	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				net	percent	net	percent
Georgia	27,703	26,651	34,494	1,052	3.9%	-6,791	-19.7%

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Appling	16	74	123	69	-49	-39.8%	5	7.2%
Atkinson	18	65	56	49	9	16.1%	16	32.7%
Bacon	18	22	31	40	-9	-29.0%	-18	-45.0%
Baker	17	7	4	6	3	75.0%	1	16.7%
Baldwin	11	61	84	52	-23	-27.4%	9	17.3%
Banks	2	46	27	23	19	70.4%	23	100.0%
Barrow	9	141	130	172	11	8.5%	-31	-18.0%
Bartow	1	573	523	546	50	9.6%	27	4.9%
Ben Hill	18	161	159	220	2	1.3%	-59	-26.8%
Berrien	18	76	74	451	2	2.7%	-375	-83.1%
Bibb	11	363	353	375	10	2.8%	-12	-3.2%
Bleckley	16	13	13	19	0	0.0%	-6	-31.6%
Brantley	18	19	28	23	-9	-32.1%	-4	-17.4%
Brooks	18	33	8	37	25	312.5%	-4	-10.8%
Bryan	20	53	60	62	-7	-11.7%	-9	-14.5%
Bulloch	20	119	175	116	-56	-32.0%	3	2.6%
Burke	12	153	101	108	52	51.5%	45	41.7%
Butts	8	51	49	54	2	4.1%	-3	-5.6%
Calhoun	17	4	8	5	-4	-50.0%	-1	-20.0%
Camden	20	47	47	47	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Candler	16	22	35	20	-13	-37.1%	2	10.0%
Carroll	8	198	254	256	-56	-22.0%	-58	-22.7%
Catoosa	1	107	161	205	-54	-33.5%	-98	-47.8%
Charlton	19	10	11	7	-1	-9.1%	3	42.9%
Chatham	20	509	421	531	88	20.9%	-22	-4.1%
Chattahoochee	14	2	4	31	-2	-50.0%	-29	-93.5%
Chattooga	1	292	397	367	-105	-26.4%	-75	-20.4%
Cherokee	7	412	312	452	100	32.1%	-40	-8.8%
Clarke	9	181	133	167	48	36.1%	14	8.4%
Clay	14	4	6	8	-2	-33.3%	-4	-50.0%
Clayton	7	987	878	1,073	109	12.4%	-86	-8.0%
Clinch	18	22	5	15	17	340.0%	7	46.7%
Cobb	4	1,403	1,123	1,595	280	24.9%	-192	-12.0%
Coffee	18	195	209	240	-14	-6.7%	-45	-18.8%
Colquitt	17	48	80	89	-32	-40.0%	-41	-46.1%
Columbia	13	205	195	227	10	5.1%	-22	-9.7%
Cook	18	41	31	133	10	32.3%	-92	-69.2%
Coweta	8	239	421	294	-182	-43.2%	-55	-18.7%
Crawford	11	13	20	15	-7	-35.0%	-2	-13.3%
Crisp	15	45	39	38	6	15.4%	7	18.4%

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Dade	1	65	16	57	49	306.3%	8	14.0%
Dawson	2	46	40	44	6	15.0%	2	4.5%
Decatur	17	100	47	96	53	112.8%	4	4.2%
DeKalb	5	1,768	1,559	2,033	209	13.4%	-265	-13.0%
Dodge	16	37	27	34	10	37.0%	3	8.8%
Dooly	15	12	16	25	-4	-25.0%	-13	-52.0%
Dougherty	17	178	168	209	10	6.0%	-31	-14.8%
Douglas	7	388	355	429	33	9.3%	-41	-9.6%
Early	17	39	15	47	24	160.0%	-8	-17.0%
Echols	18	7	8	4	-1	-12.5%	3	75.0%
Effingham	20	78	82	79	-4	-4.9%	-1	-1.3%
Elbert	9	160	50	156	110	220.0%	4	2.6%
Emanuel	16	101	274	129	-173	-63.1%	-28	-21.7%
Evans	16	26	32	22	-6	-18.8%	4	18.2%
Fannin	1	32	27	37	5	18.5%	-5	-13.5%
Fayette	7	161	172	224	-11	-6.4%	-63	-28.1%
Floyd	1	623	676	786	-53	-7.8%	-163	-20.7%
Forsyth	2	264	243	301	21	8.6%	-37	-12.3%
Franklin	2	69	102	45	-33	-32.4%	24	53.3%
Fulton	6	2,792	2,479	3,171	313	12.6%	-379	-12.0%
Gilmer	1	37	67	140	-30	-44.8%	-103	-73.6%
Glascocock	13	3	5	6	-2	-40.0%	-3	-50.0%
Glynn	20	118	109	104	9	8.3%	14	13.5%
Gordon	1	443	560	681	-117	-20.9%	-238	-34.9%
Grady	17	104	36	43	68	188.9%	61	141.9%
Greene	9	20	18	59	2	11.1%	-39	-66.1%
Gwinnett	7	1,536	1,382	1,669	154	11.1%	-133	-8.0%
Habersham	2	74	63	115	11	17.5%	-41	-35.7%
Hall	2	779	391	338	388	99.2%	441	130.5%
Hancock	13	30	17	28	13	76.5%	2	7.1%
Haralson	1	36	62	45	-26	-41.9%	-9	-20.0%
Harris	14	39	50	66	-11	-22.0%	-27	-40.9%
Hart	2	69	79	51	-10	-12.7%	18	35.3%
Heard	8	27	53	45	-26	-49.1%	-18	-40.0%
Henry	7	732	681	771	51	7.5%	-39	-5.1%
Houston	11	222	263	244	-41	-15.6%	-22	-9.0%
Irwin	18	61	70	54	-9	-12.9%	7	13.0%
Jackson	9	159	92	104	67	72.8%	55	52.9%
Jasper	9	25	26	32	-1	-3.8%	-7	-21.9%
Jeff Davis	16	32	58	30	-26	-44.8%	2	6.7%
Jefferson	12	85	74	87	11	14.9%	-2	-2.3%
Jenkins	13	19	37	19	-18	-48.6%	0	0.0%
Johnson	16	25	34	28	-9	-26.5%	-3	-10.7%
Jones	11	33	22	42	11	50.0%	-9	-21.4%
Lamar	8	44	37	37	7	18.9%	7	18.9%
Lanier	18	26	16	49	10	62.5%	-23	-46.9%
Laurens	16	131	134	154	-3	-2.2%	-23	-14.9%
Lee	17	29	36	26	-7	-19.4%	3	11.5%
Liberty	20	94	110	120	-16	-14.5%	-26	-21.7%
Lincoln	13	25	32	23	-7	-21.9%	2	8.7%

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Long	20	25	42	23	-17	-40.5%	2	8.7%
Lowndes	18	217	187	279	30	16.0%	-62	-22.2%
Lumpkin	2	56	19	38	37	194.7%	18	47.4%
Macon	15	27	16	36	11	68.8%	-9	-25.0%
Madison	9	54	39	53	15	38.5%	1	1.9%
Marion	15	30	21	21	9	42.9%	9	42.9%
McDuffie	13	127	121	133	6	5.0%	-6	-4.5%
McIntosh	20	17	14	24	3	21.4%	-7	-29.2%
Meriwether	8	57	104	83	-47	-45.2%	-26	-31.3%
Miller	17	25	13	35	12	92.3%	-10	-28.6%
Mitchell	17	37	34	39	3	8.8%	-2	-5.1%
Monroe	11	37	41	36	-4	-9.8%	1	2.8%
Montgomery	16	77	112	44	-35	-31.3%	33	75.0%
Morgan	9	21	49	41	-28	-57.1%	-20	-48.8%
Murray	1	682	1,069	854	-387	-36.2%	-172	-20.1%
Muscogee	14	575	381	1,334	194	50.9%	-759	-56.9%
Newton	9	301	278	404	23	8.3%	-103	-25.5%
Oconee	9	19	24	27	-5	-20.8%	-8	-29.6%
Oglethorpe	9	16	12	22	4	33.3%	-6	-27.3%
Paulding	1	307	269	359	38	14.1%	-52	-14.5%
Peach	11	43	49	42	-6	-12.2%	1	2.4%
Pickens	1	44	38	54	6	15.8%	-10	-18.5%
Pierce	18	27	68	42	-41	-60.3%	-15	-35.7%
Pike	8	30	33	23	-3	-9.1%	7	30.4%
Polk	1	165	169	179	-4	-2.4%	-14	-7.8%
Pulaski	11	13	10	13	3	30.0%	0	0.0%
Putnam	11	19	62	44	-43	-69.4%	-25	-56.8%
Quitman	14	2	2	2	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Rabun	2	68	78	60	-10	-12.8%	8	13.3%
Randolph	14	8	3	17	5	166.7%	-9	-52.9%
Richmond	12	794	606	797	188	31.0%	-3	-0.4%
Rockdale	7	256	237	325	19	8.0%	-69	-21.2%
Schley	15	24	14	9	10	71.4%	15	166.7%
Screven	20	60	115	43	-55	-47.8%	17	39.5%
Seminole	17	25	22	45	3	13.6%	-20	-44.4%
Spalding	8	150	187	185	-37	-19.8%	-35	-18.9%
Stephens	2	68	83	61	-15	-18.1%	7	11.5%
Stewart	14	21	18	44	3	16.7%	-23	-52.3%
Sumter	15	122	100	101	22	22.0%	21	20.8%
Talbot	14	14	18	37	-4	-22.2%	-23	-62.2%
Taliaferro	13	1	4	4	-3	-75.0%	-3	-75.0%
Tattall	16	54	114	50	-60	-52.6%	4	8.0%
Taylor	15	13	14	17	-1	-7.1%	-4	-23.5%
Telfair	16	59	84	47	-25	-29.8%	12	25.5%
Terrell	17	29	12	40	17	141.7%	-11	-27.5%
Thomas	17	89	68	56	21	30.9%	33	58.9%
Tift	18	110	94	101	16	17.0%	9	8.9%
Toombs	16	296	540	234	-244	-45.2%	62	26.5%
Towns	2	12	15	23	-3	-20.0%	-11	-47.8%
Treutlen	16	46	88	40	-42	-47.7%	6	15.0%

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Troup	8	257	308	410	-51	-16.6%	-153	-37.3%
Turner	18	23	20	14	3	15.0%	9	64.3%
Twiggs	11	14	12	16	2	16.7%	-2	-12.5%
Union	2	25	25	26	0	0.0%	-1	-3.8%
Upson	8	133	97	134	36	37.1%	-1	-0.7%
Walker	1	166	325	346	-159	-48.9%	-180	-52.0%
Walton	9	165	142	170	23	16.2%	-5	-2.9%
Ware	18	70	80	70	-10	-12.5%	0	0.0%
Warren	13	43	37	37	6	16.2%	6	16.2%
Washington	13	40	57	31	-17	-29.8%	9	29.0%
Wayne	16	49	52	59	-3	-5.8%	-10	-16.9%
Webster	15	9	2	14	7	350.0%	-5	-35.7%
Wheeler	16	38	63	27	-25	-39.7%	11	40.7%
White	2	67	46	79	21	45.7%	-12	-15.2%
Whitfield	1	2,532	3,254	3,346	-722	-22.2%	-814	-24.3%
Wilcox	16	21	19	27	2	10.5%	-6	-22.2%
Wilkes	13	44	17	26	27	158.8%	18	69.2%
Wilkinson	11	10	7	16	3	42.9%	-6	-37.5%
Worth	17	37	25	27	12	48.0%	10	37.0%

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

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Albany MSA	273	241	302	32	13.3%	-29	-9.6%
Athens-Clarke County MSA	270	208	269	62	29.8%	1	0.4%
Atlanta MD	10,435	9,809	11,891	626	6.4%	-1,456	-12.2%
Atlanta MSA	13,166	12,098	14,888	1,068	8.8%	-1,722	-11.6%
Augusta-Richmond County MSA	1,304	1,055	1,288	249	23.6%	16	1.2%
Brunswick-St. Simons MSA	154	151	151	3	2.0%	3	2.0%
Columbus MSA	681	492	1,533	189	38.4%	-852	-55.6%
Dalton MSA	3,214	4,323	4,200	-1,109	-25.7%	-986	-23.5%
Gainesville MSA	779	391	338	388	99.2%	441	130.5%
Hinesville MSA	119	152	143	-33	-21.7%	-24	-16.8%
Macon-Bibb County MSA	460	448	484	12	2.7%	-24	-5.0%
Marietta MD	2,731	2,289	2,997	442	19.3%	-266	-8.9%
Rome MSA	623	676	786	-53	-7.8%	-163	-20.7%
Savannah MSA	640	563	672	77	13.7%	-32	-4.8%
Valdosta MSA	283	219	369	64	29.2%	-86	-23.3%
Warner Robins MSA	265	312	286	-47	-15.1%	-21	-7.3%

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Regional Commission (RC) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

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Atlanta Regional Commission	10,699	9,421	12,043	1,278	13.6%	-1,344	-11.2%
Central Savannah River RC	1,569	1,303	1,526	266	20.4%	43	2.8%
Coastal RC	1,120	1,175	1,149	-55	-4.7%	-29	-2.5%
Georgia Mountains RC	1,379	968	903	411	42.5%	476	52.7%
Heart of Georgia RC	1,101	1,802	1,033	-701	-38.9%	68	6.6%
Middle Georgia RC	828	923	895	-95	-10.3%	-67	-7.5%
Northeast Georgia RC	1,262	993	1,407	269	27.1%	-145	-10.3%
Northwest Georgia RC	6,104	7,613	8,002	-1,509	-19.8%	-1,898	-23.7%
River Valley RC	947	704	1,800	243	34.5%	-853	-47.4%
Southern Georgia RC	1,185	1,155	1,828	30	2.6%	-643	-35.2%
Southwest Georgia RC	751	568	763	183	32.2%	-12	-1.6%
Three Rivers RC	1,186	1,543	1,521	-357	-23.1%	-335	-22.0%

Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims

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Atlanta Regional LWDA	4,472	4,017	4,943	455	11.3%	-471	-9.5%
Central Savannah River Area LWDA	1,569	1,303	1,526	266	20.4%	43	2.8%
City of Atl./Bal. Fulton Co. LWDA	2,792	2,479	3,171	313	12.6%	-379	-12.0%
Coastal Georgia LWDA	1,120	1,175	1,149	-55	-4.7%	-29	-2.5%
Cobb County LWDA	1,403	1,123	1,595	280	24.9%	-192	-12.0%
DeKalb County LWDA	1,768	1,559	2,033	209	13.4%	-265	-13.0%
Georgia Mountains LWDA	1,643	1,211	1,204	432	35.7%	439	36.5%
Heart of GA-Altamaha LWDA	1,101	1,802	1,033	-701	-38.9%	68	6.6%
Lower Chattahoochee LWDA	665	482	1,539	183	38.0%	-874	-56.8%
Middle Flint LWDA	282	222	261	60	27.0%	21	8.0%
Middle Georgia LWDA	828	923	895	-95	-10.3%	-67	-7.5%
Northeast Georgia LWDA	1,262	993	1,407	269	27.1%	-145	-10.3%
Northwest Georgia LWDA	6,104	7,613	8,002	-1,509	-19.8%	-1,898	-23.7%
Southern Georgia LWDA	1,185	1,155	1,828	30	2.6%	-643	-35.2%
Southwest Georgia LWDA	751	568	763	183	32.2%	-12	-1.6%
West Central Georgia LWDA	1,186	1,543	1,521	-357	-23.1%	-335	-22.0%

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