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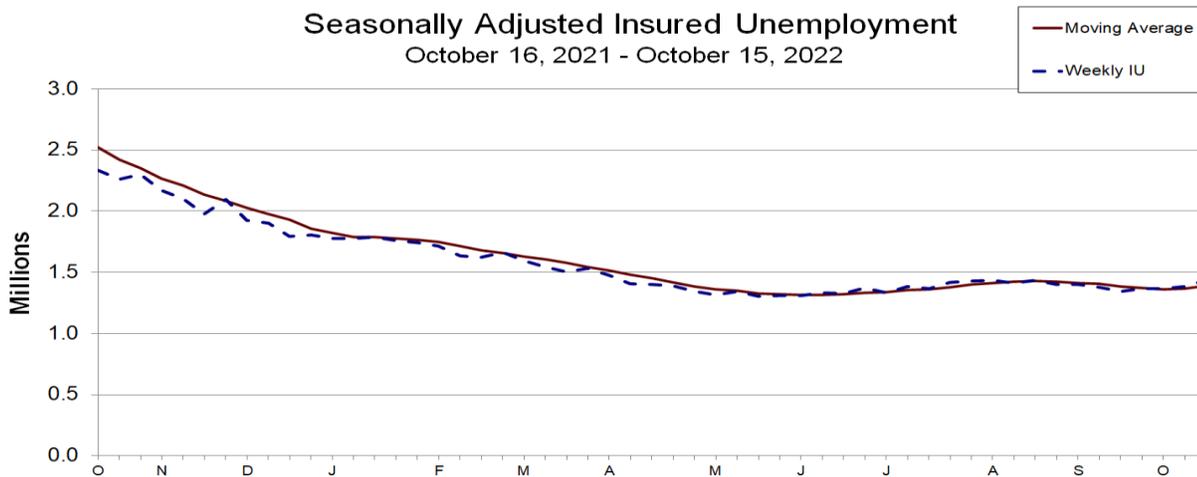
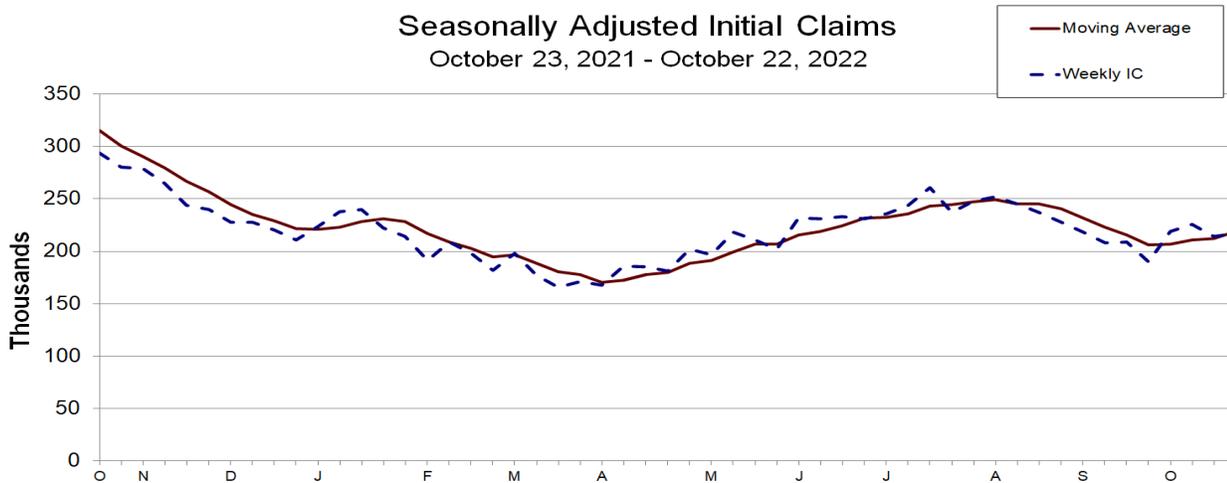
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 217,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 214,000. The 4-week moving average was 219,000, an increase of 6,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 212,250.

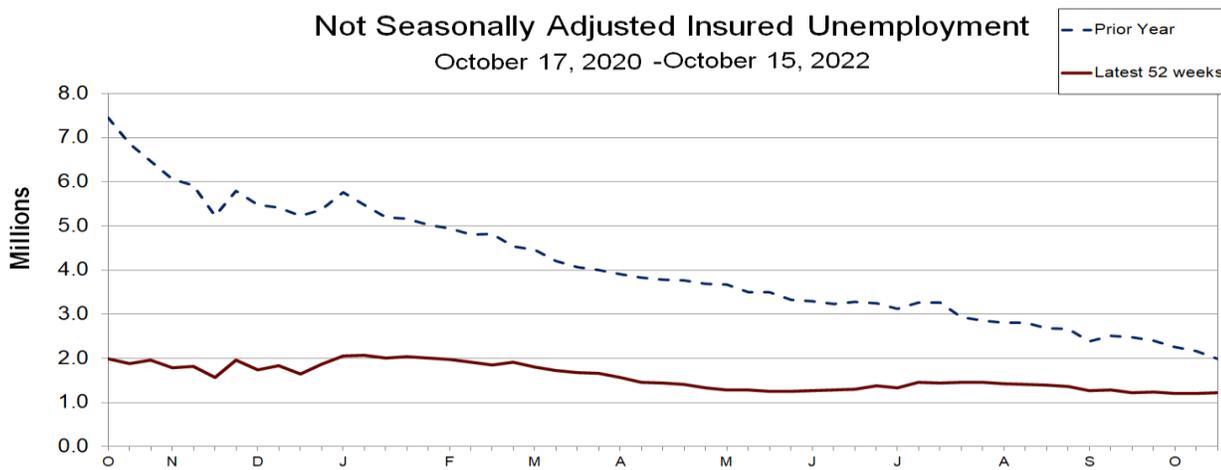
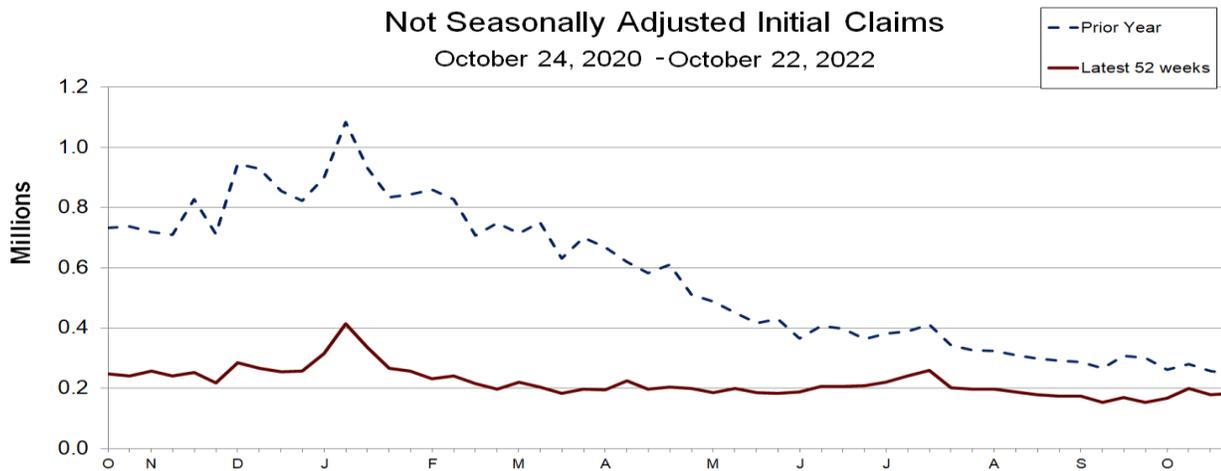
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending October 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 15 was 1,438,000, an increase of 55,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,385,000 to 1,383,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,387,500, an increase of 23,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,365,000 to 1,364,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 183,301 in the week ending October 22, an increase of 4,512 (or 2.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,141 (or 1.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 247,330 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending October 15, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,226,800, an increase of 27,703 (or 2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,363 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 1,986,643.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 8 was 1,221,626, a decrease of 2,354 from the previous week. There were 2,830,692 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 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 464 in the week ending October 15, an increase of 7 from the prior week. There were 331 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 303 from the preceding week.

There were 5,545 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 8, a decrease of 232 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,333, an increase of 229 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 8 were in Puerto Rico (2.5), California (1.7), New Jersey (1.7), Alaska (1.3), New York (1.3), Rhode Island (1.2), Massachusetts (1.1), and Oregon (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 15 were in Missouri (+1,850), Tennessee (+285), Hawaii (+191), Iowa (+131), and Mississippi (+119), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-3,593), New York (-3,089), California (-2,817), Texas (-1,576), and Puerto Rico (-1,535).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 22	October 15	Change	October 8	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	217,000	214,000	+3,000	226,000	294,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	183,301	178,789	+4,512	198,372	247,330
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	219,000	212,250	+6,750	211,000	315,250

WEEK ENDING	October 15	October 8	Change	October 1	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,438,000	1,383,000	+55,000	1,364,000	2,334,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,226,800	1,199,097	+27,703	1,201,329	1,986,643
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,387,500	1,364,500	+23,000	1,362,750	2,522,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	0.9%	1.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	0.8%	+0.1	0.8%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	October 15	October 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	464	457	+7	818
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	331	634	-303	486

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	October 8	October 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,197,022	1,198,347	-1,325	2,161,098
Federal Employees	5,545	5,777	-232	7,712
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,333	4,104	+229	5,203
Extended Benefits ⁴	3,699	3,963	-264	117,559
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,817	1,683	+134	2,445
STC / Workshare ⁶	9,210	10,106	-896	22,283
TOTAL⁷	1,221,626	1,223,980	-2,354	2,830,692

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 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,285	2,394	-109	2,869	3,747	-878
Alaska	1,189	829	360	4,183	3,846	337
Arizona	2,776	2,823	-47	18,095	20,044	-1,949
Arkansas	1,668	1,332	336	6,322	6,393	-71
California	38,638	37,791	847	294,481	284,522	9,959
Colorado	2,754	2,374	380	17,513	16,660	853
Connecticut	2,313	1,943	370	16,046	15,729	317
Delaware	293	281	12	3,122	2,852	270
District of Columbia	127	255	-128	3,165	2,817	348
Florida	9,077	11,341	-2,264	38,557	39,781	-1,224
Georgia	5,072	3,952	1,120	25,421	24,958	463
Hawaii	1,233	1,262	-29	5,552	5,614	-62
Idaho	796	723	73	2,837	2,962	-125
Illinois	8,299	7,300	999	58,111	55,661	2,450
Indiana	3,529	3,490	39	17,310	18,040	-730
Iowa	1,486	1,498	-12	5,920	5,596	324
Kansas	1,262	1,028	234	3,811	3,183	628
Kentucky	2,204	1,190	1,014	7,979	7,415	564
Louisiana	1,441	1,723	-282	9,597	10,259	-662
Maine	488	435	53	2,597	2,535	62
Maryland	1,739	1,845	-106	16,466	16,653	-187
Massachusetts	4,497	3,951	546	39,857	38,245	1,612
Michigan	5,619	6,484	-865	29,871	29,823	48
Minnesota	3,023	2,552	471	22,163	21,117	1,046
Mississippi	849	1,104	-255	4,321	4,521	-200
Missouri	2,280	4,663	-2,383	13,301	12,078	1,223
Montana	739	646	93	3,068	2,871	197
Nebraska	577	489	88	2,522	2,459	63
Nevada	2,157	1,657	500	14,555	14,295	260
New Hampshire	272	283	-11	1,559	1,727	-168
New Jersey	7,282	6,282	1,000	70,538	65,400	5,138
New Mexico	731	699	32	7,246	7,143	103
New York	13,962	12,048	1,914	116,681	114,435	2,246
North Carolina	3,075	2,797	278	14,083	14,938	-855
North Dakota	212	190	22	886	834	52
Ohio	6,348	5,967	381	27,859	27,889	-30
Oklahoma	1,235	1,013	222	9,255	9,118	137
Oregon	3,074	2,998	76	19,791	19,839	-48
Pennsylvania	8,098	7,104	994	56,147	53,928	2,219
Puerto Rico	2,474	3,086	-612	17,359	21,705	-4,346
Rhode Island	522	500	22	5,364	5,215	149
South Carolina	2,100	2,239	-139	10,904	10,753	151
South Dakota	108	147	-39	585	521	64
Tennessee	1,935	2,630	-695	11,763	11,579	184
Texas	12,673	12,924	-251	95,547	92,626	2,921
Utah	1,303	1,334	-31	6,200	5,972	228
Vermont	233	226	7	1,497	1,396	101
Virgin Islands	20	27	-7	332	274	58
Virginia	736	377	359	6,832	6,159	673
Washington	4,170	4,482	-312	35,777	33,222	2,555
West Virginia	736	671	65	5,199	4,669	530
Wisconsin	3,197	3,031	166	14,474	14,009	465
Wyoming	395	379	16	1,310	1,070	240
US Total	183,301	178,789	4,512	1,226,800	1,199,097	27,703

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 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	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	217	3	219.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 15

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 8

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	2,394	-45	-1,101	7	2	3,747	0.2	-125	-2,080	66	22	3,835
Alaska	829	-20	-482	8	2	3,846	1.3	341	-2,658	47	8	3,901
Arizona	2,823	-420	-182	10	0	20,044	0.7	-85	-365	56	17	20,117
Arkansas	1,332	-33	-161	3	0	6,393	0.5	-418	-5,361	20	16	6,429
California	37,791	-2,817	-35,094	89	60	284,522	1.7	-5,588	-219,915	1,009	971	286,502
Colorado	2,374	-142	195	7	2	16,660	0.6	759	-8,241	53	115	16,828
Connecticut	1,943	-207	-310	0	2	15,729	1.0	2	-7,598	61	49	15,839
Delaware	281	-65	-106	1	4	2,852	0.7	33	-1,434	9	8	2,869
District of Columbia	255	103	-2,313	6	0	2,817	0.5	-361	-35,009	86	3	2,906
Florida	11,341	-3,593	3,860	15	31	39,781	0.4	932	-18,714	109	84	39,974
Georgia	3,952	-449	-4,626	8	17	24,958	0.6	-1,079	-86,809	173	135	25,266
Hawaii	1,262	191	-552	1	15	5,614	1.0	227	-7,282	32	51	5,697
Idaho	723	-57	-96	7	1	2,962	0.4	27	99	13	15	2,990
Illinois	7,300	-216	-114	8	2	55,661	1.0	789	-90,758	452	104	56,217
Indiana	3,490	-1,159	168	7	3	18,040	0.7	-256	-12,677	52	20	18,112
Iowa	1,498	131	-298	3	0	5,596	0.4	70	-3,042	17	1	5,614
Kansas	1,028	-96	-111	2	2	3,183	0.2	-137	-2,445	20	28	3,231
Kentucky	1,190	-247	-243	1	0	7,415	0.4	-179	-5,753	56	54	7,525
Louisiana	1,723	-200	-1,081	3	2	10,259	0.6	97	-21,046	50	3	10,312
Maine	435	65	-156	1	0	2,535	0.4	-8	-2,301	7	4	2,546
Maryland	1,845	-109	-1,632	12	8	16,653	0.7	-372	-14,105	217	42	16,912
Massachusetts	3,951	-349	-757	5	8	38,245	1.1	-1,048	-14,977	118	58	38,421
Michigan	6,484	70	-8,146	4	6	29,823	0.7	1,808	-22,347	72	35	29,930
Minnesota	2,552	-106	-1,444	9	4	21,117	0.8	-115	-21,836	50	48	21,215
Mississippi	1,104	119	-179	3	0	4,521	0.4	41	-3,118	27	12	4,560
Missouri	4,663	1,850	429	2	2	12,078	0.4	-1,217	-6,129	76	28	12,182
Montana	646	-75	-382	31	1	2,871	0.6	187	-386	34	20	2,925
Nebraska	489	18	-294	1	0	2,459	0.3	-64	-1,021	8	2	2,469
Nevada	1,657	-536	-1,197	4	4	14,295	1.0	-473	-15,321	47	37	14,379
New Hampshire	283	26	-109	1	1	1,727	0.3	-14	-964	4	3	1,734
New Jersey	6,282	-1,190	-642	12	2	65,400	1.7	-3,115	-24,904	254	191	65,845
New Mexico	699	-27	-2,038	12	1	7,143	0.9	25	-5,571	105	15	7,263
New York	12,048	-3,089	-1,215	16	16	114,435	1.3	-3,987	-49,588	416	247	115,098
North Carolina	2,797	-604	-1,088	4	1	14,938	0.3	-217	-13,396	41	114	15,093
North Dakota	190	10	-100	1	1	834	0.2	7	-449	9	3	846
Ohio	5,967	-1,315	-1,612	4	8	27,889	0.5	677	-16,347	77	87	28,053
Oklahoma	1,013	-63	-1,173	6	6	9,118	0.6	63	-7,609	56	45	9,219
Oregon	2,998	-833	-1,181	33	3	19,839	1.1	1,142	-16,297	87	35	19,961
Pennsylvania	7,104	-838	-3,492	5	8	53,928	1.0	-3,184	-46,394	193	74	54,195
Puerto Rico	3,086	-1,535	2,166	5	2	21,705	2.5	13,130	-7,920	197	137	22,039
Rhode Island	500	-114	-302	1	0	5,215	1.2	-86	-3,145	21	33	5,269
South Carolina	2,239	79	1,179	4	2	10,753	0.5	217	-7,008	37	45	10,835
South Dakota	147	-5	-27	5	0	521	0.1	-35	-134	11	1	533
Tennessee	2,630	285	-2,950	8	10	11,579	0.3	-311	-10,542	30	46	11,655
Texas	12,924	-1,576	-3,901	37	66	92,626	0.7	-1,889	-35,145	705	931	94,262
Utah	1,334	28	-117	12	3	5,972	0.4	139	94	30	14	6,016
Vermont	226	-28	-163	0	0	1,396	0.5	30	-797	0	1	1,397
Virgin Islands	27	-9	-82	1	0	274	0.8	-62	-556	10	6	290
Virginia	377	-105	-1,590	0	4	6,159	0.2	-13	-52,262	49	53	6,261
Washington	4,482	-344	-432	22	12	33,222	1.0	1,056	-19,394	116	241	33,579
West Virginia	671	-13	-141	1	3	4,669	0.7	122	-1,636	19	10	4,698
Wisconsin	3,031	91	-2,832	5	4	14,009	0.5	230	-14,096	32	8	14,049
Wyoming	379	-20	-161	11	0	1,070	0.4	55	-275	9	3	1,082
Totals	178,789	-19,583	-78,408	464	331	1,199,097	0.8	-2,232	-966,964	5,545	4,333	1,208,975

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 15, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+1,850	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	-3,593	No comment.
NY	-3,089	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and public administration industries.
CA	-2,817	No comment.
TX	-1,576	No comment.
PR	-1,535	No comment.
OH	-1,315	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-1,190	No comment.
IN	-1,159	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. 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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