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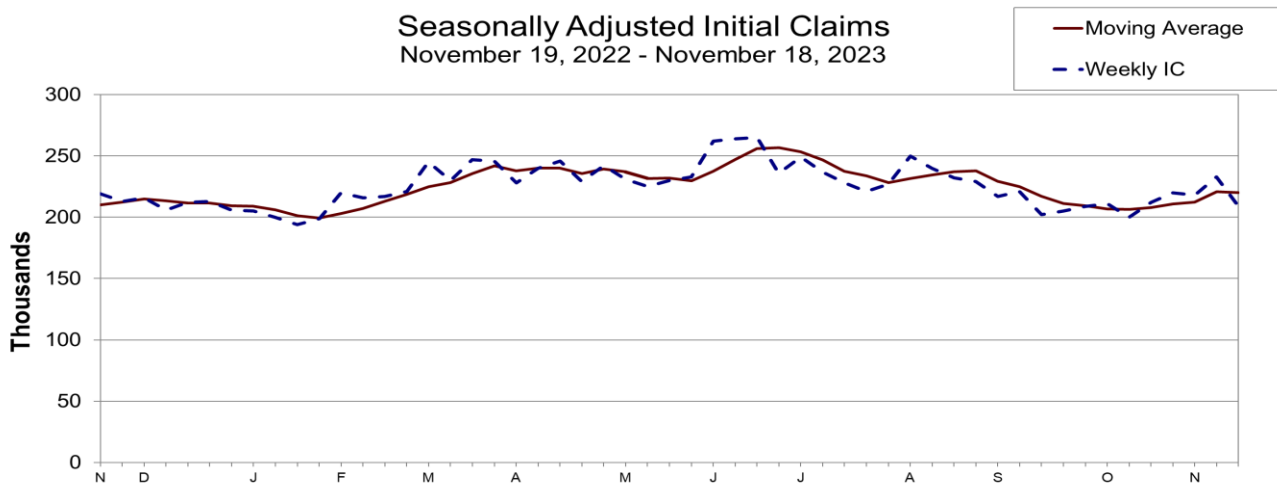
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

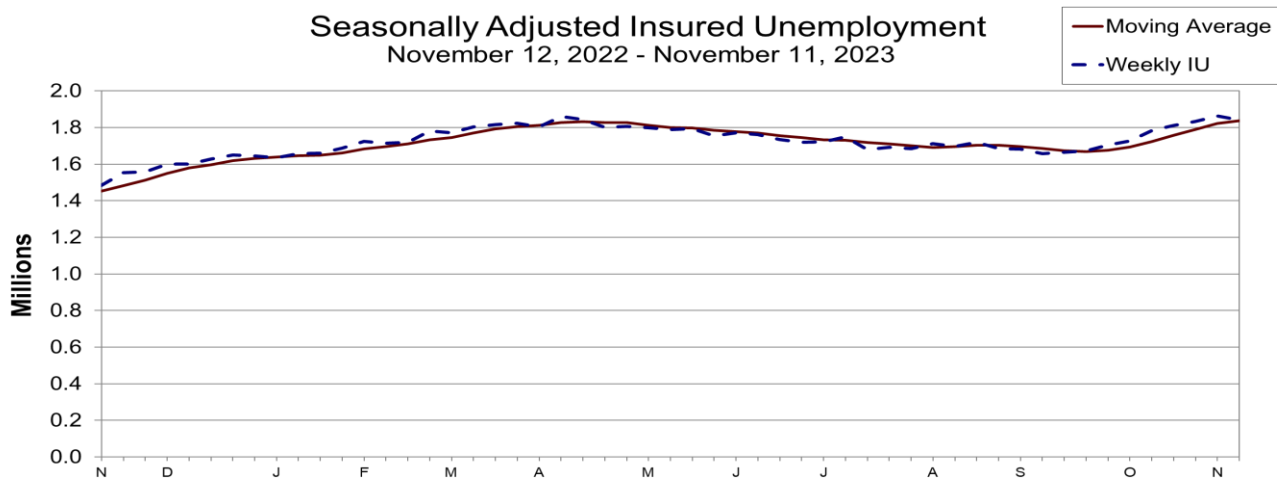
In the week ending November 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 209,000, a decrease of 24,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 231,000 to 233,000. The 4-week moving average was 220,000, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 220,250 to 220,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 11, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 1.3 to 1.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 11 was 1,840,000, a decrease of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,865,000 to 1,862,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,836,750, an increase of 14,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since December 18, 2021 when it was 1,838,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,823,250 to 1,822,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 19, 2022 - November 18, 2023



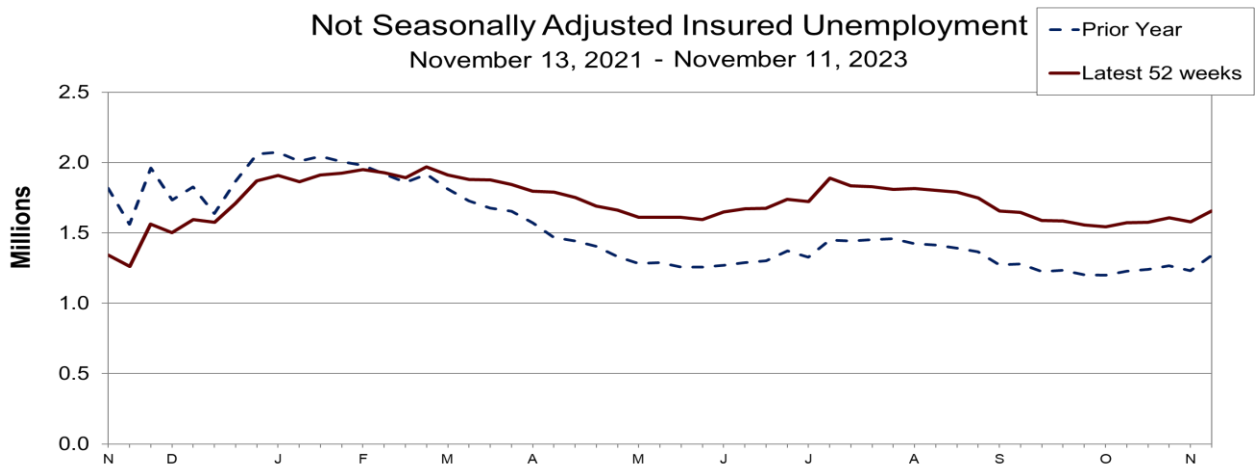
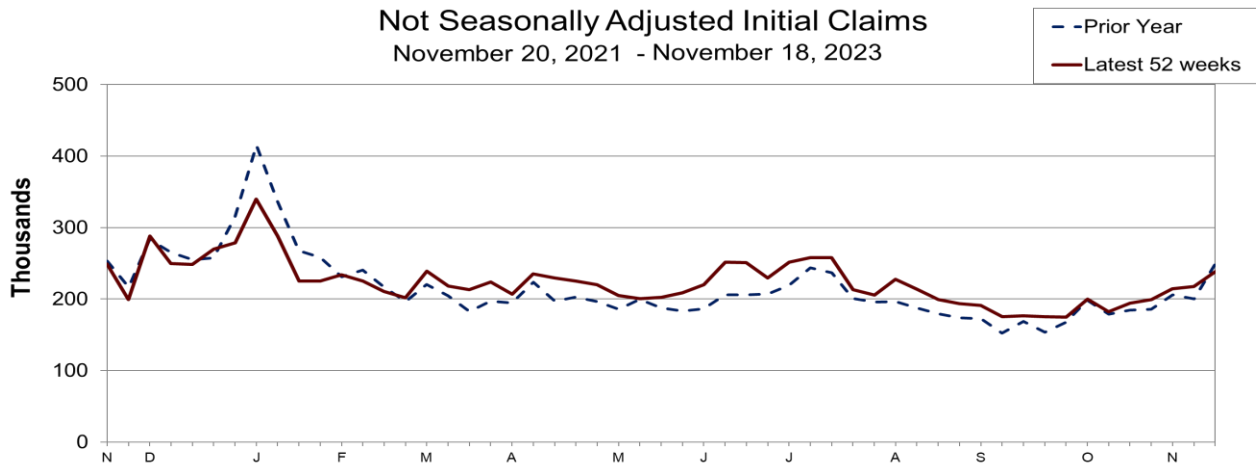
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 12, 2022 - November 11, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 238,677 in the week ending November 18, an increase of 21,239 (or 9.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 48,423 (or 22.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 248,916 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,654,019, an increase of 75,088 (or 4.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 94,959 (or 6.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,341,329.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 4 was 1,603,689, a decrease of 29,785 from the previous week. There were 1,252,441 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending November 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 655 in the week ending November 11, an increase of 136 from the prior week. There were 330 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 79 from the preceding week.

There were 4,741 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 4, an increase of 103 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,043, a decrease of 252 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 4 were in California (2.0), New Jersey (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), Alaska (1.8), Hawaii (1.8), New York (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 11 were in Massachusetts (+3,019), New York (+2,574), Texas (+1,347), New Jersey (+1,058), and Minnesota (+1,014), while the largest decreases were in Oregon (-1,363), Georgia (-1,018), Pennsylvania (-716), Illinois (-685), and Iowa (-497).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 18	November 11	Change	November 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	209,000	233,000	-24,000	218,000	219,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	238,677	217,438	+21,239	214,161	248,916
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	220,000	220,750	-750	212,500	210,250

WEEK ENDING	November 11	November 4	Change	October 28	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,840,000	1,862,000	-22,000	1,833,000	1,484,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,654,019	1,578,931	+75,088	1,607,728	1,341,329
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,836,750	1,822,500	+14,250	1,788,750	1,452,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 11	November 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	655	519	+136	717
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	330	409	-79	373

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

WEEK ENDING	November 4	October 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,574,001	1,602,682	-28,681	1,226,758
Federal Employees	4,741	4,638	+103	5,684
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,043	4,295	-252	4,024
Extended Benefits ³	196	495	-299	2,860
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,555	2,576	-21	1,571
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,153	18,788	-635	11,544
TOTAL	1,603,689	1,633,474	-29,785	1,252,441

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 149,106,140 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,310	1,963	347	8,030	8,397	-367
Alaska	1,117	965	152	5,888	5,475	413
Arizona	3,729	2,990	739	22,801	21,957	844
Arkansas	1,648	1,008	640	9,027	8,913	114
California	52,261	44,350	7,911	374,111	348,581	25,530
Colorado	3,254	2,727	527	26,155	25,328	827
Connecticut	3,568	2,646	922	22,183	20,104	2,079
Delaware	508	307	201	4,936	4,159	777
District of Columbia	472	406	66	5,705	5,841	-136
Florida	5,928	5,979	-51	33,813	34,871	-1,058
Georgia	4,605	3,985	620	28,742	28,563	179
Hawaii	1,340	1,185	155	11,421	10,805	616
Idaho	1,420	1,327	93	4,836	4,698	138
Illinois	10,935	9,455	1,480	86,215	78,799	7,416
Indiana	3,420	3,806	-386	20,365	21,493	-1,128
Iowa	3,396	1,958	1,438	7,191	6,813	378
Kansas	1,392	1,381	11	5,134	4,812	322
Kentucky	3,734	1,794	1,940	7,759	8,094	-335
Louisiana	1,678	1,833	-155	11,553	12,558	-1,005
Maine	879	746	133	4,430	3,970	460
Maryland	2,745	2,497	248	22,206	21,060	1,146
Massachusetts	6,365	6,037	328	57,739	55,969	1,770
Michigan	8,740	8,676	64	44,807	44,481	326
Minnesota	6,836	6,130	706	40,523	34,069	6,454
Mississippi	1,056	1,066	-10	5,328	5,832	-504
Missouri	2,961	2,573	388	15,382	15,576	-194
Montana	1,268	1,034	234	5,287	5,023	264
Nebraska	1,435	702	733	4,045	4,112	-67
Nevada	2,754	2,677	77	20,819	20,546	273
New Hampshire	353	414	-61	2,701	2,794	-93
New Jersey	11,011	11,177	-166	91,283	83,541	7,742
New Mexico	560	628	-68	9,855	9,613	242
New York	15,948	16,346	-398	152,880	148,382	4,498
North Carolina	2,928	3,570	-642	18,762	19,794	-1,032
North Dakota	639	407	232	1,839	1,415	424
Ohio	7,391	6,932	459	38,448	37,994	454
Oklahoma	1,310	1,207	103	9,351	9,495	-144
Oregon	4,969	2,664	2,305	31,668	29,134	2,534
Pennsylvania	12,485	11,525	960	85,785	82,010	3,775
Puerto Rico	1,096	1,207	-111	7,811	16,927	-9,116
Rhode Island	842	871	-29	7,534	7,112	422
South Carolina	1,867	1,984	-117	12,887	13,129	-242
South Dakota	285	190	95	1,025	890	135
Tennessee	2,507	2,352	155	14,203	14,735	-532
Texas	16,231	17,535	-1,304	134,313	126,776	7,537
Utah	1,522	2,111	-589	9,849	10,470	-621
Vermont	394	281	113	2,295	1,818	477
Virgin Islands	16	15	1	272	262	10
Virginia	1,746	1,711	35	12,926	12,283	643
Washington	6,930	6,580	350	61,949	52,316	9,633
West Virginia	906	744	162	6,859	5,954	905
Wisconsin	4,525	4,370	155	21,005	19,683	1,322
Wyoming	462	414	48	2,088	1,505	583
US Total	238,677	217,438	21,239	1,654,019	1,578,931	75,088

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

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,683	-1	1,695.75	1.1
September 9, 2023	221	4	224.75	1,658	-25	1,686.00	1.1
September 16, 2023	202	-19	217.25	1,665	7	1,672.50	1.1
September 23, 2023	205	3	211.25	1,672	7	1,669.50	1.1
September 30, 2023	209	4	209.25	1,705	33	1,675.00	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	2	206.75	1,727	22	1,692.25	1.2
October 14, 2023	200	-11	206.25	1,783	56	1,721.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	212	12	208.00	1,812	29	1,756.75	1.2
October 28, 2023	220	8	210.75	1,833	21	1,788.75	1.2
November 4, 2023	218	-2	212.50	1,862	29	1,822.50	1.2
November 11, 2023	233	15	220.75	1,840	-22	1,836.75	1.2
November 18, 2023	209	-24	220.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 11

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 4

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	1,963	-263	193	4	3	8,397	0.4	-145	4,581	22	18	8,437
Alaska	965	13	-55	10	2	5,475	1.8	485	-3	64	7	5,546
Arizona	2,990	-459	600	2	0	21,957	0.7	-2,141	4,598	61	25	22,043
Arkansas	1,008	-454	-591	0	0	8,913	0.7	-3	2,134	25	15	8,953
California	44,350	19	1,083	138	81	348,581	2.0	-14,463	69,667	734	868	350,183
Colorado	2,727	-122	8	14	4	25,328	0.9	384	7,243	72	119	25,519
Connecticut	2,646	80	690	2	1	20,104	1.2	-2,030	4,775	41	35	20,180
Delaware	307	-166	3	2	3	4,159	0.9	-332	1,286	9	8	4,176
District of Columbia	406	-20	262	5	0	5,841	1.0	-64	3,340	128	10	5,979
Florida	5,979	320	-131	24	13	34,871	0.4	-1,499	-3,653	87	112	35,070
Georgia	3,985	-1,018	-9	14	12	28,563	0.6	-1,492	5,038	88	96	28,747
Hawaii	1,185	-86	224	0	4	10,805	1.8	-735	5,439	26	37	10,868
Idaho	1,327	47	-327	18	0	4,698	0.6	367	986	49	10	4,757
Illinois	9,455	-685	-129	4	3	78,799	1.3	-2,503	20,207	248	118	79,165
Indiana	3,806	573	-43	4	6	21,493	0.7	693	3,491	53	27	21,573
Iowa	1,958	-497	536	7	2	6,813	0.4	-325	1,027	14	8	6,835
Kansas	1,381	102	177	1	1	4,812	0.4	45	1,210	43	14	4,869
Kentucky	1,794	90	495	1	0	8,094	0.4	198	-1,581	18	27	8,139
Louisiana	1,833	51	284	3	0	12,558	0.7	155	2,245	26	15	12,599
Maine	746	-31	99	1	1	3,970	0.6	336	887	15	5	3,990
Maryland	2,497	-118	788	14	7	21,060	0.8	-759	4,290	174	94	21,328
Massachusetts	6,037	3,019	753	8	11	55,969	1.5	-810	12,464	122	87	56,178
Michigan	8,676	-394	2,366	5	3	44,481	1.0	-2,429	13,602	74	46	44,601
Minnesota	6,130	1,014	33	5	1	34,069	1.2	2,869	8,124	68	40	34,177
Mississippi	1,066	150	81	1	0	5,832	0.5	-58	1,471	34	6	5,872
Missouri	2,573	-197	87	1	0	15,576	0.6	-1,738	3,777	34	34	15,644
Montana	1,034	-134	-1,224	35	1	5,023	1.0	286	855	68	5	5,096
Nebraska	702	1	102	3	0	4,112	0.4	142	1,559	2	5	4,119
Nevada	2,677	143	210	14	2	20,546	1.4	36	5,550	55	43	20,644
New Hampshire	414	-31	95	1	0	2,794	0.4	75	1,000	3	0	2,797
New Jersey	11,177	1,058	3,066	12	14	83,541	2.0	-1,606	14,902	171	155	83,867
New Mexico	628	-235	-193	10	2	9,613	1.2	-102	1,882	117	28	9,758
New York	16,346	2,574	2,049	21	15	148,382	1.6	2,770	27,084	325	209	148,916
North Carolina	3,570	-372	-204	4	2	19,794	0.4	-391	5,428	67	75	19,936
North Dakota	407	-25	59	2	0	1,415	0.3	167	470	10	2	1,427
Ohio	6,932	463	-736	14	12	37,994	0.7	-225	8,842	57	67	38,118
Oklahoma	1,207	-122	276	1	1	9,495	0.6	-150	423	25	39	9,559
Oregon	2,664	-1,363	-1,179	46	5	29,134	1.5	-585	7,801	198	47	29,379
Pennsylvania	11,525	-716	1,772	18	11	82,010	1.4	1,086	23,158	264	162	82,436
Puerto Rico	1,207	52	-487	8	3	16,927	1.9	-81	1,175	175	56	17,158
Rhode Island	871	88	366	2	2	7,112	1.5	39	1,734	20	20	7,152
South Carolina	1,984	-45	8	2	5	13,129	0.6	-114	2,507	31	46	13,206
South Dakota	190	-39	-39	11	1	890	0.2	34	224	9	2	901
Tennessee	2,352	-187	315	4	3	14,735	0.4	-197	3,464	38	37	14,810
Texas	17,535	1,347	3,154	37	67	126,776	1.0	-3,792	35,088	387	788	127,951
Utah	2,111	283	378	44	1	10,470	0.6	191	3,392	53	14	10,537
Vermont	281	-93	1	0	0	1,818	0.6	-8	170	1	0	1,819
Virgin Islands	15	-9	-4	0	1	262	0.8	0	36	2	0	264
Virginia	1,711	-19	1,110	9	7	12,283	0.3	-58	5,125	80	75	12,438
Washington	6,580	-234	669	40	12	52,316	1.5	-1,557	16,049	173	258	52,747
West Virginia	744	-112	93	4	3	5,954	0.9	132	631	25	18	5,997
Wisconsin	4,370	101	136	8	2	19,683	0.7	1,063	3,579	37	7	19,727
Wyoming	414	-65	-69	17	0	1,505	0.6	42	5	19	4	1,528
Totals	217,438	3,277	17,201	655	330	1,578,931	1.1	-28,797	348,778	4,741	4,043	1,587,715

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

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

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 11, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+3,019	No comment.
NY	+2,574	Layoffs in construction; art, entertainment, and recreation; and in accommodation and food services industries.
TX	+1,347	Layoffs in retail trade industry.
NJ	+1,058	No comment.
MN	+1,014	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; manufacturing, and in construction industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OR	-1,363	No comment.
GA	-1,018	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and in 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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