

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending January 28, 2017.

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	2017	2016	Number change	Percent change
State	1,339	1,141	198	17.4%
Oahu	876	708	168	23.7%
Hawaii	213	195	18	9.2%
Maui	140	141	-1	-0.7%
Kauai	78	64	14	21.9%
<i>Agent*</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 17.4%, with this week's total filings of 1,339 and filings during the same week in 2016 of 1,141.

Comparing 2017 to 2016 for the counties:

- Oahu had 168 more claims filed
- Hawaii had 18 more claims filed
- Maui had 1 fewer claims filed
- Kauai had 14 more claims filed
- *Agent had 1 fewer claims filed*

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

- Oahu had a 23.7% increase
- Hawaii had a 9.2% increase
- Maui had a 0.7% decrease
- Kauai had a 21.9% increase
- *Agent had a 3.0% decrease*

Source: HI State Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations; calculations by the HI State Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.