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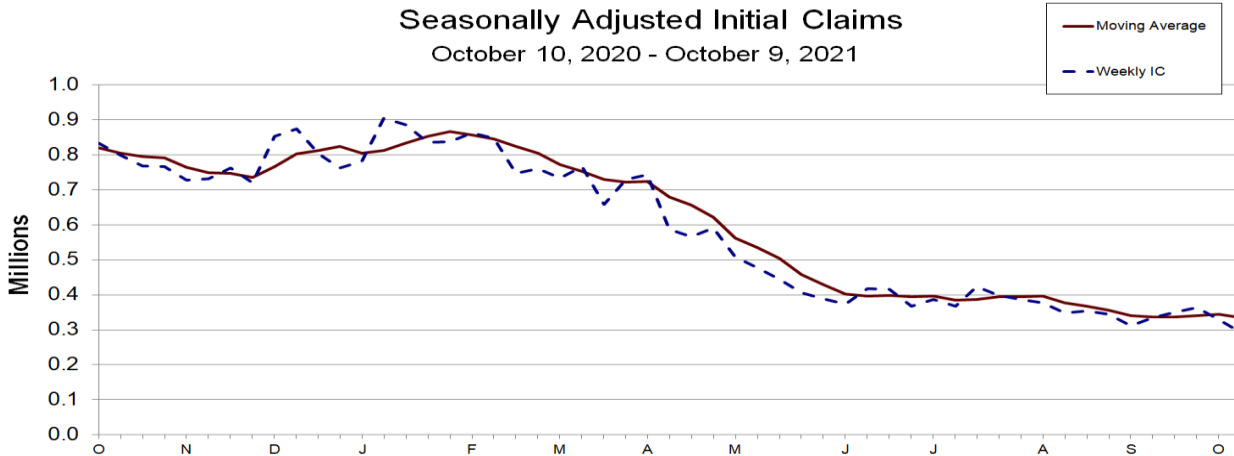
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

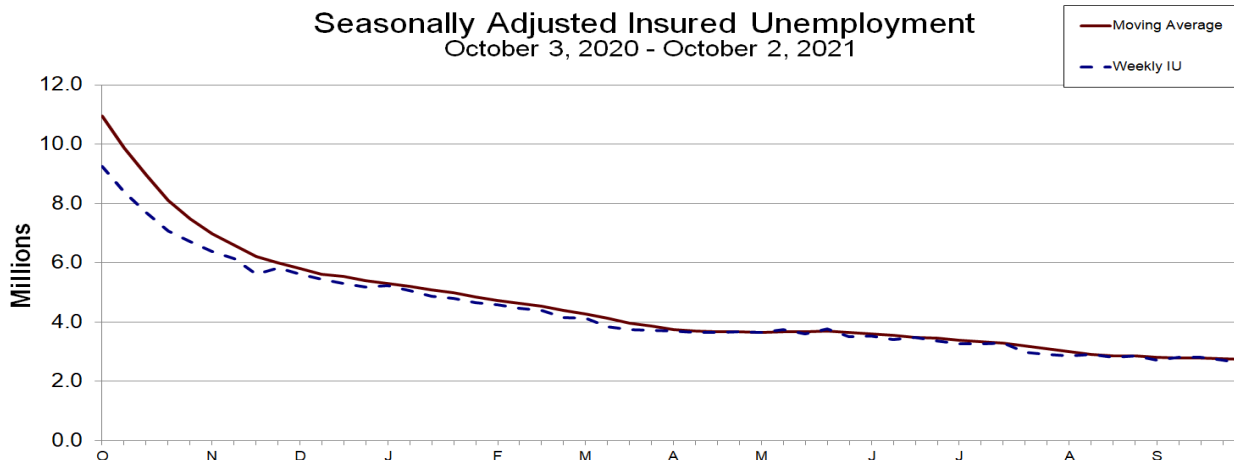
In the week ending October 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 293,000, a decrease of 36,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020 when it was 256,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 326,000 to 329,000. The 4-week moving average was 334,250, a decrease of 10,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 344,000 to 344,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.9 percent for the week ending October 2, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 2 was 2,593,000, a decrease of 134,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 13,000 from 2,714,000 to 2,727,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,737,750, a decrease of 30,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 21, 2020 when it was 2,071,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,250 from 2,765,000 to 2,768,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 10, 2020 - October 9, 2021



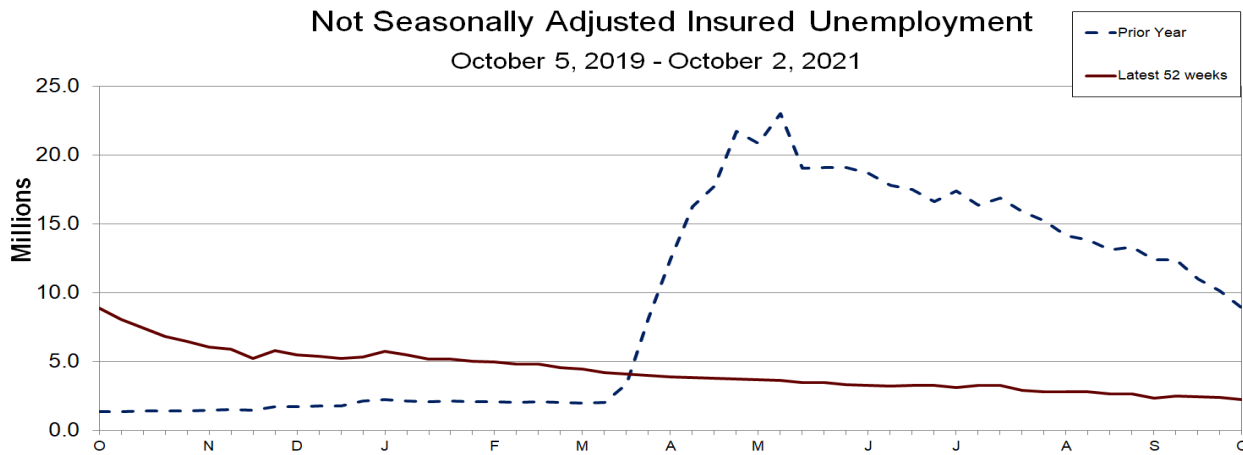
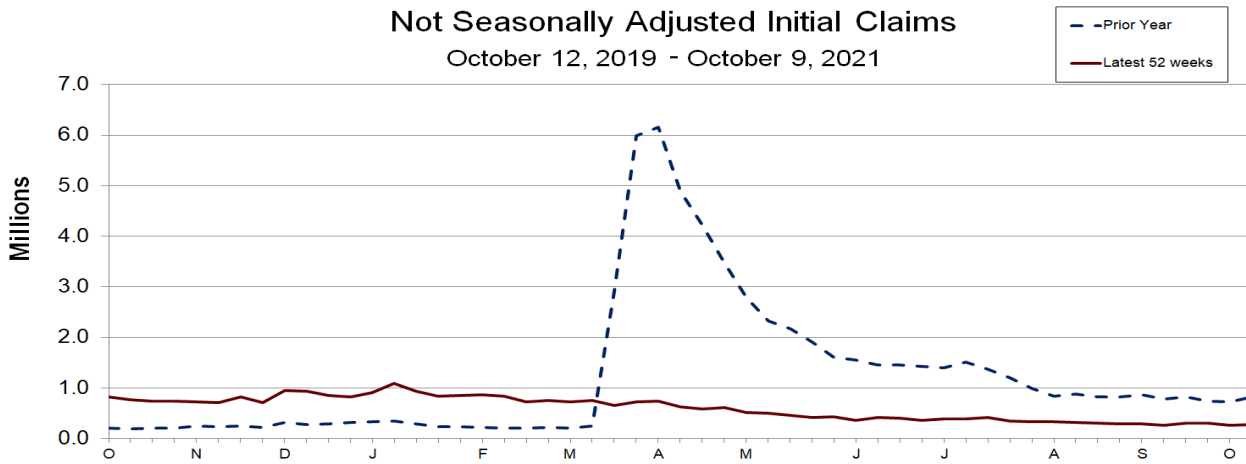
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 3, 2020 - October 2, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 277,632 in the week ending October 9, an increase of 16,017 (or 6.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 52,018 (or 19.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 822,205 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending October 9, 38 states reported 21,913 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending October 2, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,252,670, a decrease of 151,657 (or -6.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 16,851 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 6.1 percent and the volume was 8,917,837.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 25 was 3,649,013, a decrease of 523,426 from the previous week. There were 24,902,586 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending September 25, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 742 in the week ending October 2, an increase of 88 from the prior week. There were 467 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 18 from the preceding week.

There were 8,479 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 25, an increase of 114 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,573, an increase of 2 from the prior week.

During the week ending September 25, 43 states reported 549,103 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 45 states reported 440,435 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 25 were in Illinois (4.4), Puerto Rico (4.3), California (3.3), Hawaii (2.9), the Virgin Islands (2.8), New Jersey (2.7), District of Columbia (2.6), Nevada (2.6), Alaska (2.5), and Pennsylvania (2.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 2 was in Pennsylvania (+1,707), while the largest decreases were in California (-14,733), District of Columbia (-3,905), Michigan (-3,370), Missouri (-2,598), and Texas (-2,376).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 9	October 2	Change	September 25	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	293,000	329,000	-36,000	364,000	833,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	277,632	261,615	+16,017	300,473	822,205
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	334,250	344,750	-10,500	340,500	819,500

WEEK ENDING	October 2	September 25	Change	September 18	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,593,000	2,727,000	-134,000	2,811,000	9,259,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,252,670	2,404,327	-151,657	2,469,954	8,917,837
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,737,750	2,768,250	-30,500	2,799,500	10,955,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.9%	2.0%	-0.1	2.1%	6.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.7%	1.8%	-0.1	1.8%	6.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 9	October 2	Change	September 25	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	21,624	23,506	-1,882	17,687	335,950

WEEK ENDING	October 2	September 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	742	654	+88	1,484
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	467	485	-18	903

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

WEEK ENDING	September 25	September 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,397,343	2,463,171	-65,828	10,098,580
Federal Employees	8,479	8,365	+114	12,096
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,573	5,571	+2	13,775
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	549,103	647,690	-98,587	11,085,876
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	440,435	630,814	-190,379	3,114,133
Extended Benefits ⁵	222,613	390,656	-168,043	379,212
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,036	1,941	+95	2,386
STC / Workshare ⁷	23,431	24,231	-800	196,528
TOTAL⁸	3,649,013	4,172,439	-523,426	24,902,586

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 weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 135,015,266 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 9-10 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 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,383	3,967	-584	4,563	6,342	-1,779
Alaska	1,671	1,168	503	6,487	6,948	-461
Arizona	3,645	3,276	369	20,486	24,250	-3,764
Arkansas	1,296	1,333	-37	10,848	12,493	-1,645
California	67,202	63,988	3,214	525,272	535,080	-9,808
Colorado	2,402	2,016	386	26,514	28,661	-2,147
Connecticut	2,452	2,327	125	28,184	29,564	-1,380
Delaware	456	705	-249	4,862	4,831	31
District of Columbia	4,275	3,956	319	14,920	13,810	1,110
Florida	5,535	7,054	-1,519	50,698	58,211	-7,513
Georgia	6,887	6,319	568	70,858	70,152	706
Hawaii	2,286	2,383	-97	15,226	14,977	249
Idaho	810	831	-21	2,525	2,963	-438
Illinois	6,318	6,927	-609	190,719	240,584	-49,865
Indiana	3,810	3,432	378	35,386	37,195	-1,809
Iowa	1,744	1,696	48	9,154	9,544	-390
Kansas	994	998	-4	5,839	6,107	-268
Kentucky	4,150	2,732	1,418	12,135	13,122	-987
Louisiana	2,836	3,130	-294	35,260	40,302	-5,042
Maine	791	600	191	5,369	5,940	-571
Maryland	4,288	2,622	1,666	31,854	37,873	-6,019
Massachusetts	4,750	4,626	124	54,731	62,162	-7,431
Michigan	18,211	15,040	3,171	58,944	58,830	114
Minnesota	4,400	4,380	20	48,517	49,024	-507
Mississippi	1,193	1,204	-11	7,630	9,680	-2,050
Missouri	5,079	2,868	2,211	16,190	22,787	-6,597
Montana	948	848	100	3,170	3,305	-135
Nebraska	860	1,028	-168	3,748	3,943	-195
Nevada	4,093	2,877	1,216	30,768	32,330	-1,562
New Hampshire	360	417	-57	2,712	3,005	-293
New Jersey	7,210	7,933	-723	98,105	100,238	-2,133
New Mexico	3,587	1,452	2,135	13,207	14,319	-1,112
New York	14,972	14,165	807	177,127	191,897	-14,770
North Carolina	4,236	3,687	549	29,274	32,325	-3,051
North Dakota	317	251	66	1,406	1,394	12
Ohio	9,515	9,259	256	47,183	47,026	157
Oklahoma	2,126	2,312	-186	16,105	18,527	-2,422
Oregon	4,431	4,390	41	40,409	42,968	-2,559
Pennsylvania	14,429	13,295	1,134	121,534	132,311	-10,777
Puerto Rico *	1,141	910	231	36,584	35,223	1,361
Rhode Island	1,126	975	151	8,847	9,213	-366
South Carolina	1,314	1,160	154	18,550	20,659	-2,109
South Dakota	149	132	17	699	734	-35
Tennessee	3,709	4,881	-1,172	24,225	25,567	-1,342
Texas	18,071	19,110	-1,039	133,891	131,490	2,401
Utah	1,367	1,184	183	5,977	6,277	-300
Vermont	337	333	4	2,682	2,885	-203
Virgin Islands	79	141	-62	770	1,016	-246
Virginia *	10,040	9,360	680	43,535	44,019	-484
Washington	5,368	4,989	379	60,974	62,279	-1,305
West Virginia	779	749	30	6,910	6,939	-29
Wisconsin	5,789	5,856	-67	29,673	31,624	-1,951
Wyoming	415	343	72	1,434	1,382	52
US Total	277,632	261,615	16,017	2,252,670	2,404,327	-151,657

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

*Denotes state estimates.

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 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,593	-134	2,737.75	1.9
October 9, 2021	293	-36	334.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 9			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 25	Sep 18	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	32	24	8	1,174	1,397	-223
Arizona	9	27	-18	1,567	0	1,567
Arkansas	2	20	-18	9	348	-339
California	15,029	12,826	2,203	283,279	336,980	-53,701
Colorado	0	2	-2	109	121	-12
Connecticut	39	49	-10	291	625	-334
Delaware	4	11	-7	103	50	53
District of Columbia	24	12	12	1,093	1,521	-428
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	209	241	-32	8,868	7,169	1,699
Hawaii	85	125	-40	4,987	6,023	-1,036
Idaho	11	6	5	12	5	7
Illinois	157	234	-77	5,157	23,062	-17,905
Indiana	446	586	-140	15,010	12,329	2,681
Iowa	37	21	16	38	69	-31
Kansas	52	526	-474	643	712	-69
Kentucky	0	29	-29	0	0	0
Louisiana	8	6	2	149	172	-23
Maine	80	69	11	137	117	20
Maryland	14	12	2	13,361	13,509	-148
Massachusetts	1,025	923	102	29,053	27,666	1,387
Michigan	110	3,262	-3,152	4,632	13,034	-8,402
Minnesota	0	0	0	855	1,017	-162
Mississippi	0	0	0	13	16	-3
Missouri	29	44	-15	1,456	1,287	169
Montana	4	5	-1	328	325	3
Nebraska	0	0	0	23	20	3
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	29	23	6	1	12	-11
New Jersey	52	49	3	26,191	33,874	-7,683
New Mexico	374	273	101	1,424	2,523	-1,099
New York	282	334	-52	28,403	26,719	1,684
North Carolina	3	4	-1	667	720	-53
North Dakota	2	2	0	86	105	-19
Ohio	302	222	80	39,112	46,057	-6,945
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	718	637	81	31,138	28,974	2,164
Pennsylvania	220	716	-496	6,248	8,346	-2,098
Puerto Rico	706	536	170	36,052	38,074	-2,022
Rhode Island	38	66	-28	108	179	-71
South Carolina	4	5	-1	110	55	55
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	32	27	5	620	4,054	-3,434
Texas	171	54	117	809	809	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	3	-3	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	1	-1	0	0	0
Virginia	220	295	-75	0	0	0
Washington	597	726	-129	2,827	4,331	-1,504
West Virginia	0	1	-1	27	54	-27
Wisconsin	468	472	-4	2,930	5,227	-2,297
Wyoming	0	0	0	3	3	0
US Total	21,624	23,506	-1,882	549,103	647,690	-98,587

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 Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	September 25	September 18	Change	September 11	September 4
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	31	221	-190	518	8,558
Arizona	334	640	-306	1,483	11,423
Arkansas	457	481	-24	499	781
California	278,068	400,150	-122,082	501,493	1,277,140
Colorado	539	800	-261	1,686	70,923
Connecticut	770	944	-174	1,634	48,841
Delaware	407	410	-3	410	3,387
District of Columbia	44	60	-16	95	199
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	978	1,258	-280	4,244	3,018
Idaho	63	20	43	45	150
Illinois	2,019	7,276	-5,257	128,389	245,219
Indiana	2,024	1,866	158	2,292	46,804
Iowa	846	1,031	-185	1,116	1,408
Kansas	2,446	1,518	928	1,951	9,398
Kentucky	1,745	1,885	-140	12,139	22,570
Louisiana	76	61	15	1,042	13,999
Maine	54	114	-60	614	13,338
Maryland	4,430	5,159	-729	6,405	47,022
Massachusetts	751	1,200	-449	5,904	172,123
Michigan	3,201	7,186	-3,985	62,813	121,837
Minnesota	1,876	2,035	-159	5,514	101,127
Mississippi	2	0	2	0	1
Missouri	1,272	926	346	855	975
Montana	23	74	-51	42	159
Nebraska	29	67	-38	84	63
Nevada	0	0	0	1,918	37,472
New Hampshire	27	22	5	74	717
New Jersey	33,784	42,593	-8,809	61,426	183,539
New Mexico	69	138	-69	286	22,575
New York	68,888	54,990	13,898	57,805	687,442
North Carolina	1,047	801	246	16	111,593
North Dakota	0	2	-2	5	35
Ohio	2,669	29,872	-27,203	58,349	72,255
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2,389	1,842	547	4,307	61,018
Pennsylvania	10,001	14,464	-4,463	22,368	163,035
Puerto Rico	6,894	9,915	-3,021	18,205	31,560
Rhode Island	132	245	-113	268	16,580
South Carolina	102	16	86	24	119
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	59	148	-89	153	140
Texas	658	658	0	865	614
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	380	517	-137	861	2,608
Virgin Islands	10	18	-8	54	29
Virginia	4,246	29,666	-25,420	5,584	8,265
Washington	373	378	-5	525	559
West Virginia	99	149	-50	27	114
Wisconsin	6,114	8,996	-2,882	17,421	23,817
Wyoming	9	2	7	5	6
US Total	440,435	630,814	-190,379	991,813	3,644,555

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) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	September 25	September 18	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	2,225	2,021	204
Arizona	57	92	-35
Arkansas	10	11	-1
California	51,346	76,910	-25,564
Colorado	14	18	-4
Connecticut	2,610	5,185	-2,575
Delaware	0	1	-1
District of Columbia	5	6	-1
Florida	316	352	-36
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	4	8	-4
Idaho	12	16	-4
Illinois	41,331	69,542	-28,211
Indiana	2	2	0
Iowa	7	8	-1
Kansas	8	7	1
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	16	32	-16
Maine	10	6	4
Maryland	8	70	-62
Massachusetts	12	1	11
Michigan	20	27	-7
Minnesota	0	1	-1
Mississippi	7	19	-12
Missouri	26	26	0
Montana	3	5	-2
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	15,428	20,949	-5,521
New Hampshire	10	16	-6
New Jersey	84,891	82,435	2,456
New Mexico	7,236	6,656	580
New York	392	403	-11
North Carolina	75	90	-15
North Dakota	1	1	0
Ohio	137	114	23
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	7	71	-64
Pennsylvania	446	267	179
Puerto Rico	375	457	-82
Rhode Island	1	46	-45
South Carolina	48	54	-6
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	15	28	-13
Texas	15,333	124,272	-108,939
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	10	2	8
Virgin Islands	2	0	2
Virginia	84	340	-256
Washington	4	0	4
West Virginia	1	2	-1
Wisconsin	68	87	-19
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	222,613	390,656	-168,043

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 2

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 25

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	3,967	-33	-3,765	8	7	6,342	0.3	-447	-24,374	36	15	6,393
Alaska	1,168	-69	-2,551	10	0	6,948	2.5	-697	-14,183	89	12	7,049
Arizona	3,276	-763	-4,690	9	1	24,250	0.9	-2,121	-144,698	67	35	24,352
Arkansas	1,333	-132	-4,151	2	0	12,493	1.1	-1,023	-24,390	43	23	12,559
California	63,988	-14,733	-84,225	133	73	535,080	3.3	42,276	-1,677,699	1,861	1,131	538,072
Colorado	2,016	49	-3,903	8	6	28,661	1.1	-2,516	-98,351	122	128	28,911
Connecticut	2,327	24	-2,290	14	3	29,564	1.9	-2,512	-107,761	94	40	29,698
Delaware	705	-175	-1,071	1	0	4,831	1.1	-160	-19,352	16	7	4,854
District of Columbia	3,956	-3,905	2,307	17	0	13,810	2.6	1,877	-39,300	234	11	14,055
Florida	7,054	-659	-35,252	49	34	58,211	0.7	-717	-279,133	252	184	58,647
Georgia	6,319	213	-38,555	24	14	70,152	1.7	12,505	-374,887	370	149	70,671
Hawaii	2,383	-1,603	-2,700	2	15	14,977	2.9	-649	-96,339	99	75	15,151
Idaho	831	13	-2,124	8	0	2,963	0.4	-6	-6,181	12	14	2,989
Illinois	6,927	-1,365	-29,340	12	6	240,584	4.4	11,695	-243,397	932	210	241,726
Indiana	3,432	-1	-6,644	9	5	37,195	1.3	-2,859	-92,343	171	53	37,419
Iowa	1,696	41	-2,592	8	2	9,544	0.7	-530	-42,016	37	24	9,605
Kansas	998	-320	-6,142	1	1	6,107	0.5	-331	-30,409	28	15	6,150
Kentucky	2,732	-916	-2,955	0	1	13,122	0.7	-284	-81,065	77	54	13,253
Louisiana	3,130	-817	-10,331	3	2	40,302	2.3	-2,701	-154,921	95	10	40,407
Maine	600	93	-1,102	0	0	5,940	1.0	-836	-16,953	19	8	5,967
Maryland	2,622	-1,650	-8,372	18	5	37,873	1.6	-3,360	-111,649	295	129	38,297
Massachusetts	4,626	-193	-24,855	10	8	62,162	1.9	3,209	-244,085	164	107	62,433
Michigan	15,040	-3,370	-2,659	9	9	58,830	1.5	-1,893	-329,014	66	29	58,925
Minnesota	4,380	-1,282	-5,317	8	9	49,024	1.8	-2,648	-103,512	127	75	49,226
Mississippi	1,204	-399	-2,828	0	2	9,680	0.9	-18	-59,055	47	14	9,741
Missouri	2,868	-2,598	-6,077	4	3	22,787	0.9	-5,524	-47,683	86	17	22,890
Montana	848	159	-2,624	14	0	3,305	0.7	-185	-16,049	31	11	3,347
Nebraska	1,028	-30	-637	1	0	3,943	0.4	-238	-14,537	16	3	3,962
Nevada	2,877	-770	-5,064	12	3	32,330	2.6	-2,744	-141,299	104	49	32,483
New Hampshire	417	-19	-1,666	2	1	3,005	0.5	-221	-29,746	6	3	3,014
New Jersey	7,933	446	-15,747	21	11	100,238	2.7	-6,426	-182,743	186	185	100,609
New Mexico	1,452	-224	-1,862	25	0	14,319	1.9	-533	-56,976	112	61	14,492
New York	14,165	-1,227	-49,991	14	16	191,897	2.3	-22,334	-752,110	255	257	192,409
North Carolina	3,687	-233	-11,847	7	0	32,325	0.8	-2,345	-95,122	72	81	32,478
North Dakota	251	7	-590	0	0	1,394	0.4	-137	-8,881	10	1	1,405
Ohio	9,259	-953	-9,375	13	17	47,026	0.9	-31,380	-191,738	87	85	47,198
Oklahoma	2,312	222	-3,468	13	6	18,527	1.2	-867	-69,600	129	78	18,734
Oregon	4,390	-1,817	-18	25	8	42,968	2.4	-6,363	-84,707	202	94	43,264
Pennsylvania	13,295	1,707	-6,549	54	16	132,311	2.5	9,981	-315,629	260	102	132,673
Puerto Rico	910	-60	-355	4	1	35,223	4.3	-1,576	-55,482	266	89	35,578
Rhode Island	975	-2	-1,826	2	1	9,213	2.1	-274	-17,666	39	23	9,275
South Carolina	1,160	28	-3,748	3	8	20,659	1.0	-1,622	-55,309	39	81	20,779
South Dakota	132	12	-312	3	2	734	0.2	-104	-4,344	14	2	750
Tennessee	4,881	666	-5,196	8	8	25,567	0.8	-6,073	-114,213	57	47	25,671
Texas	19,110	-2,376	-23,228	104	113	131,490	1.1	-18,827	-671,535	616	1,159	133,265
Utah	1,184	-39	-1,391	14	5	6,277	0.4	-188	-17,285	44	14	6,335
Vermont	333	-31	-273	0	0	2,885	1.0	-213	-14,791	0	0	2,885
Virgin Islands	141	17	-114	0	0	1,016	2.8	258	-2,174	0	0	1,016
Virginia	9,360	643	-1,483	14	10	44,019	1.2	-3,222	-116,745	148	199	44,366
Washington	4,989	-107	-13,539	13	27	62,279	2.0	-7,363	-145,738	221	327	62,827
West Virginia	749	-73	-1,209	0	3	6,939	1.1	-647	-28,281	48	36	7,023
Wisconsin	5,856	-276	-6,060	7	5	31,624	1.2	-1,779	-80,989	71	15	31,710
Wyoming	343	22	-416	2	0	1,382	0.6	65	-5,441	7	2	1,391
Totals	261,615	-38,858	-460,772	742	467	2,404,327	1.8	-65,627	-7,751,880	8,479	5,573	2,418,379

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 2, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+1,707	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and accommodations and food services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-14,733	No comment.
DC	-3,905	No comment.
MI	-3,370	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade and manufacturing industries.
MO	-2,598	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
TX	-2,376	No comment.
OR	-1,817	No comment.
MD	-1,650	No comment.
HI	-1,603	No comment.
IL	-1,365	No comment.
MN	-1,282	No comment.
NY	-1,227	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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