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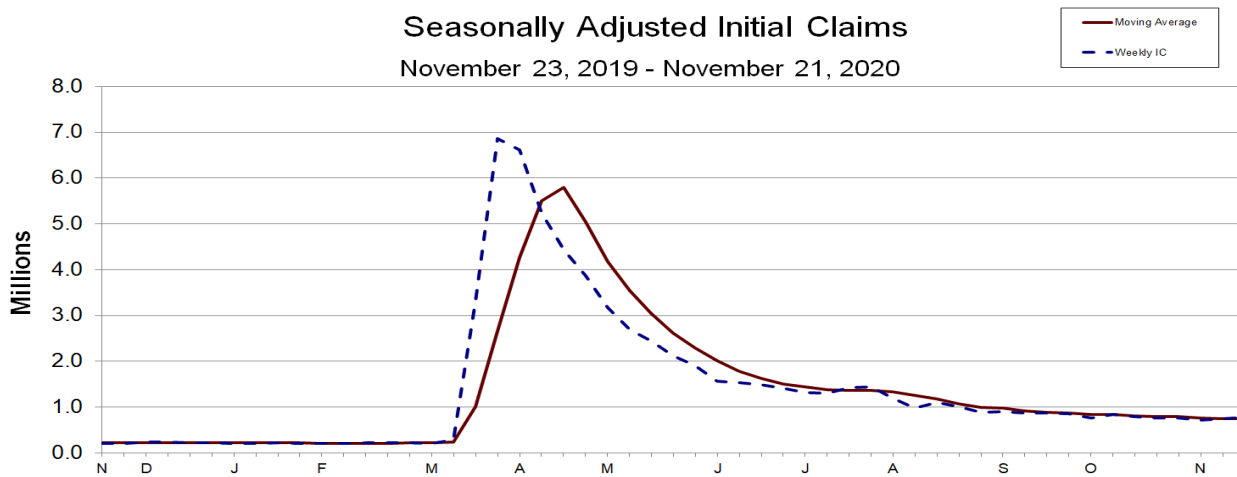
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

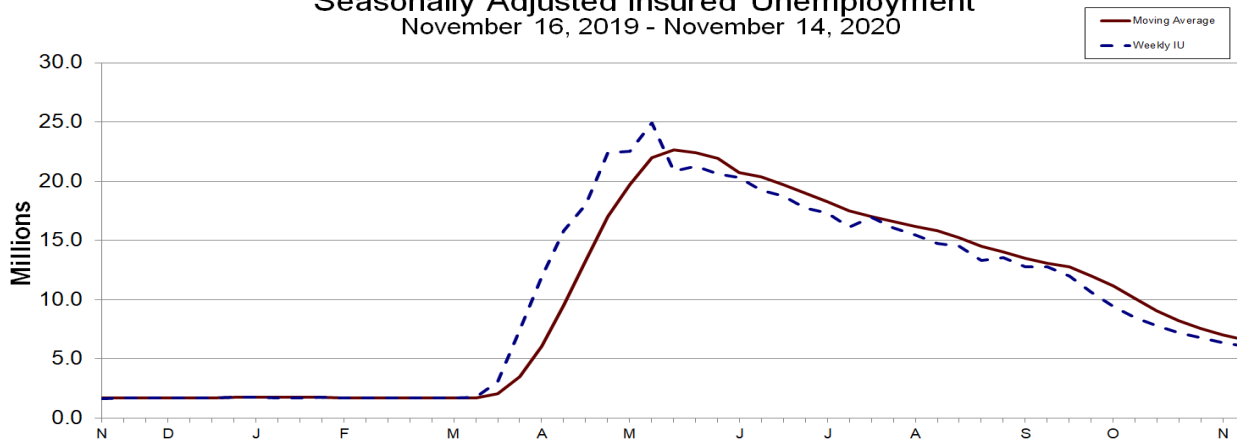
In the week ending November 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 778,000, an increase of 30,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 6,000 from 742,000 to 748,000. The 4-week moving average was 748,500, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,500 from 742,000 to 743,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 4.1 percent for the week ending November 14, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 14 was 6,071,000, a decrease of 299,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 6,372,000 to 6,370,000. The 4-week moving average was 6,615,250, a decrease of 438,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 7,054,500 to 7,053,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 23, 2019 - November 21, 2020



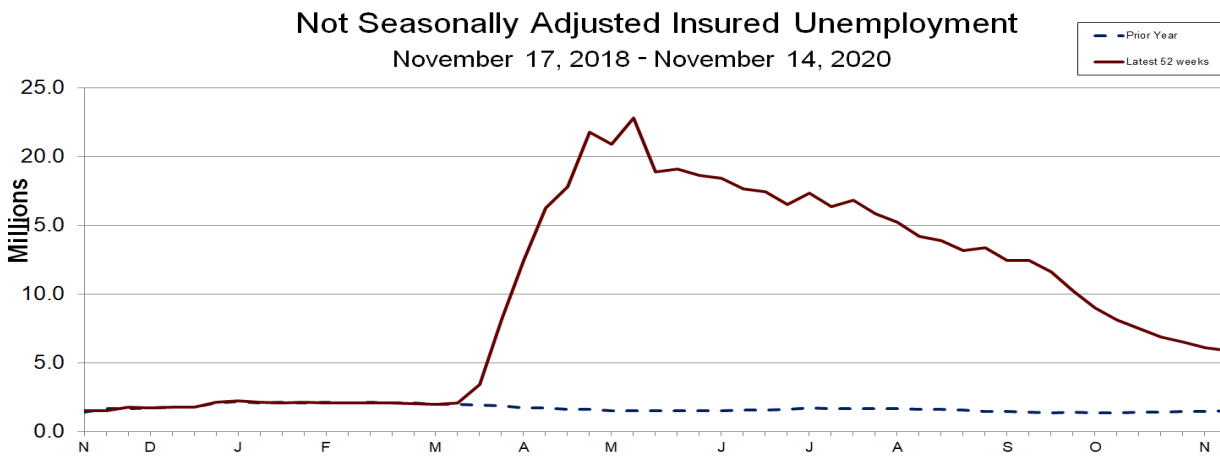
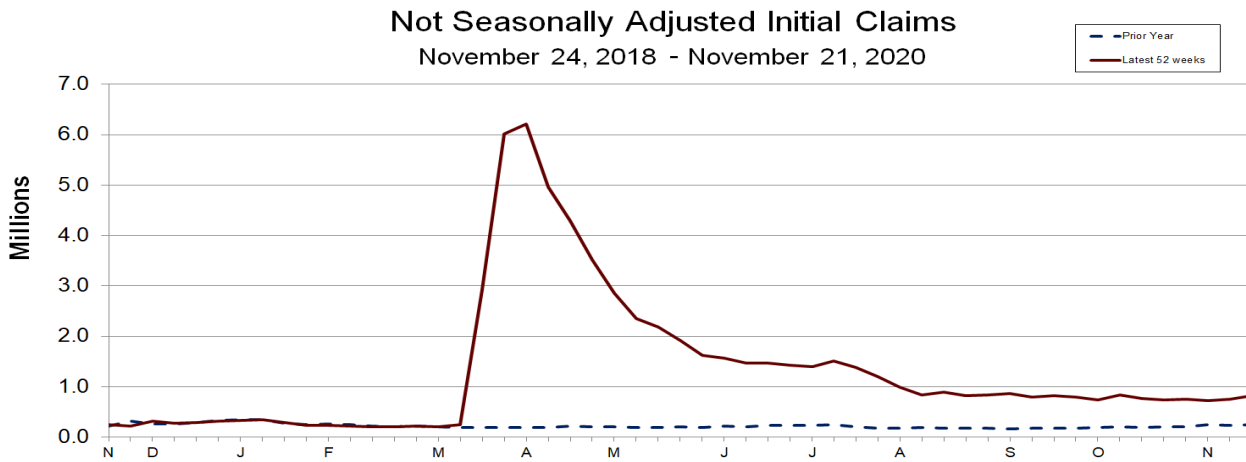
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 16, 2019 - November 14, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 827,710 in the week ending November 21, an increase of 78,372 (or 10.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 48,360 (or 6.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 252,428 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending November 21, 51 states reported 311,675 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.0 percent during the week ending November 14, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,911,965, a decrease of 167,617 (or -2.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 131,883 (or 2.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,545,007.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 7 was 20,452,223, an increase of 135,297 from the previous week. There were 1,487,844 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending November 7, Extended Benefits were available in the following 36 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Washington, and West Virginia.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,436 in the week ending November 14, a decrease of 114 from the prior week. There were 754 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 145 from the preceding week.

There were 13,539 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 7, a decrease of 2 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 11,201, a decrease of 693 from the prior week.

During the week ending November 7, 50 states reported 9,147,753 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,509,284 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 7 were in California (7.9), Hawaii (7.1), Nevada (6.9), the Virgin Islands (6.9), Alaska (6.3), Massachusetts (6.1), Illinois (5.9), Georgia (5.8), District of Columbia (5.6), and New Mexico (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 14 were in Louisiana (+33,573), Massachusetts (+9,859), Texas (+5,216), Kentucky (+3,770), and Minnesota (+3,608), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-20,581), Washington (-8,904), New Jersey (-7,990), Florida (-7,045), and Georgia (-4,201).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 21	November 14	Change	November 7	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	778,000	748,000	+30,000	711,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	827,710	749,338	+78,372	725,361	252,428
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	748,500	743,500	+5,000	755,750	217,000

WEEK ENDING	November 14	November 7	Change	October 31	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	6,071,000	6,370,000	-299,000	6,798,000	1,665,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,911,965	6,079,582	-167,617	6,498,415	1,545,007
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	6,615,250	7,053,250	-438,000	7,578,750	1,689,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	4.1%	4.3%	-0.2	4.6%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	4.0%	4.1%	-0.1	4.4%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 21	November 14	Change	November 7
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	311,675	319,694	-8,019	296,374

WEEK ENDING	November 14	November 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,436	2,550	-114	1,310
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	754	899	-145	433

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 7	October 31	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	6,037,690	6,452,002	-414,312	1,457,820
Federal Employees	13,539	13,541	-2	8,369
Newly Discharged Veterans	11,201	11,894	-693	5,658
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	9,147,753	8,681,647	+466,106	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,509,284	4,376,847	+132,437	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	601,377	633,894	-32,517	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,560	2,706	-146	5,414
STC / Workshare ⁷	128,819	144,395	-15,576	10,583
TOTAL⁸	20,452,223	20,316,926	+135,297	1,487,844

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 November 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	11,175	9,262	1,913	22,153	25,256	-3,103
Alaska	4,925	4,605	320	19,506	19,332	174
Arizona	9,540	6,285	3,255	91,108	95,164	-4,056
Arkansas	3,736	3,484	252	21,214	21,884	-670
California	167,982	158,825	9,157	1,306,085	1,388,837	-82,752
Colorado	15,528	9,205	6,323	85,677	86,785	-1,108
Connecticut	6,648	5,584	1,064	78,103	83,277	-5,174
Delaware*	1,760	1,508	252	13,784	13,404	380
District of Columbia	984	1,380	-396	31,298	32,874	-1,576
Florida	23,982	24,358	-376	165,636	186,514	-20,878
Georgia	26,656	19,626	7,030	245,241	255,237	-9,996
Hawaii	4,377	4,328	49	44,298	43,831	467
Idaho	4,509	5,060	-551	7,950	8,310	-360
Illinois	65,055	46,800	18,255	339,922	346,574	-6,652
Indiana	20,454	15,422	5,032	83,979	81,938	2,041
Iowa	9,458	5,992	3,466	37,112	34,802	2,310
Kansas	24,175	17,868	6,307	60,386	48,036	12,350
Kentucky	10,663	8,133	2,530	43,595	51,714	-8,119
Louisiana	9,320	43,618	-34,298	77,959	91,023	-13,064
Maine	2,178	1,997	181	11,310	11,998	-688
Maryland	12,943	11,396	1,547	71,401	70,659	742
Massachusetts	29,487	52,659	-23,172	206,408	218,485	-12,077
Michigan	32,499	16,656	15,843	173,142	174,303	-1,161
Minnesota	23,326	15,428	7,898	118,282	104,687	13,595
Mississippi	3,418	3,364	54	29,519	35,034	-5,515
Missouri	9,578	8,348	1,230	43,390	46,033	-2,643
Montana	3,792	2,813	979	15,206	14,048	1,158
Nebraska	2,566	2,580	-14	11,123	12,125	-1,002
Nevada	8,328	7,243	1,085	87,082	96,872	-9,790
New Hampshire	2,338	1,994	344	21,339	22,632	-1,293
New Jersey	11,436	12,988	-1,552	156,572	164,818	-8,246
New Mexico	13,293	5,256	8,037	43,638	44,467	-829
New York	46,922	43,391	3,531	449,436	447,690	1,746
North Carolina	7,851	7,649	202	70,925	81,349	-10,424
North Dakota	1,938	1,577	361	7,871	6,620	1,251
Ohio	29,744	25,003	4,741	146,976	145,883	1,093
Oklahoma	5,065	4,618	447	42,040	51,551	-9,511
Oregon	9,327	5,788	3,539	86,191	76,208	9,983
Pennsylvania	26,533	22,756	3,777	308,379	283,910	24,469
Puerto Rico	988	1,141	-153	46,366	47,184	-818
Rhode Island	3,491	2,836	655	15,148	14,945	203
South Carolina	3,567	3,286	281	44,698	49,008	-4,310
South Dakota	681	513	168	3,690	3,480	210
Tennessee	6,873	6,567	306	52,818	60,963	-8,145
Texas	37,680	38,883	-1,203	465,602	497,520	-31,918
Utah	3,077	3,111	-34	14,647	14,612	35
Vermont	1,442	860	582	11,544	10,825	719
Virgin Islands	11	81	-70	2,968	2,572	396
Virginia	15,840	11,088	4,752	80,618	85,129	-4,511
Washington	30,821	17,642	13,179	177,153	150,485	26,668
West Virginia	1,952	1,938	14	21,782	20,602	1,180
Wisconsin	16,867	15,605	1,262	93,933	92,927	1,006
Wyoming	931	940	-9	5,762	5,166	596
US Total	827,710	749,338	78,372	5,911,965	6,079,582	-167,617

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	
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	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,071	-299	6,615.25	4.1
November 21, 2020	778	30	748.50				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 21			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 7	Oct 31	Change
Alabama	2,126	3,697	-1,571	44,030	42,180	1,850
Alaska	315	272	43	10,315	9,513	802
Arizona	1,453	3,994	-2,541	219,774	244,147	-24,373
Arkansas	3,192	3,332	-140	52,861	61,096	-8,235
California	36,353	33,198	3,155	2,136,232	1,648,453	487,779
Colorado	0	0	0	0	78,759	-78,759
Connecticut	492	429	63	37,748	37,366	382
Delaware	105	111	-6	7,393	7,466	-73
District of Columbia	138	141	-3	14,874	15,002	-128
Florida	22,963	25,603	-2,640	0	0	0
Georgia	2,804	1,462	1,342	243,918	251,392	-7,474
Hawaii	1,649	1,431	218	70,767	79,368	-8,601
Idaho	16	14	2	10,466	10,492	-26
Illinois	14,878	10,142	4,736	136,619	134,139	2,480
Indiana	15,904	11,416	4,488	230,304	177,764	52,540
Iowa	1,874	1,477	397	11,966	12,109	-143
Kansas	5,743	5,432	311	52,387	36,863	15,524
Kentucky	2,404	2,597	-193	48,982	16,704	32,278
Louisiana	9,697	39,565	-29,868	122,019	119,829	2,190
Maine	2,037	273	1,764	13,890	14,237	-347
Maryland	3,124	3,669	-545	202,201	200,537	1,664
Massachusetts	7,865	8,122	-257	416,200	435,568	-19,368
Michigan	12,004	9,732	2,272	500,848	504,479	-3,631
Minnesota	0	13	-13	41,058	42,302	-1,244
Mississippi	589	589	0	25,517	26,189	-672
Missouri	386	258	128	41,830	42,993	-1,163
Montana	1,507	840	667	26,876	26,876	0
Nebraska	813	850	-37	8,546	8,109	437
Nevada	7,298	10,745	-3,447	77,402	90,611	-13,209
New Hampshire	718	278	440	12,989	13,418	-429
New Jersey	4,171	3,155	1,016	353,198	352,750	448
New Mexico	1,488	1,016	472	34,020	35,215	-1,195
New York	24,680	22,321	2,359	1,169,295	1,201,966	-32,671
North Carolina	14,011	16,462	-2,451	118,890	120,190	-1,300
North Dakota	1,064	992	72	6,563	5,538	1,025
Ohio	39,395	35,728	3,667	394,521	418,031	-23,510
Oklahoma	479	478	1	8,073	8,903	-830
Oregon	9,457	5,833	3,624	121,141	106,633	14,508
Pennsylvania	15,879	16,348	-469	746,833	755,544	-8,711
Puerto Rico	11,739	11,390	349	265,322	205,456	59,866
Rhode Island	3,500	2,966	534	40,064	41,320	-1,256
South Carolina	2,534	2,242	292	54,172	55,193	-1,021
South Dakota	13	32	-19	1,615	1,628	-13
Tennessee	2,398	2,125	273	73,224	77,315	-4,091
Texas	6,902	6,394	508	554,233	515,387	38,846
Utah	707	715	-8	3,326	3,633	-307
Vermont	58	45	13	8,255	8,274	-19
Virgin Islands	96	42	54	0	0	0
Virginia	5,877	5,093	784	202,983	200,821	2,162
Washington	4,415	2,503	1,912	93,818	103,064	-9,246
West Virginia	2,281	2,119	162	42,942	42,511	431
Wisconsin	1,960	1,876	84	35,441	32,454	2,987
Wyoming	124	137	-13	1,812	1,860	-48
US Total	311,675	319,694	-8,019	9,147,753	8,681,647	466,106

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.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	November 7	October 31	Change	October 24	October 17
Alabama	32,916	36,326	-3,410	41,185	46,350
Alaska	8,856	9,057	-201	9,185	8,753
Arizona	53,370	50,776	2,594	46,975	43,175
Arkansas	12,395	13,473	-1,078	15,678	16,057
California	1,294,265	1,204,014	90,251	1,186,500	1,098,039
Colorado	64,790	59,175	5,615	57,356	48,488
Connecticut	60,046	57,966	2,080	55,315	52,144
Delaware	13,485	12,861	624	12,371	11,654
District of Columbia	23,984	22,656	1,328	20,892	18,927
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	42,411	41,112	1,299	7,074	31,617
Idaho	5,237	5,259	-22	5,490	5,822
Illinois	218,266	204,472	13,794	194,305	168,672
Indiana	53,389	51,555	1,834	48,696	44,945
Iowa	25,855	26,153	-298	25,542	26,130
Kansas	22,274	22,505	-231	21,542	20,570
Kentucky	29,580	28,839	741	21,039	22,553
Louisiana	35,533	34,001	1,532	33,911	26,113
Maine	13,896	14,348	-452	14,363	14,402
Maryland	52,196	49,540	2,656	48,538	43,921
Massachusetts	171,042	167,187	3,855	160,998	152,834
Michigan	220,670	196,101	24,569	209,351	176,677
Minnesota	80,864	78,814	2,050	77,206	73,570
Mississippi	16,960	16,855	105	17,116	16,599
Missouri	45,274	47,485	-2,211	49,459	48,671
Montana	5,657	5,582	75	5,406	5,174
Nebraska	4,225	4,153	72	4,065	3,850
Nevada	94,009	92,211	1,798	88,077	83,467
New Hampshire	7,467	6,114	1,353	5,536	4,877
New Jersey	179,936	174,200	5,736	167,675	164,686
New Mexico	32,483	13,449	19,034	10,550	7,054
New York	688,988	682,997	5,991	662,761	644,570
North Carolina	125,910	124,799	1,111	120,732	126,204
North Dakota	6,023	6,092	-69	6,161	5,859
Ohio	95,005	93,606	1,399	90,663	85,680
Oklahoma	26,260	26,577	-317	22,964	28,552
Oregon	60,790	55,982	4,808	51,054	47,157
Pennsylvania	196,087	240,011	-43,924	137,529	170,750
Puerto Rico	32,957	30,011	2,946	29,319	24,176
Rhode Island	19,891	20,001	-110	20,091	19,649
South Carolina	69,870	71,306	-1,436	71,604	71,739
South Dakota	812	887	-75	815	717
Tennessee	45,141	47,864	-2,723	48,071	47,823
Texas	28,860	39,549	-10,689	30,629	37,955
Utah	8,363	8,780	-417	8,748	8,860
Vermont	9,158	8,995	163	8,674	8,256
Virgin Islands	78	167	-89	56	109
Virginia	88,519	89,763	-1,244	90,559	91,108
Washington	4,189	5,558	-1,369	4,573	4,905
West Virginia	17,557	15,579	1,978	16,658	15,133
Wisconsin	60,044	58,737	1,307	57,249	55,742
Wyoming	3,451	3,347	104	3,083	2,878
US Total	4,509,284	4,376,847	132,437	4,143,389	3,983,613

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:		
	November 7	October 31	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,353	1,296	57
Arizona	4,518	3,918	600
Arkansas	3,883	3,859	24
California	109,231	143,588	-34,357
Colorado	63	57	6
Connecticut	9,279	8,606	673
Delaware	111	132	-21
District of Columbia	28	23	5
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	19	15	4
Idaho	18	24	-6
Illinois	27,935	28,502	-567
Indiana	2,674	3,069	-395
Iowa	335	5,300	-4,965
Kansas	1,246	1,310	-64
Kentucky	132	126	6
Louisiana	2,016	2,074	-58
Maine	2,194	1,826	368
Maryland	6,945	6,889	56
Massachusetts	20,568	19,632	936
Michigan	21,355	32,061	-10,706
Minnesota	11,523	12,379	-856
Mississippi	4,396	3,802	594
Missouri	77	60	17
Montana	921	929	-8
Nebraska	87	96	-9
Nevada	11,611	10,174	1,437
New Hampshire	424	441	-17
New Jersey	35,388	33,497	1,891
New Mexico	2,276	749	1,527
New York	49,281	48,186	1,095
North Carolina	74,182	87,301	-13,119
North Dakota	6	3	3
Ohio	15,470	14,794	676
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	7,514	6,780	734
Pennsylvania	20,230	20,383	-153
Puerto Rico	1,924	1,366	558
Rhode Island	2,649	2,381	268
South Carolina	7,784	6,593	1,191
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	3,394	3,140	254
Texas	102,896	84,599	18,297
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	703	726	-23
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	18,588	16,246	2,342
Washington	16,098	16,862	-764
West Virginia	25	37	-12
Wisconsin	24	42	-18
Wyoming	3	21	-18
US Total	601,377	633,894	-32,517

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 14

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 7

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	9,262	498	7,374	33	11	25,256	1.3	-3,166	11,104	70	51	25,377
Alaska	4,605	60	3,411	25	0	19,332	6.3	249	11,787	177	42	19,551
Arizona	6,285	-125	2,584	13	2	95,164	3.3	-8,079	74,675	230	196	95,590
Arkansas	3,484	-188	1,704	4	0	21,884	1.8	-2,165	11,830	90	30	22,004
California	158,825	1,052	118,076	607	163	1,388,837	7.9	-57,499	1,114,483	3,163	2,759	1,394,759
Colorado	9,205	1,689	7,064	55	30	86,785	3.2	-5,582	68,898	191	297	87,273
Connecticut	5,584	458	2,954	19	20	83,277	5.0	-7,064	57,046	198	101	83,576
Delaware	1,508	-14	896	10	1	13,404	3.0	-987	9,308	27	35	13,466
District of Columbia	1,380	39	867	34	0	32,874	5.6	-2,117	26,451	465	7	33,346
Florida	24,358	-7,045	19,106	58	68	186,514	2.1	-19,286	152,129	290	281	187,085
Georgia	19,626	-4,201	15,692	68	21	255,237	5.8	-30,561	231,320	553	483	256,273
Hawaii	4,328	83	3,352	4	11	43,831	7.1	-7,546	38,026	200	138	44,169
Idaho	5,060	30	3,805	33	1	8,310	1.1	350	3,979	50	13	8,373
Illinois	46,800	-20,581	32,811	16	3	346,574	5.9	11,612	265,958	580	269	347,423
Indiana	15,422	1,311	12,697	34	15	81,938	2.7	-5,536	68,610	160	93	82,191
Iowa	5,992	775	1,413	13	1	34,802	2.3	-411	21,517	55	37	34,894
Kansas	17,868	2,397	16,455	4	0	48,036	3.5	-1,114	41,054	69	46	48,151
Kentucky	8,133	3,770	5,860	9	0	51,714	2.7	936	35,735	103	160	51,977
Louisiana	43,618	33,573	41,516	23	5	91,023	4.8	-7,912	77,348	121	56	91,200
Maine	1,997	-267	1,212	7	0	11,998	2.0	-919	8,138	35	15	12,048
Maryland	11,396	64	8,593	17	10	70,659	2.9	-9,442	48,313	216	72	70,947
Massachusetts	52,659	9,859	47,262	88	16	218,485	6.1	-5,082	172,185	298	129	218,912
Michigan	16,656	1,336	7,784	79	8	174,303	4.0	-13,345	134,909	179	41	174,523
Minnesota	15,428	3,608	7,952	20	5	104,687	3.6	-1,097	73,069	167	114	104,968
Mississippi	3,364	-326	2,269	8	0	35,034	3.2	-3,733	28,060	81	48	35,163
Missouri	8,348	713	4,460	5	4	46,033	1.7	-4,127	29,280	87	41	46,161
Montana	2,813	278	1,527	62	3	14,048	3.1	-882	7,800	191	23	14,262
Nebraska	2,580	238	1,851	5	2	12,125	1.3	-403	10,463	25	8	12,158
Nevada	7,243	-313	4,825	20	2	96,872	6.9	-9,079	80,647	91	123	97,086
New Hampshire	1,994	-177	1,541	8	4	22,632	3.4	-815	19,679	47	6	22,685
New Jersey	12,988	-7,990	4,010	70	16	164,818	4.1	-4,021	86,017	293	349	165,460
New Mexico	5,256	1,363	4,374	29	2	44,467	5.5	-20,415	36,018	239	91	44,797
New York	43,391	-485	27,392	21	32	447,690	4.7	-36,110	331,335	221	401	448,312
North Carolina	7,649	-642	4,544	52	34	81,349	1.8	-6,939	61,984	227	354	81,930
North Dakota	1,577	339	816	8	1	6,620	1.6	-112	4,611	10	35	6,665
Ohio	25,003	3,068	16,264	38	16	145,883	2.7	-8,527	103,106	225	244	146,352
Oklahoma	4,618	148	1,818	29	5	51,551	3.3	-7,706	36,608	56	73	51,680
Oregon	5,788	1,343	1,846	121	14	76,208	4.0	-3,145	52,501	491	131	76,830
Pennsylvania	22,756	-295	10,414	207	40	283,910	4.9	-84,959	195,786	1,228	416	285,554
Puerto Rico	1,141	290	93	4	2	47,184	5.5	-1,177	29,597	209	29	47,422
Rhode Island	2,836	399	2,043	5	1	14,945	3.1	-821	9,296	54	14	15,013
South Carolina	3,286	-175	1,081	13	6	49,008	2.3	-3,308	35,179	51	127	49,186
South Dakota	513	-55	107	12	1	3,480	0.8	-376	2,375	36	9	3,525
Tennessee	6,567	-1,160	4,408	33	10	60,963	1.8	-4,269	45,579	57	54	61,074
Texas	38,883	5,216	24,548	205	132	497,520	4.0	-31,131	384,769	952	2,101	500,573
Utah	3,111	511	1,813	69	2	14,612	1.0	-630	7,748	94	20	14,726
Vermont	860	55	167	2	0	10,825	3.6	-384	8,118	8	2	10,835
Virgin Islands	81	15	45	0	0	2,572	6.9	874	2,138	0	4	2,576
Virginia	11,088	1,179	8,761	16	8	85,129	2.3	-6,831	67,529	278	327	85,734
Washington	17,642	-8,904	10,023	45	21	150,485	4.4	-1,646	102,111	347	572	151,404
West Virginia	1,938	134	584	9	0	20,602	3.1	-786	9,798	100	42	20,744
Wisconsin	15,605	1,271	8,963	36	4	92,927	3.3	-1,145	69,753	128	87	93,142
Wyoming	940	-242	419	31	1	5,166	2.0	-467	3,052	26	5	5,197
Totals	749,338	23,977	521,446	2,436	754	6,079,582	4.1	-418,833	4,618,809	13,539	11,201	6,104,322

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 NOVEMBER 14, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
LA	+33,573	No comment.
MA	+9,859	No comment.
TX	+5,216	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries
KY	+3,770	No comment.
MN	+3,608	No comment.
OH	+3,068	No comment.
KS	+2,397	No comment.
CO	+1,689	No comment.
NM	+1,363	No comment.
OR	+1,343	No comment.
MI	+1,336	No comment.
IN	+1,311	No comment.
WI	+1,271	No comment.
VA	+1,179	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	+1,052	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-20,581	No comment.
WA	-8,904	No comment.
NJ	-7,990	No comment.
FL	-7,045	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, service industries.
GA	-4,201	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and construction industries.
TN	-1,160	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.

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)

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