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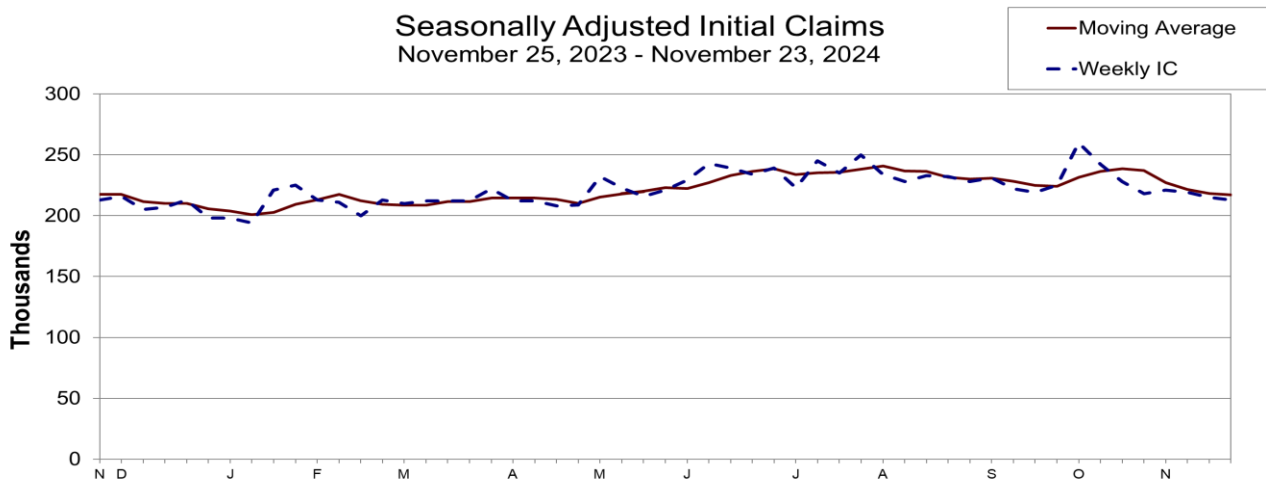
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

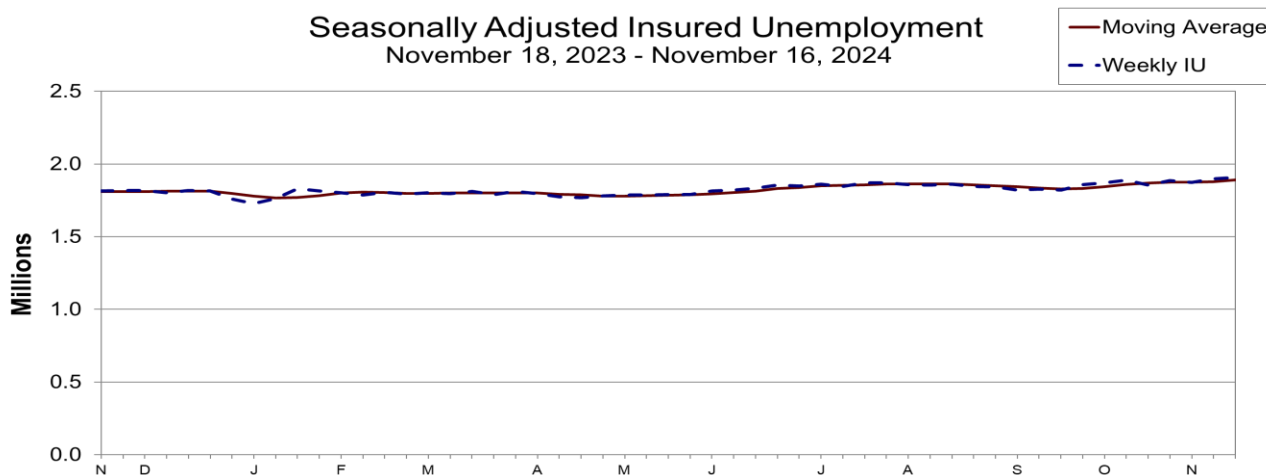
In the week ending November 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 213,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 213,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 217,000, a decrease of 1,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 217,750 to 218,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending November 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 16 was 1,907,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 13, 2021 when it was 1,974,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 10,000 from 1,908,000 to 1,898,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,890,250, an increase of 13,500 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 2,500 from 1,879,250 to 1,876,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 25, 2023 - November 23, 2024



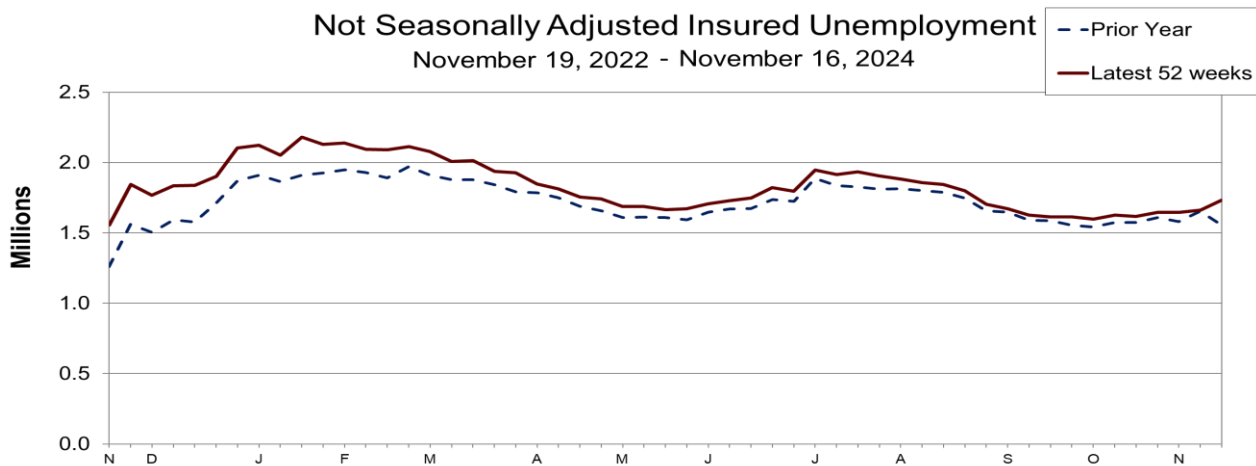
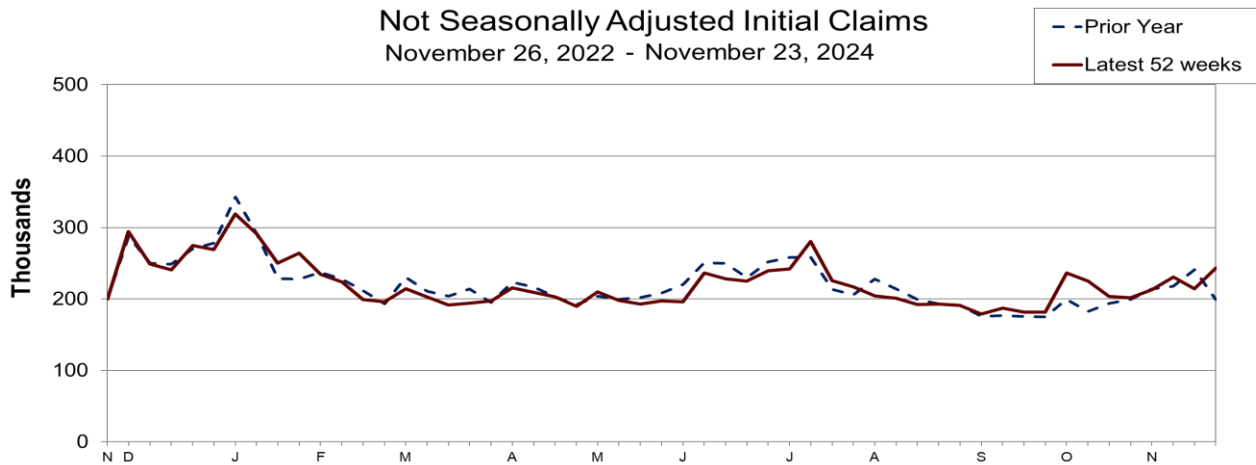
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 18, 2023 - November 16, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 243,389 in the week ending November 23, an increase of 29,101 (or 13.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 30,245 (or 14.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,750 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,731,657, an increase of 70,752 (or 4.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 62,640 (or 3.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,555,598.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 9 was 1,687,984, an increase of 12,876 from the previous week. There were 1,681,422 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 November 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 523 in the week ending November 16, a decrease of 92 from the prior week. There were 330 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 78 from the preceding week.

There were 4,757 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 9, an increase of 310 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,443, an increase of 55 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 9 were in New Jersey (2.3), California (1.9), Washington (1.9), Alaska (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Nevada (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Illinois (1.5), Massachusetts (1.5), and New York (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 16 were in Utah (+538), Minnesota (+381), Missouri (+252), Idaho (+200), and Louisiana (+199), while the largest decreases were in California (-5,088), Georgia (-1,952), New Jersey (-1,423), Texas (-1,160), and Ohio (-1,125).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 23	November 16	Change	November 9	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	213,000	215,000	-2,000	219,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	243,389	214,288	+29,101	230,785	199,750
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	217,000	218,250	-1,250	221,500	217,500

WEEK ENDING	November 16	November 9	Change	November 2	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,907,000	1,898,000	+9,000	1,872,000	1,813,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,731,657	1,660,905	+70,752	1,647,319	1,555,598
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,890,250	1,876,750	+13,500	1,874,250	1,809,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 16	November 9	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	523	615	-92	662
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	330	408	-78	396

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

WEEK ENDING	November 9	November 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,654,594	1,640,593	+14,001	1,649,481
Federal Employees	4,757	4,447	+310	5,179
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,443	4,388	+55	4,305
Extended Benefits ³	125	183	-58	379
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,416	2,514	-98	2,567
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,649	22,983	-1,334	19,511
TOTAL	1,687,984	1,675,108	+12,876	1,681,422

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 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,996	1,981	15	7,937	8,486	-549
Alaska	947	741	206	5,769	5,549	220
Arizona	2,947	2,820	127	22,198	24,230	-2,032
Arkansas	1,690	1,331	359	6,695	6,754	-59
California	48,471	43,497	4,974	367,946	343,460	24,486
Colorado	3,764	3,396	368	29,160	27,883	1,277
Connecticut	3,104	2,750	354	23,014	21,148	1,866
Delaware	232	333	-101	5,270	4,571	699
District of Columbia	696	578	118	6,843	6,761	82
Florida	6,085	6,280	-195	31,271	35,924	-4,653
Georgia	5,612	3,685	1,927	28,194	14,647	13,547
Hawaii	934	974	-40	5,765	5,981	-216
Idaho	1,924	1,531	393	5,010	4,935	75
Illinois	13,155	10,231	2,924	92,060	87,070	4,990
Indiana	3,266	2,926	340	20,930	21,358	-428
Iowa	3,326	2,226	1,100	9,467	9,997	-530
Kansas	1,001	665	336	8,281	7,670	611
Kentucky	2,073	1,670	403	10,490	8,900	1,590
Louisiana	1,831	1,733	98	10,077	11,436	-1,359
Maine	905	869	36	5,376	4,730	646
Maryland	2,256	2,311	-55	22,698	21,625	1,073
Massachusetts	6,533	5,924	609	55,477	54,137	1,340
Michigan	9,711	7,717	1,994	50,446	58,816	-8,370
Minnesota	8,334	6,543	1,791	48,495	40,457	8,038
Mississippi	999	1,090	-91	5,519	5,878	-359
Missouri	3,313	2,808	505	16,015	16,527	-512
Montana	1,350	1,247	103	6,374	5,645	729
Nebraska	855	746	109	4,399	4,508	-109
Nevada	3,228	2,937	291	24,361	24,367	-6
New Hampshire	367	341	26	2,911	2,996	-85
New Jersey	9,715	10,680	-965	97,545	95,793	1,752
New Mexico	859	849	10	10,388	10,083	305
New York	16,571	14,846	1,725	148,473	142,628	5,845
North Carolina	3,769	3,645	124	29,784	30,075	-291
North Dakota	950	546	404	2,538	1,978	560
Ohio	8,111	6,665	1,446	44,079	46,691	-2,612
Oklahoma	1,349	1,391	-42	9,100	9,287	-187
Oregon	5,584	4,184	1,400	31,290	27,709	3,581
Pennsylvania	14,412	11,654	2,758	84,549	82,695	1,854
Puerto Rico	1,042	1,042	0	16,491	16,882	-391
Rhode Island	1,307	794	513	8,349	7,874	475
South Carolina	743	1,253	-510	13,296	13,634	-338
South Dakota	381	261	120	1,447	1,245	202
Tennessee	2,762	2,777	-15	15,272	14,959	313
Texas	16,547	15,424	1,123	143,775	138,236	5,539
Utah	2,124	1,922	202	11,469	11,201	268
Vermont	425	322	103	2,309	1,944	365
Virgin Islands	21	24	-3	298	346	-48
Virginia	2,261	2,265	-4	16,827	15,438	1,389
Washington	7,545	6,656	889	74,936	67,346	7,590
West Virginia	875	917	-42	7,151	6,250	901
Wisconsin	4,630	3,865	765	21,435	20,418	1,017
Wyoming	501	425	76	2,408	1,747	661
US Total	243,389	214,288	29,101	1,731,657	1,660,905	70,752

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 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	1,872	-12	1,874.25	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,898	26	1,876.75	1.3
November 16, 2024	215	-4	218.25	1,907	9	1,890.25	1.3
November 23, 2024	213	-2	217.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 16					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 9						
	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	1,981	-198	-504	8	7	8,486	0.4	66	-138	26	17	8,529
Alaska	741	-139	-201	4	0	5,549	1.8	552	-437	57	3	5,609
Arizona	2,820	-338	-1,078	4	4	24,230	0.8	-540	83	90	51	24,371
Arkansas	1,331	31	-503	2	1	6,754	0.5	-282	-2,683	22	7	6,783
California	43,497	-5,088	-8,204	99	77	343,460	1.9	-9,074	-24,545	651	1,198	345,309
Colorado	3,396	-377	287	10	7	27,883	1.0	865	2,790	124	155	28,162
Connecticut	2,750	-168	-677	2	0	21,148	1.3	287	43	30	20	21,198
Delaware	333	91	-184	0	7	4,571	1.0	68	23	7	4	4,582
District of Columbia	578	-42	108	7	0	6,761	1.2	91	898	124	5	6,890
Florida	6,280	-380	12	18	27	35,924	0.4	542	-1,414	79	88	36,091
Georgia	3,685	-1,952	-1,149	9	15	14,647	0.3	-13,987	-15,100	59	53	14,759
Hawaii	974	-32	-343	3	4	5,981	1.0	-170	-5,211	45	48	6,074
Idaho	1,531	200	111	13	0	4,935	0.6	392	-142	55	4	4,994
Illinois	10,231	160	-583	10	9	87,070	1.5	1,335	1,969	265	120	87,455
Indiana	2,926	-1,121	-433	2	1	21,358	0.7	-1,046	941	23	26	21,407
Iowa	2,226	-164	-914	1	0	9,997	0.6	-211	2,768	16	3	10,016
Kansas	665	-727	-571	1	0	7,670	0.6	373	2,768	14	12	7,696
Kentucky	1,670	-3	-2,049	1	0	8,900	0.5	631	1,273	35	34	8,969
Louisiana	1,733	199	-246	1	2	11,436	0.6	1,136	-1,420	24	13	11,473
Maine	869	-23	18	0	0	4,730	0.8	321	420	17	4	4,751
Maryland	2,311	-13	-673	11	7	21,625	0.8	334	-187	114	74	21,813
Massachusetts	5,924	-664	-491	4	6	54,137	1.5	305	-4,088	106	55	54,298
Michigan	7,717	131	-922	2	4	58,816	1.4	9,656	12,793	102	39	58,957
Minnesota	6,543	381	127	9	2	40,457	1.4	4,001	2,362	64	54	40,575
Mississippi	1,090	51	-181	1	1	5,878	0.5	157	-181	18	11	5,907
Missouri	2,808	252	-269	3	1	16,527	0.6	784	677	59	19	16,605
Montana	1,247	129	58	41	0	5,645	1.2	733	374	184	10	5,839
Nebraska	746	-24	-730	0	1	4,508	0.5	67	329	12	6	4,526
Nevada	2,937	-5	67	5	2	24,367	1.6	279	2,703	60	42	24,469
New Hampshire	341	-108	-90	1	0	2,996	0.4	-35	45	1	3	3,000
New Jersey	10,680	-1,423	-475	34	10	95,793	2.3	4,686	5,058	233	182	96,208
New Mexico	849	-66	263	1	0	10,083	1.2	78	300	94	38	10,215
New York	14,846	-1,084	-884	11	9	142,628	1.5	781	-8,513	210	179	143,017
North Carolina	3,645	64	612	5	0	30,075	0.6	-1,082	10,637	46	98	30,219
North Dakota	546	-12	-22	1	2	1,978	0.5	-51	308	8	1	1,987
Ohio	6,665	-1,125	-894	6	8	46,691	0.9	559	7,674	53	72	46,816
Oklahoma	1,391	86	2	4	5	9,287	0.6	-16	-234	17	33	9,337
Oregon	4,184	-453	-1,941	41	3	27,709	1.4	220	-3,479	284	31	28,024
Pennsylvania	11,654	47	-880	12	7	82,695	1.4	1,888	-3,936	201	129	83,025
Puerto Rico	1,042	-38	-53	1	4	16,882	1.8	-518	1,386	72	65	17,019
Rhode Island	794	65	-47	1	0	7,874	1.6	242	520	31	15	7,920
South Carolina	1,253	-670	-744	2	5	13,634	0.6	115	347	21	45	13,700
South Dakota	261	-18	-63	3	0	1,245	0.3	-18	228	16	1	1,262
Tennessee	2,777	-240	171	2	5	14,959	0.5	46	-13	27	30	15,016
Texas	15,424	-1,160	-1,215	20	64	138,236	1.0	2,369	4,510	407	825	139,468
Utah	1,922	538	298	46	2	11,201	0.7	338	1,300	78	17	11,296
Vermont	322	-52	-84	0	0	1,944	0.6	20	-196	0	0	1,944
Virgin Islands	24	-8	1	1	0	346	1.0	-20	84	0	0	346
Virginia	2,265	-143	495	6	4	15,438	0.4	34	3,355	89	85	15,612
Washington	6,656	-519	-333	29	13	67,346	1.9	7,297	9,184	301	381	68,028
West Virginia	917	86	-33	2	1	6,250	0.9	156	-17	23	18	6,291
Wisconsin	3,865	-282	-621	6	3	20,418	0.7	-1,136	-148	44	18	20,480
Wyoming	425	-149	-48	17	0	1,747	0.6	-32	105	19	2	1,768
Totals	214,288	-16,497	-26,702	523	330	1,660,905	1.1	13,586	6,173	4,757	4,443	1,670,105

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 16, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-5,088	No comment.
GA	-1,952	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.
NJ	-1,423	No comment.
TX	-1,160	No comment.
OH	-1,125	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
IN	-1,121	No comment.
NY	-1,084	Fewer layoffs in health care and social assistance; manufacturing; 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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