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TECHNICAL NOTE: California has completed its pause in processing of initial claims and has resumed reporting actual unemployment insurance claims data based on their weekly claims activity. This News Release reflects actual counts for California for the current week and revisions to the two prior weeks. The revised reports for California are available at: <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims.asp>

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

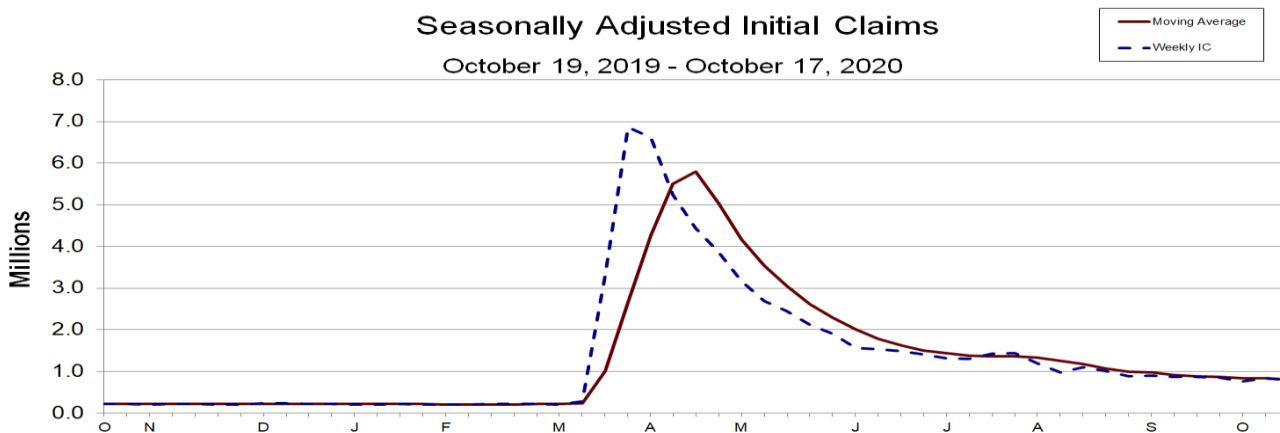
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 787,000, a decrease of 55,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 56,000 from 898,000 to 842,000. The 4-week moving average was 811,250, a decrease of 21,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 33,500 from 866,250 to 832,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 5.7 percent for the week ending October 10, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.4 from 6.8 to 6.4 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 10 was 8,373,000, a decrease of 1,024,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 621,000 from 10,018,000 to 9,397,000. The 4-week moving average was 10,085,750, a decrease of 1,093,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 302,500 from 11,481,750 to 11,179,250.

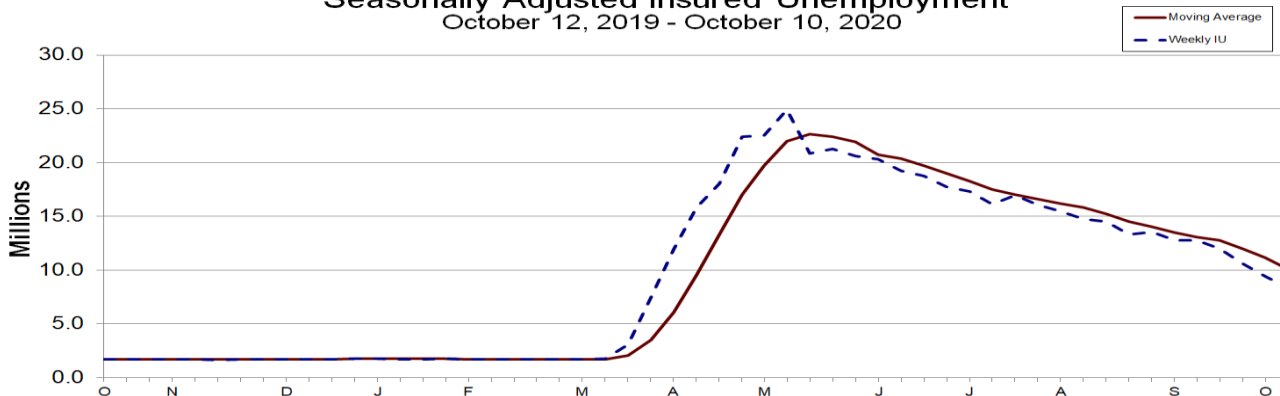
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

October 19, 2019 - October 17, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

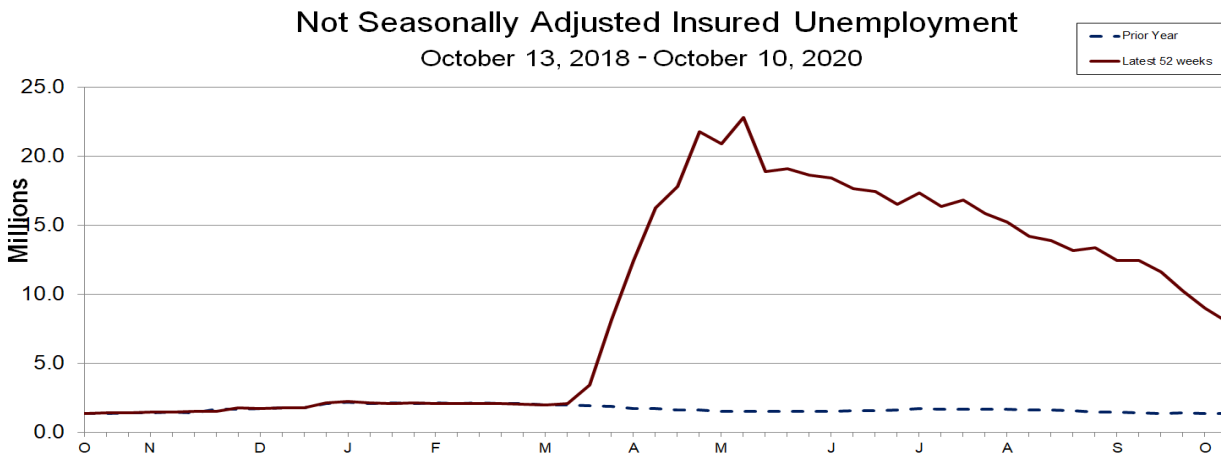
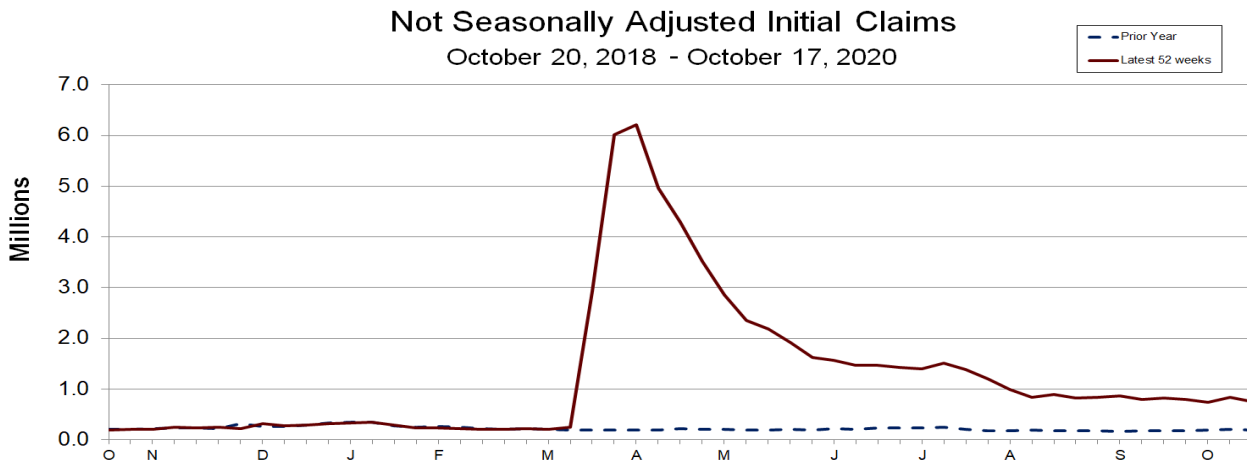
October 12, 2019 - October 10, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 756,617 in the week ending October 17, a decrease of 73,125 (or -8.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,362 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 186,748 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending October 17, 53 states reported 345,440 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 5.5 percent during the week ending October 10, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 7,992,238, a decrease of 1,018,737 (or -11.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,014 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,386,868.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 3 was 23,150,427, a decrease of 1,046,493 from the previous week. There were 1,393,973 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending October 3, Extended Benefits were available in the following 44 states: Alaska, Arizona, 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 1,519 in the week ending October 10, an increase of 51 from the prior week. There were 898 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 4 from the preceding week.

There were 11,930 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 3, a decrease of 229 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,821, a decrease of 30 from the prior week.

During the week ending Oct 3, 51 states reported 10,232,853 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 50 states reported 3,296,156 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 3 were in Hawaii (14.9), California (11.5), Nevada (11.3), Georgia (9.3), Puerto Rico (9.3), Louisiana (8.8), District of Columbia (8.4), New Mexico (7.8), New York (7.7), and Illinois (7.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 10 were in California (+27,870), Illinois (+11,261), Massachusetts (+10,481), Georgia (+9,292), and Indiana (+7,840), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,615), North Carolina (-2,362), Virginia (-1,733), Montana (-579), and Mississippi (-375).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 17	October 10	Change	October 3	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	787,000	842,000	-55,000	767,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	756,617	829,742	-73,125	731,249	186,748
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	811,250	832,750	-21,500	838,750	215,250

WEEK ENDING	October 10	October 3	Change	September 26	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	8,373,000	9,397,000	-1,024,000	10,594,000	1,691,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	7,992,238	9,010,975	-1,018,737	10,230,506	1,386,868
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	10,085,750	11,179,250	-1,093,500	12,016,750	1,686,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	5.7%	6.4%	-0.7	7.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	5.5%	6.1%	-0.6	7.0%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 17	October 10	Change	October 3
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	345,440	337,228	+8,212	378,916

WEEK ENDING	October 10	October 3	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,519	1,468	+51	833
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	898	902	-4	558

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 3	September 26	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	8,952,488	10,172,332	-1,219,844	1,366,996
Federal Employees	11,930	12,159	-229	6,577
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,821	13,851	-30	5,509
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	10,232,853	10,658,673	-425,820	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	3,296,156	2,786,333	+509,823	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	445,085	354,658	+90,427	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,728	2,386	+342	5,327
STC / Workshare ⁷	195,366	196,528	-1,162	9,564
TOTAL ⁸	23,150,427	24,196,920	-1,046,493	1,393,973

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 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	7,401	8,581	-1,180	38,921	27,063	11,858
Alaska	4,991	5,708	-717	19,545	20,264	-719
Arizona	9,056	7,925	1,131	135,608	151,436	-15,828
Arkansas	3,714	5,719	-2,005	25,685	32,303	-6,618
California	158,877	176,083	-17,206	1,866,371	2,011,273	-144,902
Colorado	5,936	6,406	-470	113,737	124,333	-10,596
Connecticut	4,389	4,734	-345	96,518	121,369	-24,851
Delaware	1,612	2,010	-398	20,545	21,355	-810
District of Columbia	1,388	1,912	-524	43,957	49,067	-5,110
Florida	35,960	47,904	-11,944	232,338	300,115	-67,777
Georgia	44,035	54,166	-10,131	369,339	409,602	-40,263
Hawaii	5,319	4,873	446	78,581	92,563	-13,982
Idaho	3,081	3,519	-438	7,372	8,386	-1,014
Illinois	47,018	47,528	-510	379,397	447,060	-67,663
Indiana	15,941	17,916	-1,975	109,669	118,930	-9,261
Iowa	4,662	4,192	470	41,967	46,409	-4,442
Kansas	17,995	14,537	3,458	56,179	44,579	11,600
Kentucky	5,730	5,969	-239	72,900	80,589	-7,689
Louisiana	11,969	13,577	-1,608	137,663	165,320	-27,657
Maine	1,270	1,549	-279	15,407	19,723	-4,316
Maryland	10,812	12,347	-1,535	93,680	115,445	-21,765
Massachusetts	44,518	39,962	4,556	246,221	268,942	-22,721
Michigan	5,610	15,084	-9,474	232,109	301,296	-69,187
Minnesota	9,941	9,340	601	127,207	138,673	-11,466
Mississippi	3,047	3,657	-610	47,107	56,309	-9,202
Missouri	7,792	10,522	-2,730	54,200	60,725	-6,525
Montana	2,342	2,893	-551	15,400	17,794	-2,394
Nebraska	2,827	3,243	-416	13,902	16,461	-2,559
Nevada	10,441	8,964	1,477	129,296	157,205	-27,909
New Hampshire	1,870	2,562	-692	27,720	30,234	-2,514
New Jersey	27,654	29,031	-1,377	213,793	249,076	-35,283
New Mexico	4,423	4,798	-375	57,473	62,854	-5,381
New York	56,483	66,385	-9,902	612,162	723,770	-111,608
North Carolina	11,030	13,172	-2,142	96,572	108,833	-12,261
North Dakota	1,116	1,045	71	9,481	9,107	374
Ohio	16,638	20,131	-3,493	174,604	289,227	-114,623
Oklahoma	5,405	5,531	-126	63,701	82,382	-18,681
Oregon	4,407	4,773	-366	112,571	115,121	-2,550
Pennsylvania	18,239	20,251	-2,012	366,185	399,193	-33,008
Puerto Rico	1,143	1,346	-203	62,983	80,474	-17,491
Rhode Island	2,377	3,059	-682	19,472	22,523	-3,051
South Carolina	3,619	4,667	-1,048	62,717	70,120	-7,403
South Dakota	414	443	-29	4,146	5,469	-1,323
Tennessee	9,873	10,810	-937	81,715	100,911	-19,196
Texas	50,819	44,692	6,127	679,923	718,231	-38,308
Utah	2,501	2,726	-225	19,048	21,265	-2,217
Vermont	553	543	10	13,909	15,460	-1,551
Virgin Islands	7	163	-156	2,198	2,438	-240
Virginia	13,499	9,110	4,389	126,801	142,220	-15,419
Washington	19,863	25,631	-5,768	226,977	190,215	36,762
West Virginia	1,755	2,138	-383	28,726	30,712	-1,986
Wisconsin	13,979	14,971	-992	102,201	110,050	-7,849
Wyoming	1,276	944	332	6,339	6,501	-162
US Total	756,617	829,742	-73,125	7,992,238	9,010,975	-1,018,737

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
October 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	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,397	-1,197	11,179.25	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,373	-1,024	10,085.75	5.7
October 17, 2020	787	-55	811.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 17			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Oct 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Oct 3	Sep 26	Change
Alabama	4,932	793	4,139	35,113	43,057	-7,944
Alaska	256	266	-10	9,826	10,297	-471
Arizona	33,226	40,493	-7,267	399,000	425,024	-26,024
Arkansas	3,005	3,574	-569	66,664	63,960	2,704
California	25,168	25,539	-371	2,878,378	2,980,278	-101,900
Colorado	2,973	2,532	441	67,234	64,741	2,493
Connecticut	357	620	-263	48,113	50,939	-2,826
Delaware	113	116	-3	7,491	7,898	-407
District of Columbia	193	246	-53	15,391	14,778	613
Florida	49,641	27,079	22,562	0	0	0
Georgia	3,549	4,862	-1,313	259,730	288,665	-28,935
Hawaii	3,138	3,496	-358	109,492	114,537	-5,045
Idaho	18	30	-12	10,951	11,118	-167
Illinois	8,187	7,901	286	121,697	120,585	1,112
Indiana	12,876	11,269	1,607	105,742	175,287	-69,545
Iowa	891	858	33	12,331	12,733	-402
Kansas	7,502	8,371	-869	164,946	175,511	-10,565
Kentucky	3,412	3,218	194	40,257	49,879	-9,622
Louisiana	5,436	6,783	-1,347	129,260	134,049	-4,789
Maine	517	914	-397	16,046	15,903	143
Maryland	3,223	3,467	-244	201,738	182,908	18,830
Massachusetts	11,614	11,478	136	462,042	468,488	-6,446
Michigan	11,665	14,202	-2,537	587,248	637,737	-50,489
Minnesota	6	0	6	42,625	43,872	-1,247
Mississippi	1,048	1,726	-678	29,957	28,872	1,085
Missouri	496	717	-221	50,970	59,342	-8,372
Montana	1,109	1,229	-120	33,428	36,264	-2,836
Nebraska	1,474	1,810	-336	27,582	34,705	-7,123
Nevada	12,537	8,497	4,040	91,798	94,559	-2,761
New Hampshire	277	298	-21	14,579	15,469	-890
New Jersey	3,299	10,484	-7,185	390,735	386,957	3,778
New Mexico	1,144	973	171	26,622	38,854	-12,232
New York	25,397	28,859	-3,462	1,208,943	1,225,825	-16,882
North Carolina	7,700	8,093	-393	121,240	166,596	-45,356
North Dakota	809	804	5	5,503	5,849	-346
Ohio	28,845	27,953	892	427,053	419,625	7,428
Oklahoma	850	880	-30	89,002	15,087	73,915
Oregon	2,310	3,481	-1,171	100,428	114,360	-13,932
Pennsylvania	20,499	17,831	2,668	752,103	772,797	-20,694
Puerto Rico	12,443	11,521	922	185,179	188,592	-3,413
Rhode Island	5,831	6,149	-318	44,922	46,452	-1,530
South Carolina	2,881	3,438	-557	57,518	58,429	-911
South Dakota	24	52	-28	2,672	2,792	-120
Tennessee	3,120	3,953	-833	126,768	156,388	-29,620
Texas	5,250	5,820	-570	233,920	286,831	-52,911
Utah	701	711	-10	4,836	5,194	-358
Vermont	79	38	41	8,803	8,955	-152
Virgin Islands	55	52	3	0	0	0
Virginia	4,085	2,721	1,364	186,457	207,497	-21,040
Washington	3,685	3,575	110	106,159	107,991	-1,832
West Virginia	4,821	4,452	369	69,560	37,109	32,451
Wisconsin	2,254	2,852	-598	42,684	42,788	-104
Wyoming	519	152	367	2,117	2,250	-133
US Total	345,440	337,228	8,212	10,232,853	10,658,673	-425,820

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	October 3	September 26	Change	September 19	September 12
Alabama	63,024	71,789	-8,765	16,110	76,596
Alaska	8,357	8,077	280	7,482	6,832
Arizona	31,786	25,058	6,728	21,410	20,204
Arkansas	21,280	21,493	-213	21,390	21,969
California	854,119	724,226	129,893	471,016	446,281
Colorado	39,611	44,183	-4,572	27,338	31,083
Connecticut	42,210	32,164	10,046	19,031	12,811
Delaware	9,041	6,721	2,320	4,271	2,685
District of Columbia	13,608	9,763	3,845	4,927	2,126
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	16,129	8,326	7,803	3,399	2,248
Idaho	6,149	6,377	-228	6,635	6,962
Illinois	109,539	74,602	34,937	37,650	33,923
Indiana	30,475	21,811	8,664	12,724	8,591
Iowa	24,900	26,586	-1,686	23,983	22,817
Kansas	16,838	13,944	2,894	12,293	10,990
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	11,552	7,319	4,233	4,075	2,871
Maine	14,224	13,014	1,210	10,721	8,649
Maryland	28,716	15,124	13,592	18,793	12,762
Massachusetts	125,258	104,070	21,188	77,400	55,764
Michigan	132,099	116,139	15,960	62,134	64,447
Minnesota	61,136	52,054	9,082	41,622	36,733
Mississippi	16,610	13,880	2,730	13,437	12,231
Missouri	48,201	47,747	454	49,329	41,710
Montana	4,763	4,631	132	4,300	4,706
Nebraska	3,478	3,115	363	2,736	2,565
Nevada	63,551	50,782	12,769	37,346	31,382
New Hampshire	3,660	1,849	1,811	1,599	832
New Jersey	133,535	106,774	26,761	74,743	60,121
New Mexico	19,069	14,938	4,131	9,773	6,942
New York	537,675	433,446	104,229	232,083	161,243
North Carolina	150,342	172,254	-21,912	192,153	214,315
North Dakota	5,218	4,985	233	4,686	4,633
Ohio	68,728	51,852	16,876	32,847	21,001
Oklahoma	20,958	17,512	3,446	16,913	13,653
Oregon	34,809	25,467	9,342	19,823	19,113
Pennsylvania	127,679	104,530	23,149	62,687	50,699
Puerto Rico	14,731	10,105	4,626	7,110	5,461
Rhode Island	16,691	14,332	2,359	11,305	7,959
South Carolina	68,681	66,905	1,776	64,775	60,082
South Dakota	608	477	131	474	513
Tennessee	50,640	57,428	-6,788	57,675	52,333
Texas	21,878	27,544	-5,666	31,939	30,830
Utah	8,791	8,747	44	8,639	8,605
Vermont	6,840	5,147	1,693	3,339	2,348
Virgin Islands	88	77	11	116	103
Virginia	84,760	80,259	4,501	73,727	65,574
Washington	6,839	7,441	-602	7,438	8,299
West Virginia	69,560	9,122	60,438	6,169	5,053
Wisconsin	45,320	39,876	5,444	29,498	26,744
Wyoming	2,402	2,271	131	2,289	2,095
US Total	3,296,156	2,786,333	509,823	1,963,352	1,808,489

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:		Change
	October 3	September 26	
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,158	1,271	-113
Arizona	2,187	1,834	353
Arkansas	1,259	1,351	-92
California	120,624	73,864	46,760
Colorado	55	71	-16
Connecticut	6,618	6,822	-204
Delaware	131	121	10
District of Columbia	4	4	0
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	9	6	3
Idaho	36	26	10
Illinois	24,569	21,712	2,857
Indiana	2,593	3,426	-833
Iowa	3,935	3,487	448
Kansas	1,084	1,041	43
Kentucky	164	93	71
Louisiana	1,895	1,795	100
Maine	822	949	-127
Maryland	5,533	5,078	455
Massachusetts	14,977	14,140	837
Michigan	22,461	6,701	15,760
Minnesota	6,611	6,761	-150
Mississippi	2,105	2,101	4
Missouri	4,499	4,610	-111
Montana	684	637	47
Nebraska	185	213	-28
Nevada	5,094	4,589	505
New Hampshire	481	477	4
New Jersey	28,729	27,211	1,518
New Mexico	1,852	1,940	-88
New York	39,910	38,860	1,050
North Carolina	74,184	57,054	17,130
North Dakota	387	389	-2
Ohio	11,149	10,783	366
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	4,767	4,424	343
Pennsylvania	22,138	21,127	1,011
Puerto Rico	1,433	511	922
Rhode Island	1,730	1,586	144
South Carolina	6,486	5,941	545
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2,289	2,401	-112
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	0	1,116	-1,116
Vermont	683	606	77
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	7,375	5,897	1,478
Washington	12,105	11,543	562
West Virginia	29	14	15
Wisconsin	28	14	14
Wyoming	38	61	-23
US Total	445,085	354,658	90,427

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 10

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 3

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	WEEK	LAST AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	WEEK	LAST AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	8,581	849	6,420	19	10	27,063	1.4	-3,653	12,633	79	41	27,183
Alaska	5,708	1,989	4,524	18	3	20,264	6.6	-867	15,170	106	45	20,415
Arizona	7,925	-41	4,009	4	3	151,436	5.2	-17,512	129,146	211	266	151,913
Arkansas	5,719	235	4,220	9	2	32,303	2.7	-4,580	22,591	97	34	32,434
California	176,083	27,870	135,901	249	136	2,011,273	11.5	-201,506	1,750,876	2,267	3,996	2,017,536
Colorado	6,406	487	4,404	21	22	124,333	4.6	-2,679	109,367	155	320	124,808
Connecticut	4,734	117	2,203	24	5	121,369	7.3	-15,956	96,200	180	104	121,653
Delaware	2,010	234	1,460	8	2	21,355	4.7	-2,828	17,631	23	19	21,397
District of Columbia	1,912	263	1,432	26	0	49,067	8.4	-4,043	42,821	747	8	49,822
Florida	47,904	5,598	41,922	38	40	300,115	3.4	-37,229	263,232	206	204	300,525
Georgia	54,166	9,292	49,066	98	82	409,602	9.3	-35,437	385,850	624	519	410,745
Hawaii	4,873	-210	3,723	9	14	92,563	14.9	-18,747	86,653	271	187	93,021
Idaho	3,519	564	2,693	7	1	8,386	1.1	-758	4,846	19	14	8,419
Illinois	47,528	11,261	39,985	11	14	447,060	7.6	-36,921	373,602	514	246	447,820
Indiana	17,916	7,840	15,167	65	24	118,930	3.9	-10,608	105,536	103	126	119,159
Iowa	4,192	-96	2,075	7	4	46,409	3.0	-5,151	33,744	80	39	46,528
Kansas	14,537	318	13,292	2	1	44,579	3.3	-3,165	37,381	85	52	44,716
Kentucky	5,969	282	3,333	2	4	80,589	4.2	-13,874	64,946	106	188	80,883
Louisiana	13,577	116	11,508	29	11	165,320	8.8	-29,903	151,900	124	50	165,494
Maine	1,549	-153	1,069	0	1	19,723	3.3	-3,170	16,701	17	21	19,761
Maryland	12,347	1,353	9,474	26	8	115,445	4.7	-34,077	94,373	221	135	115,801
Massachusetts	39,962	10,481	35,402	52	28	268,942	7.5	-37,305	224,774	269	148	269,359
Michigan	15,084	-2,615	7,817	32	4	301,296	7.0	-86,548	260,842	137	126	301,559
Minnesota	9,340	-357	6,387	8	7	138,673	4.8	-13,863	115,769	151	124	138,948
Mississippi	3,657	-375	2,557	4	1	56,309	5.1	-12,426	49,441	88	49	56,446
Missouri	10,522	1,577	7,282	8	1	60,725	2.2	-9,745	43,450	89	55	60,869
Montana	2,893	-579	1,657	22	2	17,794	3.9	-1,560	13,804	65	42	17,901
Nebraska	3,243	-16	2,617	4	2	16,461	1.7	-2,566	14,772	29	7	16,497
Nevada	8,964	1,023	6,514	3	3	157,205	11.3	-16,424	140,925	84	147	157,436
New Hampshire	2,562	479	2,171	12	0	30,234	4.6	-2,517	27,528	13	9	30,256
New Jersey	29,031	5,351	21,325	40	25	249,076	6.2	-33,905	177,547	273	463	249,812
New Mexico	4,798	1,314	3,973	20	4	62,854	7.8	-8,110	55,248	250	90	63,194
New York	66,385	2,229	51,344	16	32	723,770	7.7	-220,237	617,427	187	451	724,408
North Carolina	13,172	-2,362	9,950	62	64	108,833	2.5	-18,614	90,338	267	369	109,469
North Dakota	1,045	204	777	6	3	9,107	2.2	-1,168	7,790	15	14	9,136
Ohio	20,131	1,478	14,227	14	27	289,227	5.4	-12,122	249,801	207	371	289,805
Oklahoma	5,531	-249	2,857	28	13	82,382	5.2	-5,745	67,803	80	111	82,573
Oregon	4,773	365	1,218	36	11	115,121	6.0	-12,554	92,796	307	152	115,580
Pennsylvania	20,251	407	9,094	147	32	399,193	6.9	-48,747	315,644	996	458	400,647
Puerto Rico	1,346	81	-128	1	0	80,474	9.3	-10,231	63,636	166	50	80,690
Rhode Island	3,059	258	2,169	1	1	22,523	4.7	-4,356	17,425	43	20	22,586
South Carolina	4,667	-241	2,510	11	31	70,120	3.3	-5,848	57,083	42	88	70,250
South Dakota	443	-1	287	9	0	5,469	1.3	391	4,684	33	6	5,508
Tennessee	10,810	733	7,624	26	10	100,911	3.0	-38,869	83,045	63	86	101,060
Texas	44,692	2,354	30,350	192	157	718,231	5.8	-84,794	610,326	891	2,434	721,556
Utah	2,726	151	1,742	28	4	21,265	1.4	-2,297	15,486	35	24	21,324
Vermont	543	-63	235	0	0	15,460	5.1	-2,216	13,630	1	1	15,462
Virgin Islands	163	-92	134	1	1	2,438	6.5	-752	2,002	0	28	2,466
Virginia	9,110	-1,733	6,655	9	2	142,220	3.8	-18,544	125,354	380	451	143,051
Washington	25,631	7,103	19,231	31	36	190,215	5.6	-17,802	149,188	303	668	191,186
West Virginia	2,138	180	656	7	1	30,712	4.6	-4,508	22,226	50	72	30,834
Wisconsin	14,971	3,055	11,083	14	9	110,050	3.9	-2,563	91,009	151	90	110,291
Wyoming	944	185	468	3	0	6,501	2.4	-322	5,096	30	3	6,534
Totals	829,742	98,493	628,065	1,519	898	9,010,975	6.1	-1,219,531	7,641,088	11,930	13,821	9,036,726

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 OCTOBER 10, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+27,870	No comment.
IL	+11,261	Layoffs in the other services, manufacturing, and wholesale trade industries.
MA	+10,481	No comment.
GA	+9,292	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IN	+7,840	No comment.
WA	+7,103	No comment.
FL	+5,598	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting retail trade, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and services industries.
NJ	+5,351	No comment.
WI	+3,055	No comment.
TX	+2,354	Layoffs in the public administration, health care and social assistance, manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and other services industries.
NY	+2,229	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
AK	+1,989	No comments.
MO	+1,577	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industry.
OH	+1,478	No comment.
MD	+1,353	No comment.
NM	+1,314	No comment.
NV	+1,023	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,615	No comment.
NC	-2,362	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, and construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
VA	-1,733	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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