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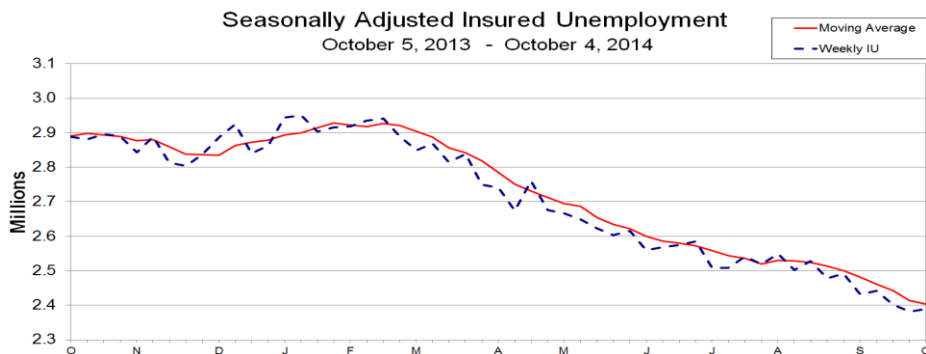
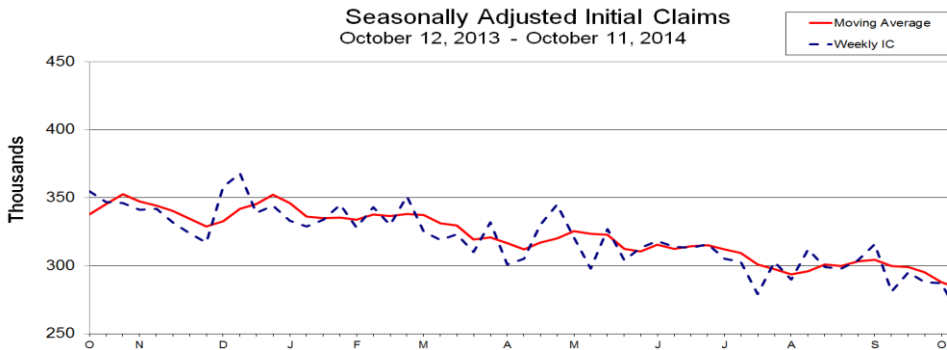
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 264,000, a decrease of 23,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 287,000. This is the lowest level for initial claims since April 15, 2000 when it was 259,000. The 4-week moving average was 283,500, a decrease of 4,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 287,750. This is the lowest level for this average since June 10, 2000 when it was 283,500.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

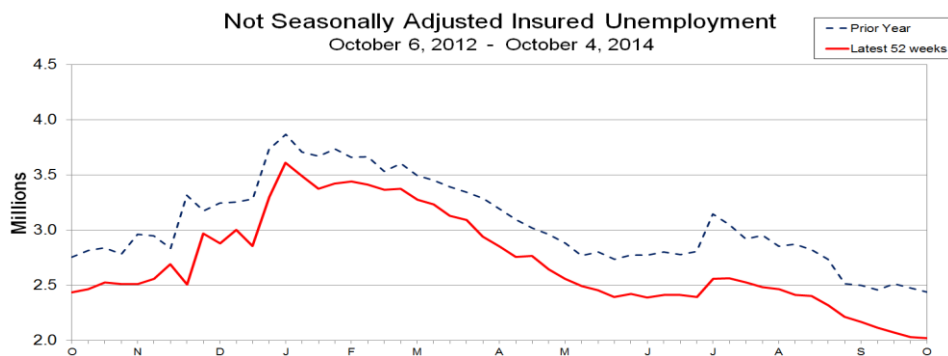
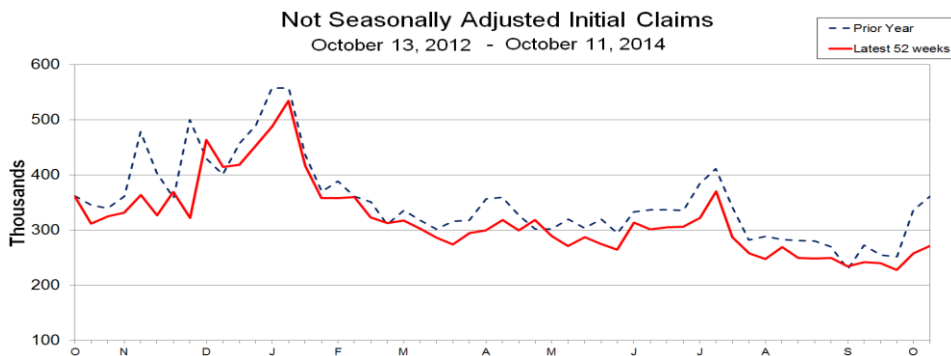
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.8 percent for the week ending October 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 4 was 2,389,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 2,381,000 to 2,382,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,403,750, a decrease of 10,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since June 17, 2006 when it was 2,399,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 2,414,250 to 2,414,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 271,590 in the week ending October 11, an increase of 14,031 (or 5.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 37,615 (or 14.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 360,957 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending October 4, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,018,567, a decrease of 13,158 (or -0.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,055 (or -0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,437,325.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 27 was 2,088,553, a decrease of 38,946 from the previous week. There were 3,929,626 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2013.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending September 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,530 in the week ending October 4, an increase of 450 from the prior week. There were 2,590 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 956 from the preceding week.

There were 15,994 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 27, an increase of 71 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 24,842, an increase of 373 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 27 were in Puerto Rico (3.5), Virgin Islands (3.0), Alaska (2.9), New Jersey (2.8), Connecticut (2.4), California (2.3), Massachusetts (2.1), Nevada (2.1), Pennsylvania (2.1), Illinois (1.9), District of Columbia (1.8), and Maryland (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 4 were in New York (+4,753), Texas (+1,976), California (+1,825), Florida (+1,743), and Ohio (+1,734), while the largest decreases were in Oklahoma (-191), Idaho (-123), Nevada (-82), and the Virgin Islands (-11).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 11	October 4	Change	September 27	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	264,000	287,000	-23,000	288,000	355,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	271,590	257,559	+14,031	227,680	360,957
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	283,500	287,750	-4,250	295,000	337,750
WEEK ENDING	October 4	September 27	Change	September 20	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,389,000	2,382,000	+7,000	2,402,000	2,888,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,018,567	2,031,725	-13,158	2,070,822	2,437,325
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,403,750	2,414,500	-10,750	2,442,000	2,890,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.8%	2.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.6%	1.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 4	September 27	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,530	1,080	+450	71,442
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	2,590	1,634	+956	3,531

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 27	September 20	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,027,412	2,066,592	-39,180	2,471,001
Federal Employees	15,994	15,923	+71	19,573
Newly Discharged Veterans	24,842	24,469	+373	34,922
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	5	3	+2	204
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,288	5,213	+75	5,053
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,012	15,299	-287	19,755
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,088,553	2,127,499	-38,946	3,929,626

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 132,731,174 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](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 4, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+4,753	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, food service, and public administration industries.
TX	+1,976	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, finance and insurance, and retail trade industries.
CA	+1,825	No comment.
FL	+1,743	Layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
OH	+1,734	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IA	+1,607	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WI	+1,412	No comment.
PA	+1,375	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, professional, scientific and technical service, manufacturing, and arts, entertainment and recreation industries.
IL	+1,315	No comment.
GA	+1,266	Layoffs in the manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.

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	
October 5, 2013	362	44	328.50	2888	-22	2890.25	2.2
October 12, 2013	355	-7	337.75	2881	-7	2898.75	2.2
October 19, 2013	347	-8	345.50	2896	15	2893.75	2.2
October 26, 2013	346	-1	352.50	2890	-6	2888.75	2.2
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2843	-47	2877.50	2.2
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2889	46	2879.50	2.2
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2813	-76	2858.75	2.2
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2804	-9	2837.25	2.2
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2837	33	2835.75	2.2
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2887	50	2835.25	2.2
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2925	38	2863.25	2.2
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2840	-85	2872.25	2.2
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2863	23	2878.75	2.2
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2945	82	2893.25	2.2
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2951	6	2899.75	2.3
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2903	-48	2915.50	2.2
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2915	12	2928.50	2.2
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2918	3	2921.75	2.2
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2936	18	2918.00	2.2
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2941	5	2927.50	2.2
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2890	-51	2921.25	2.2
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2850	-40	2904.25	2.2
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2869	19	2887.50	2.2
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2814	-55	2855.75	2.1
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2838	24	2842.75	2.2
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2750	-88	2817.75	2.1
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2741	-9	2785.75	2.1
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2674	-67	2750.75	2.0
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2761	87	2731.50	2.1
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2676	-85	2713.00	2.0
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2666	-10	2694.25	2.0
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2648	-18	2687.75	2.0
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2623	-25	2653.25	2.0
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2603	-20	2635.00	2.0
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2615	12	2622.25	2.0
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2559	-56	2600.00	1.9
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2568	9	2586.25	2.0
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2575	7	2579.25	2.0
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2586	11	2572.00	2.0
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2508	-78	2559.25	1.9
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2508	0	2544.25	1.9
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2542	34	2536.00	1.9
July 26, 2014	303	24	297.50	2519	-23	2519.25	1.9
August 2, 2014	290	-13	293.75	2549	30	2529.50	1.9
August 9, 2014	312	22	296.00	2502	-47	2528.00	1.9
August 16, 2014	299	-13	301.00	2528	26	2524.50	1.9
August 23, 2014	298	-1	299.75	2478	-50	2514.25	1.9
August 30, 2014	304	6	303.25	2492	14	2500.00	1.9
September 6, 2014	316	12	304.25	2432	-60	2482.50	1.8
September 13, 2014	281	-35	299.75	2442	10	2461.00	1.8
September 20, 2014	295	14	299.00	2402	-40	2442.00	1.8
September 27, 2014	288	-7	295.00	2382	-20	2414.50	1.8
October 4, 2014	287	-1	287.75	2389	7	2403.75	1.8
October 11, 2014	264	-23	283.50				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 4								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 27				
INITIAL CLAIMS								INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
CHANGE FROM								CHANGE FROM				
STATE	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
Alabama	3130	158	-764	25	39	23894	1.3	-303	-6349	95	248	24237
Alaska	1364	73	-1255	21	10	8947	2.9	-93	-1897	127	85	9159
Arizona	4455	60	-1607	33	5	35554	1.5	-946	-4020	146	286	35986
Arkansas	2916	820	-1494	12	2	19482	1.7	-456	-5306	105	237	19824
California	45943	1825	-25659	262	356	350650	2.3	-19679	-78055	2727	4713	358092
Colorado	2923	789	-918	37	82	26356	1.2	-493	-7937	178	849	27383
Connecticut	3266	440	-633	11	26	38284	2.4	-268	-5484	74	246	38604
Delaware	678	49	-124	2	5	6578	1.6	680	-1261	28	70	6676
District of Columbia	399	91	-591	9	3	9444	1.8	-74	-1697	350	12	9806
Florida	14380	1743	1044	49	166	84226	1.1	-4091	-19329	393	732	85351
Georgia	7824	1266	-827	82	111	41449	1.1	-469	-11582	623	882	42954
Hawaii	1443	105	-1562	4	54	8738	1.5	-75	-2044	130	292	9160
Idaho	1189	-123	-177	3	8	7027	1.1	-10	-1102	26	61	7114
Illinois	9687	1315	-2226	13	46	105551	1.9	-1845	-24545	450	690	106691
Indiana	3983	222	-1270	19	32	23520	0.8	222	-15073	200	218	23938
Iowa	3500	1607	993	5	8	15271	1.0	-140	-1899	54	127	15452
Kansas	2325	569	-109	4	4	13806	1.1	-522	-5442	99	195	14100
Kentucky	3230	483	-2703	48	14	21693	1.2	488	-5927	431	515	22639
Louisiana	2081	194	-375	5	21	19214	1.0	-372	-4079	82	107	19403
Maine	853	117	-499	5	2	6142	1.1	-204	-1794	31	47	6220
Maryland	3954	253	-5201	29	52	43806	1.8	-408	-4889	527	426	44759
Massachusetts	5884	676	-780	30	38	66732	2.1	1072	2975	575	483	67790
Michigan	6462	443	-2584	28	61	52023	1.3	-9387	-11213	168	349	52540
Minnesota	3422	599	-1905	8	15	28747	1.1	-147	-5293	85	229	29061
Mississippi	1808	150	-473	11	17	15656	1.5	-140	-4298	118	191	15965
Missouri	4721	374	-901	52	22	31637	1.2	-194	-7911	1164	225	33026
Montana	1148	312	-976	37	9	5141	1.2	193	-1717	69	65	5275
Nebraska	1027	131	-45	5	6	5838	0.6	-133	-1664	30	30	5898
Nevada	3020	-82	-579	9	17	23845	2.1	-2493	-1776	60	206	24111
New Hampshire	702	64	-458	7	2	5262	0.9	-76	-982	11	25	5298
New Jersey	9183	13	-428	23	57	104424	2.8	2491	-8575	311	611	105346
New Mexico	1088	183	-482	28	24	12430	1.6	-201	-2276	137	140	12707
New York	19944	4753	898	87	89	156225	1.8	3776	-36185	1161	1146	158532
North Carolina	4834	220	-1251	11	84	44065	1.1	-468	-27220	221	792	45078
North Dakota	434	266	181	3	4	1095	0.3	-23	-235	12	12	1119
Ohio	7798	1734	-4633	32	96	51567	1.0	-922	-12745	273	648	52488
Oklahoma	1426	-191	-788	4	33	14738	1.0	-294	-3792	57	204	14999
Oregon	5172	695	-1017	40	51	29780	1.8	61	-6703	194	367	30341
Pennsylvania	14620	1375	-3410	102	141	117437	2.1	-1276	-24960	898	989	119324
Puerto Rico	1988	370	-564	3	11	31851	3.5	-300	-3798	177	296	32324
Rhode Island	1021	61	-191	4	9	8246	1.8	-21	-975	37	66	8349
South Carolina	3071	223	-635	12	55	17133	0.9	-502	-9056	54	249	17436
South Dakota	210	31	-66	2	4	1059	0.3	9	-259	25	10	1094
Tennessee	3600	460	-202	33	38	27424	1.0	-1110	-7487	428	304	28156
Texas	14482	1976	-1724	96	371	130981	1.2	979	-21661	1553	3519	136055
Utah	1260	152	-824	102	21	9065	0.7	-99	-2664	336	82	9483
Vermont	400	40	-225	3	4	3218	1.1	59	-335	11	18	3247
Virgin Islands	58	-11	-11	0	1	1144	3.0	142	-188	4	14	1162
Virginia	4076	648	-4218	14	51	30964	0.9	-9	-6519	377	948	32289
Washington	7090	477	-2082	47	171	44505	1.5	138	-8604	363	1310	46178
West Virginia	1071	206	-159	3	10	10632	1.6	-407	-2671	62	107	10801
Wisconsin	6665	1412	-1326	10	21	36905	1.4	-836	-14940	113	143	37162
Wyoming	351	63	-563	6	11	2324	0.9	79	-1099	34	26	2384
Totals	257559	29879	-78378	1530	2590	2031725	1.5	-39097	-444537	15994	24842	2072566

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.

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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