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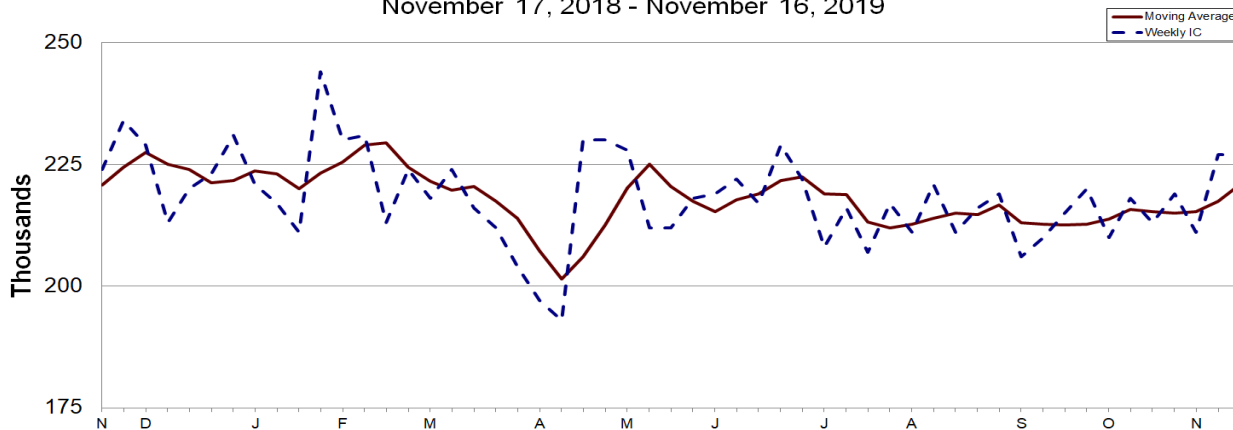
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

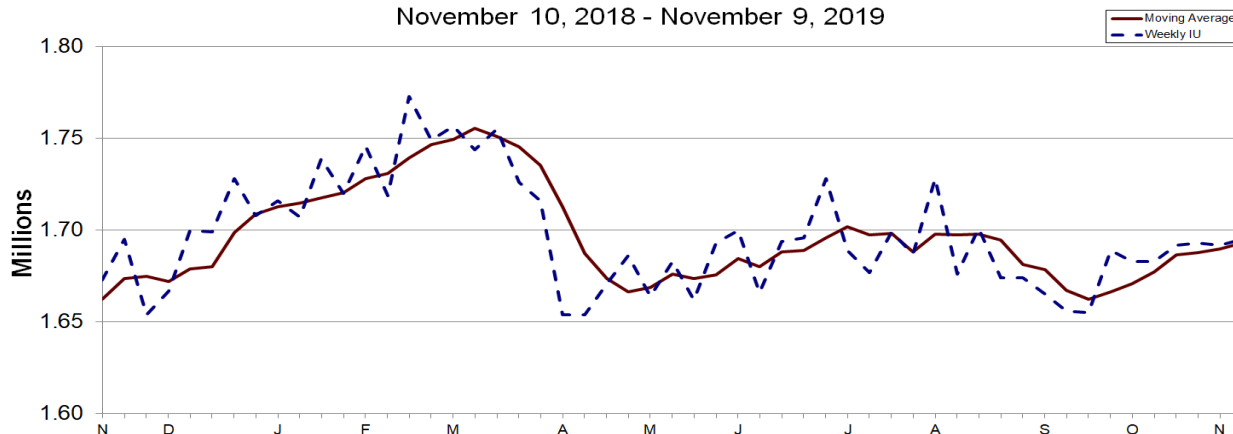
In the week ending November 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 225,000 to 227,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,000, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 217,000 to 217,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 9, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 9 was 1,695,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 9,000 from 1,683,000 to 1,692,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,693,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 1,687,750 to 1,690,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
November 17, 2018 - November 16, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
November 10, 2018 - November 9, 2019



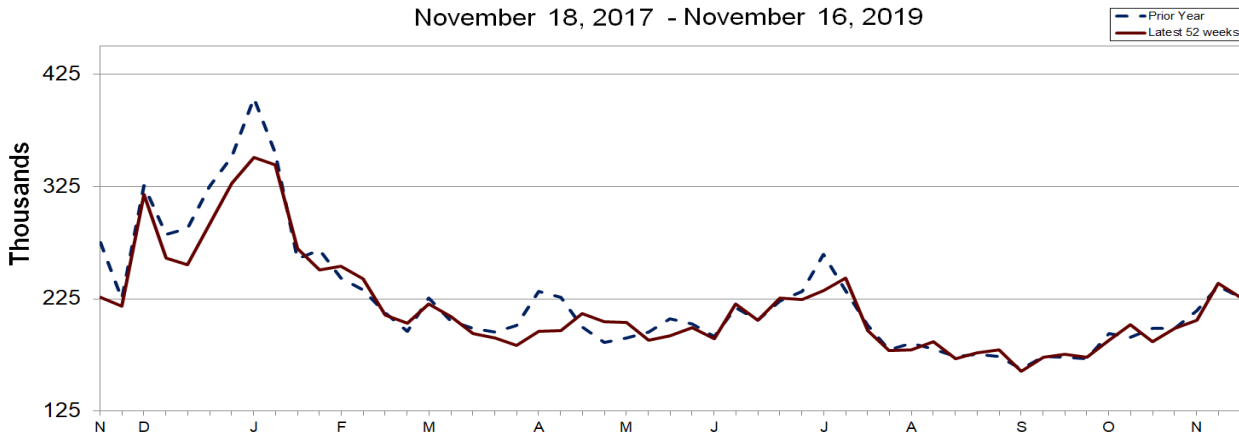
**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 226,444 in the week ending November 16, a decrease of 12,547 (or -5.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,256 (or -5.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 226,576 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending November 9, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,459,272, an increase of 9,016 (or 0.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,769 (or 0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,447,041.

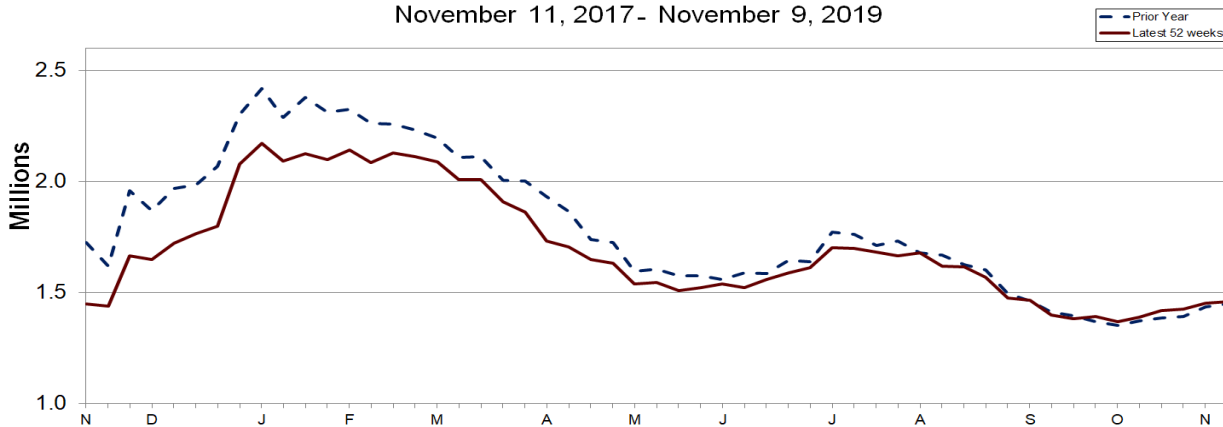
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims**

November 18, 2017 - November 16, 2019



**Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment**

November 11, 2017 - November 9, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 2 was 1,476,491, an increase of 26,972 from the previous week. There were 1,462,400 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 November 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,103 in the week ending November 9, a decrease of 134 from the prior week. There were 492 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 28 from the preceding week.

There were 7,462 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 2, an increase of 37 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,681, a decrease of 157 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 2 were in Alaska (2.3), Puerto Rico (2.1), New Jersey (1.9), California (1.7), Connecticut (1.6), Pennsylvania (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.5), West Virginia (1.5), and Washington (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 9 were in California (+6,484), New Jersey (+5,197), New York (+2,721), Texas (+2,532), and Minnesota (+2,117), while the largest decreases were in Colorado (-794), Arkansas (-458), Montana (-188), Vermont (-27), and Arizona (-14).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 16</b>	<b>November 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	227,000	0	211,000	224,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	226,444	238,991	-12,547	205,625	226,576
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,000	217,500	+3,500	215,250	220,750
<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>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,695,000	1,692,000	+3,000	1,693,000	1,673,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,459,272	1,450,256	+9,016	1,423,680	1,447,041
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,693,000	1,690,000	+3,000	1,687,750	1,662,250
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	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 9</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,103	1,237	-134	1,213
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	492	520	-28	622

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL 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>
Regular State	1,447,411	1,420,943	+26,468	1,434,786
Federal Employees	7,462	7,425	+37	8,235
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,681	5,838	-157	6,703
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	1
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,648	5,237	+411	5,604
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	10,289	10,076	+213	7,071
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,476,491</b>	<b>1,449,519</b>	<b>+26,972</b>	<b>1,462,400</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 144,758,990 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 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,704	2,208	-504	13,468	14,125	-657
Alaska	1,469	1,319	150	7,440	7,103	337
Arizona	3,158	3,952	-794	17,770	20,673	-2,903
Arkansas	1,539	1,731	-192	9,071	10,637	-1,566
California	41,248	45,816	-4,568	279,910	284,199	-4,289
Colorado	2,185	2,318	-133	18,370	16,845	1,525
Connecticut	2,636	2,859	-223	27,125	25,872	1,253
Delaware	590	627	-37	4,353	4,081	272
District of Columbia	449	570	-121	6,173	6,345	-172
Florida	4,940	6,028	-1,088	30,549	35,489	-4,940
Georgia	3,698	5,417	-1,719	22,835	24,251	-1,416
Hawaii	1,002	1,131	-129	6,085	5,731	354
Idaho	1,136	1,289	-153	4,071	3,995	76
Illinois	14,198	11,015	3,183	81,371	78,200	3,171
Indiana	2,865	3,064	-199	13,806	13,582	224
Iowa	4,953	2,927	2,026	13,611	14,055	-444
Kansas	1,484	1,457	27	7,049	7,093	-44
Kentucky	2,198	2,352	-154	15,522	15,722	-200
Louisiana	1,760	2,272	-512	11,784	13,410	-1,626
Maine	758	839	-81	3,788	3,426	362
Maryland	2,672	3,227	-555	21,736	21,907	-171
Massachusetts	5,484	6,217	-733	45,765	44,786	979
Michigan	8,649	7,559	1,090	38,136	41,868	-3,732
Minnesota	7,857	6,032	1,825	33,330	27,415	5,915
Mississippi	847	1,102	-255	5,957	7,041	-1,084
Missouri	3,556	3,424	132	16,336	16,922	-586
Montana	1,247	1,594	-347	6,331	5,846	485
Nebraska	756	756	0	2,544	1,683	861
Nevada	2,458	2,521	-63	15,327	16,014	-687
New Hampshire	408	510	-102	2,667	2,889	-222
New Jersey	8,886	12,747	-3,861	80,873	75,018	5,855
New Mexico	870	1,008	-138	8,246	8,205	41
New York	16,110	15,717	393	117,233	112,245	4,988
North Carolina	2,974	3,494	-520	18,094	18,994	-900
North Dakota	916	650	266	2,520	2,010	510
Ohio	8,787	7,811	976	42,428	42,402	26
Oklahoma	2,631	1,840	791	14,065	15,187	-1,122
Oregon	3,953	3,888	65	23,622	23,337	285
Pennsylvania*	12,330	14,445	-2,115	89,710	88,366	1,344
Puerto Rico	840	1,199	-359	15,638	17,932	-2,294
Rhode Island	814	864	-50	5,833	5,482	351
South Carolina	2,102	3,380	-1,278	13,514	13,774	-260
South Dakota	353	318	35	1,012	944	68
Tennessee	2,032	2,481	-449	14,423	15,686	-1,263
Texas	14,045	16,393	-2,348	113,572	111,391	2,181
Utah	1,319	1,449	-130	6,699	6,449	250
Vermont	678	636	42	2,892	2,372	520
Virgin Islands	28	30	-2	438	520	-82
Virginia	2,565	2,671	-106	17,940	18,200	-260
Washington	7,915	7,832	83	49,715	46,326	3,389
West Virginia	1,234	1,360	-126	12,608	10,125	2,483
Wisconsin	6,655	5,847	808	23,309	22,085	1,224
Wyoming	503	798	-295	2,608	2,001	607
US Total	226,444	238,991	-12,547	1,459,272	1,450,256	9,016

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	
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	1,692	-1	1,690.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	227	16	217.50	1,695	3	1,693.00	1.2
November 16, 2019	227	0	221.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 9					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 2					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	2208	231	-70	21	8	14125	0.7	-89	69	77	42	14244
Alaska	1319	153	-143	8	0	7103	2.3	746	-585	119	13	7235
Arizona	3952	-14	334	15	0	20673	0.7	-192	-1042	120	43	20836
Arkansas	1731	-458	-222	8	2	10637	0.9	587	763	42	37	10716
California	45816	6484	722	223	75	284199	1.7	16571	-2344	1324	1174	286697
Colorado	2318	-794	88	31	17	16845	0.6	471	-644	127	164	17136
Connecticut	2859	335	45	7	4	25872	1.6	461	-204	55	52	25979
Delaware	627	67	20	2	1	4081	0.9	-188	237	18	8	4107
District of Columbia	570	100	57	8	1	6345	1.1	60	-1059	245	9	6599
Florida	6028	544	-1756	32	26	35489	0.4	302	-3770	163	108	35760
Georgia	5417	210	-958	27	10	24251	0.6	-443	218	164	174	24589
Hawaii	1131	176	-89	2	5	5731	0.9	-131	-1236	34	57	5822
Idaho	1289	323	-97	51	4	3995	0.6	205	-423	79	13	4087
Illinois	11015	310	852	6	11	78200	1.3	2802	-4702	318	190	78708
Indiana	3064	683	162	5	7	13582	0.4	-167	-1048	25	29	13636
Iowa	2927	76	-142	8	4	14055	0.9	504	2344	38	12	14105
Kansas	1457	111	-358	0	2	7093	0.5	-186	-219	29	20	7142
Kentucky	2352	296	-523	1	1	15722	0.8	-980	1460	106	206	16034
Louisiana	2272	510	157	11	3	13410	0.7	-442	-749	57	9	13476
Maine	839	118	-63	2	0	3426	0.6	116	-434	20	16	3462
Maryland	3227	355	-212	8	9	21907	0.9	253	-2495	200	70	22177
Massachusetts	6217	1088	382	26	7	44786	1.3	-244	2530	103	98	44987
Michigan	7559	1487	14	33	8	41868	1.0	-6503	1951	102	63	42033
Minnesota	6032	2117	560	9	2	27415	1.0	2908	347	72	59	27546
Mississippi	1102	151	-55	6	1	7041	0.6	-129	489	49	25	7115
Missouri	3424	368	-277	4	0	16922	0.6	-1351	-2988	115	30	17067
Montana	1594	-188	-87	96	2	5846	1.3	1092	654	191	13	6050
Nebraska	756	114	-104	0	0	1683	0.2	-138	-1410	6	5	1694
Nevada	2521	351	-393	15	2	16014	1.2	-21	-911	76	47	16137
New Hampshire	510	27	-21	2	0	2889	0.4	94	-129	4	5	2898
New Jersey	12747	5197	1327	17	12	75018	1.9	2109	673	180	214	75412
New Mexico	1008	80	78	13	2	8205	1.0	228	120	224	42	8471
New York	15717	2721	-1064	31	28	112245	1.2	3476	-98	274	297	112816
North Carolina	3494	187	-108	21	19	18994	0.4	-221	596	126	117	19237
North Dakota	650	19	89	2	0	2010	0.5	387	651	11	2	2023
Ohio	7811	497	787	15	21	42402	0.8	-481	2065	118	116	42636
Oklahoma	1840	90	354	7	2	15187	1.0	126	2660	55	42	15284
Oregon	3888	432	-614	68	5	23337	1.2	406	114	337	68	23742
Pennsylvania	14445	1927	345	51	33	88366	1.5	2761	4254	474	190	89030
Puerto Rico	1199	80	-50	6	7	17932	2.1	628	2478	149	68	18149
Rhode Island	864	68	92	1	2	5482	1.2	128	-463	18	16	5516
South Carolina	3380	1330	867	3	8	13774	0.7	352	-226	44	69	13887
South Dakota	318	45	-73	5	2	944	0.2	81	31	21	1	966
Tennessee	2481	320	226	16	9	15686	0.5	-2284	215	54	57	15797
Texas	16393	2532	1796	57	92	111391	0.9	-3158	9913	638	920	112949
Utah	1449	282	27	34	2	6449	0.4	265	-285	78	14	6541
Vermont	636	-27	126	0	0	2372	0.8	328	-132	8	0	2380
Virgin Islands	30	-5	19	1	0	520	1.5	62	-54	0	0	520
Virginia	2671	317	-117	9	7	18200	0.5	915	373	172	175	18547
Washington	7832	879	-101	42	22	46326	1.4	1848	1672	302	422	47050
West Virginia	1360	-4	330	3	5	10125	1.5	364	2916	28	39	10192
Wisconsin	5847	1020	556	12	2	22085	0.8	1964	1208	53	17	22155
Wyoming	798	48	295	22	0	2001	0.8	324	255	20	4	2025
Totals	238991	33366	3010	1103	492	1450256	1.0	26576	13606	7462	5681	1463399

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 9, 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>
CA	+6,484	Layoffs in the service industry.
NJ	+5,197	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
NY	+2,721	Layoffs in the construction, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.
TX	+2,532	Layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
MN	+2,117	Layoffs in the construction industry.
PA	+1,927	No comment.
MI	+1,487	No comment.
SC	+1,330	No comment.
MA	+1,088	No comment.
WI	+1,020	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

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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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