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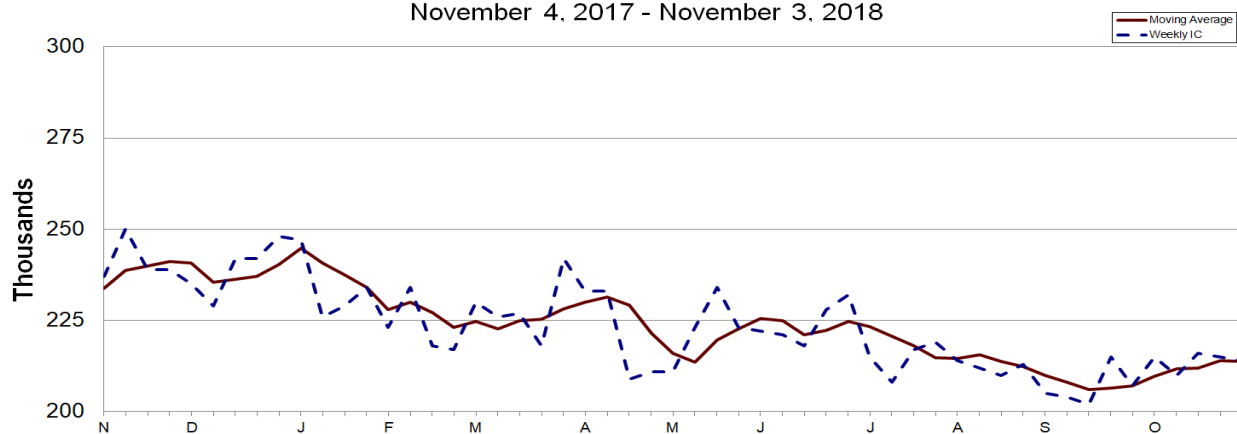
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 214,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,750, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 213,750 to 214,000.

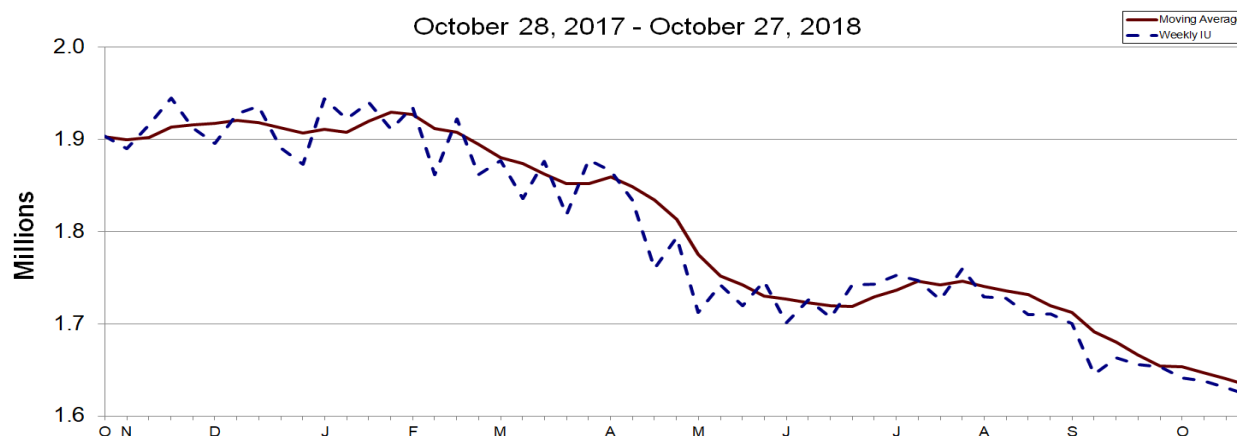
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending October 27, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 27 was 1,623,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,631,000. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since July 28, 1973 when it was 1,603,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,633,250, a decrease of 7,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,640,750. This is the lowest level for this average since August 11, 1973 when it was 1,627,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 4, 2017 - November 3, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

October 28, 2017 - October 27, 2018



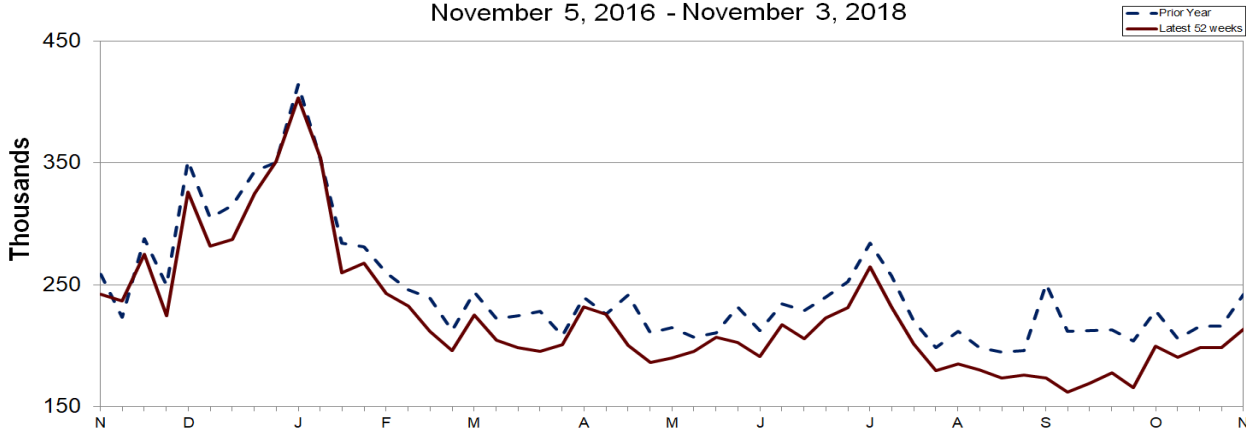
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,978 in the week ending November 3, an increase of 15,448 (or 7.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,759 (or 8.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 242,111 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending October 27, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,386,337, an increase of 2,953 (or 0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 9,788 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,631,860.

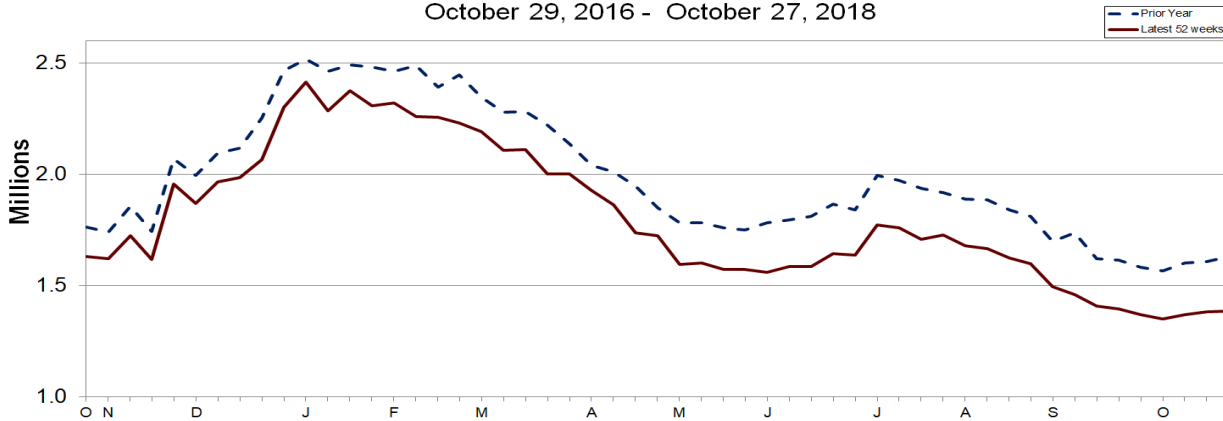
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

November 5, 2016 - November 3, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

October 29, 2016 - October 27, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 20 was 1,408,081, an increase of 11,611 from the previous week. There were 1,639,076 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 922 in the week ending October 27, a decrease of 87 from the prior week. There were 506 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 117 from the preceding week.

There were 7,778 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 20, an increase of 337 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,990, a decrease of 247 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 20 were in Alaska (2.2), New Jersey (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), Virgin Islands (1.8), California (1.7), Connecticut (1.6), Pennsylvania (1.4), District of Columbia (1.3), Nevada (1.3), and Washington (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 27 were in Illinois (+5,269), Missouri (+2,849), Michigan (+1,217), Massachusetts (+508), and Ohio (+426), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-2,449), California (-1,687), Florida (-1,685), Alabama (-910), and North Carolina (-867).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 3	October 27	Change	October 20	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	215,000	-1,000	216,000	237,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	213,978	198,530	+15,448	198,733	242,111
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,750	214,000	-250	212,000	233,750

WEEK ENDING	October 27	October 20	Change	October 13	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,623,000	1,631,000	-8,000	1,638,000	1,904,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,386,337	1,383,384	+2,953	1,370,782	1,631,860
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,633,250	1,640,750	-7,500	1,647,000	1,903,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.4%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 27	October 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	922	1,009	-87	1,049
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	506	623	-117	741

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 20	October 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,381,828	1,368,489	+13,339	1,604,572
Federal Employees	7,778	7,441	+337	10,310
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,990	7,237	-247	8,833
Extended Benefits³	1	0	+1	0
State Additional Benefits⁴	5,624	5,365	+259	6,384
STC / Workshare⁵	5,860	7,938	-2,078	8,977
TOTAL	1,408,081	1,396,470	+11,611	1,639,076

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 142,513,638 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,185	1,872	313	14,312	13,935	377
Alaska	1,619	1,224	395	6,610	6,600	10
Arizona	3,139	3,443	-304	19,802	22,679	-2,877
Arkansas	873	1,576	-703	8,232	9,563	-1,331
California	41,477	38,096	3,381	283,698	281,013	2,685
Colorado	1,949	1,873	76	17,011	17,294	-283
Connecticut	2,604	2,350	254	26,759	25,681	1,078
Delaware	567	474	93	3,893	3,684	209
District of Columbia	593	512	81	7,033	7,260	-227
Florida ^M	7,491	8,987	-1,496	36,445	35,879	566
Georgia ^M	5,080	5,697	-617	22,191	24,227	-2,036
Hawaii	1,252	1,385	-133	7,002	6,821	181
Idaho	1,245	978	267	3,707	3,833	-126
Illinois	9,640	12,766	-3,126	75,094	71,392	3,702
Indiana	3,656	2,500	1,156	14,573	13,694	879
Iowa	2,433	1,898	535	11,609	11,545	64
Kansas	1,403	1,269	134	7,138	7,312	-174
Kentucky	1,822	1,729	93	14,099	14,509	-410
Louisiana	1,709	1,957	-248	13,418	14,385	-967
Maine	648	654	-6	3,323	3,465	-142
Maryland	3,012	3,210	-198	22,681	24,340	-1,659
Massachusetts*	5,282	4,830	452	38,847	41,650	-2,803
Michigan	10,655	6,187	4,468	36,093	34,761	1,332
Minnesota	3,942	3,090	852	25,078	23,255	1,823
Mississippi	820	1,054	-234	5,794	6,262	-468
Missouri	2,874	5,904	-3,030	19,461	17,668	1,793
Montana	1,287	897	390	4,859	4,497	362
Nebraska	593	516	77	3,142	3,190	-48
Nevada	2,557	1,993	564	15,384	16,582	-1,198
New Hampshire	400	439	-39	2,681	2,918	-237
New Jersey	8,413	7,763	650	75,956	74,017	1,939
New Mexico	861	886	-25	7,585	7,630	-45
New York	13,430	12,554	876	107,627	106,381	1,246
North Carolina ^F	5,348	4,408	940	20,019	20,366	-347
North Dakota	414	217	197	1,476	1,236	240
Ohio	7,264	5,438	1,826	38,164	37,423	741
Oklahoma	2,217	1,250	967	11,367	11,788	-421
Oregon	3,948	3,423	525	21,910	21,686	224
Pennsylvania	12,826	10,086	2,740	82,220	82,936	-716
Puerto Rico	1,067	1,278	-211	14,100	15,193	-1,093
Rhode Island	731	775	-44	6,174	5,792	382
South Carolina	2,039	2,184	-145	13,739	14,423	-684
South Dakota	203	191	12	783	833	-50
Tennessee	2,218	1,994	224	14,173	15,235	-1,062
Texas	12,642	12,201	441	101,186	103,365	-2,179
Utah	1,155	963	192	6,415	6,683	-268
Vermont	562	359	203	2,362	2,120	242
Virgin Islands	17	20	-3	500	626	-126
Virginia	2,495	2,284	211	18,325	17,782	543
Washington	7,370	6,019	1,351	43,403	40,867	2,536
West Virginia	863	848	15	7,406	6,681	725
Wisconsin	4,549	3,586	963	19,657	18,927	730
Wyoming	539	443	96	1,821	1,500	321
US Total	213,978	198,530	15,448	1,386,337	1,383,384	2,953

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.

^F Affected by Hurricane Florence.

^M Affected by Hurricane Michael.

* Denotes state estimate.

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, 2017	234	0	234.75	1,904	5	1,903.25	1.4
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,742	35	1,719.00	1.2
June 30, 2018	232	4	224.75	1,743	1	1,729.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	215	-17	223.25	1,753	10	1,736.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	208	-7	220.75	1,747	-6	1,746.25	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	9	218.00	1,726	-21	1,742.25	1.2
July 28, 2018	219	2	214.75	1,760	34	1,746.50	1.2
August 4, 2018	214	-5	214.50	1,729	-31	1,740.50	1.2
August 11, 2018	212	-2	215.50	1,728	-1	1,735.75	1.2
August 18, 2018	210	-2	213.75	1,710	-18	1,731.75	1.2
August 25, 2018	213	3	212.25	1,711	1	1,719.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	205	-8	210.00	1,700	-11	1,712.25	1.2
September 8, 2018	204	-1	208.00	1,645	-55	1,691.50	1.2
September 15, 2018	202	-2	206.00	1,663	18	1,679.75	1.2
September 22, 2018	215	13	206.50	1,656	-7	1,666.00	1.2
September 29, 2018	207	-8	207.00	1,653	-3	1,654.25	1.2
October 6, 2018	215	8	209.75	1,641	-12	1,653.25	1.2
October 13, 2018	210	-5	211.75	1,638	-3	1,647.00	1.1
October 20, 2018	216	6	212.00	1,631	-7	1,640.75	1.1
October 27, 2018	215	-1	214.00	1,623	-8	1,633.25	1.1
November 3, 2018	214	-1	213.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 27					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 20					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	1872	-910	-439	16	10	13935	0.7	-1133	-1775	66	77	14078
Alaska	1224	76	-257	6	0	6600	2.2	677	-1755	108	8	6716
Arizona	3443	-141	-317	14	2	22679	0.8	-937	-2803	129	53	22861
Arkansas	1576	-26	-61	3	4	9563	0.8	490	-2614	59	42	9664
California	38096	-1687	-5187	197	99	281013	1.7	10664	-21338	1597	1568	284178
Colorado	1873	-90	-63	25	15	17294	0.7	940	-1780	113	213	17620
Connecticut	2350	-92	-445	4	4	25681	1.6	-282	-4134	34	76	25791
Delaware	474	9	-55	1	0	3684	0.8	12	-680	18	8	3710
District of Columbia	512	-59	158	18	0	7260	1.3	12	-1025	288	5	7553
Florida	8987	-1685	138	26	25	35879	0.4	-1377	-10471	142	128	36149
Georgia	5697	-2449	869	20	23	24227	0.6	-1232	-2278	143	222	24592
Hawaii	1385	-437	154	7	7	6821	1.1	178	-485	42	62	6925
Idaho	978	69	-126	17	2	3833	0.5	52	-606	47	13	3893
Illinois	12766	5269	3828	12	9	71392	1.2	-3356	-13997	339	178	71909
Indiana	2500	265	-756	1	4	13694	0.5	1342	-791	27	34	13755
Iowa	1898	-315	-491	3	3	11545	0.8	-112	-1121	29	22	11596
Kansas	1269	-111	-205	2	4	7312	0.5	-455	-1910	34	26	7372
Kentucky	1729	106	-265	4	3	14509	0.8	188	-1344	81	102	14692
Louisiana	1957	-32	-290	1	2	14385	0.8	-236	-4000	48	14	14447
Maine	654	125	-68	2	0	3465	0.6	130	-213	11	12	3488
Maryland	3210	273	-395	18	10	24340	1.0	446	-6104	246	116	24702
Massachusetts	4830	508	-500	12	10	41650	1.2	1167	-11838	80	125	41855
Michigan	6187	1217	-702	27	9	34761	0.8	-1502	-3570	78	70	34909
Minnesota	3090	-329	-451	10	2	23255	0.8	-646	-2648	57	59	23371
Mississippi	1054	63	-128	3	1	6262	0.6	11	-2539	34	17	6313
Missouri	5904	2849	2695	19	5	17668	0.6	118	-3314	324	47	18039
Montana	897	-32	-189	46	1	4497	1.0	331	-936	116	29	4642
Nebraska	516	-117	-97	1	2	3190	0.3	-278	-599	23	7	3220
Nevada	1993	-239	-400	7	5	16582	1.3	66	-2205	65	54	16701
New Hampshire	439	41	-22	0	0	2918	0.5	-28	-595	1	1	2920
New Jersey	7763	-318	-801	23	15	74017	1.9	383	-6932	228	263	74508
New Mexico	886	132	-179	17	0	7630	1.0	46	-1526	203	37	7870
New York	12554	-82	-1258	21	23	106381	1.2	867	-16195	301	346	107028
North Carolina	4408	-867	1631	13	25	20366	0.5	-250	676	60	109	20535
North Dakota	217	-19	-132	3	2	1236	0.3	-56	-571	12	2	1250
Ohio	5438	426	-1331	12	15	37423	0.7	296	-6251	121	178	37722
Oklahoma	1250	-4	-53	13	3	11788	0.8	113	-2062	58	78	11924
Oregon	3423	-333	-302	70	6	21686	1.2	265	-2176	219	87	21992
Pennsylvania	10086	-183	-1868	49	11	82936	1.4	2478	-8793	434	288	83658
Puerto Rico	1278	-291	-4846	3	4	15193	1.8	781	-9694	41	56	15290
Rhode Island	775	-78	73	2	3	5792	1.2	-1	-390	27	18	5837
South Carolina	2184	-198	-116	5	15	14423	0.7	-270	-2408	39	93	14555
South Dakota	191	-11	-57	3	0	833	0.2	-88	-187	13	2	848
Tennessee	1994	-91	-314	10	8	15235	0.5	-889	-1868	56	74	15365
Texas	12201	-221	-2222	70	81	103365	0.9	2707	-40267	911	1184	105460
Utah	963	42	-98	28	5	6683	0.5	-2	-555	98	16	6797
Vermont	359	-32	-123	1	1	2120	0.7	-13	-282	9	6	2135
Virgin Islands	20	-15	-363	1	0	626	1.8	176	-1732	6	2	635
Virginia	2284	-85	-448	11	7	17782	0.5	-207	-4959	205	206	18193
Washington	6019	-88	-22	32	17	40867	1.3	1017	-4611	242	513	41622
West Virginia	848	12	-72	0	1	6681	1.0	64	-1336	31	27	6739
Wisconsin	3586	2	-535	7	2	18927	0.7	-149	-2820	71	14	19012
Wyoming	443	-20	56	6	1	1500	0.6	84	-945	14	3	1517
Totals	198530	-203	-17447	922	506	1383384	1	12602	-225352	7778	6990	1398153

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 27, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+5,269	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
MO	+2,849	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
MI	+1,217	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	-2,449	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
CA	-1,687	No comment.
FL	-1,685	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and service 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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