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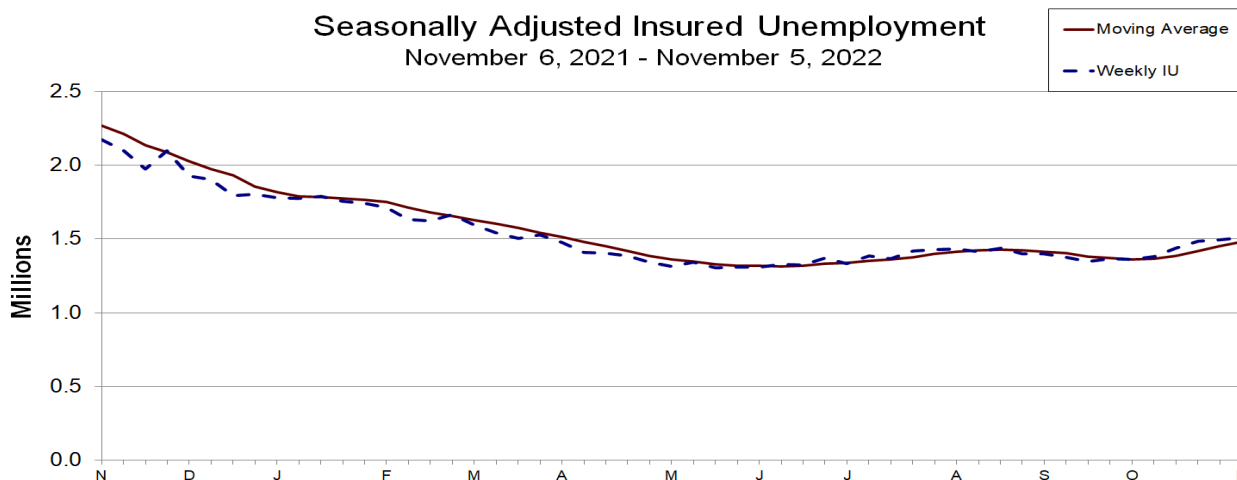
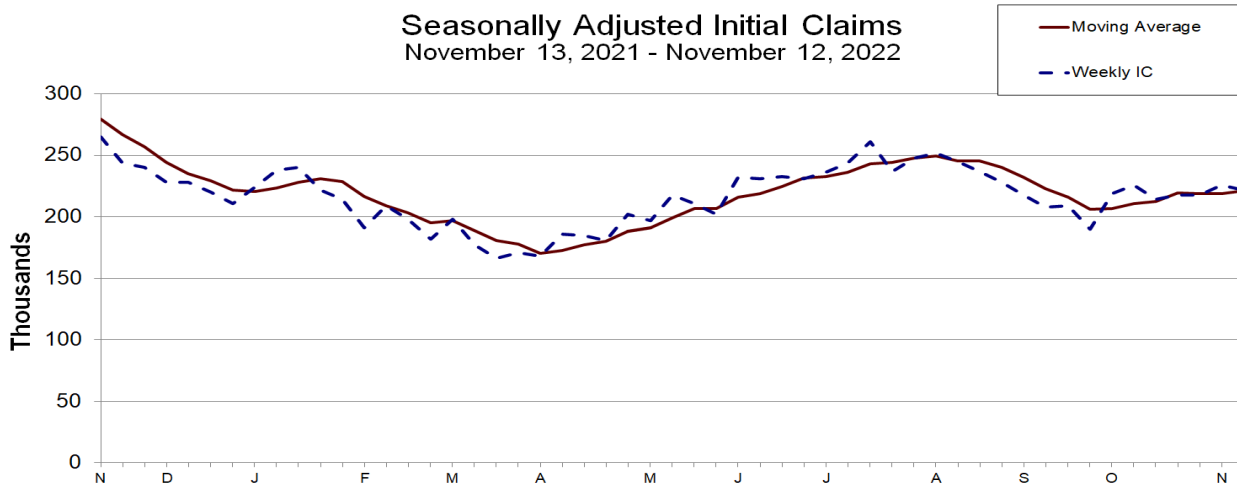
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 222,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 225,000 to 226,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 218,750 to 219,000.

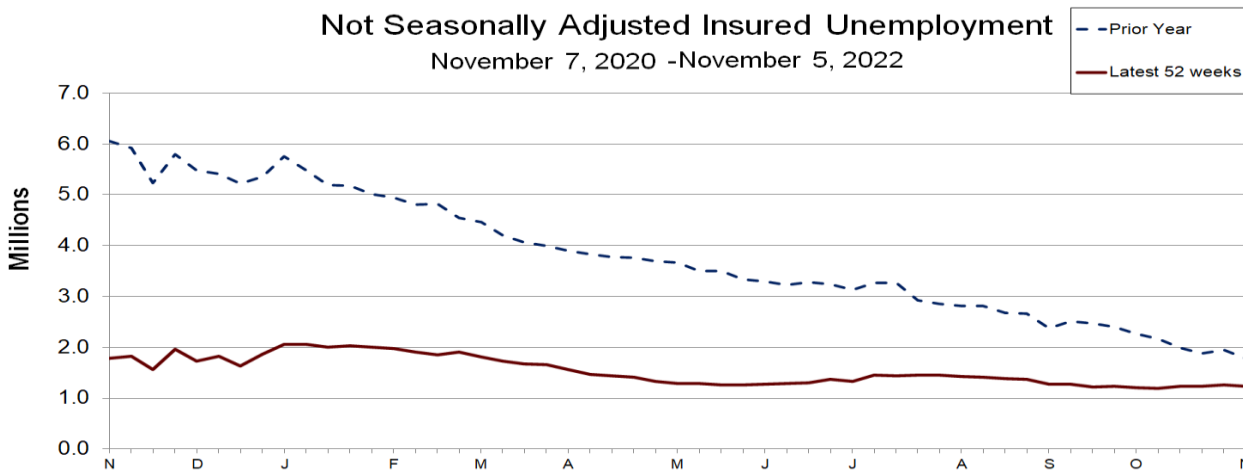
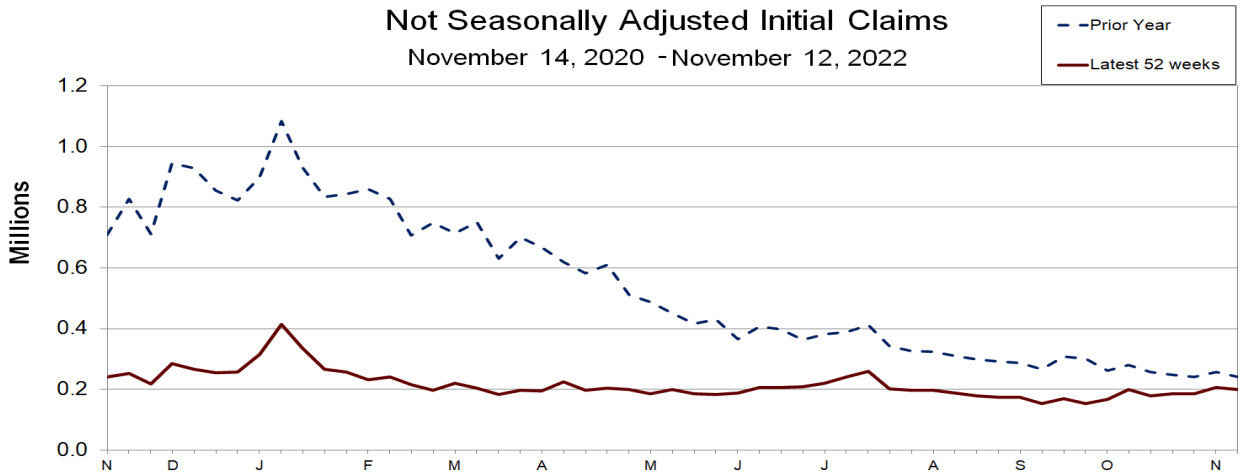
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending November 5, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 5 was 1,507,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,493,000 to 1,494,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,481,500, an increase of 31,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,450,250 to 1,450,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 199,603 in the week ending November 12, a decrease of 6,101 (or -3.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,935 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 240,435 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending November 5, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,237,054, a decrease of 26,604 (or -2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 37,342 (or -3.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,783,321.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 29 was 1,287,399, an increase of 24,305 from the previous week. There were 2,608,347 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 29.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 556 in the week ending November 5, a decrease of 120 from the prior week. There were 391 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 22 from the preceding week.

There were 5,773 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 29, an increase of 114 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,144, a decrease of 143 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 29 were in Puerto Rico (2.1), California (1.8), Alaska (1.7), New Jersey (1.7), Rhode Island (1.4), New York (1.3), Massachusetts (1.2), Nevada (1.1), Oregon (1.1), and Washington (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 5 were in Kentucky (+3,453), California (+3,413), Texas (+2,415), Indiana (+1,228), and Illinois (+1,045), while the largest decreases were in Oregon (-1,276), New Jersey (-490), Florida (-391), Hawaii (-323), and Puerto Rico (-287).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 12	November 5	Change	October 29	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	222,000	226,000	-4,000	218,000	265,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	199,603	205,704	-6,101	185,973	240,435
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,000	219,000	+2,000	219,000	279,500

WEEK ENDING	November 5	October 29	Change	October 22	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,507,000	1,494,000	+13,000	1,487,000	2,172,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,237,054	1,263,658	-26,604	1,239,964	1,783,321
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,481,500	1,450,500	+31,000	1,418,000	2,268,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	November 5	October 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	556	676	-120	968
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	391	369	+22	435

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

WEEK ENDING	October 29	October 22	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,260,397	1,236,763	+23,634	1,946,302
Federal Employees	5,773	5,659	+114	8,023
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,144	4,287	-143	5,001
Extended Benefits ⁴	4,388	3,744	+644	136,208
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,711	1,679	+32	3,172
STC / Workshare ⁶	10,986	10,962	+24	21,933
TOTAL⁷	1,287,399	1,263,094	+24,305	2,608,347

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 November 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,622	2,407	-785	2,863	4,160	-1,297
Alaska	1,191	1,141	50	5,373	5,024	349
Arizona	2,291	3,082	-791	16,048	19,087	-3,039
Arkansas	1,461	1,371	90	6,311	6,838	-527
California	43,785	43,483	302	284,498	299,947	-15,449
Colorado	2,784	2,748	36	18,679	17,817	862
Connecticut	2,157	2,123	34	16,049	16,646	-597
Delaware	302	379	-77	3,103	3,046	57
District of Columbia	130	400	-270	2,372	2,854	-482
Florida	5,889	7,412	-1,523	36,400	40,891	-4,491
Georgia	3,818	5,720	-1,902	22,957	32,086	-9,129
Hawaii	969	718	251	5,379	1,788	3,591
Idaho	1,662	1,268	394	3,486	3,403	83
Illinois	9,638	9,818	-180	59,428	59,407	21
Indiana	3,931	4,985	-1,054	18,030	20,478	-2,448
Iowa	1,565	1,496	69	5,900	5,814	86
Kansas	1,200	1,406	-206	3,789	3,662	127
Kentucky	1,307	4,629	-3,322	9,764	7,845	1,919
Louisiana	1,287	1,796	-509	9,463	10,251	-788
Maine	662	776	-114	3,099	2,863	236
Maryland	1,554	2,198	-644	16,452	18,501	-2,049
Massachusetts	5,243	5,416	-173	43,251	43,035	216
Michigan	6,269	6,649	-380	28,622	31,226	-2,604
Minnesota	6,491	4,126	2,365	27,609	23,087	4,522
Mississippi	860	932	-72	3,894	4,376	-482
Missouri	2,343	2,544	-201	11,561	12,397	-836
Montana	2,214	1,340	874	4,260	3,837	423
Nebraska	598	599	-1	2,567	2,608	-41
Nevada	2,503	2,313	190	14,494	15,070	-576
New Hampshire	277	280	-3	1,651	1,784	-133
New Jersey	8,048	7,091	957	69,926	68,565	1,361
New Mexico	844	831	13	7,650	7,596	54
New York	14,460	13,976	484	122,871	117,719	5,152
North Carolina	3,656	2,633	1,023	13,725	14,543	-818
North Dakota	396	278	118	1,043	873	170
Ohio	7,600	7,481	119	28,861	28,098	763
Oklahoma	899	1,094	-195	8,944	9,299	-355
Oregon	3,743	3,365	378	21,368	21,440	-72
Pennsylvania	9,707	9,146	561	58,508	58,049	459
Puerto Rico	1,604	1,917	-313	14,959	18,062	-3,103
Rhode Island	550	797	-247	9,316	5,839	3,477
South Carolina	1,897	1,946	-49	10,421	10,883	-462
South Dakota	188	209	-21	649	671	-22
Tennessee	1,931	2,016	-85	10,844	11,372	-528
Texas	13,974	15,472	-1,498	91,402	97,059	-5,657
Utah	1,733	1,671	62	7,039	6,658	381
Vermont	275	404	-129	1,743	1,541	202
Virgin Islands	11	25	-14	234	192	42
Virginia	745	757	-12	7,909	6,951	958
Washington	5,906	5,914	-8	38,408	36,792	1,616
West Virginia	606	804	-198	5,651	5,119	532
Wisconsin	4,367	3,794	573	16,425	15,105	1,320
Wyoming	460	528	-68	1,806	1,404	402
US Total	199,603	205,704	-6,101	1,237,054	1,263,658	-26,604

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 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	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,494	7	1,450.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,507	13	1,481.50	1.0
November 12, 2022	222	-4	221.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 5

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 29

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	2,407	242	-1,044	8	2	4,160	0.2	384	-2,944	43	17	4,220
Alaska	1,141	107	-297	6	2	5,024	1.7	401	-2,026	74	7	5,105
Arizona	3,082	266	334	7	0	19,087	0.7	-599	217	72	13	19,172
Arkansas	1,371	113	-79	0	2	6,838	0.6	-509	-6,316	22	16	6,876
California	43,483	3,413	-11,550	116	68	299,947	1.8	-314	-181,573	770	829	301,546
Colorado	2,748	275	692	6	3	17,817	0.7	279	-4,548	127	99	18,043
Connecticut	2,123	3	-519	3	1	16,646	1.0	686	-7,142	67	35	16,748
Delaware	379	113	-9	3	1	3,046	0.7	171	-1,066	10	6	3,062
District of Columbia	400	150	-3,463	9	0	2,854	0.5	234	-15,109	80	8	2,942
Florida	7,412	-391	1,195	8	39	40,891	0.5	-827	-11,879	100	91	41,082
Georgia	5,720	418	1,379	21	12	32,086	0.7	5,817	-7,712	227	130	32,443
Hawaii	718	-323	-936	3	7	1,788	0.3	-3,860	-10,764	26	30	1,844
Idaho	1,268	296	148	6	5	3,403	0.4	274	186	34	14	3,451
Illinois	9,818	1,045	-547	7	3	59,407	1.0	2,111	-73,389	421	143	59,971
Indiana	4,985	1,228	1,411	5	4	20,478	0.7	2,993	-8,307	55	19	20,552
Iowa	1,496	19	-666	5	0	5,814	0.4	157	-4,012	20	3	5,837
Kansas	1,406	128	353	1	0	3,662	0.3	118	-2,034	23	21	3,706
Kentucky	4,629	3,453	-9,342	0	0	7,845	0.4	-287	-5,775	48	44	7,937
Louisiana	1,796	116	-185	0	1	10,251	0.6	-25	-13,976	50	17	10,318
Maine	776	155	-224	4	0	2,863	0.5	170	-2,025	18	7	2,888
Maryland	2,198	231	-685	9	3	18,501	0.7	896	-10,200	167	60	18,728
Massachusetts	5,416	741	-1,113	6	9	43,035	1.2	1,636	-12,542	150	67	43,252
Michigan	6,649	896	-6,309	4	4	31,226	0.8	698	-19,534	94	57	31,377
Minnesota	4,126	796	-1,373	10	3	23,087	0.9	821	-19,208	55	53	23,195
Mississippi	932	58	-309	0	3	4,376	0.4	-89	-2,891	27	14	4,417
Missouri	2,544	189	-1,444	4	3	12,397	0.5	594	-6,693	74	23	12,494
Montana	1,340	283	28	53	2	3,837	0.8	522	-412	143	24	4,004
Nebraska	599	-34	-710	1	0	2,608	0.3	106	-523	9	6	2,623
Nevada	2,313	382	-14	6	0	15,070	1.1	351	-11,249	59	41	15,170
New Hampshire	280	-22	-243	1	2	1,784	0.3	18	-1,023	2	1	1,787
New Jersey	7,091	-490	-253	20	14	68,565	1.7	-803	-19,479	199	168	68,932
New Mexico	831	84	-944	3	0	7,596	1.0	227	-4,659	186	26	7,808
New York	13,976	392	-500	19	24	117,719	1.3	1,495	-34,236	362	269	118,350
North Carolina	2,633	80	-1,494	6	0	14,543	0.3	-265	-10,649	56	95	14,694
North Dakota	278	46	-126	0	3	873	0.2	16	-532	9	3	885
Ohio	7,481	1,040	-3,757	4	13	28,098	0.5	212	-14,356	60	92	28,250
Oklahoma	1,094	-48	-926	9	4	9,299	0.6	77	-6,058	57	40	9,396
Oregon	3,365	-1,276	-1,181	43	2	21,440	1.1	1,365	-11,411	196	33	21,669
Pennsylvania	9,146	806	1,817	18	14	58,049	1.0	110	-38,663	166	101	58,316
Puerto Rico	1,917	-287	1,038	3	5	18,062	2.1	1,478	-9,789	92	89	18,243
Rhode Island	797	-10	-68	2	3	5,839	1.4	752	-2,024	26	24	5,889
South Carolina	1,946	229	635	3	4	10,883	0.5	380	-2,552	36	48	10,967
South Dakota	209	12	-33	5	1	671	0.2	81	-344	25	1	697
Tennessee	2,016	287	-5,979	4	4	11,372	0.3	-163	-11,975	39	46	11,457
Texas	15,472	2,415	-653	46	98	97,059	0.8	2,142	-31,792	799	911	98,769
Utah	1,671	285	250	19	1	6,658	0.4	223	875	54	13	6,725
Vermont	404	101	-118	0	0	1,541	0.5	131	-640	0	1	1,542
Virgin Islands	25	-5	-61	0	0	192	0.5	-30	-564	0	0	192
Virginia	757	-9	-533	0	1	6,951	0.2	576	-17,971	61	58	7,070
Washington	5,914	1,035	-214	26	15	36,792	1.1	2,164	-12,385	186	209	37,187
West Virginia	804	136	-181	2	3	5,119	0.8	148	-1,349	29	14	5,162
Wisconsin	3,794	472	-2,346	4	2	15,105	0.5	346	-11,874	47	6	15,158
Wyoming	528	90	-85	8	1	1,404	0.5	105	-214	21	2	1,427
Totals	205,704	19,731	-51,233	556	391	1,263,658	0.9	23,694	-687,110	5,773	4,144	1,273,575

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 5, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	+3,453	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+3,413	No comment.
TX	+2,415	No comment.
IN	+1,228	No comment.
IL	+1,045	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and retail trade industries.
OH	+1,040	No comment.
WA	+1,035	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, finance and insurance, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OR	-1,276	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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