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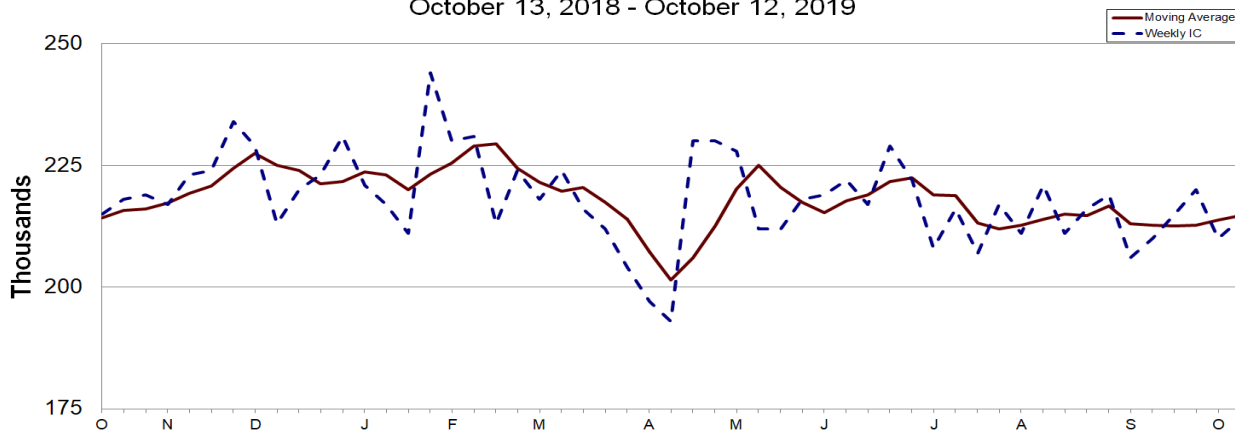
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

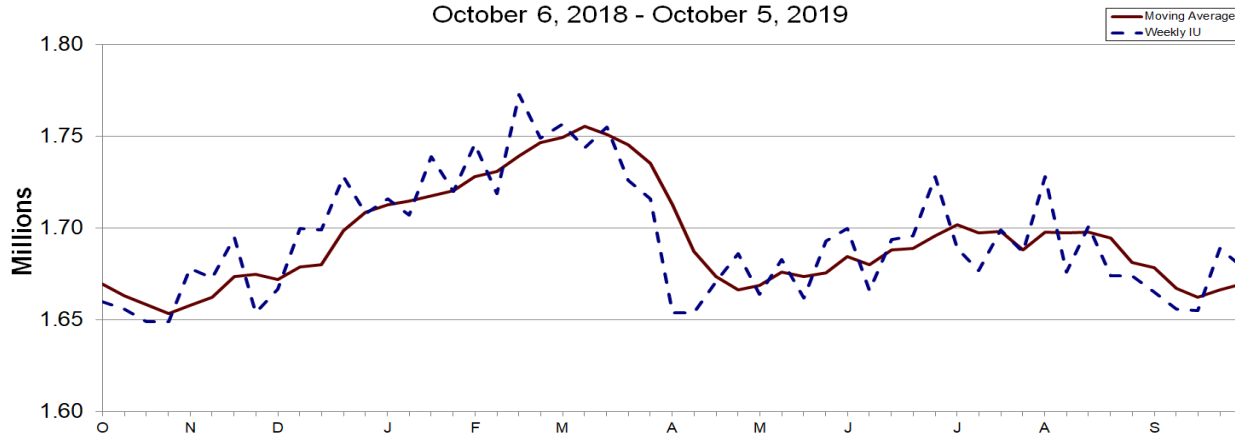
In the week ending October 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 210,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,750, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 213,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 5, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 5 was 1,679,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,684,000 to 1,689,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,669,750, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,665,000 to 1,666,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 13, 2018 - October 12, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 6, 2018 - October 5, 2019



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 197,841 in the week ending October 12, an increase of 9,749 (or 5.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,101 (or 3.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 190,501 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending October 5, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,366,919, a decrease of 25,157 (or -1.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 16,894 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,350,834.

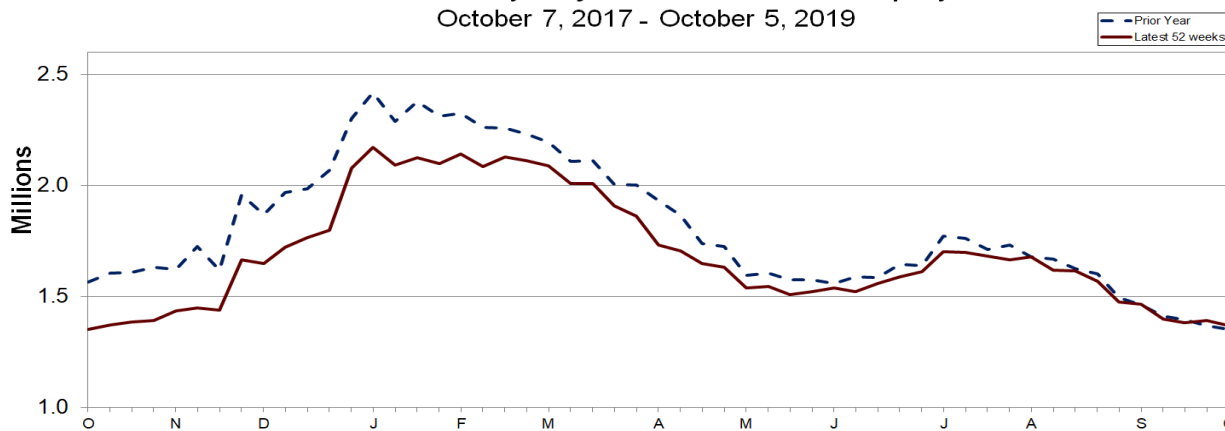
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

October 14, 2017 - October 12, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

October 7, 2017 - October 5, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 28 was 1,415,521, an increase of 8,213 from the previous week. There were 1,395,133 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 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 926 in the week ending October 5, an increase of 366 from the prior week. There were 671 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 148 from the preceding week.

There were 6,634 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 28, an increase of 230 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,847, an increase of 105 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 28 were in Puerto Rico (2.0), New Jersey (1.8), Alaska (1.7), California (1.6), Connecticut (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.4), and Massachusetts (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 5 were in Illinois (+1,672), Texas (+1,455), New Jersey (+1,022), New York (+1,001), and Washington (+790), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-889), Michigan (-603), Tennessee (-44), Delaware (-31), and Iowa (-17).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 12	October 5	Change	September 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	210,000	+4,000	220,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	197,841	188,092	+9,749	172,968	190,501
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,750	213,750	+1,000	212,750	214,250
WEEK ENDING	October 5	September 28	Change	September 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,679,000	1,689,000	-10,000	1,655,000	1,660,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,366,919	1,392,076	-25,157	1,383,345	1,350,834
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,669,750	1,666,250	+3,500	1,662,500	1,669,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.1%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1	1.0%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 5	September 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	926	560	+366	987
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	671	523	+148	759

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 28	September 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,390,061	1,380,667	+9,394	1,368,742
Federal Employees	6,634	6,404	+230	6,894
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,847	5,742	+105	7,263
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	2
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,190	5,462	-272	5,468
STC / Workshare ⁵	7,789	9,033	-1,244	6,764
TOTAL	1,415,521	1,407,308	+8,213	1,395,133

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 144,758,990 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 October 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,001	2,057	-56	13,799	14,607	-808
Alaska	1,478	856	622	4,986	5,203	-217
Arizona	3,695	3,775	-80	19,639	23,284	-3,645
Arkansas	1,339	1,884	-545	8,961	9,598	-637
California	40,636	33,326	7,310	266,381	276,630	-10,249
Colorado	2,034	1,967	67	15,450	15,426	24
Connecticut	2,516	2,308	208	25,851	25,387	464
Delaware	527	460	67	3,967	3,991	-24
District of Columbia	523	480	43	6,144	6,323	-179
Florida	5,710	6,072	-362	33,462	37,855	-4,393
Georgia	4,923	4,843	80	22,755	24,335	-1,580
Hawaii	1,170	1,268	-98	6,185	6,000	185
Idaho	784	712	72	3,153	3,418	-265
Illinois	7,575	8,465	-890	74,207	72,490	1,717
Indiana	2,902	2,672	230	13,935	13,636	299
Iowa	2,347	2,228	119	12,852	12,539	313
Kansas	1,275	1,318	-43	7,209	7,417	-208
Kentucky	2,544	2,421	123	15,014	15,963	-949
Louisiana	1,822	1,961	-139	11,901	14,153	-2,252
Maine	478	414	64	3,064	2,960	104
Maryland*	2,437	2,664	-227	20,763	21,003	-240
Massachusetts	4,618	4,378	240	43,630	45,073	-1,443
Michigan	7,121	6,803	318	39,030	41,252	-2,222
Minnesota	3,050	2,795	255	23,517	22,020	1,497
Mississippi	944	956	-12	6,044	7,140	-1,096
Missouri	3,084	3,427	-343	16,817	17,954	-1,137
Montana	1,215	1,078	137	3,894	3,668	226
Nebraska	641	383	258	2,537	2,282	255
Nevada	2,575	2,351	224	15,463	15,863	-400
New Hampshire	365	416	-51	2,421	2,640	-219
New Jersey	7,601	7,721	-120	72,609	71,660	949
New Mexico	811	948	-137	7,446	7,398	48
New York**	12,652	11,894	758	106,776	103,069	3,707
North Carolina	3,093	3,766	-673	17,329	18,629	-1,300
North Dakota	374	312	62	1,632	1,249	383
Ohio	5,874	6,159	-285	39,185	38,600	585
Oklahoma	2,540	1,692	848	13,622	14,545	-923
Oregon	3,542	3,492	50	22,205	21,865	340
Pennsylvania	11,162	10,561	601	84,745	83,132	1,613
Puerto Rico**	1,247	1,448	-201	14,793	16,812	-2,019
Rhode Island	891	571	320	5,247	5,238	9
South Carolina	2,063	2,359	-296	12,692	13,277	-585
South Dakota	138	185	-47	776	804	-28
Tennessee	3,065	2,880	185	16,894	18,120	-1,226
Texas	14,308	14,146	162	109,682	113,493	-3,811
Utah	986	1,022	-36	5,664	5,814	-150
Vermont	295	279	16	1,970	1,836	134
Virgin Islands	20	52	-32	438	486	-48
Virginia**	2,386	2,340	46	17,607	16,840	767
Washington	6,699	6,096	603	42,126	40,842	1,284
West Virginia	1,431	1,222	209	9,731	8,319	1,412
Wisconsin	3,895	3,773	122	19,093	18,508	585
Wyoming	439	436	3	1,626	1,430	196
US Total	197,841	188,092	9,749	1,366,919	1,392,076	-25,157

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.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

**Denotes state 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 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	1,655	-1	1,662.50	1.1
September 28, 2019	220	5	212.75	1,689	34	1,666.25	1.2
October 5, 2019	210	-10	213.75	1,679	-10	1,669.75	1.2
October 12, 2019	214	4	214.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 5					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 28					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2057	178	-179	9	13	14607	0.8	-80	164	87	45	14739
Alaska	856	-10	-66	16	0	5203	1.7	473	-447	60	8	5271
Arizona	3775	18	-9	21	5	23284	0.8	-327	-1175	76	42	23402
Arkansas	1884	538	120	8	5	9598	0.8	-183	724	40	38	9676
California	33326	100	-4689	185	107	276630	1.6	-1251	1954	1383	1375	279388
Colorado	1967	538	23	15	14	15426	0.6	143	-1048	89	147	15662
Connecticut	2308	278	151	13	4	25387	1.5	-270	-644	30	54	25471
Delaware	460	-31	-53	3	5	3991	0.9	277	335	10	10	4011
District of Columbia	480	83	-80	18	0	6323	1.1	-36	-770	257	9	6589
Florida	6072	684	-994	25	28	37855	0.4	-1620	269	158	143	38156
Georgia	4843	309	-485	24	19	24335	0.6	380	234	175	186	24696
Hawaii	1268	235	-87	3	12	6000	1.0	108	-287	51	56	6107
Idaho	712	58	-179	6	4	3418	0.5	42	-87	10	10	3438
Illinois	8465	1672	406	9	16	72490	1.2	-2387	270	292	145	72927
Indiana	2672	353	750	2	6	13636	0.5	685	1065	27	24	13687
Iowa	2228	-17	308	2	1	12539	0.8	488	1188	35	12	12586
Kansas	1318	112	45	1	2	7417	0.5	-226	312	33	25	7475
Kentucky	2421	48	362	2	1	15963	0.9	458	1554	227	82	16272
Louisiana	1961	349	-3	6	5	14153	0.7	99	-917	56	10	14219
Maine	414	47	-43	0	0	2960	0.5	50	-306	9	15	2984
Maryland	2664	99	-213	16	10	21003	0.8	-1823	-3400	172	62	21237
Massachusetts	4378	706	-25	16	12	45073	1.3	425	3126	91	101	45265
Michigan	6803	-603	-47	27	8	41252	1.0	8655	3304	70	55	41377
Minnesota	2795	355	84	3	6	22020	0.8	186	-323	44	53	22117
Mississippi	956	6	135	2	1	7140	0.6	44	709	43	28	7211
Missouri	3427	224	586	13	6	17954	0.7	1450	451	95	27	18076
Montana	1078	346	173	31	5	3668	0.8	269	69	50	12	3730
Nebraska	383	19	-783	0	0	2282	0.2	45	-787	5	4	2291
Nevada	2351	552	277	8	2	15863	1.2	-9	-776	40	40	15943
New Hampshire	416	43	44	0	2	2640	0.4	-25	-327	4	4	2648
New Jersey	7721	1022	-183	22	18	71660	1.8	-393	-2407	187	195	72042
New Mexico	948	249	56	54	2	7398	0.9	-57	-115	76	44	7518
New York	11894	1001	-806	22	19	103069	1.1	-327	-1224	313	305	103687
North Carolina	3766	624	-5514	15	24	18629	0.4	236	-2737	109	99	18837
North Dakota	312	115	80	1	1	1249	0.3	-40	30	10	3	1262
Ohio	6159	-889	1218	12	16	38600	0.7	2205	1391	95	124	38819
Oklahoma	1692	69	445	4	3	14545	0.9	159	2945	55	57	14657
Oregon	3492	206	-209	79	17	21865	1.2	-584	1099	93	70	22028
Pennsylvania	10561	535	636	72	37	83132	1.4	-1923	1624	364	180	83676
Puerto Rico	1448	628	-15	7	6	16812	2.0	379	3418	148	93	17053
Rhode Island	571	41	-123	4	1	5238	1.1	-175	-346	14	14	5266
South Carolina	2359	389	-810	9	9	13277	0.6	158	-1937	33	63	13373
South Dakota	185	38	26	0	0	804	0.2	0	32	21	2	827
Tennessee	2880	-44	584	6	10	18120	0.6	1350	2511	64	101	18285
Texas	14146	1455	2166	65	148	113493	0.9	1569	11218	863	1017	115373
Utah	1022	95	-27	28	2	5814	0.4	-99	-656	47	10	5871
Vermont	279	30	-51	1	0	1836	0.6	16	-267	7	0	1843
Virgin Islands	52	31	2	0	0	486	1.5	12	42	6	12	504
Virginia	2340	211	-241	10	12	16840	0.5	-300	-1206	149	167	17156
Washington	6096	790	153	20	34	40842	1.2	101	2646	190	411	41443
West Virginia	1222	321	620	1	5	8319	1.2	334	1684	26	34	8379
Wisconsin	3773	780	474	7	5	18508	0.7	17	375	38	18	18564
Wyoming	436	138	146	3	3	1430	0.5	53	205	7	6	1443
Totals	188092	15124	-5844	926	671	1392076	1.0	8731	22759	6634	5847	1404557

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 OCTOBER 5, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+1,672	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
TX	+1,455	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, retail trade, wholesale trade, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
NJ	+1,022	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, accommodation and food service, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries.
NY	+1,001	No comment.

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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