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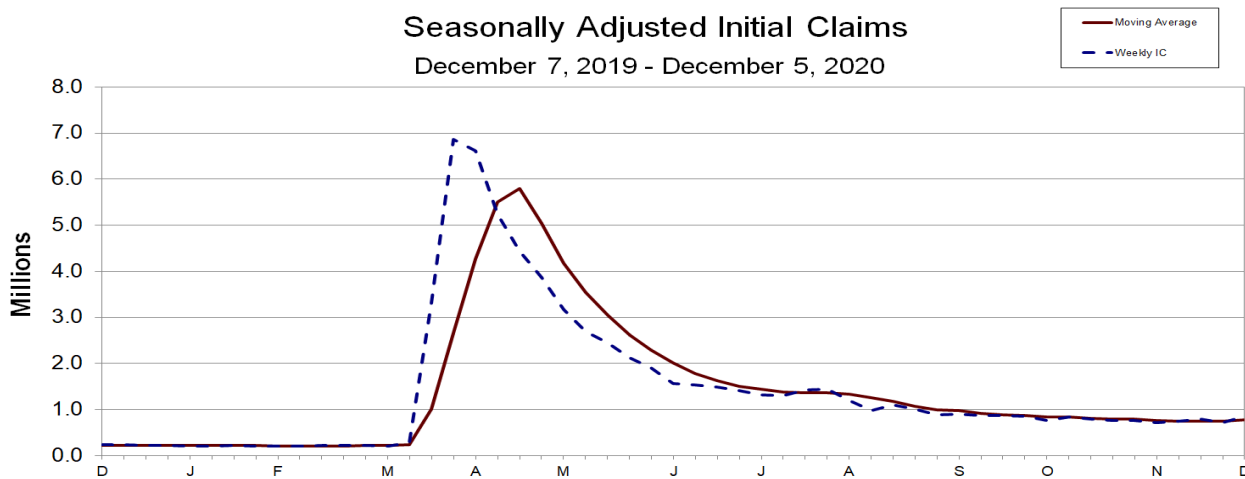
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

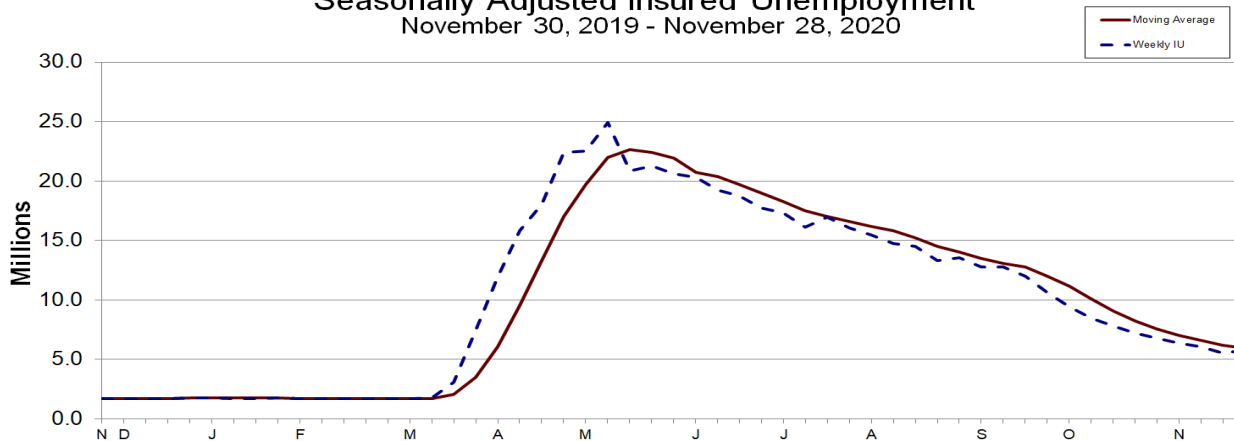
In the week ending December 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 853,000, an increase of 137,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 4,000 from 712,000 to 716,000. The 4-week moving average was 776,000, an increase of 35,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 739,500 to 740,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.9 percent for the week ending November 28, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 28 was 5,757,000, an increase of 230,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 5,520,000 to 5,527,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,935,750, a decrease of 260,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 6,194,250 to 6,196,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 7, 2019 - December 5, 2020



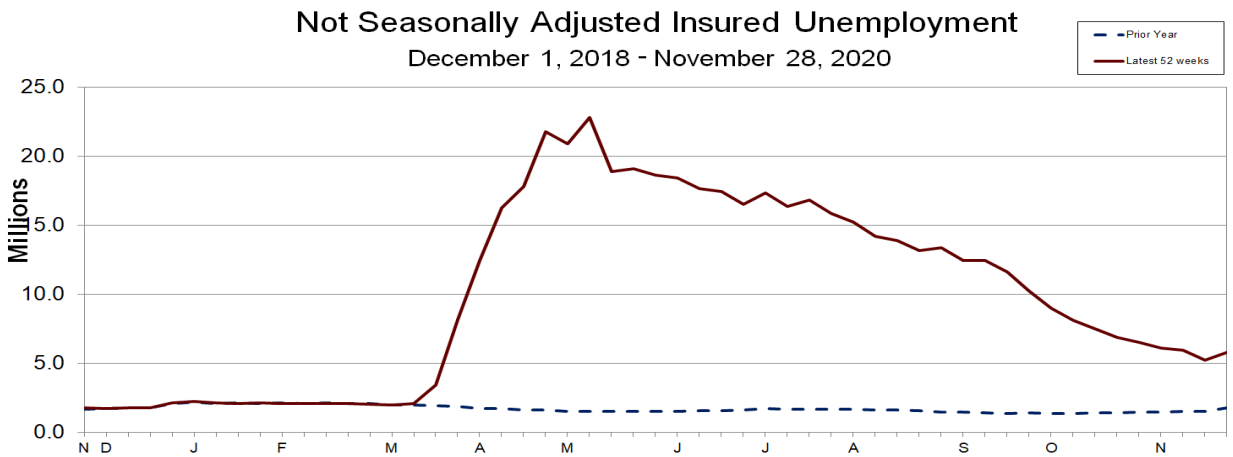
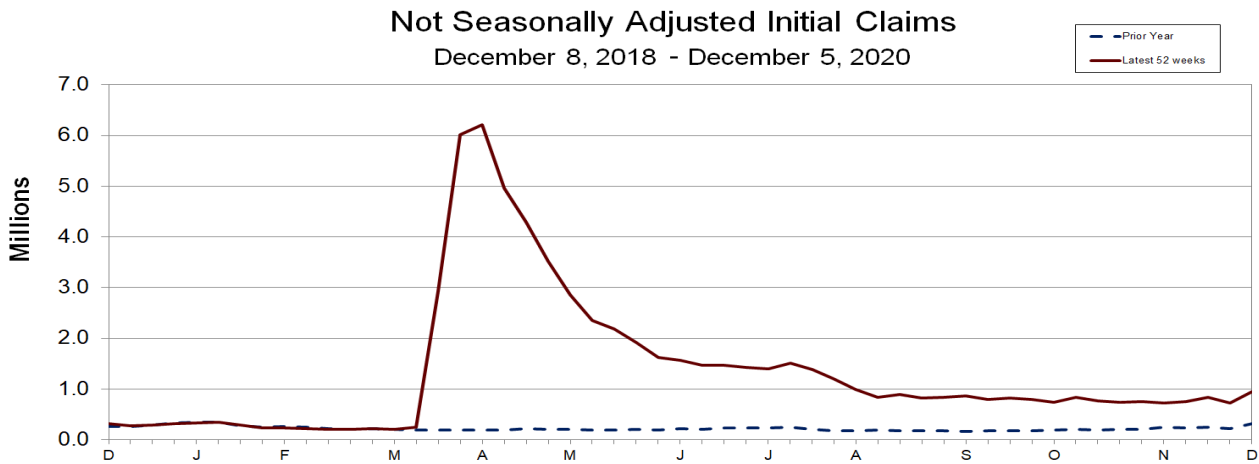
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 30, 2019 - November 28, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 947,504 in the week ending December 5, an increase of 228,982 (or 31.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 92,333 (or 12.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 317,866 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending December 5, 52 states reported 427,609 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.9 percent during the week ending November 28, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,780,893, an increase of 533,336 (or 10.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 303,285 (or 5.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,754,590.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 21 was 19,043,429, a decrease of 1,120,049 from the previous week. There were 1,535,274 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending November 21, Extended Benefits were available in the following 33 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Washington, and West Virginia.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,933 in the week ending November 28, a decrease of 873 from the prior week. There were 625 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 198 from the preceding week.

There were 13,788 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees for the week ending November 21, a decrease of 706 from the previous week. Continued weekly claims filed by newly discharged veterans totaled 9,143, a decrease of 2,011 from the prior week.

During the week ending November 21, 51 states reported 8,555,763 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,532,876 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 21 were in Alaska (6.3), California (6.3), New Mexico (6.1), Nevada (6.0), Hawaii (5.6), Massachusetts (5.1), District of Columbia (5.0), Illinois (5.0), Washington (4.7), and Georgia (4.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 28 were in Illinois (+8,535), Oregon (+5,461), Colorado (+1,905), Indiana (+1,746), and Louisiana (+1,735), while the largest decreases were in California (-37,803), Texas (-14,123), Michigan (-10,976), Georgia (-9,905), and Washington (-7,881).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 5	November 28	Change	November 21	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	853,000	716,000	+137,000	787,000	237,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	947,504	718,522	+228,982	835,914	317,866
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	776,000	740,500	+35,500	750,750	219,250

WEEK ENDING	November 28	November 21	Change	November 14	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,757,000	5,527,000	+230,000	6,089,000	1,700,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,780,893	5,247,557	+533,336	5,930,743	1,754,590
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,935,750	6,196,000	-260,250	6,619,750	1,689,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.9%	3.8%	+0.1	4.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.9%	3.6%	+0.3	4.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 5	November 28	Change	November 21
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	427,609	288,234	+139,375	318,855

WEEK ENDING	November 28	November 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,933	2,806	-873	971
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	625	823	-198	320

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 21	November 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	5,213,712	5,890,220	-676,508	1,505,775
Federal Employees	13,788	14,494	-706	9,305
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,143	11,154	-2,011	5,360
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	8,555,763	8,869,502	-313,739	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,532,876	4,569,016	-36,140	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	614,517	681,078	-66,561	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,363	2,625	-262	5,283
STC / Workshare ⁷	101,267	125,389	-24,122	9,551
TOTAL⁸	19,043,429	20,163,478	-1,120,049	1,535,274

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent the number of unique individuals filing continued claims.

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 December 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	7,059	7,061	-2	20,207	22,949	-2,742
Alaska	4,821	3,834	987	19,970	19,466	504
Arizona	9,283	5,569	3,714	84,951	81,219	3,732
Arkansas	3,937	3,663	274	21,614	21,220	394
California	177,837	130,383	47,454	1,242,501	1,103,423	139,078
Colorado	19,561	17,171	2,390	91,655	79,697	11,958
Connecticut	7,812	5,949	1,863	75,286	74,606	680
Delaware	1,896	1,533	363	14,147	12,103	2,044
District of Columbia	1,511	1,110	401	28,667	29,275	-608
Florida	25,012	23,063	1,949	163,881	142,253	21,628
Georgia	32,371	19,183	13,188	236,253	202,361	33,892
Hawaii	4,335	3,542	793	40,710	34,886	5,824
Idaho	4,792	3,991	801	10,289	9,245	1,044
Illinois	105,599	74,131	31,468	340,919	298,570	42,349
Indiana	26,910	20,575	6,335	84,251	78,674	5,577
Iowa	10,747	5,357	5,390	43,121	33,712	9,409
Kansas	32,046	22,519	9,527	74,190	49,892	24,298
Kentucky	7,936	9,319	-1,383	46,310	44,141	2,169
Louisiana	6,839	11,780	-4,941	67,637	74,863	-7,226
Maine	2,943	1,944	999	12,282	11,948	334
Maryland	10,259	9,289	970	72,606	75,848	-3,242
Massachusetts	25,838	24,178	1,660	171,507	182,992	-11,485
Michigan	22,170	22,965	-795	205,707	159,438	46,269
Minnesota	25,429	24,527	902	146,525	114,715	31,810
Mississippi	4,532	3,373	1,159	28,658	29,740	-1,082
Missouri	9,557	8,595	962	45,212	43,242	1,970
Montana	3,827	3,633	194	17,033	15,841	1,192
Nebraska	2,895	2,392	503	11,468	11,298	170
Nevada	9,574	6,442	3,132	79,523	84,363	-4,840
New Hampshire	2,923	2,308	615	20,902	20,677	225
New Jersey	15,951	13,546	2,405	153,719	143,270	10,449
New Mexico	8,432	8,337	95	53,464	49,130	4,334
New York	63,391	45,863	17,528	411,297	413,532	-2,235
North Carolina	9,183	6,391	2,792	69,204	68,849	355
North Dakota	1,890	1,613	277	8,654	7,009	1,645
Ohio	35,164	27,786	7,378	150,833	144,268	6,565
Oklahoma	5,498	3,541	1,957	40,914	45,225	-4,311
Oregon	14,720	15,371	-651	91,087	76,492	14,595
Pennsylvania	40,244	23,878	16,366	321,402	264,601	56,801
Puerto Rico	1,199	969	230	47,157	38,249	8,908
Rhode Island	5,177	3,932	1,245	15,639	14,707	932
South Carolina	5,109	2,567	2,542	44,300	41,769	2,531
South Dakota	818	436	382	3,847	3,015	832
Tennessee	6,886	6,186	700	47,558	50,970	-3,412
Texas	44,663	24,792	19,871	376,292	354,191	22,101
Utah	3,394	2,385	1,009	14,440	14,246	194
Vermont	1,904	1,255	649	12,328	10,082	2,246
Virgin Islands	8	53	-45	2,020	1,410	610
Virginia	23,221	8,606	14,615	73,627	72,305	1,322
Washington	25,333	23,260	2,073	191,598	160,893	30,705
West Virginia	2,743	1,628	1,115	22,509	18,097	4,412
Wisconsin	21,521	16,138	5,383	105,202	87,624	17,578
Wyoming	804	610	194	5,820	4,966	854
US Total	947,504	718,522	228,982	5,780,893	5,247,557	533,336

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	
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	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,757	230	5,935.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	853	137	776.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 5			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 21	Nov 14	Change
Alabama	2,672	1,712	960	45,064	46,177	-1,113
Alaska	254	333	-79	10,883	10,689	194
Arizona	1,583	1,087	496	218,703	250,173	-31,470
Arkansas	2,316	2,060	256	45,719	53,094	-7,375
California	46,246	34,143	12,103	1,820,945	1,802,531	18,414
Colorado	17,232	14,242	2,990	63,694	62,403	1,291
Connecticut	545	668	-123	38,565	37,746	819
Delaware	94	90	4	7,257	4,176	3,081
District of Columbia	171	80	91	14,522	15,223	-701
Florida	23,400	16,742	6,658	0	0	0
Georgia	2,884	2,238	646	172,490	216,381	-43,891
Hawaii	4,308	1,533	2,775	68,816	74,612	-5,796
Idaho	4	5	-1	10,941	10,846	95
Illinois	26,450	15,931	10,519	145,593	143,987	1,606
Indiana	28,579	16,689	11,890	349,429	293,432	55,997
Iowa	1,692	1,157	535	11,742	12,383	-641
Kansas	5,382	4,986	396	46,120	56,037	-9,917
Kentucky	4,477	2,309	2,168	47,630	9,660	37,970
Louisiana	2,389	6,429	-4,040	119,563	130,391	-10,828
Maine	1,182	725	457	15,395	13,711	1,684
Maryland	2,593	1,938	655	185,085	204,734	-19,649
Massachusetts	7,987	7,272	715	403,891	425,548	-21,657
Michigan	6,954	7,556	-602	435,249	465,347	-30,098
Minnesota	1	12	-11	39,539	41,902	-2,363
Mississippi	0	0	0	26,228	25,748	480
Missouri	296	255	41	40,652	42,919	-2,267
Montana	1,780	1,534	246	24,489	30,915	-6,426
Nebraska	752	625	127	7,161	8,146	-985
Nevada	61,290	8,345	52,945	77,712	74,049	3,663
New Hampshire	535	376	159	12,459	13,095	-636
New Jersey	7,667	7,090	577	349,335	345,838	3,497
New Mexico	1,558	1,398	160	32,557	30,022	2,535
New York	31,335	22,959	8,376	1,182,600	1,211,531	-28,931
North Carolina	12,377	11,680	697	119,085	118,951	134
North Dakota	731	753	-22	6,346	7,086	-740
Ohio	43,767	36,865	6,902	381,988	419,346	-37,358
Oklahoma	507	344	163	9,423	8,842	581
Oregon	15,854	7,654	8,200	121,506	122,221	-715
Pennsylvania	13,191	13,051	140	684,978	743,069	-58,091
Puerto Rico	13,814	11,837	1,977	215,385	209,875	5,510
Rhode Island	1,729	3,237	-1,508	39,731	40,152	-421
South Carolina	2,758	2,070	688	52,525	54,172	-1,647
South Dakota	18	16	2	1,318	1,581	-263
Tennessee	2,074	1,896	178	64,829	71,271	-6,442
Texas	8,220	4,882	3,338	414,607	514,259	-99,652
Utah	731	526	205	3,067	3,171	-104
Vermont	64	40	24	8,451	8,503	-52
Virgin Islands	50	40	10	0	0	0
Virginia	9,201	4,297	4,904	190,366	210,835	-20,469
Washington	3,763	3,305	458	108,859	101,292	7,567
West Virginia	1,739	1,575	164	34,560	39,977	-5,417
Wisconsin	2,282	1,559	723	27,055	29,601	-2,546
Wyoming	131	88	43	1,656	1,852	-196
US Total	427,609	288,234	139,375	8,555,763	8,869,502	-313,739

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	November 21	November 14	Change	November 7	October 31
Alabama	26,810	29,960	-3,150	32,916	36,326
Alaska	8,459	8,909	-450	8,856	9,057
Arizona	55,001	55,006	-5	53,370	50,776
Arkansas	10,881	12,414	-1,533	12,395	13,473
California	1,272,167	1,264,212	7,955	1,294,265	1,204,014
Colorado	70,031	66,806	3,225	64,790	59,175
Connecticut	61,155	61,390	-235	60,046	57,966
Delaware	14,193	14,228	-35	13,485	12,861
District of Columbia	25,433	25,054	379	23,984	22,656
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	45,256	50,244	-4,988	42,411	41,112
Idaho	4,473	4,876	-403	5,237	5,259
Illinois	231,238	228,583	2,655	218,266	204,472
Indiana	56,452	56,653	-201	53,389	51,555
Iowa	24,068	26,410	-2,342	25,855	26,153
Kansas	22,105	23,104	-999	22,274	22,505
Kentucky	31,212	29,672	1,540	29,580	28,839
Louisiana	41,452	39,167	2,285	35,533	34,001
Maine	12,683	13,513	-830	13,896	14,348
Maryland	56,837	56,777	60	52,196	49,540
Massachusetts	175,774	173,966	1,808	171,042	167,187
Michigan	228,265	213,879	14,386	220,670	196,101
Minnesota	83,514	83,409	105	80,864	78,814
Mississippi	17,360	16,796	564	16,960	16,855
Missouri	36,110	41,749	-5,639	45,274	47,485
Montana	5,749	5,710	39	5,657	5,582
Nebraska	4,230	4,249	-19	4,225	4,153
Nevada	95,860	95,965	-105	94,009	92,211
New Hampshire	7,056	7,749	-693	7,467	6,114
New Jersey	178,203	181,185	-2,982	179,936	174,200
New Mexico	35,654	34,946	708	32,483	13,449
New York	715,067	717,795	-2,728	688,988	682,997
North Carolina	123,151	127,999	-4,848	125,910	124,799
North Dakota	5,942	6,019	-77	6,023	6,092
Ohio	97,556	98,202	-646	95,005	93,606
Oklahoma	28,053	27,888	165	26,260	26,577
Oregon	60,715	60,972	-257	60,790	55,982
Pennsylvania	202,582	214,793	-12,211	196,087	240,011
Puerto Rico	34,696	36,177	-1,481	32,957	30,011
Rhode Island	19,302	19,674	-372	19,891	20,001
South Carolina	60,582	69,870	-9,288	69,870	71,306
South Dakota	726	890	-164	812	887
Tennessee	39,547	42,818	-3,271	45,141	47,864
Texas	20,465	22,615	-2,150	28,860	39,549
Utah	7,983	7,703	280	8,363	8,780
Vermont	8,963	9,598	-635	9,158	8,995
Virgin Islands	48	110	-62	78	167
Virginia	79,288	86,226	-6,938	88,519	89,763
Washington	4,256	5,761	-1,505	4,189	5,558
West Virginia	17,414	17,828	-414	17,557	15,579
Wisconsin	65,454	65,989	-535	60,044	58,737
Wyoming	3,405	3,508	-103	3,451	3,347
US Total	4,532,876	4,569,016	-36,140	4,509,284	4,376,847

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:		
	November 21	November 14	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,475	1,372	103
Arizona	5,719	5,118	601
Arkansas	255	876	-621
California	116,397	158,175	-41,778
Colorado	61	71	-10
Connecticut	8,327	9,670	-1,343
Delaware	116	125	-9
District of Columbia	30	33	-3
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	20	20	0
Idaho	15	27	-12
Illinois	29,002	30,175	-1,173
Indiana	71	2,826	-2,755
Iowa	127	324	-197
Kansas	1,416	1,505	-89
Kentucky	109	122	-13
Louisiana	2,281	2,135	146
Maine	132	2,388	-2,256
Maryland	7,293	7,195	98
Massachusetts	22,663	21,612	1,051
Michigan	30,024	41,330	-11,306
Minnesota	14,134	12,750	1,384
Mississippi	5,089	4,840	249
Missouri	68	79	-11
Montana	144	759	-615
Nebraska	66	90	-24
Nevada	14,832	13,363	1,469
New Hampshire	437	500	-63
New Jersey	33,663	38,241	-4,578
New Mexico	2,310	2,298	12
New York	51,256	52,138	-882
North Carolina	54,208	63,797	-9,589
North Dakota	5	6	-1
Ohio	16,590	16,902	-312
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	8,313	8,299	14
Pennsylvania	21,701	21,700	1
Puerto Rico	1,630	2,090	-460
Rhode Island	3,147	3,011	136
South Carolina	15,238	10,752	4,486
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	231	338	-107
Texas	104,603	104,025	578
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	706	756	-50
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	21,238	21,297	-59
Washington	19,326	17,871	1,455
West Virginia	21	37	-16
Wisconsin	21	40	-19
Wyoming	7	0	7
US Total	614,517	681,078	-66,561

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 28

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 21

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	7,061	-4,752	5,029	17	9	22,949	1.2	-2,698	8,792	72	39	23,060
Alaska	3,834	-697	2,893	14	1	19,466	6.3	-365	11,270	218	43	19,727
Arizona	5,569	-1,585	3,042	15	0	81,219	2.8	-10,266	63,848	249	179	81,647
Arkansas	3,663	-613	1,096	2	1	21,220	1.8	-3,019	11,157	166	28	21,414
California	130,383	-37,803	93,926	489	104	1,103,423	6.3	-173,986	843,860	2,700	1,873	1,107,996
Colorado	17,171	1,905	15,261	46	20	79,697	3.0	-6,385	62,473	238	302	80,237
Connecticut	5,949	-692	2,480	28	5	74,606	4.5	-4,136	47,064	208	92	74,906
Delaware	1,533	-336	860	4	0	12,103	2.7	-889	7,313	30	19	12,152
District of Columbia	1,110	-15	723	22	1	29,275	5.0	-2,926	22,725	450	12	29,737
Florida	23,063	-3,868	19,246	49	55	142,253	1.6	-44,038	111,106	273	258	142,784
Georgia	19,183	-9,905	15,222	76	19	202,361	4.6	-50,986	180,839	528	390	203,279
Hawaii	3,542	-687	2,579	16	8	34,886	5.6	-9,102	28,970	222	136	35,244
Idaho	3,991	-741	2,424	48	2	9,245	1.2	452	4,231	93	7	9,345
Illinois	74,131	8,535	63,898	9	6	298,570	5.0	-35,099	208,315	477	189	299,236
Indiana	20,575	1,746	18,263	26	7	78,674	2.6	-6,292	65,130	179	122	78,975
Iowa	5,357	-3,573	369	6	4	33,712	2.2	-3,090	18,176	63	32	33,807
Kansas	22,519	-1,160	21,283	1	0	49,892	3.6	-902	42,634	54	40	49,986
Kentucky	9,319	-1,664	6,132	1	0	44,141	2.3	43	29,138	89	121	44,351
Louisiana	11,780	1,735	10,273	7	3	74,863	4.0	-8,475	60,412	108	42	75,013
Maine	1,944	-310	1,212	3	1	11,948	2.0	-122	7,398	53	8	12,009
Maryland	9,289	-4,514	6,338	12	6	75,848	3.1	-4,294	53,661	256	81	76,185
Massachusetts	24,178	-5,909	18,036	79	18	182,992	5.1	-31,346	132,893	378	119	183,489
Michigan	22,965	-10,976	14,960	58	5	159,438	3.7	-21,130	113,015	226	63	159,727
Minnesota	24,527	1,613	18,964	16	13	114,715	4.0	1,791	75,274	171	120	115,006
Mississippi	3,373	-506	2,326	3	2	29,740	2.7	-2,899	22,617	98	33	29,871
Missouri	8,595	-2,021	5,717	5	1	43,242	1.6	-2,305	25,854	91	37	43,370
Montana	3,633	-262	1,893	62	3	15,841	3.5	138	8,825	238	19	16,098
Nebraska	2,392	-293	1,396	8	2	11,298	1.2	-615	7,944	21	11	11,330
Nevada	6,442	-1,679	3,876	11	2	84,363	6.0	-9,510	67,042	167	128	84,658
New Hampshire	2,308	-201	1,817	5	4	20,677	3.1	-1,069	17,605	42	8	20,727
New Jersey	13,546	1,341	4,397	46	13	143,270	3.5	-14,116	65,253	277	311	143,858
New Mexico	8,337	-3,822	7,526	20	2	49,130	6.1	5,085	40,394	311	84	49,525
New York	45,863	-958	32,342	34	30	413,532	4.4	-35,438	290,731	251	523	414,306
North Carolina	6,391	-2,197	4,209	45	33	68,849	1.6	-6,492	49,897	282	318	69,449
North Dakota	1,613	-152	916	1	1	7,009	1.7	-30	4,224	18	8	7,035
Ohio	27,786	-2,412	18,414	21	26	144,268	2.7	-6,181	97,424	228	255	144,751
Oklahoma	3,541	-2,293	619	30	6	45,225	2.9	-3,807	29,649	59	63	45,347
Oregon	15,371	5,461	11,088	76	9	76,492	4.0	-2,266	51,709	593	114	77,199
Pennsylvania	23,878	-3,105	6,539	153	42	264,601	4.6	-41,341	168,621	1,239	365	266,205
Puerto Rico	969	-144	-28	2	0	38,249	4.4	-9,180	21,527	114	19	38,382
Rhode Island	3,932	389	2,951	4	0	14,707	3.1	-752	8,549	59	48	14,814
South Carolina	2,567	-794	1,019	11	5	41,769	2.0	-5,118	27,986	36	94	41,899
South Dakota	436	-310	108	13	0	3,015	0.7	-822	1,613	63	3	3,081
Tennessee	6,186	-1,109	4,152	20	12	50,970	1.5	-5,639	35,541	47	58	51,075
Texas	24,792	-14,123	14,433	110	109	354,191	2.8	-106,666	239,099	853	1,376	356,420
Utah	2,385	-661	630	87	6	14,246	1.0	-444	6,463	138	19	14,403
Vermont	1,255	-224	131	1	0	10,082	3.3	-1,068	7,106	10	2	10,094
Virgin Islands	53	-27	31	0	1	1,410	3.8	-1,554	1,048	0	2	1,412
Virginia	8,606	-3,628	6,654	18	2	72,305	1.9	-8,833	55,308	288	291	72,884
Washington	23,260	-7,881	15,364	47	18	160,893	4.7	2,803	108,064	439	542	161,874
West Virginia	1,628	-538	636	6	2	18,097	2.7	-1,920	6,835	120	40	18,257
Wisconsin	16,138	-582	8,009	32	6	87,624	3.1	-5,471	60,021	162	54	87,840
Wyoming	610	-395	21	18	0	4,966	1.9	-416	2,620	43	3	5,012
Totals	718,522	-117,392	501,695	1,933	625	5,247,557	3.6	-683,186	3,739,263	13,788	9,143	5,270,488

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 NOVEMBER 28, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+8,535	Layoffs in the other services, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
OR	+5,461	No comment.
CO	+1,905	No comment.
IN	+1,746	No comment.
LA	+1,735	No comment.
MN	+1,613	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	+1,341	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-37,803	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
TX	-14,123	No comment.
MI	-10,976	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
GA	-9,905	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and art, entertainment and recreation industries.
WA	-7,881	No comment.
MA	-5,909	No comment.
AL	-4,752	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, finance and insurance, public administration, accommodation and food services, educational services, and construction industries.
MD	-4,514	No comment.
FL	-3,868	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
NM	-3,822	No comment.
VA	-3,628	No comment.
IA	-3,573	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
PA	-3,105	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, professional, scientific and technical services, and construction industries.
OH	-2,412	No comment.
OK	-2,293	No comment.
NC	-2,197	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and manufacturing industries.
MO	-2,021	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
NV	-1,679	No comment.
KY	-1,664	No comment.
AZ	-1,585	No comment.
KS	-1,160	No comment.
TN	-1,109	No comment.

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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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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