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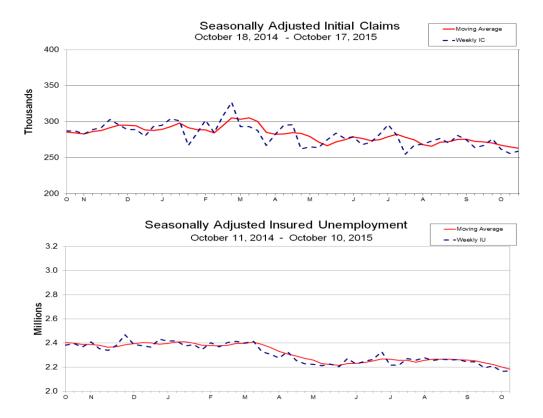
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 259,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 255,000 to 256,000. The 4-week moving average was 263,250, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since December 15, 1973 when it was 256,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 265,000 to 265,250.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

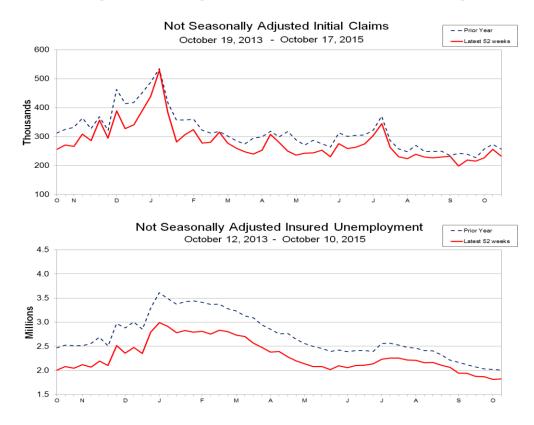
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending October 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 10 was 2,170,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 6,000 from 2,158,000 to 2,164,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,184,500, a decrease of 18,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since November 18, 2000 when it was 2,169,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 2,201,250 to 2,203,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 232,883 in the week ending October 17, a decrease of 23,567 (or -9.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 26,362 (or -10.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 256,166 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending October 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,825,351, an increase of 9,597 (or 0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 4,328 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,006,710.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 3 was 1,861,554, a decrease of 54,986 from the previous week. There were 2,073,497 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2014.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,227 in the week ending October 10, an increase of 191 from the prior week. There were 1,597 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 113 from the preceding week.

There were 11,961 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 3, an increase of 849 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 17,024, a decrease of 682 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 3 were in Puerto Rico (3.2), the Virgin Islands (3.0), Alaska (2.4), New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Connecticut (2.0), Nevada (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), West Virginia (1.9), Illinois (1.7), and Massachusetts (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 10 were in Texas (+2,627), New York (+2,269), Pennsylvania (+2,136), California (+1,767), and Georgia (+1,685), while the largest decreases were in Nebraska (-290), Ohio (-277), Kentucky (-101), Maine (-49), and New Jersey (-12).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 17	October 10	Change	October 3	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	259,000	256,000	+3,000	262,000	287,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	232,883	256,450	-23,567	227,176	256,166
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	263,250	265,250	-2,000	267,250	285,500
WEEK ENDING	October 10	October 3	Change	September 26	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,170,000	2,164,000	+6,000	2,209,000	2,383,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,825,351	1,815,754	+9,597	1,870,676	2,006,710
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,184,500	2,203,000	-18,500	2,222,750	2,404,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.6%	1.8%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.4%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 10	October 3	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,227	2,036	+191	2,048
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,597	1,484	+113	2,410

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 3	September 26	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,811,582	1,866,583	-55,001	2,015,648
Federal Employees	11,961	11,112	+849	15,739
Newly Discharged Veterans	17,024	17,706	-682	24,255
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	4
State Additional Benefits ⁴	7,050	7,215	-165	5,765
STC / Workshare ⁵	13,937	13,924	+13	12,086
TOTAL	1,861,554	1,916,540	-54,986	2,073,497

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

- 1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- 2. Most recent week used covered employment of 135,574,808 as denominator.
- 3. Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information
- 4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: Extensions and Special Programs PDF
- 5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Claims	Filed During Week	Ended October 17	Insured Unemploy	ment For Week Ended (October 10
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,530	3,457	-927	20,169	20,820	-651
Alaska	1,817	1,710	107	8,360	7,683	677
Arizona	3,528	4,347	-819	28,007	31,105	-3,098
Arkansas	2,448	2,971	-523	16,908	17,790	-882
California	43,978	44,298	-320	313,471	313,322	149
Colorado	2,703	3,022	-319	25,029	24,380	649
Connecticut	2,388	3,305	-917	33,283	32,255	1,028
Delaware	691	828	-137	5,666	5,261	405
District of Columbia	623	451	172	7,774	8,020	-246
Florida	7,523	9,649	-2,126	,	58,219	-5,675
		*		52,544		
Georgia 	5,795	8,566	-2,771	33,232	37,032	-3,800
Hawaii	1,232	1,166	66	7,018	6,484	534
Idaho	771	1,285	-514	4,971	5,631	-660
Illinois	9,224	10,546	-1,322	100,135	96,575	3,560
Indiana	3,122	3,645	-523	19,704	20,200	-496
Iowa	2,434	2,254	180	16,519	16,191	328
Kansas	2,018	1,830	188	12,086	10,770	1,316
Kentucky	2,587	2,707	-120	19,059	18,571	488
Louisiana	2,071	2,635	-564	21,929	22,958	-1,029
Maine	656	654	2	4,155	4,501	-346
Maryland	3,265	4,160	-895	31,284	34,492	-3,208
Massachusetts	4,655	5,102	-447	53,488	56,293	-2,805
Michigan	9,108	7,162	1,946	43,797	45,028	-1,231
Minnesota	4,080	3,239	841	29,906	28,307	1,599
Mississippi	1,376	1,818	-442	10,514	11,731	-1,217
Missouri	4,164	4,667	-503	23,858	25,991	-2,133
Montana	1,140	1,394	-254	5,152	5,162	-10
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Nebraska	701	830	-129	4,835	5,156	-321
Nevada	2,549	3,059	-510	22,165	23,547	-1,382
New Hampshire	520	564	-44	3,803	4,077	-274
New Jersey	7,478	8,423	-945	87,629	84,892	2,737
New Mexico	1,020	1,314	-294	10,859	11,182	-323
New York	15,225	17,257	-2,032	136,815	134,890	1,925
North Carolina	3,904	4,014	-110	26,351	27,986	-1,635
North Dakota	643	423	220	4,930	2,279	2,651
Ohio	6,419	6,556	-137	48,508	49,055	-547
Oklahoma	2,034	2,122	-88	20,341	20,801	-460
Oregon	4,093	5,083	-990	27,127	26,369	758
Pennsylvania	14,457	18,027	-3,570	115,916	109,520	6,396
Puerto Rico	1,471	2,680	-1,209	28,834	28,210	624
Rhode Island	738	1,025	-287	6,938	6,883	55
South Carolina	5,692	3,558	2,134	16,146	14,884	1,262
South Dakota	182	234	-52	970	986	-16
Tennessee	3,337	3,659	-322	21,479	22,248	-769
Texas	15,854	19,110	-3,256	163,867	151,925	11,942
Utah	1,193	1,380	-187	7,835	7,552	283
Vermont Virgin Islands	545	450	95 26	2,968	2,633	335
Virgin Islands	34	60	-26	1,048	1,102	-54
Virginia	3,496	3,740	-244	26,135	25,130	1,005
Washington	7,808	7,788	20	44,723	43,279	1,444
West Virginia	1,066	1,685	-619	13,302	12,703	599
Wisconsin	5,792	6,078	-286	30,120	29,751	369
Wyoming	705	463	242	3,689	3,942	-253
US Total	232,883	256,450	-23,567	1,825,351	1,815,754	9,597

Note: Advance Claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

		Change from			Change from				
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week			
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR		
October 11, 2014	274	-15	287.50	2,383		2,404.25	1.8		
October 18, 2014	287	13	285.50	2,395		2,397.75	1.8		
October 25, 2014	287	0	284.25	2,365		2,388.00	1.8		
November 1, 2014	283	-4	282.75	2,408		2,387.75	1.8		
November 8, 2014	289	6	286.50	2,352	-56	2,380.00	1.8		
November 15, 2014	292	3	287.75	2,339	-13	2,366.00	1.8		
November 22, 2014	303	11	291.75	2,383	44	2,370.50	1.8		
November 29, 2014	296	-7	295.00	2,469	86	2,385.75	1.9		
December 6, 2014	289	-7	295.00	2,388	-81	2,394.75	1.8		
December 13, 2014	289	0	294.25	2,377	-11	2,404.25	1.8		
December 20, 2014	280	-9	288.50	2,366	-11	2,400.00	1.8		
December 27, 2014	293	13	287.75	2,431	65	2,390.50	1.8		
January 3, 2015	295	2	289.25	2,415	-16	2,397.25	1.8		
January 10, 2015	304	9	293.00	2,418	3	2,407.50	1.8		
January 17, 2015	301	-3	298.25	2,376	-42	2,410.00	1.8		
January 24, 2015	267	-34	291.75	2,386		2,398.75	1.8		
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346		2,381.50	1.8		
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402		2,377.50	1.8		
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369		2,375.75	1.8		
February 21, 2015	308	23	294.75	2,405		2,380.50	1.8		
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414		2,397.50	1.8		
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399		2,396.75	1.8		
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413		2,407.75	1.8		
March 21, 2015	288	-5	300.25	2,327		2,388.25	1.7		
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308		2,361.75	1.7		
April 4, 2015	282	15	282.50	2,275		2,330.75	1.7		
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327		2,309.25	1.7		
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256		2,291.50	1.7		
April 25, 2015	262	-34	283.75	2,229		2,271.75	1.7		
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223		2,258.75	1.7		
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212		2,230.00	1.6		
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226		2,222.50	1.7		
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,220		2,216.25	1.6		
May 30, 2015	277	-7		2,272		2,228.50	1.7		
June 6, 2015	277	2	278.75	2,272		2,228.30	1.7		
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249		2,237.50	1.7		
June 20, 2015	271		273.75	2,265		2,252.75	1.7		
June 27, 2015	282	3 11	275.73	2,327		2,266.50	1.7		
	296			2,327		2,264.25			
July 4, 2015	296	14 -15	279.25 282.50	2,216		2,264.23	1.6 1.6		
July 11, 2015	255								
July 18, 2015	267	-26 12	278.50	2,270		2,257.25	1.7		
July 25, 2015			274.75	2,258		2,240.00	1.7		
August 1, 2015	269	2	268.00	2,278		2,255.50	1.7		
August 8, 2015	273	4	266.00	2,256		2,265.50	1.7		
August 15, 2015	277	4	271.50	2,266		2,264.50	1.7		
August 22, 2015	270	-7	272.25	2,259		2,264.75	1.7		
August 29, 2015	281	11	275.25	2,263		2,261.00	1.7		
September 5, 2015	275	-6	275.75	2,243		2,257.75	1.7		
September 12, 2015	264	-11	272.50	2,244		2,252.25	1.7		
September 19, 2015	267	3	271.75	2,195		2,236.25	1.6		
September 26, 2015	276	9	270.50	2,209		2,222.75	1.6		
October 3, 2015	262	-14	267.25	2,164		2,203.00	1.6		
October 10, 2015	256	-6	265.25	2,170	6	2,184.50	1.6		
October 17, 2015	259	3	263.25						

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 3
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

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STATE	STATE	WEEK	AGO			STATE	2	WEEK	AGO		UCX 1	RETIREMENT
Alabama	3457	648	-254	25	30	20820	1.1	207	-2749	84	169	21073
Alaska	1710	472	-117	10	2	7683	2.4	-297	-1115	66	58	7807
Arizona	4347	186	-434	23	5	31105	1.2	-1424	-3656	154	168	31427
Arkansas	2971	620	248	15	12	17790	1.6	-509	-1336	101	149	18040
California	44298	1767	-2373	279	210	313322		-16650	-41442	2116	3346	318784
Colorado	3022	188	59	29	50	24380	1.0	-303	-1980	222	698	25300
Connecticut	3305	348	59	5	20	32255	2.0	-413	-5075	79	154	32488
Delaware	828	169	-436	1	9	5261	1.3	-419	-265	19	24	5304
District of Columbia	451	89	-28	12	0	8020	1.5	-137	-1295	326	18	8364
Florida	9649	1440	-3950	42	100	58219	0.8	-4957	-25488	342	413	58974
Georgia	8566	1685	507	139	72	37032	0.9	1267	-4766	347	576	37955
Hawaii	1166	56	-317	10	30	6484	1.1	-360	-1808	80	147	6711
Idaho	1285	323	-125	19	6	5631	0.9	-66	-1466	31	42	5704
Illinois	10546	1248	530	16	33	96575	1.7	-3595	-6945	379	436	97390
Indiana	3645	506	-1012	13	18	20200	0.7	-89	-3237	120	128	20448
Iowa	2254	113	-17	7	9	16191	1.1	99	-609	58	90	16339
Kansas	1830	139	-218	2	14	10770	0.8	-1978	-3134	60	151	10981
Kentucky	2707	-101	-826	86	14	18571	1.0	-1127	-2202	461	274	19306
Louisiana	2635	294	162	8	9	22958	1.2	-139	4011	46	75	23079
Maine	654	-49	-253	1	5	4501	0.8	-18	-1588	27	33	4561
Maryland	4160	476	-739	28	30	34492	1.4	-28	-8915	362	282	35136
Massachusetts	5102	158	-503	114	25	56293	1.7	-4	-10806	256	371	56920
Michigan	7162	1511	-2510	44	24	45028	1.1	1194	-11464	124	251	45403
Minnesota	3239	189	-224	8	14	28307	1.0	382	-1268	89	213	28609
Mississippi	1818	323	-277	9	5	11731	1.1	-313	-3439	56	57	11844
Missouri	4667	757	-680	107	7	25991	1.0	-1301	-5640	852	125	26968
Montana	1394	207	-27	40	6	5162	1.2	215	-24	54	63	5279
Nebraska	830	-290	-176	1	7	5156	0.6	316	-817	34	32	5222
Nevada	3059	813	-352	10	14	23547	2.0	-1922	-2231	58	173	23778
New Hampshire	564	65	-139	2	3	4077	0.7	0	-1213	3	14	4094
New Jersey	8423	-12	-553	31	22	84892	2.2	-3170	-16878	235	511	85638
New Mexico	1314	164	155	54	11	11182	1.4	-105	-1155	119	97	11398
New York	17257	2269	-2087	221	59	134890		-1768	-18085	610	848	136348
North Carolina	4014	72	-2087 -1197	17	49	27986	0.7	-253	-15417	110	405	28501
North Dakota	423	84	132	3	3	2279	0.7	-233 -43	953	9	6	2294
Ohio	6556	-277	-848	18		49055	1.0	-43 50	-2868	212	451	49718
Oklahoma	2122	292	376	11	56 25	20801	1.3	121	6172	75	157	21033
			318	90	40			-77				26851
Oregon	5083	1223				26369	1.5		-3639 4026	188	294 575	110926
Pennsylvania	18027	2136	-606	233	74	109520		-4522	-4926	831		
Puerto Rico	2680	960	414	1	16	28210		-1712	-1023	122	250	28582
Rhode Island	1025	181	-18	2	6	6883	1.5	41	-1405	30	48	6961
South Carolina	3558	1093	239	9	25	14884	0.8	-335	-1989	55	128	15067
South Dakota	234	42	-43	1	2	986	0.2	48	-79	26	2	1014
Tennessee	3659	688	-424	72	23	22248	0.8	69	-4428	133	187	22568
Texas	19110	2627	3013	182	229		1.3	-11937	29112	1067	2438	155430
Utah	1380	250	-168	81	6	7552	0.6	-782	-1435	362	53	7967
Vermont	450	98	-37	4	0	2633	0.9	-42	-616	18	10	2661
Virgin Islands	60	15	9	0	1	1102	3.0	28	100	4	8	1114
Virginia	3740	200	-546	22	32	25130	0.7	139	-5718	277	631	26038
Washington	7788	1335	-366	48	108	43279	1.4	1377	-3638	295	995	44569
West Virginia	1685	697	212	3	8	12703	1.9	451	2145	69	84	12856
Wisconsin	6078	791	-864	17	16	29751	1.1	-122	-8070	96	86	29933
Wyoming	463	-4	5	2	3	3942	1.4	-9	1745	12	30	3984
Totals	256450	29274	-17306	2227	1597	1815754	1.3	-54922	-203104	11961	17024	1844739

Figures Appearing In columns showing Over-The-Week Changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by State agencies.

The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.

Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 10, 2015

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+2,627	Layoffs in the manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
NY	+2,269	Layoffs in the construction, public administration, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+2,136	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, professional, scientific and technical service, accommodation and food service, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
CA	+1,767	No comment.
GA	+1,685	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
MI	+1,511	No comment.
FL	+1,440	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
WA	+1,335	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, mining, manufacturing, and educational service industries.
IL	+1,248	No comment.
OR	+1,223	No comment.
SC	+1,093	Increase due to inclement weather.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

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