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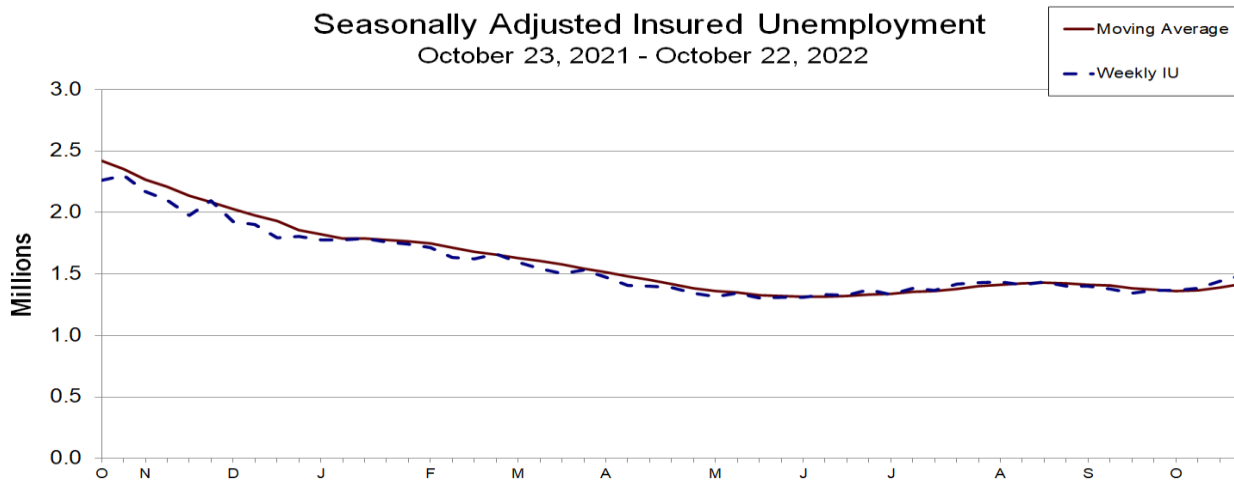
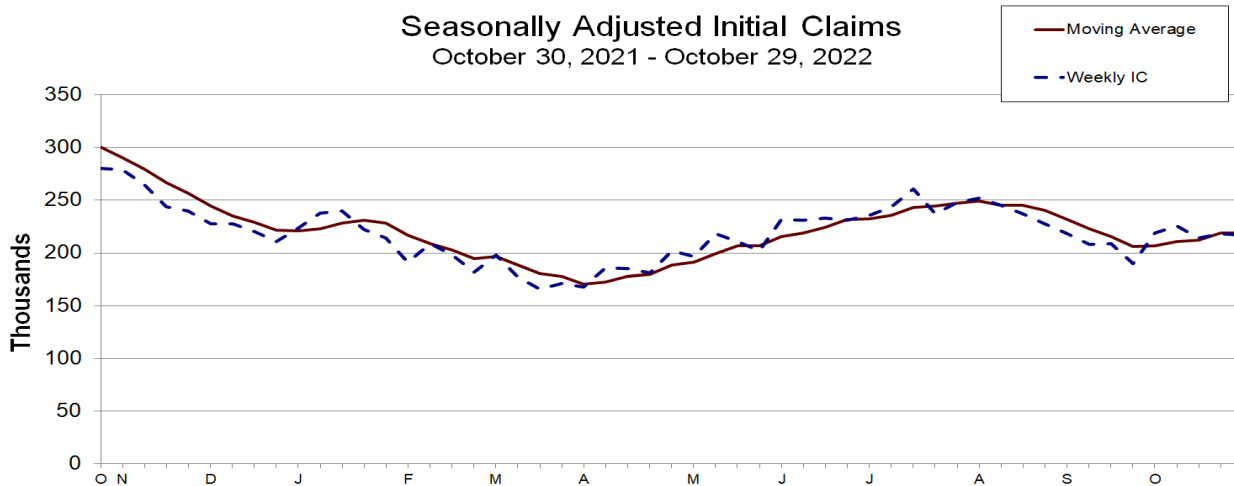
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 217,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 217,000 to 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 218,750, a decrease of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 219,000 to 219,250.

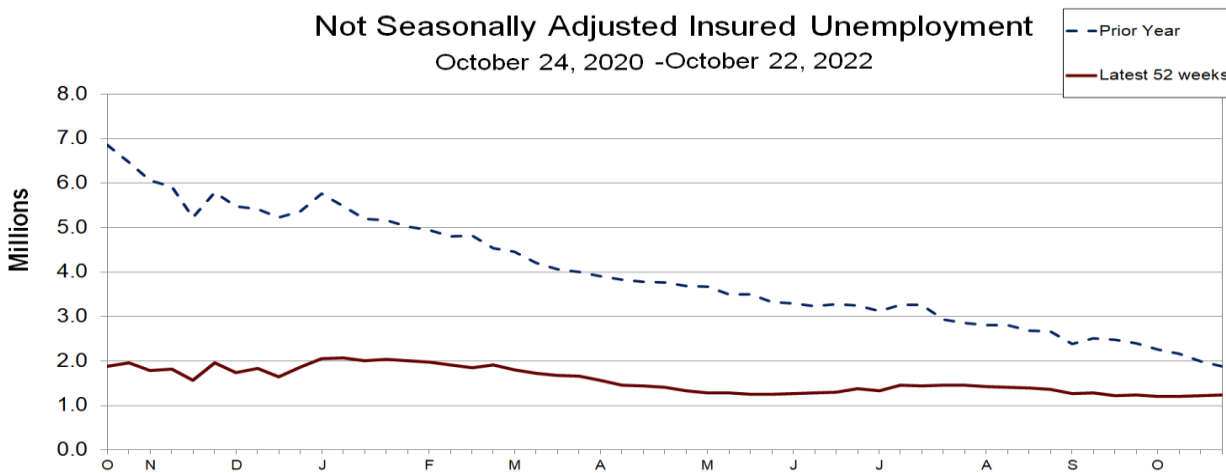
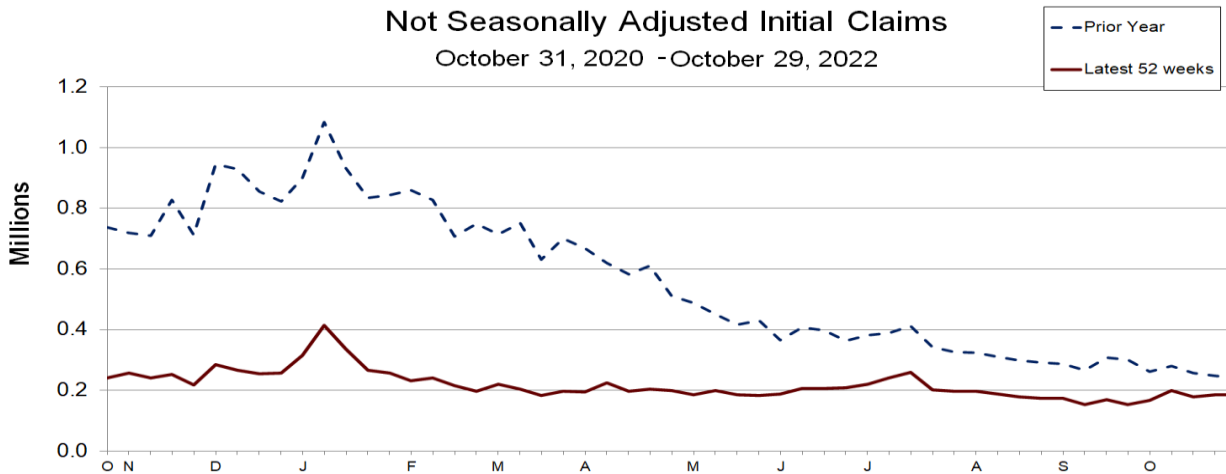
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending October 22, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 22 was 1,485,000, an increase of 47,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,438,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,417,500, an increase of 30,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,387,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 185,594 in the week ending October 29, an increase of 1,174 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,182 (or 1.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 241,719 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending October 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,238,290, an increase of 11,449 (or 0.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 27,327 (or - 2.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,885,013.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 15 was 1,250,555, an increase of 28,929 from the previous week. There were 2,672,972 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 557 in the week ending October 22, an increase of 93 from the prior week. There were 389 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 58 from the preceding week.

There were 5,857 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 15, an increase of 312 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,392, an increase of 59 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 15 were in Puerto Rico (2.1), New Jersey (1.8), California (1.7), Alaska (1.5), New York (1.3), Massachusetts (1.2), Rhode Island (1.2), Nevada (1.1), and Oregon (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 22 were in New York (+1,726), Georgia (+1,301), New Jersey (+1,100), Pennsylvania (+1,062), and Illinois (+1,016), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-2,213), Florida (-2,004), Michigan (-804), Tennessee (-628), and Puerto Rico (-510).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 29	October 22	Change	October 15	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	217,000	218,000	-1,000	214,000	280,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	185,594	184,420	+1,174	178,789	241,719
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	218,750	219,250	-500	212,250	300,250

WEEK ENDING	October 22	October 15	Change	October 8	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,485,000	1,438,000	+47,000	1,383,000	2,263,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,238,290	1,226,841	+11,449	1,199,097	1,885,013
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,417,500	1,387,500	+30,000	1,364,500	2,420,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.8%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	October 22	October 15	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	557	464	+93	742
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	389	331	+58	407

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	October 15	October 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,223,565	1,197,022	+26,543	1,980,630
Federal Employees	5,857	5,545	+312	7,985
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,392	4,333	+59	5,428
Extended Benefits ⁴	3,887	3,699	+188	144,319
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,726	1,817	-91	2,933
STC / Workshare ⁶	11,128	9,210	+1,918	20,884
TOTAL⁷	1,250,555	1,221,626	+28,929	2,672,972

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 143,627,296 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 29			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 22		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,022	2,376	-354	2,890	3,738	-848
Alaska	1,236	961	275	4,542	4,270	272
Arizona	2,740	2,899	-159	18,081	19,546	-1,465
Arkansas	1,152	1,775	-623	6,891	6,740	151
California	40,616	38,081	2,535	306,941	288,572	18,369
Colorado	2,516	2,685	-169	18,194	16,865	1,329
Connecticut	2,318	2,125	193	16,643	15,620	1,023
Delaware	260	304	-44	3,124	2,882	242
District of Columbia	208	133	75	2,503	3,240	-737
Florida	7,505	9,337	-1,832	35,943	41,293	-5,350
Georgia	5,112	5,253	-141	25,506	26,242	-736
Hawaii	1,040	1,223	-183	5,665	5,480	185
Idaho	950	814	136	2,924	3,048	-124
Illinois	8,806	8,316	490	57,984	57,225	759
Indiana	3,825	3,454	371	17,502	17,360	142
Iowa	1,585	1,350	235	5,759	5,821	-62
Kansas	1,291	1,487	-196	3,657	3,464	193
Kentucky	1,178	2,183	-1,005	8,237	7,884	353
Louisiana	1,511	1,581	-70	9,424	10,264	-840
Maine	622	493	129	2,651	2,646	5
Maryland	1,792	1,913	-121	17,003	17,023	-20
Massachusetts	4,629	4,531	98	41,060	40,158	902
Michigan	5,804	5,680	124	29,354	30,957	-1,603
Minnesota	3,544	2,874	670	23,533	21,088	2,445
Mississippi	779	921	-142	3,933	4,763	-830
Missouri	2,282	2,450	-168	11,675	13,730	-2,055
Montana	1,012	786	226	3,280	3,156	124
Nebraska	633	575	58	2,513	2,512	1
Nevada	1,943	2,123	-180	14,097	15,125	-1,028
New Hampshire	265	334	-69	1,639	1,704	-65
New Jersey	7,464	7,382	82	70,401	69,577	824
New Mexico	713	738	-25	7,290	7,357	-67
New York	13,832	13,774	58	117,772	115,334	2,438
North Carolina	2,400	3,212	-812	13,920	14,980	-1,060
North Dakota	265	180	85	927	827	100
Ohio	6,388	6,426	-38	27,493	28,429	-936
Oklahoma	1,232	1,275	-43	9,047	9,366	-319
Oregon	4,666	3,100	1,566	20,002	19,885	117
Pennsylvania	8,278	8,166	112	57,325	56,776	549
Puerto Rico	2,127	2,576	-449	15,887	17,955	-2,068
Rhode Island	805	529	276	5,172	5,255	-83
South Carolina	1,638	2,188	-550	10,170	11,252	-1,082
South Dakota	175	127	48	571	601	-30
Tennessee	1,666	2,002	-336	10,960	12,269	-1,309
Texas	12,808	12,991	-183	94,652	96,263	-1,611
Utah	1,386	1,303	83	6,411	6,218	193
Vermont	299	243	56	1,500	1,419	81
Virgin Islands	22	23	-1	238	320	-82
Virginia	956	614	342	7,067	6,152	915
Washington	4,862	4,186	676	36,581	33,902	2,679
West Virginia	627	777	-150	5,328	4,825	503
Wisconsin	3,391	3,164	227	14,876	14,319	557
Wyoming	418	427	-9	1,552	1,144	408
US Total	185,594	184,420	1,174	1,238,290	1,226,841	11,449

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 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,485	47	1,417.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	217	-1	218.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 22

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 15

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,376	-18	-951	4	5	3,738	0.2	-9	-1,872	52	23	3,813
Alaska	961	132	-377	9	0	4,270	1.5	424	-2,354	46	8	4,324
Arizona	2,899	76	54	9	1	19,546	0.7	-498	-300	72	21	19,639
Arkansas	1,775	443	440	1	2	6,740	0.6	347	-4,278	33	16	6,789
California	38,081	290	-21,666	128	72	288,572	1.7	4,050	-173,037	1,010	918	290,500
Colorado	2,685	311	653	10	5	16,865	0.6	205	-6,091	73	105	17,043
Connecticut	2,125	182	-229	1	5	15,620	1.0	-109	-9,461	53	27	15,700
Delaware	304	23	1	2	1	2,882	0.7	30	-1,347	9	8	2,899
District of Columbia	133	-122	-6,310	2	0	3,240	0.6	423	-8,549	81	3	3,324
Florida	9,337	-2,004	549	18	31	41,293	0.5	1,512	-12,726	121	76	41,490
Georgia	5,253	1,301	782	20	18	26,242	0.6	1,284	-14,047	175	96	26,513
Hawaii	1,223	-39	-640	1	6	5,480	1.0	-134	-8,510	38	72	5,590
Idaho	814	91	-108	7	3	3,048	0.4	86	211	20	11	3,079
Illinois	8,316	1,016	597	6	4	57,225	1.0	1,564	-93,695	413	145	57,783
Indiana	3,454	-36	317	6	6	17,360	0.6	-680	-11,217	54	24	17,438
Iowa	1,350	-148	-680	0	0	5,821	0.4	225	-3,114	17	1	5,839
Kansas	1,487	459	631	1	1	3,464	0.3	281	-2,119	23	17	3,504
Kentucky	2,183	993	-2,190	1	0	7,884	0.4	469	-3,620	55	42	7,981
Louisiana	1,581	-142	-521	3	4	10,264	0.6	5	-16,050	54	28	10,346
Maine	493	58	-204	4	1	2,646	0.4	111	-1,880	9	7	2,662
Maryland	1,913	68	-1,330	17	3	17,023	0.7	370	-12,715	198	68	17,289
Massachusetts	4,531	580	-1,150	4	8	40,158	1.2	1,913	-12,137	147	60	40,365
Michigan	5,680	-804	-6,445	8	5	30,957	0.7	1,134	-19,980	91	53	31,101
Minnesota	2,874	322	-1,035	5	3	21,088	0.8	-29	-21,086	57	61	21,206
Mississippi	921	-183	-302	0	2	4,763	0.4	242	-2,566	29	15	4,807
Missouri	2,450	-2,213	-3,832	4	3	13,730	0.5	1,652	-2,085	92	26	13,848
Montana	786	140	-217	43	4	3,156	0.7	285	-453	61	21	3,238
Nebraska	575	86	-836	0	2	2,512	0.3	53	-857	6	3	2,521
Nevada	2,123	466	-428	3	1	15,125	1.1	830	-13,067	59	40	15,224
New Hampshire	334	51	-128	0	1	1,704	0.3	-23	-977	2	2	1,708
New Jersey	7,382	1,100	146	21	14	69,577	1.8	4,177	-22,135	294	226	70,097
New Mexico	738	39	-2,409	11	1	7,357	0.9	214	-5,058	143	27	7,527
New York	13,774	1,726	188	22	20	115,334	1.3	899	-42,231	398	264	115,996
North Carolina	3,212	415	-308	2	0	14,980	0.3	42	-11,099	50	102	15,132
North Dakota	180	-10	-89	2	2	827	0.2	-7	-472	8	3	838
Ohio	6,426	459	-634	7	12	28,429	0.6	540	-12,587	62	84	28,575
Oklahoma	1,275	262	-2,167	4	5	9,366	0.6	248	-7,572	53	43	9,462
Oregon	3,100	102	-1,309	39	4	19,885	1.1	46	-14,564	160	36	20,081
Pennsylvania	8,166	1,062	-1,143	17	15	56,776	1.0	2,848	-46,603	157	104	57,037
Puerto Rico	2,576	-510	1,576	4	7	17,955	2.1	-3,750	-16,196	119	76	18,150
Rhode Island	529	29	-417	1	3	5,255	1.2	40	-2,976	25	18	5,298
South Carolina	2,188	-51	941	1	6	11,252	0.5	499	-4,997	38	51	11,341
South Dakota	127	-20	-53	1	0	601	0.1	80	-123	13	1	615
Tennessee	2,002	-628	-2,784	5	5	12,269	0.4	690	-8,459	35	45	12,349
Texas	12,991	67	-3,045	44	76	96,263	0.8	3,637	-33,199	868	979	98,110
Utah	1,303	-31	146	26	1	6,218	0.4	246	255	29	16	6,263
Vermont	243	17	-121	0	0	1,419	0.5	23	-835	0	1	1,420
Virgin Islands	23	-4	-70	0	0	320	0.9	46	-546	0	0	320
Virginia	614	237	-1,956	1	3	6,152	0.2	-7	-38,688	60	54	6,266
Washington	4,186	-296	-1,591	19	16	33,902	1.0	680	-15,100	129	244	34,275
West Virginia	777	106	-65	0	0	4,825	0.8	156	-1,553	19	13	4,857
Wisconsin	3,164	133	-2,063	5	2	14,319	0.5	310	-12,205	34	8	14,361
Wyoming	427	48	-68	8	0	1,144	0.4	74	-311	13	0	1,157
Totals	184,420	5,631	-62,850	557	389	1,226,841	0.9	27,744	-757,233	5,857	4,392	1,237,090

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 22, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+1,726	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, manufacturing, and construction industries.
GA	+1,301	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing services.
NJ	+1,100	No comment.
PA	+1,062	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.
IL	+1,016	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	-2,213	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and retail trade industries.
FL	-2,004	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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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