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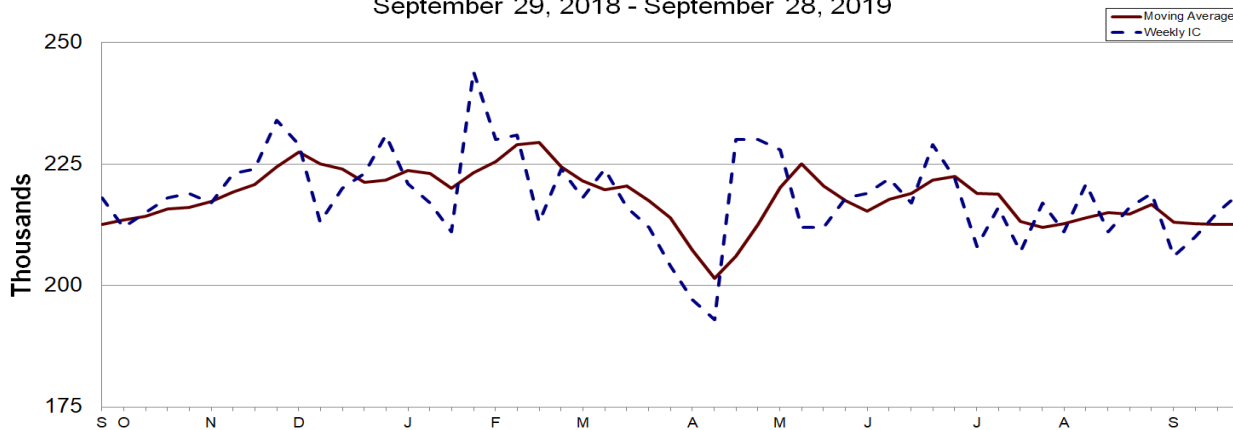
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

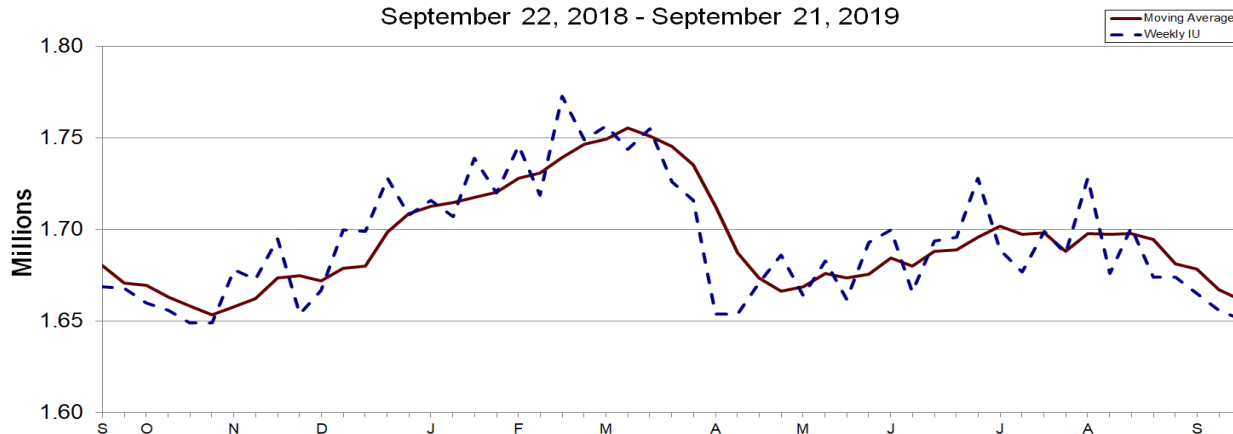
In the week ending September 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 219,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 213,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 212,500, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 212,000 to 212,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending September 21, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 21 was 1,651,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 6,000 from 1,650,000 to 1,656,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,661,500, a decrease of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,500 from 1,665,750 to 1,667,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
September 29, 2018 - September 28, 2019



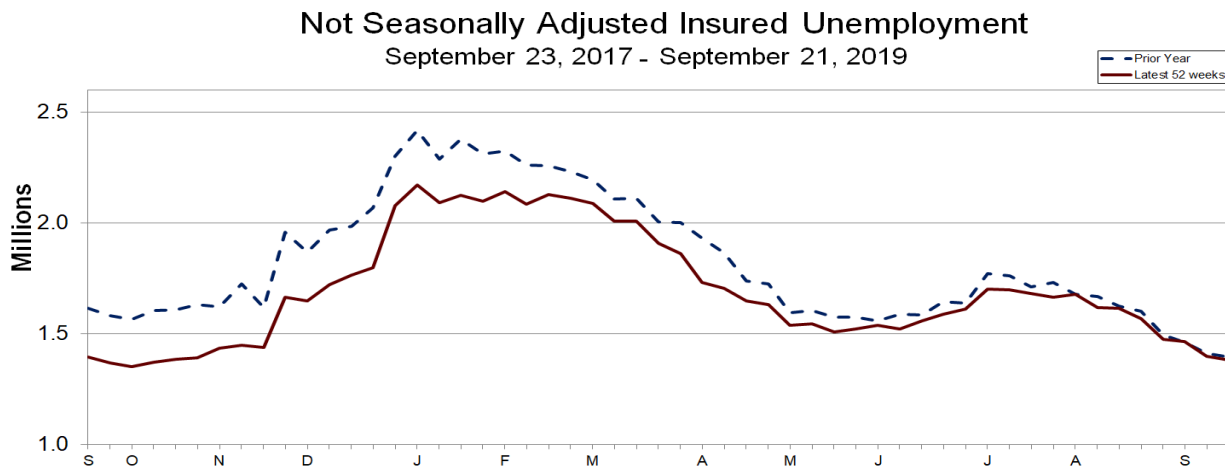
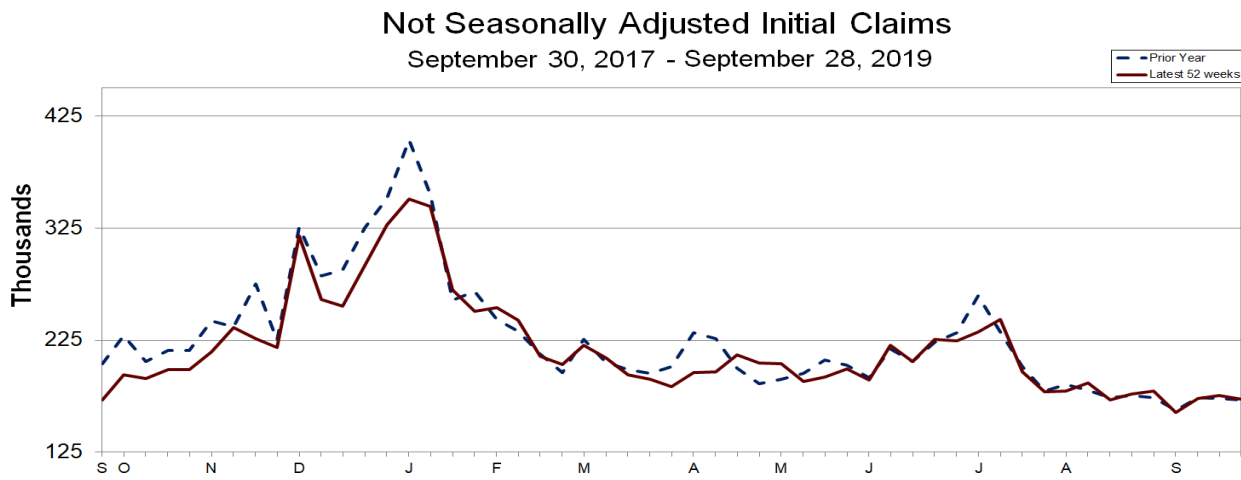
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
September 22, 2018 - September 21, 2019



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 172,018 in the week ending September 28, a decrease of 3,360 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,869 (or -3.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 171,816 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending September 21, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,380,426, a decrease of 19,116 (or -1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,906 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,395,338.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 14 was 1,423,845, a decrease of 64,756 from the previous week. There were 1,435,132 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending September 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 570 in the week ending September 21, an increase of 15 from the prior week. There were 499 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 31 from the preceding week.

There were 6,561 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 14, an increase of 104 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,722, an increase of 14 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 14 were in Puerto Rico (2.0), New Jersey (1.8), California (1.6), Connecticut (1.6), Alaska (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.4), Illinois (1.3), and Massachusetts (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 21 were in Michigan (+4,258), Kansas (+1,475), Missouri (+1,224), Tennessee (+1,191), and Indiana (+796), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,777), Georgia (-946), South Carolina (-854), New Jersey (-737), and Florida (-571).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	219,000	215,000	+4,000	210,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	172,018	175,378	-3,360	173,117	171,816
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	212,500	212,500	0	212,750	212,500
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,651,000	1,656,000	-5,000	1,665,000	1,669,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,380,426	1,399,542	-19,116	1,465,536	1,395,338
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,661,500	1,667,250	-5,750	1,678,500	1,680,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.0%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	570	555	+15	606
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	499	530	-31	562

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,397,224	1,462,775	-65,551	1,409,141
Federal Employees	6,561	6,457	+104	7,332
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,722	5,708	+14	7,503
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,076	5,205	-129	5,413
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	9,262	8,456	+806	5,743
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,423,845</b>	<b>1,488,601</b>	<b>-64,756</b>	<b>1,435,132</b>

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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 144,199,701 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 benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,752	1,999	-247	14,031	15,060	-1,029
Alaska	1,069	808	261	4,622	4,720	-98
Arizona	3,510	3,681	-171	20,661	24,362	-3,701
Arkansas	1,202	1,296	-94	9,003	10,201	-1,198
California	33,650	35,161	-1,511	284,549	279,176	5,373
Colorado	1,454	1,418	36	15,762	15,379	383
Connecticut	2,035	2,248	-213	26,508	26,123	385
Delaware	468	438	30	3,942	3,734	208
District of Columbia	441	407	34	6,129	6,444	-315
Florida	5,144	5,972	-828	35,966	39,151	-3,185
Georgia	4,361	4,262	99	22,896	24,252	-1,356
Hawaii	1,042	936	106	6,191	6,300	-109
Idaho	649	661	-12	3,021	3,432	-411
Illinois	6,846	6,538	308	75,707	76,349	-642
Indiana	2,460	2,797	-337	13,431	12,826	605
Iowa	2,425	1,738	687	12,312	12,103	209
Kansas	1,231	2,602	-1,371	7,605	6,843	762
Kentucky	2,316	2,236	80	14,932	16,015	-1,083
Louisiana	1,480	1,653	-173	12,322	14,515	-2,193
Maine	367	382	-15	2,908	2,965	-57
Maryland	2,390	2,453	-63	20,515	23,068	-2,553
Massachusetts	3,681	3,774	-93	44,118	44,821	-703
Michigan	7,310	7,831	-521	31,583	33,799	-2,216
Minnesota	2,528	2,650	-122	22,893	22,327	566
Mississippi	833	867	-34	6,231	7,353	-1,122
Missouri	3,063	3,646	-583	16,428	15,719	709
Montana	700	617	83	3,315	3,557	-242
Nebraska	370	441	-71	2,229	2,561	-332
Nevada	1,977	1,887	90	15,076	16,327	-1,251
New Hampshire	336	356	-20	2,381	2,654	-273
New Jersey	6,612	6,718	-106	73,061	73,417	-356
New Mexico	694	681	13	7,246	7,356	-110
New York	11,018	10,840	178	103,819	104,676	-857
North Carolina	3,014	3,104	-90	17,160	18,589	-1,429
North Dakota	236	205	31	1,571	1,528	43
Ohio	7,066	4,887	2,179	36,138	36,878	-740
Oklahoma	1,444	1,660	-216	13,732	14,395	-663
Oregon	3,280	3,637	-357	22,450	22,522	-72
Pennsylvania	10,014	9,521	493	86,210	85,657	553
Puerto Rico	739	1,031	-292	15,933	17,073	-1,140
Rhode Island	536	662	-126	5,527	5,574	-47
South Carolina	1,892	1,916	-24	12,820	13,265	-445
South Dakota	128	124	4	804	846	-42
Tennessee	2,830	3,295	-465	15,825	15,831	-6
Texas	12,346	12,440	-94	114,254	115,497	-1,243
Utah	907	856	51	5,667	5,868	-201
Vermont	238	236	2	1,949	1,799	150
Virgin Islands	11	34	-23	476	472	4
Virginia	2,292	2,158	134	17,519	17,251	268
Washington	5,498	5,319	179	41,785	40,830	955
West Virginia	851	865	-14	9,128	7,823	1,305
Wisconsin	2,995	3,151	-156	18,530	18,955	-425
Wyoming	287	283	4	1,555	1,304	251
US Total	172,018	175,378	-3,360	1,380,426	1,399,542	-19,116

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.

## 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	
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,687	-12	1,688.00	1.2
August 3, 2019	211	-6	212.75	1,728	41	1,697.75	1.2
August 10, 2019	221	10	214.00	1,676	-52	1,697.50	1.2
August 17, 2019	211	-10	215.00	1,701	25	1,698.00	1.2
August 24, 2019	216	5	214.75	1,674	-27	1,694.75	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	3	216.75	1,674	0	1,681.25	1.2
September 7, 2019	206	-13	213.00	1,665	-9	1,678.50	1.2
September 14, 2019	210	4	212.75	1,656	-9	1,667.25	1.1
September 21, 2019	215	5	212.50	1,651	-5	1,661.50	1.1
September 28, 2019	219	4	212.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 21					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 14					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	1999	-82	38	10	3	15060	0.8	-250	294	87	44	15191
Alaska	808	92	-139	6	1	4720	1.5	210	-588	50	10	4780
Arizona	3681	38	406	6	1	24362	0.9	-1064	-1673	62	58	24482
Arkansas	1296	-53	166	4	3	10201	0.9	-608	795	38	36	10275
California	35161	511	798	125	101	279176	1.6	-6388	-3059	1250	1363	281789
Colorado	1418	-49	-187	3	7	15379	0.6	-218	-1251	79	135	15593
Connecticut	2248	-249	128	1	7	26123	1.6	-699	-679	31	43	26197
Delaware	438	-22	-65	1	0	3734	0.8	-100	-53	8	10	3752
District of Columbia	407	-26	28	7	2	6444	1.1	-281	-832	256	8	6708
Florida	5972	-571	71	28	31	39151	0.5	-1561	-661	144	131	39426
Georgia	4262	-946	-155	30	25	24252	0.6	-965	717	169	165	24586
Hawaii	936	-205	-281	2	9	6300	1.0	-23	-175	38	55	6393
Idaho	661	24	-97	0	4	3432	0.5	-152	-1	11	12	3455
Illinois	6538	-76	356	9	4	76349	1.3	-10003	595	273	175	76797
Indiana	2797	796	787	6	2	12826	0.4	-300	40	22	21	12869
Iowa	1738	46	310	5	0	12103	0.8	-202	607	38	15	12156
Kansas	2602	1475	1387	0	2	6843	0.5	-523	-702	28	20	6891
Kentucky	2236	361	497	2	3	16015	0.9	-407	-1934	206	65	16286
Louisiana	1653	-153	-183	5	3	14515	0.8	-277	-1270	48	13	14576
Maine	382	-32	-3	0	1	2965	0.5	-1	-502	18	16	2999
Maryland	2453	-151	-322	21	3	23068	0.9	-587	-2252	248	67	23383
Massachusetts	3774	-254	-189	12	11	44821	1.3	-2302	1620	95	83	44999
Michigan	7831	4258	3293	13	5	33799	0.8	-1824	-2248	75	62	33936
Minnesota	2650	-14	368	5	4	22327	0.8	-377	147	35	56	22418
Mississippi	867	-115	46	2	2	7353	0.7	-77	606	40	29	7422
Missouri	3646	1224	1216	1	4	15719	0.6	-199	-1782	82	28	15829
Montana	617	-60	25	10	3	3557	0.8	-1	124	46	9	3612
Nebraska	441	-7	-73	1	3	2561	0.3	-462	-561	8	6	2575
Nevada	1887	-168	-64	1	1	16327	1.2	-587	-1335	33	40	16400
New Hampshire	356	30	-14	0	0	2654	0.4	-131	-371	2	4	2660
New Jersey	6718	-737	-404	23	19	73417	1.8	-10517	-3005	168	174	73759
New Mexico	681	-42	18	13	1	7356	0.9	-110	-340	67	44	7467
New York	10840	-1777	-975	28	24	104676	1.1	-14132	-5584	284	299	105259
North Carolina	3104	-68	-6980	11	20	18589	0.4	-216	-541	106	113	18808
North Dakota	205	-47	4	3	1	1528	0.4	-129	214	16	5	1549
Ohio	4887	321	648	13	18	36878	0.7	-471	-1177	96	117	37091
Oklahoma	1660	141	444	8	2	14395	0.9	44	2636	41	61	14497
Oregon	3637	-230	287	16	13	22522	1.2	93	1163	105	79	22706
Pennsylvania	9521	-515	-253	49	20	85657	1.5	-6294	-95	415	192	86264
Puerto Rico	1031	-104	59	3	3	17073	2.0	201	3076	150	88	17311
Rhode Island	662	-73	-5	0	2	5574	1.2	-109	-608	24	16	5614
South Carolina	1916	-854	-1927	1	9	13265	0.6	-1032	-1833	42	59	13366
South Dakota	124	-27	-12	1	0	846	0.2	21	89	24	2	872
Tennessee	3295	1191	1506	11	7	15831	0.5	-417	-139	53	58	15942
Texas	12440	167	1446	50	76	115497	1.0	-395	8419	989	1004	117490
Utah	856	-36	46	8	1	5868	0.4	114	-647	62	13	5943
Vermont	236	-4	-31	0	1	1799	0.6	-105	-341	4	0	1803
Virgin Islands	34	-14	-20	0	0	472	1.4	22	30	6	8	486
Virginia	2158	-78	-202	5	13	17251	0.5	-592	-1395	139	143	17533
Washington	5319	-109	260	7	18	40830	1.2	-59	1852	177	422	41429
West Virginia	865	-62	229	0	5	7823	1.2	-15	1239	27	24	7874
Wisconsin	3151	-443	113	2	0	18955	0.7	-1456	84	36	18	19009
Wyoming	283	39	49	2	1	1304	0.5	-81	26	10	4	1318
Totals	175378	2261	2448	570	499	1399542	1.0	-65994	-13261	6561	5722	1411825

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

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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>
MI	+4,258	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KS	+1,475	No comment.
MO	+1,224	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
TN	+1,191	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, professional, scientific and technical service, and retail trade industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NY	-1,777	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and information industries.

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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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