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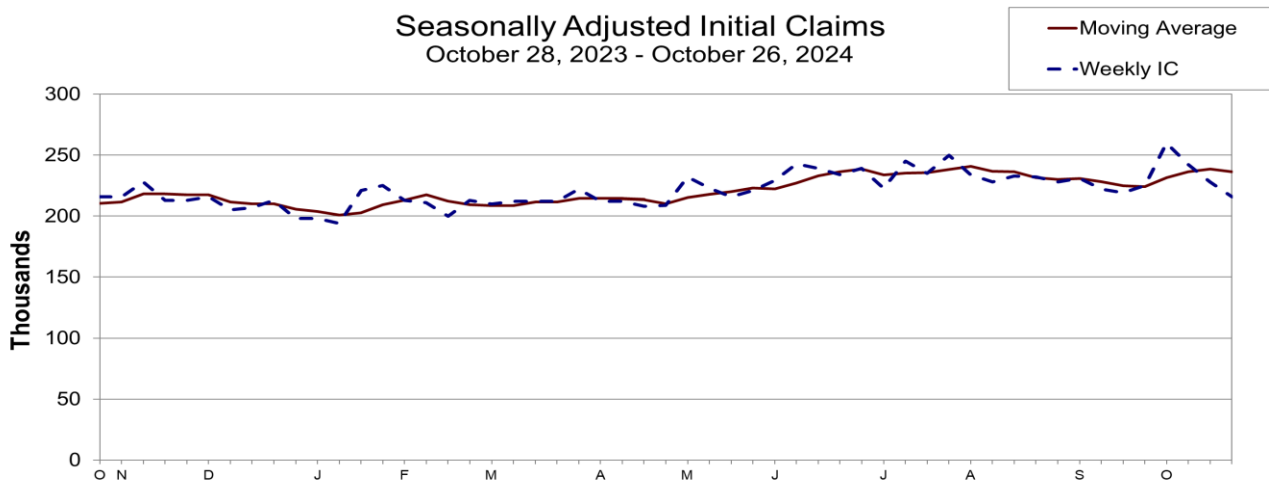
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

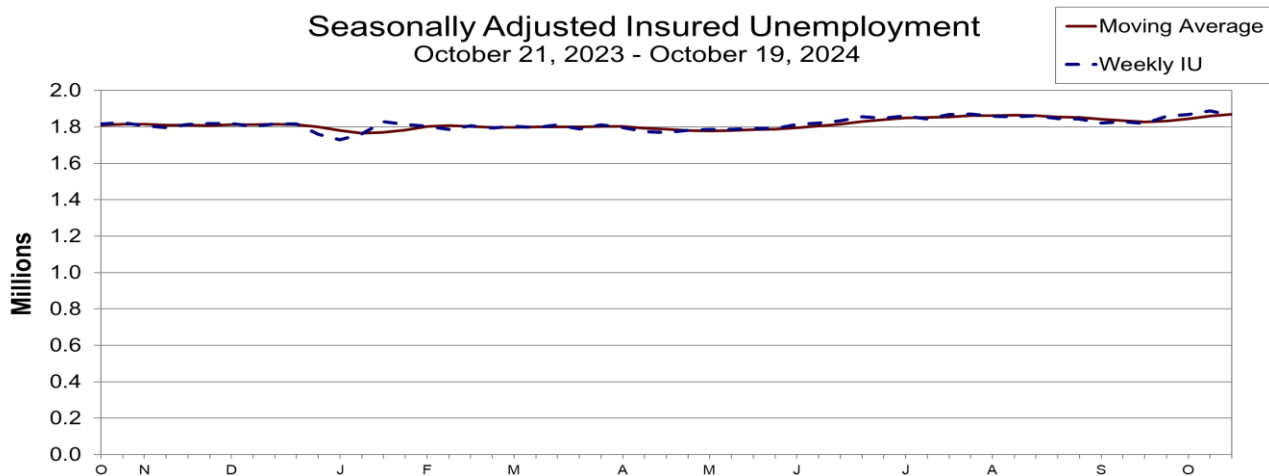
In the week ending October 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 227,000 to 228,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,500, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 238,500 to 238,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 19, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 1.3 to 1.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 19 was 1,862,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 9,000 from 1,897,000 to 1,888,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,869,250, an increase of 10,750 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 1,860,750 to 1,858,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 28, 2023 - October 26, 2024



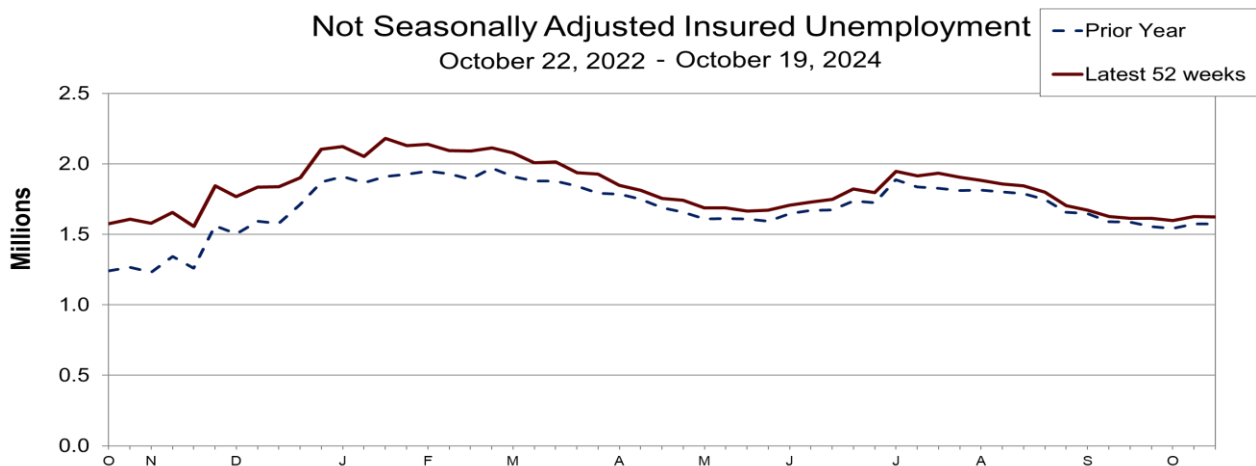
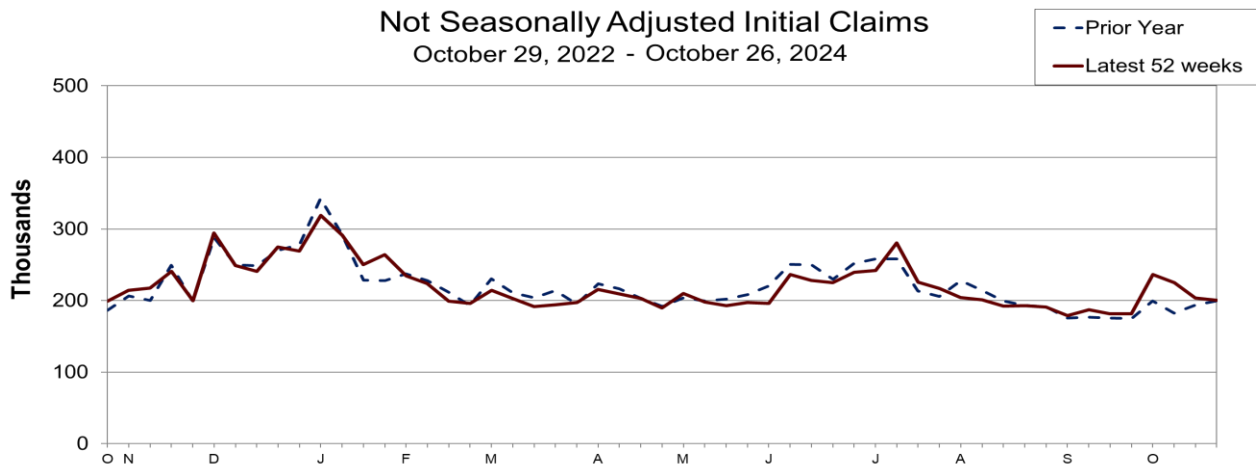
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 21, 2023 - October 19, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 200,132 in the week ending October 26, a decrease of 3,349 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 7,292 (or 3.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,306 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 19, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,623,229, a decrease of 4,513 (or -0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 18,883 (or 1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,574,484.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 12 was 1,651,568, an increase of 30,106 from the previous week. There were 1,597,654 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 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 387 in the week ending October 19, a decrease of 38 from the prior week. There were 378 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 28 from the preceding week.

There were 3,903 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 12, an increase of 83 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,588, an increase of 237 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 12 were in New Jersey (2.1), California (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), Washington (1.8), Nevada (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Illinois (1.4), Massachusetts (1.4), Michigan (1.4), and New York (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 19 were in Florida (+4,501), Kansas (+304), Wisconsin (+222), Hawaii (+103), and Idaho (+101), while the largest decreases were in New York (-2,785), North Carolina (-2,767), California (-2,012), Texas (-1,865), and Georgia (-1,852).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 26	October 19	Change	October 12	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	228,000	-12,000	242,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	200,132	203,481	-3,349	225,245	199,306
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,500	238,750	-2,250	236,500	210,500

WEEK ENDING	October 19	October 12	Change	October 5	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,862,000	1,888,000	-26,000	1,869,000	1,816,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,623,229	1,627,742	-4,513	1,598,184	1,574,484
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,869,250	1,858,500	+10,750	1,843,250	1,808,500
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 19	October 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	387	425	-38	460
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	378	406	-28	392

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

WEEK ENDING	October 12	October 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,622,643	1,593,136	+29,507	1,567,882
Federal Employees	3,903	3,820	+83	4,267
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,588	4,351	+237	4,397
Extended Benefits ³	109	91	+18	557
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,360	2,419	-59	2,448
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,965	17,645	+320	18,103
TOTAL	1,651,568	1,621,462	+30,106	1,597,654

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 26			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,903	1,903	0	7,881	8,638	-757
Alaska	978	600	378	4,297	4,173	124
Arizona	2,836	3,058	-222	24,832	26,924	-2,092
Arkansas	1,170	1,339	-169	6,355	6,652	-297
California	39,150	40,730	-1,580	347,991	342,707	5,284
Colorado	3,104	2,912	192	27,048	25,993	1,055
Connecticut	2,296	2,103	193	21,433	20,385	1,048
Delaware	213	203	10	5,361	5,107	254
District of Columbia	542	564	-22	6,582	6,571	11
Florida	8,108	10,800	-2,692	31,641	41,453	-9,812
Georgia	5,922	6,314	-392	28,220	29,401	-1,181
Hawaii	1,064	1,140	-76	6,346	6,587	-241
Idaho	992	987	5	3,953	3,986	-33
Illinois	8,726	7,669	1,057	84,863	84,573	290
Indiana	3,197	3,082	115	21,396	20,745	651
Iowa	2,371	2,051	320	9,352	9,642	-290
Kansas	1,182	1,385	-203	7,154	6,629	525
Kentucky	1,415	1,490	-75	8,451	8,710	-259
Louisiana	1,414	1,583	-169	10,316	11,383	-1,067
Maine	539	504	35	4,187	3,983	204
Maryland	2,035	2,166	-131	21,963	20,937	1,026
Massachusetts	5,029	5,272	-243	52,111	50,802	1,309
Michigan	8,351	6,497	1,854	44,778	58,962	-14,184
Minnesota	3,981	3,445	536	36,434	33,451	2,983
Mississippi	845	986	-141	5,603	6,080	-477
Missouri	3,085	3,708	-623	15,611	16,355	-744
Montana	769	689	80	4,173	4,131	42
Nebraska	724	625	99	4,237	4,268	-31
Nevada	2,293	2,487	-194	23,307	23,791	-484
New Hampshire	328	357	-29	2,776	3,025	-249
New Jersey	8,211	8,324	-113	91,781	89,578	2,203
New Mexico	798	794	4	9,851	9,731	120
New York	14,150	12,089	2,061	139,110	134,830	4,280
North Carolina	3,554	6,523	-2,969	27,242	26,384	858
North Dakota	384	281	103	1,643	1,466	177
Ohio	6,048	5,478	570	41,708	44,044	-2,336
Oklahoma	1,216	1,259	-43	9,137	9,202	-65
Oregon	4,344	3,598	746	27,542	25,170	2,372
Pennsylvania	9,986	9,670	316	78,991	78,617	374
Puerto Rico	1,117	1,202	-85	16,146	16,930	-784
Rhode Island	562	668	-106	7,794	7,541	253
South Carolina	1,883	2,542	-659	13,402	13,988	-586
South Dakota	180	178	2	1,094	1,002	92
Tennessee	2,783	3,055	-272	16,477	16,777	-300
Texas	14,163	13,915	248	141,423	138,613	2,810
Utah	1,475	1,434	41	10,845	10,644	201
Vermont	305	283	22	1,778	1,589	189
Virgin Islands	35	35	0	406	312	94
Virginia	2,221	3,039	-818	17,240	15,663	1,577
Washington	6,835	7,531	-696	62,403	62,455	-52
West Virginia	696	654	42	6,531	5,772	759
Wisconsin	4,185	3,822	363	20,309	19,912	397
Wyoming	439	458	-19	1,724	1,478	246
US Total	200,132	203,481	-3,349	1,623,229	1,627,742	-4,513

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 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	1,869	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	1,862	-26	1,869.25	1.2
October 26, 2024	216	-12	236.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 19					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 12						
	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	1,903	-386	-289	6	4	8,638	0.4	-22	214	26	23	8,687
Alaska	600	-27	-180	2	0	4,173	1.3	253	-147	31	5	4,209
Arizona	3,058	-407	-308	5	1	26,924	0.8	-742	1,743	55	40	27,019
Arkansas	1,339	-262	-15	0	1	6,652	0.5	283	-1,745	21	7	6,680
California	40,730	-2,012	151	76	89	342,707	1.9	1,104	-13,777	641	1,236	344,584
Colorado	2,912	-36	178	6	8	25,993	0.9	6	2,082	84	163	26,240
Connecticut	2,103	-262	-233	0	1	20,385	1.2	-349	67	22	17	20,424
Delaware	203	-26	-106	0	5	5,107	1.1	595	1,070	31	14	5,152
District of Columbia	564	-6	121	4	0	6,571	1.2	164	894	118	6	6,695
Florida	10,800	4,501	4,748	11	41	41,453	0.4	9,006	5,987	70	69	41,592
Georgia	6,314	-1,852	948	21	17	29,401	0.6	-1,685	-1,356	78	73	29,552
Hawaii	1,140	103	-421	2	5	6,587	1.1	266	-6,035	44	54	6,685
Idaho	987	101	100	4	1	3,986	0.5	24	2	21	7	4,014
Illinois	7,669	-433	-955	5	4	84,573	1.4	1,527	3,432	236	135	84,944
Indiana	3,082	-655	17	1	2	20,745	0.7	-187	920	26	22	20,793
Iowa	2,051	-92	420	1	1	9,642	0.6	-313	3,204	12	3	9,657
Kansas	1,385	304	360	0	0	6,629	0.5	535	2,191	16	13	6,658
Kentucky	1,490	-446	-880	2	0	8,710	0.4	-171	2,281	17	49	8,776
Louisiana	1,583	-196	21	1	3	11,383	0.6	-198	318	20	10	11,413
Maine	504	17	-21	1	0	3,983	0.6	28	579	16	2	4,001
Maryland	2,166	-97	-101	8	6	20,937	0.8	-693	-583	116	72	21,125
Massachusetts	5,272	-430	2,698	7	7	50,802	1.4	-1,650	-2,927	71	66	50,939
Michigan	6,497	-1,755	-382	3	3	58,962	1.4	18,347	16,233	58	35	59,055
Minnesota	3,445	65	373	11	5	33,451	1.2	-178	4,688	58	50	33,559
Mississippi	986	-75	179	1	0	6,080	0.5	872	166	18	11	6,109
Missouri	3,708	-852	1,137	3	1	16,355	0.6	333	31	48	22	16,425
Montana	689	-310	78	12	0	4,131	0.8	256	715	40	8	4,179
Nebraska	625	-519	-97	3	0	4,268	0.4	-399	407	12	7	4,287
Nevada	2,487	-56	291	3	1	23,791	1.6	-137	3,157	34	51	23,876
New Hampshire	357	-10	24	3	0	3,025	0.4	24	421	0	1	3,026
New Jersey	8,324	-928	269	25	13	89,578	2.1	-1,156	5,162	204	143	89,925
New Mexico	794	-9	32	6	2	9,731	1.2	67	119	61	32	9,824
New York	12,089	-2,785	-1,380	13	11	134,830	1.4	-4,021	-10,049	243	178	135,251
North Carolina	6,523	-2,767	3,362	2	1	26,384	0.5	3,001	7,556	33	102	26,519
North Dakota	281	-3	62	1	0	1,466	0.4	64	366	4	1	1,471
Ohio	5,478	-1,832	-754	5	9	44,044	0.8	1,062	6,495	50	72	44,166
Oklahoma	1,259	-243	-32	4	2	9,202	0.6	-87	-100	29	27	9,258
Oregon	3,598	-228	-3,363	26	1	25,170	1.3	389	-4,698	96	35	25,301
Pennsylvania	9,670	-1,513	-552	8	10	78,617	1.3	547	397	209	143	78,969
Puerto Rico	1,202	-263	-224	1	0	16,930	1.8	-380	-476	106	75	17,111
Rhode Island	668	-83	-97	5	3	7,541	1.6	-20	619	33	15	7,589
South Carolina	2,542	-865	449	2	7	13,988	0.6	-536	868	22	48	14,058
South Dakota	178	-9	37	3	0	1,002	0.2	-11	193	10	1	1,013
Tennessee	3,055	-1,229	639	1	6	16,777	0.5	547	518	26	36	16,839
Texas	13,915	-1,865	-421	38	84	138,613	1.0	3,470	6,524	374	884	139,871
Utah	1,434	-67	-146	14	0	10,644	0.6	129	647	45	15	10,704
Vermont	283	66	54	0	0	1,589	0.5	39	-186	0	0	1,589
Virgin Islands	35	-17	-6	0	0	312	0.9	-44	20	2	0	314
Virginia	3,039	-163	1,558	3	0	15,663	0.4	183	3,459	99	98	15,860
Washington	7,531	-1,012	1,691	19	17	62,455	1.8	-108	10,544	149	384	62,988
West Virginia	654	-105	-49	2	3	5,772	0.9	-119	173	19	12	5,803
Wisconsin	3,822	222	473	1	3	19,912	0.7	-500	2,493	29	14	19,955
Wyoming	458	45	24	6	0	1,478	0.5	143	208	20	2	1,500
Totals	203,481	-21,764	9,482	387	378	1,627,742	1.1	29,558	55,084	3,903	4,588	1,636,233

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 19, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	+4,501	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-2,785	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
NC	-2,767	Fewer layoffs in accommodation and food services and in health care and social assistance industries.
CA	-2,012	No comment.
TX	-1,865	No comment.
GA	-1,852	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	-1,832	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
MI	-1,755	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
PA	-1,513	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; professional, scientific, and technical services; and accommodation and food services industries.
TN	-1,229	No comment.
WA	-1,012	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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