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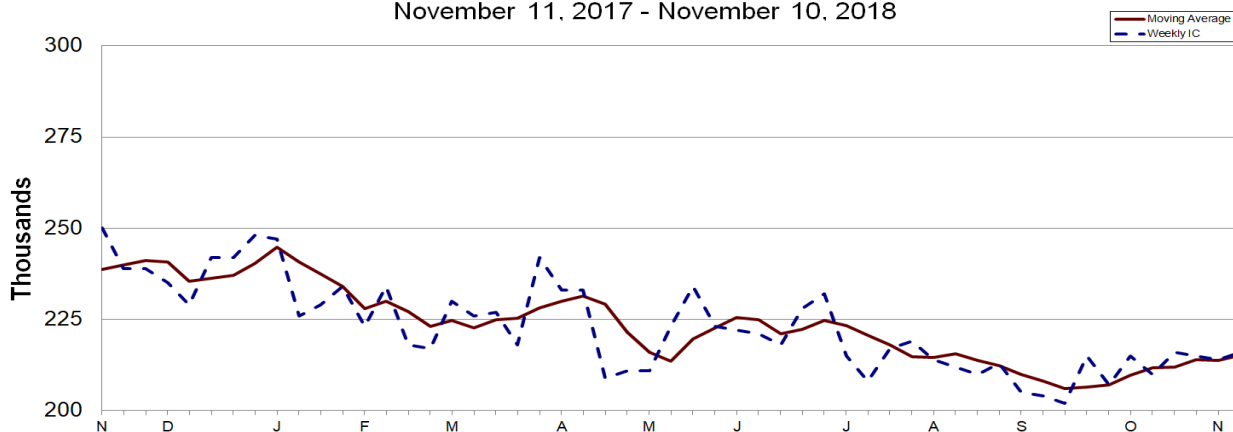
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 214,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,250, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 213,750.

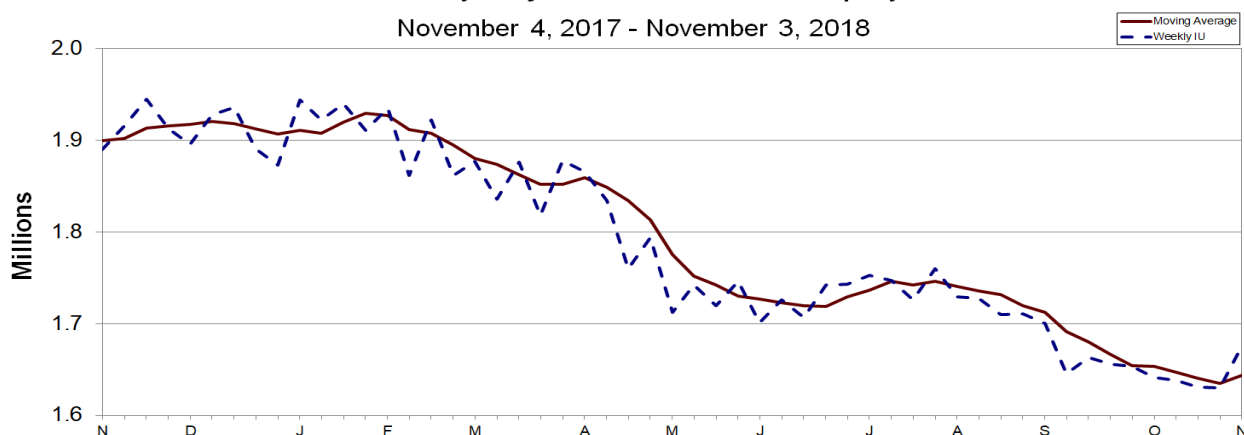
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 3, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 3 was 1,676,000, an increase of 46,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 1,623,000 to 1,630,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,643,750, an increase of 8,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 1,633,250 to 1,635,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 11, 2017 - November 10, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

November 4, 2017 - November 3, 2018



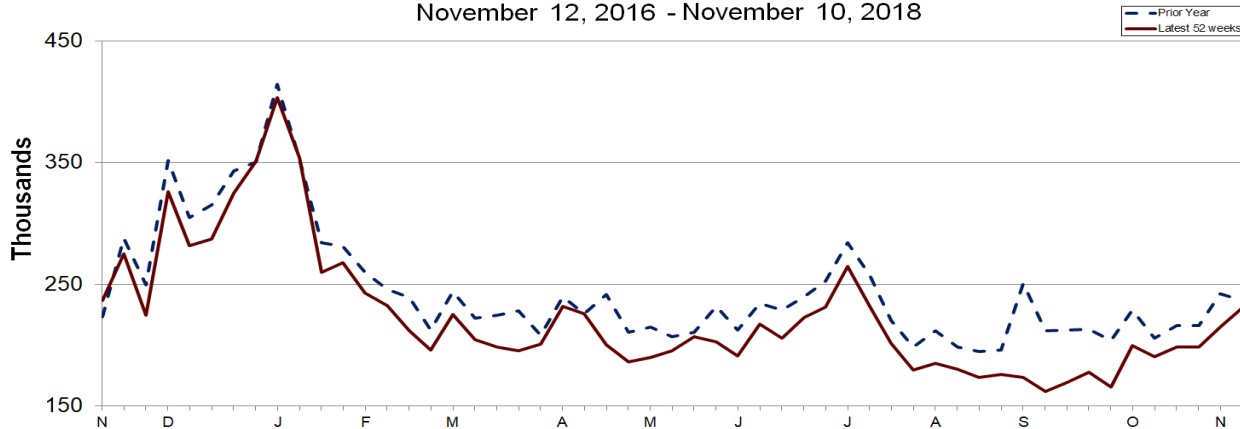
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 230,635 in the week ending November 10, an increase of 15,821 (or 7.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 14,364 (or 6.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 236,654 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending November 3, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,441,752, an increase of 49,761 (or 3.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 9,780 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,623,213.

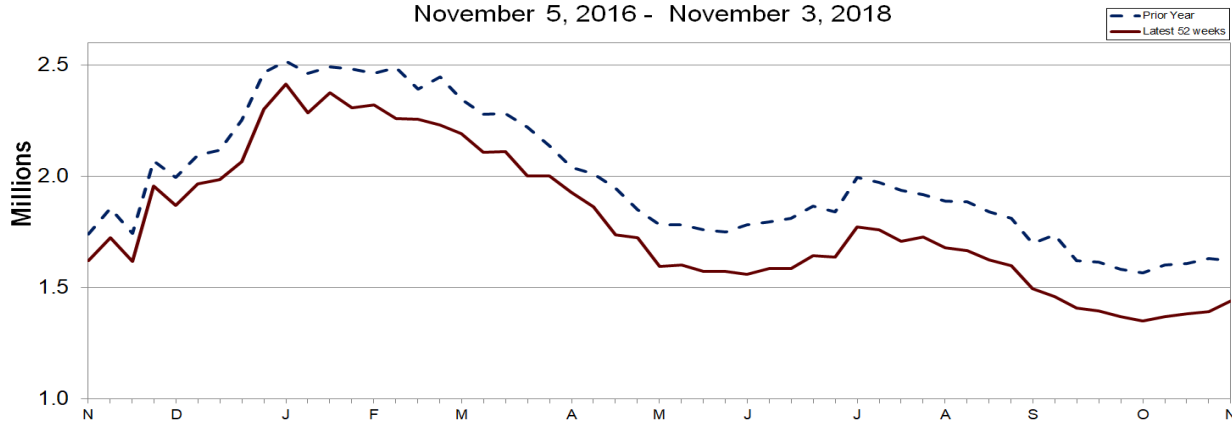
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

November 12, 2016 - November 10, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

November 5, 2016 - November 3, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 27 was 1,417,360, an increase of 9,279 from the previous week. There were 1,664,651 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,328 in the week ending November 3, an increase of 406 from the prior week. There were 603 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 97 from the preceding week.

There were 7,702 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 27, a decrease of 76 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,161, an increase of 171 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 27 were in Alaska (2.2), New Jersey (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), California (1.6), Connecticut (1.6), Pennsylvania (1.4), Virgin Islands (1.4), District of Columbia (1.3), Illinois (1.3), Nevada (1.3), Rhode Island (1.3), and Washington (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 3 were in Michigan (+4,853), California (+2,792), Pennsylvania (+2,698), Ohio (+1,731), and Washington (+1,295), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-3,245), Missouri (-2,876), Florida (-1,216), Arkansas (-524), and Georgia (-380).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 10	November 3	Change	October 27	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	214,000	+2,000	215,000	250,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	230,635	214,814	+15,821	198,530	236,654
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,250	213,750	+1,500	214,000	238,750
WEEK ENDING	November 3	October 27	Change	October 20	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,676,000	1,630,000	+46,000	1,631,000	1,890,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,441,752	1,391,991	+49,761	1,383,384	1,623,213
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,643,750	1,635,000	+8,750	1,640,750	1,900,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.3%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 3	October 27	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,328	922	+406	1,588
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	603	506	+97	784

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 27	October 20	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,390,152	1,381,828	+8,324	1,627,491
Federal Employees	7,702	7,778	-76	12,364
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,161	6,990	+171	9,061
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	0	1	-1	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	5,551	5,624	-73	6,712
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	6,794	5,860	+934	9,023
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,417,360	1,408,081	+9,279	1,664,651

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 142,513,638 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 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,086	2,342	-256	14,134	14,099	35
Alaska	1,823	1,352	471	7,586	6,750	836
Arizona	3,381	3,431	-50	19,406	22,101	-2,695
Arkansas	1,748	1,052	696	9,087	8,902	185
California*	44,623	40,888	3,735	290,850	276,927	13,923
Colorado	2,247	1,930	317	17,810	16,808	1,002
Connecticut	2,815	2,601	214	27,159	25,731	1,428
Delaware	583	585	-2	4,050	4,070	-20
District of Columbia	576	500	76	7,150	7,305	-155
Florida ^M	7,434	7,771	-337	35,159	40,238	-5,079
Georgia ^M	6,124	5,317	807	22,872	23,304	-432
Hawaii**	1,000	1,226	-226	6,550	6,695	-145
Idaho	1,296	1,347	-51	4,123	4,026	97
Illinois	10,284	9,521	763	83,706	74,233	9,473
Indiana	3,098	3,434	-336	15,266	13,817	1,449
Iowa	3,317	2,197	1,120	12,032	11,226	806
Kansas	1,894	1,368	526	7,359	7,169	190
Kentucky	2,846	1,811	1,035	14,098	14,131	-33
Louisiana	1,787	1,945	-158	12,830	15,007	-2,177
Maine	835	724	111	3,648	3,666	-18
Maryland	3,324	3,127	197	22,982	24,103	-1,121
Massachusetts	5,742	5,420	322	41,600	42,800	-1,200
Michigan	7,127	11,040	-3,913	37,747	38,068	-321
Minnesota	5,822	3,668	2,154	28,025	24,030	3,995
Mississippi	956	1,007	-51	5,852	6,461	-609
Missouri	3,476	3,028	448	19,723	20,212	-489
Montana	1,713	1,264	449	5,456	4,675	781
Nebraska	857	595	262	3,130	3,119	11
Nevada	2,873	2,466	407	15,748	16,551	-803
New Hampshire	494	451	43	2,726	2,965	-239
New Jersey	11,305	8,504	2,801	76,155	74,718	1,437
New Mexico	914	876	38	7,908	7,821	87
New York	16,961	13,279	3,682	115,685	106,978	8,707
North Carolina ^F	3,640	5,310	-1,670	18,566	19,746	-1,180
North Dakota	681	329	352	1,610	1,255	355
Ohio	7,176	7,169	7	40,440	37,993	2,447
Oklahoma	1,370	2,317	-947	12,183	11,711	472
Oregon	4,472	3,954	518	23,052	22,053	999
Pennsylvania	14,123	12,784	1,339	85,462	81,033	4,429
Puerto Rico*	1,423	1,278	145	19,798	15,369	4,429
Rhode Island	781	711	70	6,153	5,899	254
South Carolina	2,405	2,142	263	13,708	14,017	-309
South Dakota	355	230	125	857	854	3
Tennessee	2,111	2,329	-218	14,559	15,355	-796
Texas**	11,562	12,808	-1,246	102,567	100,698	1,869
Utah	1,438	1,141	297	6,820	6,632	188
Vermont	502	572	-70	2,687	2,199	488
Virgin Islands	3	18	-15	574	500	74
Virginia*	2,473	2,313	160	18,199	17,936	263
Washington	8,008	7,314	694	45,921	42,212	3,709
West Virginia	969	924	45	7,886	6,811	1,075
Wisconsin	5,321	4,521	800	20,952	19,506	1,446
Wyoming	461	583	-122	2,146	1,506	640
US Total	230,635	214,814	15,821	1,441,752	1,391,991	49,761

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 claims 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.

^F Affected by Hurricane Florence.

^M Affected by Hurricane Michael.

* Denotes state estimate.

** Denotes OUI 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	
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,742	35	1,719.00	1.2
June 30, 2018	232	4	224.75	1,743	1	1,729.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	215	-17	223.25	1,753	10	1,736.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	208	-7	220.75	1,747	-6	1,746.25	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	9	218.00	1,726	-21	1,742.25	1.2
July 28, 2018	219	2	214.75	1,760	34	1,746.50	1.2
August 4, 2018	214	-5	214.50	1,729	-31	1,740.50	1.2
August 11, 2018	212	-2	215.50	1,728	-1	1,735.75	1.2
August 18, 2018	210	-2	213.75	1,710	-18	1,731.75	1.2
August 25, 2018	213	3	212.25	1,711	1	1,719.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	205	-8	210.00	1,700	-11	1,712.25	1.2
September 8, 2018	204	-1	208.00	1,645	-55	1,691.50	1.2
September 15, 2018	202	-2	206.00	1,663	18	1,679.75	1.2
September 22, 2018	215	13	206.50	1,656	-7	1,666.00	1.2
September 29, 2018	207	-8	207.00	1,653	-3	1,654.25	1.2
October 6, 2018	215	8	209.75	1,641	-12	1,653.25	1.2
October 13, 2018	210	-5	211.75	1,638	-3	1,647.00	1.1
October 20, 2018	216	6	212.00	1,631	-7	1,640.75	1.1
October 27, 2018	215	-1	214.00	1,630	-1	1,635.00	1.1
November 3, 2018	214	-1	213.75	1,676	46	1,643.75	1.2
November 10, 2018	216	2	215.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 3

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 27

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2342	470	-163	12	10	14099	0.7	164	-1619	53	78	14230
Alaska	1352	128	-294	10	2	6750	2.2	150	-2111	109	17	6876
Arizona	3431	-12	-728	28	3	22101	0.8	-578	-2655	154	56	22311
Arkansas	1052	-524	-863	3	5	8902	0.8	-661	-3054	47	40	8989
California	40888	2792	-2765	321	100	276927	1.6	-4086	-35972	1460	1590	279977
Colorado	1930	57	-267	32	21	16808	0.7	-486	-3057	119	235	17162
Connecticut	2601	251	-155	5	4	25731	1.6	50	-4289	59	73	25863
Delaware	585	111	-49	3	1	4070	0.9	386	-791	18	2	4090
District of Columbia	500	-12	50	18	2	7305	1.3	45	-962	272	7	7584
Florida	7771	-1216	-825	28	36	40238	0.5	4359	-6835	147	142	40527
Georgia	5317	-380	-598	23	35	23304	0.5	-923	-3232	144	210	23658
Hawaii	1226	-159	-13	7	12	6695	1.1	-126	-793	57	58	6810
Idaho	1347	369	-6	46	4	4026	0.6	193	-632	57	13	4096
Illinois	9521	-3245	-935	9	8	74233	1.3	2841	-12784	336	196	74765
Indiana	3434	934	910	4	5	13817	0.5	123	155	26	27	13870
Iowa	2197	299	-117	5	1	11226	0.7	-319	-1702	28	24	11278
Kansas	1368	99	-374	2	1	7169	0.5	-143	-2220	39	31	7239
Kentucky	1811	82	-452	12	3	14131	0.8	-378	-1780	69	98	14298
Louisiana	1945	-12	-376	4	5	15007	0.8	622	-3811	46	14	15067
Maine	724	70	-114	4	0	3666	0.6	201	-231	15	12	3693
Maryland	3127	-83	-880	15	8	24103	1.0	-237	-6683	241	113	24457
Massachusetts	5420	590	-582	22	7	42800	1.2	1150	-11638	91	129	43020
Michigan	11040	4853	345	38	8	38068	0.9	3307	-4964	121	94	38283
Minnesota	3668	578	-1141	13	5	24030	0.8	775	-2873	60	60	24150
Mississippi	1007	-47	-201	5	0	6461	0.6	199	-2410	28	22	6511
Missouri	3028	-2876	-483	30	4	20212	0.7	2544	-1419	316	52	20580
Montana	1264	367	-674	87	5	4675	1.0	178	-899	136	28	4839
Nebraska	595	79	-122	4	2	3119	0.3	-71	-609	24	8	3151
Nevada	2466	473	-301	20	4	16551	1.3	-31	-2383	79	54	16684
New Hampshire	451	12	-81	3	1	2965	0.5	47	-561	5	3	2973
New Jersey	8504	741	-911	14	17	74718	1.9	701	-6115	222	253	75193
New Mexico	876	-10	-183	26	1	7821	1.0	191	-1118	209	50	8080
New York	13279	725	-1645	36	29	106978	1.2	597	-16581	305	354	107637
North Carolina	5310	902	2228	17	21	19746	0.5	-620	160	76	88	19910
North Dakota	329	112	-270	2	1	1255	0.3	19	-624	15	3	1273
Ohio	7169	1731	-1138	16	20	37993	0.7	570	-5978	118	174	38285
Oklahoma	2317	1067	-296	10	8	11711	0.8	-77	-2045	60	80	11851
Oregon	3954	531	-219	101	8	22053	1.2	367	-2216	240	67	22360
Pennsylvania	12784	2698	-1633	65	27	81033	1.4	-1903	-13594	426	281	81740
Puerto Rico	1278	0	-7003	1	3	15369	1.8	176	-22266	39	62	15470
Rhode Island	711	-64	-175	2	0	5899	1.3	107	-326	44	18	5961
South Carolina	2142	-42	-158	2	12	14017	0.7	-406	-2611	38	97	14152
South Dakota	230	39	-75	9	1	854	0.2	21	-222	16	2	872
Tennessee	2329	335	-91	12	11	15355	0.5	120	-2331	84	102	15541
Texas	12808	607	-2129	62	96	100698	0.8	-2667	-23429	766	1289	102753
Utah	1141	178	-232	52	3	6632	0.5	-51	-686	91	14	6737
Vermont	572	213	-105	0	0	2199	0.7	79	-354	7	5	2211
Virgin Islands	18	-2	-214	0	0	500	1.4	-126	-2164	6	0	506
Virginia	2313	29	-505	10	17	17936	0.5	154	-4646	180	210	18326
Washington	7314	1295	614	46	22	42212	1.3	1345	-4001	279	500	42991
West Virginia	924	76	-123	7	1	6811	1.0	130	-1500	35	23	6869
Wisconsin	4521	935	-788	12	3	19506	0.7	579	-3246	71	0	19577
Wyoming	583	140	8	13	0	1506	0.6	6	-1162	19	3	1528
Totals	214814	16284	-27297	1328	603	1391991	1.0	8607	-239869	7702	7161	1406854

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 U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 3, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+4,853	Layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
CA	+2,792	Layoffs in the service industry.
PA	+2,698	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, and art, entertainment, and recreation industries.
OH	+1,731	Layoffs in the manufacturing industries.
WA	+1,295	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, real estate and rental and leasing, art, entertainment, and recreation, and public administration industries.
OK	+1,067	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-3,245	No comment.
MO	-2,876	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, and accommodation and food service industries.
FL	-1,216	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.

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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