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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

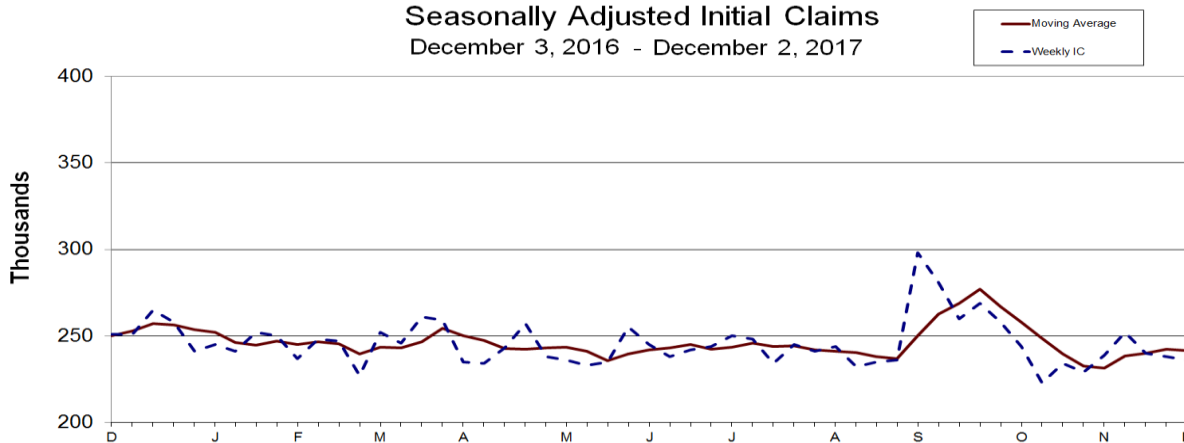
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending December 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 236,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 238,000. The 4-week moving average was 241,500, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 242,250.

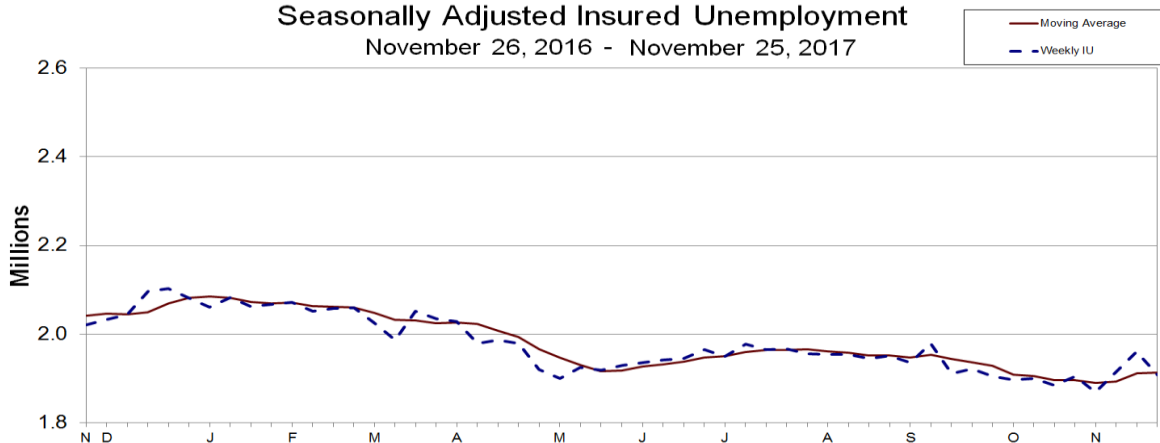
Claims taking procedures continue to be disrupted in the Virgin Islands. Claims taking process in Puerto Rico has still not returned to normal.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending November 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 25 was 1,908,000, a decrease of 52,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,957,000 to 1,960,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,912,750, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,911,000 to 1,911,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 3, 2016 - December 2, 2017



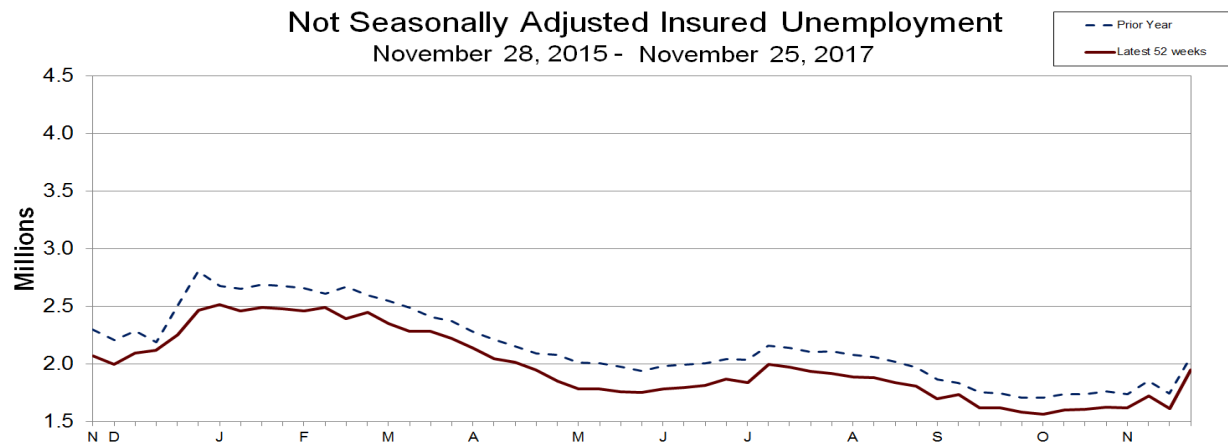
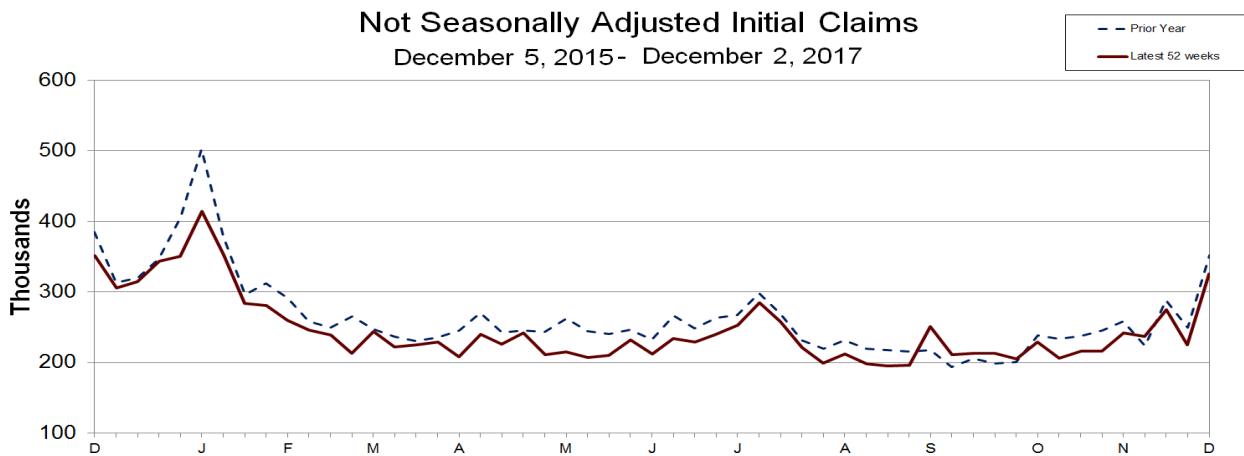
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 26, 2016 - November 25, 2017



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 325,762 in the week ending December 2, an increase of 100,883 (or 44.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 103,974 (or 46.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 351,580 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending November 25, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,948,316, an increase of 333,380 (or 20.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 386,095 (or 23.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,070,694.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 18 was 1,647,426, a decrease of 113,775 from the previous week. There were 1,785,900 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska during the week ending November 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,005 in the week ending November 25, a decrease of 687 from the prior week. There were 451 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 272 from the preceding week.

There were 11,522 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 18, a decrease of 2,322 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 8,145, a decrease of 954 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 18 were in Alaska (3.4), Puerto Rico (3.2), the Virgin Islands (2.6), New Jersey (2.1), Connecticut (1.8), Montana (1.8), Massachusetts (1.7), Pennsylvania (1.7), Nevada (1.6), and Washington (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 25 were in Wisconsin (+3,098), Massachusetts (+1,857), Vermont (+530), Idaho (+382), and Nebraska (+371), while the largest decreases were in California (-15,058), Texas (-5,089), Missouri (-3,966), Puerto Rico (-3,866), and New York (-3,660).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

| WEEK ENDING | December 2 | November 25 | Change | November 18 | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Initial Claims (SA) | 236,000 | 238,000 | -2,000 | 240,000 | 251,000 |
| Initial Claims (NSA) | 325,762 | 224,879 | +100,883 | 274,968 | 351,580 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 241,500 | 242,250 | -750 | 240,000 | 250,000 |
| WEEK ENDING | November 25 | November 18 | Change | November 11 | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
| Insured Unemployment (SA) | 1,908,000 | 1,960,000 | -52,000 | 1,915,000 | 2,020,000 |
| Insured Unemployment (NSA) | 1,948,316 | 1,614,936 | +333,380 | 1,723,644 | 2,070,694 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 1,912,750 | 1,911,750 | +1,000 | 1,892,750 | 2,041,000 |
| <u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>² | 1.4% | 1.4% | 0.0 | 1.4% | 1.5% |
| <u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>² | 1.4% | 1.1% | +0.3 | 1.2% | 1.5% |

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | November 25 | November 18 | Change | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Federal Employees (UCFE) | 1,005 | 1,692 | -687 | 909 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX) | 451 | 723 | -272 | 584 |

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | November 18 | November 11 | Change | <u>Prior Year</u>¹ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Regular State | 1,612,766 | 1,720,878 | -108,112 | 1,742,073 |
| Federal Employees | 11,522 | 13,844 | -2,322 | 11,540 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 8,145 | 9,099 | -954 | 12,036 |
| <u>Extended Benefits</u>³ | 1,100 | 212 | +888 | 0 |
| <u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴ | 6,266 | 6,741 | -475 | 7,009 |
| <u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵ | 7,627 | 10,427 | -2,800 | 13,242 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 1,647,426 | 1,761,201 | -113,775 | 1,785,900 |

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 140,510,815 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 December 2 | | | Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 25 | | |
|-------------------------------|---|----------|---------|---|-----------|---------|
| | Advance | Prior Wk | Change | Advance | Prior Wk | Change |
| Alabama | 4,448 | 2,327 | 2,121 | 18,856 | 15,944 | 2,912 |
| Alaska | 1,904 | 1,292 | 612 | 11,822 | 10,401 | 1,421 |
| Arizona | 3,727 | 2,675 | 1,052 | 20,307 | 21,907 | -1,600 |
| Arkansas | 2,499 | 2,558 | -59 | 13,759 | 12,257 | 1,502 |
| California | 54,866 | 35,936 | 18,930 | 387,471 | 254,163 | 133,308 |
| Colorado | 2,384 | 2,073 | 311 | 21,653 | 19,920 | 1,733 |
| Connecticut | 4,509 | 2,501 | 2,008 | 36,187 | 30,027 | 6,160 |
| Delaware | 983 | 696 | 287 | 5,940 | 4,681 | 1,259 |
| District of Columbia | 693 | 214 | 479 | 8,209 | 8,384 | -175 |
| Florida | 7,635 | 5,255 | 2,380 | 44,157 | 37,990 | 6,167 |
| Georgia | 9,167 | 3,119 | 6,048 | 30,634 | 23,481 | 7,153 |
| Hawaii | 1,432 | 915 | 517 | 8,201 | 7,162 | 1,039 |
| Idaho | 2,074 | 2,284 | -210 | 7,322 | 6,159 | 1,163 |
| Illinois | 15,618 | 10,412 | 5,206 | 101,638 | 88,749 | 12,889 |
| Indiana | 3,554 | 2,143 | 1,411 | 15,173 | 13,323 | 1,850 |
| Iowa | 5,136 | 3,328 | 1,808 | 17,778 | 14,126 | 3,652 |
| Kansas | 2,175 | 1,739 | 436 | 10,564 | 9,405 | 1,159 |
| Kentucky | 2,742 | 2,672 | 70 | 17,677 | 15,373 | 2,304 |
| Louisiana | 2,227 | 1,857 | 370 | 16,869 | 18,465 | -1,596 |
| Maine | 1,124 | 764 | 360 | 5,448 | 4,743 | 705 |
| Maryland | 4,259 | 3,427 | 832 | 31,131 | 31,380 | -249 |
| Massachusetts | 7,719 | 7,404 | 315 | 60,605 | 57,286 | 3,319 |
| Michigan | 14,232 | 10,309 | 3,923 | 53,213 | 43,861 | 9,352 |
| Minnesota | 8,394 | 6,033 | 2,361 | 49,376 | 36,382 | 12,994 |
| Mississippi | 1,190 | 1,236 | -46 | 8,793 | 8,608 | 185 |
| Missouri | 4,067 | 3,211 | 856 | 23,357 | 23,021 | 336 |
| Montana | 1,752 | 1,589 | 163 | 9,737 | 7,852 | 1,885 |
| Nebraska | 1,096 | 1,280 | -184 | 5,131 | 4,120 | 1,011 |
| Nevada | 3,327 | 3,171 | 156 | 21,597 | 20,339 | 1,258 |
| New Hampshire | 613 | 531 | 82 | 3,478 | 3,611 | -133 |
| New Jersey | 10,975 | 10,619 | 356 | 95,942 | 82,561 | 13,381 |
| New Mexico | 1,046 | 921 | 125 | 10,416 | 9,831 | 585 |
| New York | 26,209 | 14,211 | 11,998 | 151,121 | 130,657 | 20,464 |
| North Carolina | 3,718 | 1,890 | 1,828 | 19,249 | 19,877 | -628 |
| North Dakota | 1,467 | 920 | 547 | 4,805 | 3,067 | 1,738 |
| Ohio | 10,526 | 8,418 | 2,108 | 54,250 | 48,065 | 6,185 |
| Oklahoma | 1,492 | 1,687 | -195 | 14,815 | 13,853 | 962 |
| Oregon | 6,721 | 3,940 | 2,781 | 30,266 | 26,316 | 3,950 |
| Pennsylvania | 24,779 | 17,314 | 7,465 | 111,444 | 98,895 | 12,549 |
| Puerto Rico ^{1M} | 7,115 | 3,106 | 4,009 | 51,108 | 28,466 | 22,642 |
| Rhode Island | 1,208 | 965 | 243 | 7,395 | 6,412 | 983 |
| South Carolina | 3,202 | 1,758 | 1,444 | 18,839 | 16,865 | 1,974 |
| South Dakota | 459 | 309 | 150 | 1,815 | 1,382 | 433 |
| Tennessee | 2,993 | 2,294 | 699 | 17,686 | 16,849 | 837 |
| Texas | 19,321 | 10,737 | 8,584 | 141,005 | 134,210 | 6,795 |
| Utah | 1,853 | 1,181 | 672 | 8,791 | 8,404 | 387 |
| Vermont | 862 | 1,191 | -329 | 4,283 | 3,014 | 1,269 |
| Virgin Islands ^{*1M} | 161 | 113 | 48 | 1,004 | 954 | 50 |
| Virginia | 3,824 | 2,461 | 1,363 | 25,512 | 21,905 | 3,607 |
| Washington | 9,492 | 7,538 | 1,954 | 59,737 | 51,766 | 7,971 |
| West Virginia | 2,064 | 955 | 1,109 | 12,402 | 9,282 | 3,120 |
| Wisconsin | 10,121 | 8,952 | 1,169 | 36,778 | 26,058 | 10,720 |
| Wyoming | 608 | 448 | 160 | 3,570 | 3,127 | 443 |
| US Total | 325,762 | 224,879 | 100,883 | 1,948,316 | 1,614,936 | 333,380 |

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 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.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

¹Affected by Hurricane Irma.

^MAffected by Hurricane Maria.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

| Week Ending | Change from | | | Insured Unemployment | Change from | | IUR |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----|
| | Initial Claims | Prior Week | 4-Week Average | | Prior Week | 4-Week Average | |
| November 26, 2016 | 262 | 14 | 249.75 | 2,020 | -64 | 2,041.00 | 1.5 |
| December 3, 2016 | 251 | -11 | 250.00 | 2,033 | 13 | 2,046.75 | 1.5 |
| December 10, 2016 | 251 | 0 | 253.00 | 2,044 | 11 | 2,045.25 | 1.5 |
| December 17, 2016 | 265 | 14 | 257.25 | 2,097 | 53 | 2,048.50 | 1.5 |
| December 24, 2016 | 258 | -7 | 256.25 | 2,102 | 5 | 2,069.00 | 1.5 |
| December 31, 2016 | 241 | -17 | 253.75 | 2,081 | -21 | 2,081.00 | 1.5 |
| January 7, 2017 | 245 | 4 | 252.25 | 2,061 | -20 | 2,085.25 | 1.5 |
| January 14, 2017 | 241 | -4 | 246.25 | 2,083 | 22 | 2,081.75 | 1.5 |
| January 21, 2017 | 252 | 11 | 244.75 | 2,063 | -20 | 2,072.00 | 1.5 |
| January 28, 2017 | 250 | -2 | 247.00 | 2,067 | 4 | 2,068.50 | 1.5 |
| February 4, 2017 | 237 | -13 | 245.00 | 2,071 | 4 | 2,071.00 | 1.5 |
| February 11, 2017 | 248 | 11 | 246.75 | 2,052 | -19 | 2,063.25 | 1.5 |
| February 18, 2017 | 247 | -1 | 245.50 | 2,057 | 5 | 2,061.75 | 1.5 |
| February 25, 2017 | 227 | -20 | 239.75 | 2,059 | 2 | 2,059.75 | 1.5 |
| March 4, 2017 | 252 | 25 | 243.50 | 2,025 | -34 | 2,048.25 | 1.5 |
| March 11, 2017 | 246 | -6 | 243.00 | 1,987 | -38 | 2,032.00 | 1.4 |
| March 18, 2017 | 261 | 15 | 246.50 | 2,052 | 65 | 2,030.75 | 1.5 |
| March 25, 2017 | 259 | -2 | 254.50 | 2,035 | -17 | 2,024.75 | 1.5 |
| April 1, 2017 | 235 | -24 | 250.25 | 2,028 | -7 | 2,025.50 | 1.5 |
| April 8, 2017 | 234 | -1 | 247.25 | 1,978 | -50 | 2,023.25 | 1.4 |
| April 15, 2017 | 243 | 9 | 242.75 | 1,987 | 9 | 2,007.00 | 1.4 |
| April 22, 2017 | 257 | 14 | 242.25 | 1,979 | -8 | 1,993.00 | 1.4 |
| April 29, 2017 | 238 | -19 | 243.00 | 1,920 | -59 | 1,966.00 | 1.4 |
| May 6, 2017 | 236 | -2 | 243.50 | 1,899 | -21 | 1,946.25 | 1.4 |
| May 13, 2017 | 233 | -3 | 241.00 | 1,924 | 25 | 1,930.50 | 1.4 |
| May 20, 2017 | 235 | 2 | 235.50 | 1,919 | -5 | 1,915.50 | 1.4 |
| May 27, 2017 | 255 | 20 | 239.75 | 1,929 | 10 | 1,917.75 | 1.4 |
| June 3, 2017 | 245 | -10 | 242.00 | 1,936 | 7 | 1,927.00 | 1.4 |
| June 10, 2017 | 238 | -7 | 243.25 | 1,942 | 6 | 1,931.50 | 1.4 |
| June 17, 2017 | 242 | 4 | 245.00 | 1,945 | 3 | 1,938.00 | 1.4 |
| June 24, 2017 | 244 | 2 | 242.25 | 1,965 | 20 | 1,947.00 | 1.4 |
| July 1, 2017 | 250 | 6 | 243.50 | 1,949 | -16 | 1,950.25 | 1.4 |
| July 8, 2017 | 248 | -2 | 246.00 | 1,977 | 28 | 1,959.00 | 1.4 |
| July 15, 2017 | 234 | -14 | 244.00 | 1,965 | -12 | 1,964.00 | 1.4 |
| July 22, 2017 | 245 | 11 | 244.25 | 1,967 | 2 | 1,964.50 | 1.4 |
| July 29, 2017 | 241 | -4 | 242.00 | 1,956 | -11 | 1,966.25 | 1.4 |
| August 5, 2017 | 244 | 3 | 241.00 | 1,954 | -2 | 1,960.50 | 1.4 |
| August 12, 2017 | 232 | -12 | 240.50 | 1,954 | 0 | 1,957.75 | 1.4 |
| August 19, 2017 | 235 | 3 | 238.00 | 1,945 | -9 | 1,952.25 | 1.4 |
| August 26, 2017 | 236 | 1 | 236.75 | 1,951 | 6 | 1,951.00 | 1.4 |
| September 2, 2017 | 298 | 62 | 250.25 | 1,935 | -16 | 1,946.25 | 1.4 |
| September 9, 2017 | 281 | -17 | 262.50 | 1,979 | 44 | 1,952.50 | 1.4 |
| September 16, 2017 | 260 | -21 | 268.75 | 1,911 | -68 | 1,944.00 | 1.4 |
| September 23, 2017 | 269 | 9 | 277.00 | 1,921 | 10 | 1,936.50 | 1.4 |
| September 30, 2017 | 258 | -11 | 267.00 | 1,904 | -17 | 1,928.75 | 1.4 |
| October 7, 2017 | 244 | -14 | 257.75 | 1,896 | -8 | 1,908.00 | 1.3 |
| October 14, 2017 | 223 | -21 | 248.50 | 1,900 | 4 | 1,905.25 | 1.4 |
| October 21, 2017 | 234 | 11 | 239.75 | 1,884 | -16 | 1,896.00 | 1.3 |
| October 28, 2017 | 229 | -5 | 232.50 | 1,904 | 20 | 1,896.00 | 1.4 |
| November 4, 2017 | 239 | 10 | 231.25 | 1,868 | -36 | 1,889.00 | 1.3 |
| November 11, 2017 | 252 | 13 | 238.50 | 1,915 | 47 | 1,892.75 | 1.4 |
| November 18, 2017 | 240 | -12 | 240.00 | 1,960 | 45 | 1,911.75 | 1.4 |
| November 25, 2017 | 238 | -2 | 242.25 | 1,908 | -52 | 1,912.75 | 1.4 |
| December 2, 2017 | 236 | -2 | 241.50 | | | | |

| Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 25 | | | | | | | Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 18 | | | | | |
|--|--------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---|----------|-------------------|------------------|--|---------|
| INITIAL CLAIMS | | | | | | | INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT | | | | | |
| STATE | STATE | CHANGE FROM | | | | STATE | CHANGE FROM | | | | ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT | |
| | | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | UCFE ₁ | UCX ₁ | | LAST WEEK | YEAR AGO | UCFE ₁ | UCX ₁ | | |
| | | | | | | (%) ₂ | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 2327 | -471 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 15944 | 0.9 | -3 | -3322 | 49 | 84 | 16077 |
| Alaska | 1292 | -403 | 46 | 12 | 5 | 10401 | 3.4 | -4 | -1653 | 157 | 29 | 11686 |
| Arizona | 2675 | -1542 | 18 | 17 | 1 | 21907 | 0.8 | -3120 | -2953 | 178 | 82 | 22167 |
| Arkansas | 2558 | -50 | -280 | 2 | 1 | 12257 | 1.0 | -235 | -2055 | 57 | 73 | 12387 |
| California | 35936 | -15058 | -6394 | 207 | 87 | 254163 | 1.5 | -70462 | -41512 | 1788 | 1607 | 257558 |
| Colorado | 2073 | -365 | -630 | 25 | 15 | 19920 | 0.8 | -415 | -3886 | 195 | 229 | 20344 |
| Connecticut | 2501 | -1295 | -435 | 2 | 4 | 30027 | 1.8 | -1644 | -3020 | 34 | 84 | 30145 |
| Delaware | 696 | -1 | -72 | 3 | 1 | 4681 | 1.1 | -70 | -173 | 9 | 10 | 4700 |
| District of Columbia | 214 | -192 | -57 | 5 | 2 | 8384 | 1.5 | -90 | 298 | 357 | 10 | 8751 |
| Florida | 5255 | -3168 | -111 | 9 | 35 | 37990 | 0.5 | -9268 | -1148 | 174 | 198 | 38362 |
| Georgia | 3119 | -2943 | -1235 | 17 | 21 | 23481 | 0.6 | -3888 | -1850 | 282 | 201 | 23964 |
| Hawaii | 915 | -574 | -34 | 3 | 9 | 7162 | 1.2 | -374 | 67 | 76 | 99 | 7337 |
| Idaho | 2284 | 382 | 174 | 42 | 4 | 6159 | 0.9 | 574 | -1398 | 186 | 15 | 6360 |
| Illinois | 10412 | -2521 | -2206 | 17 | 12 | 88749 | 1.5 | -1842 | -1233 | 377 | 227 | 89353 |
| Indiana | 2143 | -722 | -1266 | 4 | 6 | 13323 | 0.5 | -1041 | -6774 | 61 | 47 | 13431 |
| Iowa | 3328 | -275 | -632 | 5 | 1 | 14126 | 0.9 | 565 | -1931 | 47 | 39 | 14212 |
| Kansas | 1739 | -84 | -906 | 11 | 1 | 9405 | 0.7 | -309 | -843 | 160 | 45 | 9610 |
| Kentucky | 2672 | 41 | 117 | 10 | 2 | 15373 | 0.8 | -706 | -2812 | 200 | 112 | 15685 |
| Louisiana | 1857 | -861 | -172 | 5 | 5 | 18465 | 1.0 | 86 | -4519 | 47 | 31 | 18543 |
| Maine | 764 | -169 | -69 | 3 | 1 | 4743 | 0.8 | 125 | -614 | 25 | 15 | 4783 |
| Maryland | 3427 | -894 | -346 | 35 | 7 | 31380 | 1.3 | -369 | -1616 | 375 | 136 | 31891 |
| Massachusetts | 7404 | 1857 | 742 | 16 | 7 | 57286 | 1.7 | 2271 | -486 | 335 | 154 | 57775 |
| Michigan | 10309 | -41 | 677 | 23 | 10 | 43861 | 1.0 | -1287 | -3393 | 154 | 87 | 44102 |
| Minnesota | 6033 | -589 | -2076 | 14 | 1 | 36382 | 1.3 | 1233 | -1711 | 113 | 88 | 36583 |
| Mississippi | 1236 | -282 | -401 | 1 | 2 | 8608 | 0.8 | -188 | -1943 | 43 | 31 | 8682 |
| Missouri | 3211 | -3966 | -224 | 19 | 1 | 23021 | 0.8 | 1436 | 762 | 575 | 47 | 23643 |
| Montana | 1589 | -148 | -285 | 53 | 0 | 7852 | 1.8 | 98 | 39 | 277 | 29 | 8158 |
| Nebraska | 1280 | 371 | -203 | 2 | 1 | 4120 | 0.4 | 136 | -237 | 11 | 12 | 4143 |
| Nevada | 3171 | -126 | 54 | 12 | 2 | 20339 | 1.6 | -207 | -1075 | 115 | 75 | 20529 |
| New Hampshire | 531 | -45 | -75 | 0 | 0 | 3611 | 0.6 | 13 | -316 | 6 | 4 | 3621 |
| New Jersey | 10619 | -194 | 806 | 18 | 12 | 82561 | 2.1 | -5373 | -2870 | 217 | 287 | 83065 |
| New Mexico | 921 | -175 | -27 | 4 | 1 | 9831 | 1.3 | -302 | -1597 | 278 | 76 | 10185 |
| New York | 14211 | -3660 | -1124 | 24 | 24 | 130657 | 1.4 | -1758 | -5602 | 627 | 417 | 131701 |
| North Carolina | 1890 | -1383 | -562 | 4 | 8 | 19877 | 0.5 | -321 | -3340 | 94 | 166 | 20137 |
| North Dakota | 920 | -38 | -988 | 5 | 0 | 3067 | 0.8 | 355 | -436 | 13 | 4 | 3084 |
| Ohio | 8418 | 188 | -2353 | 12 | 22 | 48065 | 0.9 | 878 | -4294 | 191 | 244 | 48500 |
| Oklahoma | 1687 | -17 | 157 | 4 | 1 | 13853 | 0.9 | -63 | -6099 | 74 | 104 | 14031 |
| Oregon | 3940 | -1126 | -40 | 55 | 7 | 26316 | 1.4 | -679 | -670 | 514 | 115 | 26945 |
| Pennsylvania | 17314 | -76 | -1293 | 115 | 27 | 98895 | 1.7 | -2896 | -4295 | 534 | 316 | 99745 |
| Puerto Rico | 3106 | -3866 | 2181 | 0 | 2 | 28466 | 3.2 | -16606 | 6951 | 35 | 25 | 28526 |
| Rhode Island | 965 | -33 | -215 | 2 | 2 | 6412 | 1.4 | -60 | -905 | 19 | 23 | 6454 |
| South Carolina | 1758 | -984 | 42 | 1 | 7 | 16865 | 0.9 | -438 | 2393 | 77 | 56 | 16999 |
| South Dakota | 309 | -88 | -180 | 12 | 0 | 1382 | 0.3 | -29 | -168 | 25 | 3 | 1410 |
| Tennessee | 2294 | -297 | -166 | 9 | 1 | 16849 | 0.6 | -67 | 307 | 406 | 56 | 17311 |
| Texas | 10737 | -5089 | -140 | 77 | 58 | 134210 | 1.2 | 8412 | -13646 | 717 | 1314 | 136241 |
| Utah | 1181 | -412 | -253 | 38 | 2 | 8404 | 0.6 | 430 | -737 | 311 | 17 | 8732 |
| Vermont | 1191 | 530 | -229 | 2 | 0 | 3014 | 1.0 | -81 | -520 | 6 | 5 | 3025 |
| Virgin Islands | 113 | -46 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 954 | 2.6 | -1872 | 534 | 0 | 0 | 954 |
| Virginia | 2461 | -701 | -616 | 6 | 9 | 21905 | 0.6 | -967 | -763 | 314 | 338 | 22557 |
| Washington | 7538 | -1080 | -549 | 17 | 8 | 51766 | 1.6 | 1591 | 3848 | 398 | 605 | 52769 |
| West Virginia | 955 | -445 | -270 | 1 | 8 | 9282 | 1.4 | -91 | -2082 | 53 | 25 | 9360 |
| Wisconsin | 8952 | 3098 | -2711 | 14 | 2 | 26058 | 0.9 | 494 | -4366 | 74 | 38 | 26170 |
| Wyoming | 448 | -61 | -186 | 6 | 0 | 3127 | 1.2 | -280 | -1631 | 82 | 11 | 3220 |
| Totals | 224879 | -50089 | -24895 | 1005 | 451 | 1614936 | 1.1 | -108708 | -131295 | 11522 | 8145 | 1635703 |

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 25, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| WI | +3,098 | Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries. |
| MA | +1,857 | Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing industry. |

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| CA | -15,058 | Fewer layoffs in the service industry. |
| TX | -5,089 | No comment. |
| MO | -3,966 | Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and health care and social assistance industries. |
| PR | -3,866 | No comment. |
| NY | -3,660 | Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and accommodation and food service industries. |
| FL | -3,168 | Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries. |
| GA | -2,943 | Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, trade, and construction industries. |
| IL | -2,521 | No comment. |
| AZ | -1,542 | No comment. |
| NC | -1,383 | Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries. |
| CT | -1,295 | No comment. |
| OR | -1,126 | No comment. |
| WA | -1,080 | 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. 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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