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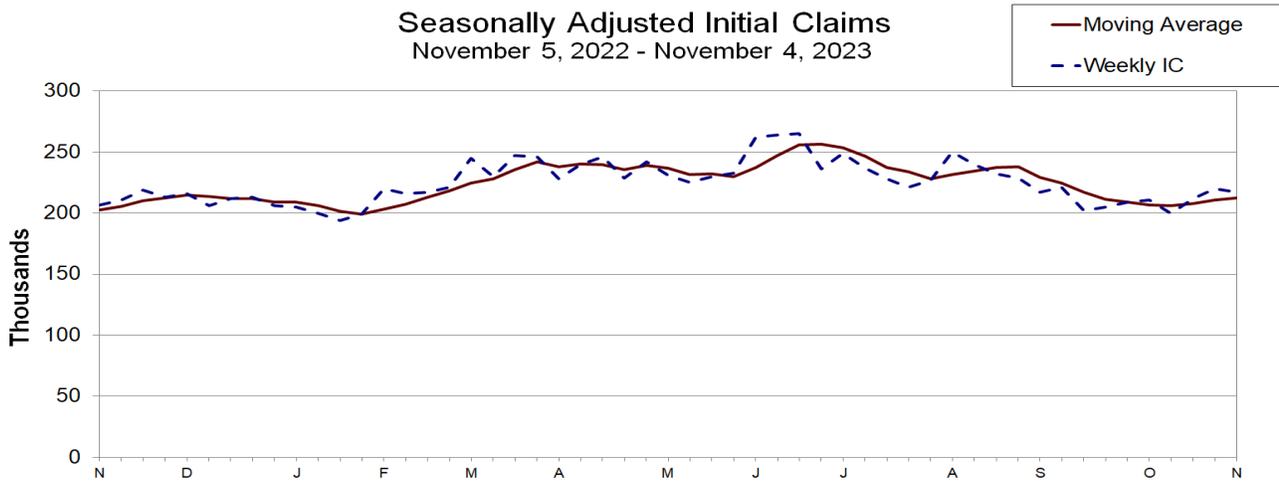
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

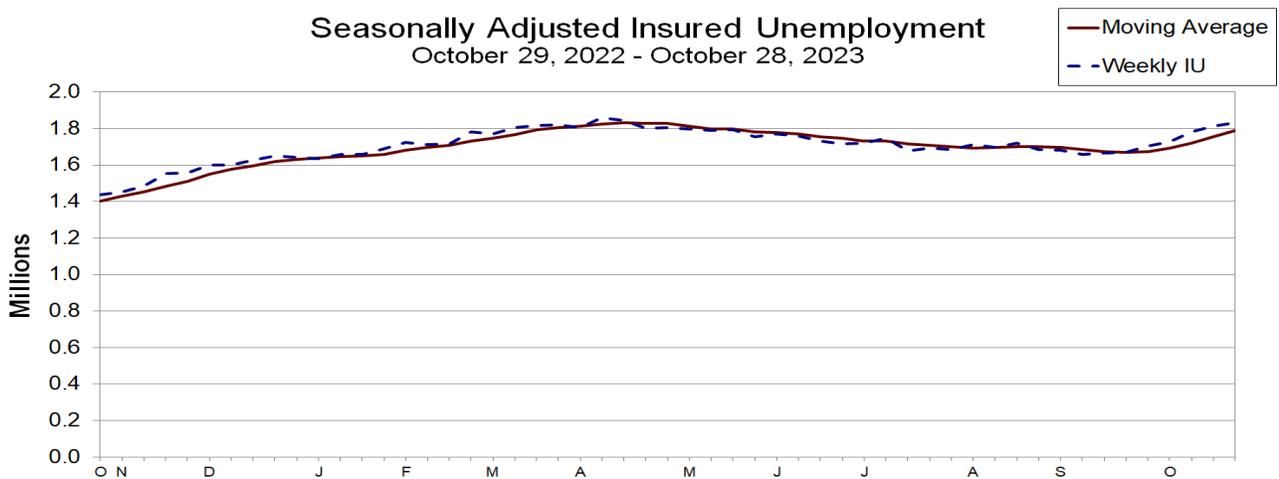
In the week ending November 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 217,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 217,000 to 220,000. The 4-week moving average was 212,250, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 210,000 to 210,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 28 was 1,834,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,818,000 to 1,812,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,789,000, an increase of 32,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,758,250 to 1,756,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
November 5, 2022 - November 4, 2023



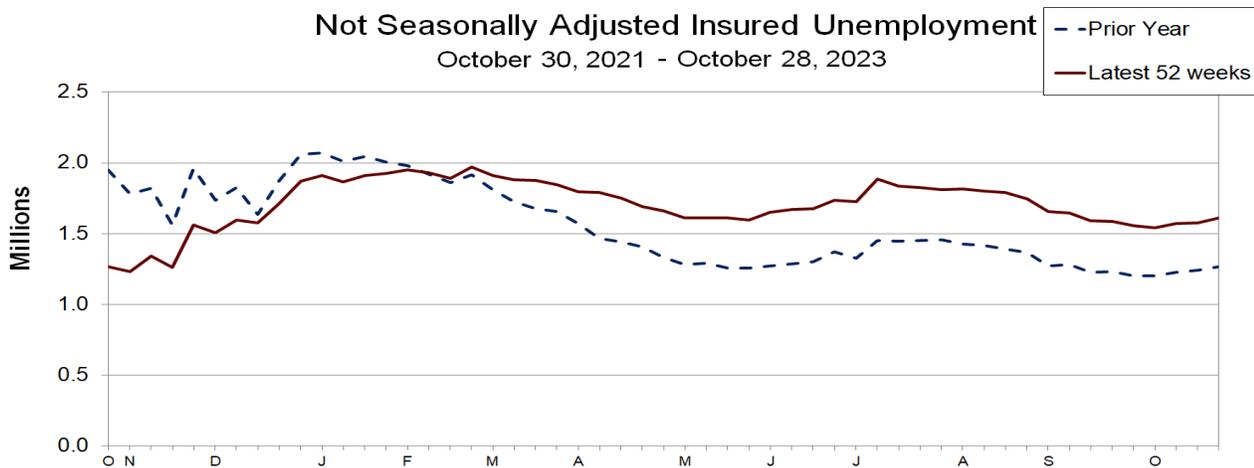
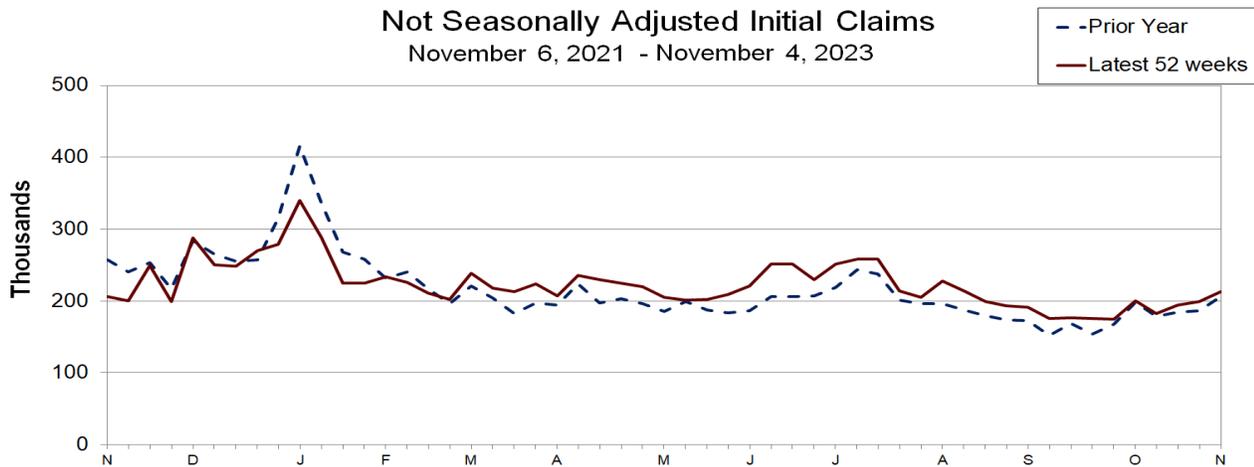
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
October 29, 2022 - October 28, 2023



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,132 in the week ending November 4, an increase of 13,826 (or 6.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,024 (or 8.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 206,079 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,608,230, an increase of 33,753 (or 2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 14,495 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,267,368.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 21 was 1,599,616, an increase of 1,962 from the previous week. There were 1,263,105 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 628 in the week ending October 28, an increase of 168 from the prior week. There were 365 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 27 from the preceding week.

There were 4,309 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 21, an increase of 42 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,174, a decrease of 223 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 21 were in California (2.0), Hawaii (2.0), New Jersey (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), Alaska (1.5), Massachusetts (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 28 were in Michigan (+2,227), North Carolina (+1,303), California (+842), Minnesota (+767), and Iowa (+613), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,942), Oregon (-405), Georgia (-348), Florida (-302), and Ohio (-299).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	217,000	220,000	-3,000	212,000	207,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	213,132	199,306	+13,826	193,999	206,079
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	212,250	210,750	+1,500	208,000	202,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 14</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,834,000	1,812,000	+22,000	1,783,000	1,439,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,608,230	1,574,477	+33,753	1,572,658	1,267,368
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,789,000	1,756,750	+32,250	1,721,750	1,402,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	628	460	+168	676
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	365	392	-27	369

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 21</b>	<b>October 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,569,602	1,567,882	+1,720	1,236,774
Federal Employees	4,309	4,267	+42	5,659
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,174	4,397	-223	4,287
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	246	557	-311	3,744
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,655	2,448	+207	1,679
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	18,630	18,103	+527	10,962
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,599,616</b>	<b>1,597,654</b>	<b>+1,962</b>	<b>1,263,105</b>

**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 149,106,140 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 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,078	2,035	43	7,999	8,444	-445
Alaska	1,257	882	375	4,911	4,533	378
Arizona	3,354	3,283	71	22,695	24,570	-1,875
Arkansas	1,359	1,262	97	8,632	8,949	-317
California	44,837	41,421	3,416	369,765	360,585	9,180
Colorado	2,886	2,596	290	25,331	24,358	973
Connecticut	2,885	2,405	480	21,463	19,885	1,578
Delaware	443	406	37	4,454	4,290	164
District of Columbia	419	432	-13	5,690	5,999	-309
Florida	5,358	5,750	-392	33,130	34,808	-1,678
Georgia	4,791	5,018	-227	29,186	30,637	-1,451
Hawaii	1,278	1,351	-73	11,770	12,013	-243
Idaho	1,259	1,041	218	4,075	4,137	-62
Illinois	10,282	9,045	1,237	82,307	78,437	3,870
Indiana	3,289	2,818	471	20,820	19,593	1,227
Iowa	2,595	2,244	351	7,128	6,610	518
Kansas	1,283	1,094	189	5,079	4,474	605
Kentucky	2,297	2,492	-195	8,020	7,309	711
Louisiana	1,569	1,736	-167	11,338	12,220	-882
Maine	822	579	243	3,684	3,470	214
Maryland	2,349	2,273	76	22,102	21,240	862
Massachusetts	2,956	2,521	435	55,485	55,804	-319
Michigan	9,004	9,106	-102	45,008	40,412	4,596
Minnesota	5,349	3,839	1,510	32,949	30,042	2,907
Mississippi	846	1,023	-177	5,308	5,760	-452
Missouri	2,683	2,735	-52	16,322	16,473	-151
Montana	1,217	958	259	4,718	3,676	1,042
Nebraska	672	715	-43	3,891	3,965	-74
Nevada	2,468	2,102	366	19,733	20,462	-729
New Hampshire	350	421	-71	2,499	2,609	-110
New Jersey	9,804	8,430	1,374	85,348	83,889	1,459
New Mexico	845	774	71	9,693	9,483	210
New York	13,984	11,527	2,457	147,095	144,203	2,892
North Carolina	3,764	4,464	-700	19,381	20,023	-642
North Dakota	492	303	189	1,344	1,136	208
Ohio	6,375	5,933	442	37,768	37,599	169
Oklahoma	1,277	1,437	-160	9,437	9,292	145
Oregon	3,712	6,556	-2,844	30,051	29,933	118
Pennsylvania	12,214	10,537	1,677	80,085	79,745	340
Puerto Rico	1,034	1,258	-224	16,026	16,992	-966
Rhode Island	796	808	-12	7,235	6,985	250
South Carolina	1,934	2,127	-193	12,808	12,958	-150
South Dakota	208	180	28	825	796	29
Tennessee	2,463	2,235	228	14,250	14,735	-485
Texas	15,874	14,666	1,208	131,089	128,954	2,135
Utah	1,829	1,828	1	10,248	10,126	122
Vermont	363	238	125	1,923	1,778	145
Virgin Islands	19	30	-11	272	274	-2
Virginia	1,486	1,800	-314	13,192	12,337	855
Washington	6,806	5,936	870	57,486	52,997	4,489
West Virginia	815	724	91	6,358	5,570	788
Wisconsin	4,344	3,510	834	19,040	17,542	1,498
Wyoming	459	422	37	1,784	1,366	418
US Total	213,132	199,306	13,826	1,608,230	1,574,477	33,753

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 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,683	-1	1,695.75	1.1
September 9, 2023	221	4	224.75	1,658	-25	1,686.00	1.1
September 16, 2023	202	-19	217.25	1,665	7	1,672.50	1.1
September 23, 2023	205	3	211.25	1,672	7	1,669.50	1.1
September 30, 2023	209	4	209.25	1,705	33	1,675.00	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	2	206.75	1,727	22	1,692.25	1.2
October 14, 2023	200	-11	206.25	1,783	56	1,721.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	212	12	208.00	1,812	29	1,756.75	1.2
October 28, 2023	220	8	210.75	1,834	22	1,789.00	1.2
November 4, 2023	217	-3	212.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 28

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 21

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				CHANGE FROM						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2,035	-157	-130	9	6	8,444	0.4	20	4,668	22	15	8,481
Alaska	882	102	-152	7	1	4,533	1.5	213	-90	46	9	4,588
Arizona	3,283	-83	467	10	0	24,570	0.8	-611	4,884	48	35	24,653
Arkansas	1,262	-92	4	2	2	8,949	0.7	552	1,602	24	15	8,988
California	41,421	842	1,351	123	83	360,585	2.0	4,101	60,324	676	965	362,226
Colorado	2,596	-138	123	5	6	24,358	0.9	447	6,820	53	133	24,544
Connecticut	2,405	69	285	1	2	19,885	1.2	-433	3,925	24	32	19,941
Delaware	406	97	140	2	1	4,290	0.9	253	1,415	12	9	4,311
District of Columbia	432	-11	182	8	0	5,999	1.1	322	3,379	144	7	6,150
Florida	5,750	-302	-2,053	9	27	34,808	0.4	-658	-6,910	73	111	34,992
Georgia	5,018	-348	-284	25	21	30,637	0.7	-120	4,368	81	95	30,813
Hawaii	1,351	-210	310	1	5	12,013	2.0	-609	6,354	26	52	12,091
Idaho	1,041	154	69	14	0	4,137	0.5	153	1,008	23	8	4,168
Illinois	9,045	421	272	8	5	78,437	1.3	-2,704	21,141	238	120	78,795
Indiana	2,818	-247	-939	4	6	19,593	0.6	-232	2,108	37	25	19,655
Iowa	2,244	613	767	0	0	6,610	0.4	172	953	14	8	6,632
Kansas	1,094	69	-184	1	1	4,474	0.3	36	930	33	12	4,519
Kentucky	2,492	122	1,316	1	0	7,309	0.4	880	-823	17	24	7,350
Louisiana	1,736	174	56	3	0	12,220	0.7	1,155	1,944	20	16	12,256
Maine	579	54	-42	1	0	3,470	0.6	66	777	16	7	3,493
Maryland	2,273	6	306	11	3	21,240	0.8	-280	3,635	104	72	21,416
Massachusetts	2,521	-53	-2,154	17	4	55,804	1.5	2,075	14,405	117	79	56,000
Michigan	9,106	2,227	3,353	3	4	40,412	0.9	-2,317	9,884	56	36	40,504
Minnesota	3,839	767	509	9	1	30,042	1.1	1,279	7,776	54	66	30,162
Mississippi	1,023	216	149	3	0	5,760	0.5	-154	1,295	41	0	5,801
Missouri	2,735	164	380	2	4	16,473	0.6	149	4,670	38	16	16,527
Montana	958	347	-99	26	0	3,676	0.8	260	361	36	6	3,718
Nebraska	715	-7	82	1	0	3,965	0.4	104	1,463	2	6	3,973
Nevada	2,102	-94	171	4	1	20,462	1.4	-172	5,743	56	40	20,558
New Hampshire	421	88	119	0	0	2,609	0.4	5	843	3	2	2,614
New Jersey	8,430	375	849	23	11	83,889	2.0	-527	14,521	249	161	84,299
New Mexico	774	12	27	8	4	9,483	1.2	-129	2,114	103	27	9,613
New York	11,527	-1,942	-2,057	22	15	144,203	1.6	-676	27,979	319	233	144,755
North Carolina	4,464	1,303	1,911	3	1	20,023	0.4	1,195	5,215	49	78	20,150
North Dakota	303	84	71	1	1	1,136	0.3	36	279	11	2	1,149
Ohio	5,933	-299	-508	4	12	37,599	0.7	50	9,713	54	66	37,719
Oklahoma	1,437	146	295	6	1	9,292	0.6	-10	70	18	38	9,348
Oregon	6,556	-405	1,915	85	8	29,933	1.6	65	9,858	128	47	30,108
Pennsylvania	10,537	315	2,197	10	10	79,745	1.4	1,525	21,806	279	145	80,169
Puerto Rico	1,258	-168	-946	6	1	16,992	1.9	-414	408	147	59	17,198
Rhode Island	808	43	1	2	2	6,985	1.5	63	1,898	19	19	7,023
South Carolina	2,127	34	410	6	1	12,958	0.6	-162	2,455	27	50	13,035
South Dakota	180	39	-17	2	1	796	0.2	-13	206	9	1	806
Tennessee	2,235	-181	506	5	6	14,735	0.4	-1,524	3,200	27	33	14,795
Texas	14,666	330	1,609	44	75	128,954	1.0	-3,135	34,037	390	768	130,112
Utah	1,828	248	442	26	6	10,126	0.6	129	3,691	47	17	10,190
Vermont	238	9	-65	0	0	1,778	0.6	3	368	0	0	1,778
Virgin Islands	30	-11	0	0	0	274	0.8	-18	52	4	0	278
Virginia	1,800	319	1,034	7	8	12,337	0.3	133	5,962	88	87	12,512
Washington	5,936	96	1,057	38	17	52,997	1.5	1,086	18,369	132	288	53,417
West Virginia	724	21	56	1	2	5,570	0.9	-29	599	28	19	5,617
Wisconsin	3,510	161	188	6	0	17,542	0.6	123	2,783	32	10	17,584
Wyoming	422	-12	-16	13	0	1,366	0.5	96	67	15	5	1,386
Totals	199,306	5,307	13,333	628	365	1,574,477	1.1	1,819	334,502	4,309	4,174	1,582,960

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 28, 2023**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MI	+2,227	Layoffs in the transportation equipment manufacturing industry.
NC	+1,303	No comment.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NY	-1,942	Fewer layoffs in the construction, health care and social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing 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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