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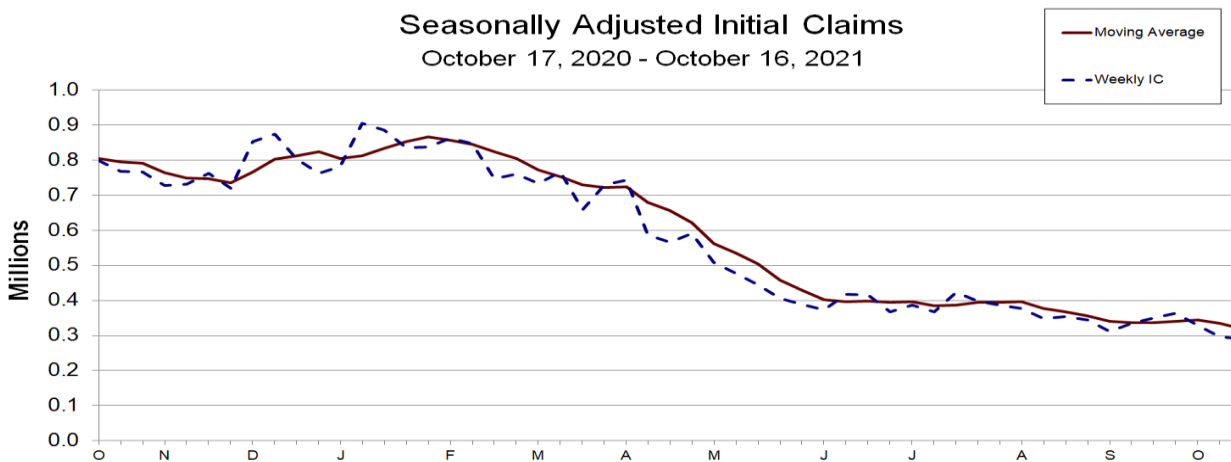
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

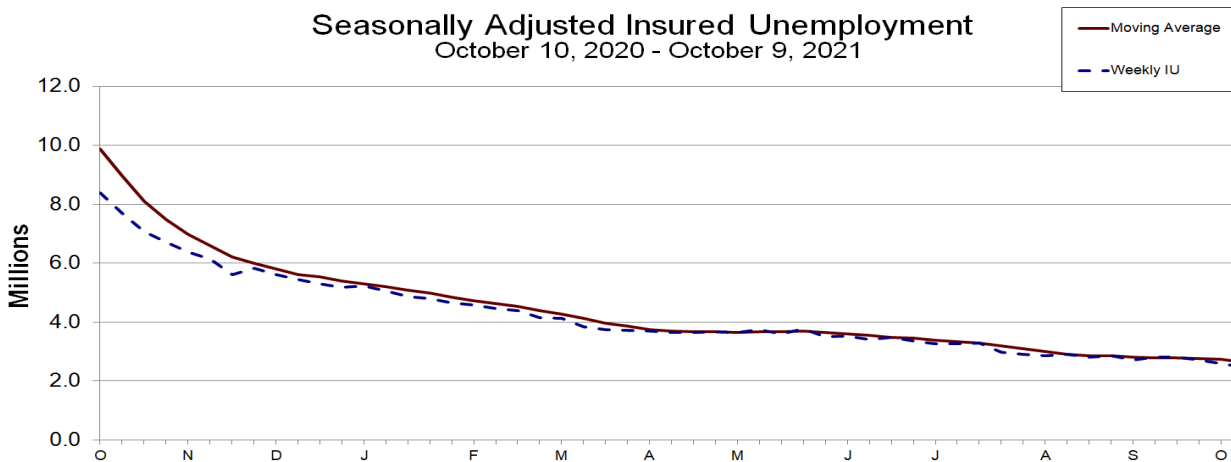
In the week ending October 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 290,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020 when it was 256,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 293,000 to 296,000. The 4-week moving average was 319,750, a decrease of 15,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 334,250 to 335,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.8 percent for the week ending October 9, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 9 was 2,481,000, a decrease of 122,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 10,000 from 2,593,000 to 2,603,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,655,500, a decrease of 84,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 21, 2020 when it was 2,071,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,500 from 2,737,750 to 2,740,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 17, 2020 - October 16, 2021



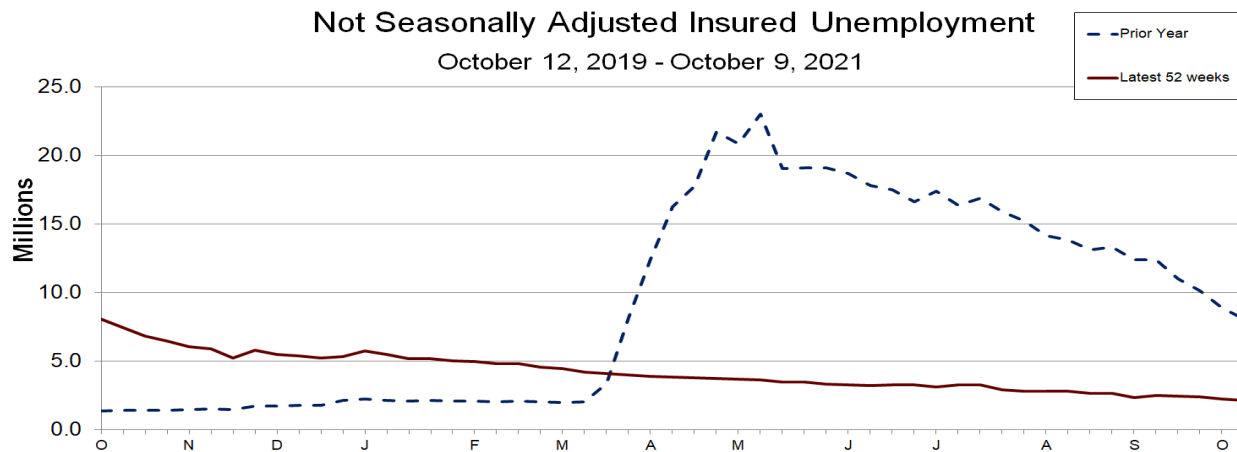
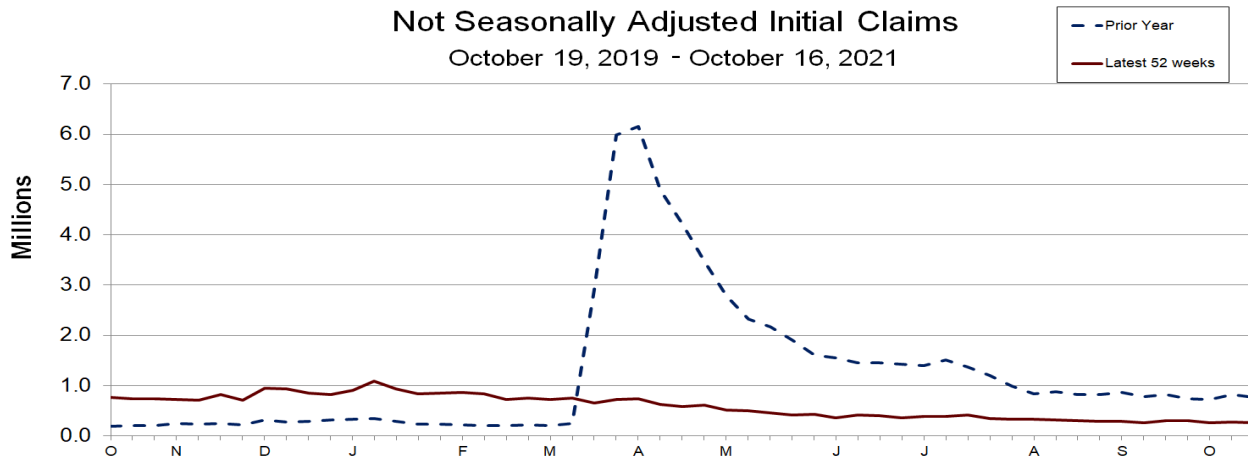
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 10, 2020 - October 9, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 256,304 in the week ending October 16, a decrease of 24,293 (or -8.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,500 (or -6.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 759,081 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending October 16, 35 states reported 2,338 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending October 9, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,169,457, a decrease of 93,319 (or -4.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 28,025 (or 1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 5.5 percent and the volume was 8,079,362.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 2 was 3,279,036, a decrease of 369,992 from the previous week. There were 23,755,845 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending October 2, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 913 in the week ending October 9, an increase of 171 from the prior week. There were 613 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 146 from the preceding week.

There were 7,682 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 2, a decrease of 797 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,453, a decrease of 120 from the prior week.

During the week ending October 2, 43 states reported 517,949 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 45 states reported 331,567 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 2 were in Puerto Rico (4.3), Illinois (3.5), California (3.3), District of Columbia (3.0), Hawaii (3.0), New Jersey (2.7), Nevada (2.6), Alaska (2.4), Pennsylvania (2.3), and New York (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 9 were in Michigan (+3,673), Missouri (+2,566), Maryland (+2,337), New Mexico (+2,012), and Kentucky (+1,454), while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-989), California (-851), Florida (-839), New Jersey (-464), and Alabama (-301).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 16	October 9	Change	October 2	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	290,000	296,000	-6,000	329,000	798,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	256,304	280,597	-24,293	261,615	759,081
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	319,750	335,000	-15,250	344,750	804,000

WEEK ENDING	October 9	October 2	Change	September 25	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,481,000	2,603,000	-122,000	2,727,000	8,384,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,169,457	2,262,776	-93,319	2,404,342	8,079,362
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,655,500	2,740,250	-84,750	2,768,250	9,875,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.8%	1.9%	-0.1	2.0%	5.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.6%	1.7%	-0.1	1.8%	5.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 16	October 9	Change	October 2	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	2,338	21,894	-19,556	22,993	342,899

WEEK ENDING	October 9	October 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	913	742	+171	1,530
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	613	467	+146	901

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 2	September 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,255,908	2,397,358	-141,450	8,859,350
Federal Employees	7,682	8,479	-797	11,856
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,453	5,573	-120	13,739
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	517,949	549,103	-31,154	10,585,004
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	331,567	440,435	-108,868	3,612,262
Extended Benefits ⁵	134,379	222,613	-88,234	475,540
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,909	2,036	+873	2,728
STC / Workshare ⁷	23,189	23,431	-242	195,366
TOTAL⁸	3,279,036	3,649,028	-369,992	23,755,845

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 135,015,266 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 9-10 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 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,495	3,666	-171	4,487	5,740	-1,253
Alaska	1,533	1,423	110	6,439	6,597	-158
Arizona	2,749	3,799	-1,050	18,461	22,829	-4,368
Arkansas	1,119	1,598	-479	10,904	11,811	-907
California	80,707	63,137	17,570	514,736	514,464	272
Colorado	2,158	2,423	-265	25,219	25,813	-594
Connecticut	2,251	2,452	-201	23,592	27,642	-4,050
Delaware	367	694	-327	4,677	4,511	166
District of Columbia	2,056	4,731	-2,675	37,525	15,364	22,161
Florida	6,671	6,215	456	54,346	55,108	-762
Georgia	7,942	7,490	452	110,688	72,286	38,402
Hawaii	1,865	2,261	-396	13,169	15,008	-1,839
Idaho	731	949	-218	2,601	2,805	-204
Illinois	6,999	6,902	97	147,755	189,085	-41,330
Indiana	3,291	3,741	-450	30,844	35,447	-4,603
Iowa	1,835	1,665	170	8,721	9,038	-317
Kansas	981	1,078	-97	6,109	6,508	-399
Kentucky	1,402	4,186	-2,784	12,975	12,318	657
Louisiana	2,476	3,141	-665	30,246	36,425	-6,179
Maine	576	802	-226	4,761	5,435	-674
Maryland	2,936	4,959	-2,023	30,006	32,857	-2,851
Massachusetts	4,553	4,897	-344	52,394	55,620	-3,226
Michigan	14,256	18,713	-4,457	49,968	61,884	-11,916
Minnesota	4,117	4,261	-144	45,469	46,863	-1,394
Mississippi	1,055	1,460	-405	7,019	8,406	-1,387
Missouri	3,969	5,434	-1,465	17,388	16,987	401
Montana	941	1,023	-82	3,137	3,335	-198
Nebraska	787	855	-68	3,501	3,729	-228
Nevada	3,397	3,397	0	28,500	32,018	-3,518
New Hampshire	320	411	-91	2,510	2,867	-357
New Jersey	6,648	7,469	-821	91,325	97,744	-6,419
New Mexico	2,776	3,464	-688	12,651	13,284	-633
New York	12,669	15,394	-2,725	164,174	177,202	-13,028
North Carolina	3,576	4,473	-897	27,426	30,210	-2,784
North Dakota	303	300	3	1,366	1,362	4
Ohio	7,070	9,866	-2,796	44,081	47,950	-3,869
Oklahoma	1,792	2,443	-651	15,192	17,592	-2,400
Oregon	4,155	4,478	-323	36,837	39,065	-2,228
Pennsylvania	10,333	14,647	-4,314	101,767	122,386	-20,619
Puerto Rico	866	1,092	-226	29,310	34,291	-4,981
Rhode Island	775	1,244	-469	8,529	8,844	-315
South Carolina	1,064	1,311	-247	17,138	19,307	-2,169
South Dakota	136	171	-35	659	706	-47
Tennessee	4,941	3,892	1,049	21,326	25,144	-3,818
Texas	15,657	18,903	-3,246	127,753	139,019	-11,266
Utah	1,451	1,367	84	5,869	5,984	-115
Vermont	373	354	19	2,304	2,561	-257
Virgin Islands	40	145	-105	864	736	128
Virginia	2,188	9,347	-7,159	59,542	46,467	13,075
Washington	4,917	5,326	-409	56,715	56,782	-67
West Virginia	727	872	-145	6,722	6,453	269
Wisconsin	5,841	5,829	12	28,317	29,534	-1,217
Wyoming	471	447	24	1,443	1,353	90
US Total	256,304	280,597	-24,293	2,169,457	2,262,776	-93,319

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 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,481	-122	2,655.50	1.8
October 16, 2021	290	-6	319.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 16			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Oct 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Oct 2	Sep 25	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	29	32	-3	830	1,174	-344
Arizona	1	9	-8	2,060	1,567	493
Arkansas	0	2	-2	117	9	108
California	491	15,029	-14,538	211,184	283,279	-72,095
Colorado	0	0	0	202	109	93
Connecticut	15	39	-24	195	291	-96
Delaware	1	4	-3	173	103	70
District of Columbia	13	24	-11	1,579	1,093	486
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	172	209	-37	6,543	8,868	-2,325
Hawaii	0	85	-85	3,487	4,987	-1,500
Idaho	0	11	-11	34	12	22
Illinois	2	157	-155	2,818	5,157	-2,339
Indiana	38	446	-408	9,339	15,010	-5,671
Iowa	25	37	-12	74	38	36
Kansas	0	52	-52	432	643	-211
Kentucky	366	388	-22	16,279	0	16,279
Louisiana	5	8	-3	241	149	92
Maine	43	81	-38	66	137	-71
Maryland	12	15	-3	8,704	13,361	-4,657
Massachusetts	3	1,025	-1,022	33,890	29,053	4,837
Michigan	61	110	-49	1,706	4,632	-2,926
Minnesota	0	0	0	124	855	-731
Mississippi	0	0	0	19	13	6
Missouri	16	27	-11	1,130	1,456	-326
Montana	2	4	-2	94	328	-234
Nebraska	0	0	0	15	23	-8
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	49	29	20	0	1	-1
New Jersey	46	52	-6	24,478	26,191	-1,713
New Mexico	0	374	-374	347	1,424	-1,077
New York	55	282	-227	27,475	28,403	-928
North Carolina	3	3	0	552	667	-115
North Dakota	1	2	-1	150	86	64
Ohio	24	302	-278	38,241	39,112	-871
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	252	718	-466	62,524	31,138	31,386
Pennsylvania	1	220	-219	2,305	6,248	-3,943
Puerto Rico	1	706	-705	54,114	36,052	18,062
Rhode Island	20	38	-18	203	108	95
South Carolina	2	4	-2	56	110	-54
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	25	31	-6	84	620	-536
Texas	140	54	86	809	809	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	4	0	4	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	138	220	-82	0	0	0
Washington	220	597	-377	3,299	2,827	472
West Virginia	0	0	0	48	27	21
Wisconsin	62	468	-406	1,926	2,930	-1,004
Wyoming	0	0	0	3	3	0
US Total	2,338	21,894	-19,556	517,949	549,103	-31,154

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 Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	October 2	September 25	Change	September 18	September 11
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	74	31	43	221	518
Arizona	282	334	-52	640	1,483
Arkansas	330	457	-127	481	499
California	168,898	278,068	-109,170	400,150	501,493
Colorado	415	539	-124	800	1,686
Connecticut	640	770	-130	944	1,634
Delaware	431	407	24	410	410
District of Columbia	27	44	-17	60	95
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	471	978	-507	1,258	4,244
Idaho	3	63	-60	20	45
Illinois	1,499	2,019	-520	7,276	128,389
Indiana	446	2,024	-1,578	1,866	2,292
Iowa	754	846	-92	1,031	1,116
Kansas	1,109	2,446	-1,337	1,518	1,951
Kentucky	2,889	1,745	1,144	1,885	12,139
Louisiana	39	76	-37	61	1,042
Maine	38	54	-16	114	614
Maryland	3,824	4,430	-606	5,159	6,405
Massachusetts	742	751	-9	1,200	5,904
Michigan	1,431	3,201	-1,770	7,186	62,813
Minnesota	415	1,876	-1,461	2,035	5,514
Mississippi	1	2	-1	0	0
Missouri	662	1,272	-610	926	855
Montana	41	23	18	74	42
Nebraska	18	29	-11	67	84
Nevada	0	0	0	0	1,918
New Hampshire	38	27	11	22	74
New Jersey	33,736	33,784	-48	42,593	61,426
New Mexico	44	69	-25	138	286
New York	68,766	68,888	-122	54,990	57,805
North Carolina	488	1,047	-559	801	16
North Dakota	9	0	9	2	5
Ohio	3,113	2,669	444	29,872	58,349
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2,273	2,389	-116	1,842	4,307
Pennsylvania	6,431	10,001	-3,570	14,464	22,368
Puerto Rico	7,687	6,894	793	9,915	18,205
Rhode Island	90	132	-42	245	268
South Carolina	0	102	-102	16	24
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	83	59	24	148	153
Texas	658	658	0	658	865
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	190	380	-190	517	861
Virgin Islands	11	10	1	18	54
Virginia	17,825	4,246	13,579	29,666	5,584
Washington	268	373	-105	378	525
West Virginia	4	99	-95	149	27
Wisconsin	4,366	6,114	-1,748	8,996	17,421
Wyoming	8	9	-1	2	5
US Total	331,567	440,435	-108,868	630,814	991,813

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) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		Change
	October 2	September 25	
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	2,256	2,225	31
Arizona	57	57	0
Arkansas	2	10	-8
California	28,952	51,346	-22,394
Colorado	8	14	-6
Connecticut	1,425	2,610	-1,185
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	7	5	2
Florida	269	316	-47
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	2	4	-2
Idaho	11	12	-1
Illinois	851	41,331	-40,480
Indiana	0	2	-2
Iowa	14	7	7
Kansas	1	8	-7
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	12	16	-4
Maine	9	10	-1
Maryland	38	8	30
Massachusetts	3	12	-9
Michigan	38	20	18
Minnesota	3	0	3
Mississippi	5	7	-2
Missouri	8	26	-18
Montana	2	3	-1
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	834	15,428	-14,594
New Hampshire	11	10	1
New Jersey	89,720	84,891	4,829
New Mexico	6,432	7,236	-804
New York	234	392	-158
North Carolina	78	75	3
North Dakota	2	1	1
Ohio	146	137	9
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	8	7	1
Pennsylvania	232	446	-214
Puerto Rico	285	375	-90
Rhode Island	24	1	23
South Carolina	46	48	-2
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	8	15	-7
Texas	2,050	15,333	-13,283
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	14	10	4
Virgin Islands	0	2	-2
Virginia	164	84	80
Washington	0	4	-4
West Virginia	3	1	2
Wisconsin	114	68	46
Wyoming	1	0	1
US Total	134,379	222,613	-88,234

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 9

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 2

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	3,666	-301	-4,915	9	9	5,740	0.3	-602	-21,323	30	14	5,784
Alaska	1,423	255	-4,285	11	2	6,597	2.4	-351	-13,667	83	11	6,691
Arizona	3,799	523	-4,126	10	1	22,829	0.8	-1,421	-128,607	72	44	22,945
Arkansas	1,598	265	-4,121	2	1	11,811	1.0	-682	-20,492	37	22	11,870
California	63,137	-851	-112,946	228	146	514,464	3.3	-20,616	-1,496,809	1,722	1,188	517,374
Colorado	2,423	407	-3,983	8	6	25,813	1.0	-2,848	-98,520	89	135	26,037
Connecticut	2,452	125	-2,282	12	3	27,642	1.8	-1,922	-93,727	111	33	27,786
Delaware	694	-11	-1,316	3	4	4,511	1.1	-320	-16,844	19	6	4,536
District of Columbia	4,731	775	2,819	15	0	15,364	3.0	1,554	-33,703	166	5	15,535
Florida	6,215	-839	-41,689	55	53	55,108	0.7	-3,103	-245,007	183	22	55,313
Georgia	7,490	1,171	-46,676	25	16	72,286	1.7	2,134	-337,316	302	136	72,724
Hawaii	2,261	-122	-2,612	8	13	15,008	3.0	16	-77,662	92	56	15,156
Idaho	949	118	-2,570	4	0	2,805	0.4	-158	-5,581	13	6	2,824
Illinois	6,902	-25	-40,626	15	3	189,085	3.5	-51,499	-257,975	661	213	189,959
Indiana	3,741	309	-14,175	10	6	35,447	1.2	-1,748	-83,483	176	71	35,694
Iowa	1,665	-31	-2,527	8	1	9,038	0.6	-506	-37,371	29	22	9,089
Kansas	1,078	80	-6,848	2	3	6,508	0.5	401	-25,784	23	14	6,545
Kentucky	4,186	1,454	-1,783	2	1	12,318	0.7	-804	-67,928	93	50	12,461
Louisiana	3,141	11	-10,436	1	5	36,425	2.1	-3,877	-128,895	82	14	36,521
Maine	802	202	-747	3	1	5,435	1.0	-505	-14,288	21	13	5,469
Maryland	4,959	2,337	-7,388	18	12	32,857	1.4	-5,016	-82,588	237	114	33,208
Massachusetts	4,897	271	-35,065	14	13	55,620	1.7	-6,542	-213,322	113	101	55,834
Michigan	18,713	3,673	3,629	15	8	61,884	1.6	3,054	-239,412	57	94	62,035
Minnesota	4,261	-119	-5,079	6	4	46,863	1.8	-2,161	-91,810	135	68	47,066
Mississippi	1,460	256	-2,197	2	1	8,406	0.8	-1,274	-47,903	40	14	8,460
Missouri	5,434	2,566	-5,088	6	5	16,987	0.7	-5,800	-43,738	88	19	17,094
Montana	1,023	175	-1,870	32	0	3,335	0.8	30	-14,459	33	10	3,378
Nebraska	855	-173	-773	4	2	3,729	0.4	-214	-12,688	16	3	3,748
Nevada	3,397	520	-5,567	7	2	32,018	2.6	-312	-125,187	87	70	32,175
New Hampshire	411	-6	-2,151	0	3	2,867	0.5	-138	-27,367	7	1	2,875
New Jersey	7,469	-464	-21,562	22	19	97,744	2.7	-2,494	-151,332	265	252	98,261
New Mexico	3,464	2,012	-454	15	0	13,284	1.8	-1,035	-48,792	111	39	13,434
New York	15,394	1,229	-50,991	20	21	177,202	2.2	-14,695	-546,568	220	311	177,733
North Carolina	4,473	786	-8,699	4	0	30,210	0.7	-2,115	-78,623	68	93	30,371
North Dakota	300	49	-745	3	1	1,362	0.4	-32	-7,745	6	1	1,369
Ohio	9,866	607	-10,219	20	22	47,950	1.0	924	-161,440	97	92	48,139
Oklahoma	2,443	131	-3,088	11	4	17,592	1.2	-935	-64,790	95	60	17,747
Oregon	4,478	88	-295	45	11	39,065	2.2	-3,903	-76,056	198	70	39,333
Pennsylvania	14,647	1,352	-5,604	35	15	122,386	2.3	-9,925	-276,807	245	83	122,714
Puerto Rico	1,092	182	-254	3	5	34,291	4.3	-932	-46,183	207	86	34,584
Rhode Island	1,244	269	-1,815	2	1	8,844	2.1	-369	-13,679	32	19	8,895
South Carolina	1,311	151	-3,356	8	8	19,307	1.0	-1,352	-50,813	45	70	19,422
South Dakota	171	39	-272	7	0	706	0.2	-28	-4,763	11	3	720
Tennessee	3,892	-989	-6,918	5	10	25,144	0.8	-423	-75,767	56	20	25,220
Texas	18,903	-207	-25,789	83	113	139,019	1.2	7,529	-579,212	667	1,095	140,781
Utah	1,367	183	-1,359	27	3	5,984	0.4	-293	-15,281	43	11	6,038
Vermont	354	21	-189	0	0	2,561	1.0	-324	-12,899	0	0	2,561
Virgin Islands	145	4	-18	0	0	736	2.1	-280	-1,702	0	12	748
Virginia	9,347	-13	237	23	9	46,467	1.3	2,448	-95,753	152	219	46,838
Washington	5,326	337	-20,305	27	35	56,782	1.8	-5,497	-133,433	195	312	57,289
West Virginia	872	123	-1,266	5	0	6,453	1.1	-486	-24,259	35	21	6,509
Wisconsin	5,829	-27	-9,142	11	11	29,534	1.1	-2,090	-80,516	90	14	29,638
Wyoming	447	104	-497	2	1	1,353	0.5	-29	-5,148	27	1	1,381
Totals	280,597	18,982	-539,993	913	613	2,262,776	1.7	-141,566	-6,655,017	7,682	5,453	2,275,911

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 9, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+3,673	No comment.
MO	+2,566	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MD	+2,337	No comment.
NM	+2,012	No comment.
KY	+1,454	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
PA	+1,352	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
NY	+1,229	No comment.
GA	+1,171	Layoffs in the trade and health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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