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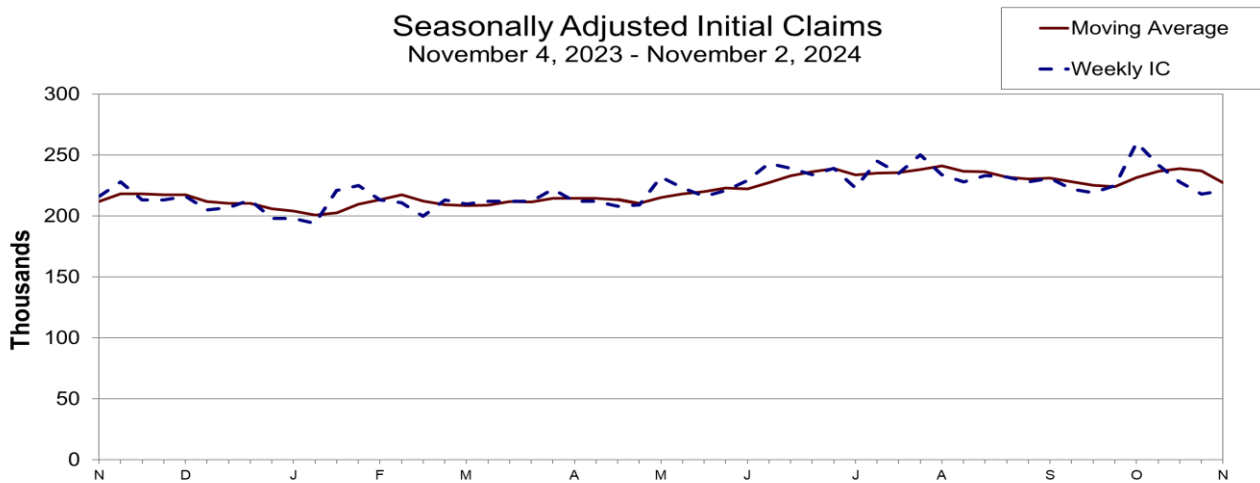
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

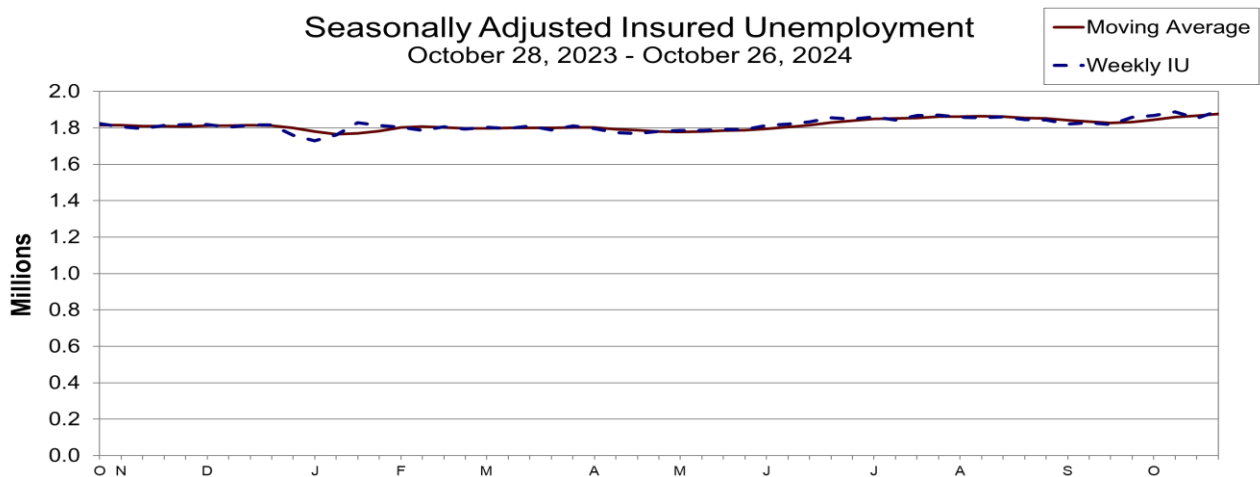
In the week ending November 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 221,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 216,000 to 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 227,250, a decrease of 9,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 236,500 to 237,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 26, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 26 was 1,892,000, an increase of 39,000 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 9,000 from 1,862,000 to 1,853,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,875,500, an increase of 8,500 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 2,250 from 1,869,250 to 1,867,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 4, 2023 - November 2, 2024



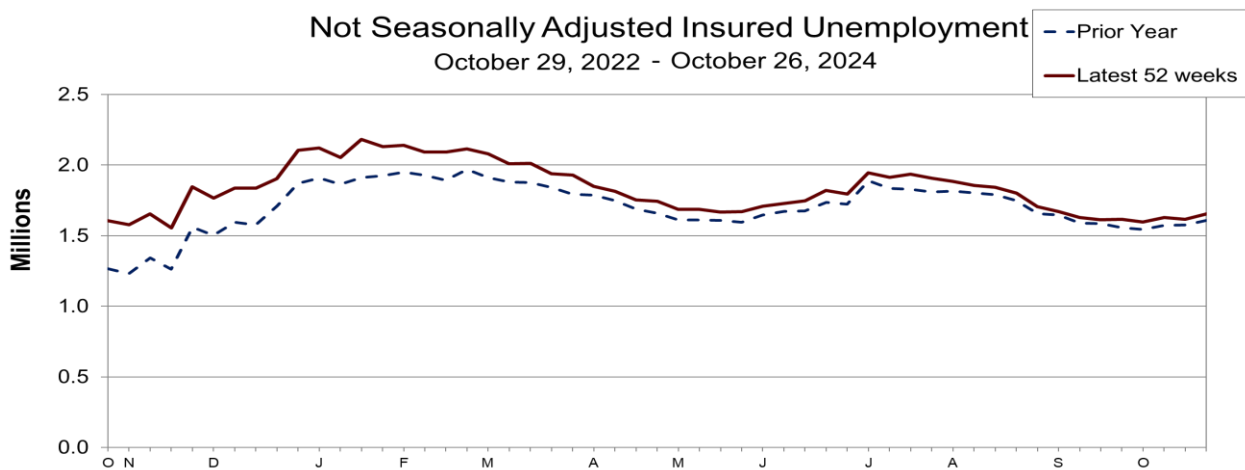
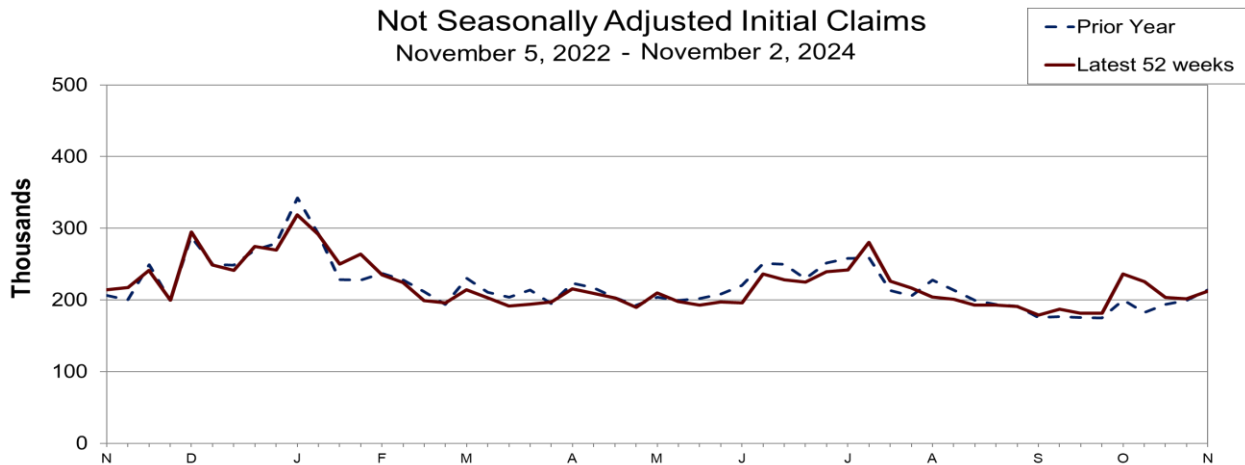
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 28, 2023 - October 26, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 212,274 in the week ending November 2, an increase of 10,827 (or 5.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,058 (or 4.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 214,161 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,653,491, an increase of 37,426 (or 2.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,707 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,607,728.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 19 was 1,642,554, a decrease of 9,028 from the previous week. There were 1,599,623 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 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 528 in the week ending October 26, an increase of 141 from the prior week. There were 339 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 39 from the preceding week.

There were 4,038 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 19, an increase of 135 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,494, a decrease of 94 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 19 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), Washington (1.7), Nevada (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), Alaska (1.4), Illinois (1.4), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 26 were in New York (+1,983), Michigan (+1,722), Illinois (+1,066), Texas (+757), and Ohio (+706), while the largest decreases were in North Carolina (-2,859), Florida (-2,429), California (-1,876), Virginia (-824), and Washington (-698).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 2	October 26	Change	October 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	221,000	218,000	+3,000	228,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	212,274	201,447	+10,827	203,482	214,161
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	227,250	237,000	-9,750	238,750	211,750

WEEK ENDING	October 26	October 19	Change	October 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,892,000	1,853,000	+39,000	1,888,000	1,823,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,653,491	1,616,065	+37,426	1,627,756	1,607,728
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,875,500	1,867,000	+8,500	1,858,500	1,814,250
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	October 26	October 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	528	387	+141	628
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	339	378	-39	365

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

WEEK ENDING	October 19	October 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,608,883	1,622,657	-13,774	1,569,609
Federal Employees	4,038	3,903	+135	4,309
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,494	4,588	-94	4,174
Extended Benefits ³	206	109	+97	246
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,505	2,360	+145	2,655
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,428	17,965	+4,463	18,630
TOTAL	1,642,554	1,651,582	-9,028	1,599,623

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 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,826	2,002	-176	7,839	8,416	-577
Alaska	1,012	768	244	4,553	4,361	192
Arizona	2,649	3,004	-355	24,165	26,254	-2,089
Arkansas	1,075	1,221	-146	6,440	6,819	-379
California	43,132	38,854	4,278	357,215	342,468	14,747
Colorado	3,093	3,025	68	27,374	26,442	932
Connecticut	2,551	2,260	291	21,544	20,742	802
Delaware	217	220	-3	4,958	4,882	76
District of Columbia	557	544	13	6,744	6,574	170
Florida	6,590	8,371	-1,781	35,967	34,585	1,382
Georgia	4,602	6,119	-1,517	27,630	29,240	-1,610
Hawaii	900	1,057	-157	6,509	6,158	351
Idaho	1,182	1,006	176	4,095	4,175	-80
Illinois	8,966	8,735	231	85,681	84,142	1,539
Indiana	3,024	3,152	-128	21,004	21,386	-382
Iowa	2,320	2,217	103	10,024	9,494	530
Kansas	1,977	1,121	856	7,196	7,012	184
Kentucky	1,644	1,418	226	8,716	8,409	307
Louisiana	1,575	1,571	4	10,258	11,343	-1,085
Maine	694	534	160	4,257	4,127	130
Maryland	2,136	2,256	-120	21,827	21,730	97
Massachusetts	5,512	5,084	428	51,804	52,661	-857
Michigan	11,782	8,219	3,563	50,146	45,892	4,254
Minnesota	4,459	3,851	608	36,989	33,960	3,029
Mississippi	837	916	-79	5,327	5,955	-628
Missouri	2,566	3,357	-791	15,283	15,827	-544
Montana	1,017	776	241	4,346	4,201	145
Nebraska	610	753	-143	4,316	4,363	-47
Nevada	2,448	2,341	107	23,218	23,843	-625
New Hampshire	293	353	-60	2,778	2,979	-201
New Jersey	9,339	8,347	992	92,100	90,976	1,124
New Mexico	803	834	-31	9,967	9,770	197
New York	13,758	14,072	-314	139,656	138,123	1,533
North Carolina	3,437	3,664	-227	33,241	28,298	4,943
North Dakota	859	361	498	1,658	1,497	161
Ohio	8,111	6,184	1,927	43,045	42,214	831
Oklahoma	1,179	1,278	-99	9,020	9,460	-440
Oregon	4,701	3,986	715	28,476	25,733	2,743
Pennsylvania	10,524	10,033	491	79,482	80,027	-545
Puerto Rico	870	1,202	-332	16,365	16,799	-434
Rhode Island	787	558	229	7,762	7,725	37
South Carolina	1,879	1,986	-107	13,203	13,821	-618
South Dakota	217	203	14	1,094	1,078	16
Tennessee	2,709	2,756	-47	15,555	16,117	-562
Texas	15,174	14,672	502	141,727	141,073	654
Utah	1,517	1,474	43	10,712	10,876	-164
Vermont	313	316	-3	1,904	1,650	254
Virgin Islands	12	60	-48	394	386	8
Virginia	2,398	2,215	183	16,645	16,007	638
Washington	6,436	6,833	-397	63,274	58,493	4,781
West Virginia	822	722	100	6,564	5,852	712
Wisconsin	4,664	4,129	535	21,589	20,121	1,468
Wyoming	519	457	62	1,855	1,529	326
US Total	212,274	201,447	10,827	1,653,491	1,616,065	37,426

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 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
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	1,892	39	1,875.50	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	227.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 26					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 19						TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,002	99	-33	6	3	8,416	0.4	-222	-28	30	20	8,466
Alaska	768	168	-114	4	0	4,361	1.4	188	-172	38	5	4,404
Arizona	3,004	-54	-279	7	5	26,254	0.8	-670	1,684	65	43	26,362
Arkansas	1,221	-118	-41	3	1	6,819	0.5	167	-2,130	25	5	6,849
California	38,854	-1,876	-2,567	107	74	342,468	1.9	-239	-18,117	678	1,215	344,361
Colorado	3,025	113	429	8	9	26,442	0.9	449	2,084	80	158	26,680
Connecticut	2,260	157	-145	1	0	20,742	1.2	357	857	29	26	20,797
Delaware	220	17	-186	0	2	4,882	1.1	-225	592	7	4	4,893
District of Columbia	544	-20	112	4	1	6,574	1.2	3	575	122	7	6,703
Florida	8,371	-2,429	2,621	17	33	34,585	0.4	-6,868	-223	86	99	34,770
Georgia	6,119	-195	1,101	16	19	29,240	0.6	-161	-1,397	102	101	29,443
Hawaii	1,057	-84	-294	3	6	6,158	1.0	-443	-5,862	34	53	6,245
Idaho	1,006	19	-35	14	0	4,175	0.5	189	38	24	6	4,205
Illinois	8,735	1,066	-310	8	4	84,142	1.4	-431	5,705	265	119	84,526
Indiana	3,152	70	334	2	2	21,386	0.7	641	1,793	24	17	21,427
Iowa	2,217	166	-27	5	0	9,494	0.6	-148	2,884	14	5	9,513
Kansas	1,121	-264	27	0	0	7,012	0.5	383	2,538	16	15	7,043
Kentucky	1,418	-72	-1,074	4	0	8,409	0.4	-301	1,100	20	22	8,451
Louisiana	1,571	-12	-165	3	1	11,343	0.6	-40	-877	25	8	11,376
Maine	534	30	-45	1	0	4,127	0.7	144	657	14	4	4,145
Maryland	2,256	90	-17	9	4	21,730	0.8	793	490	119	68	21,917
Massachusetts	5,084	-188	2,563	8	5	52,661	1.5	1,859	-3,143	67	59	52,787
Michigan	8,219	1,722	-887	11	2	45,892	1.1	-13,070	5,480	67	37	45,996
Minnesota	3,851	406	12	4	4	33,960	1.2	509	3,918	61	45	34,066
Mississippi	916	-70	-107	1	2	5,955	0.5	-125	195	18	16	5,989
Missouri	3,357	-351	622	4	1	15,827	0.6	-528	-646	52	18	15,897
Montana	776	87	-182	27	0	4,201	0.9	70	525	54	7	4,262
Nebraska	753	128	38	0	1	4,363	0.4	95	398	12	7	4,382
Nevada	2,341	-146	239	4	0	23,843	1.6	52	3,381	39	55	23,937
New Hampshire	353	-4	-68	0	1	2,979	0.4	-46	370	1	1	2,981
New Jersey	8,347	23	-83	17	14	90,976	2.2	1,398	7,087	211	170	91,357
New Mexico	834	40	60	6	2	9,770	1.2	39	287	47	26	9,843
New York	14,072	1,983	2,545	14	14	138,123	1.5	3,293	-6,080	246	227	138,596
North Carolina	3,664	-2,859	-800	5	1	28,298	0.6	1,914	8,275	45	92	28,435
North Dakota	361	80	58	1	0	1,497	0.4	31	361	9	1	1,507
Ohio	6,184	706	251	7	7	42,214	0.8	-1,830	4,615	48	68	42,330
Oklahoma	1,278	19	-159	4	2	9,460	0.6	258	168	29	25	9,514
Oregon	3,986	388	-2,570	29	1	25,733	1.3	563	-4,200	106	36	25,875
Pennsylvania	10,033	363	-504	9	10	80,027	1.4	1,410	295	210	128	80,365
Puerto Rico	1,202	0	-56	2	2	16,799	1.8	-131	-193	76	48	16,923
Rhode Island	558	-110	-250	3	0	7,725	1.6	184	740	38	14	7,777
South Carolina	1,986	-556	-141	2	5	13,821	0.6	-167	863	24	34	13,879
South Dakota	203	25	23	1	0	1,078	0.2	76	282	8	1	1,087
Tennessee	2,756	-299	521	6	1	16,117	0.5	-660	1,382	27	35	16,179
Texas	14,672	757	6	39	72	141,073	1.0	2,460	12,119	362	877	142,312
Utah	1,474	40	-354	27	3	10,876	0.7	232	750	42	15	10,933
Vermont	316	33	78	0	0	1,650	0.5	61	-128	1	0	1,651
Virgin Islands	60	25	30	0	0	386	1.1	74	112	0	0	386
Virginia	2,215	-824	415	9	2	16,007	0.4	344	3,670	89	94	16,190
Washington	6,833	-698	897	49	20	58,493	1.7	-3,962	5,496	155	322	58,970
West Virginia	722	68	-2	2	1	5,852	0.9	80	282	20	15	5,887
Wisconsin	4,129	307	619	8	2	20,121	0.7	209	2,579	45	19	20,185
Wyoming	457	-1	35	7	0	1,529	0.5	51	163	12	2	1,543
Totals	201,447	-2,035	2,141	528	339	1,616,065	1.1	-11,691	41,594	4,038	4,494	1,624,597

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 26, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+1,983	Layoffs in accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and construction industries.
MI	+1,722	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
IL	+1,066	Layoffs in construction, manufacturing, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NC	-2,859	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
FL	-2,429	Fewer layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries.
CA	-1,876	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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