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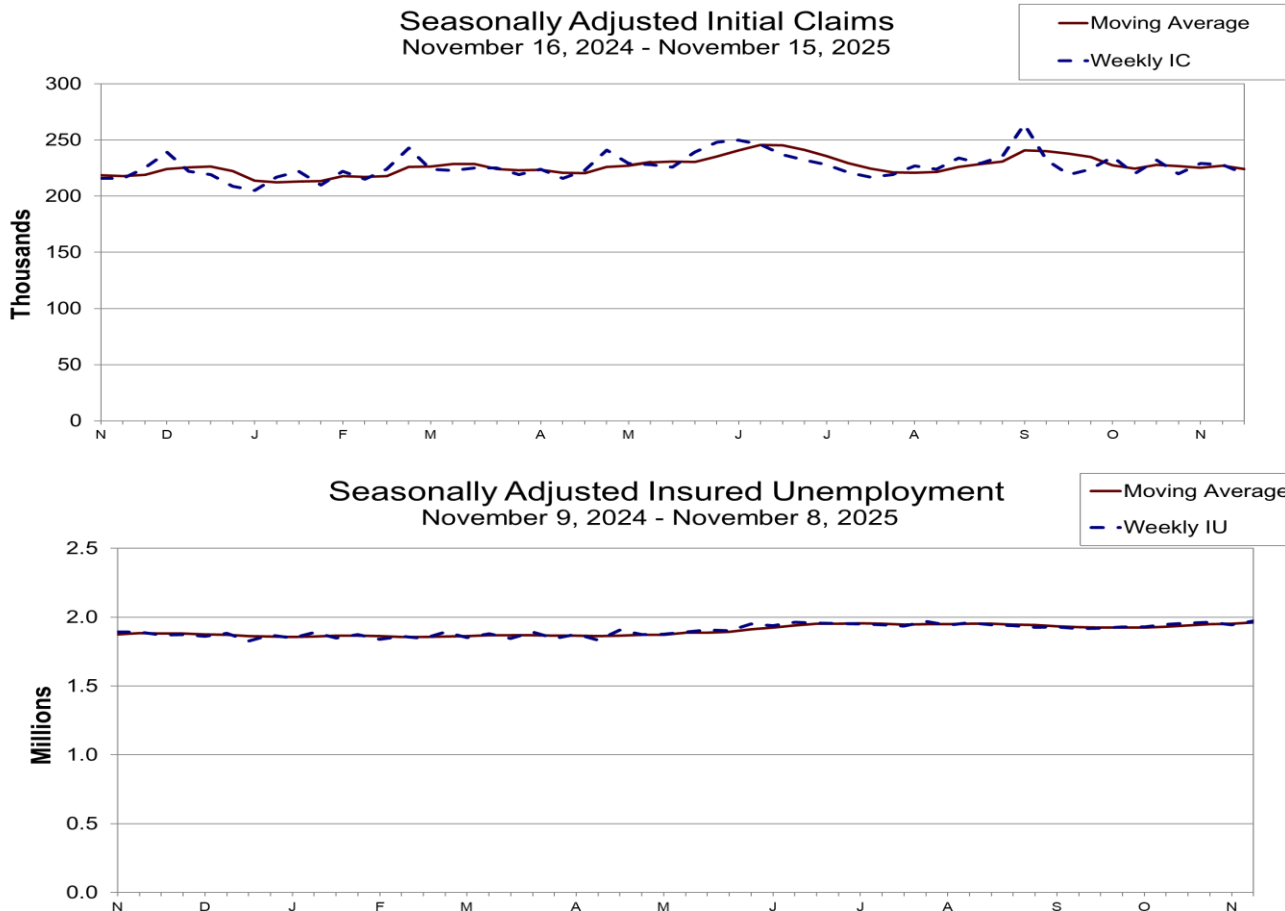
***Note:** Due to the lapse in appropriations in effect from October 1, 2025, through November 12, 2025, there will be no publication of the Unemployment Insurance Claims news releases that would have been published from October 2, 2025, through November 13, 2025. The official seasonally adjusted unemployment insurance claims data for this period may be accessed through our public website using the following URL: https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp*

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 220,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's level. The 4-week moving average was 224,250, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's average.

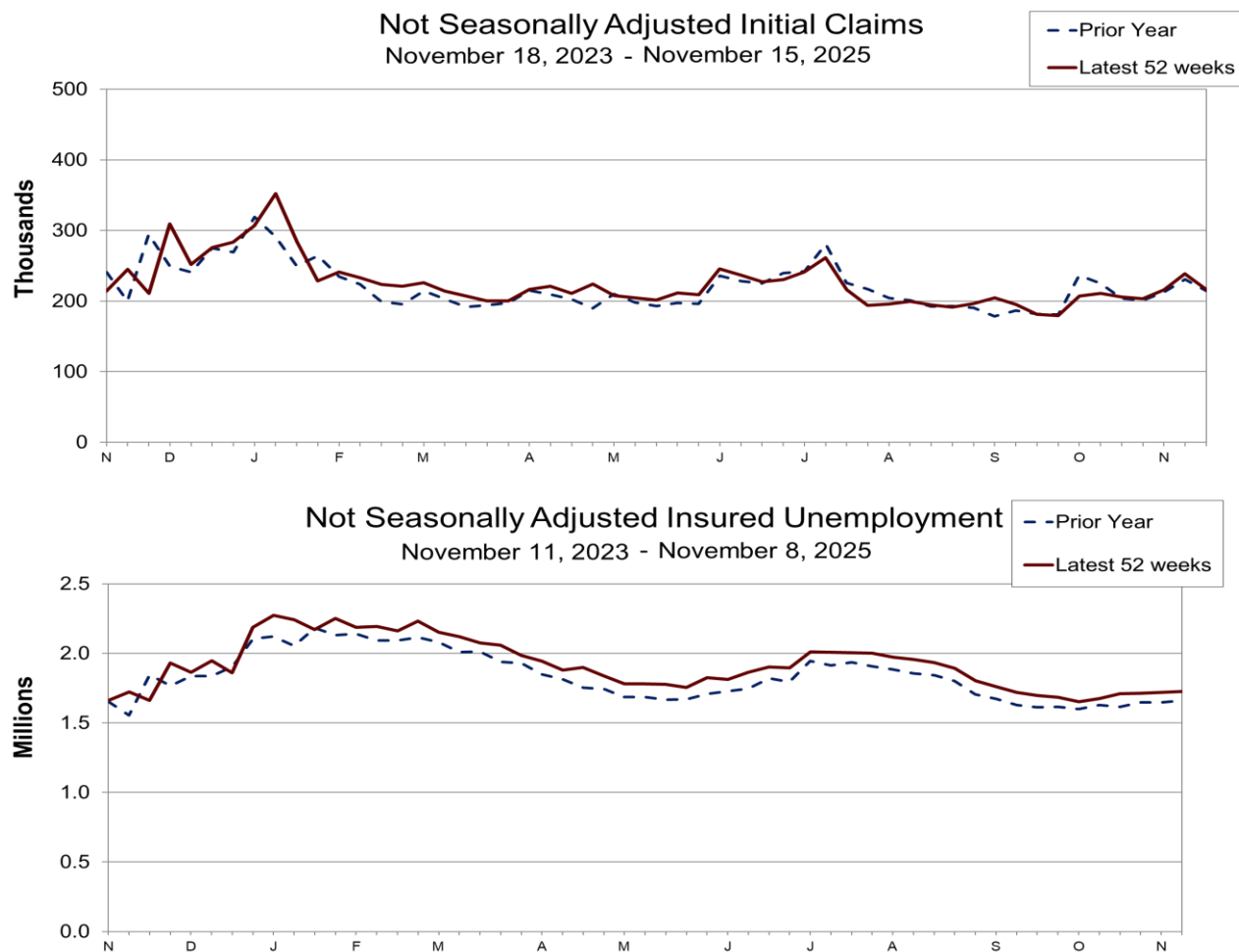
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending November 8, unchanged from the previous week's rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 8 was 1,974,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 6, 2021 when it was 2,041,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,960,250, an increase of 6,750 from the previous week's average. This is the highest level for this average since November 20, 2021 when it was 2,004,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 216,671 in the week ending November 15, a decrease of 22,095 (or -9.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,166 (or -5.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 214,257 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,727,145, an increase of 6,970 (or 0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 17,513 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,660,806.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 1 was 1,786,671, an increase of 18,307 from the previous week. There were 1,675,024 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending November 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 5,719 in the week ending November 8, a decrease of 1,763 from the prior week. There were 390 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 55 from the preceding week.

There were 38,867 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 1, an increase of 8,218 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,227, an increase of 374 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 1 were in New Jersey (2.2), Washington (2.1), District of Columbia (2.0), California (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Connecticut (1.7), Nevada (1.7), Oregon (1.7), and Rhode Island (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 8 were in California (+6,728), New Jersey (+3,302), Texas (+3,101), Michigan (+2,598), and Pennsylvania (+1,816), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-5,500), Missouri (-3,166), Arkansas (-597), Indiana (-411), and Nebraska (-386).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 15	November 8	Change	November 1	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	220,000	228,000	-8,000	229,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	216,671	238,766	-22,095	216,081	214,257
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,250	227,250	-3,000	225,250	218,500

WEEK ENDING	November 8	November 1	Change	October 25	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,974,000	1,946,000	+28,000	1,964,000	1,892,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,727,145	1,720,175	+6,970	1,712,360	1,660,806
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,960,250	1,953,500	+6,750	1,949,000	1,874,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	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 8	November 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	5,719	7,482	-1,763	615
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	390	445	-55	408

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

WEEK ENDING	November 1	October 25	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,711,259	1,705,490	+5,769	1,640,504
Federal Employees	38,867	30,649	+8,218	4,452
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,227	4,853	+374	4,388
Extended Benefits ³	14	22	-8	183
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,886	2,883	+3	2,514
STC / Workshare ⁵	28,418	24,467	+3,951	22,983
TOTAL	1,786,671	1,768,364	+18,307	1,675,024

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 153,186,715 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 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,851	2,515	-664	8,642	9,138	-496
Alaska	925	805	120	5,128	4,877	251
Arizona	2,233	2,838	-605	18,376	21,755	-3,379
Arkansas	847	1,226	-379	5,434	6,161	-727
California	45,898	47,776	-1,878	327,799	339,023	-11,224
Colorado	3,399	3,739	-340	32,426	30,994	1,432
Connecticut	2,788	2,662	126	30,129	28,683	1,446
Delaware	305	386	-81	5,314	5,000	314
District of Columbia	890	1,213	-323	13,182	11,182	2,000
Florida	4,981	5,833	-852	26,705	33,057	-6,352
Georgia	4,162	5,309	-1,147	25,049	26,989	-1,940
Hawaii	919	1,046	-127	5,768	5,652	116
Idaho	1,053	1,177	-124	5,317	5,320	-3
Illinois	9,946	10,838	-892	88,964	89,154	-190
Indiana	2,621	2,899	-278	18,728	19,775	-1,047
Iowa	1,632	1,890	-258	7,254	7,947	-693
Kansas	1,351	1,311	40	8,628	7,385	1,243
Kentucky	3,096	2,438	658	10,743	12,541	-1,798
Louisiana	1,341	1,841	-500	6,661	7,815	-1,154
Maine	863	932	-69	5,443	4,944	499
Maryland	1,988	2,793	-805	27,875	28,299	-424
Massachusetts	5,899	6,406	-507	68,110	66,637	1,473
Michigan	7,361	12,646	-5,285	57,824	55,902	1,922
Minnesota	6,437	5,804	633	42,812	37,881	4,931
Mississippi	923	1,028	-105	5,320	5,910	-590
Missouri	2,370	3,042	-672	20,389	20,250	139
Montana	954	1,010	-56	5,944	5,241	703
Nebraska	609	683	-74	4,479	4,728	-249
Nevada	2,863	3,023	-160	26,217	26,112	105
New Hampshire	298	389	-91	3,135	3,858	-723
New Jersey	10,467	12,980	-2,513	96,756	91,015	5,741
New Mexico	835	1,014	-179	10,433	10,093	340
New York	15,900	15,899	1	153,476	149,978	3,498
North Carolina	3,199	3,789	-590	18,481	19,245	-764
North Dakota	508	422	86	2,230	1,960	270
Ohio	6,002	6,848	-846	42,324	42,290	34
Oklahoma	1,258	1,560	-302	11,323	11,453	-130
Oregon	5,343	5,109	234	35,660	32,440	3,220
Pennsylvania	10,531	11,249	-718	83,961	83,364	597
Puerto Rico	1,054	1,417	-363	16,598	17,879	-1,281
Rhode Island	859	820	39	8,405	8,227	178
South Carolina	2,014	2,312	-298	14,110	14,061	49
South Dakota	279	247	32	1,257	1,263	-6
Tennessee	2,845	3,143	-298	15,397	15,149	248
Texas	18,127	18,630	-503	150,873	151,892	-1,019
Utah	1,796	1,765	31	11,994	11,681	313
Vermont	407	413	-6	2,583	2,344	239
Virgin Islands	13	70	-57	270	332	-62
Virginia	2,381	3,121	-740	20,566	19,100	1,466
Washington	7,352	7,842	-490	82,422	75,156	7,266
West Virginia	701	770	-69	6,173	5,837	336
Wisconsin	3,571	3,258	313	21,495	21,307	188
Wyoming	426	590	-164	2,563	1,899	664
US Total	216,671	238,766	-22,095	1,727,145	1,720,175	6,970

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 Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,928	1	1,934.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	232	-32	240.25	1,916	-12	1,927.50	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-13	237.75	1,921	5	1,923.00	1.3
September 27, 2025	224	5	234.75	1,929	8	1,923.50	1.3
October 4, 2025	235	11	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	220	-15	224.50	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	232	12	227.75	1,957	10	1,940.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	220	-12	226.75	1,964	7	1,949.00	1.3
November 1, 2025	229	9	225.25	1,946	-18	1,953.50	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	-1	227.25	1,974	28	1,960.25	1.3
November 15, 2025	220	-8	224.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 8						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 1						
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	2,515	413	311	104	11	9,138	0.4	-103	811	325	19	9,482
Alaska	805	126	-75	14	1	4,877	1.5	285	-120	141	6	5,024
Arizona	2,838	484	-320	49	6	21,755	0.7	-546	-3,015	170	32	21,957
Arkansas	1,226	-597	-74	99	1	6,161	0.5	-745	-875	141	4	6,306
California	47,776	6,728	-809	738	64	339,023	1.9	-5,037	-13,511	3,645	1,267	343,935
Colorado	3,739	627	-34	19	5	30,994	1.1	-1,286	3,976	921	194	32,109
Connecticut	2,662	372	-256	11	1	28,683	1.7	-1,687	7,822	179	21	28,883
Delaware	386	110	144	23	3	5,000	1.1	-373	497	63	12	5,075
District of Columbia	1,213	13	593	334	0	11,182	2.0	491	4,512	2,701	9	13,892
Florida	5,833	881	-827	160	28	33,057	0.3	801	-2,325	628	92	33,777
Georgia	5,309	663	-328	446	22	26,989	0.6	388	-1,645	1,688	91	28,768
Hawaii	1,046	42	40	3	11	5,652	0.9	-21	-503	450	64	6,166
Idaho	1,177	231	-154	32	1	5,320	0.6	165	777	168	7	5,495
Illinois	10,838	889	767	63	13	89,154	1.5	1,584	3,419	1,483	116	90,753
Indiana	2,899	-411	-1,148	34	5	19,775	0.6	614	-2,629	232	30	20,037
Iowa	1,890	-24	-500	37	3	7,947	0.5	220	-2,261	136	7	8,090
Kansas	1,311	-30	-81	2	0	7,385	0.5	68	88	1,972	321	9,678
Kentucky	2,438	-5,500	765	18	0	12,541	0.6	1,283	4,272	281	34	12,856
Louisiana	1,841	295	307	21	2	7,815	0.4	-21	-2,485	129	12	7,956
Maine	932	250	40	3	0	4,944	0.8	137	535	119	5	5,068
Maryland	2,793	71	469	721	5	28,299	1.1	352	7,008	4,230	84	32,613
Massachusetts	6,406	984	-182	17	1	66,637	1.9	-146	12,805	476	70	67,183
Michigan	12,646	2,598	5,060	18	2	55,902	1.3	3,975	6,742	400	43	56,345
Minnesota	5,804	1,404	-358	34	1	37,881	1.3	2,235	1,425	582	35	38,498
Mississippi	1,028	87	-11	6	0	5,910	0.5	-79	189	212	13	6,135
Missouri	3,042	-3,166	486	31	2	20,250	0.7	3,119	4,507	636	22	20,908
Montana	1,010	191	-108	100	0	5,241	1.0	523	329	362	9	5,612
Nebraska	683	-386	-87	14	2	4,728	0.5	260	287	83	4	4,815
Nevada	3,023	563	81	8	1	26,112	1.7	-161	2,024	199	71	26,382
New Hampshire	389	-20	-60	8	1	3,858	0.6	133	827	18	0	3,876
New Jersey	12,980	3,302	877	154	19	91,015	2.2	1,163	-92	1,191	256	92,462
New Mexico	1,014	91	108	51	4	10,093	1.2	-6	17	575	39	10,707
New York	15,899	765	-31	183	23	149,978	1.6	2,606	8,131	2,032	259	152,269
North Carolina	3,789	763	208	17	0	19,245	0.4	-94	-11,912	324	62	19,631
North Dakota	422	85	-136	17	1	1,960	0.5	154	-69	133	5	2,098
Ohio	6,848	699	-942	137	16	42,290	0.8	1,246	-3,842	808	81	43,179
Oklahoma	1,560	374	255	104	7	11,453	0.7	28	2,150	251	31	11,735
Oregon	5,109	831	472	135	5	32,440	1.7	464	4,951	760	67	33,267
Pennsylvania	11,249	1,816	-358	146	11	83,364	1.4	532	2,557	1,048	114	84,526
Puerto Rico	1,417	25	337	16	2	17,879	1.9	579	479	701	65	18,645
Rhode Island	820	134	91	29	0	8,227	1.7	73	595	171	26	8,424
South Carolina	2,312	272	389	42	6	14,061	0.6	-417	542	262	46	14,369
South Dakota	247	33	-32	21	0	1,263	0.3	32	0	88	2	1,353
Tennessee	3,143	-31	126	3	7	15,149	0.5	-179	236	406	33	15,588
Texas	18,630	3,101	2,046	700	73	151,892	1.1	-3,175	16,025	3,000	893	155,785
Utah	1,765	333	381	238	5	11,681	0.7	209	818	1,612	24	13,317
Vermont	413	46	39	2	0	2,344	0.8	205	420	4	0	2,348
Virgin Islands *	70	0	38	0	0	332	0.9	0	-34	4	0	336
Virginia	3,121	180	713	365	2	19,100	0.5	-146	3,696	508	76	19,684
Washington	7,842	1,572	667	126	13	75,156	2.1	2,071	15,107	1,782	423	77,361
West Virginia	770	68	-61	9	1	5,837	0.8	170	-257	147	10	5,994
Wisconsin	3,258	232	-889	33	3	21,307	0.7	-4,213	-247	179	17	21,503
Wyoming	590	106	16	24	0	1,899	0.7	85	120	111	4	2,014
Totals	238,766	22,685	7,965	5,719	390	1,720,175	1.1	7,815	72,874	38,867	5,227	1,764,269

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.

* Denotes OUI estimate.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 8, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+6,728	No comment.
NJ	+3,302	No comment.
TX	+3,101	Layoffs in the public administration industry.
MI	+2,598	Layoffs in management of companies and enterprises industry.
PA	+1,816	Layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; arts, entertainment, and recreation; construction; and in accommodation and food services industries.
WA	+1,572	No comment.
MN	+1,404	Layoffs in construction and in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-5,500	No comment.
MO	-3,166	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing and in health care and social assistance 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. 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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