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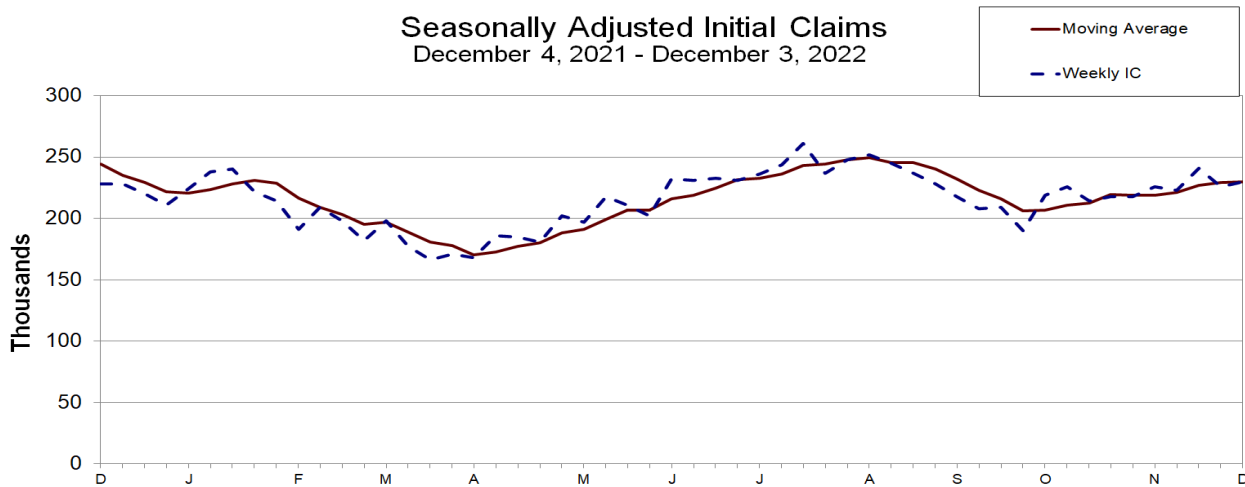
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

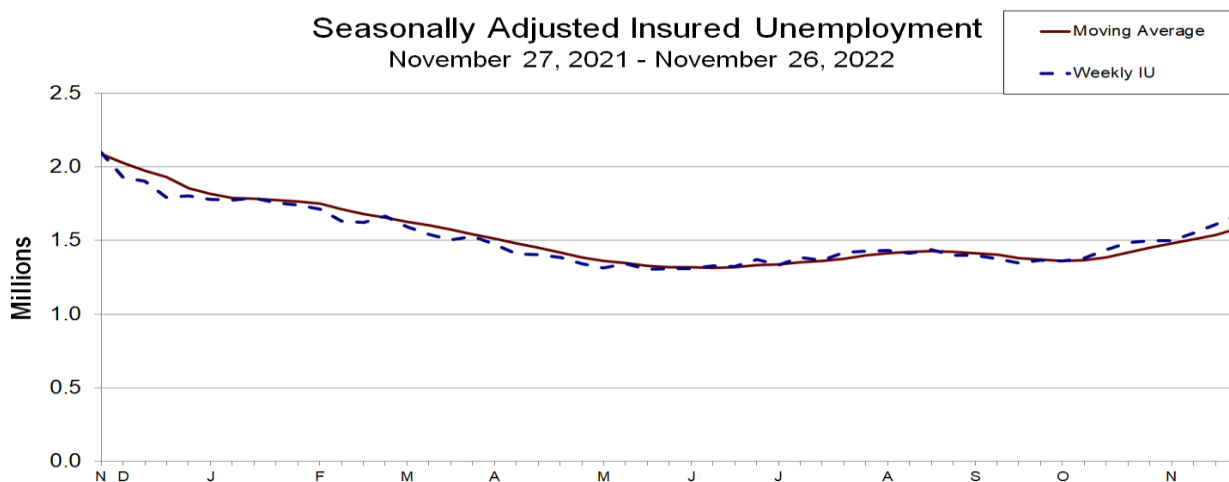
In the week ending December 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 230,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 225,000 to 226,000. The 4-week moving average was 230,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 228,750 to 229,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending November 26, 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 26 was 1,671,000, an increase of 62,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,608,000 to 1,609,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,582,250, an increase of 43,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,538,750 to 1,539,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
December 4, 2021 - December 3, 2022



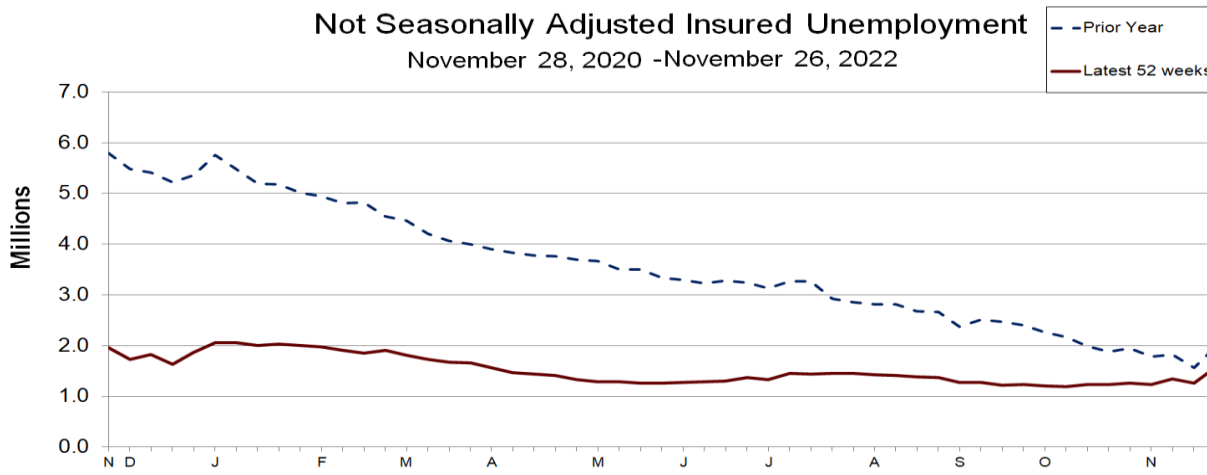
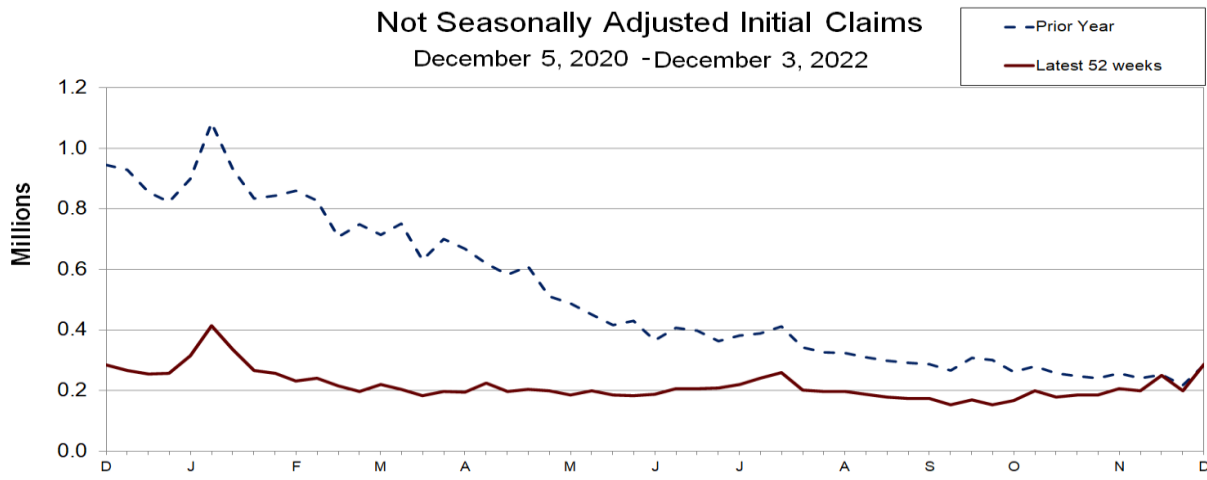
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
November 27, 2021 - November 26, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 286,436 in the week ending December 3, an increase of 87,113 (or 43.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 82,393 (or 41.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 283,935 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending November 26, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,562,591, an increase of 300,930 (or 23.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 242,998 (or 19.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 1,965,797.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 19 was 1,284,024, a decrease of 83,896 from the previous week. There were 1,947,630 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 November 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 592 in the week ending November 26, a decrease of 143 from the prior week. There were 224 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 182 from the preceding week.

There were 5,927 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 19, a decrease of 360 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,810, a decrease of 496 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 19 were in Alaska (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.8), New Jersey (1.7), California (1.6), Montana (1.5), New York (1.4), Massachusetts (1.3), Minnesota (1.3), Rhode Island (1.3), Nevada (1.2), and Oregon (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 26 were in Wisconsin (+1,542), Connecticut (+817), Ohio (+578), Tennessee (+278), and Massachusetts (+130), while the largest decreases were in California (-11,195), Illinois (-4,968), Georgia (-4,632), Texas (-4,611), and Florida (-2,425).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>December 3</b>	<b>November 26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 19</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	230,000	226,000	+4,000	241,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	286,436	199,323	+87,113	249,069	283,935
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	230,000	229,000	+1,000	227,000	244,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 26</b>	<b>November 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>November 12</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,671,000	1,609,000	+62,000	1,551,000	2,098,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,562,591	1,261,661	+300,930	1,341,849	1,965,797
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,582,250	1,539,000	+43,250	1,508,500	2,086,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	0.9%	+0.2	0.9%	1.5%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 26</b>	<b>November 19</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	592	735	-143	860
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	224	406	-182	275

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 19</b>	<b>November 12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,257,926	1,337,845	-79,919	1,557,234
Federal Employees	5,927	6,287	-360	7,950
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,810	4,306	-496	4,300
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,884	3,808	-924	124,145
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,581	1,645	-64	2,082
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	11,896	14,029	-2,133	14,655
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,284,024</b>	<b>1,367,920</b>	<b>-83,896</b>	<b>1,947,630</b>

**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 December 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,119	2,032	1,087	3,488	3,780	-292
Alaska	1,199	795	404	6,356	5,732	624
Arizona	2,767	2,136	631	16,443	16,899	-456
Arkansas	1,573	1,191	382	6,875	6,443	432
California	52,552	36,495	16,057	357,045	265,891	91,154
Colorado	3,436	2,202	1,234	21,442	18,128	3,314
Connecticut	3,760	3,644	116	19,660	16,651	3,009
Delaware	603	465	138	4,317	3,000	1,317
District of Columbia	294	228	66	2,812	2,578	234
Florida	6,071	4,109	1,962	41,463	33,041	8,422
Georgia	10,655	3,079	7,576	31,582	22,258	9,324
Hawaii	1,335	794	541	6,002	5,160	842
Idaho	2,445	1,862	583	5,942	4,891	1,051
Illinois	16,350	11,202	5,148	79,914	61,074	18,840
Indiana	6,276	3,702	2,574	26,312	18,650	7,662
Iowa	3,951	2,073	1,878	9,902	7,976	1,926
Kansas	1,533	979	554	4,196	3,651	545
Kentucky	1,788	1,496	292	9,437	7,218	2,219
Louisiana	1,928	1,444	484	10,120	10,582	-462
Maine	1,102	772	330	4,477	3,567	910
Maryland	2,180	1,844	336	19,709	17,049	2,660
Massachusetts	7,441	5,990	1,451	50,543	46,163	4,380
Michigan	9,195	7,425	1,770	43,977	33,400	10,577
Minnesota	8,559	6,820	1,739	49,280	36,352	12,928
Mississippi	1,442	1,379	63	4,868	4,462	406
Missouri	3,590	2,556	1,034	14,365	12,730	1,635
Montana	1,594	1,222	372	8,051	6,728	1,323
Nebraska	880	611	269	3,237	2,910	327
Nevada	2,770	2,195	575	17,067	15,716	1,351
New Hampshire	372	329	43	1,922	1,878	44
New Jersey	9,608	7,532	2,076	83,217	67,860	15,357
New Mexico	824	726	98	8,697	8,098	599
New York	24,351	15,189	9,162	144,616	125,878	18,738
North Carolina	3,869	2,437	1,432	15,230	14,838	392
North Dakota	871	646	225	2,461	1,727	734
Ohio	12,863	10,656	2,207	39,322	33,568	5,754
Oklahoma	1,272	1,123	149	10,412	9,437	975
Oregon	5,968	4,506	1,462	27,031	22,625	4,406
Pennsylvania	14,790	11,640	3,150	74,188	61,209	12,979
Puerto Rico	1,963	1,203	760	15,848	15,822	26
Rhode Island	1,021	969	52	6,670	5,762	908
South Carolina	2,661	1,361	1,300	12,077	11,269	808
South Dakota	421	257	164	1,247	1,055	192
Tennessee	2,563	2,609	-46	12,749	11,589	1,160
Texas	19,155	11,251	7,904	118,175	95,686	22,489
Utah	2,257	1,354	903	8,310	7,773	537
Vermont	592	497	95	2,651	1,775	876
Virgin Islands	19	14	5	250	150	100
Virginia	1,462	488	974	8,704	7,347	1,357
Washington	8,396	5,777	2,619	51,856	36,977	14,879
West Virginia	1,712	779	933	8,271	5,687	2,584
Wisconsin	8,463	6,897	1,566	27,405	19,110	8,295
Wyoming	575	341	234	2,400	1,861	539
US Total	286,436	199,323	87,113	1,562,591	1,261,661	300,930

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 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	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,498	0	1,480.25	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	53	1,508.50	1.1
November 19, 2022	241	18	227.00	1,609	58	1,539.00	1.1
November 26, 2022	226	-15	229.00	1,671	62	1,582.25	1.2
December 3, 2022	230	4	230.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
NOVEMBER 26

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
NOVEMBER 19

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	2,032	-817	-152	5	0	3,780	0.2	-230	-1,363	38	16	3,834
Alaska	795	-351	-458	9	1	5,732	2.0	-135	-2,210	102	8	5,842
Arizona	2,136	-1,247	180	10	0	16,899	0.6	-2,181	2,691	84	21	17,004
Arkansas	1,191	-277	-420	1	0	6,443	0.5	-890	-2,607	15	10	6,468
California	36,495	-11,195	-10,382	113	35	265,891	1.6	-39,826	-70,365	734	723	267,348
Colorado	2,202	-1,202	590	10	1	18,128	0.7	-653	-736	145	97	18,370
Connecticut	3,644	817	687	0	0	16,651	1.0	-465	-5,115	37	28	16,716
Delaware	465	1	-2	1	1	3,000	0.7	-305	-546	10	4	3,014
District of Columbia	228	-64	-436	4	0	2,578	0.5	-195	-11,706	163	1	2,742
Florida	4,109	-2,425	-27	12	14	33,041	0.4	-8,748	-8,629	85	88	33,214
Georgia	3,079	-4,632	544	7	13	22,258	0.5	-4,098	-3,714	136	82	22,476
Hawaii	794	-360	-410	1	4	5,160	0.9	-478	-3,842	59	56	5,275
Idaho	1,862	93	284	37	2	4,891	0.6	357	1,018	91	16	4,998
Illinois	11,202	-4,968	1,191	3	4	61,074	1.1	-3,601	-28,514	353	94	61,521
Indiana	3,702	-532	499	5	3	18,650	0.7	836	-4,290	58	20	18,728
Iowa	2,073	-1,898	276	2	0	7,976	0.5	1,454	-1,101	14	2	7,992
Kansas	979	-618	186	1	0	3,651	0.3	-241	-809	21	12	3,684
Kentucky	1,496	-179	207	0	0	7,218	0.4	-1,164	-1,144	32	51	7,301
Louisiana	1,444	-729	-124	4	3	10,582	0.6	181	-8,178	47	15	10,644
Maine	772	-65	-41	1	0	3,567	0.6	-2	-1,227	15	12	3,594
Maryland	1,844	-303	-281	4	5	17,049	0.7	-1,570	-4,608	143	58	17,250
Massachusetts	5,990	130	-865	7	2	46,163	1.3	642	-8,525	124	61	46,348
Michigan	7,425	-1,916	-1,589	1	2	33,400	0.8	-2,409	-8,750	146	44	33,590
Minnesota	6,820	-2,173	-154	8	6	36,352	1.3	3,729	-12,272	85	33	36,470
Mississippi	1,379	50	273	1	1	4,462	0.4	-140	-775	21	25	4,508
Missouri	2,556	-1,011	-299	3	0	12,730	0.5	131	-885	81	24	12,835
Montana	1,222	-718	-324	68	3	6,728	1.5	538	1,958	295	26	7,049
Nebraska	611	-283	-82	0	0	2,910	0.3	239	-160	10	0	2,920
Nevada	2,195	-272	282	4	0	15,716	1.2	720	-6,055	77	43	15,836
New Hampshire	329	-61	-132	1	0	1,878	0.3	-71	-495	4	2	1,884
New Jersey	7,532	-1,331	909	25	8	67,860	1.7	-9,566	-14,176	253	146	68,259
New Mexico	726	-190	-828	9	0	8,098	1.0	-16	-2,506	217	19	8,334
New York	15,189	-1,316	322	17	12	125,878	1.4	1,415	-13,704	354	271	126,503
North Carolina	2,437	-1,204	-5,746	0	0	14,838	0.3	-385	-5,492	61	81	14,980
North Dakota	646	-228	-68	0	0	1,727	0.4	498	-235	12	4	1,743
Ohio	10,656	578	3,133	3	12	33,568	0.6	1,467	2,232	72	87	33,727
Oklahoma	1,123	-255	-593	2	1	9,437	0.6	-84	-3,965	44	37	9,518
Oregon	4,506	-1,123	924	66	7	22,625	1.2	-571	-7,064	320	32	22,977
Pennsylvania	11,640	-342	1,978	12	5	61,209	1.1	-1,747	-19,037	174	98	61,481
Puerto Rico	1,203	-525	557	3	2	15,822	1.8	-2,853	-2,484	108	83	16,013
Rhode Island	969	-58	213	0	0	5,762	1.3	84	-1,150	33	15	5,810
South Carolina	1,361	-1,091	586	2	2	11,269	0.5	-126	-12	32	49	11,350
South Dakota	257	-265	9	2	0	1,055	0.2	189	175	19	1	1,075
Tennessee	2,609	278	-1,434	3	2	11,589	0.3	-223	-6,218	36	38	11,663
Texas	11,251	-4,611	788	22	55	95,686	0.8	-6,559	-13,750	486	891	97,063
Utah	1,354	-510	296	32	2	7,773	0.5	211	1,798	97	11	7,881
Vermont	497	49	-212	0	0	1,775	0.6	-116	-405	1	1	1,777
Virgin Islands	14	-9	-36	0	0	150	0.4	-142	-372	0	0	150
Virginia	488	-437	-6,058	5	1	7,347	0.2	-143	-6,570	56	59	7,462
Washington	5,777	-956	701	42	11	36,977	1.1	-4,393	-3,872	206	183	37,366
West Virginia	779	-261	172	2	3	5,687	0.9	-25	-592	33	16	5,736
Wisconsin	6,897	1,542	-1,652	10	1	19,110	0.7	1,348	-7,807	52	11	19,173
Wyoming	341	-276	-79	12	0	1,861	0.7	124	41	36	5	1,902
Totals	199,323	-49,746	-17,097	592	224	1,261,661	0.9	-80,188	-298,119	5,927	3,810	1,271,398

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 26, 2022**

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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>
WI	+1,542	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-11,195	No comment.
IL	-4,968	No comment.
GA	-4,632	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, manufacturing, and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	-4,611	No comment.
FL	-2,425	No comment.
MN	-2,173	No comment.
MI	-1,916	No comment.
IA	-1,898	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-1,331	No comment.
NY	-1,316	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
AZ	-1,247	No comment.
NC	-1,204	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and professional and technical services industries.
CO	-1,202	No comment.
OR	-1,123	No comment.
SC	-1,091	No comment.
MO	-1,011	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and manufacturing industries.



## 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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