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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

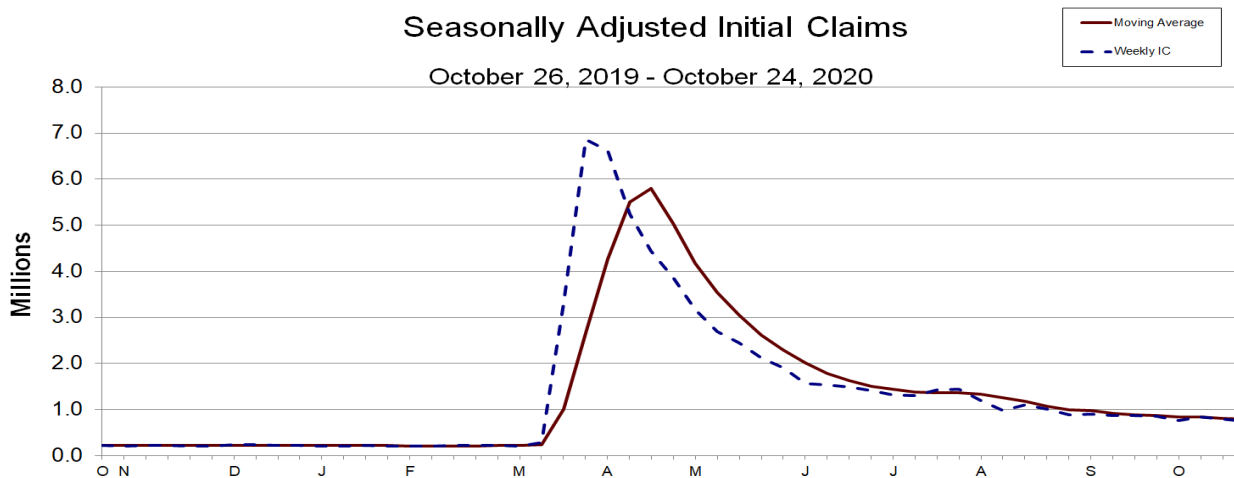
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 751,000, a decrease of 40,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 4,000 from 787,000 to 791,000. The 4-week moving average was 787,750, a decrease of 24,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 811,250 to 812,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 5.3 percent for the week ending October 17, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 5.7 to 5.8 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 17 was 7,756,000, a decrease of 709,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 92,000 from 8,373,000 to 8,465,000. The 4-week moving average was 9,053,250, a decrease of 1,055,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 23,250 from 10,085,750 to 10,109,000.

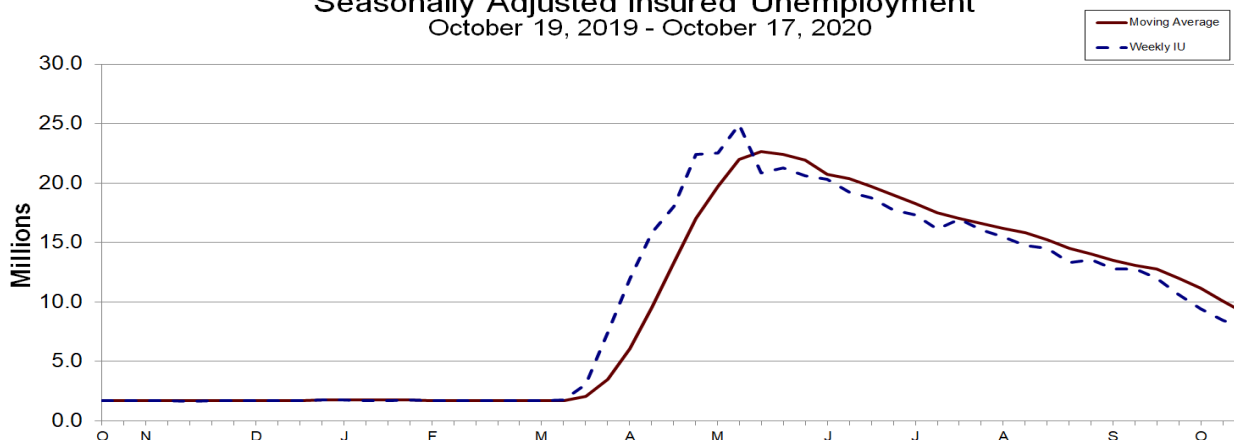
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

October 26, 2019 - October 24, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

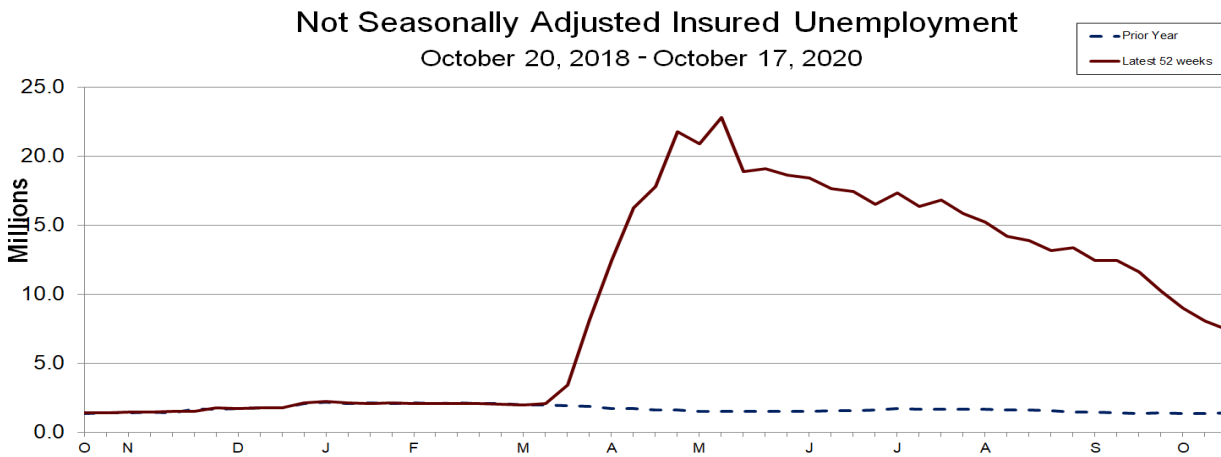
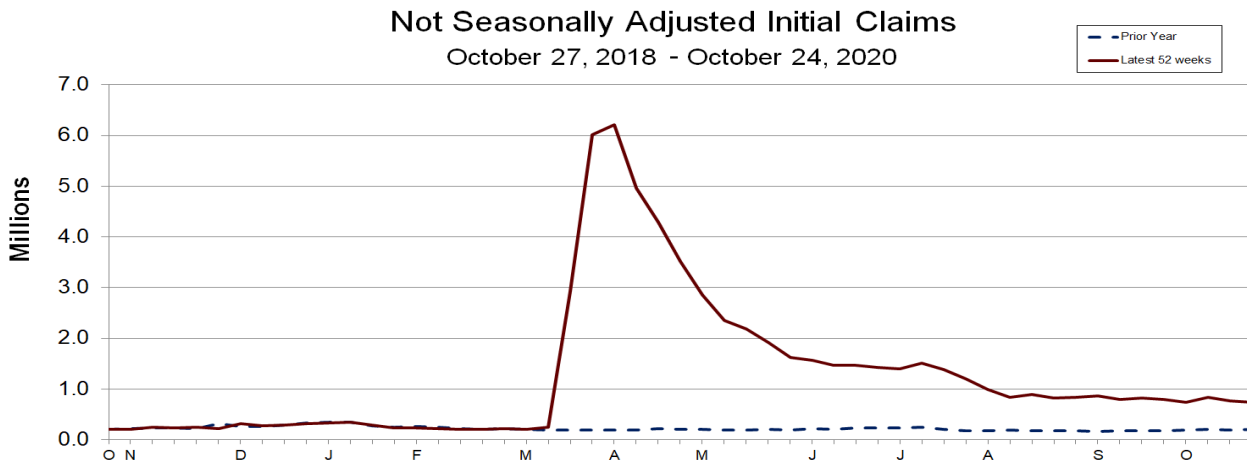
October 19, 2019 - October 17, 2020



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 732,223 in the week ending October 24, a decrease of 28,354 (or -3.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 11,998 (or 1.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 198,733 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending October 24, 51 states reported 359,667 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 5.1 percent during the week ending October 17, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 7,422,454, a decrease of 662,405 (or -8.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 46,992 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,419,512.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 10 was 22,654,453, a decrease of 415,727 from the previous week. There were 1,411,728 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending October 10, Extended Benefits were available in the following 44 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,736 in the week ending October 17, an increase of 217 from the prior week. There were 849 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 49 from the preceding week.

There were 11,751 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 10, a decrease of 179 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,075, a decrease of 746 from the prior week.

During the week ending October 10, 51 states reported 10,324,779 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 50 states reported 3,683,496 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 10 were in Hawaii (12.6), California (10.5), Nevada (10.0), Georgia (8.3), District of Columbia (7.9), Louisiana (7.8), Puerto Rico (7.4), Massachusetts (7.1), New Mexico (7.1), and Illinois (6.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 17 were in Massachusetts (+5,442), Kansas (+3,010), Virginia (+2,255), Texas (+616), and Minnesota (+493), while the largest decreases were in California (-16,207), New York (-11,495), Georgia (-9,274), Florida (-7,834), and Michigan (-7,774).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	751,000	791,000	-40,000	842,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	732,223	760,577	-28,354	829,742	198,733
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	787,750	812,250	-24,500	832,750	215,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	7,756,000	8,465,000	-709,000	9,398,000	1,700,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	7,422,454	8,084,859	-662,405	9,011,067	1,419,512
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	9,053,250	10,109,000	-1,055,750	11,179,500	1,694,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	5.3%	5.8%	-0.5	6.4%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	5.1%	5.5%	-0.4	6.1%	1.0%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 10</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	359,667	344,905	+14,762	337,228

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,736	1,519	+217	916
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	849	898	-49	472

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**PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	8,031,303	8,952,580	-921,277	1,384,227
Federal Employees	11,751	11,930	-179	6,903
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,075	13,821	-746	5,850
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	10,324,779	10,152,753	+172,026	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	3,683,496	3,296,156	+387,340	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	400,646	444,846	-44,200	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,395	2,728	-333	5,084
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	187,008	195,366	-8,358	9,664
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>22,654,453</b>	<b>23,070,180</b>	<b>-415,727</b>	<b>1,411,728</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 146,534,375 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 24			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,661	7,964	-1,303	31,292	43,493	-12,201
Alaska	4,702	4,608	94	18,635	19,754	-1,119
Arizona	8,702	7,053	1,649	124,182	137,816	-13,634
Arkansas	3,520	4,318	-798	21,986	30,873	-8,887
California	152,057	159,876	-7,819	1,683,298	1,836,240	-152,942
Colorado	6,222	5,759	463	109,035	111,822	-2,787
Connecticut	6,020	4,395	1,625	100,906	96,689	4,217
Delaware	1,566	1,715	-149	18,288	19,228	-940
District of Columbia	1,363	1,559	-196	39,937	45,879	-5,942
Florida	30,874	40,070	-9,196	220,155	287,537	-67,382
Georgia	43,362	44,892	-1,530	338,747	367,949	-29,202
Hawaii	5,125	5,104	21	70,989	78,156	-7,167
Idaho	3,660	3,293	367	7,194	8,215	-1,021
Illinois	54,819	46,948	7,871	373,050	402,230	-29,180
Indiana	13,977	15,421	-1,444	101,612	113,496	-11,884
Iowa	4,791	4,215	576	39,615	42,103	-2,488
Kansas	16,546	17,547	-1,001	55,184	44,327	10,857
Kentucky	5,128	5,951	-823	61,186	73,897	-12,711
Louisiana	9,114	13,039	-3,925	120,987	146,622	-25,635
Maine	1,418	1,346	72	14,095	15,901	-1,806
Maryland	9,944	11,609	-1,665	81,395	102,425	-21,030
Massachusetts	47,202	45,404	1,798	241,442	254,030	-12,588
Michigan	16,073	7,310	8,763	213,811	249,753	-35,942
Minnesota	11,766	9,833	1,933	120,407	122,976	-2,569
Mississippi	2,896	2,996	-100	42,574	45,296	-2,722
Missouri	6,988	8,728	-1,740	53,207	57,846	-4,639
Montana	3,000	2,469	531	14,372	16,146	-1,774
Nebraska	2,332	2,934	-602	12,942	14,921	-1,979
Nevada	10,709	8,734	1,975	118,432	140,132	-21,700
New Hampshire	1,880	2,100	-220	25,832	28,017	-2,185
New Jersey	26,553	28,809	-2,256	202,701	217,743	-15,042
New Mexico	4,454	4,033	421	73,193	57,898	15,295
New York	52,283	54,890	-2,607	578,378	616,176	-37,798
North Carolina	9,098	12,119	-3,021	91,017	103,618	-12,601
North Dakota	1,328	1,043	285	8,566	8,065	501
Ohio	17,009	17,671	-662	162,167	186,651	-24,484
Oklahoma	4,591	5,277	-686	59,007	73,321	-14,314
Oregon	4,127	4,767	-640	104,512	103,211	1,301
Pennsylvania	19,257	19,223	34	335,932	363,487	-27,555
Puerto Rico	1,086	1,249	-163	64,517	63,740	777
Rhode Island	3,049	2,437	612	17,512	19,638	-2,126
South Carolina	3,837	3,890	-53	58,072	66,012	-7,940
South Dakota	391	485	-94	4,375	4,320	55
Tennessee	7,770	10,412	-2,642	74,790	88,163	-13,373
Texas	33,757	45,308	-11,551	607,827	682,194	-74,367
Utah	2,382	2,490	-108	17,450	19,081	-1,631
Vermont	662	601	61	12,997	13,438	-441
Virgin Islands	13	133	-120	3,590	2,198	1,392
Virginia	14,572	11,365	3,207	126,469	129,300	-2,831
Washington	17,044	19,980	-2,936	211,195	177,627	33,568
West Virginia	1,907	1,940	-33	26,786	26,469	317
Wisconsin	13,508	13,890	-382	100,468	102,729	-2,261
Wyoming	1,128	1,375	-247	6,146	6,011	135
US Total	732,223	760,577	-28,354	7,422,454	8,084,859	-662,405

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 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,465	-933	10,109.00	5.8
October 17, 2020	791	-51	812.25	7,756	-709	9,053.25	5.3
October 24, 2020	751	-40	787.75				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 24			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Oct 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Oct 10	Oct 3	Change
Alabama	5,948	4,932	1,016	37,825	35,113	2,712
Alaska	273	256	17	10,267	9,826	441
Arizona	12,710	33,326	-20,616	290,919	399,000	-108,081
Arkansas	2,814	3,005	-191	62,172	66,664	-4,492
California	25,889	25,168	721	3,315,931	2,878,378	437,553
Colorado	2,554	2,973	-419	66,445	67,234	-789
Connecticut	400	357	43	37,088	48,113	-11,025
Delaware	117	113	4	7,840	7,491	349
District of Columbia	192	193	-1	14,892	15,391	-499
Florida	37,201	49,641	-12,440	0	0	0
Georgia	4,240	3,549	691	241,170	259,730	-18,560
Hawaii	2,362	3,138	-776	106,305	109,492	-3,187
Idaho	22	37	-15	10,272	10,951	-679
Illinois	8,704	8,187	517	128,913	121,697	7,216
Indiana	10,465	12,876	-2,411	150,340	105,742	44,598
Iowa	854	891	-37	12,313	12,331	-18
Kansas	5,826	7,502	-1,676	90,512	164,946	-74,434
Kentucky	3,485	3,412	73	51,162	40,257	10,905
Louisiana	5,744	5,435	309	124,708	129,260	-4,552
Maine	728	517	211	14,861	16,046	-1,185
Maryland	3,097	3,223	-126	202,020	201,738	282
Massachusetts	12,162	11,614	548	480,213	462,042	18,171
Michigan	11,559	11,665	-106	590,025	587,248	2,777
Minnesota	0	6	-6	43,365	42,625	740
Mississippi	861	1,048	-187	27,029	29,957	-2,928
Missouri	189	496	-307	46,762	50,970	-4,208
Montana	1,062	1,109	-47	31,729	33,428	-1,699
Nebraska	1,044	1,474	-430	10,566	27,582	-17,016
Nevada	57,783	12,537	45,246	90,120	91,798	-1,678
New Hampshire	309	277	32	13,372	14,579	-1,207
New Jersey	3,079	3,299	-220	365,468	390,735	-25,267
New Mexico	1,201	1,149	52	32,369	26,622	5,747
New York	24,008	25,397	-1,389	1,188,764	1,208,943	-20,179
North Carolina	8,688	7,700	988	120,474	121,240	-766
North Dakota	685	809	-124	5,210	5,503	-293
Ohio	39,502	28,845	10,657	399,047	427,053	-28,006
Oklahoma	850	850	0	9,182	8,902	280
Oregon	3,138	2,310	828	85,996	100,428	-14,432
Pennsylvania	17,752	20,499	-2,747	725,477	752,103	-26,626
Puerto Rico	12,385	11,787	598	198,025	185,179	12,846
Rhode Island	4,464	5,831	-1,367	43,401	44,922	-1,521
South Carolina	2,819	2,881	-62	58,026	57,518	508
South Dakota	17	24	-7	1,893	2,672	-779
Tennessee	2,836	3,118	-282	84,416	126,768	-42,352
Texas	5,111	5,250	-139	272,736	233,920	38,816
Utah	695	701	-6	4,374	4,836	-462
Vermont	67	79	-12	8,749	8,803	-54
Virgin Islands	0	55	-55	0	0	0
Virginia	4,286	4,085	201	201,305	186,457	14,848
Washington	3,455	3,685	-230	105,578	106,159	-581
West Virginia	3,375	4,821	-1,446	62,683	69,560	-6,877
Wisconsin	2,215	2,254	-39	41,131	42,684	-1,553
Wyoming	445	519	-74	1,339	2,117	-778
US Total	359,667	344,905	14,762	10,324,779	10,152,753	172,026

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	October 10	October 3	Change	September 26	September 19
Alabama	52,661	63,024	-10,363	71,789	16,110
Alaska	8,654	8,357	297	8,077	7,482
Arizona	37,909	31,786	6,123	25,058	21,410
Arkansas	19,378	21,280	-1,902	21,493	21,390
California	992,254	854,119	138,135	724,226	471,016
Colorado	49,759	39,611	10,148	44,183	27,338
Connecticut	43,443	42,210	1,233	32,164	19,031
Delaware	10,487	9,041	1,446	6,721	4,271
District of Columbia	16,623	13,608	3,015	9,763	4,927
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	24,244	16,129	8,115	8,326	3,399
Idaho	5,976	6,149	-173	6,377	6,635
Illinois	150,021	109,539	40,482	74,602	37,650
Indiana	39,113	30,475	8,638	21,811	12,724
Iowa	25,092	24,900	192	26,586	23,983
Kansas	21,036	16,838	4,198	13,944	12,293
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	17,435	11,552	5,883	7,319	4,075
Maine	13,822	14,224	-402	13,014	10,721
Maryland	38,140	28,716	9,424	15,124	18,793
Massachusetts	140,556	125,258	15,298	104,070	77,400
Michigan	180,342	132,099	48,243	116,139	62,134
Minnesota	68,327	61,136	7,191	52,054	41,622
Mississippi	16,007	16,610	-603	13,880	13,437
Missouri	48,107	48,201	-94	47,747	49,329
Montana	4,901	4,763	138	4,631	4,300
Nebraska	3,697	3,478	219	3,115	2,736
Nevada	75,042	63,551	11,491	50,782	37,346
New Hampshire	4,012	3,660	352	1,849	1,599
New Jersey	148,516	133,535	14,981	106,774	74,743
New Mexico	22,361	19,069	3,292	14,938	9,773
New York	600,921	537,675	63,246	433,446	232,083
North Carolina	135,312	150,342	-15,030	172,254	192,153
North Dakota	5,503	5,218	285	4,985	4,686
Ohio	78,608	68,728	9,880	51,852	32,847
Oklahoma	24,215	20,958	3,257	17,512	16,913
Oregon	42,518	34,809	7,709	25,467	19,823
Pennsylvania	160,796	127,679	33,117	104,530	62,687
Puerto Rico	17,780	14,731	3,049	10,105	7,110
Rhode Island	18,381	16,691	1,690	14,332	11,305
South Carolina	70,088	68,681	1,407	66,905	64,775
South Dakota	581	608	-27	477	474
Tennessee	49,239	50,640	-1,401	57,428	57,675
Texas	24,969	21,878	3,091	27,544	31,939
Utah	8,930	8,791	139	8,747	8,639
Vermont	7,715	6,840	875	5,147	3,339
Virgin Islands	21	88	-67	77	116
Virginia	86,841	84,760	2,081	80,259	73,727
Washington	5,914	6,839	-925	7,441	7,438
West Virginia	14,308	69,560	-55,252	9,122	6,169
Wisconsin	50,359	45,320	5,039	39,876	29,498
Wyoming	2,582	2,402	180	2,271	2,289
US Total	3,683,496	3,296,156	387,340	2,786,333	1,963,352

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)



## Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	October 10	October 3	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,231	1,158	73
Arizona	2,577	2,187	390
Arkansas	1,351	1,259	92
California	73,213	120,624	-47,411
Colorado	59	55	4
Connecticut	6,920	6,618	302
Delaware	133	131	2
District of Columbia	22	4	18
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	11	9	2
Idaho	23	36	-13
Illinois	22,899	24,569	-1,670
Indiana	2,890	2,593	297
Iowa	4,247	3,935	312
Kansas	1,226	845	381
Kentucky	101	164	-63
Louisiana	1,981	1,895	86
Maine	731	822	-91
Maryland	5,982	5,533	449
Massachusetts	15,991	14,977	1,014
Michigan	8,486	22,461	-13,975
Minnesota	6,980	6,611	369
Mississippi	2,388	2,105	283
Missouri	4,377	4,499	-122
Montana	728	684	44
Nebraska	169	185	-16
Nevada	5,868	5,094	774
New Hampshire	424	481	-57
New Jersey	30,724	28,729	1,995
New Mexico	1,896	1,852	44
New York	40,233	39,910	323
North Carolina	87,275	74,184	13,091
North Dakota	41	387	-346
Ohio	11,796	11,149	647
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	5,169	4,767	402
Pennsylvania	16,925	22,138	-5,213
Puerto Rico	1,610	1,433	177
Rhode Island	1,765	1,730	35
South Carolina	6,936	6,486	450
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2,506	2,289	217
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	669	683	-14
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	9,318	7,375	1,943
Washington	12,889	12,105	784
West Virginia	18	29	-11
Wisconsin	28	28	0
Wyoming	13	38	-25
US Total	400,819	444,846	-44,027

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 17

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 10

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		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	7,964	-617	6,261	26	11	43,493	2.2	16,430	29,003	93	61	43,647
Alaska	4,608	-1,100	3,603	15	2	19,754	6.4	-510	14,125	146	48	19,948
Arizona	7,053	-872	3,543	12	2	137,816	4.7	-13,620	115,905	211	266	138,293
Arkansas	4,318	-1,401	2,914	6	4	30,873	2.6	-1,430	21,043	95	44	31,012
California	159,876	-16,207	120,685	296	121	1,836,240	10.5	-175,033	1,577,523	2,223	3,618	1,842,081
Colorado	5,759	-647	3,880	33	16	111,822	4.2	-12,511	96,175	151	345	112,318
Connecticut	4,395	-339	2,158	27	3	96,689	5.9	-24,680	71,404	117	84	96,890
Delaware	1,715	-295	1,190	4	2	19,228	4.3	-2,127	15,445	21	22	19,271
District of Columbia	1,559	-353	1,125	22	0	45,879	7.9	-3,188	39,604	621	27	46,527
Florida	40,070	-7,834	34,619	34	70	287,537	3.3	-12,578	250,550	296	245	288,078
Georgia	44,892	-9,274	40,461	102	60	367,949	8.3	-41,653	343,815	586	520	369,055
Hawaii	5,104	231	3,806	7	8	78,156	12.6	-14,499	71,850	288	167	78,611
Idaho	3,293	-226	2,410	16	4	8,215	1.1	-171	4,690	23	11	8,249
Illinois	46,948	-580	39,397	10	7	402,230	6.8	-44,830	327,202	531	264	403,025
Indiana	15,421	-2,495	13,305	38	17	113,496	3.7	-5,434	100,262	128	114	113,738
Iowa	4,215	23	1,919	10	3	42,103	2.7	-4,306	29,744	63	52	42,218
Kansas	17,547	3,010	16,415	4	0	44,327	3.2	-252	37,058	78	46	44,451
Kentucky	5,951	-18	3,592	5	2	73,897	3.9	-6,692	58,299	82	187	74,166
Louisiana	13,039	-538	11,247	15	13	146,622	7.8	-18,698	133,239	128	53	146,803
Maine	1,346	-203	927	1	0	15,901	2.6	-3,822	12,963	22	18	15,941
Maryland	11,609	-738	9,107	35	3	102,425	4.2	-13,020	81,328	241	131	102,797
Massachusetts	45,404	5,442	41,265	82	25	254,030	7.1	-14,912	210,200	294	153	254,477
Michigan	7,310	-7,774	1,130	29	3	249,753	5.8	-51,543	203,553	147	96	249,996
Minnesota	9,833	493	6,997	12	6	122,976	4.3	-15,697	100,355	142	132	123,250
Mississippi	2,996	-661	1,912	10	0	45,296	4.1	-11,013	38,342	68	40	45,404
Missouri	8,728	-1,794	6,030	7	0	57,846	2.1	-2,879	40,248	107	40	57,993
Montana	2,469	-424	1,505	34	1	16,146	3.5	-1,648	11,702	70	28	16,244
Nebraska	2,934	-309	2,424	8	2	14,921	1.5	-1,540	12,775	32	7	14,960
Nevada	8,734	-230	6,649	3	2	140,132	10.0	-17,073	123,515	117	126	140,375
New Hampshire	2,100	-462	1,750	13	3	28,017	4.3	-2,217	25,341	17	10	28,044
New Jersey	28,809	-222	21,327	48	20	217,743	5.4	-31,333	146,527	246	427	218,416
New Mexico	4,033	-765	3,190	27	4	57,898	7.1	-4,956	50,317	223	94	58,215
New York	54,890	-11,495	42,780	27	25	616,176	6.5	-107,594	510,249	251	469	616,896
North Carolina	12,119	-1,053	8,742	38	51	103,618	2.3	-5,215	84,907	248	417	104,283
North Dakota	1,043	-2	717	5	3	8,065	1.9	-1,042	6,754	16	9	8,090
Ohio	17,671	-2,460	11,409	24	35	186,651	3.5	-102,576	147,087	134	270	187,055
Oklahoma	5,277	-254	3,655	23	5	73,321	4.7	-9,061	57,786	76	96	73,493
Oregon	4,767	-6	794	58	13	103,211	5.4	-11,910	80,726	290	134	103,635
Pennsylvania	19,223	-1,028	8,301	173	41	363,487	6.3	-35,706	280,589	969	433	364,889
Puerto Rico	1,249	-97	279	2	0	63,740	7.4	-16,734	46,546	135	18	63,893
Rhode Island	2,437	-622	1,782	5	2	19,638	4.1	-2,885	14,380	25	21	19,684
South Carolina	3,890	-777	1,902	12	17	66,012	3.2	-4,108	52,656	48	105	66,165
South Dakota	485	42	311	9	1	4,320	1.0	-1,149	3,528	22	5	4,347
Tennessee	10,412	-398	7,366	36	11	88,163	2.7	-12,748	69,426	97	68	88,328
Texas	45,308	616	32,250	208	179	682,194	5.5	-36,037	568,800	934	2,297	685,425
Utah	2,490	-236	1,577	49	6	19,081	1.3	-2,184	13,239	31	21	19,133
Vermont	601	58	209	0	0	13,438	4.4	-2,022	11,608	2	1	13,441
Virgin Islands	133	-30	103	0	0	2,198	5.9	-240	1,706	2	4	2,204
Virginia	11,365	2,255	9,163	9	7	129,300	3.4	-12,920	112,532	325	451	130,076
Washington	19,980	-5,651	13,726	38	25	177,627	5.2	-12,588	135,526	326	623	178,576
West Virginia	1,940	-198	803	3	2	26,469	4.0	-4,243	17,570	55	68	26,592
Wisconsin	13,890	-1,081	10,354	20	12	102,729	3.6	-7,321	83,767	128	84	102,941
Wyoming	1,375	431	863	6	0	6,011	2.2	-490	4,507	30	5	6,046
Totals	760,577	-69,165	573,829	1,736	849	8,084,859	5.5	-926,208	6,697,991	11,751	13,075	8,109,685

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 OCTOBER 17, 2020**

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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>
MA	+5,442	No comment.
KS	+3,010	No comment.
VA	+2,255	Layoffs in the accommodations and food services industry.

**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	-16,207	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-11,495	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and construction industries.
GA	-9,274	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and accommodation and food services industries.
FL	-7,834	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting retail trade, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and services industries.
MI	-7,774	No comment.
WA	-5,651	No comment.
IN	-2,495	No comment.
OH	-2,460	No comment.
MO	-1,794	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
AR	-1,401	No comment.
AK	-1,100	No comment.
WI	-1,081	No comment.
NC	-1,053	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and educational services industries.
PA	-1,028	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and construction industries.

## 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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