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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

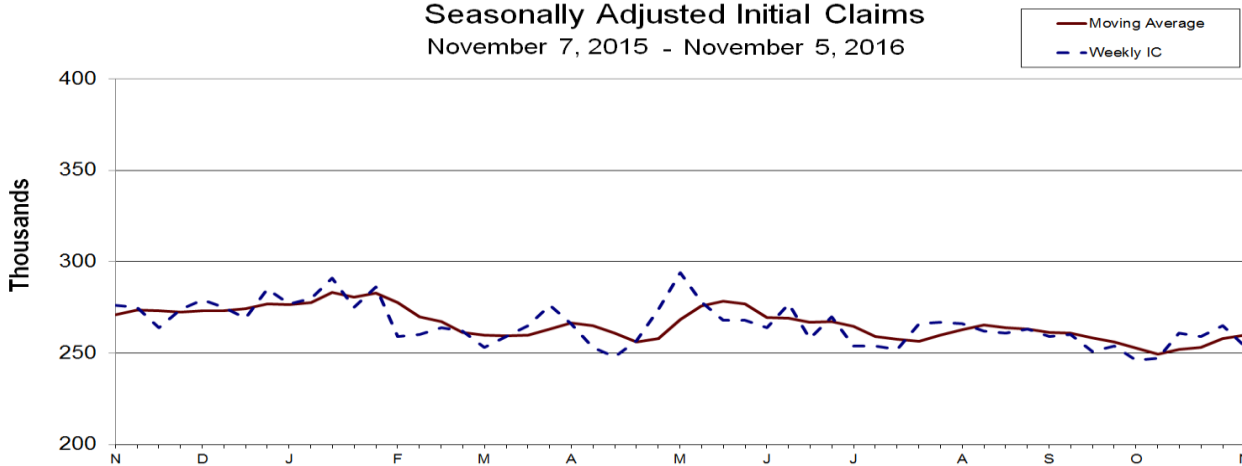
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 254,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 265,000. The 4-week moving average was 259,750, an increase of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 257,750 to 258,000.

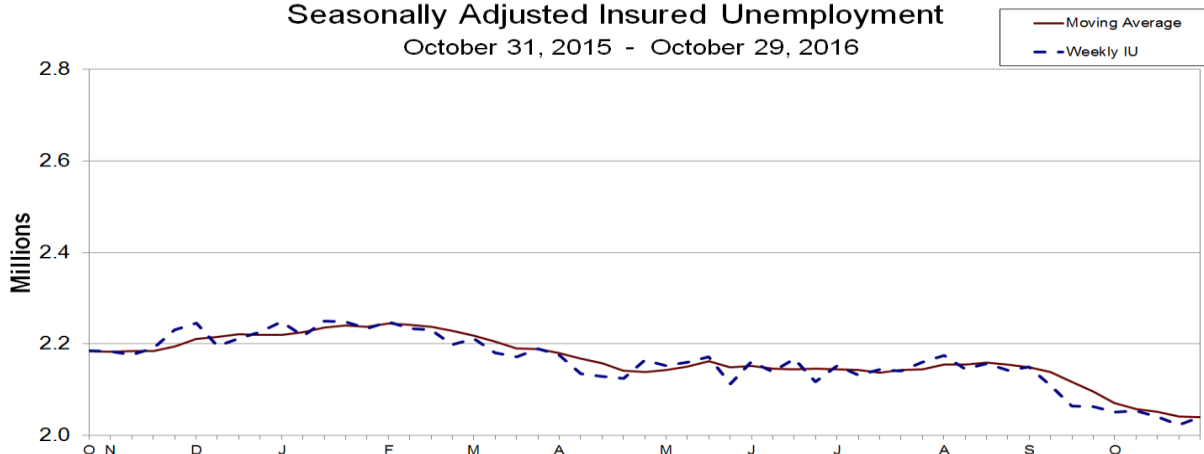
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 88 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1970.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.5 percent for the week ending October 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 29 was 2,041,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 2,026,000 to 2,023,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,039,500, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since July 1, 2000 when it was 2,036,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 2,042,500 to 2,041,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
November 7, 2015 - November 5, 2016



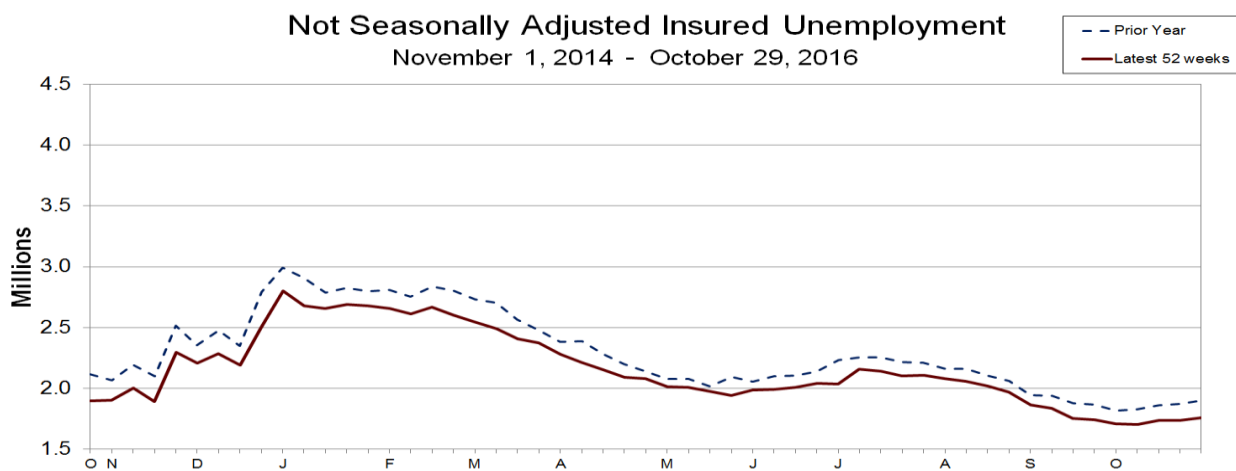
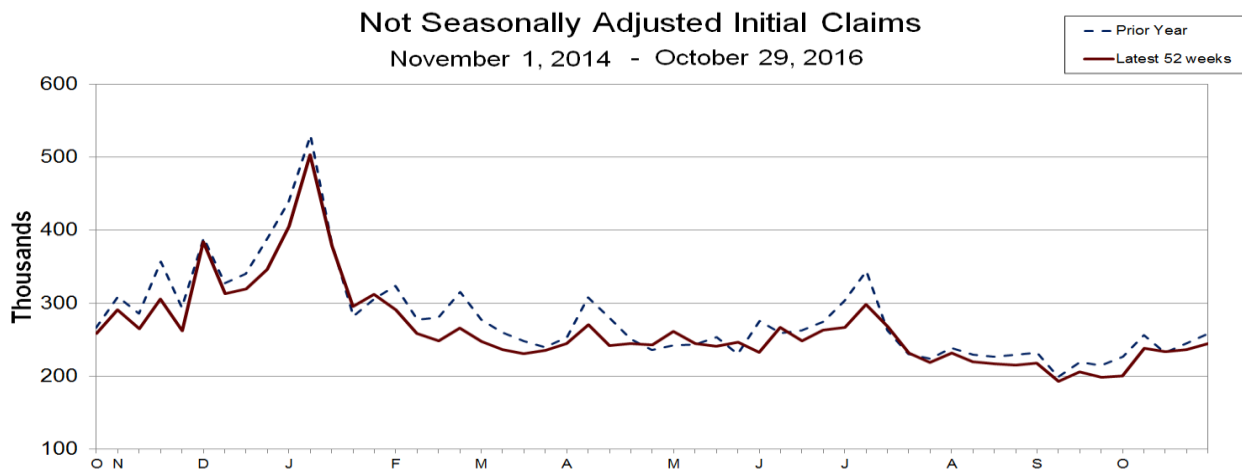
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
October 31, 2015 - October 29, 2016



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 257,973 in the week ending November 5, an increase of 13,031 (or 5.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,362 (or 9.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 291,098 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending October 29, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,761,784, an increase of 26,145 (or 1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 10,114 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,900,517.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 22 was 1,776,917, a decrease of 3,489 from the previous week. There were 1,926,796 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2015.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 22.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,302 in the week ending October 29, a decrease of 1,091 from the prior week. There were 1,000 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 9 from the preceding week.

There were 10,572 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 22, a decrease of 165 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,344, a decrease of 347 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 22 were in Alaska (3.1), Puerto Rico (2.6), the Virgin Islands (2.5), New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Connecticut (2.0), Pennsylvania (1.8), Nevada (1.7), West Virginia (1.7), Illinois (1.6), Massachusetts (1.6), and Wyoming (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 29 were in Missouri (+4,154), Kentucky (+3,552), California (+1,987), Wisconsin (+1,432), and Minnesota (+710), while the largest decreases were in North Carolina (-2,384), Michigan (-1,008), South Carolina (-880), New York (-858), and Georgia (-773).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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WEEK ENDING	November 5	October 29	Change	October 22	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	254,000	265,000	-11,000	259,000	276,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	257,973	244,942	+13,031	237,314	291,098
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	259,750	258,000	+1,750	253,250	271,000
WEEK ENDING	October 29	October 22	Change	October 15	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,041,000	2,023,000	+18,000	2,040,000	2,185,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,761,784	1,735,639	+26,145	1,739,879	1,900,517
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,039,500	2,041,750	-2,250	2,051,500	2,183,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.5%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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WEEK ENDING	October 29	October 22	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,302	2,393	-1,091	1,213
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,000	1,009	-9	1,204

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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WEEK ENDING	October 22	October 15	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	1,730,694	1,734,637	-3,943	1,868,676
Federal Employees	10,572	10,737	-165	13,966
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,344	13,691	-347	17,725
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	7,417	7,031	+386	7,480
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	14,890	14,310	+580	18,949
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,776,917	1,780,406	-3,489	1,926,796

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 138,322,138 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: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,770	2,754	16	18,396	19,309	-913
Alaska	2,210	1,675	535	10,334	9,733	601
Arizona	3,928	3,942	-14	25,216	28,653	-3,437
Arkansas	2,039	2,203	-164	13,170	13,657	-487
California	47,900	46,393	1,507	327,214	316,187	11,027
Colorado	2,729	2,349	380	25,199	23,401	1,798
Connecticut	3,216	3,206	10	34,226	32,717	1,509
Delaware	567	569	-2	5,118	4,753	365
District of Columbia	732	378	354	7,781	8,171	-390
Florida	7,086	7,538	-452	38,373	46,553	-8,180
Georgia	5,820	6,510	-690	27,785	31,176	-3,391
Hawaii	1,248	1,145	103	7,469	7,136	333
Idaho	1,550	1,431	119	5,713	5,996	-283
Illinois	10,435	8,972	1,463	92,521	90,171	2,350
Indiana	3,101	2,672	429	18,997	18,804	193
Iowa	3,092	2,464	628	16,685	15,223	1,462
Kansas	2,249	2,144	105	10,837	10,366	471
Kentucky	3,362	7,793	-4,431	22,051	21,170	881
Louisiana	2,660	2,499	161	23,577	23,784	-207
Maine	985	851	134	4,368	4,343	25
Maryland	3,619	3,623	-4	29,850	32,652	-2,802
Massachusetts	6,800	5,365	1,435	55,485	55,460	25
Michigan	8,576	7,026	1,550	39,942	46,026	-6,084
Minnesota	5,153	3,974	1,179	31,204	22,601	8,603
Mississippi	1,368	1,499	-131	9,469	10,707	-1,238
Missouri	3,599	7,949	-4,350	26,048	23,944	2,104
Montana	1,384	1,152	232	6,283	6,114	169
Nebraska	837	707	130	4,286	4,300	-14
Nevada	2,597	2,269	328	18,927	20,473	-1,546
New Hampshire	503	502	1	3,481	3,696	-215
New Jersey	10,146	8,830	1,316	87,513	84,749	2,764
New Mexico	1,231	1,199	32	10,745	10,831	-86
New York	17,326	14,935	2,391	130,838	127,795	3,043
North Carolina	4,907	5,638	-731	23,942	26,447	-2,505
North Dakota	824	497	327	3,545	2,338	1,207
Ohio	8,625	7,509	1,116	48,692	48,122	570
Oklahoma	2,918	1,619	1,299	18,429	19,258	-829
Oregon	4,848	4,238	610	25,830	25,495	335
Pennsylvania	16,391	14,659	1,732	106,007	99,889	6,118
Puerto Rico	1,477	1,648	-171	21,803	23,264	-1,461
Rhode Island	1,041	902	139	6,683	6,621	62
South Carolina	3,035	2,982	53	14,063	14,785	-722
South Dakota	309	303	6	1,251	1,180	71
Tennessee	2,650	2,692	-42	16,272	16,450	-178
Texas	17,954	15,832	2,122	160,399	152,512	7,887
Utah	1,547	1,314	233	8,092	7,818	274
Vermont	724	544	180	3,230	2,950	280
Virgin Islands	13	47	-34	898	908	-10
*Virginia	3,000	2,761	239	23,639	23,249	390
Washington	8,613	7,670	943	45,774	42,380	3,394
West Virginia	1,155	1,052	103	11,783	11,099	684
Wisconsin	6,299	6,019	280	27,898	25,884	2,014
Wyoming	825	498	327	4,453	4,339	114
US Total	257,973	244,942	13,031	1,761,784	1,735,639	26,145

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.

\* Denotes state staff estimate.

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
October 31, 2015	278	13	267.50	2,185	-5	2,183.50	1.6
November 7, 2015	276	-2	271.00	2,183	-2	2,182.25	1.6
November 14, 2015	275	-1	273.50	2,176	-7	2,183.50	1.6
November 21, 2015	264	-11	273.25	2,191	15	2,183.75	1.6
November 28, 2015	274	10	272.25	2,230	39	2,195.00	1.6
December 5, 2015	279	5	273.00	2,245	15	2,210.50	1.7
December 12, 2015	275	-4	273.00	2,195	-50	2,215.25	1.6
December 19, 2015	269	-6	274.25	2,212	17	2,220.50	1.6
December 26, 2015	285	16	277.00	2,226	14	2,219.50	1.6
January 2, 2016	277	-8	276.50	2,248	22	2,220.25	1.6
January 9, 2016	280	3	277.75	2,217	-31	2,225.75	1.6
January 16, 2016	291	11	283.25	2,250	33	2,235.25	1.7
January 23, 2016	275	-16	280.75	2,248	-2	2,240.75	1.6
January 30, 2016	286	11	283.00	2,234	-14	2,237.25	1.6
February 6, 2016	259	-27	277.75	2,249	15	2,245.25	1.7
February 13, 2016	260	1	270.00	2,233	-16	2,241.00	1.6
February 20, 2016	264	4	267.25	2,231	-2	2,236.75	1.6
February 27, 2016	262	-2	261.25	2,198	-33	2,227.75	1.6
March 5, 2016	253	-9	259.75	2,212	14	2,218.50	1.6
March 12, 2016	259	6	259.50	2,180	-32	2,205.25	1.6
March 19, 2016	265	6	259.75	2,172	-8	2,190.50	1.6
March 26, 2016	276	11	263.25	2,189	17	2,188.25	1.6
April 2, 2016	266	-10	266.50	2,176	-13	2,179.25	1.6
April 9, 2016	253	-13	265.00	2,135	-41	2,168.00	1.6
April 16, 2016	248	-5	260.75	2,129	-6	2,157.25	1.6
April 23, 2016	257	9	256.00	2,124	-5	2,141.00	1.6
April 30, 2016	274	17	258.00	2,165	41	2,138.25	1.6
May 7, 2016	294	20	268.25	2,153	-12	2,142.75	1.6
May 14, 2016	278	-16	275.75	2,160	7	2,150.50	1.6
May 21, 2016	268	-10	278.50	2,172	12	2,162.50	1.6
May 28, 2016	268	0	277.00	2,112	-60	2,149.25	1.5
June 4, 2016	264	-4	269.50	2,162	50	2,151.50	1.6
June 11, 2016	277	13	269.25	2,139	-23	2,146.25	1.6
June 18, 2016	258	-19	266.75	2,167	28	2,145.00	1.6
June 25, 2016	270	12	267.25	2,117	-50	2,146.25	1.5
July 2, 2016	254	-16	264.75	2,153	36	2,144.00	1.6
July 9, 2016	254	0	259.00	2,132	-21	2,142.25	1.5
July 16, 2016	252	-2	257.50	2,144	12	2,136.50	1.6
July 23, 2016	266	14	256.50	2,141	-3	2,142.50	1.6
July 30, 2016	267	1	259.75	2,160	19	2,144.25	1.6
August 6, 2016	266	-1	262.75	2,175	15	2,155.00	1.6
August 13, 2016	262	-4	265.25	2,145	-30	2,155.25	1.6
August 20, 2016	261	-1	264.00	2,157	12	2,159.25	1.6
August 27, 2016	263	2	263.00	2,142	-15	2,154.75	1.6
September 3, 2016	259	-4	261.25	2,149	7	2,148.25	1.6
September 10, 2016	260	1	260.75	2,108	-41	2,139.00	1.5
September 17, 2016	251	-9	258.25	2,064	-44	2,115.75	1.5
September 24, 2016	254	3	256.00	2,062	-2	2,095.75	1.5
October 1, 2016	246	-8	252.75	2,050	-12	2,071.00	1.5
October 8, 2016	247	1	249.50	2,054	4	2,057.50	1.5
October 15, 2016	261	14	252.00	2,040	-14	2,051.50	1.5
October 22, 2016	259	-2	253.25	2,023	-17	2,041.75	1.5
October 29, 2016	265	6	258.00	2,041	18	2,039.50	1.5
November 5, 2016	254	-11	259.75				

## Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October

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## Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 22

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2754	193	-27	17	16	19309	1.0	91	-1322	81	134	19524
Alaska	1675	232	113	8	1	9733	3.1	-34	-195	123	36	9892
Arizona	3942	-121	240	19	2	28653	1.1	-502	-791	130	145	28928
Arkansas	2203	212	-1086	6	6	13657	1.2	381	-4800	60	103	13820
California	46393	1987	-1618	214	153	316187	2.0	-3143	-11471	1984	2799	320970
Colorado	2349	-114	-288	44	39	23401	1.0	-625	-1906	119	488	24008
Connecticut	3206	311	289	5	4	32717	2.0	-246	-65	75	113	32905
Delaware	569	5	-128	3	2	4753	1.1	-66	-1333	10	17	4780
District of Columbia	378	-25	22	6	3	8171	1.5	141	-168	251	6	8428
Florida	7538	-11	-282	37	60	46553	0.6	655	-9969	171	304	47028
Georgia	6510	-773	106	48	49	31176	0.8	-328	-2612	351	441	31968
Hawaii	1145	-210	114	4	16	7136	1.2	-109	657	55	114	7305
Idaho	1431	35	29	28	3	5996	0.9	372	-436	54	35	6085
Illinois	8972	-382	-3239	19	18	90171	1.6	-825	-9742	362	343	90876
Indiana	2672	-15	-967	15	9	18804	0.6	-317	-1128	76	79	18959
Iowa	2464	136	-512	5	13	15223	1.0	591	-834	42	66	15331
Kansas	2144	291	351	11	11	10366	0.8	170	-1530	69	83	10518
Kentucky	7793	3552	4604	12	3	21170	1.2	3038	1835	237	231	21638
Louisiana	2499	57	60	1	4	23784	1.3	695	1123	66	60	23910
Maine	851	68	-222	7	1	4343	0.7	209	-480	19	15	4377
Maryland	3623	-114	-220	31	17	32652	1.3	323	-2783	335	188	33175
Massachusetts	5365	3	-340	25	15	55460	1.6	1529	-2118	308	281	56049
Michigan	7026	-1008	-3595	36	29	46026	1.1	2528	-2536	111	179	46316
Minnesota	3974	710	-195	13	5	22601	0.8	-4343	-7002	54	115	22770
Mississippi	1499	82	-494	12	1	10707	1.0	-87	-1265	71	51	10829
Missouri	7949	4154	3643	37	2	23944	0.9	450	-2263	632	95	24671
Montana	1152	-133	-240	50	1	6114	1.4	105	-467	137	33	6284
Nebraska	707	-437	-71	0	0	4300	0.5	584	-610	17	11	4328
Nevada	2269	-232	-267	16	2	20473	1.7	-182	-2957	84	112	20669
New Hampshire	502	33	-90	3	2	3696	0.6	-70	-485	12	8	3716
New Jersey	8830	-494	148	15	32	84749	2.2	234	-4150	241	418	85408
New Mexico	1199	183	-169	14	1	10831	1.4	66	-823	192	62	11085
New York	14935	-858	-1224	54	40	127795	1.4	-1678	-10228	631	608	129034
North Carolina	5638	-2384	1868	13	19	26447	0.6	2031	333	151	318	26916
North Dakota	497	88	36	3	2	2338	0.6	88	-140	10	8	2356
Ohio	7509	637	-833	21	30	48122	0.9	377	-1697	205	309	48636
Oklahoma	1619	-165	-182	8	2	19258	1.2	11	-1607	78	154	19490
Oregon	4238	408	-125	83	17	25495	1.4	844	-2498	320	155	25970
Pennsylvania	14659	301	-1958	110	47	99889	1.8	-3050	-13133	641	441	100971
Puerto Rico	1648	-96	-84	2	5	23264	2.6	-305	-6418	48	173	23485
Rhode Island	902	115	-71	3	3	6621	1.4	-76	-260	13	22	6656
South Carolina	2982	-880	-980	13	20	14785	0.8	-417	-1389	58	135	14978
South Dakota	303	56	48	2	1	1180	0.3	17	122	17	1	1198
Tennessee	2692	55	-426	9	13	16450	0.6	-476	-5415	92	132	16674
Texas	15832	524	-1134	72	167	152512	1.3	-5289	-9512	741	2285	155538
Utah	1314	78	-230	23	2	7818	0.6	173	-974	279	29	8126
Vermont	544	-74	-89	5	0	2950	1.0	168	-144	11	2	2963
Virgin Islands	47	-5	22	0	2	908	2.5	-94	-162	0	2	910
Virginia	2761	-239	-465	20	27	23249	0.6	-122	-1895	287	531	24067
Washington	7670	600	-681	87	68	42380	1.4	1772	-3799	305	746	43431
West Virginia	1052	-104	-868	1	5	11099	1.7	-123	-1765	35	57	11191
Wisconsin	6019	1432	-1698	7	8	25884	0.9	568	-5481	87	58	26029
Wyoming	498	-36	-93	5	2	4339	1.6	56	-199	34	13	4386
Totals	244942	7628	-13498	1302	1000	1735639	1.3	-4240	-138887	10572	13344	1759555

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

1. 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.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of US total covered employment is BLS.

## UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 29, 2016

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### STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MO	+4,154	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
KY	+3,552	No comment.
CA	+1,987	No comment.
WI	+1,432	No comment.

### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NC	-2,384	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, waste management and remediation service, management of companies and enterprises, and wholesale trade industries.
MI	-1,008	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.

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## 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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