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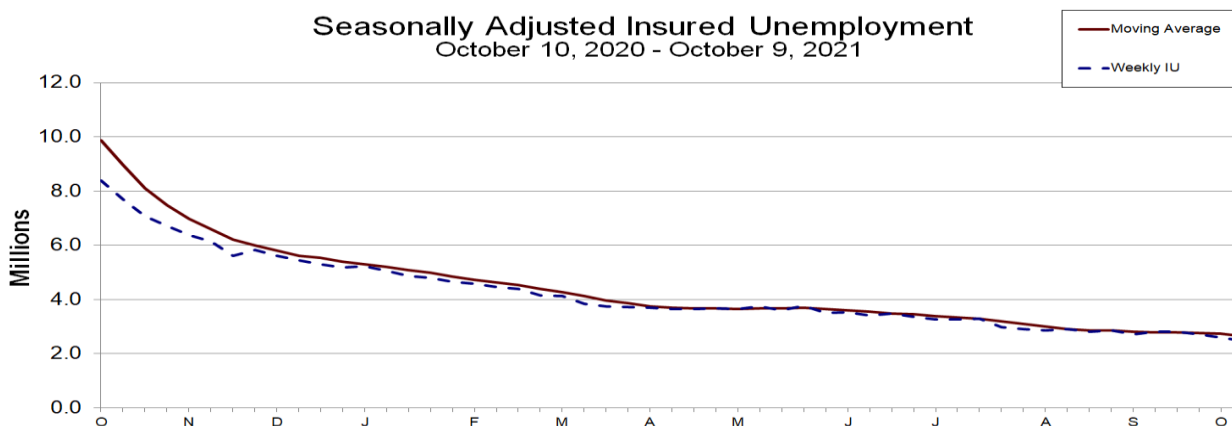
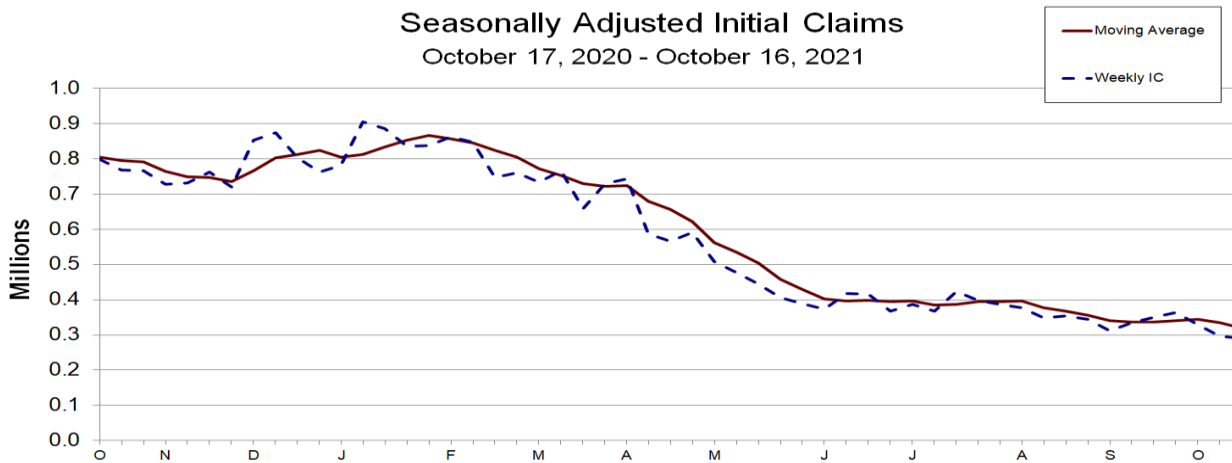
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 281,000, a decrease of 10,000 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 1,000 from 290,000 to 291,000. The 4-week moving average was 299,250, a decrease of 20,750 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 250 from 319,750 to 320,000.

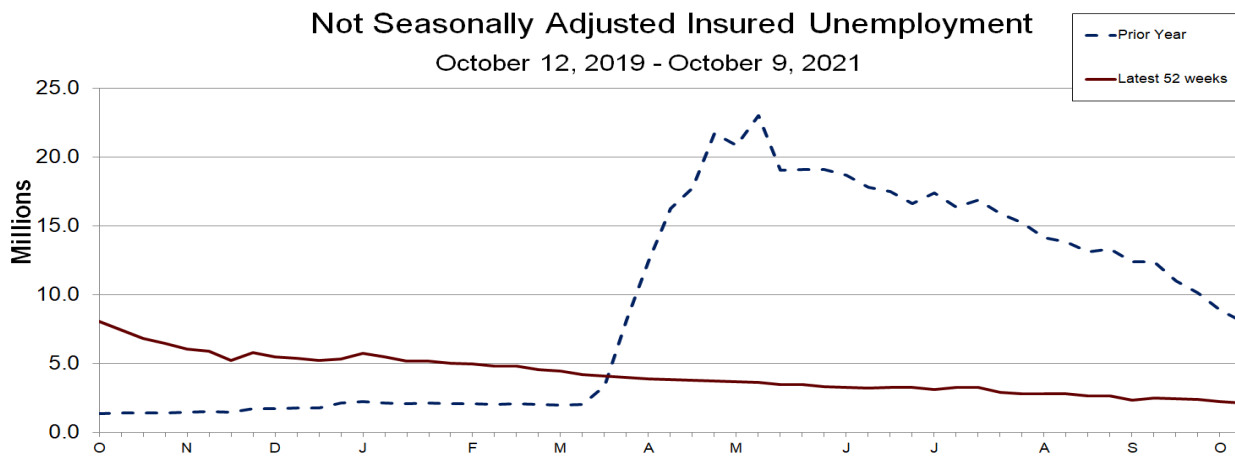
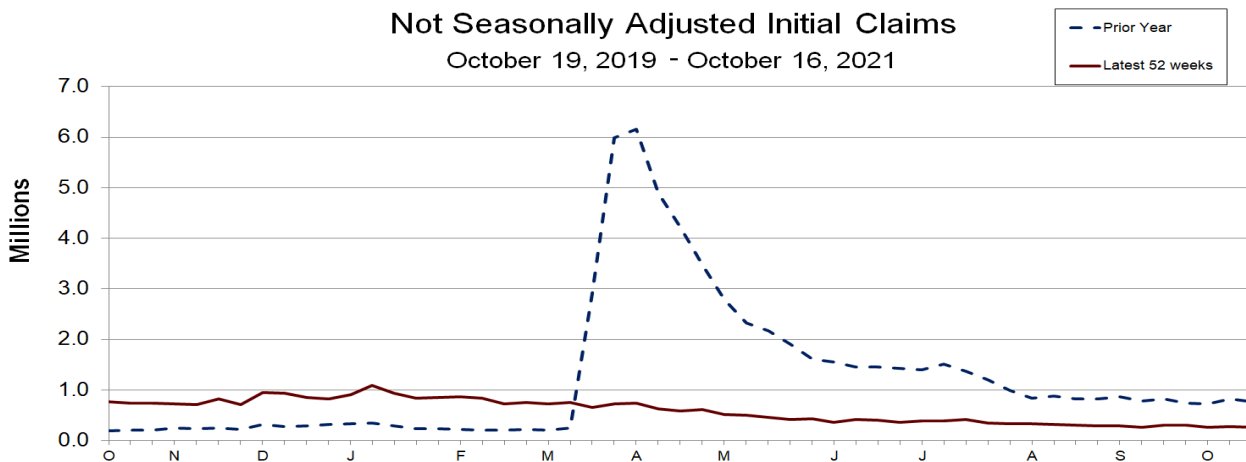
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending October 16, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 16 was 2,243,000, a decrease of 237,000 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 down by 1,000 from 2,481,000 to 2,480,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,513,250, a decrease of 142,000 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 down by 250 from 2,655,500 to 2,655,250.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 245,482 in the week ending October 23, a decrease of 11,733 (or -4.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,123 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 732,533 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending October 23, 33 states reported 2,532 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending October 16, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,991,160, a decrease of 177,053 (or -8.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 59,720 (or 2.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 5.1 percent and the volume was 7,458,511.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 9 was 2,830,661, a decrease of 448,386 from the previous week. There were 23,479,913 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending October 9, 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 818 in the week ending October 16, a decrease of 95 from the prior week. There were 486 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 127 from the preceding week.

There were 7,712 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 9, an increase of 30 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,203, a decrease of 250 from the prior week.

During the week ending October 9, 42 states reported 270,013 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 45 states reported 244,379 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 9 were in District of Columbia (7.4), Puerto Rico (3.7), California (3.2), Georgia (2.7), Illinois (2.7), Hawaii (2.6), New Jersey (2.5), Nevada (2.4), the Virgin Islands (2.4), and Alaska (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 16 were in California (+9,748), Tennessee (+1,688), Florida (+1,266), Georgia (+1,088), and Illinois (+512), while the largest decreases were in Virginia (-7,380), Michigan (-4,083), Pennsylvania (-4,033), Kentucky (-2,753), and Ohio (-2,287).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 23</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	281,000	291,000	-10,000	296,000	768,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	245,482	257,215	-11,733	280,597	732,533
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	299,250	320,000	-20,750	335,000	795,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 2</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,243,000	2,480,000	-237,000	2,603,000	7,699,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,991,160	2,168,213	-177,053	2,262,787	7,458,511
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,513,250	2,655,250	-142,000	2,740,250	8,954,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.7%	1.8%	-0.1	1.9%	5.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.5%	1.6%	-0.1	1.7%	5.1%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 23</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	2,532	2,565	-33	21,894	357,564

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	818	913	-95	1,736
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	486	613	-127	851

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>October 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,161,080	2,255,919	-94,839	8,025,806
Federal Employees	7,712	7,682	+30	11,752
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,203	5,453	-250	13,066
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	270,013	517,949	-247,936	10,781,090
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	244,379	331,567	-87,188	4,052,669
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	117,559	134,379	-16,820	406,127
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,445	2,909	-464	2,395
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	22,270	23,189	-919	187,008
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>2,830,661</b>	<b>3,279,047</b>	<b>-448,386</b>	<b>23,479,913</b>

**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 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,037	3,495	-458	4,662	5,827	-1,165
Alaska	1,521	1,311	210	6,549	6,504	45
Arizona	2,672	3,005	-333	17,830	20,409	-2,579
Arkansas	1,024	1,493	-469	10,147	11,754	-1,607
California	65,042	72,885	-7,843	472,037	504,437	-32,400
Colorado	2,162	2,179	-17	24,636	24,901	-265
Connecticut	2,354	2,253	101	25,379	23,327	2,052
Delaware	275	387	-112	4,648	4,286	362
District of Columbia	5,660	2,568	3,092	11,717	37,826	-26,109
Florida	7,987	7,481	506	49,820	58,495	-8,675
Georgia	3,894	8,578	-4,684	39,081	111,767	-72,686
Hawaii	1,885	1,814	71	14,294	12,878	1,416
Idaho	823	819	4	2,575	2,863	-288
Illinois	7,349	7,414	-65	152,323	146,419	5,904
Indiana	3,100	3,322	-222	28,532	30,717	-2,185
Iowa	2,213	1,796	417	9,127	8,638	489
Kansas	833	1,139	-306	5,930	5,628	302
Kentucky	4,348	1,433	2,915	11,321	13,168	-1,847
Louisiana	1,826	2,804	-978	25,181	31,305	-6,124
Maine	667	591	76	4,426	4,836	-410
Maryland	2,608	3,477	-869	28,927	30,758	-1,831
Massachusetts	5,547	4,708	839	51,573	53,222	-1,649
Michigan	11,961	14,630	-2,669	48,645	52,170	-3,525
Minnesota	4,069	3,996	73	44,141	42,953	1,188
Mississippi	1,009	1,283	-274	6,704	7,639	-935
Missouri	6,033	4,234	1,799	14,932	18,207	-3,275
Montana	924	1,028	-104	3,486	3,257	229
Nebraska	1,415	783	632	3,393	3,480	-87
Nevada	2,807	2,854	-47	26,752	29,616	-2,864
New Hampshire	430	392	38	2,466	2,691	-225
New Jersey	6,990	6,924	66	92,934	90,304	2,630
New Mexico	3,151	2,737	414	12,345	12,714	-369
New York	13,134	13,263	-129	157,720	164,023	-6,303
North Carolina	3,266	3,885	-619	25,331	28,334	-3,003
North Dakota	271	290	-19	1,352	1,283	69
Ohio	6,733	7,579	-846	40,365	44,236	-3,871
Oklahoma	3,077	2,186	891	15,598	16,727	-1,129
Oregon	4,349	4,179	170	34,725	36,136	-1,411
Pennsylvania	9,159	10,614	-1,455	105,338	102,492	2,846
Puerto Rico	934	920	14	33,898	29,625	4,273
Rhode Island	888	802	86	8,247	8,360	-113
South Carolina	1,225	1,060	165	15,523	17,761	-2,238
South Dakota	145	174	-29	707	655	52
Tennessee	4,768	5,580	-812	20,788	22,121	-1,333
Texas	15,047	16,825	-1,778	130,870	127,771	3,099
Utah	1,157	1,451	-294	5,949	5,878	71
Vermont	350	389	-39	2,376	2,193	183
Virgin Islands	50	109	-59	920	830	90
Virginia	2,905	1,967	938	46,354	58,421	-12,067
Washington	5,775	4,914	861	52,934	52,616	318
West Virginia	752	812	-60	6,770	6,305	465
Wisconsin	5,417	5,863	-446	27,329	28,105	-776
Wyoming	464	540	-76	1,553	1,345	208
US Total	245,482	257,215	-11,733	1,991,160	2,168,213	-177,053

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,243	-237	2,513.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	281	-10	299.25				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 23			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Oct 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Oct 9	Oct 2	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	29	-29	617	830	-213
Arizona	1	1	0	1,735	2,060	-325
Arkansas	0	0	0	108	117	-9
California	167	491	-324	160,503	211,184	-50,681
Colorado	0	0	0	106	202	-96
Connecticut	22	15	7	211	195	16
Delaware	4	1	3	164	173	-9
District of Columbia	25	13	12	1,112	1,579	-467
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	188	172	16	4,750	6,543	-1,793
Hawaii	0	0	0	1,796	3,487	-1,691
Idaho	4	0	4	48	34	14
Illinois	2	2	0	2,108	2,818	-710
Indiana	542	38	504	991	9,339	-8,348
Iowa	24	25	-1	10	74	-64
Kansas	17	0	17	426	432	-6
Kentucky	380	366	14	3,329	16,279	-12,950
Louisiana	10	5	5	92	241	-149
Maine	61	43	18	56	66	-10
Maryland	16	13	3	7,830	8,704	-874
Massachusetts	1	3	-2	10,496	33,890	-23,394
Michigan	38	61	-23	1,603	1,706	-103
Minnesota	0	0	0	96	124	-28
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	19	-19
Missouri	25	16	9	1,376	1,130	246
Montana	1	2	-1	131	94	37
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	15	-15
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	106	49	57	22	0	22
New Jersey	47	46	1	19,308	24,478	-5,170
New Mexico	0	2	-2	334	347	-13
New York	49	55	-6	19,084	27,475	-8,391
North Carolina	1	3	-2	928	552	376
North Dakota	0	1	-1	0	150	-150
Ohio	21	252	-231	5,059	38,241	-33,182
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	80	252	-172	5,059	62,524	-57,465
Pennsylvania	0	1	-1	2,273	2,305	-32
Puerto Rico	0	1	-1	14,619	54,114	-39,495
Rhode Island	34	20	14	102	203	-101
South Carolina	2	2	0	73	56	17
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	24	25	-1	36	84	-48
Texas	191	140	51	410	809	-399
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	2	0	2	4	0	4
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	203	138	65	0	0	0
Washington	226	220	6	1,405	3,299	-1,894
West Virginia	0	0	0	5	48	-43
Wisconsin	18	62	-44	1,593	1,926	-333
Wyoming	0	0	0	5	3	2
US Total	2,532	2,565	-33	270,013	517,949	-247,936

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:				
	October 9	October 2	Change	September 25	September 18
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	23	74	-51	31	221
Arizona	138	282	-144	334	640
Arkansas	201	330	-129	457	481
California	98,070	168,898	-70,828	278,068	400,150
Colorado	505	415	90	539	800
Connecticut	365	640	-275	770	944
Delaware	441	431	10	407	410
District of Columbia	88	27	61	44	60
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	658	471	187	978	1,258
Idaho	2	3	-1	63	20
Illinois	927	1,499	-572	2,019	7,276
Indiana	209	446	-237	2,024	1,866
Iowa	624	754	-130	846	1,031
Kansas	1,248	1,109	139	2,446	1,518
Kentucky	1,752	2,889	-1,137	1,745	1,885
Louisiana	29	39	-10	76	61
Maine	48	38	10	54	114
Maryland	3,994	3,824	170	4,430	5,159
Massachusetts	459	742	-283	751	1,200
Michigan	681	1,431	-750	3,201	7,186
Minnesota	563	415	148	1,876	2,035
Mississippi	0	1	-1	2	0
Missouri	380	662	-282	1,272	926
Montana	14	41	-27	23	74
Nebraska	22	18	4	29	67
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	11	38	-27	27	22
New Jersey	26,436	33,736	-7,300	33,784	42,593
New Mexico	18	44	-26	69	138
New York	63,601	68,766	-5,165	68,888	54,990
North Carolina	506	488	18	1,047	801
North Dakota	1	9	-8	0	2
Ohio	1,079	3,113	-2,034	2,669	29,872
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,079	2,273	-1,194	2,389	1,842
Pennsylvania	4,494	6,431	-1,937	10,001	14,464
Puerto Rico	5,534	7,687	-2,153	6,894	9,915
Rhode Island	78	90	-12	132	245
South Carolina	17	0	17	102	16
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	100	83	17	59	148
Texas	645	658	-13	658	658
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	132	190	-58	380	517
Virgin Islands	11	11	0	10	18
Virginia	26,744	17,825	8,919	4,246	29,666
Washington	54	268	-214	373	378
West Virginia	8	4	4	99	149
Wisconsin	2,382	4,366	-1,984	6,114	8,996
Wyoming	8	8	0	9	2
US Total	244,379	331,567	-87,188	440,435	630,814

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:		
	October 9	October 2	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	2,237	2,256	-19
Arizona	14	57	-43
Arkansas	2	2	0
California	15,550	28,952	-13,402
Colorado	8	8	0
Connecticut	1,168	1,425	-257
Delaware	1	0	1
District of Columbia	3	7	-4
Florida	228	269	-41
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	5	2	3
Idaho	7	11	-4
Illinois	471	851	-380
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	6	14	-8
Kansas	7	1	6
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	9	12	-3
Maine	5	9	-4
Maryland	40	38	2
Massachusetts	1	3	-2
Michigan	13	38	-25
Minnesota	6	3	3
Mississippi	3	5	-2
Missouri	8	8	0
Montana	1	2	-1
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	56	834	-778
New Hampshire	9	11	-2
New Jersey	88,451	89,720	-1,269
New Mexico	6,571	6,432	139
New York	167	234	-67
North Carolina	62	78	-16
North Dakota	0	2	-2
Ohio	73	146	-73
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	37	8	29
Pennsylvania	148	232	-84
Puerto Rico	256	285	-29
Rhode Island	29	24	5
South Carolina	46	46	0
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	14	8	6
Texas	1,524	2,050	-526
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	2	14	-12
Virgin Islands	1	0	1
Virginia	260	164	96
Washington	5	0	5
West Virginia	0	3	-3
Wisconsin	54	114	-60
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	117,559	134,379	-16,820

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 16

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 9

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	3,495	-171	-4,469	16	7	5,827	0.3	87	-37,666	26	27	5,880
Alaska	1,311	-112	-3,297	13	1	6,504	2.3	-93	-13,250	82	12	6,598
Arizona	3,005	-794	-4,048	3	1	20,409	0.7	-2,420	-117,407	87	44	20,540
Arkansas	1,493	-105	-2,825	1	0	11,754	1.0	-57	-19,119	40	39	11,833
California	72,885	9,748	-86,991	202	80	504,437	3.2	-10,027	-1,331,803	1,726	1,153	507,316
Colorado	2,179	-244	-3,580	12	4	24,901	1.0	-912	-86,921	161	86	25,148
Connecticut	2,253	-199	-2,142	12	6	23,327	1.6	-4,315	-73,362	93	33	23,453
Delaware	387	-307	-1,328	5	1	4,286	1.0	-225	-14,942	15	12	4,313
District of Columbia	2,568	-2,163	1,009	15	0	37,826	7.4	22,462	-8,053	174	4	38,004
Florida	7,481	1,266	-32,589	44	28	58,495	0.7	3,387	-229,042	242	167	58,904
Georgia	8,578	1,088	-36,314	24	13	111,767	2.7	39,481	-256,182	285	200	112,252
Hawaii	1,814	-447	-3,290	1	11	12,878	2.6	-2,141	-65,363	79	79	13,036
Idaho	819	-130	-2,474	9	0	2,863	0.4	58	-5,352	17	6	2,886
Illinois	7,414	512	-39,534	8	11	146,419	2.7	-42,666	-255,811	646	179	147,244
Indiana	3,322	-419	-12,099	3	5	30,717	1.1	-4,730	-82,779	158	53	30,928
Iowa	1,796	131	-2,419	2	3	8,638	0.6	-400	-33,465	24	19	8,681
Kansas	1,139	61	-9,361	0	1	5,628	0.4	-880	-27,599	28	7	5,663
Kentucky	1,433	-2,753	-4,518	2	3	13,168	0.7	850	-60,469	64	34	13,266
Louisiana	2,804	-337	-10,235	2	4	31,305	1.8	-5,120	-115,317	63	13	31,381
Maine	591	-211	-755	2	0	4,836	0.9	-599	-11,065	20	7	4,863
Maryland	3,477	-1,482	-8,132	17	5	30,758	1.3	-2,099	-71,667	180	121	31,059
Massachusetts	4,708	-189	-40,696	13	8	53,222	1.7	-2,398	-200,808	135	83	53,440
Michigan	14,630	-4,083	1,990	13	6	52,170	1.4	-9,714	-197,583	93	25	52,288
Minnesota	3,996	-265	-5,837	6	6	42,953	1.6	-3,910	-80,023	128	66	43,147
Mississippi	1,283	-177	-2,326	2	0	7,639	0.7	-767	-44,529	37	15	7,691
Missouri	4,234	-1,200	-4,494	2	2	18,207	0.7	1,220	-39,639	87	25	18,319
Montana	1,028	5	-1,441	42	2	3,257	0.7	-78	-12,889	52	26	3,335
Nebraska	783	-72	-815	3	0	3,480	0.4	-249	-11,415	19	3	3,502
Nevada	2,854	-543	-5,880	9	0	29,616	2.4	-2,402	-110,516	92	52	29,760
New Hampshire	392	-19	-1,708	1	2	2,691	0.4	-176	-25,326	4	4	2,699
New Jersey	6,924	-545	-21,885	17	13	90,304	2.5	-7,440	-127,439	214	172	90,690
New Mexico	2,737	-727	-904	21	2	12,714	1.7	-570	-44,090	146	33	12,893
New York	13,263	-2,131	-41,627	16	24	164,023	2.0	-13,179	-452,153	225	268	164,516
North Carolina	3,885	-588	-8,234	5	2	28,334	0.7	-1,876	-75,284	92	95	28,521
North Dakota	290	-10	-753	3	0	1,283	0.3	-79	-6,782	6	1	1,290
Ohio	7,579	-2,287	-10,092	7	14	44,236	0.9	-3,714	-142,415	66	92	44,394
Oklahoma	2,186	-257	-3,091	9	4	16,727	1.1	-865	-56,594	83	53	16,863
Oregon	4,179	-299	-588	61	10	36,136	2.0	-2,929	-67,075	201	83	36,420
Pennsylvania	10,614	-4,033	-8,609	30	23	102,492	1.9	-19,894	-260,995	326	74	102,892
Puerto Rico	920	-172	-329	1	6	29,625	3.7	-4,666	-34,115	169	62	29,856
Rhode Island	802	-442	-1,635	5	5	8,360	2.0	-484	-11,278	31	32	8,423
South Carolina	1,060	-251	-2,830	5	7	17,761	0.9	-1,546	-48,251	40	75	17,876
South Dakota	174	3	-311	5	2	655	0.2	-51	-3,665	20	2	677
Tennessee	5,580	1,688	-4,832	7	5	22,121	0.7	-3,023	-66,042	50	16	22,187
Texas	16,825	-2,078	-28,483	74	90	127,771	1.1	-11,248	-554,423	632	1,058	129,461
Utah	1,451	84	-1,039	26	40	5,878	0.4	-106	-13,203	56	13	5,947
Vermont	389	35	-212	0	0	2,193	0.8	-368	-11,245	0	0	2,193
Virgin Islands	109	-36	-24	0	0	830	2.4	94	-1,368	0	0	830
Virginia	1,967	-7,380	-9,398	8	1	58,421	1.6	11,954	-70,879	174	146	58,741
Washington	4,914	-412	-15,066	19	25	52,616	1.7	-4,166	-125,011	186	299	53,101
West Virginia	812	-60	-1,128	5	1	6,305	1.1	-148	-20,164	44	18	6,367
Wisconsin	5,863	34	-8,027	6	2	28,105	1.1	-1,429	-74,624	85	15	28,205
Wyoming	540	93	-835	4	0	1,345	0.5	-8	-4,666	9	2	1,356
Totals	257,215	-23,382	-500,530	818	486	2,168,213	1.6	-94,574	-5,911,123	7,712	5,203	2,181,128

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 16, 2021**

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+9,748	No comment.
TN	+1,688	Layoffs in the retail trade, transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
FL	+1,266	No comment.
GA	+1,088	Layoffs in the construction industry.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
VA	-7,380	No comment.
MI	-4,083	Fewer layoffs in the other services industry.
PA	-4,033	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and retail trade industries.
KY	-2,753	No comment.
OH	-2,287	No comment.
DC	-2,163	No comment.
NY	-2,131	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, manufacturing, and retail trade industries.
TX	-2,078	No comment.
MD	-1,482	No comment.
MO	-1,200	Fewer layoffs in the manufacture 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. 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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