

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending January 13, 2018.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed [as compared to the same week last year](#).

"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

State/ county	2018	2017	Number change	Percent change
State	1,590	1,503	87	5.8%
Oahu	962	920	42	4.6%
Hawaii	241	211	30	14.2%
Maui	253	255	-2	-0.8%
Kauai	102	88	14	15.9%
<i>Agent*</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10.3%</i>

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 5.8%, with this week's total filings of 1,590 and filings during the same week in 2017 of 1,503.

Comparing 2018 to 2017 for the counties:

- Oahu had 42 more claims filed
- Hawaii had 30 more claims filed
- Maui had 2 fewer claims filed
- Kauai had 14 more claims filed
- *Agent had 3 more claims filed*

In percentage changes, comparing the current week to the same week a year ago:

- Oahu had a 4.6% increase
- Hawaii had a 14.2% increase
- Maui had a 0.8% decrease
- Kauai had a 15.9% increase
- *Agent had a 10.3% increase*