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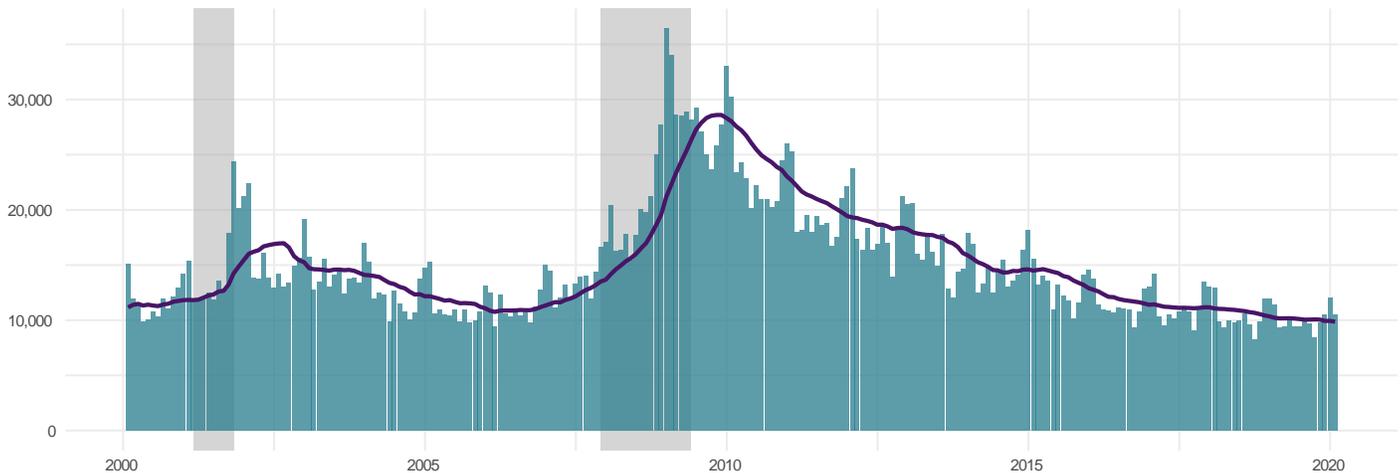
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## Unemployment Initial Claims See Moderate Declines in January

**CARSON CITY, NV** -According to the latest initial claims data from the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), initial claims for unemployment insurance totaled just over 10,500 in January, down 860 claims, or 7.6 percent compared to last January. Compared to December of 2019, initial claims fell by 12.3 percent, or 1,480 fewer claims.

### State of Nevada Initial Claims

2000 to current by month; line represents 12 month average

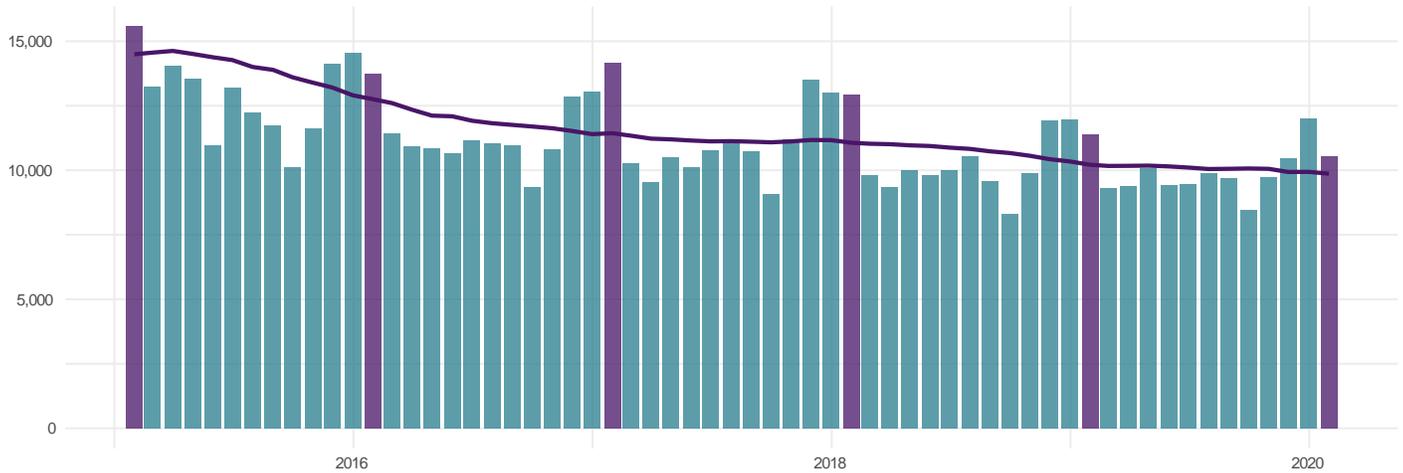


### January Claims Highlights:

- Initial claims totaled just over 10,500 in January, down 860 claims, or 7.6 percent compared to last January.
- Initial claims also decreased 12.3 percent compared to December, with 1,480 fewer claims.
- The relative trend, expressed in the 12-month moving average of the series, held steady at 9,870.
- Average unemployment duration fell to 13.3 weeks in December, down from 13.4 weeks last year.
- The exhaustion rate (the rate at which claimants exhaust their UI benefits) held steady with a reading of 33 percent.

## State of Nevada Initial Claims (zoom)

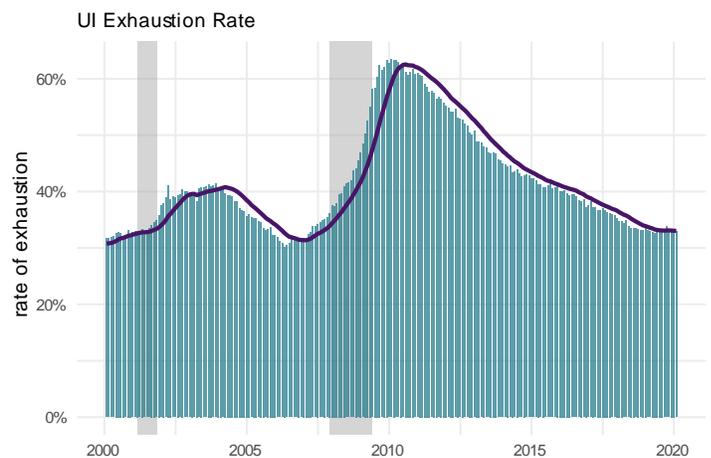
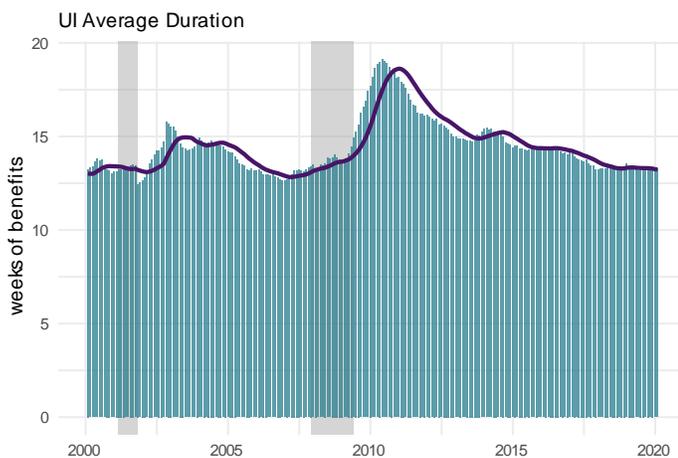
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“Initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) saw moderate declines this month. Relative to last January, we are trending down by 7.6 percent. When we look at the over-the-month change, the Silver State is trending down by 12.3 percent. Perhaps more important, the 12-month moving average of the series indicates that claims activity in aggregate is holding steady at 9,900. This is the third consecutive month with the average claims total trending below 10,000, and the only time this has been the case since the first quarter of 1999.” said Jeremy Hays, Economist at the Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation.

## State of Nevada UI Activity Measures

2000 to current by month; line represents 12 month average



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