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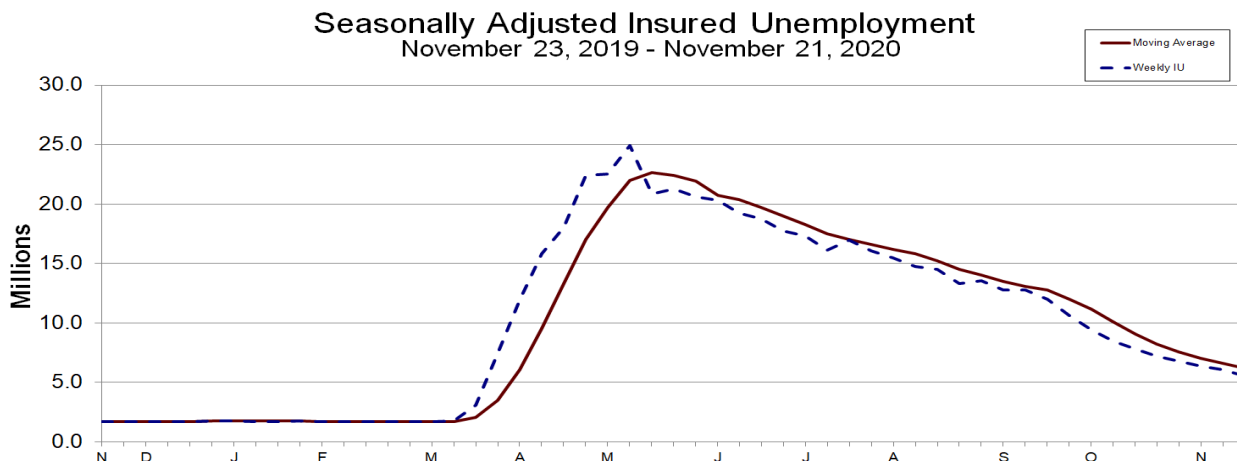
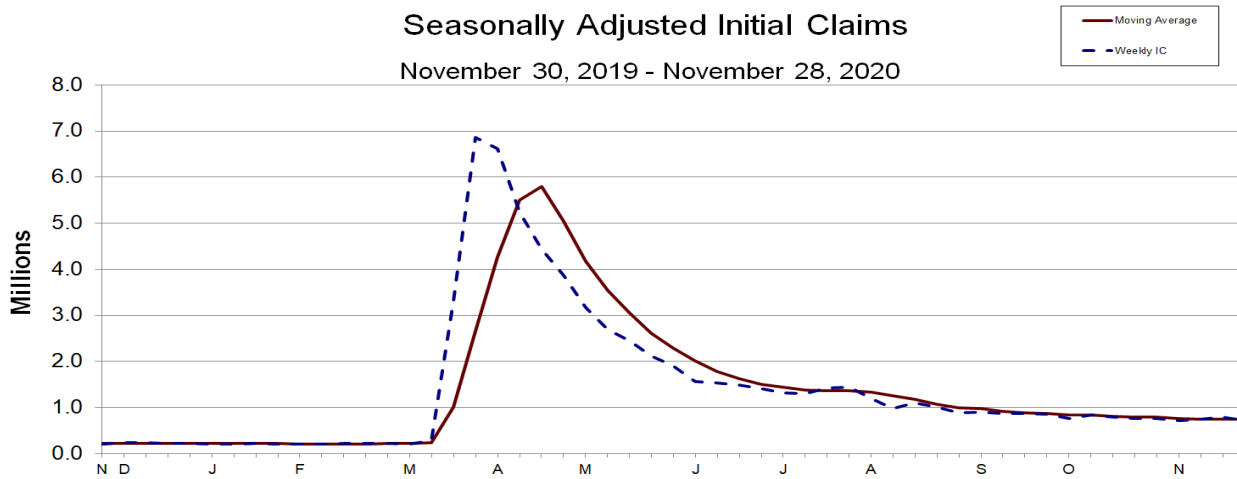
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 712,000, a decrease of 75,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 9,000 from 778,000 to 787,000. The 4-week moving average was 739,500, a decrease of 11,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 748,500 to 750,750.

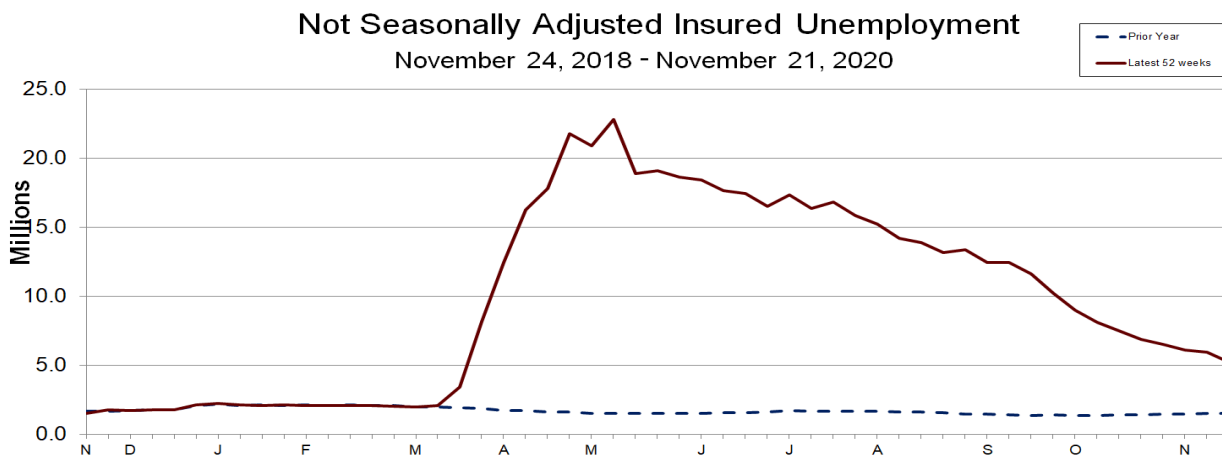
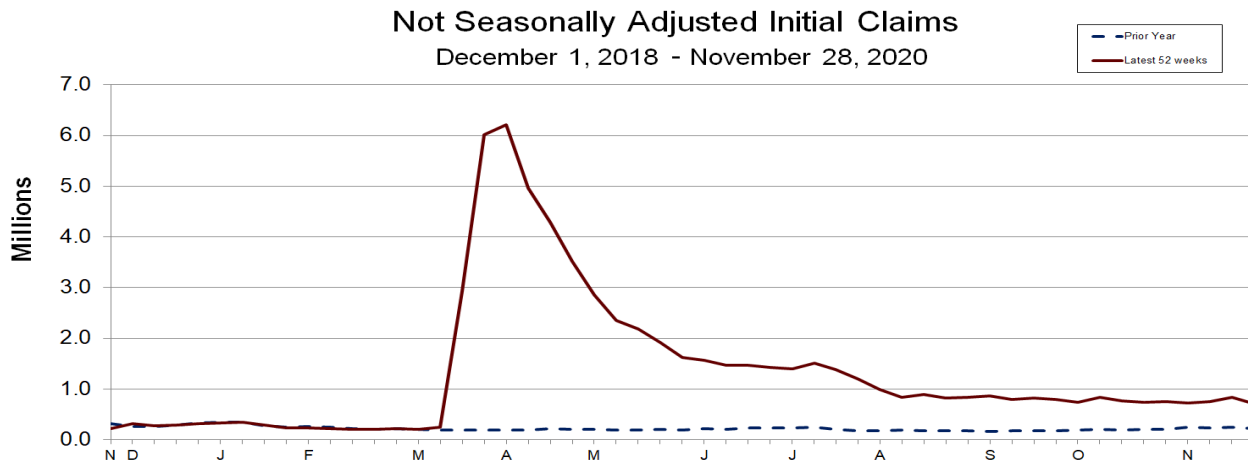
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.8 percent for the week ending November 21, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 4.1 to 4.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 21 was 5,520,000, a decrease of 569,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 18,000 from 6,071,000 to 6,089,000. The 4-week moving average was 6,194,250, a decrease of 425,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 4,500 from 6,615,250 to 6,619,750.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 713,824 in the week ending November 28, a decrease of 122,453 (or -14.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 47,067 (or -5.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 216,827 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending November 28, 52 states reported 288,701 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.6 percent during the week ending November 21, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,240,575, a decrease of 690,170 (or -11.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 120,501 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,508,294.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 14 was 20,163,477, a decrease of 349,633 from the previous week. There were 1,573,485 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending November 14, Extended Benefits were available in the following 36 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, 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 2,807 in the week ending November 21, an increase of 371 from the prior week. There were 823 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 69 from the preceding week.

There were 14,494 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 14, an increase of 955 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 11,154, a decrease of 47 from the prior week.

During the week ending November 14, 51 states reported 8,869,502 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,569,016 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 14 were in the Virgin Islands (7.9), California (7.3), Hawaii (7.1), Nevada (6.7), Alaska (6.4), Massachusetts (6.0), Georgia (5.7), Illinois (5.6), District of Columbia (5.5), and Puerto Rico (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 21 were in Illinois (+18,796), Michigan (+17,285), Washington (+13,499), Georgia (+9,462), and California (+9,361), while the largest decreases were in Louisiana (-33,573), Massachusetts (-22,572), New Jersey (-783), Idaho (-328), and District of Columbia (-255).

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 28</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	712,000	787,000	-75,000	748,000	206,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	713,824	836,277	-122,453	749,338	216,827
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	739,500	750,750	-11,250	743,500	215,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,520,000	6,089,000	-569,000	6,370,000	1,697,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,240,575	5,930,745	-690,170	6,079,652	1,508,294
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	6,194,250	6,619,750	-425,500	7,053,250	1,690,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.8%	4.2%	-0.4	4.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.6%	4.0%	-0.4	4.1%	1.0%

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**INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 28</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 14</b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	288,701	318,855	-30,154	323,882

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,807	2,436	+371	1,184
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	823	754	+69	479

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**PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**


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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	5,890,222	6,037,760	-147,538	1,541,892
Federal Employees	14,494	13,539	+955	8,561
Newly Discharged Veterans	11,154	11,201	-47	5,752
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	8,869,502	9,208,570	-339,068	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	4,569,016	4,509,284	+59,732	NA
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	681,075	601,377	+79,698	0
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	2,625	2,560	+65	5,811
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	125,389	128,819	-3,430	11,469
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>20,163,477</b>	<b>20,513,110</b>	<b>-349,633</b>	<b>1,573,485</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 November 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,592	11,813	-5,221	20,121	25,647	-5,526
Alaska	4,075	4,531	-456	19,203	19,831	-628
Arizona	8,362	7,154	1,208	83,943	91,485	-7,542
Arkansas	3,260	4,276	-1,016	18,778	24,239	-5,461
California	129,664	168,186	-38,522	1,121,292	1,277,409	-156,117
Colorado	17,489	15,266	2,223	80,548	86,082	-5,534
Connecticut	5,920	6,641	-721	74,286	78,742	-4,456
Delaware	1,440	1,869	-429	12,824	12,992	-168
District of Columbia	992	1,125	-133	28,427	32,201	-3,774
Florida	20,787	26,931	-6,144	125,910	186,291	-60,381
Georgia	18,553	29,088	-10,535	200,146	253,347	-53,201
Hawaii	3,654	4,229	-575	35,338	43,921	-8,583
Idaho	3,789	4,732	-943	8,526	8,793	-267
Illinois	74,139	65,596	8,543	303,807	333,669	-29,862
Indiana	23,060	18,829	4,231	77,942	84,966	-7,024
Iowa	5,593	8,930	-3,337	34,178	36,802	-2,624
Kansas	22,995	23,679	-684	57,776	50,794	6,982
Kentucky	9,130	10,983	-1,853	43,640	44,098	-458
Louisiana	10,830	10,045	785	70,472	83,338	-12,866
Maine	1,856	2,254	-398	11,410	12,070	-660
Maryland	8,590	13,803	-5,213	63,725	80,142	-16,417
Massachusetts	23,737	30,087	-6,350	176,298	214,338	-38,040
Michigan	21,493	33,941	-12,448	153,685	180,568	-26,883
Minnesota	24,775	22,914	1,861	117,570	112,924	4,646
Mississippi	3,042	3,879	-837	27,288	32,639	-5,351
Missouri	7,716	10,616	-2,900	41,737	45,547	-3,810
Montana	3,496	3,895	-399	15,573	15,703	-130
Nebraska	2,288	2,685	-397	10,693	11,913	-1,220
Nevada	7,418	8,121	-703	79,451	93,873	-14,422
New Hampshire	1,980	2,509	-529	20,618	21,746	-1,128
New Jersey	12,886	12,205	681	143,036	157,386	-14,350
New Mexico	8,886	12,522	-3,636	49,079	44,114	4,965
New York	46,086	46,821	-735	415,568	448,970	-33,402
North Carolina	5,813	8,588	-2,775	65,280	75,341	-10,061
North Dakota	1,784	1,765	19	7,936	7,039	897
Ohio	27,201	30,198	-2,997	142,077	150,449	-8,372
Oklahoma	2,657	5,834	-3,177	38,821	49,032	-10,211
Oregon	15,393	9,910	5,483	81,959	78,758	3,201
Pennsylvania	23,702	26,983	-3,281	267,149	305,942	-38,793
Puerto Rico	838	1,113	-275	37,224	47,429	-10,205
Rhode Island	3,824	3,543	281	14,749	15,459	-710
South Carolina	2,683	3,361	-678	40,256	46,887	-6,631
South Dakota	380	746	-366	2,930	3,837	-907
Tennessee	5,789	7,295	-1,506	47,826	56,609	-8,783
Texas	23,189	38,915	-15,726	360,382	460,857	-100,475
Utah	2,460	3,046	-586	14,197	14,690	-493
Vermont	1,199	1,479	-280	10,400	11,150	-750
Virgin Islands	7	80	-73	1,426	2,964	-1,538
Virginia	11,149	12,234	-1,085	72,219	81,138	-8,919
Washington	23,085	31,141	-8,056	179,147	158,090	21,057
West Virginia	1,455	2,166	-711	19,597	20,017	-420
Wisconsin	16,076	16,720	-644	88,623	93,095	-4,472
Wyoming	567	1,005	-438	5,489	5,382	107
US Total	713,824	836,277	-122,453	5,240,575	5,930,745	-690,170

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	
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	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,520	-569	6,194.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	712	-75	739.50				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 28			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 14	Nov 7	Change
Alabama	1,712	2,126	-414	46,177	44,030	2,147
Alaska	333	315	18	10,689	10,315	374
Arizona	1,088	1,410	-322	250,173	219,774	30,399
Arkansas	2,060	3,192	-1,132	53,094	52,861	233
California	34,143	36,353	-2,210	1,802,531	2,136,232	-333,701
Colorado	14,242	7,369	6,873	62,403	60,817	1,586
Connecticut	668	492	176	37,746	37,748	-2
Delaware	90	129	-39	4,176	7,393	-3,217
District of Columbia	80	139	-59	15,223	14,874	349
Florida	16,742	22,963	-6,221	0	0	0
Georgia	2,238	2,804	-566	216,381	243,918	-27,537
Hawaii	1,533	1,649	-116	74,612	70,767	3,845
Idaho	3	25	-22	10,846	10,466	380
Illinois	15,931	14,878	1,053	143,987	136,619	7,368
Indiana	16,689	15,904	785	293,432	230,304	63,128
Iowa	1,157	1,874	-717	12,383	11,966	417
Kansas	4,986	5,743	-757	56,037	52,387	3,650
Kentucky	2,309	2,404	-95	9,660	48,982	-39,322
Louisiana	6,428	9,694	-3,266	130,391	122,019	8,372
Maine	725	2,037	-1,312	13,711	13,890	-179
Maryland	1,938	3,124	-1,186	204,734	202,201	2,533
Massachusetts	7,272	7,865	-593	425,548	416,200	9,348
Michigan	7,556	12,007	-4,451	465,347	500,848	-35,501
Minnesota	12	0	12	41,902	41,058	844
Mississippi	0	589	-589	25,748	25,517	231
Missouri	255	386	-131	42,919	41,830	1,089
Montana	1,534	1,507	27	30,915	26,876	4,039
Nebraska	625	813	-188	8,146	8,546	-400
Nevada	8,345	7,298	1,047	74,049	77,402	-3,353
New Hampshire	376	718	-342	13,095	12,989	106
New Jersey	7,090	4,171	2,919	345,838	353,198	-7,360
New Mexico	1,308	1,633	-325	30,022	34,020	-3,998
New York	22,959	24,680	-1,721	1,211,531	1,169,295	42,236
North Carolina	11,680	14,011	-2,331	118,951	118,890	61
North Dakota	753	1,064	-311	7,086	6,563	523
Ohio	36,865	39,395	-2,530	419,346	394,521	24,825
Oklahoma	344	479	-135	8,842	8,073	769
Oregon	7,654	9,457	-1,803	122,221	121,141	1,080
Pennsylvania	13,051	15,879	-2,828	743,069	746,833	-3,764
Puerto Rico	12,396	11,416	980	209,875	265,322	-55,447
Rhode Island	3,237	3,500	-263	40,152	40,064	88
South Carolina	2,070	2,534	-464	54,172	54,172	0
South Dakota	16	13	3	1,581	1,615	-34
Tennessee	1,896	2,396	-500	71,271	73,224	-1,953
Texas	4,882	6,902	-2,020	514,259	554,233	-39,974
Utah	526	707	-181	3,171	3,326	-155
Vermont	40	58	-18	8,503	8,255	248
Virgin Islands	40	96	-56	0	0	0
Virginia	4,297	5,877	-1,580	210,835	202,983	7,852
Washington	3,305	4,415	-1,110	101,292	93,818	7,474
West Virginia	1,575	2,281	-706	39,977	42,942	-2,965
Wisconsin	1,559	1,960	-401	29,601	35,441	-5,840
Wyoming	88	124	-36	1,852	1,812	40
US Total	288,701	318,855	-30,154	8,869,502	9,208,570	-339,068

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 14	November 7	Change	October 31	October 24
Alabama	29,960	32,916	-2,956	36,326	41,185
Alaska	8,909	8,856	53	9,057	9,185
Arizona	55,006	53,370	1,636	50,776	46,975
Arkansas	12,414	12,395	19	13,473	15,678
California	1,264,212	1,294,265	-30,053	1,204,014	1,186,500
Colorado	66,806	64,790	2,016	59,175	57,356
Connecticut	61,390	60,046	1,344	57,966	55,315
Delaware	14,228	13,485	743	12,861	12,371
District of Columbia	25,054	23,984	1,070	22,656	20,892
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	50,244	42,411	7,833	41,112	7,074
Idaho	4,876	5,237	-361	5,259	5,490
Illinois	228,583	218,266	10,317	204,472	194,305
Indiana	56,653	53,389	3,264	51,555	48,696
Iowa	26,410	25,855	555	26,153	25,542
Kansas	23,104	22,274	830	22,505	21,542
Kentucky	29,672	29,580	92	28,839	21,039
Louisiana	39,167	35,533	3,634	34,001	33,911
Maine	13,513	13,896	-383	14,348	14,363
Maryland	56,777	52,196	4,581	49,540	48,538
Massachusetts	173,966	171,042	2,924	167,187	160,998
Michigan	213,879	220,670	-6,791	196,101	209,351
Minnesota	83,409	80,864	2,545	78,814	77,206
Mississippi	16,796	16,960	-164	16,855	17,116
Missouri	41,749	45,274	-3,525	47,485	49,459
Montana	5,710	5,657	53	5,582	5,406
Nebraska	4,249	4,225	24	4,153	4,065
Nevada	95,965	94,009	1,956	92,211	88,077
New Hampshire	7,749	7,467	282	6,114	5,536
New Jersey	181,185	179,936	1,249	174,200	167,675
New Mexico	34,946	32,483	2,463	13,449	10,550
New York	717,795	688,988	28,807	682,997	662,761
North Carolina	127,999	125,910	2,089	124,799	120,732
North Dakota	6,019	6,023	-4	6,092	6,161
Ohio	98,202	95,005	3,197	93,606	90,663
Oklahoma	27,888	26,260	1,628	26,577	22,964
Oregon	60,972	60,790	182	55,982	51,054
Pennsylvania	214,793	196,087	18,706	240,011	137,529
Puerto Rico	36,177	32,957	3,220	30,011	29,319
Rhode Island	19,674	19,891	-217	20,001	20,091
South Carolina	69,870	69,870	0	71,306	71,604
South Dakota	890	812	78	887	815
Tennessee	42,818	45,141	-2,323	47,864	48,071
Texas	22,615	28,860	-6,245	39,549	30,629
Utah	7,703	8,363	-660	8,780	8,748
Vermont	9,598	9,158	440	8,995	8,674
Virgin Islands	110	78	32	167	56
Virginia	86,226	88,519	-2,293	89,763	90,559
Washington	5,761	4,189	1,572	5,558	4,573
West Virginia	17,828	17,557	271	15,579	16,658
Wisconsin	65,989	60,044	5,945	58,737	57,249
Wyoming	3,508	3,451	57	3,347	3,083
US Total	4,569,016	4,509,284	59,732	4,376,847	4,143,389

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 14	November 7	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,372	1,353	19
Arizona	5,118	4,518	600
Arkansas	876	3,883	-3,007
California	158,175	109,231	48,944
Colorado	71	63	8
Connecticut	9,670	9,279	391
Delaware	125	111	14
District of Columbia	33	28	5
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	20	19	1
Idaho	27	18	9
Illinois	30,175	27,935	2,240
Indiana	2,826	2,674	152
Iowa	324	335	-11
Kansas	1,505	1,246	259
Kentucky	122	132	-10
Louisiana	2,135	2,016	119
Maine	2,388	2,194	194
Maryland	7,195	6,945	250
Massachusetts	21,612	20,568	1,044
Michigan	41,330	21,355	19,975
Minnesota	12,750	11,523	1,227
Mississippi	4,840	4,396	444
Missouri	79	77	2
Montana	759	921	-162
Nebraska	90	87	3
Nevada	13,363	11,611	1,752
New Hampshire	500	424	76
New Jersey	38,241	35,388	2,853
New Mexico	2,295	2,276	19
New York	52,138	49,281	2,857
North Carolina	63,797	74,182	-10,385
North Dakota	6	6	0
Ohio	16,902	15,470	1,432
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	8,299	7,514	785
Pennsylvania	21,700	20,230	1,470
Puerto Rico	2,090	1,924	166
Rhode Island	3,011	2,649	362
South Carolina	10,752	7,784	2,968
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	338	3,394	-3,056
Texas	104,025	102,896	1,129
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	756	703	53
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	21,297	18,588	2,709
Washington	17,871	16,098	1,773
West Virginia	37	25	12
Wisconsin	40	24	16
Wyoming	0	3	-3
US Total	681,075	601,377	79,698

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
NOVEMBER 21

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
NOVEMBER 14

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	11,813	2,551	9,523	34	12	25,647	1.3	391	11,343	79	42	25,768
Alaska	4,531	-74	3,288	12	3	19,831	6.4	499	11,304	192	43	20,066
Arizona	7,154	869	3,424	29	3	91,485	3.1	-3,679	72,318	243	208	91,936
Arkansas	4,276	792	2,524	10	1	24,239	2.0	2,355	13,472	137	38	24,414
California	168,186	9,361	119,053	669	144	1,277,409	7.3	-111,428	985,703	2,996	2,593	1,282,998
Colorado	15,266	6,061	12,964	42	24	86,082	3.2	-703	68,111	240	319	86,641
Connecticut	6,641	1,057	3,489	49	4	78,742	4.8	-4,535	51,682	196	68	79,006
Delaware	1,869	361	1,275	15	2	12,992	2.9	-412	8,630	41	20	13,053
District of Columbia	1,125	-255	564	40	1	32,201	5.5	-673	25,692	473	7	32,681
Florida	26,931	2,573	21,269	106	55	186,291	2.1	-223	150,121	388	279	186,958
Georgia	29,088	9,462	23,308	163	21	253,347	5.7	-1,890	228,886	650	476	254,473
Hawaii	4,229	-99	3,109	15	14	43,921	7.1	20	38,142	217	153	44,291
Idaho	4,732	-328	3,535	28	2	8,793	1.2	483	4,203	81	10	8,884
Illinois	65,596	18,796	54,330	20	3	333,669	5.6	-12,905	248,228	539	212	334,420
Indiana	18,829	3,407	15,776	38	11	84,966	2.8	3,028	70,747	185	102	85,253
Iowa	8,930	2,938	5,136	23	4	36,802	2.4	2,000	21,194	60	31	36,893
Kansas	23,679	5,811	22,059	4	3	50,794	3.7	2,758	43,449	61	35	50,890
Kentucky	10,983	2,850	8,011	3	0	44,098	2.3	-7,616	28,499	89	138	44,325
Louisiana	10,045	-33,573	8,142	17	9	83,338	4.4	-7,685	69,383	120	57	83,515
Maine	2,254	257	1,310	11	0	12,070	2.0	72	7,691	48	11	12,129
Maryland	13,803	2,407	10,796	24	6	80,142	3.2	9,483	57,371	267	97	80,506
Massachusetts	30,087	-22,572	23,635	90	20	214,338	6.0	-4,147	165,728	302	132	214,772
Michigan	33,941	17,285	24,653	104	14	180,568	4.2	6,265	137,757	180	72	180,820
Minnesota	22,914	7,486	15,617	24	7	112,924	3.9	8,237	74,576	175	104	113,203
Mississippi	3,879	515	2,766	14	0	32,639	2.9	-2,395	25,515	101	29	32,769
Missouri	10,616	2,268	6,630	11	5	45,547	1.7	-486	27,495	87	34	45,668
Montana	3,895	1,082	2,370	64	3	15,703	3.4	1,655	8,949	228	29	15,960
Nebraska	2,685	105	1,587	11	1	11,913	1.2	-212	9,428	20	10	11,943
Nevada	8,121	878	5,549	11	3	93,873	6.7	-2,999	76,958	137	130	94,140
New Hampshire	2,509	515	1,938	9	1	21,746	3.3	-886	18,741	46	6	21,798
New Jersey	12,205	-783	2,682	66	17	157,386	3.9	-7,432	77,704	289	408	158,083
New Mexico	12,522	7,266	11,594	40	2	44,114	5.4	-353	35,461	322	88	44,524
New York	46,821	3,430	27,829	39	33	448,970	4.8	1,280	325,050	264	444	449,678
North Carolina	8,588	939	5,065	89	49	75,341	1.7	-6,008	55,828	300	341	75,982
North Dakota	1,765	188	1,026	9	2	7,039	1.7	419	4,536	21	8	7,068
Ohio	30,198	5,195	22,330	46	36	150,449	2.8	4,566	104,437	234	259	150,942
Oklahoma	5,834	1,216	3,723	48	5	49,032	3.1	-2,519	32,638	54	90	49,176
Oregon	9,910	4,122	4,916	71	7	78,758	4.1	2,550	54,310	649	142	79,549
Pennsylvania	26,983	4,227	9,577	232	50	305,942	5.3	22,032	212,096	1,257	502	307,701
Puerto Rico	1,113	-28	171	5	0	47,429	5.5	245	29,700	110	46	47,585
Rhode Island	3,543	707	2,704	7	4	15,459	3.3	514	9,499	64	23	15,546
South Carolina	3,361	75	865	33	14	46,887	2.2	-2,121	32,723	48	121	47,056
South Dakota	746	233	387	11	2	3,837	0.9	357	2,543	65	3	3,905
Tennessee	7,295	728	5,134	52	16	56,609	1.7	-4,354	41,021	86	58	56,753
Texas	38,915	32	22,776	186	162	460,857	3.7	-36,663	340,603	983	2,104	463,944
Utah	3,046	-65	1,644	53	4	14,690	1.0	78	7,330	137	19	14,846
Vermont	1,479	619	858	0	1	11,150	3.7	325	8,058	14	2	11,166
Virgin Islands	80	-1	40	0	0	2,964	7.9	392	2,490	16	0	2,980
Virginia	12,234	1,146	9,692	14	3	81,138	2.2	-3,991	63,597	289	334	81,761
Washington	31,141	13,499	22,748	62	32	158,090	4.6	7,605	106,866	416	536	159,042
West Virginia	2,166	228	737	5	0	20,017	3.0	-585	8,617	126	64	20,207
Wisconsin	16,720	1,115	9,324	35	8	93,095	3.3	168	66,182	135	73	93,303
Wyoming	1,005	65	397	14	0	5,382	2.0	216	3,133	37	4	5,423
Totals	836,277	86,939	583,849	2,807	823	5,930,745	4.0	-148,907	4,385,738	14,494	11,154	5,956,393

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 NOVEMBER 21, 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>
IL	+18,796	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MI	+17,285	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
WA	+13,499	Layoffs in the manufacturing, arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services industries.
GA	+9,462	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and manufacturing industries.
CA	+9,361	Layoffs in the services and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industries.
MN	+7,486	No comment.
NM	+7,266	No comment.
CO	+6,061	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
KS	+5,811	No comment.
OH	+5,195	No comment.
PA	+4,227	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, and construction industries.
OR	+4,122	No comment.
NY	+3,430	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and manufacturing industries.
IN	+3,407	No comment.
IA	+2,938	Layoffs in the arts, entertainment, and recreation, accommodation and food services, manufacturing, and educational services industries.
KY	+2,850	No comment.
FL	+2,573	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
AL	+2,551	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and retail trade industries.
MD	+2,407	No comment.
MO	+2,268	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
OK	+1,216	No comment.
VA	+1,146	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
WI	+1,115	Layoffs in the construction and transportation and warehousing industries.
MT	+1,082	No comment.
CT	+1,057	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
LA	-33,573	No comment.
MA	-22,572	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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