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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.

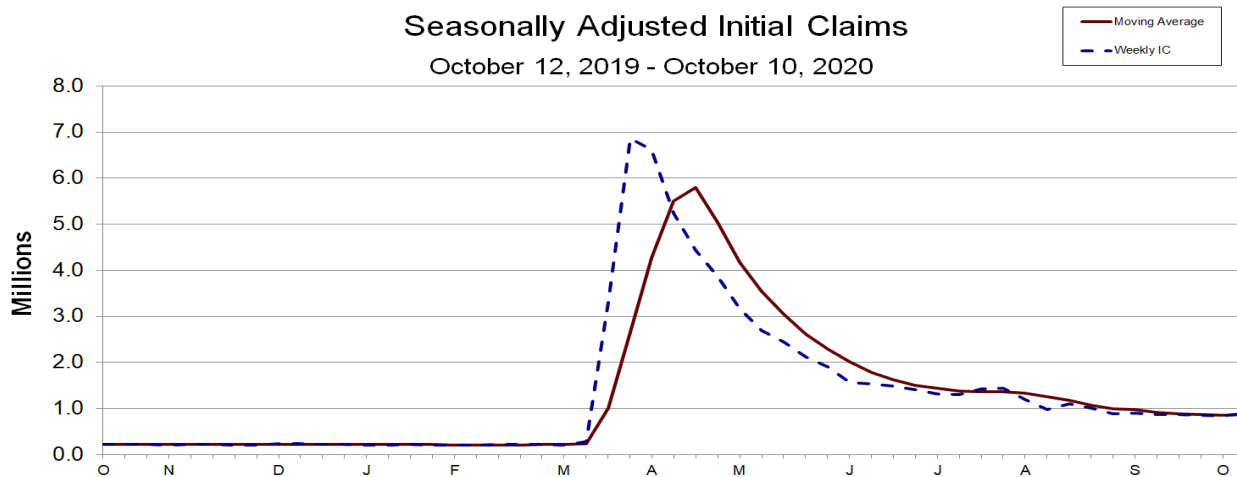
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

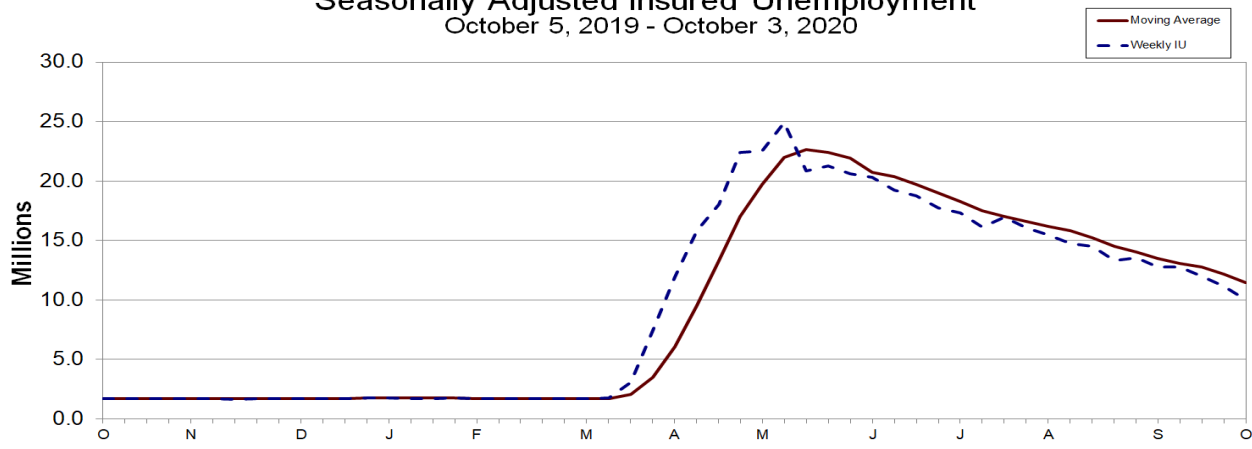
In the week ending October 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 898,000, an increase of 53,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 5,000 from 840,000 to 845,000. The 4-week moving average was 866,250, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 857,000 to 858,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 6.8 percent for the week ending October 3, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.2 from 7.5 to 7.7 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 3 was 10,018,000, a decrease of 1,165,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 207,000 from 10,976,000 to 11,183,000. The 4-week moving average was 11,481,750, a decrease of 682,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 51,750 from 12,112,250 to 12,164,000.



# Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

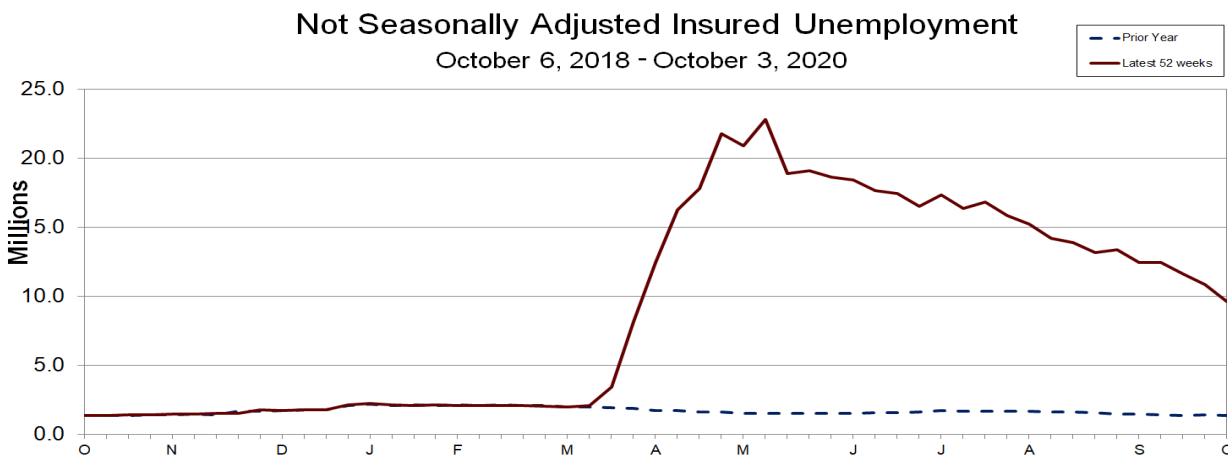
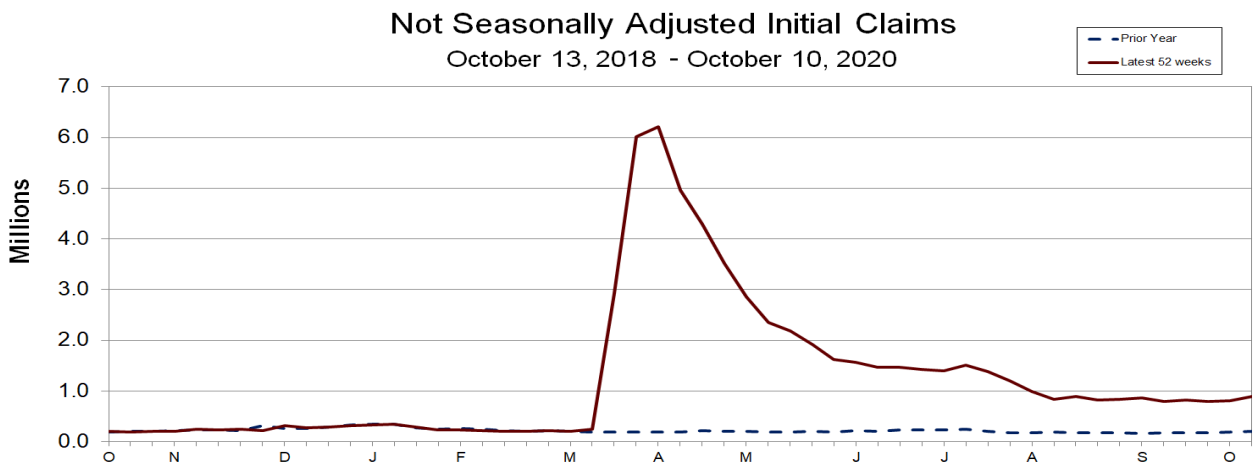
October 5, 2019 - October 3, 2020



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 885,885 in the week ending October 10, an increase of 76,670 (or 9.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 23,144 (or 2.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 201,677 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending October 10, 51 states reported 372,891 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 6.6 percent during the week ending October 3, a decrease of 0.8 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 9,631,588, a decrease of 1,188,202 (or -11.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 22,926 (or -0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,369,887.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 26 was 25,290,325, a decrease of 215,270 from the previous week. There were 1,415,539 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 45 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, 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 1,438 in the week ending October 3, an increase of 341 from the prior week. There were 949 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 52 from the preceding week.

There were 12,126 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 26, a decrease of 10 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,264, a decrease of 494 from the prior week.

During the week ending September 26, 51 states reported 11,172,335 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 2,778,007 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 26 were in Hawaii (17.9), California (16.1), Nevada (12.5), Puerto Rico (10.5), Louisiana (10.3), Georgia (10.1), New York (10.0), District of Columbia (9.1), Michigan (9.0), and New Mexico (8.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 3 were in Florida (+9,933), Illinois (+6,877), Massachusetts (+4,021), North Carolina (+2,907), and Maryland (+1,714), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-3,504), Kansas (-3,312), Pennsylvania (-3,111), Louisiana (-2,835), and Washington (-2,474).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	898,000	845,000	+53,000	849,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	885,885	809,215	+76,670	798,996	201,677
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	866,250	858,250	+8,000	870,250	215,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 19</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	10,018,000	11,183,000	-1,165,000	11,979,000	1,689,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	9,631,588	10,819,790	-1,188,202	11,622,396	1,369,887
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	11,481,750	12,164,000	-682,250	12,754,250	1,681,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	6.8%	7.7%	-0.9	8.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	6.6%	7.4%	-0.8	8.0%	0.9%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 26</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	372,891	463,897	-91,006	508,707

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,438	1,097	+341	926
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	949	1,001	-52	671

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<b>September 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	10,762,032	11,561,158	-799,126	1,390,079
Federal Employees	12,126	12,136	-10	6,634
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,264	13,758	-494	5,847
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	11,172,335	11,394,832	-222,497	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	2,778,007	1,959,953	+818,054	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	354,658	352,479	+2,179	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,498	2,501	-3	5,190
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	195,405	208,778	-13,373	7,789
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>25,290,325</b>	<b>25,505,595</b>	<b>-215,270</b>	<b>1,415,539</b>

**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 146,534,375 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 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,474	7,732	-1,258	22,596	30,716	-8,120
Alaska	6,166	3,719	2,447	19,885	21,131	-1,246
Arizona	10,004	7,966	2,038	147,979	168,948	-20,969
Arkansas	5,065	5,484	-419	27,383	36,883	-9,500
California*	226,179	226,179	0	2,802,145	2,802,145	0
Colorado	6,216	5,919	297	125,369	127,012	-1,643
Connecticut	4,740	4,617	123	119,622	137,325	-17,703
Delaware	1,907	1,776	131	22,889	24,183	-1,294
District of Columbia	1,804	1,649	155	47,575	53,110	-5,535
Florida	44,795	42,306	2,489	250,710	337,344	-86,634
Georgia	53,400	44,874	8,526	410,739	445,039	-34,300
Hawaii	5,128	5,083	45	93,251	111,228	-17,977
Idaho	3,288	2,955	333	7,466	9,144	-1,678
Illinois	46,072	36,267	9,805	428,991	483,981	-54,990
Indiana	28,864	10,076	18,788	115,108	129,538	-14,430
Iowa	4,644	4,288	356	46,577	51,560	-4,983
Kansas	15,083	14,219	864	52,033	47,744	4,289
Kentucky	5,769	5,687	82	79,459	94,463	-15,004
Louisiana	12,630	13,461	-831	155,586	195,223	-39,637
Maine	1,444	1,702	-258	18,732	22,893	-4,161
Maryland	11,634	10,994	640	103,990	149,522	-45,532
Massachusetts	39,063	29,481	9,582	261,763	306,247	-44,484
Michigan*	12,906	17,699	-4,793	270,553	387,844	-117,291
Minnesota	9,408	9,697	-289	140,236	152,536	-12,300
Mississippi	3,197	4,032	-835	51,805	68,735	-16,930
Missouri	9,542	8,945	597	57,544	70,470	-12,926
Montana	2,721	3,472	-751	16,982	19,354	-2,372
Nebraska	3,134	3,259	-125	15,272	19,027	-3,755
Nevada	10,886	7,941	2,945	147,266	173,629	-26,363
New Hampshire	2,136	2,083	53	29,901	32,751	-2,850
New Jersey	28,055	23,680	4,375	247,071	282,981	-35,910
New Mexico	6,394	3,484	2,910	62,826	70,964	-8,138
New York	68,670	64,156	4,514	724,499	944,007	-219,508
North Carolina	19,080	15,534	3,546	101,302	127,447	-26,145
North Dakota	1,139	841	298	10,727	10,275	452
Ohio	19,211	18,653	558	198,797	301,349	-102,552
Oklahoma	4,840	5,780	-940	70,832	88,127	-17,295
Oregon	4,152	4,408	-256	125,601	127,675	-2,074
Pennsylvania	19,515	19,844	-329	401,195	447,940	-46,745
Puerto Rico	1,226	1,265	-39	79,676	90,705	-11,029
Rhode Island	2,944	2,801	143	22,234	26,879	-4,645
South Carolina	4,884	4,908	-24	66,104	75,968	-9,864
South Dakota	382	444	-62	5,389	5,078	311
Tennessee	10,145	10,077	68	95,188	139,780	-44,592
Texas	43,435	42,338	1,097	721,223	803,025	-81,802
Utah	2,744	2,575	169	21,235	23,562	-2,327
Vermont	505	606	-101	16,011	17,676	-1,665
Virgin Islands	5	255	-250	2,440	3,190	-750
Virginia	12,005	10,843	1,162	180,478	160,764	19,714
Washington	24,611	18,528	6,083	239,346	208,017	31,329
West Virginia	1,971	1,958	13	33,452	35,220	-1,768
Wisconsin	14,830	11,916	2,914	109,792	112,613	-2,821
Wyoming	843	759	84	6,763	6,823	-60
US Total	885,885	809,215	76,670	9,631,588	10,819,790	-1,188,202

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 estimates.

## 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 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	11,183	-796	12,164.00	7.7
October 3, 2020	845	-4	858.25	10,018	-1,165	11,481.75	6.8
October 10, 2020	898	53	866.25				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 10			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 26	Sep 19	Change
Alabama	793	1,061	-268	43,057	38,734	4,323
Alaska	266	285	-19	10,297	10,124	173
Arizona	0	74,519	-74,519	425,024	432,949	-7,925
Arkansas	3,574	3,602	-28	63,960	69,557	-5,597
California*	99,824	99,824	0	3,493,940	3,493,940	0
Colorado	2,532	2,309	223	64,741	64,680	61
Connecticut	620	714	-94	50,939	50,759	180
Delaware	121	121	0	7,898	8,031	-133
District of Columbia	246	145	101	14,778	15,676	-898
Florida	27,079	31,578	-4,499	0	0	0
Georgia	4,862	4,135	727	288,665	234,798	53,867
Hawaii	3,496	3,459	37	114,537	125,022	-10,485
Idaho	20	49	-29	11,118	11,069	49
Illinois	7,901	6,762	1,139	120,585	120,061	524
Indiana	11,269	12,797	-1,528	175,287	202,155	-26,868
Iowa	858	750	108	12,733	12,759	-26
Kansas	8,371	9,082	-711	175,511	188,918	-13,407
Kentucky	3,218	3,298	-80	49,879	27,807	22,072
Louisiana	6,783	8,435	-1,652	134,049	135,636	-1,587
Maine	914	669	245	15,903	17,878	-1,975
Maryland	3,467	6,045	-2,578	182,908	173,031	9,877
Massachusetts	11,478	10,991	487	468,488	446,245	22,243
Michigan	14,202	15,117	-915	637,737	767,321	-129,584
Minnesota	0	3	-3	43,872	45,331	-1,459
Mississippi	1,726	1,848	-122	28,872	30,469	-1,597
Missouri	717	593	124	59,342	58,356	986
Montana	1,229	1,409	-180	36,264	39,459	-3,195
Nebraska	1,811	1,856	-45	34,705	32,383	2,322
Nevada	8,497	9,439	-942	94,559	95,829	-1,270
New Hampshire	298	357	-59	15,469	15,875	-406
New Jersey	10,484	13,164	-2,680	386,957	398,080	-11,123
New Mexico	973	1,242	-269	38,854	39,223	-369
New York	28,859	30,489	-1,630	1,225,825	1,365,856	-140,031
North Carolina	8,093	9,087	-994	166,596	179,921	-13,325
North Dakota	804	951	-147	5,849	5,690	159
Ohio	27,953	22,227	5,726	419,625	408,420	11,205
Oklahoma	880	780	100	15,087	14,243	844
Oregon	3,481	5,473	-1,992	114,360	110,927	3,433
Pennsylvania	17,831	24,660	-6,829	772,797	799,173	-26,376
Puerto Rico	12,195	11,314	881	188,592	194,614	-6,022
Rhode Island	6,149	6,206	-57	46,452	48,462	-2,010
South Carolina	3,438	3,924	-486	58,429	62,610	-4,181
South Dakota	52	32	20	2,792	2,372	420
Tennessee	3,955	4,327	-372	156,388	153,984	2,404
Texas	5,820	6,407	-587	286,831	278,711	8,120
Utah	711	737	-26	5,194	5,603	-409
Vermont	38	43	-5	8,955	9,104	-149
Virgin Islands	52	71	-19	0	0	0
Virginia	2,721	3,333	-612	207,497	194,077	13,420
Washington	3,575	3,813	-238	107,991	113,184	-5,193
West Virginia	5,651	1,869	3,782	37,109	0	37,109
Wisconsin	2,852	2,379	473	42,788	43,479	-691
Wyoming	152	117	35	2,250	2,247	3
US Total	372,891	463,897	-91,006	11,172,335	11,394,832	-222,497

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#) Backdated claims data 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 26	September 19	Change	September 12	September 5
Alabama	71,789	16,110	55,679	76,596	77,955
Alaska	8,077	7,482	595	6,832	5,890
Arizona	25,058	21,410	3,648	20,204	19,164
Arkansas	21,493	21,390	103	21,969	20,826
California	724,226	471,016	253,210	446,281	400,546
Colorado	44,183	27,338	16,845	31,083	21,097
Connecticut	32,164	19,031	13,133	12,811	11,549
Delaware	6,721	4,271	2,450	2,685	2,329
District of Columbia	9,763	4,927	4,836	2,126	2,093
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	6,377	6,635	-258	6,962	7,144
Illinois	74,602	37,650	36,952	33,923	32,208
Indiana	21,811	12,724	9,087	8,591	7,752
Iowa	26,586	23,983	2,603	22,817	20,898
Kansas	13,944	12,293	1,651	10,990	10,678
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	7,319	4,075	3,244	2,871	2,943
Maine	13,014	10,721	2,293	8,649	7,869
Maryland	15,124	18,793	-3,669	12,762	12,204
Massachusetts	104,070	77,400	26,670	55,764	46,320
Michigan	116,139	62,134	54,005	64,447	52,289
Minnesota	52,054	41,622	10,432	36,733	34,455
Mississippi	13,880	13,437	443	12,231	10,275
Missouri	47,747	49,329	-1,582	41,710	38,192
Montana	4,631	4,300	331	4,706	4,387
Nebraska	3,115	2,736	379	2,565	2,474
Nevada	50,782	37,346	13,436	31,382	28,121
New Hampshire	1,849	1,599	250	832	1,024
New Jersey	106,774	74,743	32,031	60,121	55,989
New Mexico	14,938	9,773	5,165	6,942	6,424
New York	433,446	232,083	201,363	161,243	96,852
North Carolina	172,254	192,153	-19,899	214,315	220,959
North Dakota	4,985	4,686	299	4,633	4,372
Ohio	51,852	32,847	19,005	21,001	19,190
Oklahoma	17,512	16,913	599	13,653	11,085
Oregon	25,467	19,823	5,644	19,113	17,616
Pennsylvania	104,530	62,687	41,843	50,699	49,564
Puerto Rico	10,105	7,110	2,995	5,461	0
Rhode Island	14,332	11,305	3,027	7,959	7,748
South Carolina	66,905	64,775	2,130	60,082	54,415
South Dakota	477	474	3	513	545
Tennessee	57,428	57,675	-247	52,333	48,091
Texas	27,544	31,939	-4,395	30,830	23,506
Utah	8,747	8,639	108	8,605	8,583
Vermont	5,147	3,339	1,808	2,348	2,060
Virgin Islands	77	116	-39	103	143
Virginia	80,259	73,727	6,532	65,574	58,726
Washington	7,441	7,438	3	8,299	10,289
West Virginia	9,122	6,169	2,953	5,053	4,651
Wisconsin	39,876	29,498	10,378	26,744	23,595
Wyoming	2,271	2,289	-18	2,095	1,940
US Total	2,778,007	1,959,953	818,054	1,806,241	1,607,025

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 26	September 19	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,271	1,133	138
Arizona	1,834	1,530	304
Arkansas	1,351	0	1,351
California	73,864	105,869	-32,005
Colorado	71	47	24
Connecticut	6,822	5,941	881
Delaware	121	116	5
District of Columbia	4	5	-1
Florida	0	525	-525
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	6	9	-3
Idaho	26	33	-7
Illinois	21,712	21,950	-238
Indiana	3,426	3,201	225
Iowa	3,487	3,115	372
Kansas	1,041	999	42
Kentucky	93	132	-39
Louisiana	1,795	1,757	38
Maine	949	933	16
Maryland	5,078	4,448	630
Massachusetts	14,140	13,220	920
Michigan	6,701	1	6,700
Minnesota	6,761	6,511	250
Mississippi	2,101	1,899	202
Missouri	4,610	4,308	302
Montana	637	621	16
Nebraska	213	226	-13
Nevada	4,589	4,146	443
New Hampshire	477	444	33
New Jersey	27,211	26,886	325
New Mexico	1,940	1,811	129
New York	38,860	37,732	1,128
North Carolina	57,054	36,761	20,293
North Dakota	389	363	26
Ohio	10,783	9,815	968
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	4,424	4,123	301
Pennsylvania	21,127	23,693	-2,566
Puerto Rico	511	513	-2
Rhode Island	1,586	1,588	-2
South Carolina	5,941	5,685	256
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2,401	2,239	162
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	1,116	1,038	78
Vermont	606	625	-19
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	5,897	4,994	903
Washington	11,543	10,957	586
West Virginia	14	32	-18
Wisconsin	14	27	-13
Wyoming	61	478	-417
US Total	354,658	352,479	2,179

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
OCTOBER 3

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 26

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	7,732	-1,073	5,675	21	15	30,716	1.6	-4,281	16,109	123	47	30,886
Alaska	3,719	119	2,863	17	2	21,131	6.8	-1,401	15,928	112	51	21,294
Arizona	7,966	-242	4,191	13	6	168,948	5.8	-6,889	145,664	193	255	169,396
Arkansas	5,484	-653	3,600	1	1	36,883	3.1	-1,092	27,285	86	43	37,012
California	226,179	0	192,853	229	144	2,802,145	16.1	0	2,525,515	2,012	3,198	2,807,355
Colorado	5,919	1,057	3,952	19	28	127,012	4.7	-16,844	111,586	160	346	127,518
Connecticut	4,617	-398	2,309	19	3	137,325	8.3	-24,457	111,938	196	143	137,664
Delaware	1,776	-39	1,316	3	7	24,183	5.4	-2,641	20,192	20	19	24,222
District of Columbia	1,649	-240	1,169	35	3	53,110	9.1	-7,058	46,787	686	43	53,839
Florida	42,306	9,933	36,234	40	40	337,344	3.8	-35,850	299,489	284	234	337,862
Georgia	44,874	1,348	40,031	85	41	445,039	10.1	-33,693	420,704	653	460	446,152
Hawaii	5,083	-599	3,815	10	21	111,228	17.9	-13,367	105,209	356	200	111,784
Idaho	2,955	-40	2,243	7	2	9,144	1.2	-751	5,726	15	14	9,173
Illinois	36,267	6,877	27,802	6	0	483,981	8.2	-18,333	411,491	579	373	484,933
Indiana	10,076	-133	7,404	18	15	129,538	4.3	-20,925	115,902	143	116	129,797
Iowa	4,288	-328	2,060	4	3	51,560	3.4	-6,859	39,021	67	52	51,679
Kansas	14,219	-3,312	12,901	2	0	47,744	3.5	-5,035	40,327	79	53	47,876
Kentucky	5,687	-1,833	3,266	0	3	94,463	5.0	-6,770	78,500	128	227	94,818
Louisiana	13,461	-2,835	11,500	12	11	195,223	10.3	-19,637	181,070	137	64	195,424
Maine	1,702	118	1,288	2	2	22,893	3.8	-1,808	19,933	30	29	22,952
Maryland	10,994	1,714	8,316	31	25	149,522	5.9	-19,510	128,505	204	133	149,859
Massachusetts	29,481	4,021	25,103	41	27	306,247	8.6	-21,374	261,174	260	141	306,648
Michigan	17,699	-2,061	10,896	23	8	387,844	9.0	-52,801	346,592	175	112	388,131
Minnesota	9,697	358	6,902	8	8	152,536	5.3	-22,243	130,516	141	165	152,842
Mississippi	4,032	-621	3,076	5	1	68,735	6.2	-6,440	61,595	103	44	68,882
Missouri	8,945	1,592	5,518	7	2	70,470	2.6	-843	52,516	120	54	70,644
Montana	3,472	219	2,394	32	3	19,354	4.2	-841	15,686	50	43	19,447
Nebraska	3,259	258	2,876	6	4	19,027	2.0	-868	16,745	34	8	19,069
Nevada	7,941	416	5,590	3	5	173,629	12.5	-16,984	157,766	131	163	173,923
New Hampshire	2,083	-110	1,667	4	4	32,751	5.0	-2,377	30,111	6	10	32,767
New Jersey	23,680	-3,504	15,959	52	25	282,981	7.0	-39,433	211,321	205	372	283,558
New Mexico	3,484	205	2,536	20	3	70,964	8.8	-6,592	63,566	247	87	71,298
New York	64,156	-522	52,262	12	27	944,007	10.0	-102,990	840,938	300	479	944,786
North Carolina	15,534	2,907	11,768	38	38	127,447	2.9	-6,707	108,818	281	435	128,163
North Dakota	841	-15	529	4	4	10,275	2.5	-1,113	9,026	16	9	10,300
Ohio	18,653	651	12,494	16	31	301,349	5.6	-2,586	262,749	185	337	301,871
Oklahoma	5,780	522	4,088	17	6	88,127	5.6	-9,785	73,582	94	108	88,329
Oregon	4,408	-1,330	916	29	12	127,675	6.6	-24,968	105,810	202	133	128,010
Pennsylvania	19,844	-3,111	9,283	141	31	447,940	7.7	-34,759	364,808	1,010	493	449,443
Puerto Rico	1,265	502	-183	3	0	90,705	10.5	-14,325	73,893	151	48	90,904
Rhode Island	2,801	-297	2,230	1	3	26,879	5.7	-5,085	21,641	32	20	26,931
South Carolina	4,908	3	2,549	8	19	75,968	3.6	-9,084	62,691	37	90	76,095
South Dakota	444	177	259	3	2	5,078	1.2	-1,089	4,274	33	3	5,114
Tennessee	10,077	-234	7,197	24	17	139,780	4.2	-11,910	121,660	100	181	140,061
Texas	42,338	987	28,192	291	226	803,025	6.5	-99,244	689,532	995	2,376	806,396
Utah	2,575	115	1,553	23	7	23,562	1.6	-2,241	17,748	39	25	23,626
Vermont	606	5	327	1	0	17,676	5.8	-2,940	15,840	3	1	17,680
Virgin Islands	255	-91	203	0	0	3,190	8.7	-1,250	2,704	2	2	3,194
Virginia	10,843	1,466	8,503	5	7	160,764	4.3	-12,953	143,924	383	440	161,587
Washington	18,528	-2,474	12,432	25	43	208,017	6.1	-28,911	167,175	336	651	209,004
West Virginia	1,958	55	736	5	1	35,220	5.3	-5,672	26,901	55	45	35,320
Wisconsin	11,916	731	8,143	16	12	112,613	3.9	-6,491	94,105	124	82	112,819
Wyoming	759	-42	323	1	1	6,823	2.5	-506	5,393	13	7	6,843
Totals	809,215	10,219	621,109	1,438	949	10,819,790	7.4	-802,606	9,427,681	12,126	13,264	10,845,180

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 3, 2020**

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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>
FL	+9,933	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
IL	+6,877	Layoffs in the wholesale trade, retail trade, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MA	+4,021	No comment.
NC	+2,907	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MD	+1,714	No comment.
MO	+1,592	Layoffs in the retail trade and accommodation and food services industries.
VA	+1,466	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
GA	+1,348	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
CO	+1,057	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>
NJ	-3,504	No comment.
KS	-3,312	No comment.
PA	-3,111	Fewer layoffs in the, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
LA	-2,835	No comment.
WA	-2,474	No comment.
MI	-2,061	No comment.
KY	-1,833	No comment.
OR	-1,330	No comment.
AL	-1,073	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.

## 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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