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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 224,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 5,000 from 216,000 to 221,000. The 4-week moving average was 218,500, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 215,250 to 216,500.

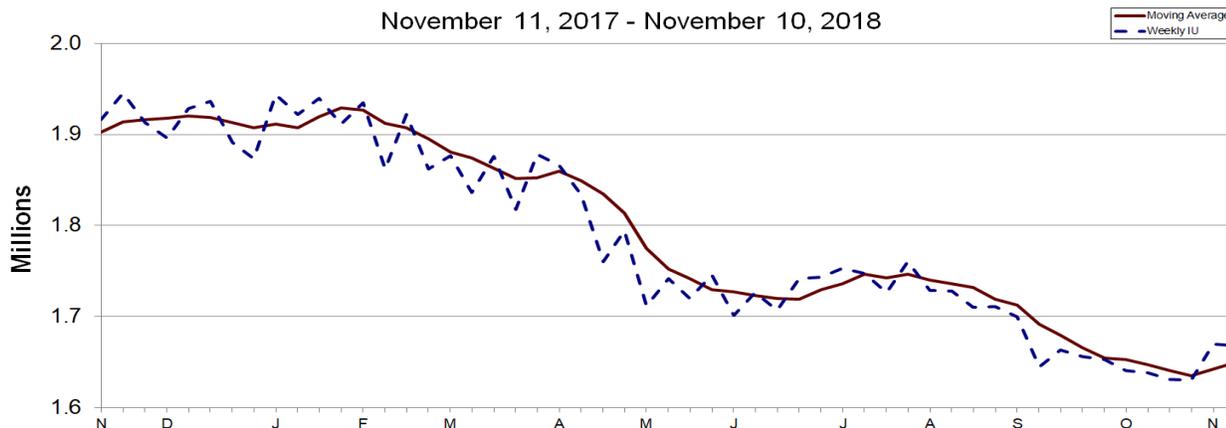
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 10 was 1,668,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,676,000 to 1,670,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,649,750, an increase of 7,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,643,750 to 1,642,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 18, 2017 - November 17, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

November 11, 2017 - November 10, 2018



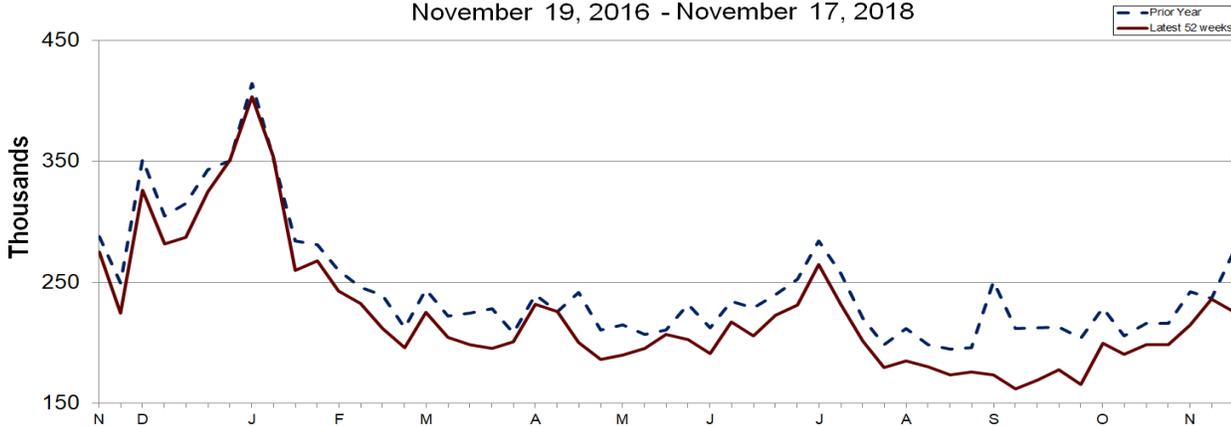
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 226,063 in the week ending November 17, a decrease of 9,918 (or -4.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,245 (or -5.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 275,004 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending November 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,452,633, an increase of 16,025 (or 1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 18,375 (or 1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,724,422.

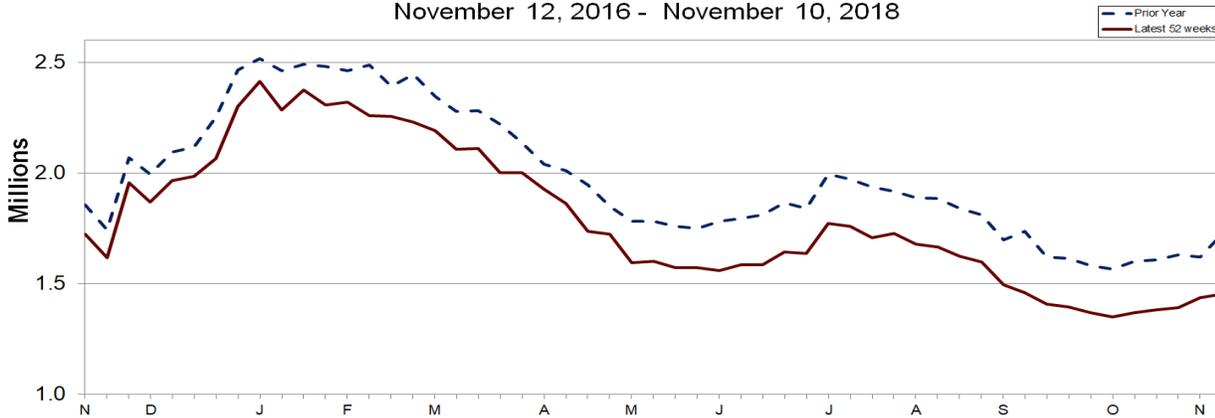
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

November 19, 2016 - November 17, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

November 12, 2016 - November 10, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 3 was 1,462,361, an increase of 44,958 from the previous week. There were 1,653,025 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 November 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,213 in the week ending November 10, a decrease of 115 from the prior week. There were 622 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 19 from the preceding week.

There were 8,235 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 3, an increase of 533 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,703, a decrease of 458 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 3 were in Alaska (2.5), New Jersey (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), California (1.7), Connecticut (1.6), Virgin Islands (1.6), Pennsylvania (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Washington (1.4), District of Columbia (1.3), Nevada (1.3), and Rhode Island (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 10 were in California (+4,206), New York (+3,502), New Jersey (+2,916), Minnesota (+1,804), and Texas (+1,789), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-3,495), North Carolina (-1,708), Oklahoma (-831), Indiana (-532), and Ohio (-145).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 17	November 10	Change	November 3	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Initial Claims (SA)	224,000	221,000	+3,000	214,000	239,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	226,063	235,981	-9,918	214,814	275,004
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	218,500	216,500	+2,000	213,750	240,000
WEEK ENDING	November 10	November 3	Change	October 27	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,668,000	1,670,000	-2,000	1,630,000	1,916,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,452,633	1,436,608	+16,025	1,392,025	1,724,422
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,649,750	1,642,250	+7,500	1,635,000	1,902,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)²</u>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.1%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)²</u>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 10	November 3	Change	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,213	1,328	-115	1,090
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	622	603	+19	682

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 3	October 27	Change	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Regular State	1,434,747	1,390,184	+44,563	1,619,260
Federal Employees	8,235	7,702	+533	10,844
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,703	7,161	-458	8,420
<u>Extended Benefits³</u>	1	0	+1	0
<u>State Additional Benefits⁴</u>	5,604	5,551	+53	6,183
<u>STC / Workshare⁵</u>	7,071	6,805	+266	8,318
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,462,361	1,417,403	+44,958	1,653,025

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 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,295	2,278	17	14,415	14,056	359
Alaska	1,659	1,462	197	7,945	7,688	257
Arizona	3,000	3,618	-618	18,531	21,715	-3,184
Arkansas	1,713	1,953	-240	9,160	9,874	-714
California	38,693	45,094	-6,401	277,281	286,543	-9,262
Colorado	2,250	2,230	20	17,362	17,489	-127
Connecticut	2,748	2,814	-66	27,599	26,076	1,523
Delaware	602	607	-5	4,304	3,844	460
District of Columbia	522	513	9	7,136	7,404	-268
Florida ^M	6,586	7,784	-1,198	37,174	39,259	-2,085
Georgia	6,495	6,375	120	23,898	24,033	-135
Hawaii	1,111	1,220	-109	7,283	6,927	356
Idaho	1,444	1,386	58	4,392	4,418	-26
Illinois	12,356	10,163	2,193	78,874	82,902	-4,028
Indiana	2,949	2,902	47	15,218	14,630	588
Iowa	3,476	3,069	407	13,052	11,711	1,341
Kansas	1,851	1,815	36	7,694	7,312	382
Kentucky	2,205	2,875	-670	14,332	14,262	70
Louisiana	1,956	2,115	-159	12,743	14,159	-1,416
Maine	626	902	-276	3,664	3,860	-196
Maryland	2,993	3,439	-446	23,762	24,400	-638
Massachusetts	6,089	5,835	254	42,257	42,256	1
Michigan	7,653	7,545	108	42,877	39,917	2,960
Minnesota	7,216	5,472	1,744	33,122	27,068	6,054
Mississippi	900	1,157	-257	5,807	6,552	-745
Missouri	4,107	3,701	406	17,201	19,910	-2,709
Montana	1,538	1,681	-143	6,367	5,192	1,175
Nebraska	775	860	-85	3,337	3,093	244
Nevada	2,611	2,914	-303	16,406	16,925	-519
New Hampshire	421	531	-110	2,817	3,018	-201
New Jersey	8,995	11,420	-2,425	82,326	74,345	7,981
New Mexico	850	930	-80	8,019	8,085	-66
New York	15,285	16,781	-1,496	116,344	112,343	4,001
North Carolina ^F	3,227	3,602	-375	18,000	18,398	-398
North Dakota	851	561	290	1,960	1,359	601
Ohio	7,639	7,024	615	41,211	40,337	874
Oklahoma	1,263	1,486	-223	11,395	12,527	-1,132
Oregon	3,868	4,502	-634	23,319	23,223	96
Pennsylvania	13,324	14,100	-776	86,314	84,112	2,202
Puerto Rico	1,415	1,249	166	19,662	15,454	4,208
Rhode Island	1,044	772	272	6,287	5,945	342
South Carolina	2,380	2,513	-133	14,150	14,000	150
South Dakota	276	391	-115	999	913	86
Tennessee	2,077	2,255	-178	14,223	15,471	-1,248
Texas	14,721	14,597	124	102,479	101,478	1,001
Utah	1,380	1,422	-42	7,011	6,734	277
Vermont	622	510	112	2,872	2,504	368
Virgin Islands	22	11	11	520	574	-54
Virginia	2,766	2,788	-22	18,244	17,827	417
Washington	7,769	7,933	-164	47,808	44,654	3,154
West Virginia	1,007	1,030	-23	8,302	7,209	1,093
Wisconsin	6,038	5,291	747	22,818	20,877	1,941
Wyoming	404	503	-99	2,360	1,746	614
US Total	226,063	235,981	-9,918	1,452,633	1,436,608	16,025

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.

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, 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	1,630	-1	1,635.00	1.1
November 3, 2018	214	-1	213.75	1,670	40	1,642.25	1.2
November 10, 2018	221	7	216.50	1,668	-2	1,649.75	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	3	218.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 10					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 3					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2278	-64	69	14	9	14056	0.7	-43	-1741	66	81	14203
Alaska	1462	110	20	7	1	7688	2.5	938	-1804	121	5	7814
Arizona	3618	187	359	21	5	21715	0.8	-386	-1217	147	52	21914
Arkansas	1953	901	351	4	4	9874	0.8	972	-2133	43	42	9959
California	45094	4206	200	311	110	286543	1.7	9616	2094	1520	1474	289537
Colorado	2230	300	258	25	15	17489	0.7	681	-1912	138	218	17845
Connecticut	2814	213	101	2	9	26076	1.6	345	-3743	44	68	26188
Delaware	607	22	30	3	0	3844	0.9	-226	-707	26	9	3879
District of Columbia	513	13	144	14	1	7404	1.3	99	-1053	260	4	7668
Florida	7784	13	174	21	38	39259	0.5	-979	-4786	152	143	39554
Georgia	6375	1058	1626	21	26	24033	0.6	729	-1099	131	200	24364
Hawaii	1220	-6	224	1	8	6927	1.1	200	-218	56	58	7041
Idaho	1386	39	-232	28	2	4418	0.6	392	-533	92	15	4525
Illinois	10163	642	1049	9	5	82902	1.4	8669	-3800	340	166	83408
Indiana	2902	-532	265	4	4	14630	0.5	813	785	28	31	14689
Iowa	3069	872	697	4	5	11711	0.8	485	-859	29	24	11764
Kansas	1815	447	198	4	1	7312	0.5	143	-2055	40	28	7380
Kentucky	2875	1064	656	7	7	14262	0.8	131	-1459	87	122	14471
Louisiana	2115	170	-166	5	5	14159	0.8	-848	-4255	45	13	14217
Maine	902	178	-21	2	0	3860	0.6	194	-304	24	15	3899
Maryland	3439	312	71	13	13	24400	1.0	295	-6498	239	101	24740
Massachusetts	5835	415	-437	23	11	42256	1.2	-544	-13179	89	115	42460
Michigan	7545	-3495	-509	39	15	39917	0.9	1849	-1618	99	62	40078
Minnesota	5472	1804	-958	13	2	27068	1.0	3038	-3469	78	47	27193
Mississippi	1157	150	9	1	3	6552	0.6	91	-2237	39	14	6605
Missouri	3701	673	428	31	4	19910	0.7	-302	-696	301	55	20266
Montana	1681	417	-434	66	3	5192	1.2	517	-1275	214	22	5428
Nebraska	860	265	64	5	2	3093	0.3	-26	-692	22	7	3122
Nevada	2914	448	-168	29	7	16925	1.3	374	-2248	97	53	17075
New Hampshire	531	80	48	1	0	3018	0.5	53	-530	2	2	3022
New Jersey	11420	2916	929	15	15	74345	1.9	-373	-4469	232	241	74818
New Mexico	930	54	74	15	4	8085	1.0	264	-1422	225	37	8347
New York	16781	3502	-1168	42	31	112343	1.2	5365	-16130	310	342	112995
North Carolina	3602	-1708	554	13	25	18398	0.4	-1348	-1342	71	88	18557
North Dakota	561	232	-195	2	1	1359	0.3	104	-737	13	2	1374
Ohio	7024	-145	-155	14	13	40337	0.8	2344	-5640	138	175	40650
Oklahoma	1486	-831	127	13	6	12527	0.8	816	-2295	66	77	12670
Oregon	4502	548	430	67	13	23223	1.2	1170	-1257	313	79	23615
Pennsylvania	14100	1316	-780	70	26	84112	1.5	3079	-8098	407	259	84778
Puerto Rico	1249	-29	-5441	2	8	15454	1.8	85	-25282	46	77	15577
Rhode Island	772	61	-286	4	2	5945	1.3	46	-366	36	19	6000
South Carolina	2513	371	72	6	11	14000	0.7	-17	-2506	40	100	14140
South Dakota	391	161	63	4	0	913	0.2	59	-230	31	2	946
Tennessee	2255	-74	92	20	5	15471	0.5	116	-1388	73	66	15610
Texas	14597	1789	-122	78	92	101478	0.9	780	-35512	875	1137	103490
Utah	1422	281	67	36	2	6734	0.5	102	-856	104	16	6854
Vermont	510	-62	-29	0	1	2504	0.8	305	-186	8	6	2518
Virgin Islands	11	-7	-157	0	0	574	1.6	74	-2702	8	0	583
Virginia	2788	475	258	16	10	17827	0.5	-109	-4521	205	200	18232
Washington	7933	619	1237	41	34	44654	1.4	2442	-2768	336	498	45488
West Virginia	1030	106	-48	4	2	7209	1.1	398	-1264	36	20	7265
Wisconsin	5291	770	-347	9	5	20877	0.7	1371	-3393	87	16	20980
Wyoming	503	-80	36	14	1	1746	0.7	240	-1000	6	0	1752
Totals	235981	21167	-673	1213	622	1436608	1.0	44583	-186605	8235	6703	1451547

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 10, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+4,206	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry.
NY	+3,502	Layoffs in the construction, art, entertainment and recreation, and retail trade industries.
NJ	+2,916	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, public administration, and health care and social service industries.
MN	+1,804	No comment.
TX	+1,789	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+1,316	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
KY	+1,064	No comment.
GA	+1,058	Layoffs in the manufacturing and trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-3,495	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NC	-1,708	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and health care and social 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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