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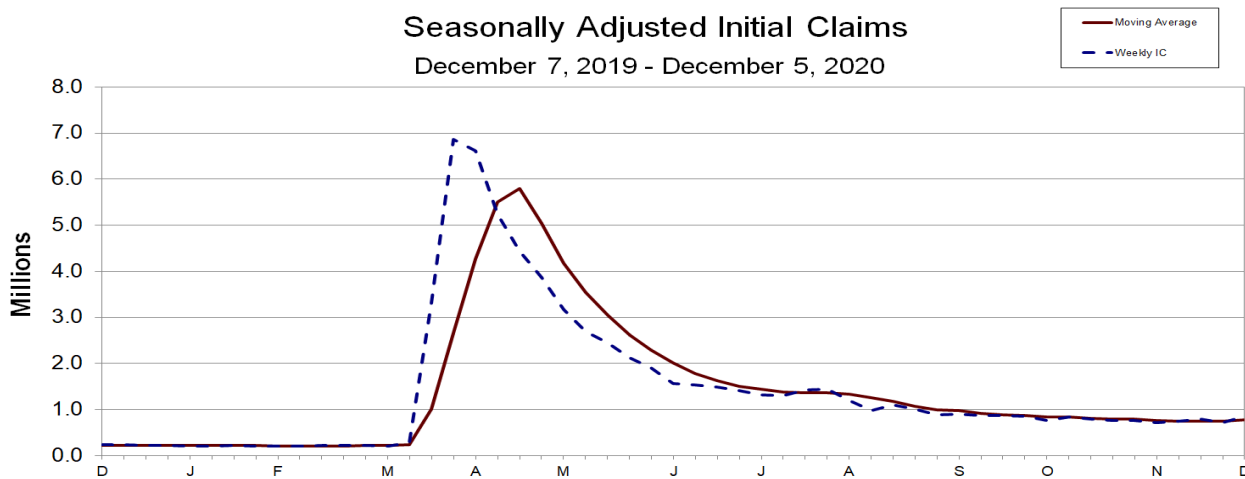
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

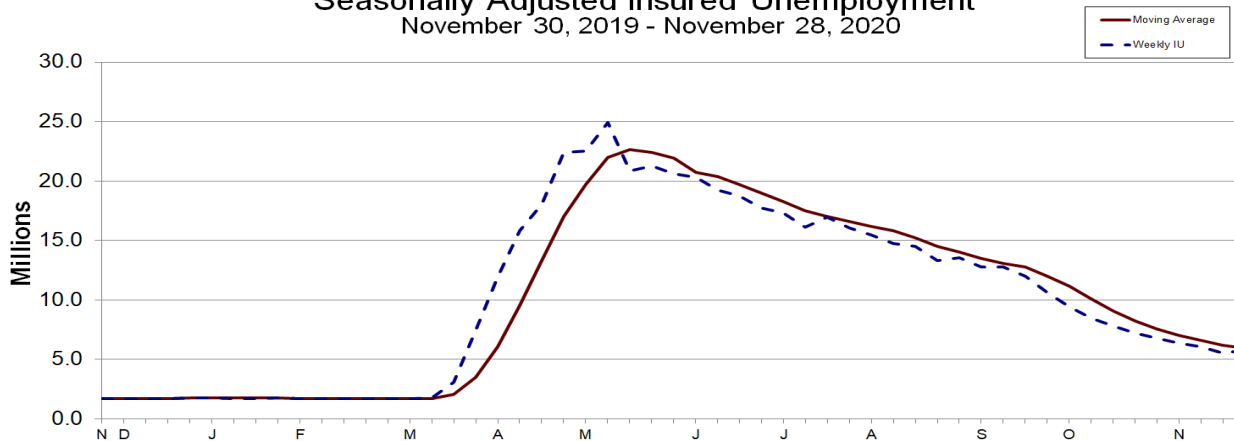
In the week ending December 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 853,000, an increase of 137,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 4,000 from 712,000 to 716,000. The 4-week moving average was 776,000, an increase of 35,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 739,500 to 740,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.9 percent for the week ending November 28, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 28 was 5,757,000, an increase of 230,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 5,520,000 to 5,527,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,935,750, a decrease of 260,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 6,194,250 to 6,196,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 7, 2019 - December 5, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 30, 2019 - November 28, 2020



Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	7,059	7,061	-2	20,207	22,949	-2,742
Alaska	4,821	3,834	987	19,970	19,466	504
Arizona	9,283	5,569	3,714	84,951	81,219	3,732
Arkansas	3,937	3,663	274	21,614	21,220	394
California	177,837	130,383	47,454	1,242,501	1,103,423	139,078
Colorado	19,561	17,171	2,390	91,655	79,697	11,958
Connecticut	7,812	5,949	1,863	75,286	74,606	680
Delaware	1,896	1,533	363	14,147	12,103	2,044
District of Columbia	1,511	1,110	401	28,667	29,275	-608
Florida	25,012	23,063	1,949	163,881	142,253	21,628
Georgia	32,371	19,183	13,188	236,253	202,361	33,892
Hawaii	4,335	3,542	793	40,710	34,886	5,824
Idaho	4,792	3,991	801	10,289	9,245	1,044
Illinois	105,599	74,131	31,468	340,919	298,570	42,349
Indiana	26,910	20,575	6,335	84,251	78,674	5,577
Iowa	10,747	5,357	5,390	43,121	33,712	9,409
Kansas	32,046	22,519	9,527	74,190	49,892	24,298
Kentucky	7,936	9,319	-1,383	46,310	44,141	2,169
Louisiana	6,839	11,780	-4,941	67,637	74,863	-7,226
Maine	2,943	1,944	999	12,282	11,948	334
Maryland	10,259	9,289	970	72,606	75,848	-3,242
Massachusetts	25,838	24,178	1,660	171,507	182,992	-11,485
Michigan	22,170	22,965	-795	205,707	159,438	46,269
Minnesota	25,429	24,527	902	146,525	114,715	31,810
Mississippi	4,532	3,373	1,159	28,658	29,740	-1,082
Missouri	9,557	8,595	962	45,212	43,242	1,970
Montana	3,827	3,633	194	17,033	15,841	1,192
Nebraska	2,895	2,392	503	11,468	11,298	170
Nevada	9,574	6,442	3,132	79,523	84,363	-4,840
New Hampshire	2,923	2,308	615	20,902	20,677	225
New Jersey	15,951	13,546	2,405	153,719	143,270	10,449
New Mexico	8,432	8,337	95	53,464	49,130	4,334
New York	63,391	45,863	17,528	411,297	413,532	-2,235
North Carolina	9,183	6,391	2,792	69,204	68,849	355
North Dakota	1,890	1,613	277	8,654	7,009	1,645
Ohio	35,164	27,786	7,378	150,833	144,268	6,565
Oklahoma	5,498	3,541	1,957	40,914	45,225	-4,311
Oregon	14,720	15,371	-651	91,087	76,492	14,595
Pennsylvania	40,244	23,878	16,366	321,402	264,601	56,801
Puerto Rico	1,199	969	230	47,157	38,249	8,908
Rhode Island	5,177	3,932	1,245	15,639	14,707	932
South Carolina	5,109	2,567	2,542	44,300	41,769	2,531
South Dakota	818	436	382	3,847	3,015	832
Tennessee	6,886	6,186	700	47,558	50,970	-3,412
Texas	44,663	24,792	19,871	376,292	354,191	22,101
Utah	3,394	2,385	1,009	14,440	14,246	194
Vermont	1,904	1,255	649	12,328	10,082	2,246
Virgin Islands	8	53	-45	2,020	1,410	610
Virginia	23,221	8,606	14,615	73,627	72,305	1,322
Washington	25,333	23,260	2,073	191,598	160,893	30,705
West Virginia	2,743	1,628	1,115	22,509	18,097	4,412
Wisconsin	21,521	16,138	5,383	105,202	87,624	17,578
Wyoming	804	610	194	5,820	4,966	854
US Total	947,504	718,522	228,982	5,780,893	5,247,557	533,336

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 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	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,757	230	5,935.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	853	137	776.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 5			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 21	Nov 14	Change
Alabama	2,672	1,712	960	45,064	46,177	-1,113
Alaska	254	333	-79	10,883	10,689	194
Arizona	1,583	1,087	496	218,703	250,173	-31,470
Arkansas	2,316	2,060	256	45,719	53,094	-7,375
California	46,246	34,143	12,103	1,820,945	1,802,531	18,414
Colorado	17,232	14,242	2,990	63,694	62,403	1,291
Connecticut	545	668	-123	38,565	37,746	819
Delaware	94	90	4	7,257	4,176	3,081
District of Columbia	171	80	91	14,522	15,223	-701
Florida	23,400	16,742	6,658	0	0	0
Georgia	2,884	2,238	646	172,490	216,381	-43,891
Hawaii	4,308	1,533	2,775	68,816	74,612	-5,796
Idaho	4	5	-1	10,941	10,846	95
Illinois	26,450	15,931	10,519	145,593	143,987	1,606
Indiana	28,579	16,689	11,890	349,429	293,432	55,997
Iowa	1,692	1,157	535	11,742	12,383	-641
Kansas	5,382	4,986	396	46,120	56,037	-9,917
Kentucky	4,477	2,309	2,168	47,630	9,660	37,970
Louisiana	2,389	6,429	-4,040	119,563	130,391	-10,828
Maine	1,182	725	457	15,395	13,711	1,684
Maryland	2,593	1,938	655	185,085	204,734	-19,649
Massachusetts	7,987	7,272	715	403,891	425,548	-21,657
Michigan	6,954	7,556	-602	435,249	465,347	-30,098
Minnesota	1	12	-11	39,539	41,902	-2,363
Mississippi	0	0	0	26,228	25,748	480
Missouri	296	255	41	40,652	42,919	-2,267
Montana	1,780	1,534	246	24,489	30,915	-6,426
Nebraska	752	625	127	7,161	8,146	-985
Nevada	61,290	8,345	52,945	77,712	74,049	3,663
New Hampshire	535	376	159	12,459	13,095	-636
New Jersey	7,667	7,090	577	349,335	345,838	3,497
New Mexico	1,558	1,398	160	32,557	30,022	2,535
New York	31,335	22,959	8,376	1,182,600	1,211,531	-28,931
North Carolina	12,377	11,680	697	119,085	118,951	134
North Dakota	731	753	-22	6,346	7,086	-740
Ohio	43,767	36,865	6,902	381,988	419,346	-37,358
Oklahoma	507	344	163	9,423	8,842	581
Oregon	15,854	7,654	8,200	121,506	122,221	-715
Pennsylvania	13,191	13,051	140	684,978	743,069	-58,091
Puerto Rico	13,814	11,837	1,977	215,385	209,875	5,510
Rhode Island	1,729	3,237	-1,508	39,731	40,152	-421
South Carolina	2,758	2,070	688	52,525	54,172	-1,647
South Dakota	18	16	2	1,318	1,581	-263
Tennessee	2,074	1,896	178	64,829	71,271	-6,442
Texas	8,220	4,882	3,338	414,607	514,259	-99,652
Utah	731	526	205	3,067	3,171	-104
Vermont	64	40	24	8,451	8,503	-52
Virgin Islands	50	40	10	0	0	0
Virginia	9,201	4,297	4,904	190,366	210,835	-20,469
Washington	3,763	3,305	458	108,859	101,292	7,567
West Virginia	1,739	1,575	164	34,560	39,977	-5,417
Wisconsin	2,282	1,559	723	27,055	29,601	-2,546
Wyoming	131	88	43	1,656	1,852	-196
US Total	427,609	288,234	139,375	8,555,763	8,869,502	-313,739

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.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 28, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+8,535	Layoffs in the other services, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
OR	+5,461	No comment.
CO	+1,905	No comment.
IN	+1,746	No comment.
LA	+1,735	No comment.
MN	+1,613	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	+1,341	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-37,803	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
TX	-14,123	No comment.
MI	-10,976	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
GA	-9,905	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and art, entertainment and recreation industries.
WA	-7,881	No comment.
MA	-5,909	No comment.
AL	-4,752	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, finance and insurance, public administration, accommodation and food services, educational services, and construction industries.
MD	-4,514	No comment.
FL	-3,868	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
NM	-3,822	No comment.
VA	-3,628	No comment.
IA	-3,573	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
PA	-3,105	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, professional, scientific and technical services, and construction industries.
OH	-2,412	No comment.
OK	-2,293	No comment.
NC	-2,197	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and manufacturing industries.
MO	-2,021	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
NV	-1,679	No comment.
KY	-1,664	No comment.
AZ	-1,585	No comment.
KS	-1,160	No comment.
TN	-1,109	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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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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