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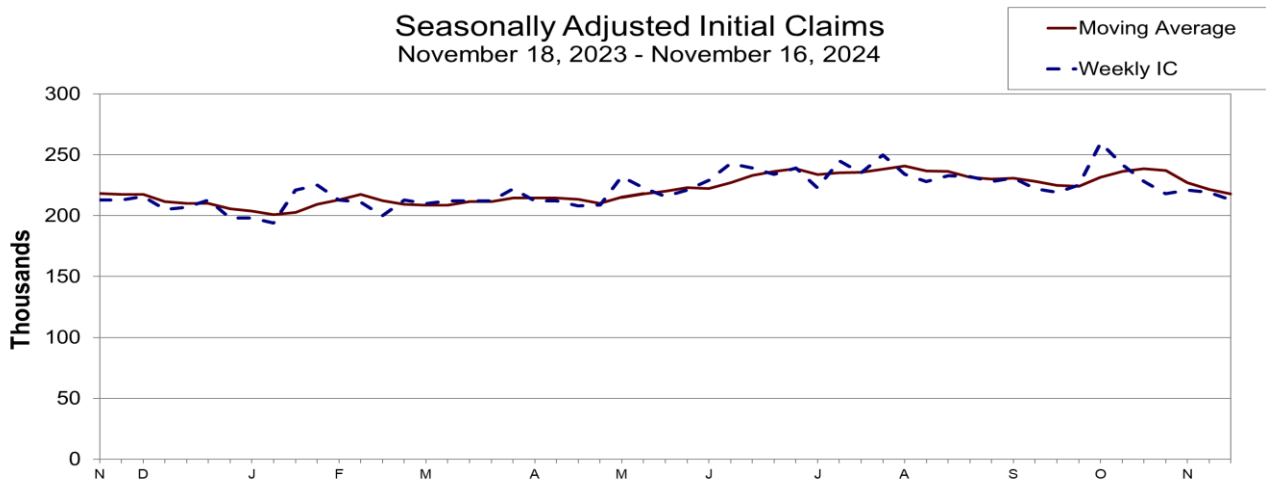
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

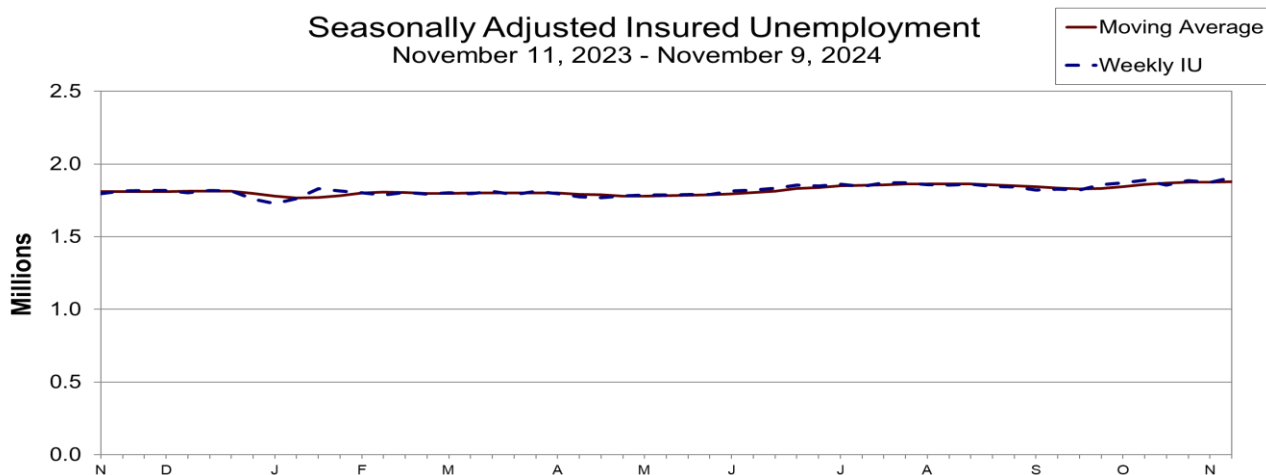
In the week ending November 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 213,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 217,000 to 219,000. The 4-week moving average was 217,750, a decrease of 3,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 221,000 to 221,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending November 9, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 9 was 1,908,000, an increase of 36,000 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 1,000 from 1,873,000 to 1,872,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,879,250, an increase of 5,000 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 250 from 1,874,500 to 1,874,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 18, 2023 - November 16, 2024



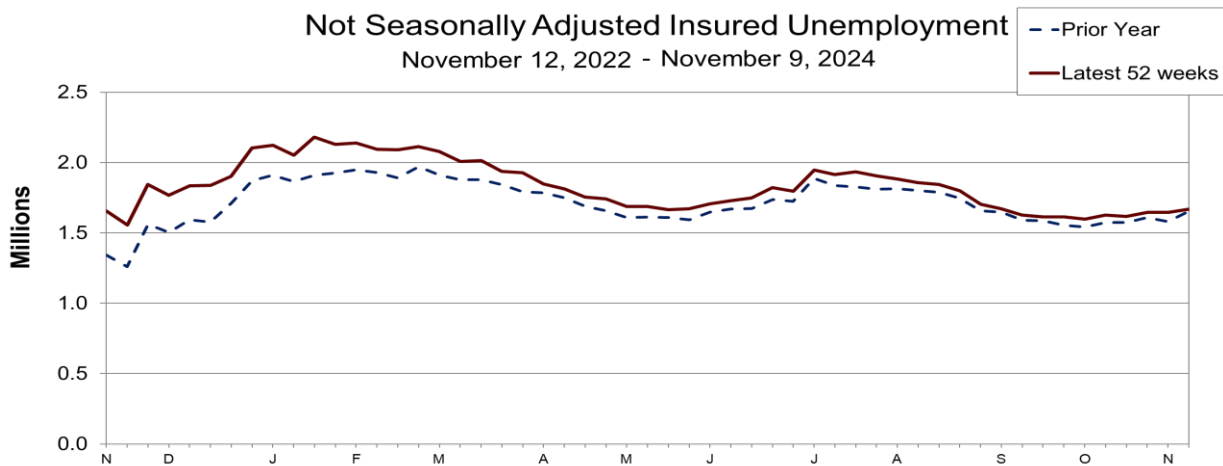
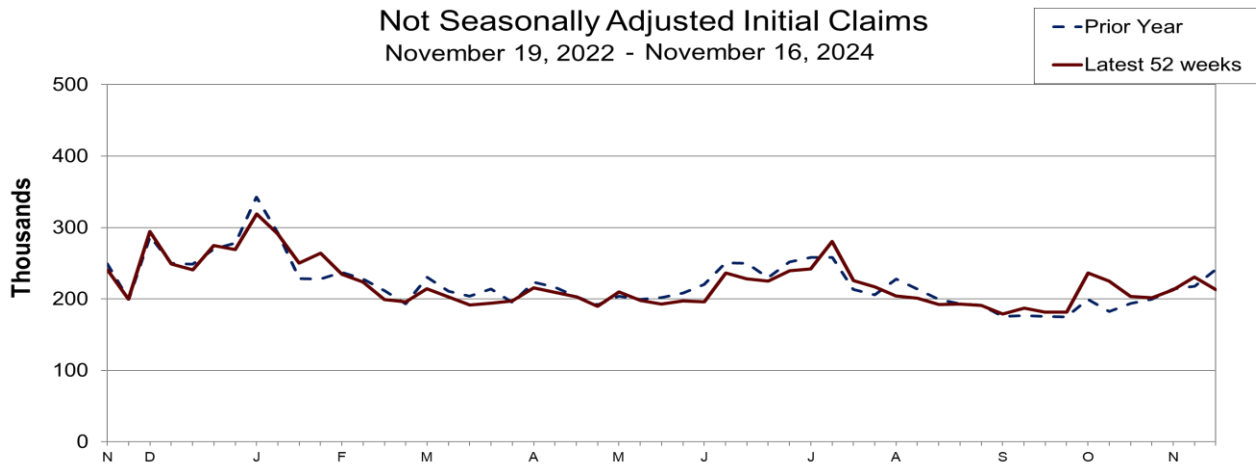
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 11, 2023 - November 9, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,035 in the week ending November 16, a decrease of 17,750 (or -7.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,457 (or -5.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 240,990 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 9, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,669,085, an increase of 21,782 (or 1.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,360 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,654,732.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 2 was 1,675,092, an increase of 1,904 from the previous week. There were 1,603,708 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 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 615 in the week ending November 9, an increase of 109 from the prior week. There were 408 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 26 from the preceding week.

There were 4,447 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 2, an increase of 204 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,388, a decrease of 166 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 2 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), Washington (1.7), Alaska (1.6), Nevada (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Oregon (1.4), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 9 were in California (+5,906), New Jersey (+2,439), New York (+2,327), Minnesota (+1,889), and Texas (+1,275), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-4,072), Kansas (-599), Wisconsin (-436), Ohio (-305), and North Dakota (-284).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 16	November 9	Change	November 2	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	213,000	219,000	-6,000	221,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	213,035	230,785	-17,750	212,743	240,990
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	217,750	221,500	-3,750	227,250	218,250

WEEK ENDING	November 9	November 2	Change	October 26	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,908,000	1,872,000	+36,000	1,884,000	1,795,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,669,085	1,647,303	+21,782	1,646,917	1,654,732
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,879,250	1,874,250	+5,000	1,873,500	1,810,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	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 9	November 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	615	506	+109	655
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	408	382	+26	330

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

WEEK ENDING	November 2	October 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,640,577	1,640,346	+231	1,574,019
Federal Employees	4,447	4,243	+204	4,741
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,388	4,554	-166	4,043
Extended Benefits ³	183	113	+70	197
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,514	2,455	+59	2,555
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,983	21,477	+1,506	18,153
TOTAL	1,675,092	1,673,188	+1,904	1,603,708

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 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,836	2,179	-343	7,842	8,420	-578
Alaska	940	880	60	5,429	4,997	432
Arizona	2,636	3,158	-522	22,779	24,770	-1,991
Arkansas	1,221	1,300	-79	6,338	7,036	-698
California	43,928	48,585	-4,657	348,317	352,534	-4,217
Colorado	3,454	3,773	-319	28,457	27,018	1,439
Connecticut	2,815	2,918	-103	21,992	20,861	1,131
Delaware	330	242	88	4,941	4,503	438
District of Columbia	577	620	-43	6,789	6,670	119
Florida	6,013	6,660	-647	32,717	35,382	-2,665
Georgia	3,483	5,637	-2,154	13,277	28,634	-15,357
Hawaii	983	1,006	-23	6,126	6,135	-9
Idaho	1,509	1,331	178	4,596	4,543	53
Illinois	10,322	10,071	251	87,703	85,735	1,968
Indiana	2,965	4,047	-1,082	21,425	22,404	-979
Iowa	2,363	2,390	-27	9,910	10,208	-298
Kansas	693	1,392	-699	7,905	7,297	608
Kentucky	1,686	1,673	13	8,971	8,269	702
Louisiana	1,479	1,534	-55	10,390	10,300	90
Maine	871	892	-21	4,882	4,409	473
Maryland	2,074	2,324	-250	21,853	21,291	562
Massachusetts	5,844	6,588	-744	53,584	53,832	-248
Michigan	7,731	7,586	145	57,705	49,160	8,545
Minnesota	6,815	6,162	653	44,050	36,456	7,594
Mississippi	939	1,039	-100	5,404	5,721	-317
Missouri	2,580	2,556	24	15,833	15,743	90
Montana	1,290	1,118	172	5,725	4,912	813
Nebraska	723	770	-47	4,361	4,441	-80
Nevada	2,854	2,942	-88	23,653	24,088	-435
New Hampshire	299	449	-150	2,859	3,031	-172
New Jersey	10,556	12,103	-1,547	97,028	91,107	5,921
New Mexico	831	915	-84	10,095	10,005	90
New York	14,986	15,930	-944	143,650	141,847	1,803
North Carolina	3,581	3,581	0	29,236	31,157	-1,921
North Dakota	628	558	70	2,212	2,029	183
Ohio	6,576	7,790	-1,214	46,134	46,132	2
Oklahoma	1,329	1,305	24	8,982	9,303	-321
Oregon	4,567	4,637	-70	29,835	27,489	2,346
Pennsylvania	11,613	11,607	6	81,616	80,807	809
Puerto Rico	937	1,080	-143	15,590	17,400	-1,810
Rhode Island	753	729	24	8,087	7,632	455
South Carolina	1,094	1,923	-829	13,274	13,519	-245
South Dakota	236	279	-43	1,232	1,263	-31
Tennessee	2,770	3,017	-247	15,378	14,913	465
Texas	14,985	16,584	-1,599	138,166	135,867	2,299
Utah	1,922	1,384	538	11,147	10,863	284
Vermont	317	374	-57	2,093	1,924	169
Virgin Islands	16	32	-16	372	366	6
Virginia	2,278	2,408	-130	16,694	15,404	1,290
Washington	6,601	7,175	-574	72,695	60,049	12,646
West Virginia	884	831	53	6,873	6,094	779
Wisconsin	3,898	4,147	-249	20,610	21,554	-944
Wyoming	424	574	-150	2,273	1,779	494
US Total	213,035	230,785	-17,750	1,669,085	1,647,303	21,782

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 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	1,872	-12	1,874.25	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,908	36	1,879.25	1.3
November 16, 2024	213	-6	217.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 9					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 2						
	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	2,179	243	216	2	4	8,420	0.4	22	23	27	19	8,466
Alaska	880	105	-85	5	0	4,997	1.6	353	-478	51	4	5,052
Arizona	3,158	338	168	6	6	24,770	0.8	-715	2,813	66	44	24,880
Arkansas	1,300	121	292	0	1	7,036	0.6	327	-1,877	22	10	7,068
California	48,585	5,906	4,235	132	108	352,534	2.0	985	3,953	721	1,259	354,514
Colorado	3,773	746	1,046	17	6	27,018	1.0	272	1,690	90	156	27,264
Connecticut	2,918	436	272	0	1	20,861	1.2	-1,424	757	25	19	20,905
Delaware	242	18	-65	1	4	4,503	1.0	-445	344	10	8	4,521
District of Columbia	620	65	214	7	0	6,670	1.2	-46	829	124	8	6,802
Florida	6,660	-181	681	13	25	35,382	0.4	-3,630	511	63	97	35,542
Georgia	5,637	821	1,652	24	24	28,634	0.6	109	71	82	78	28,794
Hawaii	1,006	120	-179	2	7	6,135	1.0	-204	-4,688	29	63	6,227
Idaho	1,331	136	4	19	2	4,543	0.5	222	-155	41	4	4,588
Illinois	10,071	1,123	616	9	7	85,735	1.4	675	6,936	270	96	86,101
Indiana	4,047	1,068	241	2	7	22,404	0.7	1,602	911	19	20	22,443
Iowa	2,390	212	432	1	0	10,208	0.7	160	3,395	18	3	10,229
Kansas	1,392	-599	11	2	0	7,297	0.5	359	2,485	16	12	7,325
Kentucky	1,673	-10	-121	1	0	8,269	0.4	-371	175	16	31	8,316
Louisiana	1,534	-38	-299	2	4	10,300	0.6	65	-2,258	23	9	10,332
Maine	892	194	146	2	1	4,409	0.7	257	439	19	4	4,432
Maryland	2,324	-30	-173	17	6	21,291	0.8	-304	231	107	67	21,465
Massachusetts	6,588	999	551	11	4	53,832	1.5	468	-2,137	68	57	53,957
Michigan	7,586	-4,072	-1,090	3	2	49,160	1.1	-3,566	4,679	83	33	49,276
Minnesota	6,162	1,889	32	7	5	36,456	1.3	2,175	2,387	70	45	36,571
Mississippi	1,039	95	-27	0	1	5,721	0.5	-14	-111	15	11	5,747
Missouri	2,556	-4	-17	2	2	15,743	0.6	-349	167	56	23	15,822
Montana	1,118	129	84	35	1	4,912	1.0	577	-111	130	8	5,050
Nebraska	770	121	68	2	2	4,441	0.4	11	329	13	7	4,461
Nevada	2,942	420	265	7	0	24,088	1.6	151	3,542	57	55	24,200
New Hampshire	449	107	35	1	1	3,031	0.4	42	237	0	2	3,033
New Jersey	12,103	2,439	926	30	9	91,107	2.2	-169	7,566	194	171	91,472
New Mexico	915	71	287	6	3	10,005	1.2	50	392	162	23	10,190
New York	15,930	2,327	-416	22	9	141,847	1.5	3,203	-6,535	234	170	142,251
North Carolina	3,581	91	11	2	0	31,157	0.6	-2,944	11,363	40	107	31,304
North Dakota	558	-284	151	4	0	2,029	0.5	496	614	6	1	2,036
Ohio	7,790	-305	858	9	9	46,132	0.9	2,520	8,138	45	65	46,242
Oklahoma	1,305	80	98	3	8	9,303	0.6	-16	-192	24	24	9,351
Oregon	4,637	302	1,973	50	5	27,489	1.4	1,118	-1,645	208	35	27,732
Pennsylvania	11,607	1,050	82	18	9	80,807	1.4	328	-1,200	195	123	81,125
Puerto Rico	1,080	103	-127	2	7	17,400	1.9	192	473	76	41	17,517
Rhode Island	729	-70	-142	2	2	7,632	1.6	91	520	35	18	7,685
South Carolina	1,923	-106	-61	4	3	13,519	0.6	-135	390	18	40	13,577
South Dakota	279	29	89	6	0	1,263	0.3	174	373	14	1	1,278
Tennessee	3,017	301	665	2	3	14,913	0.5	-238	178	30	33	14,976
Texas	16,584	1,275	-951	27	88	135,867	1.0	-3,945	9,091	332	835	137,034
Utah	1,384	-133	-727	19	2	10,863	0.7	112	393	52	13	10,928
Vermont	374	54	93	1	0	1,924	0.6	160	106	0	0	1,924
Virgin Islands	32	13	17	2	0	366	1.0	-14	104	8	0	374
Virginia	2,408	49	697	10	0	15,404	0.4	-27	3,121	89	81	15,574
Washington	7,175	706	595	41	15	60,049	1.7	1,076	7,733	260	324	60,633
West Virginia	831	-25	87	2	1	6,094	0.9	201	140	23	15	6,132
Wisconsin	4,147	-436	-223	6	4	21,554	0.7	239	1,871	47	14	21,615
Wyoming	574	33	160	15	0	1,779	0.6	150	274	24	2	1,805
Totals	230,785	18,042	13,347	615	408	1,647,303	1.1	386	68,357	4,447	4,388	1,656,138

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 9, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+5,906	No comment.
NJ	+2,439	Layoffs in educational services industry.
NY	+2,327	Layoffs in construction; manufacturing; and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
MN	+1,889	Layoffs in construction industry.
TX	+1,275	Layoffs in health care and social assistance industry.
IL	+1,123	Layoffs in construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and manufacturing industries.
IN	+1,068	No comment.
PA	+1,050	Layoffs in construction; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; professional, scientific, and technical services; and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-4,072	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.

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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