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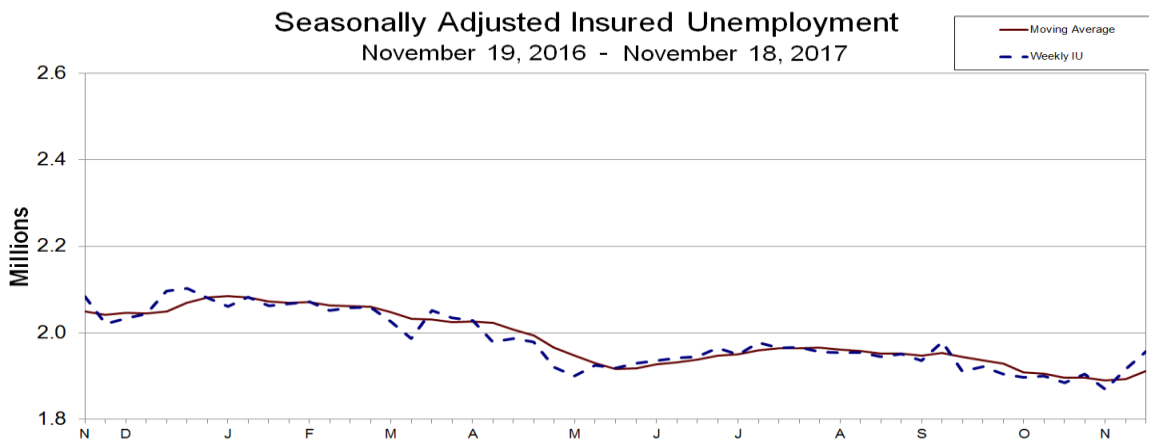
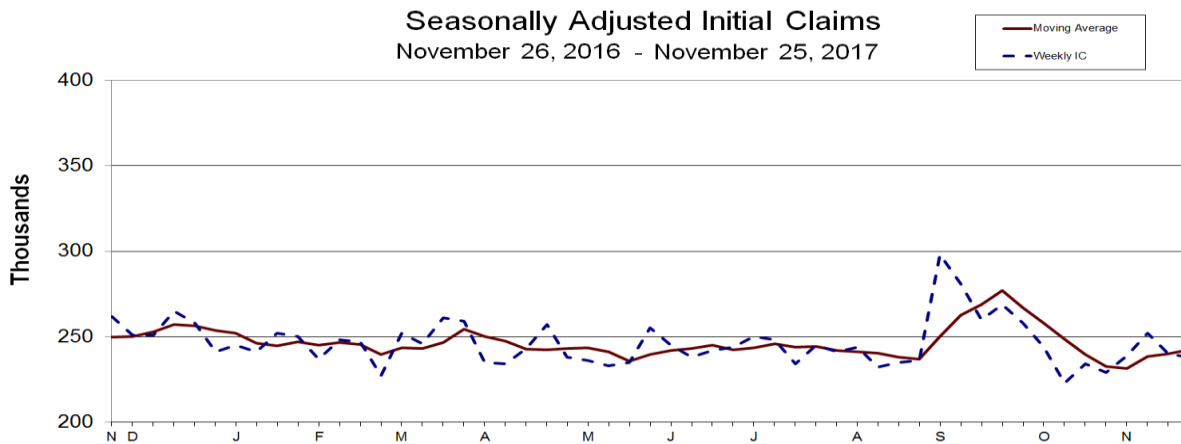
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 238,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 239,000 to 240,000. The 4-week moving average was 242,250, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 239,750 to 240,000.

Claims taking procedures continue to be disrupted in the Virgin Islands.

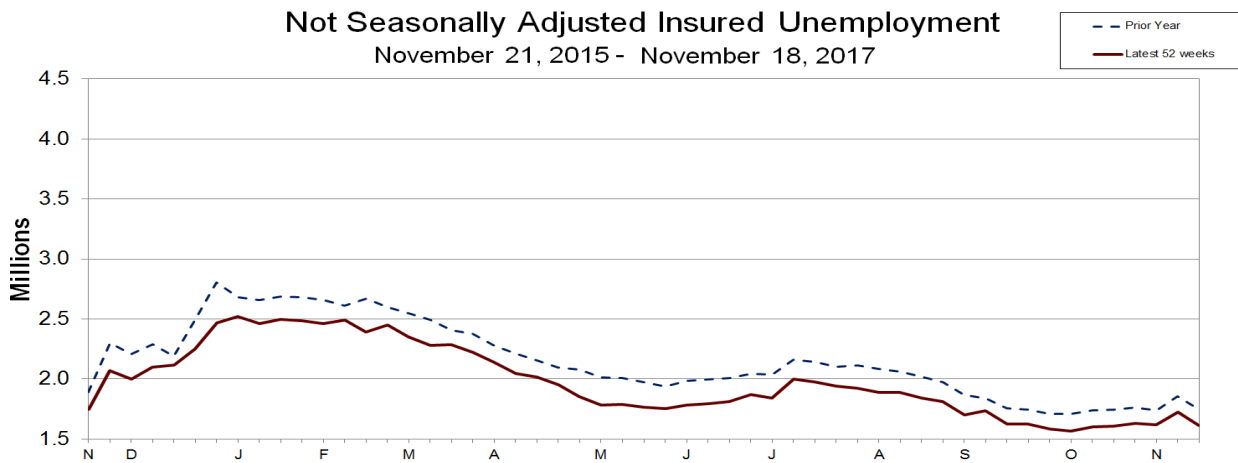
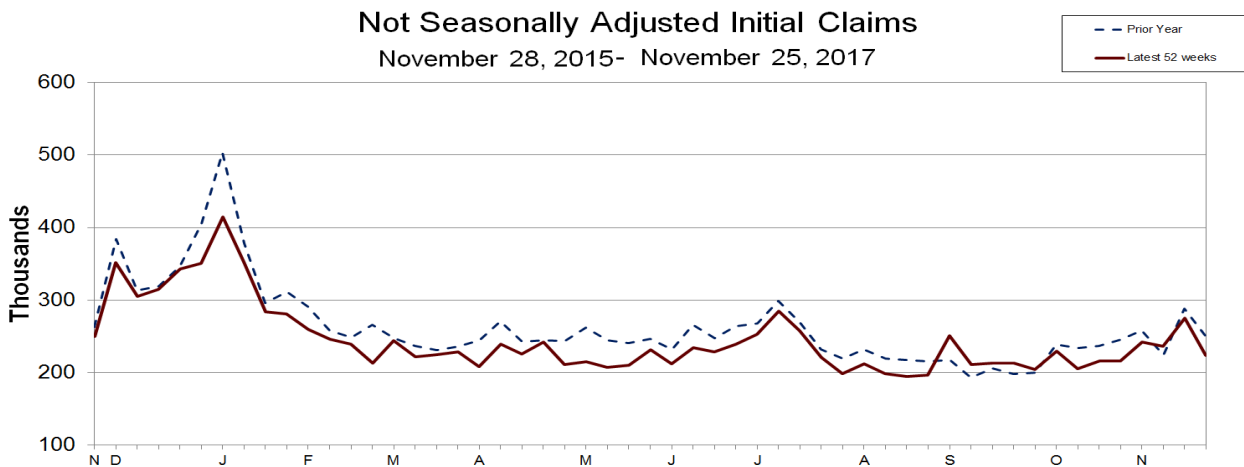
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending November 18, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 18 was 1,957,000, an increase of 42,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 11,000 from 1,904,000 to 1,915,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,911,000, an increase of 18,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,750 from 1,890,000 to 1,892,750.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,208 in the week ending November 25, a decrease of 50,760 (or -18.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 48,707 (or -17.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 249,774 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,612,663, a decrease of 110,981 (or -6.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 145,552 (or -8.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,746,231.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 11 was 1,761,201, an increase of 108,176 from the previous week. There were 1,903,834 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska during the week ending November 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,692 in the week ending November 18, an increase of 602 from the prior week. There were 723 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 41 from the preceding week.

There were 13,844 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 11, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,099, an increase of 679 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 11 were in the Virgin Islands (7.6), Puerto Rico (5.1), Alaska (3.4), New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), Montana (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), Illinois (1.6), Massachusetts (1.6), Nevada (1.6), and Washington (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 18 were in California (+6,100), Missouri (+3,904), Illinois (+3,819), Pennsylvania (+2,510), and Michigan (+2,296), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-725), Montana (-378), New York (-78), and Rhode Island (-60).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 11</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	238,000	240,000	-2,000	252,000	262,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,208	274,968	-50,760	236,592	249,774
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	242,250	240,000	+2,250	238,500	249,750
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>November 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,957,000	1,915,000	+42,000	1,868,000	2,084,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,612,663	1,723,644	-110,981	1,621,672	1,746,231
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,911,000	1,892,750	+18,250	1,889,000	2,048,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.3%	1.5%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 18</b>	<b>November 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,692	1,090	+602	1,787
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	723	682	+41	989

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 11</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,720,878	1,619,260	+101,618	1,852,220
Federal Employees	13,844	10,844	+3,000	14,576
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,099	8,420	+679	13,319
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	212	0	+212	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	6,741	6,183	+558	7,389
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	10,427	8,318	+2,109	16,330
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,761,201	1,653,025	+108,176	1,903,834

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 140,510,815 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 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,152	2,798	-646	15,874	15,947	-73
Alaska	1,539	1,695	-156	10,252	10,405	-153
Arizona	2,516	4,217	-1,701	19,880	25,027	-5,147
Arkansas	2,420	2,608	-188	11,408	12,492	-1,084
California	36,271	50,994	-14,723	260,003	324,625	-64,622
Colorado	2,073	2,438	-365	20,303	20,335	-32
Connecticut	2,501	3,796	-1,295	31,369	31,671	-302
Delaware	678	697	-19	4,863	4,751	112
District of Columbia	411	406	5	7,832	8,474	-642
Florida	4,944	8,423	-3,479	33,324	47,258	-13,934
Georgia	2,916	6,062	-3,146	22,196	27,369	-5,173
Hawaii	923	1,489	-566	7,423	7,536	-113
Idaho	2,163	1,902	261	5,869	5,585	284
Illinois	10,491	12,933	-2,442	89,182	90,591	-1,409
Indiana	2,241	2,865	-624	13,811	14,364	-553
Iowa	3,680	3,603	77	14,965	13,561	1,404
Kansas	1,810	1,823	-13	9,120	9,714	-594
Kentucky	2,659	2,631	28	15,143	16,079	-936
Louisiana	1,650	2,718	-1,068	16,479	18,379	-1,900
Maine	713	933	-220	4,701	4,618	83
Maryland	3,226	4,321	-1,095	28,657	31,749	-3,092
Massachusetts	7,329	5,547	1,782	56,612	55,015	1,597
Michigan	10,082	10,350	-268	42,451	45,148	-2,697
Minnesota	6,377	6,622	-245	38,742	35,149	3,593
Mississippi	1,031	1,518	-487	7,735	8,796	-1,061
Missouri	2,977	7,177	-4,200	22,869	21,585	1,284
Montana	1,641	1,737	-96	7,905	7,754	151
Nebraska	1,258	909	349	4,223	3,984	239
Nevada	3,308	3,297	11	19,281	20,546	-1,265
New Hampshire	451	576	-125	3,248	3,598	-350
New Jersey	10,564	10,813	-249	84,834	87,934	-3,100
New Mexico	923	1,096	-173	9,633	10,133	-500
New York	14,378	17,871	-3,493	131,612	132,415	-803
North Carolina	2,002	3,273	-1,271	18,505	20,198	-1,693
North Dakota	1,109	958	151	3,883	2,712	1,171
Ohio	8,524	8,230	294	48,525	47,187	1,338
Oklahoma	1,428	1,704	-276	13,499	13,916	-417
Oregon	3,937	5,066	-1,129	26,256	26,995	-739
Pennsylvania	17,339	17,390	-51	100,486	101,791	-1,305
Puerto Rico <sup>1M</sup>	2,965	6,972	-4,007	26,726	45,072	-18,346
Rhode Island	958	998	-40	6,633	6,472	161
South Carolina	1,642	2,742	-1,100	16,770	17,303	-533
South Dakota	274	397	-123	1,458	1,411	47
Tennessee	2,126	2,591	-465	16,453	16,916	-463
Texas	10,496	15,826	-5,330	134,325	125,798	8,527
Utah	1,223	1,593	-370	8,284	7,974	310
Vermont	1,179	661	518	3,244	3,095	149
Virgin Islands <sup>*1M</sup>	113	159	-46	954	2,826	-1,872
Virginia	2,658	3,162	-504	22,700	22,872	-172
Washington	7,628	8,618	-990	53,420	50,175	3,245
West Virginia	856	1,400	-544	9,666	9,373	293
Wisconsin	8,946	5,854	3,092	26,101	25,564	537
Wyoming	509	509	0	2,976	3,407	-431
US Total	224,208	274,968	-50,760	1,612,663	1,723,644	-110,981

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 estimate.

<sup>1</sup>Affected by Hurricane Irma.

<sup>M</sup>Affected by Hurricane Maria.

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

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,954	-2	1,960.50	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50	1,954	0	1,957.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	235	3	238.00	1,945	-9	1,952.25	1.4
August 26, 2017	236	1	236.75	1,951	6	1,951.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	298	62	250.25	1,935	-16	1,946.25	1.4
September 9, 2017	281	-17	262.50	1,979	44	1,952.50	1.4
September 16, 2017	260	-21	268.75	1,911	-68	1,944.00	1.4
September 23, 2017	269	9	277.00	1,921	10	1,936.50	1.4
September 30, 2017	258	-11	267.00	1,904	-17	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	244	-14	257.75	1,896	-8	1,908.00	1.3
October 14, 2017	223	-21	248.50	1,900	4	1,905.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	11	239.75	1,884	-16	1,896.00	1.3
October 28, 2017	229	-5	232.50	1,904	20	1,896.00	1.4
November 4, 2017	239	10	231.25	1,868	-36	1,889.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	252	13	238.50	1,915	47	1,892.75	1.4
November 18, 2017	240	-12	240.00	1,957	42	1,911.00	1.4
November 25, 2017	238	-2	242.25				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 18 INITIAL CLAIMS							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 11 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	CHANGE FROM	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM		ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE	UCX					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	
Alabama	2798	589	-10	5	4	15947	0.9	150	-3404	56	87	16090
Alaska	1695	253	-95	10	3	10405	3.4	913	-1973	189	26	10831
Arizona	4217	958	-74	25	2	25027	0.9	2095	-3030	181	88	25296
Arkansas	2608	1006	26	6	4	12492	1.1	485	-1907	65	75	12632
California	50994	6100	-2675	524	129	324625	2.0	40176	-29287	2405	1931	328961
Colorado	2438	466	-1016	43	25	20335	0.8	934	-5200	292	299	20926
Connecticut	3796	1083	-176	9	8	31671	1.9	1852	-2808	48	77	31796
Delaware	697	120	-99	2	2	4751	1.1	200	-433	20	13	4784
District of Columbia	406	37	-4	12	1	8474	1.5	17	96	385	10	8869
Florida	8423	813	728	27	48	47258	0.6	3213	2875	233	232	47723
Georgia	6062	1313	-736	30	42	27369	0.7	2237	-2502	301	273	27943
Hawaii	1489	493	120	4	10	7536	1.2	391	-108	63	100	7699
Idaho	1902	284	32	65	3	5585	0.8	634	-1478	137	15	5737
Illinois	12933	3819	-342	17	13	90591	1.6	3889	-5142	404	209	91204
Indiana	2865	228	-1428	8	6	14364	0.5	519	-5247	49	53	14466
Iowa	3603	1231	10	6	3	13561	0.9	991	-2533	53	42	13656
Kansas	1823	206	-491	12	4	9714	0.7	347	-695	141	46	9901
Kentucky	2631	412	-876	14	5	16079	0.9	358	-3024	449	135	16663
Louisiana	2718	437	-350	4	6	18379	1.0	-35	-4687	50	32	18461
Maine	933	10	-142	3	1	4618	0.8	454	-706	20	15	4653
Maryland	4321	953	-52	56	9	31749	1.3	851	-1637	373	145	32267
Massachusetts	5547	-725	-965	20	11	55015	1.6	-420	-4285	304	156	55475
Michigan	10350	2296	-232	31	16	45148	1.1	3613	-2855	184	111	45443
Minnesota	6622	192	160	23	9	35149	1.3	4612	-538	87	95	35331
Mississippi	1518	370	-315	2	1	8796	0.8	7	-2197	44	34	8874
Missouri	7177	3904	2134	29	0	21585	0.8	979	-258	540	56	22181
Montana	1737	-378	-146	76	1	7754	1.8	1287	260	301	36	8091
Nebraska	909	113	-117	4	1	3984	0.4	199	-168	14	12	4010
Nevada	3297	215	388	28	8	20546	1.6	1373	-1415	139	70	20755
New Hampshire	576	93	-56	3	0	3598	0.6	50	-330	3	4	3605
New Jersey	10813	322	-210	28	28	87934	2.2	9120	-4379	233	324	88491
New Mexico	1096	240	-195	24	4	10133	1.3	626	-1608	290	79	10502
New York	17871	-78	347	42	26	132415	1.5	3942	-5338	640	470	133525
North Carolina	3273	225	-941	11	9	20198	0.5	458	-3638	96	172	20466
North Dakota	958	202	-340	7	1	2712	0.7	616	-282	7	4	2723
Ohio	8230	1051	-1404	17	23	47187	0.9	1210	-4230	171	221	47579
Oklahoma	1704	345	-1297	5	4	13916	0.9	-906	-5370	77	111	14104
Oregon	5066	994	-737	120	12	26995	1.5	2515	-774	472	118	27585
Pennsylvania	17390	2510	-922	98	45	101791	1.8	9581	-8034	1343	363	103497
Puerto Rico	6972	282	5342	1	2	45072	5.1	4336	21832	13	32	45117
Rhode Island	998	-60	41	2	1	6472	1.4	161	-786	27	20	6519
South Carolina	2742	301	-457	5	12	17303	0.9	797	2361	90	66	17460
South Dakota	397	69	-65	3	0	1411	0.3	268	-140	22	6	1439
Tennessee	2591	428	-121	8	4	16916	0.6	57	61	411	48	17375
Texas	15826	1107	-2739	90	109	125798	1.1	-11192	-33541	1147	1439	128384
Utah	1593	238	-83	50	3	7974	0.6	384	-864	366	21	8361
Vermont	661	122	-31	1	1	3095	1.0	405	-507	9	5	3109
Virgin Islands	159	53	131	1	0	2826	7.6	1091	1880	0	0	2826
Virginia	3162	632	-578	24	28	22872	0.6	524	-448	315	401	23588
Washington	8618	1922	-335	25	26	50175	1.6	2753	2940	369	647	51191
West Virginia	1400	322	-241	6	2	9373	1.4	900	-2225	49	27	9449
Wisconsin	5854	216	-1030	17	8	25564	0.9	1294	-4157	88	27	25679
Wyoming	509	42	-162	9	0	3407	1.3	661	-1727	79	21	3507
Totals	274968	38376	-12826	1692	723	1723644	1.2	101972	-133590	13844	9099	1746799

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

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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>
CA	+6,100	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
MO	+3,904	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
IL	+3,819	Layoffs in the construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
PA	+2,510	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and construction industries.
MI	+2,296	No comment.
WA	+1,922	Layoffs in the construction industry.
GA	+1,313	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, and manufacturing industries.
IA	+1,231	Layoffs in the construction industry.
TX	+1,107	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, information, and retail trade industries.
CT	+1,083	No comment.
OH	+1,051	No comment.
AR	+1,006	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

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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.

#### [Weekly Claims Archives](#)

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