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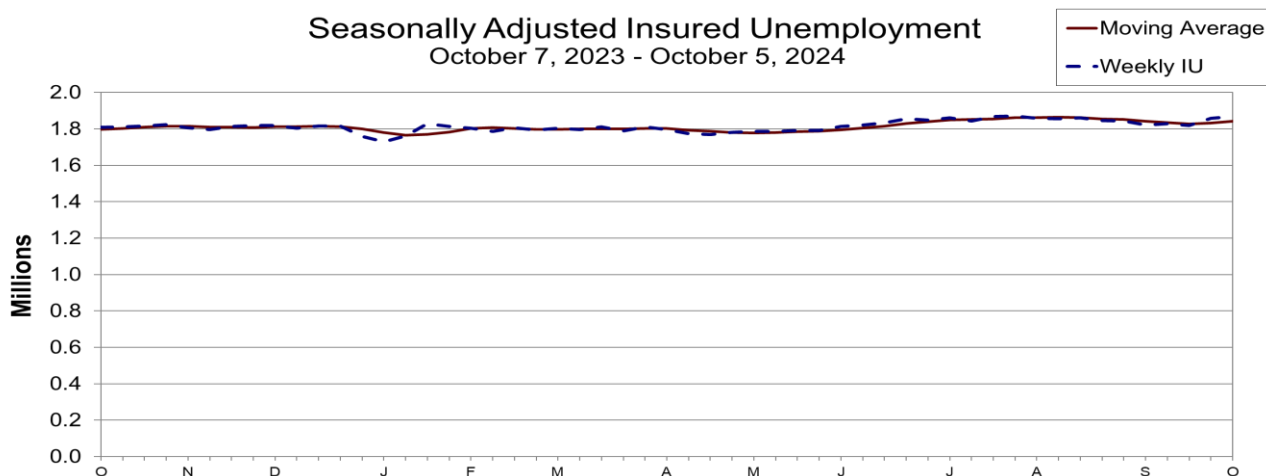
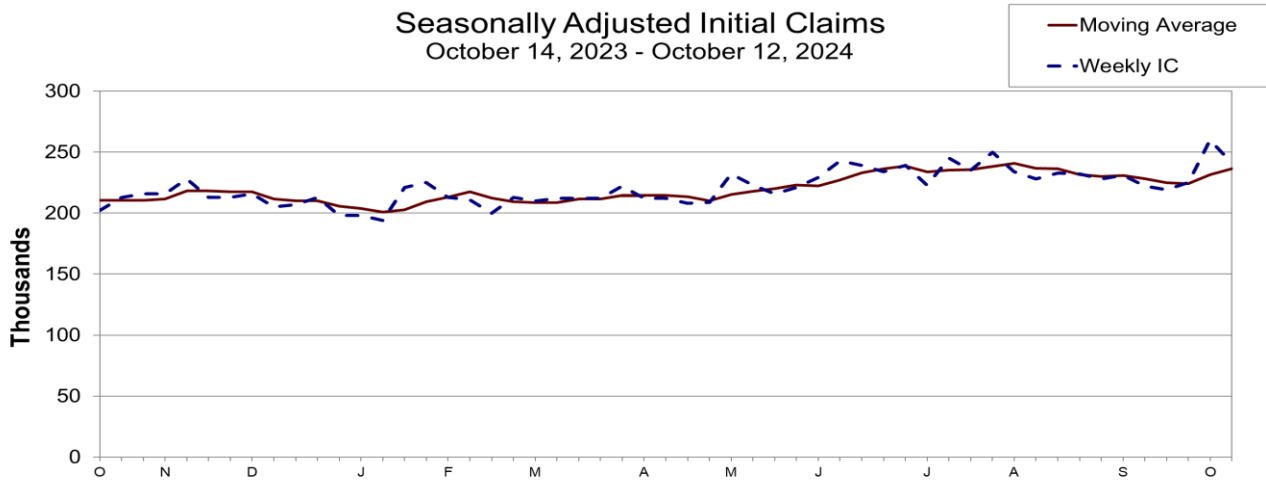
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 241,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 258,000 to 260,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,250, an increase of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 231,000 to 231,500.

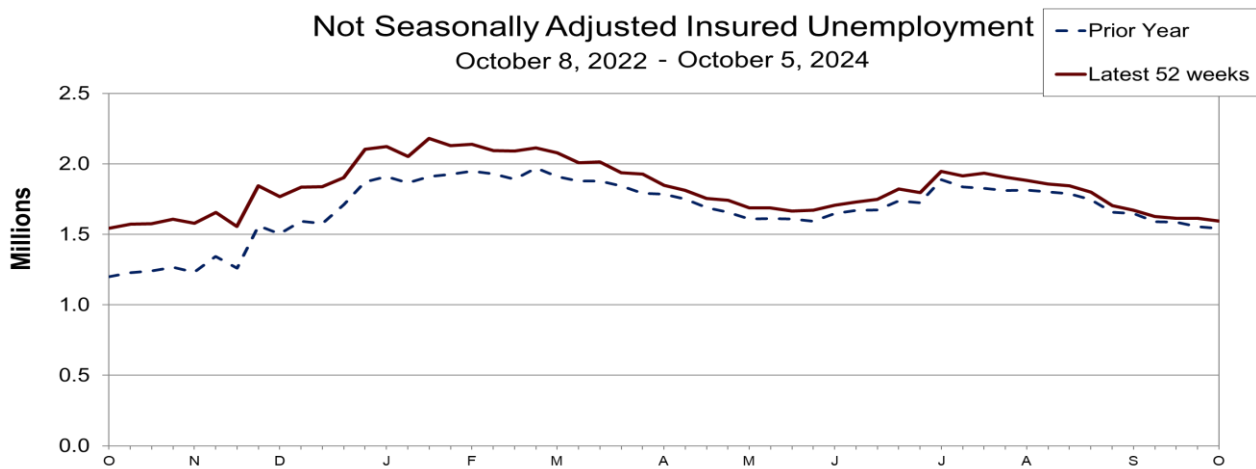
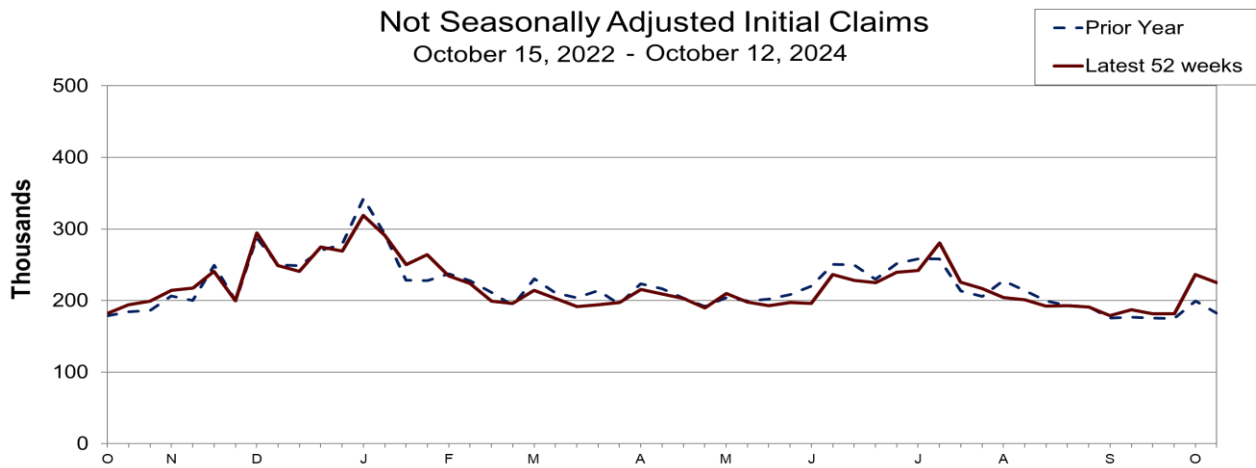
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 5, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 5 was 1,867,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,861,000 to 1,858,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,842,750, an increase of 11,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,832,000 to 1,831,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,763 in the week ending October 12, a decrease of 11,416 (or -4.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,976 (or 2.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 182,394 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 5, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,596,031, a decrease of 18,278 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 26,007 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,542,397.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 28 was 1,637,496, an increase of 496 from the previous week. There were 1,579,345 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 September 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 345 in the week ending October 5, an increase of 34 from the prior week. There were 477 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 108 from the preceding week.

There were 3,929 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 28, a decrease of 104 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,694, an increase of 73 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 28 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), Washington (1.8), Nevada (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Connecticut (1.3), and Pennsylvania (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 5 were in Michigan (+9,389), North Carolina (+8,714), Ohio (+4,648), California (+4,068), and Florida (+4,021), while the largest decreases were in Wyoming (-24), Idaho (-21), Louisiana (-13), Massachusetts (-12), and Alaska (-10).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 12	October 5	Change	September 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	241,000	260,000	-19,000	225,000	202,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,763	236,179	-11,416	181,210	182,394
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,250	231,500	+4,750	224,250	210,500

WEEK ENDING	October 5	September 28	Change	September 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,867,000	1,858,000	+9,000	1,819,000	1,808,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,596,031	1,614,309	-18,278	1,613,656	1,542,397
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,842,750	1,831,250	+11,500	1,827,500	1,798,000
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%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 5	September 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	345	311	+34	464
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	477	369	+108	421

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

WEEK ENDING	September 28	September 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,608,803	1,608,349	+454	1,549,909
Federal Employees	3,929	4,033	-104	4,200
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,694	4,621	+73	4,088
Extended Benefits ³	118	160	-42	466
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,269	2,269	0	2,504
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,683	17,568	+115	18,178
TOTAL	1,637,496	1,637,000	+496	1,579,345

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 October 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,162	2,240	-78	8,068	8,687	-619
Alaska	860	573	287	3,834	3,835	-1
Arizona	3,307	3,752	-445	26,004	28,526	-2,522
Arkansas	1,475	1,285	190	6,008	6,771	-763
California	43,120	42,656	464	346,950	356,807	-9,857
Colorado	3,036	2,986	50	26,558	25,954	604
Connecticut	2,408	2,348	60	21,456	22,125	-669
Delaware	222	194	28	4,900	4,762	138
District of Columbia	565	774	-209	6,457	6,339	118
Florida	6,128	9,556	-3,428	29,490	37,606	-8,116
Georgia	7,981	4,873	3,108	30,029	28,383	1,646
Hawaii	1,052	1,331	-279	6,460	6,255	205
Idaho	887	822	65	3,677	3,873	-196
Illinois	8,105	8,780	-675	83,855	83,921	-66
Indiana	3,749	5,910	-2,161	20,877	23,703	-2,826
Iowa	2,286	2,367	-81	9,813	9,484	329
Kansas	1,270	1,836	-566	6,336	6,009	327
Kentucky	1,963	3,433	-1,470	8,914	8,617	297
Louisiana	1,632	1,651	-19	10,548	11,671	-1,123
Maine	480	477	3	4,057	3,878	179
Maryland	2,000	2,412	-412	21,837	21,719	118
Massachusetts	5,626	4,929	697	51,972	53,626	-1,654
Michigan	8,357	16,169	-7,812	40,108	38,212	1,896
Minnesota	3,439	3,408	31	35,410	33,029	2,381
Mississippi	1,077	1,006	71	5,560	6,289	-729
Missouri	4,420	3,841	579	15,796	15,585	211
Montana	1,008	879	129	3,812	3,719	93
Nebraska	1,129	591	538	4,515	4,215	300
Nevada	2,510	2,478	32	23,336	24,382	-1,046
New Hampshire	341	359	-18	2,787	3,055	-268
New Jersey	9,111	9,558	-447	91,268	90,522	746
New Mexico	756	951	-195	9,836	9,718	118
New York	14,989	12,534	2,455	139,762	137,257	2,505
North Carolina	9,251	11,655	-2,404	22,530	19,170	3,360
North Dakota	301	247	54	1,536	1,404	132
Ohio	7,334	9,866	-2,532	42,438	38,726	3,712
Oklahoma	1,462	1,409	53	8,965	9,412	-447
Oregon	4,245	4,083	162	26,759	24,256	2,503
Pennsylvania	11,098	9,804	1,294	77,055	78,652	-1,597
Puerto Rico	1,397	1,329	68	8,351	16,634	-8,283
Rhode Island	757	677	80	7,641	7,594	47
South Carolina	3,226	2,628	598	12,690	13,131	-441
South Dakota	164	227	-63	1,045	1,011	34
Tennessee	4,295	4,386	-91	16,385	15,862	523
Texas	15,611	14,894	717	136,264	142,879	-6,615
Utah	1,502	1,511	-9	10,470	10,402	68
Vermont	211	213	-2	1,680	1,587	93
Virgin Islands	30	64	-34	374	432	-58
Virginia	3,129	3,025	104	16,687	15,137	1,550
Washington	8,546	8,117	429	66,321	61,654	4,667
West Virginia	729	794	-65	6,599	5,774	825
Wisconsin	3,630	4,001	-371	20,503	20,693	-190
Wyoming	394	290	104	1,448	1,365	83
US Total	224,763	236,179	-11,416	1,596,031	1,614,309	-18,278

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 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
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	1,867	9	1,842.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	241	-19	236.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 5

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 28

STATE NAME	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	2,240	231	-121	2	6	8,687	0.4	74	399	29	22	8,738
Alaska	573	-10	-216	3	1	3,835	1.2	153	151	27	7	3,869
Arizona	3,752	77	73	1	3	28,526	0.9	-547	2,441	49	51	28,626
Arkansas	1,285	302	-227	5	1	6,771	0.5	-314	-1,437	25	8	6,804
California	42,656	4,068	-147	88	112	356,807	2.0	-4,228	3,338	750	1,278	358,835
Colorado	2,986	381	-259	4	10	25,954	0.9	-356	3,366	55	158	26,167
Connecticut	2,348	258	-43	0	1	22,125	1.3	1,080	2,075	29	16	22,170
Delaware	194	28	-173	0	1	4,762	1.0	367	883	12	3	4,777
District of Columbia	774	239	261	4	2	6,339	1.1	133	807	123	6	6,468
Florida	9,556	4,021	2,766	7	24	37,606	0.4	1,223	-3,027	73	96	37,775
Georgia	4,873	891	-264	19	15	28,383	0.6	409	-3,184	112	83	28,578
Hawaii	1,331	96	-222	2	9	6,255	1.0	461	-7,282	44	50	6,349
Idaho	822	-21	-111	1	0	3,873	0.5	-31	43	14	5	3,892
Illinois	8,780	962	-434	5	2	83,921	1.4	-640	5,447	242	135	84,298
Indiana	5,910	2,613	2,626	5	7	23,703	0.8	3,320	4,172	20	25	23,748
Iowa	2,367	141	571	3	2	9,484	0.6	415	2,994	12	3	9,499
Kansas	1,836	800	385	0	0	6,009	0.4	-16	1,644	18	17	6,044
Kentucky	3,433	2,043	1,968	3	0	8,617	0.4	1,041	2,613	24	36	8,677
Louisiana	1,651	-13	61	2	1	11,671	0.6	-242	-680	18	12	11,701
Maine	477	60	57	1	0	3,878	0.6	-13	562	13	4	3,895
Maryland	2,412	400	88	15	10	21,719	0.9	81	1,133	107	63	21,889
Massachusetts	4,929	-12	2,440	11	16	53,626	1.5	619	-2,095	78	56	53,760
Michigan	16,169	9,389	8,102	1	6	38,212	0.9	-1,320	1,838	53	41	38,306
Minnesota	3,408	236	247	5	7	33,029	1.2	-211	3,760	54	41	33,124
Mississippi	1,006	147	-58	2	1	6,289	0.6	60	243	22	15	6,326
Missouri	3,841	1,523	1,120	2	6	15,585	0.6	295	-1,007	50	25	15,660
Montana	879	76	22	4	0	3,719	0.8	146	1,192	16	7	3,742
Nebraska	591	57	-48	1	0	4,215	0.4	-544	521	12	7	4,234
Nevada	2,478	382	-214	3	2	24,382	1.6	62	3,903	35	59	24,476
New Hampshire	359	53	-27	0	2	3,055	0.5	85	507	0	1	3,056
New Jersey	9,558	1,653	551	20	17	90,522	2.2	-1,477	5,105	186	153	90,861
New Mexico	951	198	78	2	1	9,718	1.2	88	234	79	31	9,828
New York	12,534	420	-956	12	15	137,257	1.5	-606	-8,118	261	189	137,707
North Carolina	11,655	8,714	8,029	4	4	19,170	0.4	-336	-740	32	101	19,303
North Dakota	247	37	36	2	0	1,404	0.3	-51	366	7	4	1,415
Ohio	9,866	4,648	3,757	5	7	38,726	0.7	-894	3,322	43	71	38,840
Oklahoma	1,409	-2	90	5	2	9,412	0.6	5	201	28	40	9,480
Oregon	4,083	584	388	4	3	24,256	1.2	129	-4,032	50	33	24,339
Pennsylvania	9,804	1,209	763	7	17	78,652	1.3	118	2,832	226	134	79,012
Puerto Rico	1,329	58	-636	1	3	16,634	1.8	-1,026	41	107	71	16,812
Rhode Island	677	39	-6	2	1	7,594	1.8	-80	719	35	11	7,640
South Carolina	2,628	1,260	627	1	6	13,131	0.6	-222	451	21	49	13,201
South Dakota	227	88	70	1	0	1,011	0.2	26	284	10	1	1,022
Tennessee	4,386	1,855	1,989	1	3	15,862	0.5	-344	822	37	37	15,936
Texas	14,894	1,319	-1,406	45	103	142,879	1.1	301	13,590	388	916	144,183
Utah	1,511	231	-122	15	7	10,402	0.6	46	776	42	12	10,456
Vermont	213	32	-28	0	0	1,587	0.5	22	-187	0	0	1,587
Virgin Islands	64	8	32	0	0	432	1.2	28	64	0	0	432
Virginia	3,025	654	1,647	5	5	15,137	0.4	-258	2,777	99	90	15,326
Washington	8,117	1,715	2,280	5	29	61,654	1.8	2,565	11,457	116	398	62,168
West Virginia	794	161	169	3	2	5,774	0.9	8	270	15	10	5,799
Wisconsin	4,001	694	955	3	5	20,693	0.7	998	3,357	25	11	20,729
Wyoming	290	-24	-94	3	0	1,365	0.5	51	226	6	2	1,373
Totals	236,179	54,969	36,436	345	477	1,614,309	1.1	653	59,137	3,929	4,694	1,622,932

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 5, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+9,389	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
NC	+8,714	Layoffs in accommodation and food services and in healthcare and social assistance industries.
OH	+4,648	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
CA	+4,068	No comment.
FL	+4,021	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing, wholesale trade; and retail trade industries.
IN	+2,613	No comment.
KY	+2,043	Layoffs in manufacturing and in accommodation and food services industries.
TN	+1,855	Layoffs in educational services industry.
WA	+1,715	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
NJ	+1,653	No comment.
MO	+1,523	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
TX	+1,319	Layoffs in healthcare and social assistance; manufacturing; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; wholesale trade; art, entertainment, and recreation; professional, scientific and technical services; and construction industries.
SC	+1,260	No comment.
PA	+1,209	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, manufacturing and in professional, scientific and technical services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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