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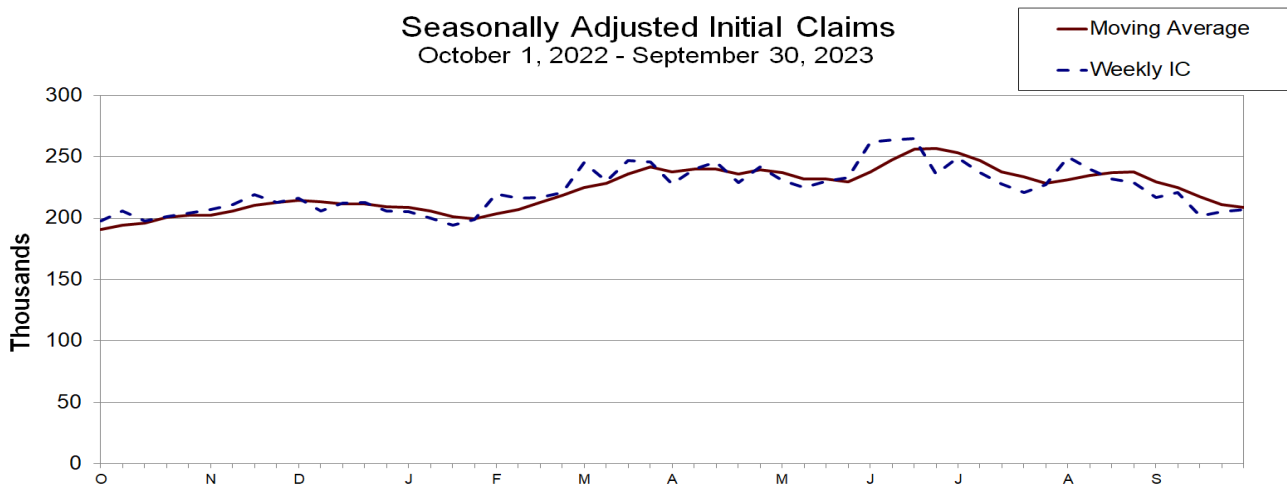
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

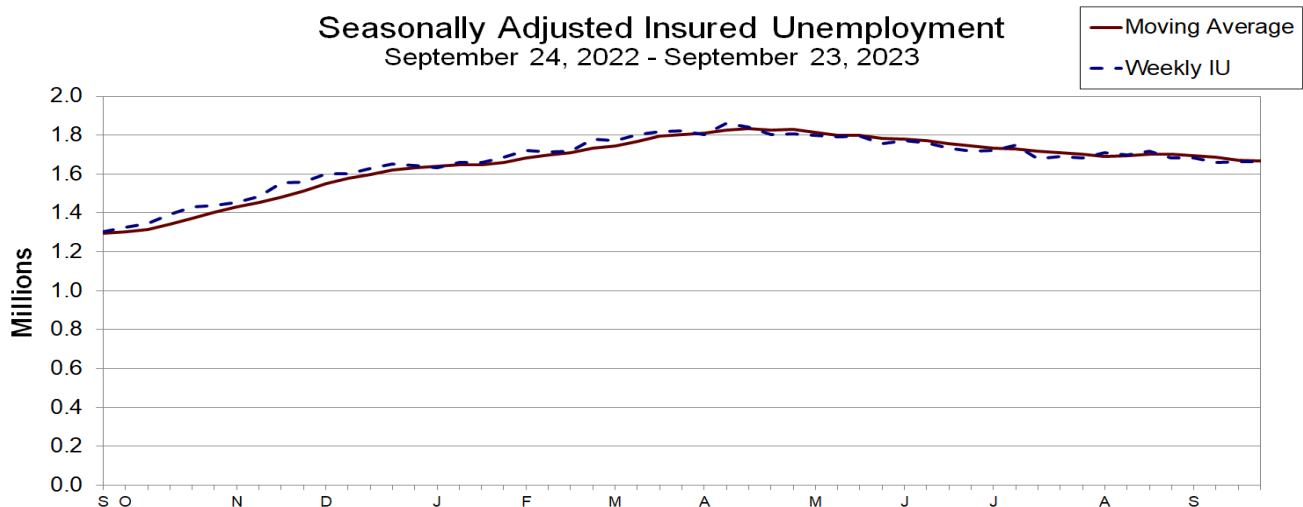
In the week ending September 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 207,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 204,000 to 205,000. The 4-week moving average was 208,750, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 211,000 to 211,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending September 23, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 23 was 1,664,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,670,000 to 1,665,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,667,500, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,673,750 to 1,672,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023



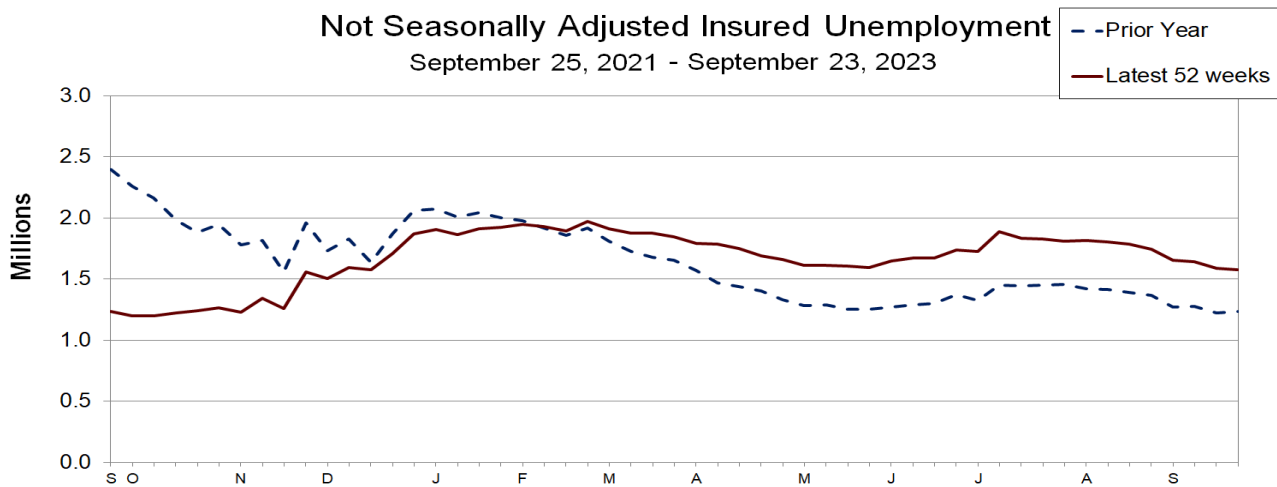
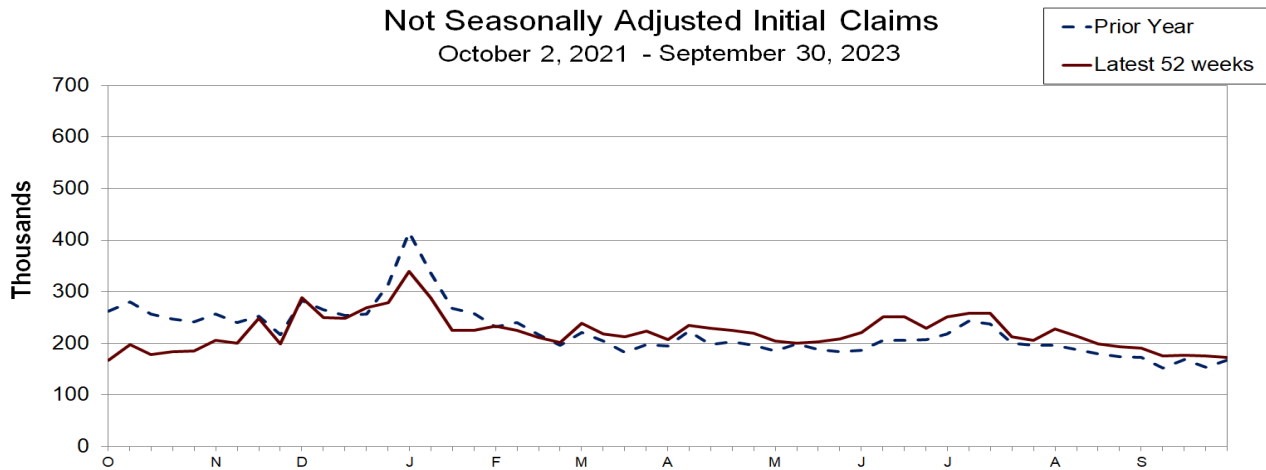
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
September 24, 2022 - September 23, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 172,775 in the week ending September 30, a decrease of 2,875 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,903 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 167,378 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 23, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,577,686, a decrease of 10,581 (or -0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,989 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,233,270.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 16 was 1,612,134, a decrease of 57,424 from the previous week. There were 1,246,953 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending September 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 363 in the week ending September 23, unchanged from the prior week. There were 385 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 23 from the preceding week.

There were 4,123 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 16, a decrease of 172 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,206, an increase of 31 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 16 were in Hawaii (2.4), New Jersey (2.2), California (2.1), Puerto Rico (1.8), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Washington (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Nevada (1.4), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 23 were in California (+2,712), Ohio (+1,422), Michigan (+1,282), Alabama (+870), and Missouri (+532), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-1,853), South Carolina (-1,199), New York (-1,149), Indiana (-705), and Florida (-485).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 30	September 23	Change	September 16	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	207,000	205,000	+2,000	202,000	198,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	172,775	175,650	-2,875	176,586	167,378
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	208,750	211,250	-2,500	217,250	190,750

WEEK ENDING	September 23	September 16	Change	September 9	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,664,000	1,665,000	-1,000	1,658,000	1,302,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,577,686	1,588,267	-10,581	1,645,933	1,233,270
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,667,500	1,672,500	-5,000	1,686,000	1,295,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 23	September 16	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	363	363	0	345
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	385	362	+23	385

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

WEEK ENDING	September 16	September 9	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,583,800	1,641,455	-57,655	1,221,924
Federal Employees	4,123	4,295	-172	5,895
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,206	4,175	+31	4,333
Extended Benefits ³	698	528	+170	4,025
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,144	2,363	-219	1,632
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,163	16,742	+421	9,144
TOTAL	1,612,134	1,669,558	-57,424	1,246,953

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 148,060,578 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 30			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 23		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,978	2,880	-902	7,852	8,757	-905
Alaska	756	608	148	3,523	3,451	72
Arizona	3,089	3,221	-132	25,333	27,549	-2,216
Arkansas	1,001	1,130	-129	8,503	9,017	-514
California	39,402	37,752	1,650	374,378	368,361	6,017
Colorado	1,926	2,359	-433	23,034	23,040	-6
Connecticut	2,242	2,506	-264	21,942	20,946	996
Delaware	312	299	13	4,169	4,010	159
District of Columbia	358	360	-2	5,268	5,390	-122
Florida	5,234	5,413	-179	37,270	41,652	-4,382
Georgia	4,506	4,442	64	30,833	32,136	-1,303
Hawaii	1,662	1,850	-188	14,455	14,290	165
Idaho	794	740	54	3,635	3,854	-219
Illinois	7,370	7,862	-492	79,866	79,717	149
Indiana	2,781	2,457	324	19,015	18,914	101
Iowa	1,530	1,658	-128	6,437	6,329	108
Kansas	981	1,111	-130	4,696	4,575	121
Kentucky*	977	1,172	-195	5,842	6,085	-243
Louisiana	1,458	1,770	-312	11,540	12,729	-1,189
Maine	401	366	35	3,442	3,448	-6
Maryland	1,792	1,903	-111	21,171	20,215	956
Massachusetts	2,027	2,233	-206	55,903	58,133	-2,230
Michigan	5,993	5,619	374	32,639	34,532	-1,893
Minnesota	2,840	2,613	227	30,546	29,741	805
Mississippi	863	897	-34	5,558	6,260	-702
Missouri	2,472	3,089	-617	15,460	15,175	285
Montana	392	507	-115	2,780	2,862	-82
Nebraska	575	581	-6	3,499	3,677	-178
Nevada	2,068	2,104	-36	19,920	20,344	-424
New Hampshire	285	325	-40	2,318	2,596	-278
New Jersey	7,090	7,383	-293	86,145	88,322	-2,177
New Mexico	726	745	-19	9,476	9,570	-94
New York	12,260	12,074	186	146,727	147,090	-363
North Carolina	2,801	2,959	-158	18,825	20,043	-1,218
North Dakota	203	175	28	1,137	1,034	103
Ohio	6,854	8,483	-1,629	34,885	33,677	1,208
Oklahoma	1,245	1,146	99	8,901	9,177	-276
Oregon	3,500	3,540	-40	28,665	28,496	169
Pennsylvania	8,859	8,900	-41	78,186	79,802	-1,616
Puerto Rico	1,457	1,377	80	16,513	16,696	-183
Rhode Island	708	689	19	6,977	6,902	75
South Carolina	1,555	1,618	-63	12,529	13,058	-529
South Dakota	88	100	-12	731	737	-6
Tennessee	2,167	2,310	-143	14,570	15,137	-567
Texas	13,325	12,968	357	135,496	131,645	3,851
Utah	1,439	1,421	18	9,603	9,594	9
Vermont	209	222	-13	1,939	1,803	136
Virgin Islands	32	68	-36	290	360	-70
Virginia	1,735	1,417	318	13,524	12,830	694
Washington*	4,714	4,645	69	46,899	50,185	-3,286
West Virginia	594	585	9	5,932	5,617	315
Wisconsin	2,947	2,762	185	17,617	17,560	57
Wyoming	202	236	-34	1,292	1,147	145
US Total	172,775	175,650	-2,875	1,577,686	1,588,267	-10,581

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.

* Denotes OUI estimate.

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	
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,683	-1	1,695.75	1.1
September 9, 2023	221	4	224.75	1,658	-25	1,686.00	1.1
September 16, 2023	202	-19	217.25	1,665	7	1,672.50	1.1
September 23, 2023	205	3	211.25	1,664	-1	1,667.50	1.1
September 30, 2023	207	2	208.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 23

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 16

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	2,880	870	750	6	3	8,757	0.4	-267	4,580	26	16	8,799
Alaska	608	18	12	3	1	3,451	1.2	117	9	36	5	3,492
Arizona	3,221	-34	548	1	10	27,549	0.9	-937	5,923	44	31	27,624
Arkansas	1,130	-79	-94	1	0	9,017	0.7	-355	1,786	29	15	9,061
California	37,752	2,712	3,393	98	99	368,361	2.1	-11,182	75,383	585	857	369,803
Colorado	2,359	-63	430	1	6	23,040	0.8	549	6,683	29	96	23,165
Connecticut	2,506	-40	302	1	3	20,946	1.3	-183	4,130	19	28	20,993
Delaware	299	21	6	4	3	4,010	0.9	-52	1,231	7	9	4,026
District of Columbia	360	-38	286	10	1	5,390	1.0	161	2,354	162	10	5,562
Florida	5,413	-485	-59	9	26	41,652	0.5	706	4,007	80	124	41,856
Georgia	4,442	-1,853	-662	14	20	32,136	0.7	-1,301	3,561	116	84	32,336
Hawaii	1,850	-297	902	0	4	14,290	2.4	-83	8,895	35	46	14,371
Idaho	740	7	105	0	1	3,854	0.5	-191	1,006	7	6	3,867
Illinois	7,862	-201	1,643	6	6	79,717	1.4	13	23,535	293	84	80,094
Indiana	2,457	-705	-653	1	3	18,914	0.6	-4,644	1,467	46	32	18,992
Iowa	1,658	208	504	4	3	6,329	0.4	-1,336	660	13	7	6,349
Kansas	1,111	63	327	2	0	4,575	0.3	161	884	21	14	4,610
Kentucky	1,172	-50	142	1	1	6,085	0.3	-292	-1,885	14	38	6,137
Louisiana	1,770	140	227	0	2	12,729	0.7	-421	2,319	29	10	12,768
Maine	366	29	52	0	0	3,448	0.6	-174	889	9	11	3,468
Maryland	1,903	-123	260	11	6	20,215	0.8	51	3,394	131	130	20,476
Massachusetts	2,233	51	1,050	4	7	58,133	1.6	671	17,540	76	91	58,300
Michigan	5,619	1,282	1,192	2	3	34,532	0.8	-598	6,181	58	43	34,633
Minnesota	2,613	-267	412	2	4	29,741	1.1	-2,865	8,623	39	47	29,827
Mississippi	897	-5	96	0	0	6,260	0.6	-233	1,480	50	10	6,320
Missouri	3,089	532	969	3	5	15,175	0.5	-941	3,387	63	26	15,264
Montana	507	47	-24	9	1	2,862	0.6	-137	349	15	6	2,883
Nebraska	581	-24	142	3	1	3,677	0.4	-331	1,133	7	5	3,689
Nevada	2,104	69	424	2	1	20,344	1.4	-718	5,434	47	42	20,433
New Hampshire	325	-3	51	3	0	2,596	0.4	12	867	0	3	2,599
New Jersey	7,383	-288	1,819	16	10	88,322	2.2	-6,749	19,706	255	152	88,729
New Mexico	745	16	161	2	1	9,570	1.2	67	2,420	50	22	9,642
New York	12,074	-1,149	-11	25	15	147,090	1.6	-13,030	28,276	401	212	147,703
North Carolina	2,959	-128	-311	5	2	20,043	0.4	-471	4,435	46	81	20,170
North Dakota	175	26	35	2	0	1,034	0.3	-96	244	11	7	1,052
Ohio	8,483	1,422	473	3	12	33,677	0.6	-1,047	6,241	36	58	33,771
Oklahoma	1,146	91	177	5	2	9,177	0.6	-62	258	18	41	9,236
Oregon	3,540	-481	499	6	2	28,496	1.5	-741	9,123	57	47	28,600
Pennsylvania	8,900	-85	3,046	21	13	79,802	1.4	-2,193	24,167	261	131	80,194
Puerto Rico	1,377	-114	291	6	2	16,696	1.8	49	3,067	162	72	16,930
Rhode Island	689	-100	38	2	1	6,902	1.5	-690	1,508	11	17	6,930
South Carolina	1,618	-1,199	-98	3	3	13,058	0.6	-1,195	1,806	30	52	13,140
South Dakota	100	-18	-19	1	2	737	0.2	-65	106	18	0	755
Tennessee	2,310	99	114	6	4	15,137	0.4	-554	3,344	40	42	15,219
Texas	12,968	-484	652	38	63	131,645	1.0	-3,637	33,454	400	927	132,972
Utah	1,421	67	388	9	0	9,594	0.6	32	3,831	20	17	9,631
Vermont	222	38	22	0	0	1,803	0.6	-62	436	1	0	1,804
Virgin Islands	68	-9	13	0	0	360	1.0	120	76	4	4	368
Virginia	1,417	-70	464	2	4	12,830	0.3	-456	3,267	79	77	12,986
Washington	4,645	-262	1,135	6	19	50,185	1.5	-881	17,796	83	288	50,556
West Virginia	585	-34	66	0	5	5,617	0.9	-272	858	20	9	5,646
Wisconsin	2,762	-63	119	4	4	17,560	0.6	-892	3,382	30	14	17,604
Wyoming	236	7	23	0	1	1,147	0.4	-41	165	4	10	1,161
Totals	175,650	-936	21,829	363	385	1,588,267	1.1	-57,666	363,771	4,123	4,206	1,596,596

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 SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+2,712	No comment.
OH	+1,422	Layoffs in the manufacturing and automotive industries.
MI	+1,282	Layoffs in the transportation equipment manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	-1,853	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
SC	-1,199	No comment.
NY	-1,149	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and professional scientific and technical services 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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