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TECHNICAL NOTE: In response to recommendations resulting from an internal review of state operations, the state of California has announced a two week pause in its processing of initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits. The state will use this time to reduce its claims processing backlog and implement fraud prevention technology. Recognizing that the pause will likely result in significant week to week swings in initial claims for California and the nation unrelated to any changes in economic conditions, California's initial claims published in the UI Claims News Release will reflect the level reported during the last week prior to the pause. Upon completion of the pause and the post-pause processing, the state will submit revised reports to reflect claims in the week during which they were filed.

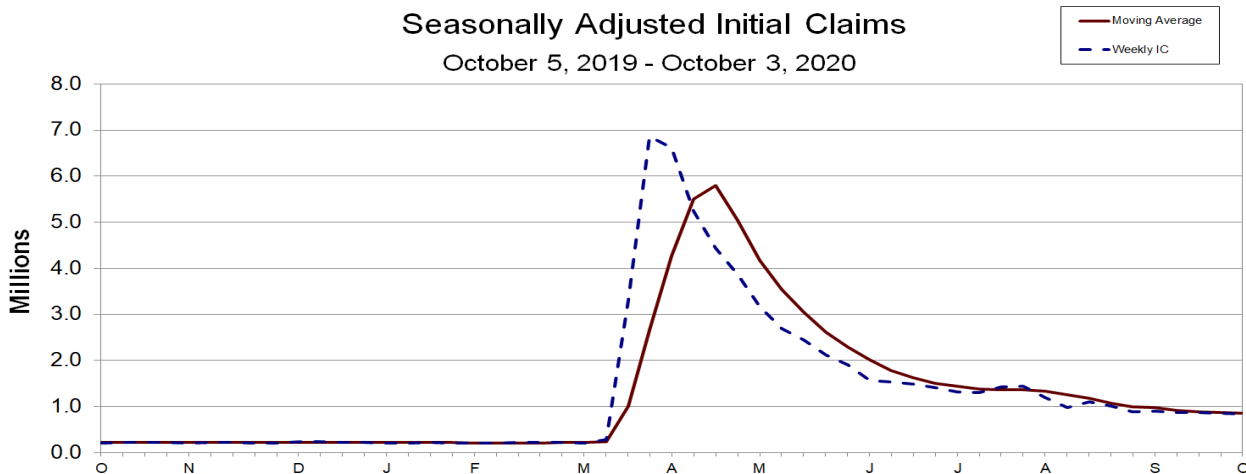
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

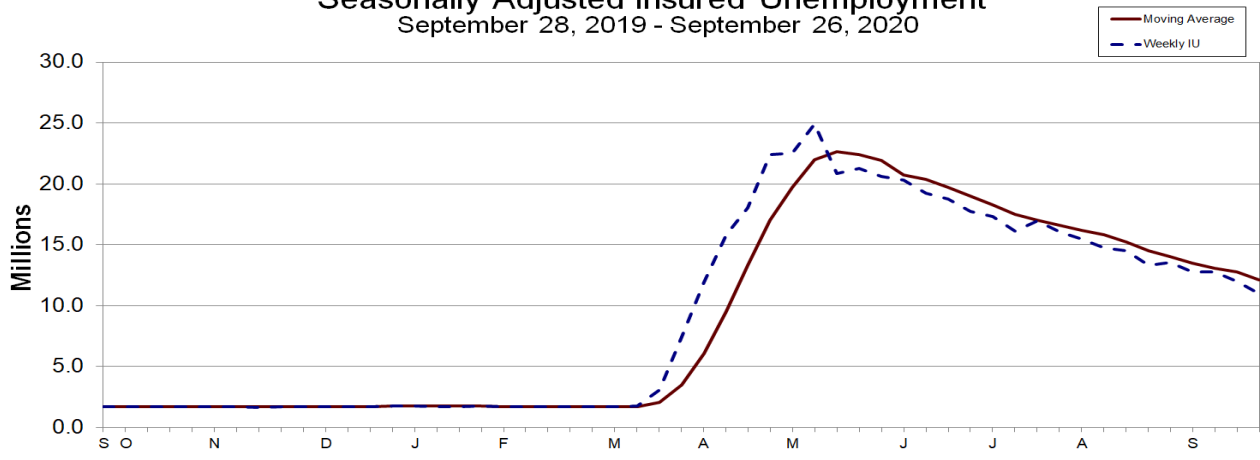
In the week ending October 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 840,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 12,000 from 837,000 to 849,000. The 4-week moving average was 857,000, a decrease of 13,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,000 from 867,250 to 870,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 7.5 percent for the week ending September 26, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 8.1 to 8.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 26 was 10,976,000, a decrease of 1,003,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 212,000 from 11,767,000 to 11,979,000. The 4-week moving average was 12,112,250, a decrease of 642,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 53,000 from 12,701,250 to 12,754,250.



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

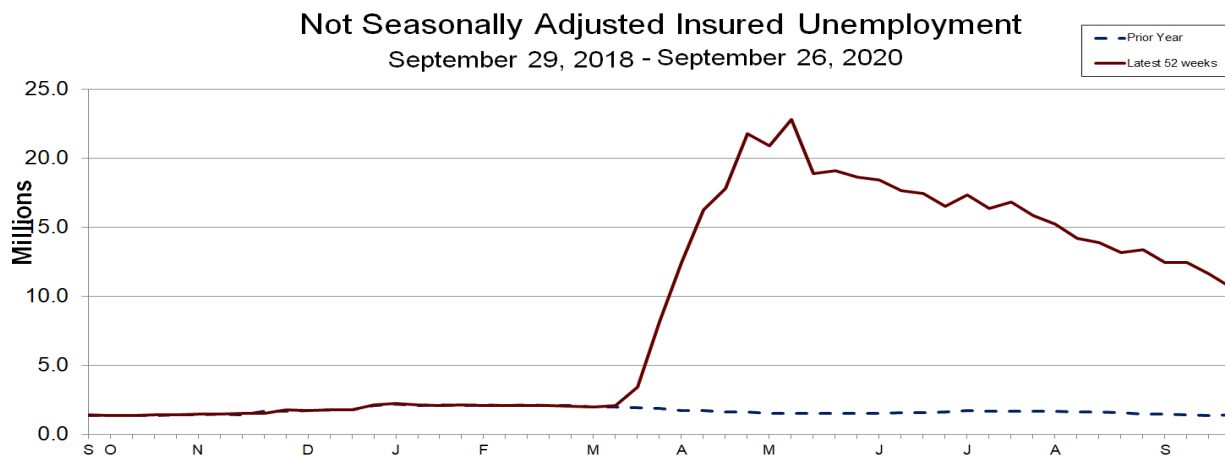
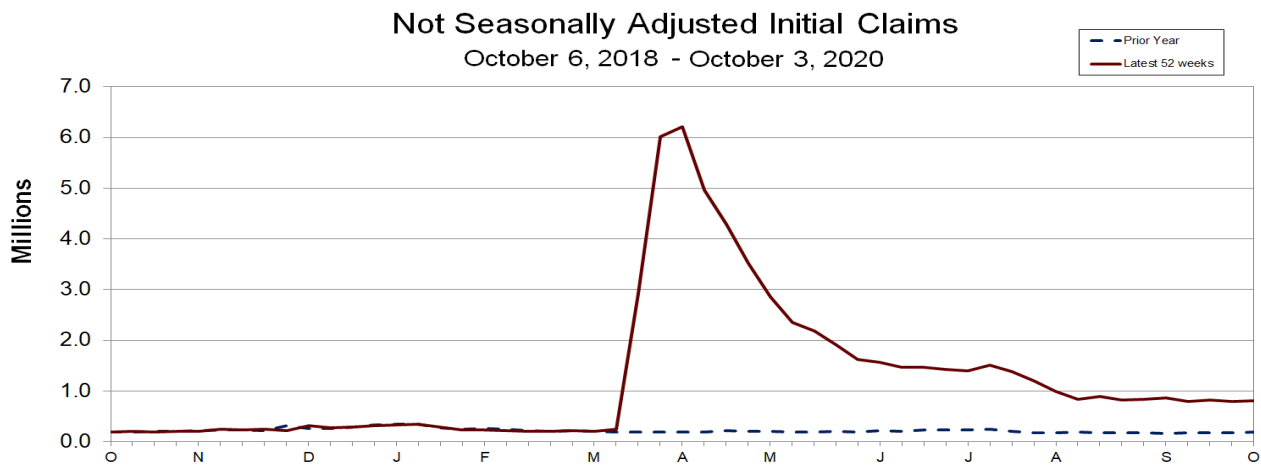
September 28, 2019 - September 26, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 804,307 in the week ending October 3, an increase of 5,312 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 14,319 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 188,106 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending October 3, 53 states reported 464,437 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 7.3 percent during the week ending September 26, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 10,612,021, a decrease of 1,010,280 (or -8.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,090 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,392,109.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 19 was 25,505,499, a decrease of 1,003,179 from the previous week. There were 1,407,308 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending September 19, Extended Benefits were available in the following 46 states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,097 in the week ending September 26, an increase of 8 from the prior week. There were 1,001 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 172 from the preceding week.

There were 12,136 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 19, a decrease of 1,171 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,758, a decrease of 654 from the prior week.

During the week ending Sep 19, 50 states reported 11,394,832 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 1,959,953 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 19 were in Hawaii (20.1), California (16.1), Nevada (13.7), Puerto Rico (12.2), the Virgin Islands (12.1), Louisiana (11.4), New York (11.1), Georgia (10.9), District of Columbia (10.4), and Michigan (10.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 26 were in Maryland (+3,619), Illinois (+3,414), New Jersey (+2,504), Michigan (+2,358), and Massachusetts (+1,886), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-7,075), Florida (-6,655), Georgia (-5,895), New York (-5,112), and Oregon (-2,317).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 3	September 26	Change	September 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	840,000	849,000	-9,000	873,000	212,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	804,307	798,995	+5,312	827,212	188,106
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	857,000	870,250	-13,250	879,000	214,000

WEEK ENDING	September 26	September 19	Change	September 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	10,976,000	11,979,000	-1,003,000	12,747,000	1,698,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	10,612,021	11,622,301	-1,010,280	12,431,032	1,392,109
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	12,112,250	12,754,250	-642,000	13,082,500	1,678,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	7.5%	8.2%	-0.7	8.7%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	7.3%	8.0%	-0.7	8.5%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 3	September 26	Change	September 19
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	464,437	508,707	-44,270	615,599

WEEK ENDING	September 26	September 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,097	1,089	+8	560
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,001	829	+172	523

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 19	September 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	11,561,062	12,363,489	-802,427	1,380,667
Federal Employees	12,136	13,307	-1,171	6,404
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,758	14,412	-654	5,742
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	11,394,832	11,828,338	-433,506	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,959,953	1,806,241	+153,712	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	352,479	268,350	+84,129	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,501	2,343	+158	5,462
STC / Workshare ⁷	208,778	212,198	-3,420	9,033
TOTAL⁸	25,505,499	26,508,678	-1,003,179	1,407,308

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 146,125,989 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	7,316	8,805	-1,489	24,873	34,997	-10,124
Alaska	4,042	3,600	442	20,734	22,532	-1,798
Arizona	9,798	8,208	1,590	165,377	175,838	-10,461
Arkansas	5,039	6,137	-1,098	31,056	37,975	-6,919
California*	226,179	226,179	0	2,802,145	2,802,145	0
Colorado	5,976	4,862	1,114	130,135	143,856	-13,721
Connecticut	4,595	5,015	-420	137,116	161,782	-24,666
Delaware	1,658	1,815	-157	25,845	26,824	-979
District of Columbia	1,489	1,889	-400	51,393	60,168	-8,775
Florida	40,200	32,373	7,827	273,985	373,194	-99,209
Georgia	43,874	43,526	348	445,380	478,732	-33,352
Hawaii	5,400	5,681	-281	112,517	124,499	-11,982
Idaho	2,804	2,995	-191	8,013	9,895	-1,882
Illinois	36,036	29,390	6,646	457,547	502,314	-44,767
Indiana	11,199	10,209	990	132,604	150,463	-17,859
Iowa	4,730	4,616	114	51,666	58,419	-6,753
Kansas	14,793	17,531	-2,738	57,006	52,779	4,227
Kentucky	5,466	7,520	-2,054	94,121	101,233	-7,112
Louisiana	12,973	16,296	-3,323	179,449	214,860	-35,411
Maine	1,665	1,584	81	21,729	24,701	-2,972
Maryland	10,195	9,280	915	142,470	169,032	-26,562
Massachusetts	28,724	25,460	3,264	288,388	327,621	-39,233
Michigan	15,915	19,760	-3,845	369,864	440,645	-70,781
Minnesota	9,710	9,339	371	157,669	174,779	-17,110
Mississippi	3,716	4,653	-937	62,704	75,175	-12,471
Missouri	8,253	7,353	900	58,445	71,313	-12,868
Montana	3,308	3,253	55	18,537	20,195	-1,658
Nebraska	3,207	3,001	206	16,854	19,895	-3,041
Nevada	10,088	7,525	2,563	162,322	190,613	-28,291
New Hampshire	1,518	2,193	-675	32,243	35,128	-2,885
New Jersey	22,715	27,184	-4,469	279,472	322,414	-42,942
New Mexico	3,536	3,279	257	70,147	77,556	-7,409
New York	66,528	64,678	1,850	955,451	1,046,997	-91,546
North Carolina	14,882	12,627	2,255	118,267	134,154	-15,887
North Dakota	889	856	33	12,130	11,388	742
Ohio	17,819	18,002	-183	224,597	303,935	-79,338
Oklahoma	5,001	5,258	-257	78,430	97,912	-19,482
Oregon	3,943	5,738	-1,795	145,398	152,643	-7,245
Pennsylvania	19,321	22,955	-3,634	450,068	482,699	-32,631
Puerto Rico	1,187	763	424	89,783	105,030	-15,247
Rhode Island	2,717	3,098	-381	26,474	31,964	-5,490
South Carolina	5,102	4,905	197	71,128	85,052	-13,924
South Dakota	404	267	137	4,975	6,167	-1,192
Tennessee	9,839	10,311	-472	131,371	151,690	-20,319
Texas	41,656	41,351	305	802,730	902,269	-99,539
Utah	2,605	2,460	145	23,531	25,803	-2,272
Vermont	565	601	-36	18,362	20,616	-2,254
Virgin Islands	20	346	-326	3,194	4,440	-1,246
Virginia	12,643	9,377	3,266	158,024	173,717	-15,693
Washington	18,545	21,002	-2,457	259,158	236,928	22,230
West Virginia	1,780	1,903	-123	38,130	40,892	-2,762
Wisconsin	12,039	11,185	854	111,838	119,104	-7,266
Wyoming	705	801	-96	7,176	7,329	-153
US Total	804,307	798,995	5,312	10,612,021	11,622,301	-1,010,280

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.

*Denotes state estimate.

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	
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,976	-1,003	12,112.25	7.5
October 3, 2020	840	-9	857.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 3			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 19	Sep 12	Change
Alabama	1,063	1,361	-298	38,734	36,793	1,941
Alaska	285	272	13	10,124	10,397	-273
Arizona	74,519	93,880	-19,361	432,949	415,732	17,217
Arkansas	3,602	4,670	-1,068	69,557	67,705	1,852
California*	99,824	99,824	0	3,493,940	3,493,940	0
Colorado	2,309	2,413	-104	64,680	64,066	614
Connecticut	714	766	-52	50,759	53,597	-2,838
Delaware	127	127	0	8,031	7,705	326
District of Columbia	145	186	-41	15,676	14,649	1,027
Florida	31,578	20,520	11,058	0	0	0
Georgia	4,135	5,458	-1,323	234,798	270,771	-35,973
Hawaii	3,459	4,402	-943	125,022	104,010	21,012
Idaho	40	38	2	11,069	11,417	-348
Illinois	6,762	5,360	1,402	120,061	118,875	1,186
Indiana	12,797	11,675	1,122	202,155	261,488	-59,333
Iowa	750	857	-107	12,759	12,960	-201
Kansas	9,082	10,159	-1,077	188,918	255,416	-66,498
Kentucky	3,298	2,262	1,036	27,807	51,478	-23,671
Louisiana	8,440	12,700	-4,260	135,636	134,309	1,327
Maine	669	1,154	-485	17,878	17,721	157
Maryland	6,045	3,752	2,293	173,031	247,123	-74,092
Massachusetts	10,991	10,925	66	446,245	472,752	-26,507
Michigan	15,117	14,655	462	767,321	779,433	-12,112
Minnesota	3	285	-282	45,331	47,752	-2,421
Mississippi	1,848	2,128	-280	30,469	32,735	-2,266
Missouri	593	702	-109	58,356	58,978	-622
Montana	1,409	1,660	-251	39,459	47,244	-7,785
Nebraska	1,857	1,774	83	32,383	31,360	1,023
Nevada	9,439	11,198	-1,759	95,829	95,681	148
New Hampshire	357	380	-23	15,875	16,416	-541
New Jersey	10,904	19,373	-8,469	398,080	399,889	-1,809
New Mexico	1,240	1,292	-52	39,223	40,434	-1,211
New York	30,489	33,142	-2,653	1,365,856	1,482,560	-116,704
North Carolina	9,087	11,024	-1,937	179,921	172,114	7,807
North Dakota	951	887	64	5,690	6,078	-388
Ohio	22,227	18,461	3,766	408,420	396,985	11,435
Oklahoma	780	780	0	14,243	13,978	265
Oregon	5,473	4,701	772	110,927	118,349	-7,422
Pennsylvania	24,660	46,789	-22,129	799,173	834,218	-35,045
Puerto Rico	12,005	11,809	196	194,614	182,280	12,334
Rhode Island	6,206	6,820	-614	48,462	50,468	-2,006
South Carolina	3,924	3,822	102	62,610	62,824	-214
South Dakota	32	49	-17	2,372	2,360	12
Tennessee	4,334	7,152	-2,818	153,984	153,889	95
Texas	6,407	6,822	-415	278,711	290,944	-12,233
Utah	737	676	61	5,603	6,165	-562
Vermont	43	52	-9	9,104	9,327	-223
Virgin Islands	71	76	-5	0	0	0
Virginia	3,333	3,106	227	194,077	205,981	-11,904
Washington	3,813	4,088	-275	113,184	114,600	-1,416
West Virginia	3,968	0	3,968	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,379	2,131	248	43,479	50,097	-6,618
Wyoming	117	112	5	2,247	2,295	-48
US Total	464,437	508,707	-44,270	11,394,832	11,828,338	-433,506

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#) . Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

*Denotes state estimate.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	September 19	September 12	Change	September 5	August 29
Alabama	16,110	76,596	-60,486	77,955	78,755
Alaska	7,482	6,832	650	5,890	5,597
Arizona	21,410	20,204	1,206	19,164	18,228
Arkansas	21,390	21,969	-579	20,826	21,596
California	471,016	446,281	24,735	400,546	369,443
Colorado	27,338	31,083	-3,745	21,097	25,732
Connecticut	19,031	12,811	6,220	11,549	12,575
Delaware	4,271	2,685	1,586	2,329	2,010
District of Columbia	4,927	2,126	2,801	2,093	2,107
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	6,635	6,962	-327	7,144	7,154
Illinois	37,650	33,923	3,727	32,208	32,489
Indiana	12,724	8,591	4,133	7,752	7,393
Iowa	23,983	22,817	1,166	20,898	16,670
Kansas	12,293	10,990	1,303	10,678	9,903
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	4,075	2,871	1,204	2,943	3,049
Maine	10,721	8,649	2,072	7,869	7,714
Maryland	18,793	12,762	6,031	12,204	11,381
Massachusetts	77,400	55,764	21,636	46,320	44,668
Michigan	62,134	64,447	-2,313	52,289	55,402
Minnesota	41,622	36,733	4,889	34,455	32,149
Mississippi	13,437	12,231	1,206	10,275	11,045
Missouri	49,329	41,710	7,619	38,192	34,654
Montana	4,300	4,706	-406	4,387	4,369
Nebraska	2,736	2,565	171	2,474	2,538
Nevada	37,346	31,382	5,964	28,121	25,898
New Hampshire	1,599	832	767	1,024	1,041
New Jersey	74,743	60,121	14,622	55,989	55,831
New Mexico	9,773	6,942	2,831	6,424	6,223
New York	232,083	161,243	70,840	96,852	83,372
North Carolina	192,153	214,315	-22,162	220,959	226,731
North Dakota	4,686	4,633	53	4,372	4,332
Ohio	32,847	21,001	11,846	19,190	18,374
Oklahoma	16,913	13,653	3,260	11,085	8,912
Oregon	19,823	19,113	710	17,616	18,250
Pennsylvania	62,687	50,699	11,988	49,564	46,375
Puerto Rico	7,110	5,461	1,649	0	4,780
Rhode Island	11,305	7,959	3,346	7,748	6,571
South Carolina	64,775	60,082	4,693	54,415	48,193
South Dakota	474	513	-39	545	394
Tennessee	57,675	52,333	5,342	48,091	26,798
Texas	31,939	30,830	1,109	23,506	29,051
Utah	8,639	8,605	34	8,583	8,318
Vermont	3,339	2,348	991	2,060	1,895
Virgin Islands	116	103	13	143	5
Virginia	73,727	65,574	8,153	58,726	52,800
Washington	7,438	8,299	-861	10,289	6,414
West Virginia	6,169	5,053	1,116	4,651	4,808
Wisconsin	29,498	26,744	2,754	23,595	23,216
Wyoming	2,289	2,095	194	1,940	1,963
US Total	1,959,953	1,806,241	153,712	1,607,025	1,527,166

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	September 19	September 12	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,133	1,154	-21
Arizona	1,530	1,042	488
Arkansas	0	1,380	-1,380
California	105,869	59,154	46,715
Colorado	47	60	-13
Connecticut	5,941	5,699	242
Delaware	116	120	-4
District of Columbia	5	2	3
Florida	525	475	50
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	9	10	-1
Idaho	33	26	7
Illinois	21,950	19,534	2,416
Indiana	3,201	3,080	121
Iowa	3,115	3,064	51
Kansas	999	991	8
Kentucky	132	860	-728
Louisiana	1,757	1,556	201
Maine	933	901	32
Maryland	4,448	3,961	487
Massachusetts	13,220	12,174	1,046
Michigan	1	1	0
Minnesota	6,511	6,146	365
Mississippi	1,899	1,762	137
Missouri	4,308	4,275	33
Montana	621	628	-7
Nebraska	226	231	-5
Nevada	4,146	3,767	379
New Hampshire	444	417	27
New Jersey	26,886	25,030	1,856
New Mexico	1,811	1,687	124
New York	37,732	36,274	1,458
North Carolina	36,761	17,376	19,385
North Dakota	363	332	31
Ohio	9,815	9,360	455
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	4,123	3,794	329
Pennsylvania	23,693	18,279	5,414
Puerto Rico	513	492	21
Rhode Island	1,588	1,412	176
South Carolina	5,685	5,213	472
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2,239	2,105	134
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	1,038	906	132
Vermont	625	522	103
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	4,994	2,537	2,457
Washington	10,957	10,185	772
West Virginia	32	22	10
Wisconsin	27	17	10
Wyoming	478	337	141
US Total	352,479	268,350	84,129

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 26

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 19

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	8,805	126	6,926	20	9	34,997	1.8	-2,434	20,310	105	43	35,145
Alaska	3,600	-31	2,734	15	3	22,532	7.3	-1,557	17,802	107	54	22,693
Arizona	8,208	-857	4,451	5	10	175,838	6.1	-14,669	152,227	203	247	176,288
Arkansas	6,137	359	4,791	2	3	37,975	3.2	-2,881	28,194	68	37	38,080
California	226,179	0	192,953	229	144	2,802,145	16.1	0	2,524,264	2,012	3,198	2,807,355
Colorado	4,862	-253	3,433	15	19	143,856	5.4	-7,394	128,573	183	349	144,388
Connecticut	5,015	-126	2,985	18	1	161,782	9.8	-14,120	136,125	237	209	162,228
Delaware	1,815	40	1,324	3	6	26,824	6.0	-2,159	23,110	24	23	26,871
District of Columbia	1,889	340	1,492	21	0	60,168	10.4	-4,735	53,809	764	7	60,939
Florida	32,373	-6,655	26,985	15	6	373,194	4.3	-987	333,719	258	203	373,655
Georgia	43,526	-5,895	38,992	71	53	478,732	10.9	-58,154	454,777	626	533	479,891
Hawaii	5,681	-1,076	4,648	10	11	124,499	20.1	-8,105	118,606	273	181	124,953
Idaho	2,995	-442	2,341	5	1	9,895	1.3	-813	6,519	10	13	9,918
Illinois	29,390	3,414	22,597	8	12	502,314	8.5	-34,504	427,437	533	236	503,083
Indiana	10,209	-1,493	7,890	11	7	150,463	4.9	-10,680	137,512	110	149	150,722
Iowa	4,616	-1,501	2,371	2	4	58,419	3.8	-4,519	46,368	81	50	58,550
Kansas	17,531	57	16,325	4	3	52,779	3.9	-180	45,136	84	58	52,921
Kentucky	7,520	-893	5,147	3	6	101,233	5.3	-11,907	85,728	96	190	101,519
Louisiana	16,296	1,454	14,684	16	16	214,860	11.4	-23,864	200,806	179	64	215,103
Maine	1,584	153	1,217	0	1	24,701	4.1	-3,370	21,791	26	30	24,757
Maryland	9,280	3,619	6,715	32	20	169,032	6.6	7,611	146,206	227	138	169,397
Massachusetts	25,460	1,886	21,788	30	12	327,621	9.2	-33,874	282,973	288	157	328,066
Michigan	19,760	2,358	12,354	15	14	440,645	10.2	-1,171	408,048	106	170	440,921
Minnesota	9,339	-1,562	6,899	6	6	174,779	6.1	-17,438	152,945	149	142	175,070
Mississippi	4,653	-527	3,703	0	4	75,175	6.8	-9,078	68,079	106	42	75,323
Missouri	7,353	-800	4,150	4	4	71,313	2.6	-6,412	54,809	97	52	71,462
Montana	3,253	32	2,521	13	1	20,195	4.4	-2,185	16,796	53	33	20,281
Nebraska	3,001	-131	2,637	3	1	19,895	2.1	-1,693	17,658	29	12	19,936
Nevada	7,525	-673	5,726	1	1	190,613	13.7	-12,795	174,741	106	138	190,857
New Hampshire	2,193	75	1,820	3	1	35,128	5.3	-2,113	32,463	9	11	35,148
New Jersey	27,184	2,504	20,485	29	31	322,414	8.0	-31,176	250,361	298	402	323,114
New Mexico	3,279	-358	2,580	12	5	77,556	9.6	-4,830	70,101	303	81	77,940
New York	64,678	-5,112	53,785	11	29	1,046,997	11.1	-247,497	943,601	293	508	1,047,798
North Carolina	12,627	-779	9,485	29	48	134,154	3.0	-10,924	115,761	299	455	134,908
North Dakota	856	64	659	2	2	11,388	2.8	-732	10,099	22	13	11,423
Ohio	18,002	384	10,954	12	16	303,935	5.7	-19,637	267,540	169	352	304,456
Oklahoma	5,258	-176	3,635	12	3	97,912	6.2	-6,996	83,526	92	124	98,128
Oregon	5,738	-2,317	2,452	13	9	152,643	7.9	-2,305	130,194	234	170	153,047
Pennsylvania	22,955	193	12,929	135	33	482,699	8.3	-58,581	397,644	1,019	462	484,180
Puerto Rico	763	-386	-57	0	1	105,030	12.2	-5,460	88,597	138	37	105,205
Rhode Island	3,098	268	2,568	0	0	31,964	6.7	-6,810	26,551	35	24	32,023
South Carolina	4,905	-1	2,935	9	15	85,052	4.1	-9,252	71,933	43	115	85,210
South Dakota	267	-284	120	1	1	6,167	1.5	-783	5,363	31	3	6,201
Tennessee	10,311	-1,482	7,387	18	17	151,690	4.6	-16,088	134,920	101	142	151,933
Texas	41,351	-7,075	28,660	174	371	902,269	7.3	-50,899	790,345	921	2,742	905,932
Utah	2,460	-85	1,533	16	3	25,803	1.7	-2,559	19,890	49	32	25,884
Vermont	601	-43	352	0	0	20,616	6.8	-1,925	18,796	2	1	20,619
Virgin Islands	346	37	325	0	0	4,440	12.1	82	3,966	10	20	4,470
Virginia	9,377	-1,205	7,248	9	5	173,717	4.6	-14,478	156,577	382	488	174,587
Washington	21,002	-2,103	15,696	19	24	236,928	7.0	-17,074	196,187	344	683	237,955
West Virginia	1,903	-321	1,002	2	1	40,892	6.2	-4,537	32,907	57	47	40,996
Wisconsin	11,185	-993	8,192	13	7	119,104	4.2	-9,559	100,613	135	86	119,325
Wyoming	801	55	503	1	1	7,329	2.7	-531	5,952	10	2	7,341
Totals	798,995	-28,217	626,027	1,097	1,001	11,622,301	7.9	-808,731	10,238,955	12,136	13,758	11,648,195

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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MD	+3,619	No comment.
IL	+3,414	Layoffs in the other services, wholesale trade, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	+2,504	No comment.
MI	+2,358	No comment.
MA	+1,886	No comment.
LA	+1,454	No comment

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-7,075	No comment.
FL	-6,655	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
GA	-5,895	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade and manufacturing industries.
NY	-5,112	Fewer layoffs in the construction, health care and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	-2,317	No comment.
WA	-2,103	No comment.
MN	-1,562	No comment.
IA	-1,501	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
IN	-1,493	No comment.
TN	-1,482	No comment.
VA	-1,205	No comment.
HI	-1,076	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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