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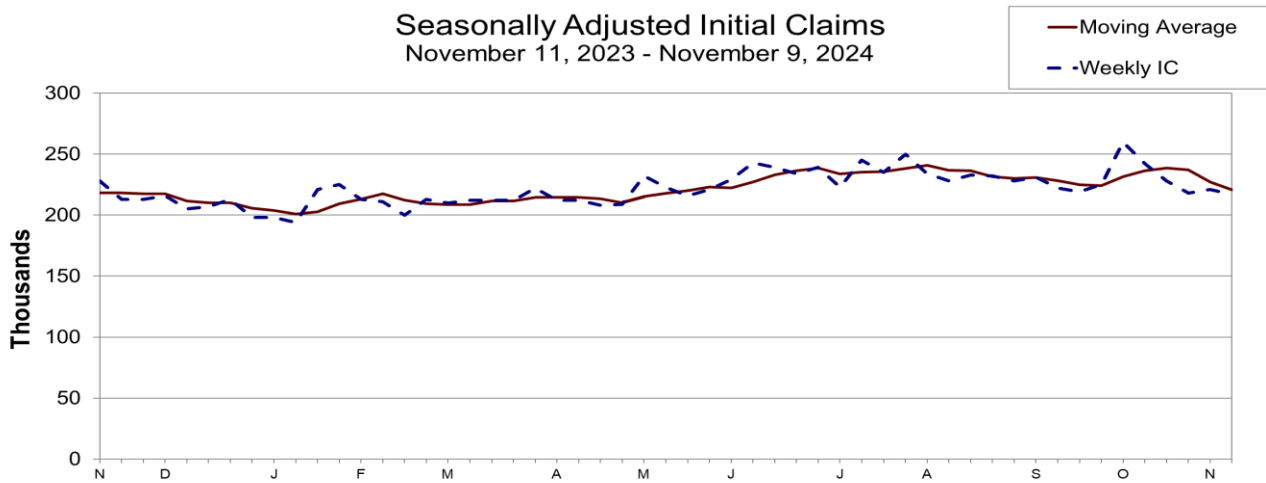
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

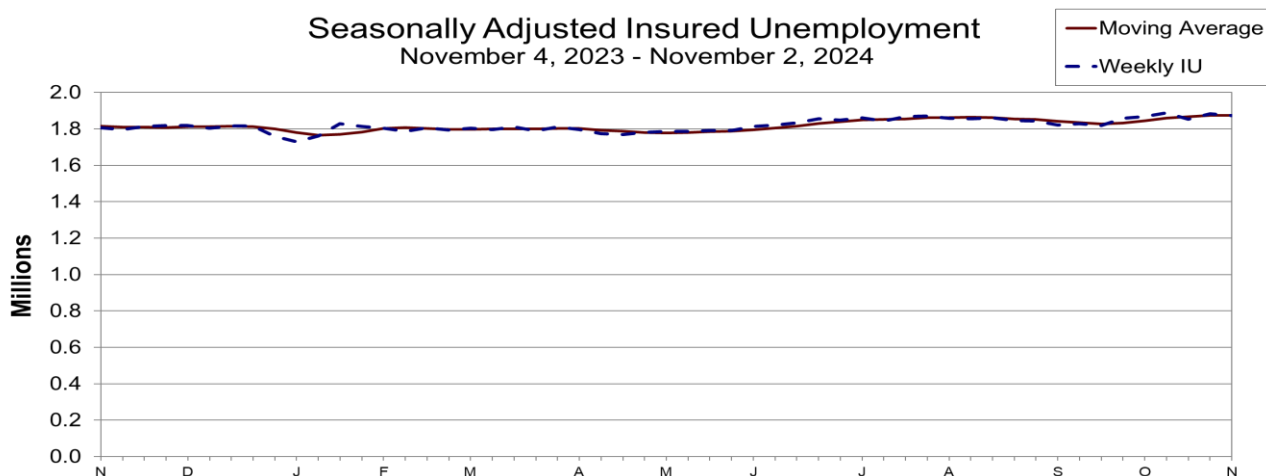
In the week ending November 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 217,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 221,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,000, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 227,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 2 was 1,873,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,892,000 to 1,884,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,874,500, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,928,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,875,500 to 1,873,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 11, 2023 - November 9, 2024



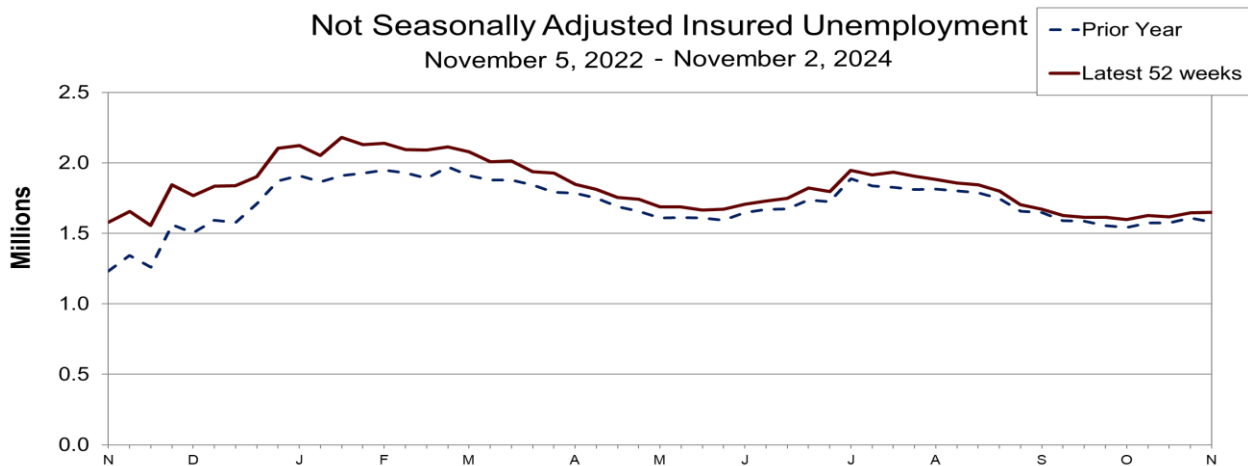
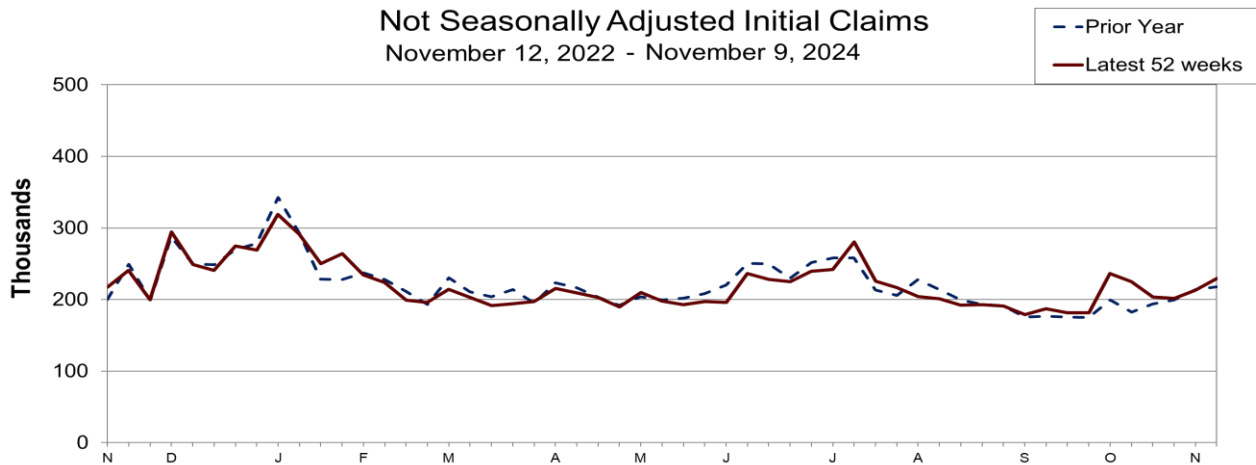
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 4, 2023 - November 2, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 229,478 in the week ending November 9, an increase of 16,735 (or 7.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 20,788 (or 9.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 217,438 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,647,874, an increase of 969 (or 0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 11,306 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,578,949.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 26 was 1,673,176, an increase of 30,622 from the previous week. There were 1,633,474 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 506 in the week ending November 2, a decrease of 22 from the prior week. There were 382 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 43 from the preceding week.

There were 4,243 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 26, an increase of 205 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,554, an increase of 60 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 26 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), Washington (1.7), Nevada (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Alaska (1.5), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), Illinois (1.4), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 2 were in California (+3,825), Michigan (+3,439), Ohio (+1,911), New Jersey (+1,317), and Kansas (+870), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-1,530), Georgia (-1,303), Missouri (-797), New York (-469), and Washington (-364).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 9	November 2	Change	October 26	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	217,000	221,000	-4,000	218,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	229,478	212,743	+16,735	201,447	217,438
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,000	227,250	-6,250	237,000	218,250

WEEK ENDING	November 2	October 26	Change	October 19	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,873,000	1,884,000	-11,000	1,853,000	1,807,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,647,874	1,646,905	+969	1,616,065	1,578,949
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,874,500	1,873,500	+1,000	1,867,000	1,814,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 2	October 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	506	528	-22	519
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	382	339	+43	409

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

WEEK ENDING	October 26	October 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,640,334	1,608,883	+31,451	1,602,682
Federal Employees	4,243	4,038	+205	4,638
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,554	4,494	+60	4,295
Extended Benefits ³	113	206	-93	495
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,455	2,505	-50	2,576
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,477	22,428	-951	18,788
TOTAL	1,673,176	1,642,554	+30,622	1,633,474

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 151,636,941 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 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,060	1,936	124	7,792	8,398	-606
Alaska	1,209	775	434	4,950	4,644	306
Arizona	3,024	2,820	204	23,439	25,485	-2,046
Arkansas	1,173	1,179	-6	6,554	6,709	-155
California *	48,896	42,679	6,217	357,351	351,549	5,802
Colorado	3,822	3,027	795	27,630	26,746	884
Connecticut	3,050	2,482	568	21,604	22,285	-681
Delaware	228	224	4	4,915	4,948	-33
District of Columbia	619	555	64	6,682	6,716	-34
Florida	6,356	6,841	-485	32,322	39,012	-6,690
Georgia	5,364	4,816	548	27,601	28,525	-924
Hawaii	1,030	886	144	6,339	6,327	12
Idaho	1,330	1,195	135	4,310	4,321	-11
Illinois	10,140	8,948	1,192	86,364	85,060	1,304
Indiana	4,084	2,979	1,105	22,427	20,802	1,625
Iowa	2,545	2,178	367	10,175	10,048	127
Kansas *	1,397	1,991	-594	7,768	6,938	830
Kentucky	1,752	1,683	69	8,298	8,640	-342
Louisiana	1,540	1,572	-32	10,332	10,235	97
Maine	890	698	192	4,546	4,152	394
Maryland	2,091	2,354	-263	21,506	21,595	-89
Massachusetts	6,510	5,589	921	53,371	53,364	7
Michigan	7,591	11,658	-4,067	47,816	52,726	-4,910
Minnesota	6,458	4,273	2,185	39,277	34,281	4,996
Mississippi	887	944	-57	5,342	5,735	-393
Missouri	2,374	2,560	-186	15,392	16,092	-700
Montana	1,138	989	149	4,948	4,335	613
Nebraska	761	649	112	4,298	4,430	-132
Nevada	2,833	2,522	311	23,516	23,937	-421
New Hampshire	399	342	57	2,829	2,989	-160
New Jersey	11,972	9,664	2,308	92,092	91,276	816
New Mexico	877	844	33	10,089	9,955	134
New York	16,054	13,603	2,451	142,898	138,644	4,254
North Carolina	3,263	3,490	-227	30,146	34,101	-3,955
North Dakota	651	842	-191	2,209	1,533	676
Ohio	7,742	8,095	-353	45,774	43,612	2,162
Oklahoma	1,257	1,225	32	8,996	9,319	-323
Oregon	5,091	4,335	756	29,579	26,371	3,208
Pennsylvania	11,574	10,557	1,017	79,765	80,479	-714
Puerto Rico	967	977	-10	8,098	17,208	-9,110
Rhode Island	746	799	-53	7,729	7,541	188
South Carolina	1,735	2,029	-294	13,087	13,654	-567
South Dakota	243	250	-7	1,284	1,089	195
Tennessee	3,001	2,716	285	15,260	15,151	109
Texas	16,024	15,309	715	136,598	139,812	-3,214
Utah	1,383	1,517	-134	10,809	10,751	58
Vermont	366	320	46	2,068	1,764	304
Virgin Islands	21	19	2	392	380	12
Virginia	2,295	2,359	-64	16,630	15,431	1,199
Washington	7,165	6,469	696	64,479	58,973	5,506
West Virginia	796	856	-60	6,732	5,893	839
Wisconsin	4,155	4,583	-428	21,806	21,315	491
Wyoming	549	541	8	1,660	1,629	31
US Total	229,478	212,743	16,735	1,647,874	1,646,905	969

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

*Denotes state estimate

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 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,821	-22	1,842.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-9	228.25	1,827	6	1,834.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	219	-3	225.00	1,819	-8	1,827.50	1.2
September 28, 2024	225	6	224.25	1,858	39	1,831.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	260	35	231.50	1,869	11	1,843.25	1.2
October 12, 2024	242	-18	236.50	1,888	19	1,858.50	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-14	238.75	1,853	-35	1,867.00	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	237.00	1,884	31	1,873.50	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	227.25	1,873	-11	1,874.50	1.2
November 9, 2024	217	-4	221.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 2					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 26						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,936	-66	-290	5	8	8,398	0.4	-18	-144	28	17	8,443
Alaska	775	7	-177	5	0	4,644	1.5	283	-346	37	4	4,685
Arizona	2,820	-184	-629	3	3	25,485	0.8	-769	1,387	58	43	25,586
Arkansas	1,179	-42	-283	1	1	6,709	0.5	-110	-2,207	21	14	6,744
California	42,679	3,825	-1,652	97	81	351,549	2.0	9,081	-11,495	715	1,229	353,493
Colorado	3,027	2	178	9	8	26,746	0.9	304	1,802	79	165	26,990
Connecticut	2,482	222	-84	3	0	22,285	1.3	1,543	151	37	23	22,345
Delaware	224	4	-249	1	4	4,948	1.1	66	457	5	3	4,956
District of Columbia	555	11	129	8	0	6,716	1.2	142	811	133	5	6,854
Florida	6,841	-1,530	1,182	13	20	39,012	0.4	4,427	2,642	89	95	39,196
Georgia	4,816	-1,303	-187	14	25	28,525	0.6	-715	-1,530	97	87	28,709
Hawaii	886	-171	-385	1	0	6,327	1.1	169	-5,213	45	52	6,424
Idaho	1,195	189	-85	5	0	4,321	0.5	146	-10	38	4	4,363
Illinois	8,948	213	-1,192	9	4	85,060	1.4	918	3,758	238	127	85,425
Indiana	2,979	-173	-254	2	3	20,802	0.7	-584	2	24	22	20,848
Iowa	2,178	-39	-277	3	2	10,048	0.7	554	2,910	15	3	10,066
Kansas	1,991	870	712	1	0	6,938	0.5	-74	2,171	18	14	6,970
Kentucky	1,683	265	-21	3	0	8,640	0.4	231	744	26	56	8,722
Louisiana	1,572	1	-210	2	2	10,235	0.6	-1,108	-2,168	23	8	10,266
Maine	698	164	-79	1	0	4,152	0.7	25	518	17	4	4,173
Maryland	2,354	98	-261	13	4	21,595	0.8	-135	-224	123	78	21,796
Massachusetts	5,589	505	2,571	15	7	53,364	1.5	703	-3,415	78	65	53,507
Michigan	11,658	3,439	2,588	3	4	52,726	1.2	6,834	5,816	70	37	52,833
Minnesota	4,273	422	-843	9	5	34,281	1.2	321	3,081	54	50	34,385
Mississippi	944	28	28	0	0	5,735	0.5	-220	-155	12	14	5,761
Missouri	2,560	-797	-210	5	5	16,092	0.6	265	-1,222	66	20	16,178
Montana	989	213	-179	30	0	4,335	0.9	134	-402	99	9	4,443
Nebraska	649	-104	-52	3	0	4,430	0.4	67	460	13	6	4,449
Nevada	2,522	181	-12	7	4	23,937	1.6	94	3,427	45	47	24,029
New Hampshire	342	-11	-103	1	0	2,989	0.4	10	270	0	2	2,991
New Jersey	9,664	1,317	-455	15	7	91,276	2.2	300	6,129	184	163	91,623
New Mexico	844	10	-19	8	0	9,955	1.2	185	240	51	27	10,033
New York	13,603	-469	-169	14	14	138,644	1.5	521	-6,968	251	193	139,088
North Carolina	3,490	-174	-452	2	3	34,101	0.7	5,803	13,916	49	95	34,245
North Dakota	842	481	410	2	0	1,533	0.4	36	285	4	1	1,538
Ohio	8,095	1,911	1,626	4	13	43,612	0.8	1,398	5,393	52	71	43,735
Oklahoma	1,225	-53	-104	4	6	9,319	0.6	-141	-326	27	30	9,376
Oregon	4,335	349	308	39	3	26,371	1.3	638	-3,348	160	35	26,566
Pennsylvania	10,557	524	-1,684	12	13	80,479	1.4	452	-410	218	122	80,819
Puerto Rico	977	-225	-178	1	3	17,208	1.9	409	200	74	70	17,352
Rhode Island	799	241	16	3	3	7,541	1.6	-184	468	29	11	7,581
South Carolina	2,029	43	0	1	3	13,654	0.6	-167	411	25	47	13,726
South Dakota	250	47	21	2	0	1,089	0.2	11	233	10	1	1,100
Tennessee	2,716	-40	177	4	6	15,151	0.5	-966	219	24	30	15,205
Texas	15,309	637	-879	45	92	139,812	1.0	-1,261	9,244	362	893	141,067
Utah	1,517	43	-311	34	3	10,751	0.6	-125	472	54	14	10,819
Vermont	320	4	-54	0	0	1,764	0.6	114	-62	0	0	1,764
Virgin Islands	19	-41	-5	0	0	380	1.1	-6	118	0	0	380
Virginia	2,359	144	629	5	3	15,431	0.4	-576	3,090	83	85	15,599
Washington	6,469	-364	-345	19	14	58,973	1.7	480	5,100	205	338	59,516
West Virginia	856	134	0	0	1	5,893	0.9	41	71	23	15	5,931
Wisconsin	4,583	454	314	5	5	21,315	0.7	1,194	2,695	42	8	21,365
Wyoming	541	84	62	15	0	1,629	0.6	100	166	13	2	1,644
Totals	212,743	11,296	-1,418	506	382	1,646,905	1.1	30,840	39,212	4,243	4,554	1,655,702

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 2, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+3,825	No comment.
MI	+3,439	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
OH	+1,911	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
NJ	+1,317	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	-1,530	Fewer layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries.
GA	-1,303	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and professional, scientific, and technical 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. 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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