



# News Release

Connect with DOL at <https://blog.dol.gov>



TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL  
8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, November 5, 2020

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

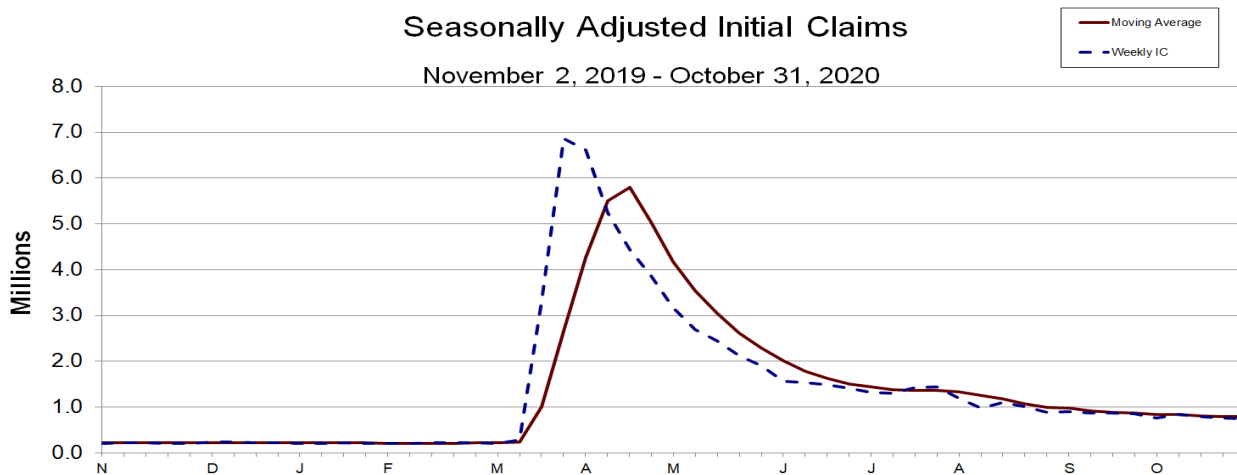
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 31, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 751,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 7,000 from 751,000 to 758,000. The 4-week moving average was 787,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,250 from 787,750 to 791,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 5.0 percent for the week ending October 24, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 24 was 7,285,000, a decrease of 538,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 67,000 from 7,756,000 to 7,823,000. The 4-week moving average was 8,244,500, a decrease of 827,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 18,500 from 9,053,250 to 9,071,750.

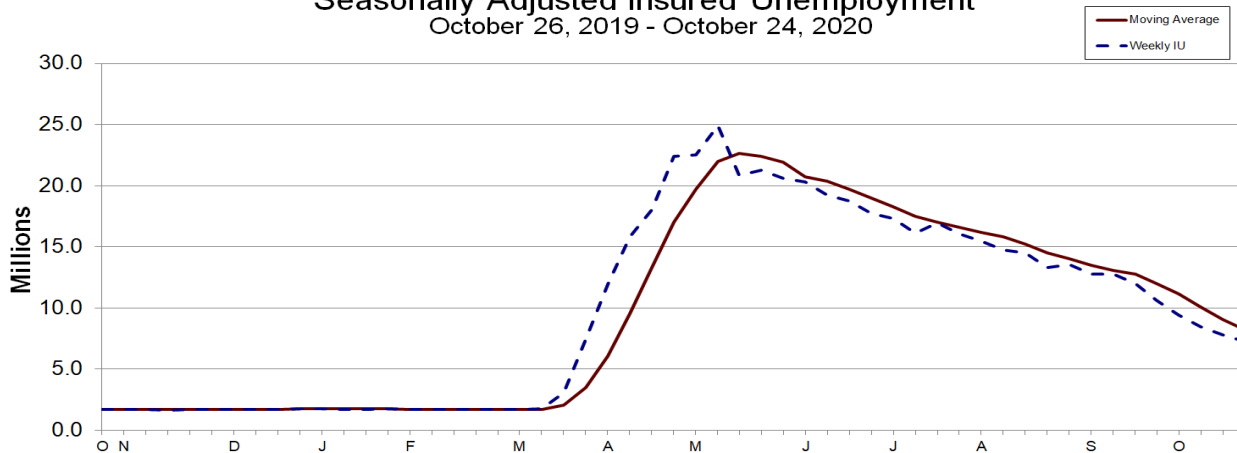
### Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

November 2, 2019 - October 31, 2020



### Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

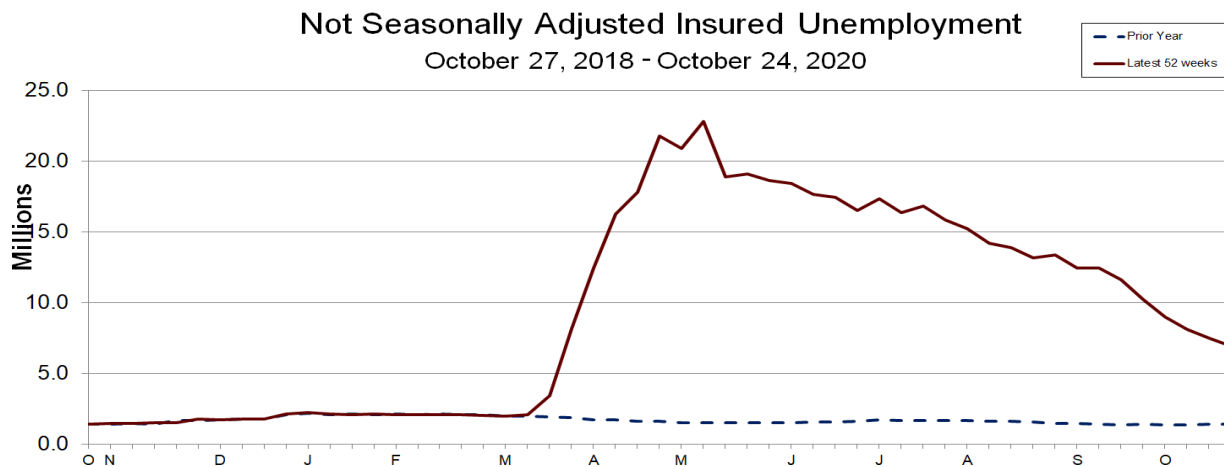
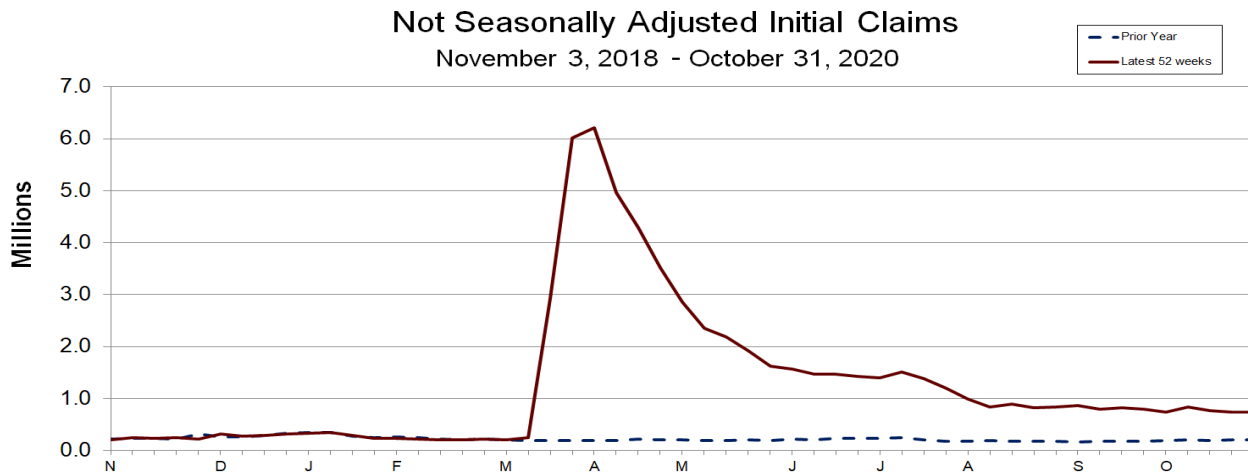
October 26, 2019 - October 24, 2020



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 738,166 in the week ending October 31, a decrease of 543 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,099 (or 0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 205,625 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending October 31, 52 states reported 362,883 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.7 percent during the week ending October 24, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 6,951,731, a decrease of 537,898 (or -7.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 242 (or -0.003 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,423,681.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 17 was 21,508,662, a decrease of 1,152,854 from the previous week. There were 1,444,923 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending October 17, Extended Benefits were available in the following 43 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, 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 2,171 in the week ending October 24, an increase of 436 from the prior week. There were 907 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 58 from the preceding week.

There were 12,137 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 17, an increase of 368 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 12,417, a decrease of 658 from the prior week.

During the week ending Oct 17, 51 states reported 9,332,610 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 50 states reported 3,961,060 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 17 were in Hawaii (11.3), the Virgin Islands (9.6), California (9.5), Nevada (9.2), New Mexico (9.0), Georgia (7.6), Puerto Rico (7.6), District of Columbia (7.1), Massachusetts (6.9), and Louisiana (6.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 24 were in Illinois (+6,190), Michigan (+5,442), Massachusetts (+2,483), Minnesota (+1,848), and Connecticut (+1,621), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-10,113), California (-7,700), Florida (-6,528), New York (-3,291), and Louisiana (-3,096).

---

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


---

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	751,000	758,000	-7,000	797,000	212,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	738,166	738,709	-543	766,520	205,625
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	787,000	791,000	-4,000	813,750	215,000

<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>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	7,285,000	7,823,000	-538,000	8,472,000	1,695,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	6,951,731	7,489,629	-537,898	8,091,731	1,423,681
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	8,244,500	9,071,750	-827,250	10,110,750	1,693,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	5.0%	5.3%	-0.3	5.8%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	4.7%	5.1%	-0.4	5.5%	1.0%

---

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


---

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 17</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	362,883	359,044	+3,839	344,905

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,171	1,735	+436	964
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	907	849	+58	452

---

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


---

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	7,436,246	8,038,175	-601,929	1,416,835
Federal Employees	12,137	11,769	+368	7,117
Newly Discharged Veterans	12,417	13,075	-658	5,838
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	9,332,610	10,324,779	-992,169	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	3,961,060	3,683,496	+277,564	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	572,942	400,819	+172,123	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,806	2,395	+411	5,533
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	178,444	187,008	-8,564	9,600
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>21,508,662</b>	<b>22,661,516</b>	<b>-1,152,854</b>	<b>1,444,923</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 31			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 24		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,603	7,126	-523	28,536	35,544	-7,008
Alaska	4,768	4,388	380	18,517	18,974	-457
Arizona	8,512	6,813	1,699	112,291	125,852	-13,561
Arkansas	3,519	4,019	-500	23,315	26,311	-2,996
California	152,428	152,176	252	1,588,552	1,653,245	-64,693
Colorado	7,151	6,071	1,080	97,609	105,759	-8,150
Connecticut	4,843	6,016	-1,173	95,398	101,110	-5,712
Delaware*	1,889	1,657	232	14,143	17,349	-3,206
District of Columbia	1,188	1,473	-285	36,662	41,417	-4,755
Florida	28,702	33,542	-4,840	292,588	282,261	10,327
Georgia	36,638	43,695	-7,057	303,591	336,738	-33,147
Hawaii	4,893	4,906	-13	61,944	70,416	-8,472
Idaho	3,705	3,863	-158	7,173	8,024	-851
Illinois	76,338	53,138	23,200	342,096	379,952	-37,856
Indiana	13,900	13,407	493	94,842	103,977	-9,135
Iowa	4,964	4,351	613	37,290	39,825	-2,535
Kansas	19,443	15,972	3,471	54,676	43,902	10,774
Kentucky	8,982	5,325	3,657	58,145	62,209	-4,064
Louisiana	7,718	9,943	-2,225	105,367	128,378	-23,011
Maine	1,616	1,479	137	12,659	15,286	-2,627
Maryland	10,162	10,743	-581	76,300	83,240	-6,940
Massachusetts	38,832	47,887	-9,055	229,760	249,005	-19,245
Michigan	12,862	18,082	-5,220	195,888	235,256	-39,368
Minnesota	12,713	11,681	1,032	114,662	116,856	-2,194
Mississippi	3,267	3,231	36	37,518	46,448	-8,930
Missouri	7,316	7,802	-486	50,304	56,392	-6,088
Montana	2,818	3,181	-363	14,681	14,996	-315
Nebraska	2,389	2,421	-32	12,572	13,742	-1,170
Nevada	9,692	9,036	656	106,918	127,673	-20,755
New Hampshire	1,901	2,028	-127	24,138	26,153	-2,015
New Jersey	23,904	27,203	-3,299	178,312	203,663	-25,351
New Mexico	4,539	4,091	448	68,988	72,805	-3,817
New York	45,391	51,599	-6,208	525,105	580,124	-55,019
North Carolina	7,868	9,903	-2,035	86,412	96,919	-10,507
North Dakota	1,389	1,223	166	8,124	7,297	827
Ohio	20,697	17,587	3,110	158,052	169,784	-11,732
Oklahoma	4,255	5,015	-760	50,911	67,861	-16,950
Oregon	3,728	4,529	-801	94,568	95,814	-1,246
Pennsylvania	23,078	19,974	3,104	310,246	334,369	-24,123
Puerto Rico	1,117	1,200	-83	58,120	65,498	-7,378
Rhode Island	3,111	3,127	-16	16,547	17,947	-1,400
South Carolina	3,398	3,675	-277	52,975	61,400	-8,425
South Dakota	808	482	326	3,704	4,539	-835
Tennessee	6,992	8,113	-1,121	67,587	80,068	-12,481
Texas	36,200	35,195	1,005	564,267	607,655	-43,388
Utah	2,368	2,371	-3	16,299	17,474	-1,175
Vermont	697	706	-9	11,968	12,535	-567
Virgin Islands	11	127	-116	2,672	3,586	-914
Virginia	12,895	12,352	543	98,576	127,621	-29,045
Washington	18,299	18,025	274	199,991	165,664	34,327
West Virginia	1,817	2,091	-274	25,340	24,485	855
Wisconsin	14,938	13,540	1,398	98,747	100,438	-1,691
Wyoming	914	1,129	-215	6,085	5,793	292
US Total	738,166	738,709	-543	6,951,731	7,489,629	-537,898

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.

## 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 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	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,285	-538	8,244.50	5.0
October 31, 2020	751	-7	787.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 31			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Oct 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Oct 17	Oct 10	Change
Alabama	3,702	5,948	-2,246	38,650	37,825	825
Alaska	313	273	40	9,850	10,267	-417
Arizona	11,454	12,551	-1,097	212,346	290,919	-78,573
Arkansas	2,655	2,841	-186	62,172	62,172	0
California	30,990	25,889	5,101	2,011,263	3,315,931	-1,304,668
Colorado	3,625	2,554	1,071	63,229	66,445	-3,216
Connecticut	422	400	22	37,629	37,088	541
Delaware	0	117	-117	7,136	7,840	-704
District of Columbia	177	194	-17	15,131	14,892	239
Florida	33,320	37,201	-3,881	0	0	0
Georgia	3,865	4,240	-375	236,721	241,170	-4,449
Hawaii	2,131	2,362	-231	92,787	106,305	-13,518
Idaho	20	27	-7	10,496	10,272	224
Illinois	9,338	8,704	634	127,845	128,913	-1,068
Indiana	9,864	10,464	-600	143,704	150,340	-6,636
Iowa	1,140	854	286	12,155	12,313	-158
Kansas	4,242	5,826	-1,584	58,880	90,512	-31,632
Kentucky	4,222	3,485	737	40,183	51,162	-10,979
Louisiana	9,219	5,742	3,477	123,488	124,708	-1,220
Maine	469	728	-259	16,573	14,861	1,712
Maryland	2,923	3,097	-174	205,503	202,020	3,483
Massachusetts	10,779	12,162	-1,383	492,135	480,213	11,922
Michigan	10,670	11,559	-889	549,045	590,025	-40,980
Minnesota	3	3	0	43,263	43,365	-102
Mississippi	705	861	-156	26,841	27,029	-188
Missouri	127	189	-62	47,418	46,762	656
Montana	947	1,062	-115	29,327	31,729	-2,402
Nebraska	1,060	1,044	16	10,531	10,566	-35
Nevada	50,698	57,783	-7,085	89,253	90,120	-867
New Hampshire	295	309	-14	13,908	13,372	536
New Jersey	2,426	3,079	-653	380,611	365,468	15,143
New Mexico	1,123	1,201	-78	34,337	32,369	1,968
New York	22,009	24,008	-1,999	1,389,541	1,188,764	200,777
North Carolina	12,524	8,688	3,836	116,937	120,474	-3,537
North Dakota	719	685	34	5,801	5,210	591
Ohio	50,075	39,501	10,574	407,383	399,047	8,336
Oklahoma	601	893	-292	11,175	9,182	1,993
Oregon	3,050	3,138	-88	93,897	85,996	7,901
Pennsylvania	20,301	17,752	2,549	742,511	725,477	17,034
Puerto Rico	12,273	11,744	529	201,943	198,025	3,918
Rhode Island	4,460	4,464	-4	42,555	43,401	-846
South Carolina	2,330	2,819	-489	57,074	58,026	-952
South Dakota	32	17	15	1,557	1,893	-336
Tennessee	2,667	2,833	-166	78,978	84,416	-5,438
Texas	5,513	5,111	402	517,856	272,736	245,120
Utah	668	695	-27	4,215	4,374	-159
Vermont	57	67	-10	8,333	8,749	-416
Virgin Islands	87	104	-17	0	0	0
Virginia	4,371	4,286	85	210,446	201,305	9,141
Washington	3,065	3,455	-390	103,378	105,578	-2,200
West Virginia	2,815	3,375	-560	54,985	62,683	-7,698
Wisconsin	2,181	2,215	-34	39,843	41,131	-1,288
Wyoming	161	445	-284	1,792	1,339	453
US Total	362,883	359,044	3,839	9,332,610	10,324,779	-992,169

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 17	October 10	Change	October 3	September 26
Alabama	46,350	52,661	-6,311	63,024	71,789
Alaska	8,753	8,654	99	8,357	8,077
Arizona	43,175	37,909	5,266	31,786	25,058
Arkansas	16,057	19,378	-3,321	21,280	21,493
California	1,098,039	992,254	105,785	854,119	724,226
Colorado	48,488	49,759	-1,271	39,611	44,183
Connecticut	52,144	43,443	8,701	42,210	32,164
Delaware	11,654	10,487	1,167	9,041	6,721
District of Columbia	18,927	16,623	2,304	13,608	9,763
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	31,617	24,244	7,373	16,129	8,326
Idaho	5,822	5,976	-154	6,149	6,377
Illinois	168,672	150,021	18,651	109,539	74,602
Indiana	44,945	39,113	5,832	30,475	21,811
Iowa	26,130	25,092	1,038	24,900	26,586
Kansas	20,570	21,036	-466	16,838	13,944
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	26,113	17,435	8,678	11,552	7,319
Maine	14,402	13,822	580	14,224	13,014
Maryland	43,921	38,140	5,781	28,716	15,124
Massachusetts	152,834	140,556	12,278	125,258	104,070
Michigan	176,677	180,342	-3,665	132,099	116,139
Minnesota	73,570	68,327	5,243	61,136	52,054
Mississippi	16,599	16,007	592	16,610	13,880
Missouri	48,671	48,107	564	48,201	47,747
Montana	5,174	4,901	273	4,763	4,631
Nebraska	3,850	3,697	153	3,478	3,115
Nevada	83,467	75,042	8,425	63,551	50,782
New Hampshire	4,877	4,012	865	3,660	1,849
New Jersey	164,686	148,516	16,170	133,535	106,774
New Mexico	7,054	22,361	-15,307	19,069	14,938
New York	644,570	600,921	43,649	537,675	433,446
North Carolina	126,204	135,312	-9,108	150,342	172,254
North Dakota	5,859	5,503	356	5,218	4,985
Ohio	85,680	78,608	7,072	68,728	51,852
Oklahoma	28,552	24,215	4,337	20,958	17,512
Oregon	47,157	42,518	4,639	34,809	25,467
Pennsylvania	170,750	160,796	9,954	127,679	104,530
Puerto Rico	24,176	17,780	6,396	14,731	10,105
Rhode Island	19,649	18,381	1,268	16,691	14,332
South Carolina	71,739	70,088	1,651	68,681	66,905
South Dakota	717	581	136	608	477
Tennessee	47,823	49,239	-1,416	50,640	57,428
Texas	37,955	24,969	12,986	21,878	27,544
Utah	8,860	8,930	-70	8,791	8,747
Vermont	8,256	7,715	541	6,840	5,147
Virgin Islands	109	21	88	88	77
Virginia	91,108	86,841	4,267	84,760	80,259
Washington	4,905	5,914	-1,009	6,839	7,441
West Virginia	15,133	14,308	825	69,560	9,122
Wisconsin	55,742	50,359	5,383	45,320	39,876
Wyoming	2,878	2,582	296	2,402	2,271
US Total	3,961,060	3,683,496	277,564	3,296,156	2,786,333

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 17	October 10	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,208	1,231	-23
Arizona	2,978	2,577	401
Arkansas	2,062	1,351	711
California	135,885	73,213	62,672
Colorado	72	59	13
Connecticut	7,959	6,920	1,039
Delaware	133	133	0
District of Columbia	33	22	11
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	15	11	4
Idaho	28	23	5
Illinois	26,504	22,899	3,605
Indiana	2,928	2,890	38
Iowa	4,778	4,247	531
Kansas	1,166	1,226	-60
Kentucky	145	101	44
Louisiana	2,107	1,981	126
Maine	715	731	-16
Maryland	6,363	5,982	381
Massachusetts	17,418	15,991	1,427
Michigan	25,867	8,486	17,381
Minnesota	8,962	6,980	1,982
Mississippi	2,836	2,388	448
Missouri	242	4,377	-4,135
Montana	809	728	81
Nebraska	152	169	-17
Nevada	6,954	5,868	1,086
New Hampshire	460	424	36
New Jersey	32,652	30,724	1,928
New Mexico	392	1,896	-1,504
New York	43,839	40,233	3,606
North Carolina	93,882	87,275	6,607
North Dakota	9	41	-32
Ohio	12,627	11,796	831
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	5,536	5,169	367
Pennsylvania	18,907	16,925	1,982
Puerto Rico	2,021	1,610	411
Rhode Island	1,909	1,765	144
South Carolina	5,602	6,936	-1,334
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2,531	2,506	25
Texas	67,973	0	67,973
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	689	669	20
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	11,672	9,318	2,354
Washington	13,813	12,889	924
West Virginia	34	18	16
Wisconsin	47	28	19
Wyoming	28	13	15
US Total	572,942	400,819	172,123

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 24

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 17

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	7,126	-838	5,142	53	11	35,544	1.8	-7,949	21,347	78	46	35,668
Alaska	4,388	-220	3,279	26	0	18,974	6.1	-780	12,714	154	48	19,176
Arizona	6,813	-240	2,933	14	2	125,852	4.3	-11,964	104,332	188	314	126,354
Arkansas	4,019	-299	2,409	4	1	26,311	2.2	-4,562	16,371	105	38	26,454
California	152,176	-7,700	111,095	420	140	1,653,245	9.5	-182,995	1,372,185	2,364	3,160	1,658,769
Colorado	6,071	312	4,222	26	21	105,759	3.9	-6,063	89,577	235	326	106,320
Connecticut	6,016	1,621	3,731	53	10	101,110	6.1	4,421	75,446	144	80	101,334
Delaware	1,657	-58	1,090	1	0	17,349	3.8	-1,879	13,438	34	21	17,404
District of Columbia	1,473	-86	1,053	27	2	41,417	7.1	-4,462	35,153	548	10	41,975
Florida	33,543	-6,528	28,140	44	83	282,261	3.2	-5,276	246,214	279	198	282,738
Georgia	43,695	-1,197	37,440	127	80	336,738	7.6	-31,211	311,671	635	497	337,870
Hawaii	4,906	-198	3,783	16	11	70,416	11.3	-7,740	64,712	225	165	70,806
Idaho	3,863	570	2,976	12	3	8,024	1.1	-191	4,378	30	12	8,066
Illinois	53,138	6,190	44,831	16	6	379,952	6.4	-22,278	304,620	479	232	380,663
Indiana	13,407	-2,014	11,269	39	12	103,977	3.4	-9,519	90,310	149	138	104,264
Iowa	4,351	136	1,406	10	3	39,825	2.6	-2,278	27,190	72	41	39,938
Kansas	15,972	-1,575	14,656	0	4	43,902	3.2	-425	36,776	75	47	44,024
Kentucky	5,325	-626	3,182	0	3	62,209	3.3	-11,688	45,993	82	160	62,451
Louisiana	9,943	-3,096	8,076	21	6	128,378	6.8	-18,244	114,933	144	53	128,575
Maine	1,479	133	819	3	0	15,286	2.5	-615	12,073	37	13	15,336
Maryland	10,743	-866	7,975	40	5	83,240	3.4	-19,185	61,913	215	169	83,624
Massachusetts	47,887	2,483	43,204	109	71	249,005	6.9	-5,025	204,874	266	135	249,406
Michigan	18,082	5,442	12,511	38	7	235,256	5.5	-14,497	190,299	144	117	235,517
Minnesota	11,681	1,848	8,372	13	8	116,856	4.1	-6,120	93,425	147	122	117,125
Mississippi	3,231	-378	2,215	1	0	46,448	4.2	-5,720	39,451	72	51	46,571
Missouri	7,802	-926	5,041	2	1	56,392	2.1	-1,454	38,724	111	39	56,542
Montana	3,181	712	2,161	41	4	14,996	3.3	-1,150	10,486	100	27	15,123
Nebraska	2,421	-513	1,895	7	3	13,742	1.4	-1,179	11,758	35	10	13,787
Nevada	9,036	302	7,139	10	2	127,673	9.2	-12,459	111,930	80	129	127,882
New Hampshire	2,028	-72	1,542	19	0	26,153	4.0	-1,864	23,445	23	7	26,183
New Jersey	27,203	-1,606	19,213	58	12	203,663	5.0	-14,080	130,716	287	415	204,365
New Mexico	4,091	58	3,158	12	5	72,805	9.0	14,907	65,081	281	99	73,185
New York	51,599	-3,291	38,514	34	36	580,124	6.1	-36,052	472,635	213	445	580,782
North Carolina	9,903	-2,216	6,620	58	47	96,919	2.2	-6,699	77,977	256	415	97,590
North Dakota	1,223	180	793	6	2	7,297	1.8	-768	5,860	15	10	7,322
Ohio	17,587	-84	10,219	47	20	169,784	3.2	-16,867	129,064	153	283	170,220
Oklahoma	5,015	-262	3,341	40	6	67,861	4.3	-5,460	52,949	72	95	68,028
Oregon	4,529	-238	838	96	20	95,814	5.0	-7,397	72,683	324	140	96,278
Pennsylvania	19,974	751	8,486	194	41	334,369	5.8	-29,118	248,549	1,002	416	335,787
Puerto Rico	1,200	-49	64	1	3	65,498	7.6	1,758	48,186	125	24	65,647
Rhode Island	3,127	690	2,427	11	2	17,947	3.8	-1,691	12,608	77	15	18,039
South Carolina	3,675	-215	1,609	22	9	61,400	2.9	-4,612	48,185	50	96	61,546
South Dakota	482	-3	276	6	0	4,539	1.1	219	3,683	37	8	4,584
Tennessee	8,113	-2,299	5,843	66	23	80,068	2.4	-8,095	61,425	84	76	80,228
Texas	35,195	-10,113	22,012	205	139	607,655	4.9	-74,539	496,059	928	2,319	610,902
Utah	2,371	-119	1,326	36	6	17,474	1.2	-1,607	11,489	48	19	17,541
Vermont	706	105	337	0	0	12,535	4.1	-903	10,560	21	1	12,557
Virgin Islands	127	-6	88	0	0	3,586	9.6	1,388	3,104	2	2	3,590
Virginia	12,352	987	8,481	4	6	127,621	3.4	-1,679	110,732	357	386	128,364
Washington	18,025	-1,955	11,650	41	25	165,664	4.9	-11,963	122,293	323	609	166,596
West Virginia	2,091	151	748	5	2	24,485	3.7	-1,984	15,167	54	51	24,590
Wisconsin	13,540	-350	9,629	29	3	100,438	3.5	-2,291	81,008	162	80	100,680
Wyoming	1,129	-246	717	8	1	5,793	2.1	-218	4,366	16	8	5,817
Totals	738,709	-27,811	539,976	2,171	907	7,489,629	5.1	-602,102	6,070,117	12,137	12,417	7,514,183

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 24, 2020**

---

**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

---

<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
IL	+6,190	Layoffs in the other services, wholesale trade, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
MI	+5,442	No comment.
MA	+2,483	No comment.
MN	+1,848	No comment.
CT	+1,621	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.

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

---

<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
TX	-10,113	No comment.
CA	-7,700	No comment.
FL	-6,528	No comment.
NY	-3,291	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, transportation and warehousing, wholesale trade industries.
LA	-3,096	No comment.
TN	-2,299	No comment.
NC	-2,216	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and manufacturing industries.
IN	-2,014	No comment.
WA	-1,955	No comment.
NJ	-1,606	No comment.
KS	-1,575	No comment.
GA	-1,197	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, trade, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services 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.

#### [Weekly Claims Archives](#)

#### [Weekly Claims Data](#)

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The Department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts Departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employment and Training Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20210  
Release Number: USDL 20-2059-NAT

Program Contacts:  
Thomas Stengle: (202) 693-2991  
Anatoli Sznoluch: (202) 693-3176  
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676