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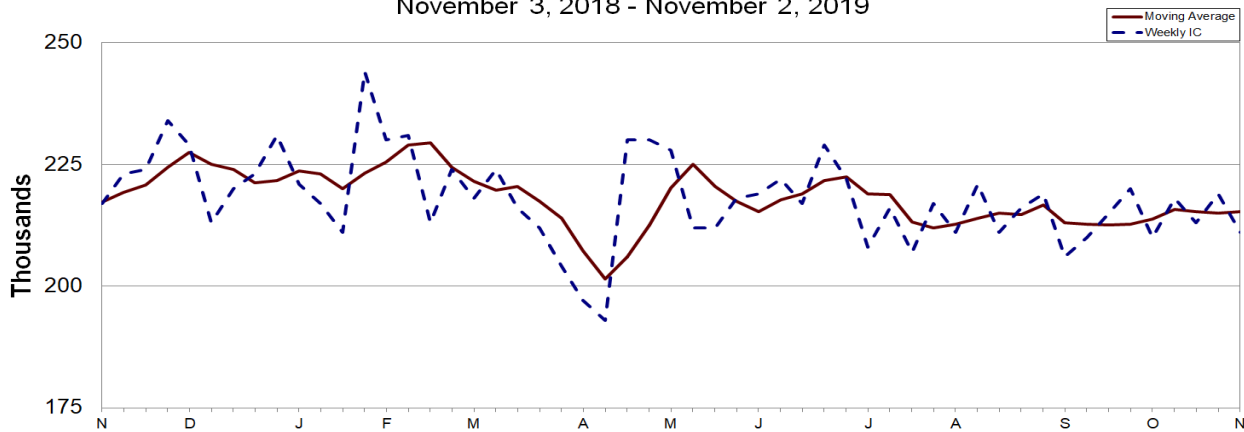
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

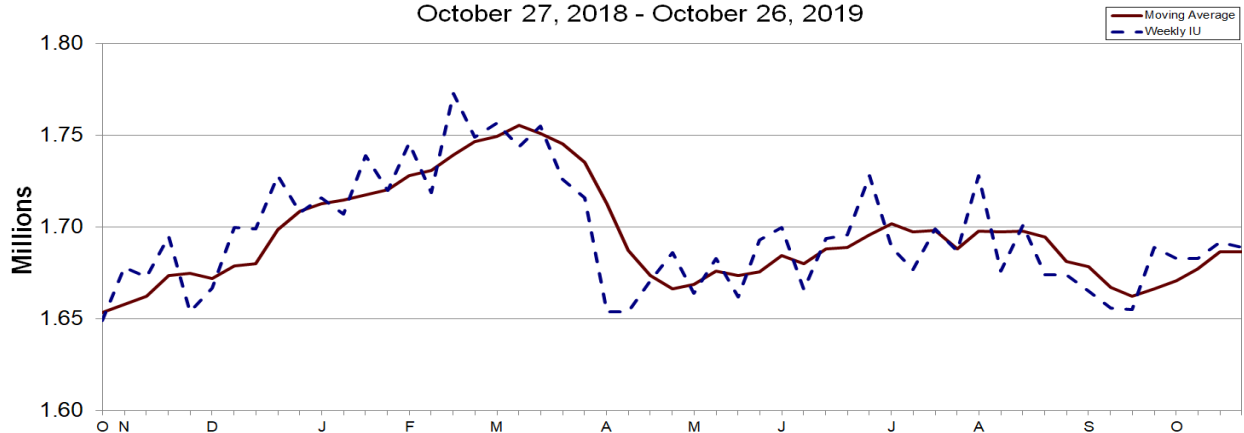
In the week ending November 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 211,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 218,000 to 219,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,250, an increase of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 214,750 to 215,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 26, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 26 was 1,689,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,690,000 to 1,692,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,686,750, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 1,686,250 to 1,686,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 3, 2018 - November 2, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 27, 2018 - October 26, 2019



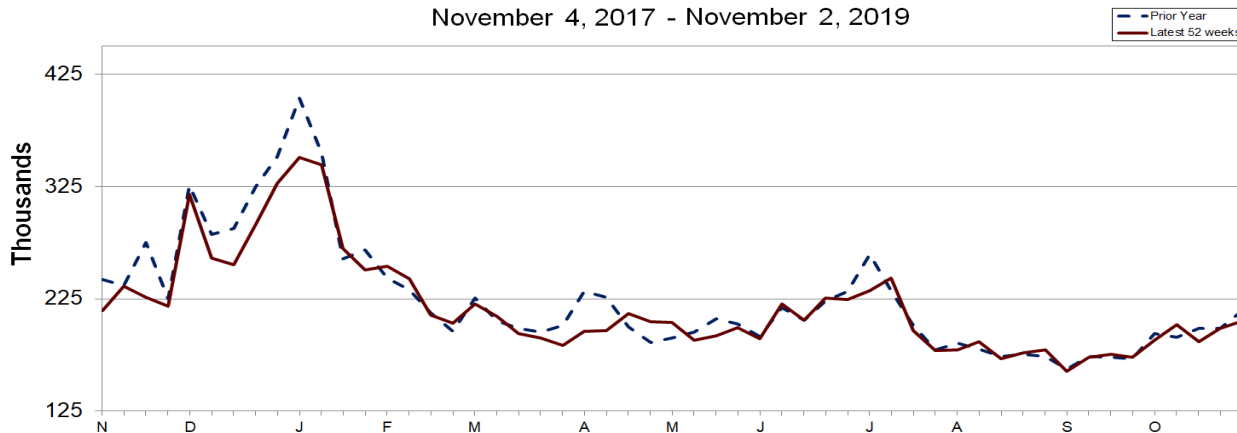
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 205,459 in the week ending November 2, an increase of 6,740 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 14,225 (or 7.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 214,814 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending October 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,420,499, an increase of 1,025 (or 0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,384 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,392,026.

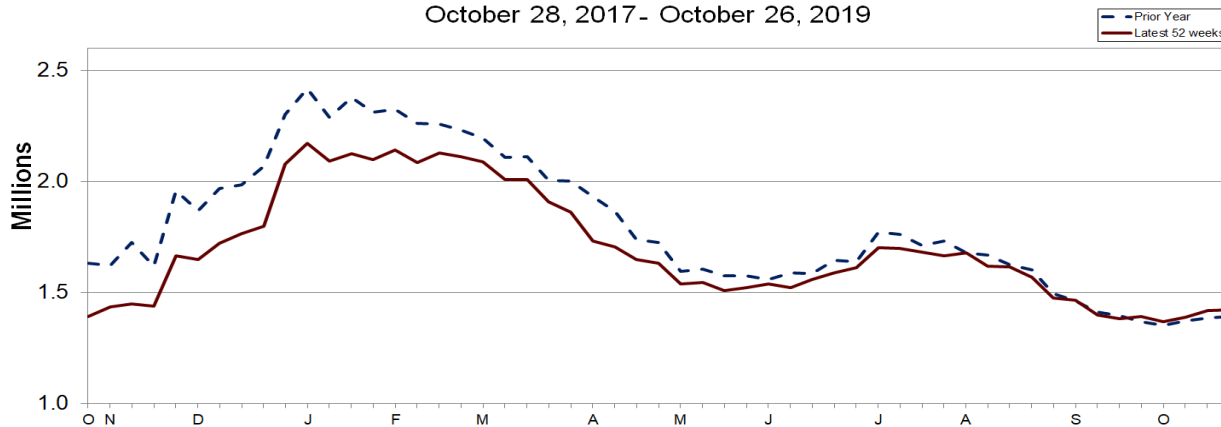
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

November 4, 2017 - November 2, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

October 28, 2017 - October 26, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 19 was 1,444,904, an increase of 33,176 from the previous week. There were 1,408,081 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 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 964 in the week ending October 26, an increase of 48 from the prior week. There were 452 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 20 from the preceding week.

There were 7,117 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 19, an increase of 214 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,838, a decrease of 12 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 19 were in Alaska (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), New Jersey (1.8), California (1.6), Connecticut (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.4), West Virginia (1.4), Illinois (1.3), and Washington (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 26 were in California (+1,890), Georgia (+1,824), Virginia (+1,669), Ohio (+1,106), and New York (+975), while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-776), Michigan (-609), Oregon (-282), Kentucky (-216), and Nevada (-188).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 2	October 26	Change	October 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	211,000	219,000	-8,000	213,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	205,459	198,719	+6,740	186,734	214,814
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,250	215,000	+250	215,250	217,250
WEEK ENDING	October 26	October 19	Change	October 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,689,000	1,692,000	-3,000	1,683,000	1,649,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,420,499	1,419,474	+1,025	1,386,849	1,392,026
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,686,750	1,686,750	0	1,677,500	1,653,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 26	October 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	964	916	+48	922
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	452	472	-20	506

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 19	October 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,416,816	1,384,227	+32,589	1,381,828
Federal Employees	7,117	6,903	+214	7,778
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,838	5,850	-12	6,990
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	1
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,533	5,084	+449	5,624
STC / Workshare ⁵	9,600	9,664	-64	5,860
TOTAL	1,444,904	1,411,728	+33,176	1,408,081

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 November 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,821	1,984	-163	13,579	14,197	-618
Alaska	1,419	1,109	310	6,249	6,260	-11
Arizona	3,690	3,880	-190	18,561	21,520	-2,959
Arkansas	1,998	1,610	388	9,287	9,940	-653
California	39,868	41,081	-1,213	273,870	281,060	-7,190
Colorado	3,141	1,849	1,292	16,838	16,182	656
Connecticut	2,499	2,285	214	26,181	25,664	517
Delaware	544	567	-23	4,225	3,911	314
District of Columbia	498	420	78	6,042	6,264	-222
Florida	5,211	5,402	-191	31,502	36,047	-4,545
Georgia	5,005	6,255	-1,250	23,701	25,067	-1,366
Hawaii	992	1,123	-131	6,131	5,680	451
Idaho	1,180	887	293	3,488	3,646	-158
Illinois	10,782	8,307	2,475	76,174	75,332	842
Indiana	2,514	2,138	376	14,497	13,667	830
Iowa	3,137	2,945	192	13,922	12,635	1,287
Kansas	1,456	1,316	140	7,503	7,126	377
Kentucky*	2,143	2,143	0	16,242	16,216	26
Louisiana	1,487	1,867	-380	11,684	13,445	-1,761
Maine	717	660	57	3,263	3,213	50
Maryland	2,753	2,754	-1	21,014	21,313	-299
Massachusetts	5,186	4,683	503	43,659	44,131	-472
Michigan	5,919	5,571	348	47,252	44,957	2,295
Minnesota	4,188	3,309	879	25,900	23,431	2,469
Mississippi	774	1,016	-242	6,155	6,997	-842
Missouri	2,836	2,761	75	17,232	17,668	-436
Montana	1,744	1,020	724	4,778	4,510	268
Nebraska	672	526	146	2,100	1,984	116
Nevada	2,269	1,897	372	15,181	15,743	-562
New Hampshire	393	486	-93	2,573	2,708	-135
New Jersey	7,422	7,990	-568	74,424	72,947	1,477
New Mexico	915	933	-18	7,753	7,724	29
New York	13,256	13,085	171	109,325	107,489	1,836
North Carolina	3,175	3,283	-108	17,916	18,942	-1,026
North Dakota	763	430	333	1,985	1,437	548
Ohio	7,299	7,368	-69	42,400	40,720	1,680
Oklahoma	1,578	1,674	-96	14,178	14,912	-734
Oregon	3,449	3,691	-242	22,996	23,131	-135
Pennsylvania	12,507	11,488	1,019	86,731	85,820	911
Puerto Rico	887	1,136	-249	15,995	17,312	-1,317
Rhode Island	820	700	120	5,485	5,339	146
South Carolina	1,971	2,066	-95	13,069	13,215	-146
South Dakota	236	206	30	816	856	-40
Tennessee	2,082	2,270	-188	16,734	18,643	-1,909
Texas	13,727	13,183	544	116,167	111,596	4,571
Utah	1,178	1,045	133	5,986	5,985	1
Vermont	652	369	283	2,178	1,975	203
Virgin Islands	27	39	-12	460	482	-22
Virginia	2,526	3,871	-1,345	17,600	16,889	711
Washington	7,278	6,375	903	45,703	43,371	2,332
West Virginia	1,313	1,343	-30	11,384	9,318	2,066
Wisconsin	4,842	3,911	931	20,365	19,430	935
Wyoming	720	412	308	2,066	1,427	639
US Total	205,459	198,719	6,740	1,420,499	1,419,474	1,025

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 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 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	1,692	9	1,686.75	1.2
October 26, 2019	219	6	215.00	1,689	-3	1,686.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	211	-8	215.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 26

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 19

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	1984	281	112	12	5	14197	0.7	-293	262	74	50	14321
Alaska	1109	104	-115	5	0	6260	2.0	631	-340	112	13	6385
Arizona	3880	370	437	16	5	21520	0.8	-391	-1159	107	46	21673
Arkansas	1610	206	34	0	1	9940	0.8	110	377	44	39	10023
California	41081	1890	2985	193	69	281060	1.6	22343	47	1359	1317	283736
Colorado	1849	-30	-24	30	7	16182	0.6	535	-1112	98	161	16441
Connecticut	2285	48	-65	4	7	25664	1.5	379	-17	35	71	25770
Delaware	567	42	93	4	2	3911	0.9	128	227	9	13	3933
District of Columbia	420	-14	-92	18	1	6264	1.1	-11	-996	260	5	6529
Florida	5402	-49	-3585	15	21	36047	0.4	-940	168	182	107	36336
Georgia	6255	1824	558	30	30	25067	0.6	933	840	173	184	25424
Hawaii	1123	-175	-262	1	8	5680	0.9	-623	-1174	43	64	5787
Idaho	887	4	-91	30	2	3646	0.5	121	-187	39	9	3694
Illinois	8307	756	-4459	9	8	75332	1.3	304	3940	312	179	75823
Indiana	2138	22	-362	4	7	13667	0.5	433	-27	26	28	13721
Iowa	2945	649	1047	2	1	12635	0.8	276	1090	38	13	12686
Kansas	1316	184	47	2	0	7126	0.5	-143	-186	34	21	7181
Kentucky	2143	-216	414	0	5	16216	0.9	618	1707	209	98	16523
Louisiana	1867	75	-90	9	3	13445	0.7	62	-940	58	8	13511
Maine	660	241	6	2	0	3213	0.5	275	-252	10	16	3239
Maryland	2754	266	-456	15	8	21313	0.8	232	-3048	189	66	21568
Massachusetts	4683	544	-147	20	7	44131	1.2	301	2481	110	85	44326
Michigan	5571	-609	-616	27	5	44957	1.0	-1243	10196	92	62	45111
Minnesota	3309	473	219	6	1	23431	0.8	810	176	50	68	23549
Mississippi	1016	-68	-38	1	1	6997	0.6	43	735	51	28	7076
Missouri	2761	63	-3143	5	2	17668	0.6	70	0	114	28	17810
Montana	1020	56	123	60	1	4510	1.0	66	13	115	19	4644
Nebraska	526	16	10	0	0	1984	0.2	-162	-1206	5	6	1995
Nevada	1897	-188	-96	8	1	15743	1.2	-874	-839	58	52	15853
New Hampshire	486	136	47	3	1	2708	0.4	32	-210	8	5	2721
New Jersey	7990	508	227	19	13	72947	1.8	1731	-1070	167	209	73323
New Mexico	933	90	47	18	4	7724	1.0	143	94	189	43	7956
New York	13085	975	531	34	25	107489	1.1	1562	1108	274	296	108059
North Carolina	3283	-94	-1125	26	26	18942	0.4	231	-1424	109	109	19160
North Dakota	430	104	213	0	2	1437	0.4	126	201	9	3	1449
Ohio	7368	1106	1930	15	14	40720	0.8	1156	3297	101	115	40936
Oklahoma	1674	52	424	18	4	14912	1.0	-623	3124	52	50	15014
Oregon	3691	-282	268	75	4	23131	1.2	646	1445	258	74	23463
Pennsylvania	11488	566	1402	66	26	85820	1.5	2922	2884	459	212	86491
Puerto Rico	1136	166	-142	3	8	17312	2.0	118	2119	157	85	17554
Rhode Island	700	45	-75	1	1	5339	1.1	81	-453	12	15	5366
South Carolina	2066	78	-118	6	7	13215	0.6	-141	-1208	32	64	13311
South Dakota	206	32	15	2	0	856	0.2	64	23	20	3	879
Tennessee	2270	-776	276	8	11	18643	0.6	-94	3408	69	63	18775
Texas	13183	125	982	56	56	111596	0.9	-1798	8231	657	950	113203
Utah	1045	132	82	28	2	5985	0.4	143	-698	64	11	6060
Vermont	369	-23	10	4	0	1975	0.7	145	-145	7	0	1982
Virgin Islands	39	9	19	0	0	482	1.4	-10	-144	10	2	494
Virginia	3871	1669	1587	4	9	16889	0.5	121	-893	145	172	17206
Washington	6375	121	356	31	24	43371	1.3	1270	2504	236	438	44045
West Virginia	1343	206	495	0	5	9318	1.4	419	2637	24	37	9379
Wisconsin	3911	375	325	7	2	19430	0.7	468	503	45	22	19497
Wyoming	412	-100	-31	12	0	1427	0.5	-77	-73	7	4	1438
Totals	198719	11985	189	964	452	1419474	1.0	32625	36036	7117	5838	1432429

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 26, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+1,890	Layoffs in the service industry.
GA	+1,824	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative, support, waste management and remediation services industries.
VA	+1,669	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OH	+1,106	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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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