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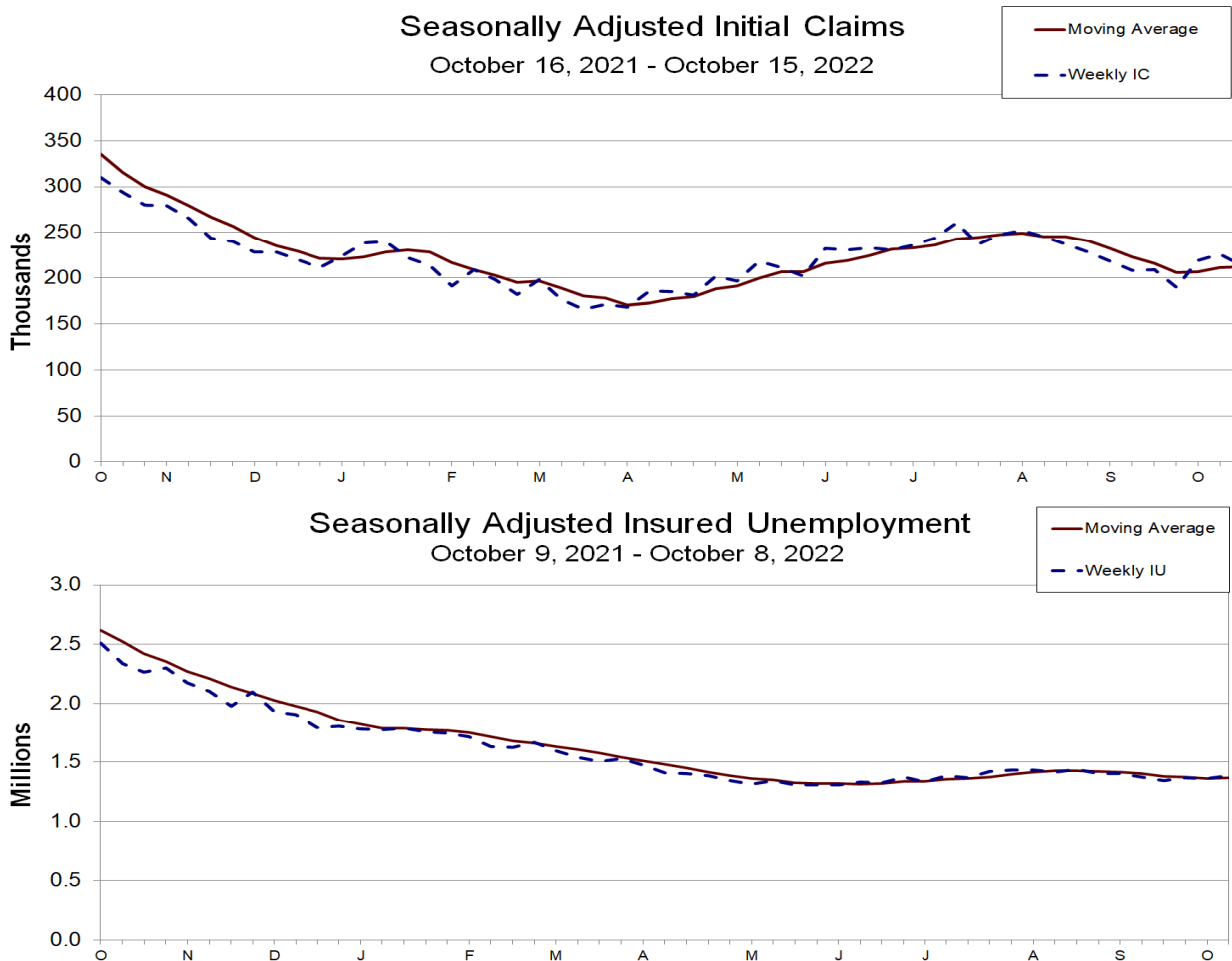
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 228,000 to 226,000. The 4-week moving average was 212,250, an increase of 1,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 211,500 to 211,000.

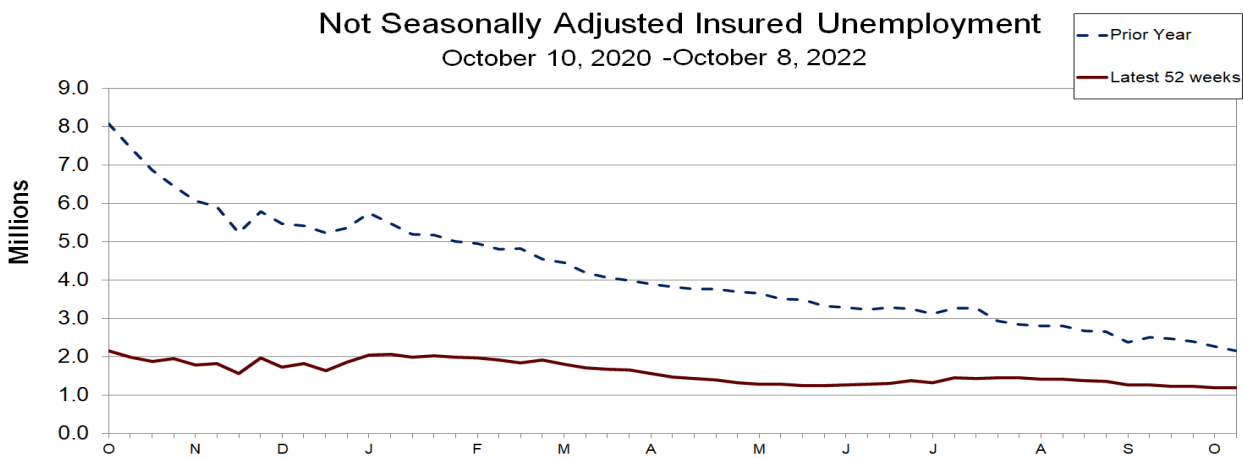
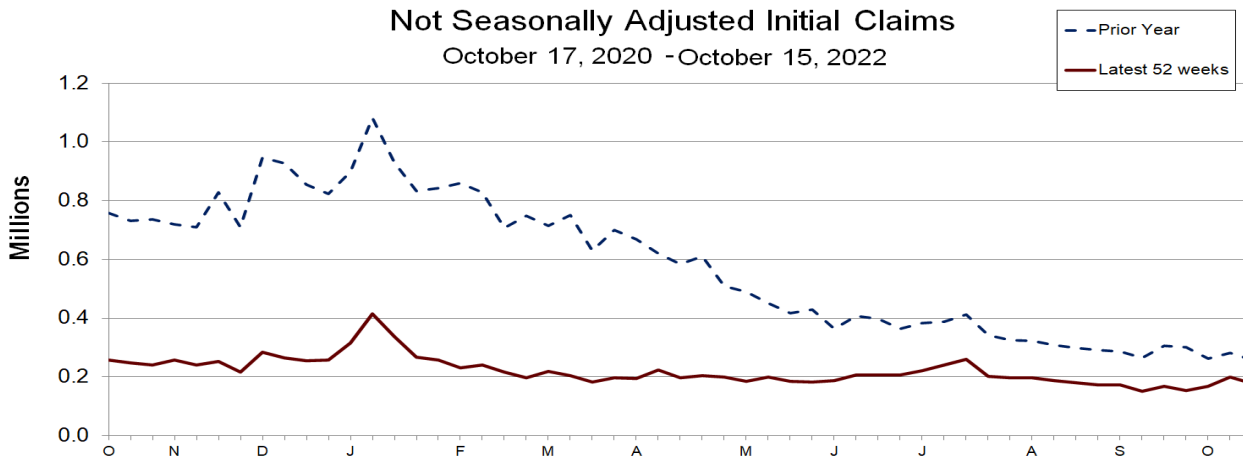
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending October 8, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 1. to 0.9 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 8 was 1,385,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,368,000 to 1,364,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,365,000, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,363,750 to 1,362,750.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 178,369 in the week ending October 15, a decrease of 20,003 (or -10.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,285 (or -4.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 257,215 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.8 percent during the week ending October 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,201,137, a decrease of 180 (or 0.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,090 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,168,234.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 1 was 1,223,968, a decrease of 30,879 from the previous week. There were 3,279,058 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 457 in the week ending October 8, an increase of 61 from the prior week. There were 634 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 263 from the preceding week.

There were 5,777 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 1, an increase of 29 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,104, an increase of 707 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 1 were in California (1.7), New Jersey (1.7), New York (1.3), Alaska (1.2), Massachusetts (1.2), Rhode Island (1.2), and Nevada (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 8 were in Florida (+10,665), California (+4,996), New York (+3,387), Texas (+2,382), and Pennsylvania (+1,900), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-3,137), North Carolina (-1,520), Connecticut (-897), Puerto Rico (-431), and Arkansas (-138).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 15</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	226,000	-12,000	219,000	310,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	178,369	198,372	-20,003	167,387	257,215
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	212,250	211,000	+1,250	206,500	335,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,385,000	1,364,000	+21,000	1,365,000	2,512,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,201,137	1,201,317	-180	1,232,997	2,168,234
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,365,000	1,362,750	+2,250	1,371,750	2,619,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	0.9%	+0.1	1.0%	1.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	0.8%	0.8%	0.0	0.9%	1.6%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	457	396	+61	913
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	634	371	+263	613

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**CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,198,335	1,230,073	-31,738	2,255,921
Federal Employees	5,777	5,748	+29	7,682
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,104	3,397	+707	5,453
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	3,963	3,581	+382	134,379
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,683	1,795	-112	2,909
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	10,106	10,253	-147	23,198
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,223,968</b>	<b>1,254,847</b>	<b>-30,879</b>	<b>3,279,058</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 143,627,296 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,303	2,439	-136	2,840	3,872	-1,032
Alaska	1,072	849	223	3,749	3,505	244
Arizona	2,711	3,243	-532	18,327	20,129	-1,802
Arkansas	1,238	1,365	-127	5,982	6,811	-829
California	38,254	40,608	-2,354	290,945	290,110	835
Colorado	2,436	2,516	-80	17,372	15,901	1,471
Connecticut	2,106	2,150	-44	16,147	15,727	420
Delaware	277	346	-69	3,093	2,819	274
District of Columbia	224	152	72	2,729	3,178	-449
Florida	11,078	14,934	-3,856	37,152	38,849	-1,697
Georgia	3,799	4,401	-602	24,221	26,037	-1,816
Hawaii	1,259	1,071	188	5,693	5,375	318
Idaho	699	780	-81	2,780	2,935	-155
Illinois	7,336	7,516	-180	56,500	54,872	1,628
Indiana	3,559	4,649	-1,090	17,969	18,296	-327
Iowa	1,616	1,367	249	5,712	5,526	186
Kansas	1,034	1,124	-90	3,565	3,320	245
Kentucky	1,196	1,437	-241	7,527	7,594	-67
Louisiana	1,596	1,923	-327	9,485	10,162	-677
Maine	425	370	55	2,477	2,543	-66
Maryland	1,699	1,954	-255	15,993	17,025	-1,032
Massachusetts	3,893	4,300	-407	37,932	39,293	-1,361
Michigan	6,482	6,414	68	28,574	28,015	559
Minnesota	2,679	2,658	21	22,220	21,232	988
Mississippi	1,041	985	56	4,065	4,480	-415
Missouri	4,576	2,813	1,763	11,941	13,295	-1,354
Montana	596	721	-125	2,798	2,684	114
Nebraska	490	471	19	2,468	2,523	-55
Nevada	1,708	2,193	-485	13,727	14,768	-1,041
New Hampshire	228	257	-29	1,601	1,741	-140
New Jersey	6,177	7,472	-1,295	65,967	68,515	-2,548
New Mexico	687	726	-39	7,032	7,118	-86
New York	12,174	15,137	-2,963	115,837	118,422	-2,585
North Carolina	2,694	3,401	-707	14,201	15,155	-954
North Dakota	203	180	23	869	827	42
Ohio	5,948	7,282	-1,334	27,460	27,212	248
Oklahoma	1,206	1,076	130	9,017	9,055	-38
Oregon	2,977	3,831	-854	19,880	18,697	1,183
Pennsylvania	7,035	7,942	-907	53,503	57,112	-3,609
Puerto Rico	3,001	4,621	-1,620	21,266	8,575	12,691
Rhode Island	492	614	-122	5,350	5,301	49
South Carolina	2,136	2,160	-24	10,460	10,536	-76
South Dakota	129	152	-23	492	556	-64
Tennessee	2,563	2,345	218	11,088	11,890	-802
Texas	12,818	14,500	-1,682	93,104	94,515	-1,411
Utah	1,334	1,306	28	5,959	5,833	126
Vermont	217	254	-37	1,484	1,366	118
Virgin Islands	19	36	-17	284	336	-52
Virginia	436	482	-46	6,853	6,172	681
Washington	4,480	4,826	-346	35,113	32,166	2,947
West Virginia	638	684	-46	5,000	4,547	453
Wisconsin	3,041	2,940	101	14,137	13,779	358
Wyoming	354	399	-45	1,197	1,015	182
US Total	178,369	198,372	-20,003	1,201,137	1,201,317	-180

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

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,385	21	1,365.00	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 8

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 1

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	2,439	468	-1,227	5	10	3,872	0.2	-323	-1,868	53	21	3,946
Alaska	849	198	-574	7	0	3,505	1.2	81	-3,092	29	11	3,545
Arizona	3,243	532	-556	6	0	20,129	0.7	-831	-2,700	71	23	20,223
Arkansas	1,365	-138	-233	2	1	6,811	0.5	-35	-5,000	25	23	6,859
California	40,608	4,996	-22,529	96	76	290,110	1.7	-8,525	-224,354	931	763	291,804
Colorado	2,516	347	93	9	8	15,901	0.6	-332	-9,912	49	106	16,056
Connecticut	2,150	-897	-302	1	3	15,727	1.0	-1,370	-11,915	101	37	15,865
Delaware	346	106	-348	5	3	2,819	0.6	41	-1,692	11	8	2,838
District of Columbia	152	90	-4,579	10	0	3,178	0.6	283	-12,186	184	3	3,365
Florida	14,934	10,665	8,719	18	22	38,849	0.4	4,966	-16,259	130	97	39,076
Georgia	4,401	-19	-3,089	21	18	26,037	0.6	-2,151	-46,249	223	123	26,383
Hawaii	1,071	134	-1,190	0	11	5,375	1.0	91	-9,646	41	48	5,464
Idaho	780	104	-169	4	1	2,935	0.4	50	130	11	14	2,960
Illinois	7,516	805	614	6	6	54,872	1.0	-1,986	-134,213	444	140	55,456
Indiana	4,649	1,671	908	15	2	18,296	0.7	-1,428	-17,151	49	19	18,364
Iowa	1,367	167	-298	3	0	5,526	0.4	171	-3,512	19	1	5,546
Kansas	1,124	88	46	0	210	3,320	0.2	-65	-3,188	27	24	3,371
Kentucky	1,437	423	-2,749	1	1	7,594	0.4	101	-4,724	34	34	7,662
Louisiana	1,923	478	-1,218	1	2	10,162	0.6	-158	-26,263	65	12	10,239
Maine	370	-5	-432	0	0	2,543	0.4	12	-2,892	7	7	2,557
Maryland	1,954	249	-3,005	12	3	17,025	0.7	123	-15,832	170	51	17,246
Massachusetts	4,300	872	-597	4	0	39,293	1.2	-1,267	-16,327	135	74	39,502
Michigan	6,414	1,240	-12,299	4	7	28,015	0.7	-6,080	-33,869	74	37	28,126
Minnesota	2,658	455	-1,603	5	5	21,232	0.8	224	-25,631	44	29	21,305
Mississippi	985	279	-475	1	4	4,480	0.4	623	-3,926	33	13	4,526
Missouri	2,813	-3,137	-2,621	0	4	13,295	0.5	1,425	-3,692	68	30	13,393
Montana	721	139	-302	24	6	2,684	0.6	82	-651	39	24	2,747
Nebraska	471	16	-384	0	0	2,523	0.3	-41	-1,206	6	2	2,531
Nevada	2,193	528	-1,204	1	7	14,768	1.1	-205	-17,250	53	40	14,861
New Hampshire	257	10	-154	0	2	1,741	0.3	-17	-1,126	1	2	1,744
New Jersey	7,472	1,031	3	17	18	68,515	1.7	1,475	-29,229	222	177	68,914
New Mexico	726	48	-2,738	11	1	7,118	0.9	-110	-6,166	98	14	7,230
New York	15,137	3,387	-257	25	11	118,422	1.3	624	-58,780	497	249	119,168
North Carolina	3,401	-1,520	-1,072	3	2	15,155	0.3	-305	-15,055	51	105	15,311
North Dakota	180	11	-120	0	2	827	0.2	25	-535	11	2	840
Ohio	7,282	26	-2,584	7	16	27,212	0.5	-1,082	-20,738	66	81	27,359
Oklahoma	1,076	45	-1,367	5	1	9,055	0.6	-243	-8,537	50	44	9,149
Oregon	3,831	588	-647	24	7	18,697	1.0	56	-20,368	92	33	18,822
Pennsylvania	7,942	1,900	-6,646	10	13	57,112	1.0	1,756	-61,888	187	75	57,374
Puerto Rico	4,621	-431	3,529	0	9	8,575	1.0	-8,984	-25,716	90	50	8,715
Rhode Island	614	35	-630	4	2	5,301	1.2	-166	-3,543	26	16	5,343
South Carolina	2,160	526	849	4	7	10,536	0.5	-1	-8,771	38	49	10,623
South Dakota	152	15	-19	4	1	556	0.1	-100	-150	16	1	573
Tennessee	2,345	429	-1,547	2	3	11,890	0.4	-176	-13,254	29	42	11,961
Texas	14,500	2,382	-4,403	43	86	94,515	0.8	-5,516	-44,504	879	1,021	96,415
Utah	1,306	145	-61	10	4	5,833	0.4	72	-151	29	14	5,876
Vermont	254	70	-100	0	0	1,366	0.5	6	-1,195	0	1	1,367
Virgin Islands	36	-13	-109	0	0	336	1.0	66	-400	2	4	342
Virginia	482	-128	-8,865	1	7	6,172	0.2	-2,582	-40,295	55	49	6,276
Washington	4,826	1,085	-500	16	26	32,166	1.0	226	-24,616	135	229	32,530
West Virginia	684	80	-188	0	4	4,547	0.7	-109	-1,906	22	17	4,586
Wisconsin	2,940	281	-2,889	6	2	13,779	0.5	-65	-15,755	46	11	13,836
Wyoming	399	129	-48	4	0	1,015	0.4	-6	-338	9	4	1,028
Totals	198,372	30,985	-82,166	457	634	1,201,317	0.8	-31,680	-1,058,086	5,777	4,104	1,211,198

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 8, 2022**

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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>
FL	+10,665	No comment.
CA	+4,996	No comment.
NY	+3,387	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and public administration industries.
TX	+2,382	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing industry.
PA	+1,900	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, professional, scientific and technical services, and accommodation and food services industries.
IN	+1,671	No comment.
MI	+1,240	No comment.
WA	+1,085	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, manufacturing, finance and insurance, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.
NJ	+1,031	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MO	-3,137	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance industries.
NC	-1,520	Fewer layoffs in the educational services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and health care and social assistance 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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