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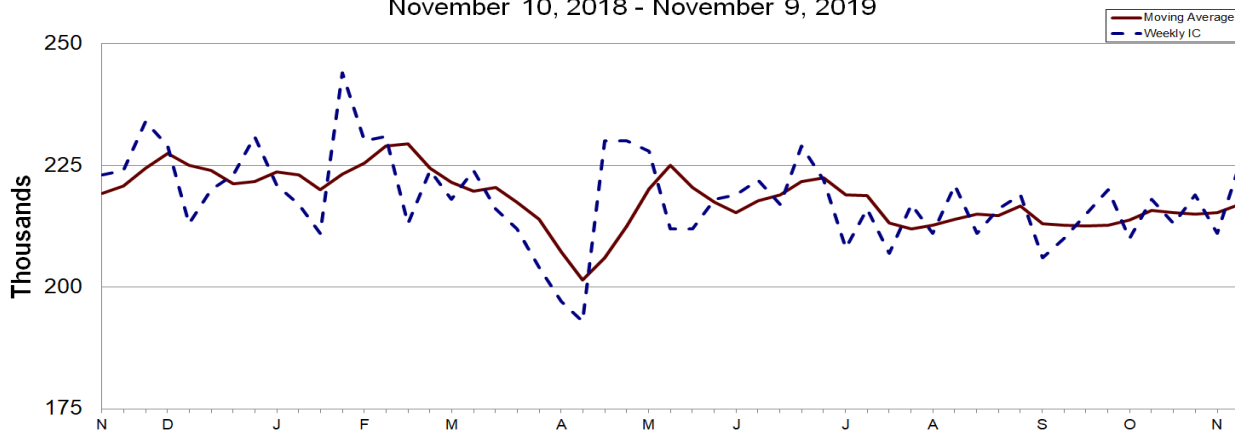
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

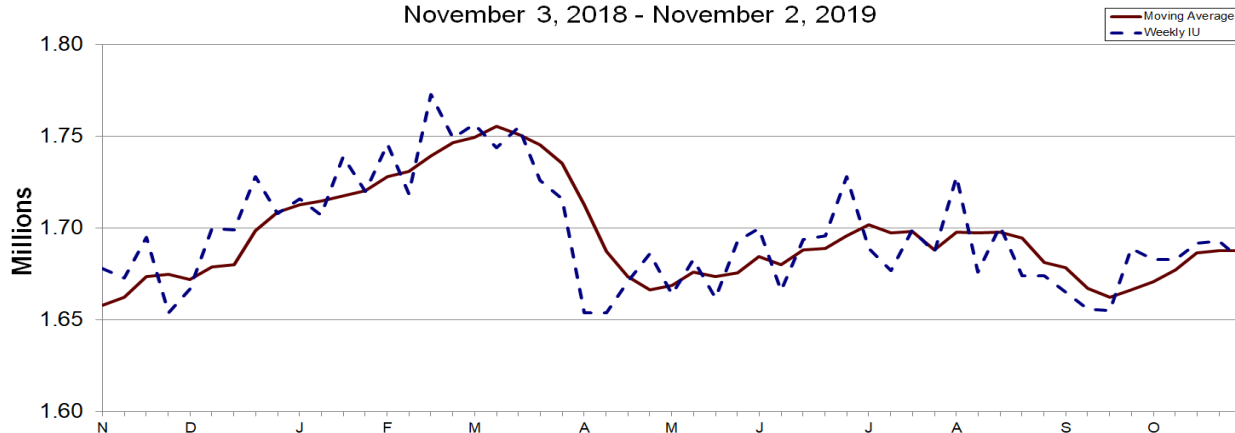
In the week ending November 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 225,000, an increase of 14,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 211,000. The 4-week moving average was 217,000, an increase of 1,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 215,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 2 was 1,683,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,689,000 to 1,693,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,687,750, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,686,750 to 1,687,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
November 10, 2018 - November 9, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
November 3, 2018 - November 2, 2019



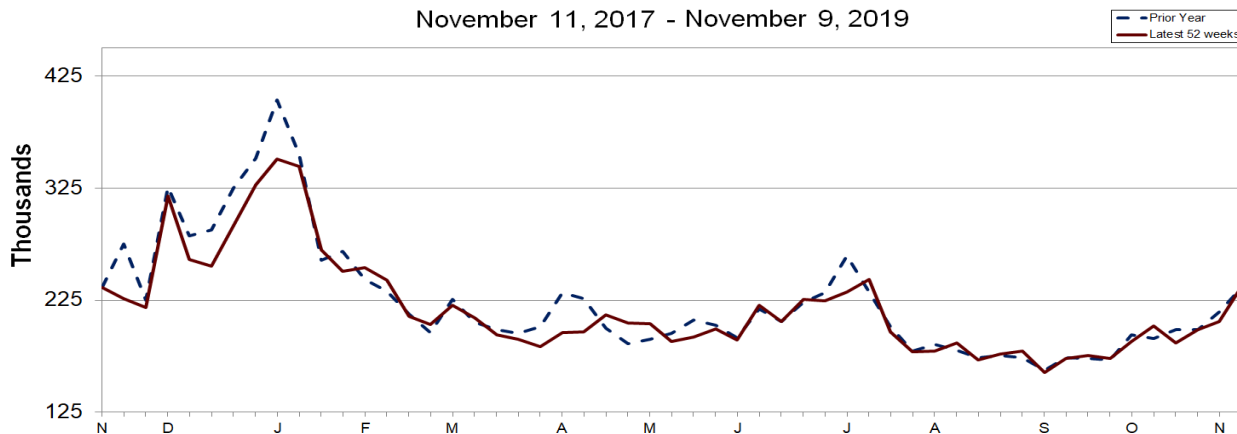
**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 236,724 in the week ending November 9, an increase of 31,099 (or 15.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,906 (or 8.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 235,981 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending November 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,442,434, an increase of 18,779 (or 1.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,085 (or 1.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,436,650.

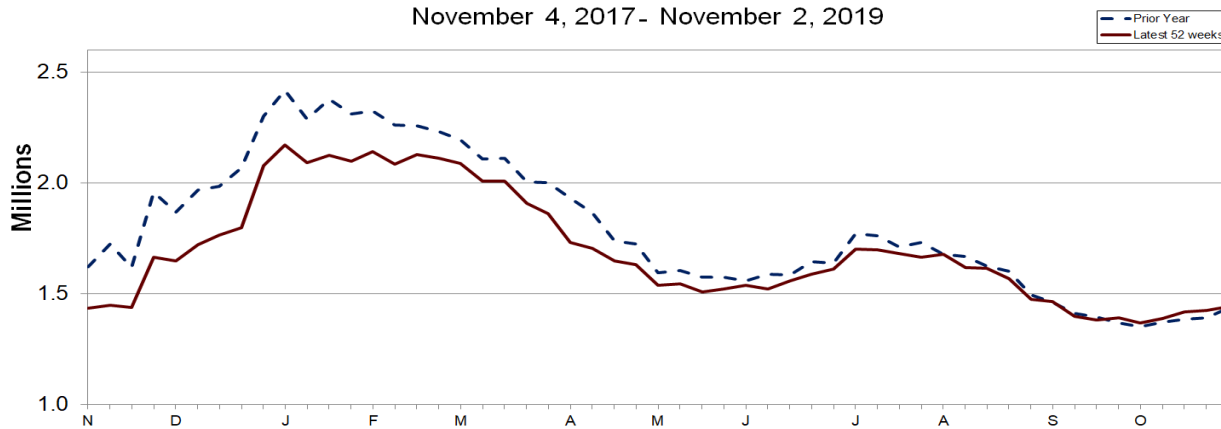
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims**

November 11, 2017 - November 9, 2019



**Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment**

November 4, 2017 - November 2, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 26 was 1,449,494, an increase of 4,571 from the previous week. There were 1,417,403 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 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,237 in the week ending November 2, an increase of 273 from the prior week. There were 520 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 68 from the preceding week.

There were 7,425 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 26, an increase of 308 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,838, unchanged from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 26 were in Alaska (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.0), New Jersey (1.8), California (1.6), Connecticut (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.5), West Virginia (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.4), Illinois (1.3), Massachusetts (1.3), and Washington (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 2 were in Illinois (+2,398), Colorado (+1,263), Pennsylvania (+1,030), Wisconsin (+916), and Montana (+762), while the largest decreases were in California (-1,749), Virginia (-1,517), Georgia (-1,048), New Jersey (-440), and Oregon (-235).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 9</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	225,000	211,000	+14,000	219,000	223,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	236,724	205,625	+31,099	198,719	235,981
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	217,000	215,250	+1,750	215,000	219,250
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,683,000	1,693,000	-10,000	1,692,000	1,678,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,442,434	1,423,655	+18,779	1,419,493	1,436,650
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,687,750	1,687,750	0	1,686,750	1,658,000
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	1.0%	1.0%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,237	964	+273	1,328
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	520	452	+68	603

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,420,918	1,416,835	+4,083	1,390,184
Federal Employees	7,425	7,117	+308	7,702
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,838	5,838	0	7,161
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,237	5,533	-296	5,551
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	10,076	9,600	+476	6,805
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,449,494</b>	<b>1,444,923</b>	<b>+4,571</b>	<b>1,417,403</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 November 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,011	1,977	34	13,518	14,214	-696
Alaska	1,689	1,166	523	7,039	6,357	682
Arizona	3,690	3,966	-276	18,343	20,865	-2,522
Arkansas	1,487	2,189	-702	9,720	10,050	-330
California**	45,203	39,332	5,871	287,241	267,628	19,613
Colorado	2,353	3,112	-759	17,404	16,374	1,030
Connecticut	2,881	2,524	357	26,571	25,411	1,160
Delaware	601	560	41	4,342	4,269	73
District of Columbia	613	470	143	6,139	6,285	-146
Florida	5,699	5,484	215	31,621	35,187	-3,566
Georgia	5,175	5,207	-32	23,190	24,694	-1,504
Hawaii*	812	955	-143	5,768	5,837	-69
Idaho	1,147	966	181	3,872	3,790	82
Illinois	11,137	10,705	432	78,896	75,398	3,498
Indiana	3,270	2,381	889	14,119	13,749	370
Iowa	3,255	2,851	404	14,456	13,551	905
Kansas**	1,483	1,346	137	7,285	7,279	6
Kentucky	2,254	2,056	198	15,264	16,702	-1,438
Louisiana	1,927	1,762	165	11,602	13,852	-2,250
Maine	842	721	121	3,532	3,310	222
Maryland	3,109	2,872	237	21,431	21,654	-223
Massachusetts	6,275	5,129	1,146	44,199	45,030	-831
Michigan	7,263	6,072	1,191	39,640	48,371	-8,731
Minnesota	6,424	3,915	2,509	28,744	24,507	4,237
Mississippi	883	951	-68	6,128	7,170	-1,042
Missouri	3,229	3,056	173	16,495	18,273	-1,778
Montana	1,562	1,782	-220	5,862	4,754	1,108
Nebraska	766	642	124	2,352	1,821	531
Nevada	2,592	2,170	422	15,182	16,035	-853
New Hampshire	455	483	-28	2,596	2,795	-199
New Jersey	12,649	7,550	5,099	76,902	72,909	3,993
New Mexico	992	928	64	8,038	7,977	61
New York	15,950	12,996	2,954	113,079	108,769	4,310
North Carolina	3,348	3,307	41	17,798	19,215	-1,417
North Dakota	795	631	164	2,420	1,623	797
Ohio	7,801	7,314	487	41,919	42,883	-964
Oklahoma	1,676	1,750	-74	14,211	15,061	-850
Oregon	3,867	3,456	411	23,287	22,931	356
Pennsylvania**	14,402	12,518	1,884	90,047	85,605	4,442
Puerto Rico**	1,222	1,119	103	14,925	17,304	-2,379
Rhode Island	877	796	81	5,638	5,354	284
South Carolina	3,277	2,050	1,227	13,423	13,422	1
South Dakota	269	273	-4	899	863	36
Tennessee	2,346	2,161	185	14,661	17,970	-3,309
Texas	16,134	13,861	2,273	112,605	114,549	-1,944
Utah	1,461	1,167	294	6,210	6,184	26
Vermont	626	663	-37	2,535	2,044	491
Virgin Islands	28	35	-7	522	458	64
Virginia**	2,831	2,354	477	17,365	17,285	80
Washington	8,143	6,953	1,190	47,598	44,478	3,120
West Virginia	1,300	1,364	-64	11,868	9,761	2,107
Wisconsin	5,865	4,827	1,038	22,161	20,121	2,040
Wyoming	778	750	28	1,772	1,677	95
US Total	236,724	205,625	31,099	1,442,434	1,423,655	18,779

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	
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	1,693	1	1,687.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	211	-8	215.25	1,683	-10	1,687.75	1.2
November 9, 2019	225	14	217.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 2					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 26					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	1977	-7	-365	16	14	14214	0.7	17	115	82	38	14334
Alaska	1166	57	-186	9	2	6357	2.1	97	-393	123	13	6493
Arizona	3966	86	535	25	2	20865	0.7	-655	-1236	111	39	21015
Arkansas	2189	579	1137	4	3	10050	0.8	110	1148	38	37	10125
California	39332	-1749	-1556	265	94	267628	1.6	-13432	-9299	1343	1264	270235
Colorado	3112	1263	1182	32	13	16374	0.6	192	-434	130	132	16636
Connecticut	2524	239	-77	5	6	25411	1.5	-253	-320	33	60	25504
Delaware	560	-7	-25	1	2	4269	1.0	358	199	10	8	4287
District of Columbia	470	50	-30	13	0	6285	1.1	21	-1020	262	4	6551
Florida	5484	82	-2287	26	24	35187	0.4	-860	-5051	143	127	35457
Georgia	5207	-1048	-110	24	17	24694	0.6	-373	1390	177	176	25047
Hawaii	955	-168	-271	6	8	5837	0.9	138	-891	53	82	5972
Idaho	966	79	-381	22	0	3790	0.5	144	-236	72	12	3874
Illinois	10705	2398	1184	12	8	75398	1.3	66	1165	300	144	75842
Indiana	2381	243	-1053	4	4	13749	0.5	82	-68	24	31	13804
Iowa	2851	-94	654	10	2	13551	0.9	916	2325	37	10	13598
Kansas	1346	30	-22	0	1	7279	0.5	153	110	36	17	7332
Kentucky	2056	-87	245	3	2	16702	0.9	486	2571	256	89	17047
Louisiana	1762	-105	-183	2	3	13852	0.7	407	-1155	59	12	13923
Maine	721	61	-3	4	0	3310	0.6	97	-356	9	16	3335
Maryland	2872	118	-255	17	12	21654	0.9	341	-2451	175	67	21896
Massachusetts	5129	446	-291	16	13	45030	1.3	899	2230	82	95	45207
Michigan	6072	501	-4968	43	11	48371	1.1	3414	10303	101	63	48535
Minnesota	3915	606	247	21	3	24507	0.9	1076	477	61	61	24629
Mississippi	951	-65	-56	3	0	7170	0.6	173	709	46	26	7242
Missouri	3056	295	28	5	2	18273	0.7	605	-1939	99	31	18403
Montana	1782	762	518	94	2	4754	1.0	244	79	150	19	4923
Nebraska	642	116	47	0	0	1821	0.2	-163	-1298	5	4	1830
Nevada	2170	273	-296	16	0	16035	1.2	292	-516	60	42	16137
New Hampshire	483	-3	32	3	1	2795	0.4	87	-170	3	3	2801
New Jersey	7550	-440	-954	15	13	72909	1.8	-38	-1809	180	197	73286
New Mexico	928	-5	52	17	1	7977	1.0	253	156	214	47	8238
New York	12996	-89	-283	28	26	108769	1.2	1280	1791	278	292	109339
North Carolina	3307	24	-2003	15	22	19215	0.4	273	-531	129	116	19460
North Dakota	631	201	302	1	1	1623	0.4	186	368	7	1	1631
Ohio	7314	-54	145	11	15	42883	0.8	2163	4890	111	121	43115
Oklahoma	1750	76	-567	5	8	15061	1.0	149	3350	52	49	15162
Oregon	3456	-235	-498	75	10	22931	1.2	-200	878	260	74	23265
Pennsylvania	12518	1030	-266	68	14	85605	1.5	-215	4572	398	175	86178
Puerto Rico	1119	-17	-159	5	4	17304	2.0	-8	1935	158	101	17563
Rhode Island	796	96	85	1	3	5354	1.1	15	-545	15	13	5382
South Carolina	2050	-16	-92	4	6	13422	0.6	207	-595	31	65	13518
South Dakota	273	67	43	7	1	863	0.2	7	9	18	2	883
Tennessee	2161	-109	-168	14	7	17970	0.6	-673	2615	57	105	18132
Texas	13861	678	1053	131	96	114549	0.9	2953	13851	848	1083	116480
Utah	1167	122	26	45	1	6184	0.4	199	-448	64	12	6260
Vermont	663	294	91	1	2	2044	0.7	69	-155	9	0	2053
Virgin Islands	35	-4	17	0	0	458	1.4	-24	-42	6	4	468
Virginia	2354	-1517	41	10	11	17285	0.5	396	-651	147	146	17578
Washington	6953	578	-361	47	25	44478	1.3	1107	2266	273	442	45193
West Virginia	1364	21	440	1	5	9761	1.5	443	2950	22	44	9827
Wisconsin	4827	916	306	8	0	20121	0.7	691	615	55	21	20197
Wyoming	750	338	167	27	0	1677	0.6	250	171	13	6	1696
Totals	205625	6906	-9189	1237	520	1423655	1.0	4162	31629	7425	5838	1436918

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 NOVEMBER 2, 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>
IL	+2,398	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and manufacturing industries.
CO	+1,263	No comment.
PA	+1,030	Layoffs in the construction, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and manufacturing 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>
CA	-1,749	No comment.
VA	-1,517	No comment.
GA	-1,048	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, construction, and trade 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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