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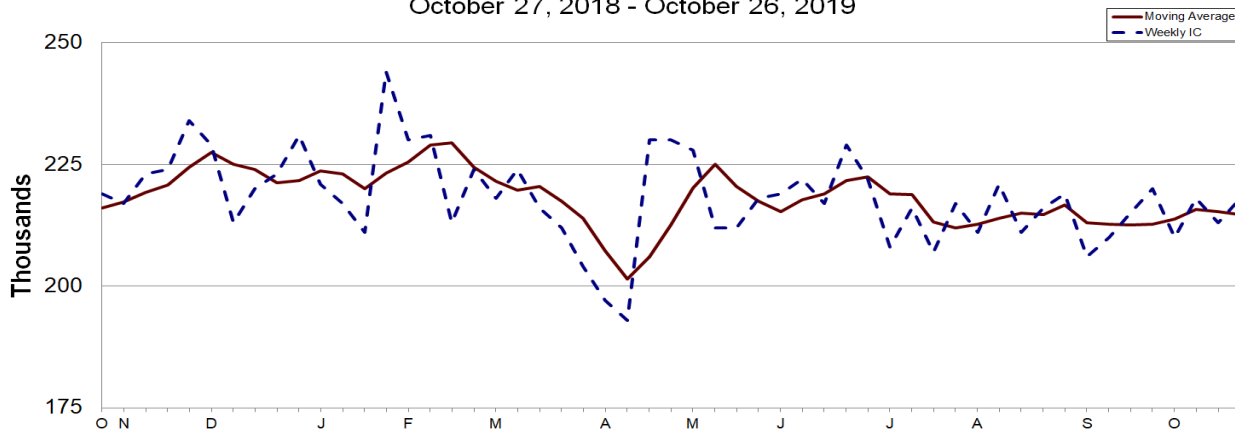
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

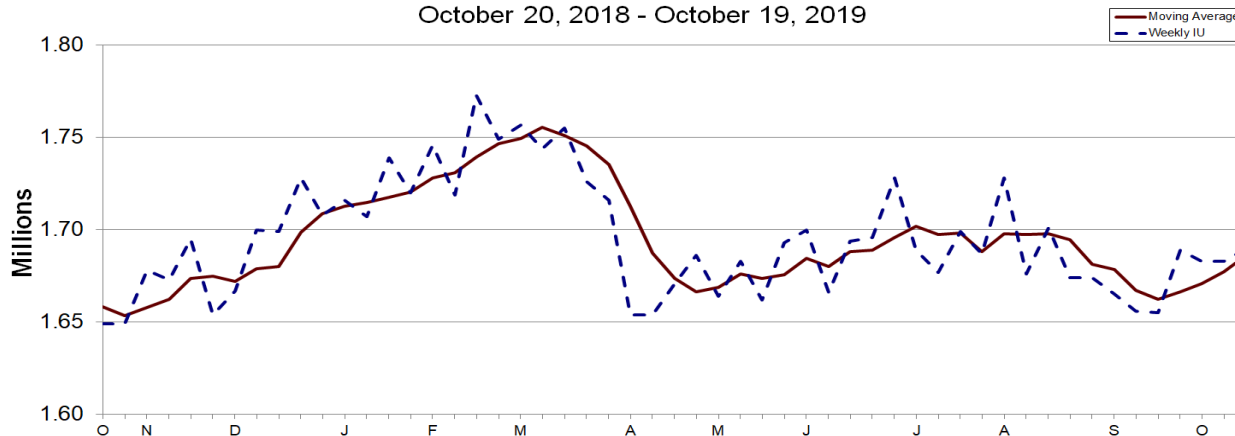
In the week ending October 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 212,000 to 213,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,750, a decrease of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 215,000 to 215,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 19, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 19 was 1,690,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,682,000 to 1,683,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,686,250, an increase of 8,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,677,250 to 1,677,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
October 27, 2018 - October 26, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
October 20, 2018 - October 19, 2019

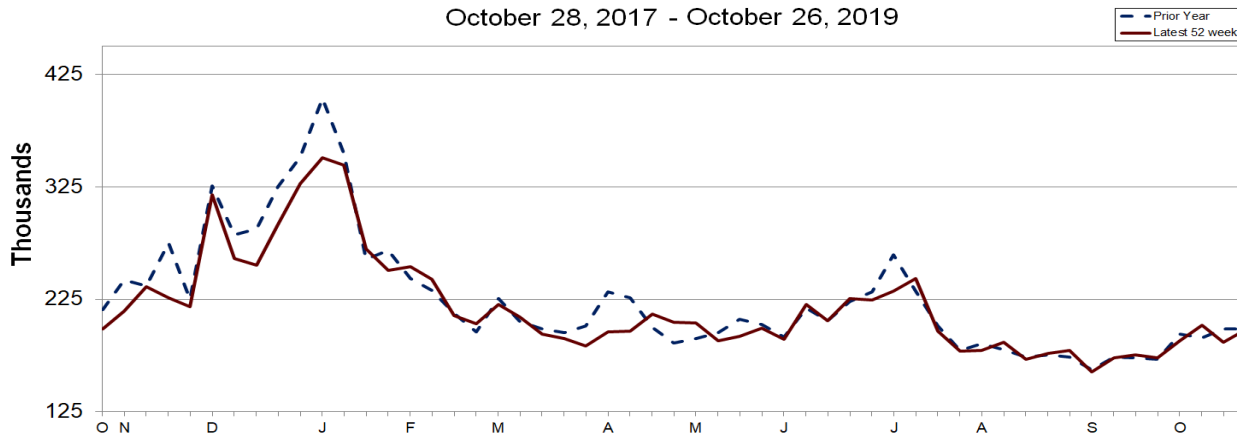


**UNADJUSTED DATA**

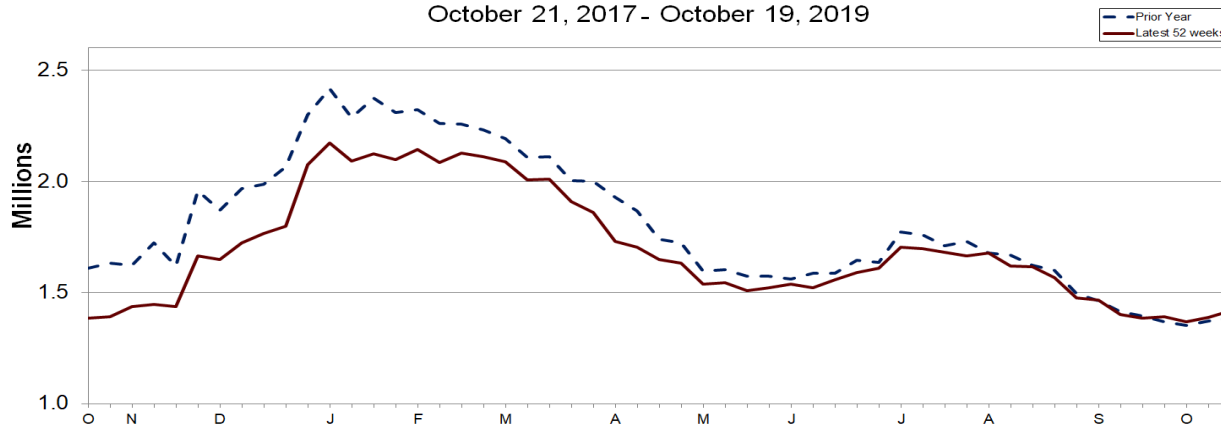
The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,140 in the week ending October 26, an increase of 11,406 (or 6.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,380 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 198,530 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending October 19, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,418,272, an increase of 31,442 (or 2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 25,246 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,383,438.

**Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims**  
October 28, 2017 - October 26, 2019



**Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment**  
October 21, 2017 - October 19, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 12 was 1,411,709, an increase of 17,736 from the previous week. There were 1,396,470 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 October 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 916 in the week ending October 19, an increase of 83 from the prior week. There were 472 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 86 from the preceding week.

There were 6,903 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 12, an increase of 326 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,850, an increase of 341 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 12 were in Puerto Rico (2.0), Alaska (1.8), New Jersey (1.8), California (1.5), Connecticut (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.4), Illinois (1.3), Washington (1.3), and West Virginia (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 19 were in Oregon (+418), Ohio (+358), Iowa (+179), North Carolina (+155), and Hawaii (+148), while the largest decreases were in New York (-2,931), Texas (-1,284), Michigan (-1,087), Oklahoma (-1,052), and California (-991).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	213,000	+5,000	218,000	219,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,140	186,734	+11,406	201,663	198,530
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,750	215,250	-500	215,750	216,000
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 5</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,690,000	1,683,000	+7,000	1,683,000	1,649,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,418,272	1,386,830	+31,442	1,369,873	1,383,438
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,686,250	1,677,500	+8,750	1,670,750	1,658,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	0.9%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	916	833	+83	1,009
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	472	558	-86	623

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<b>October 5</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,384,208	1,366,996	+17,212	1,368,489
Federal Employees	6,903	6,577	+326	7,441
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,850	5,509	+341	7,237
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,084	5,327	-243	5,365
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	9,664	9,564	+100	7,938
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,411,709</b>	<b>1,393,973</b>	<b>+17,736</b>	<b>1,396,470</b>

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 26			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,810	1,703	107	13,559	14,490	-931
Alaska	1,372	1,005	367	6,155	5,629	526
Arizona	3,639	3,510	129	19,103	21,911	-2,808
Arkansas	1,427	1,404	23	9,098	9,830	-732
California	41,508	39,191	2,317	286,794	258,717	28,077
Colorado	1,862	1,879	-17	16,779	15,647	1,132
Connecticut	2,307	2,237	70	26,458	25,285	1,173
Delaware	548	525	23	4,147	3,783	364
District of Columbia	447	434	13	6,074	6,275	-201
Florida	5,077	5,451	-374	32,514	36,987	-4,473
Georgia	6,052	4,431	1,621	24,084	24,134	-50
Hawaii	1,145	1,298	-153	5,986	6,284	-298
Idaho	878	883	-5	3,359	3,525	-166
Illinois	8,366	7,551	815	76,077	75,028	1,049
Indiana	2,219	2,116	103	14,167	13,234	933
Iowa	3,234	2,296	938	12,907	12,359	548
Kansas	1,442	1,132	310	7,137	7,269	-132
Kentucky	2,060	2,359	-299	15,752	15,598	154
Louisiana	1,586	1,792	-206	11,755	13,383	-1,628
Maine	660	419	241	3,248	2,938	310
Maryland	2,653	2,488	165	20,647	21,081	-434
Massachusetts	4,747	4,139	608	43,617	43,830	-213
Michigan	5,428	6,180	-752	43,914	46,200	-2,286
Minnesota	3,574	2,836	738	24,646	22,621	2,025
Mississippi	860	1,084	-224	6,169	6,954	-785
Missouri	2,666	2,698	-32	17,347	17,598	-251
Montana	983	964	19	4,463	4,444	19
Nebraska	556	510	46	2,478	2,146	332
Nevada	2,017	2,085	-68	15,011	16,617	-1,606
New Hampshire	435	350	85	2,450	2,676	-226
New Jersey	7,900	7,482	418	74,356	71,216	3,140
New Mexico	925	843	82	7,527	7,581	-54
New York	13,289	12,110	1,179	108,124	105,927	2,197
North Carolina	3,187	3,377	-190	17,744	18,711	-967
North Dakota	526	326	200	1,766	1,311	455
Ohio	7,402	6,262	1,140	40,167	39,564	603
Oklahoma	1,530	1,622	-92	14,080	15,535	-1,455
Oregon	3,690	3,973	-283	23,082	22,485	597
Pennsylvania	11,457	10,922	535	87,161	82,898	4,263
Puerto Rico	932	970	-38	16,236	17,194	-958
Rhode Island	710	655	55	5,467	5,258	209
South Carolina	1,972	1,988	-16	12,863	13,356	-493
South Dakota	178	174	4	838	792	46
Tennessee	2,164	3,046	-882	17,700	18,737	-1,037
Texas	12,998	13,058	-60	113,273	113,394	-121
Utah	1,055	913	142	5,753	5,842	-89
Vermont	359	392	-33	2,106	1,830	276
Virgin Islands	28	30	-2	484	492	-8
Virginia	4,069	2,202	1,867	17,131	16,768	363
Washington	6,648	6,254	394	44,525	42,101	2,424
West Virginia	1,231	1,137	94	10,809	8,899	1,910
Wisconsin	3,920	3,536	384	19,487	18,962	525
Wyoming	412	512	-100	1,698	1,504	194
US Total	198,140	186,734	11,406	1,418,272	1,386,830	31,442

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	
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	1,683	-6	1,670.75	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	8	215.75	1,683	0	1,677.50	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,690	7	1,686.25	1.2
October 26, 2019	218	5	214.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 19							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 12				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	1703	-458	-1079	8	8	14490	0.8	60	-578	90	56	14636
Alaska	1005	-179	-143	10	2	5629	1.8	535	-294	83	12	5724
Arizona	3510	-406	-74	16	7	21911	0.8	-379	-1705	96	41	22048
Arkansas	1404	-95	-198	3	2	9830	0.8	118	757	43	36	9909
California	39191	-991	-592	173	72	258717	1.5	-1680	-11632	1346	1299	261362
Colorado	1879	-123	-84	27	15	15647	0.6	681	-707	97	132	15876
Connecticut	2237	-294	-205	3	6	25285	1.5	116	-678	35	53	25373
Delaware	525	-25	60	2	1	3783	0.9	59	111	9	14	3806
District of Columbia	434	-46	-137	16	0	6275	1.1	29	-973	245	5	6525
Florida	5451	-531	-5221	20	25	36987	0.4	104	-269	167	146	37300
Georgia	4431	-669	-3715	19	20	24134	0.6	382	-1325	165	168	24467
Hawaii	1298	148	-524	2	8	6284	1.0	374	-360	49	64	6397
Idaho	883	57	-26	18	1	3525	0.5	-15	-256	28	12	3565
Illinois	7551	8	54	12	9	75028	1.3	1570	280	283	152	75463
Indiana	2116	-633	-119	2	4	13234	0.4	-160	882	20	26	13280
Iowa	2296	179	83	5	3	12359	0.8	-306	702	35	14	12408
Kansas	1132	-113	-248	2	1	7269	0.5	71	-498	35	19	7323
Kentucky	2359	-277	736	0	0	15598	0.8	-45	1277	233	90	15921
Louisiana	1792	-277	-197	9	3	13383	0.7	-37	-1238	58	14	13455
Maine	419	-61	-110	1	0	2938	0.5	-84	-397	9	14	2961
Maryland	2488	-371	-449	11	5	21081	0.8	23	-2813	186	62	21329
Massachusetts	4139	-421	-183	12	3	43830	1.2	-338	3347	85	96	44011
Michigan	6180	-1087	1210	45	6	46200	1.1	5746	9937	99	58	46357
Minnesota	2836	-117	-583	7	4	22621	0.8	-283	-1280	46	53	22720
Mississippi	1084	-16	93	5	2	6954	0.6	86	703	44	26	7024
Missouri	2698	-542	-357	5	2	17598	0.6	323	48	101	28	17727
Montana	964	-272	35	48	7	4444	1.0	454	278	93	23	4560
Nebraska	510	-116	-123	3	0	2146	0.2	457	-1322	5	5	2156
Nevada	2085	-365	-147	12	4	16617	1.2	337	101	40	49	16706
New Hampshire	350	-41	-48	1	1	2676	0.4	-30	-270	6	2	2684
New Jersey	7482	-224	-599	12	11	71216	1.8	-313	-2418	174	194	71584
New Mexico	843	18	89	27	1	7581	1.0	-25	-3	160	52	7793
New York	12110	-2931	-526	24	22	105927	1.1	-416	413	261	298	106486
North Carolina	3377	155	-1898	26	25	18711	0.4	216	-1905	102	102	18915
North Dakota	326	58	90	5	0	1311	0.3	-6	19	6	2	1319
Ohio	6262	358	1250	11	17	39564	0.7	138	2437	85	118	39767
Oklahoma	1622	-1052	368	6	3	15535	1.0	956	3860	49	49	15633
Oregon	3973	418	217	67	9	22485	1.2	160	1064	169	76	22730
Pennsylvania	10922	-235	653	63	15	82898	1.4	-651	2440	412	177	83487
Puerto Rico	970	-504	-599	4	4	17194	2.0	356	2782	159	94	17447
Rhode Island	655	-235	-198	2	3	5258	1.1	160	-535	18	13	5289
South Carolina	1988	-169	-394	6	5	13356	0.6	319	-1337	36	62	13454
South Dakota	174	18	-28	6	0	792	0.2	7	-129	22	2	816
Tennessee	3046	-140	961	14	9	18737	0.6	871	2613	45	59	18841
Texas	13058	-1284	636	63	89	113394	0.9	5489	12736	854	1082	115330
Utah	913	-71	-8	30	4	5842	0.4	63	-843	61	11	5914
Vermont	392	84	1	1	0	1830	0.6	0	-303	7	0	1837
Virgin Islands	30	1	-5	0	0	492	1.5	56	42	6	4	502
Virginia	2202	-253	-167	8	8	16768	0.5	-98	-1221	141	167	17076
Washington	6254	-146	147	33	15	42101	1.3	1074	2251	227	454	42782
West Virginia	1137	-345	301	0	4	8899	1.3	413	2282	23	39	8961
Wisconsin	3536	-352	-48	5	6	18962	0.7	-79	-114	49	20	19031
Wyoming	512	36	49	6	1	1504	0.6	99	88	6	6	1516
Totals	186734	-14929	-11999	916	472	1386830	1.0	16957	16047	6903	5850	1399583

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 19, 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>
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None

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
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NY	-2,931	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and public administration industries.
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TX	-1,284	No comment.
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MI	-1,087	No comment.
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OK	-1,052	No comment.
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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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