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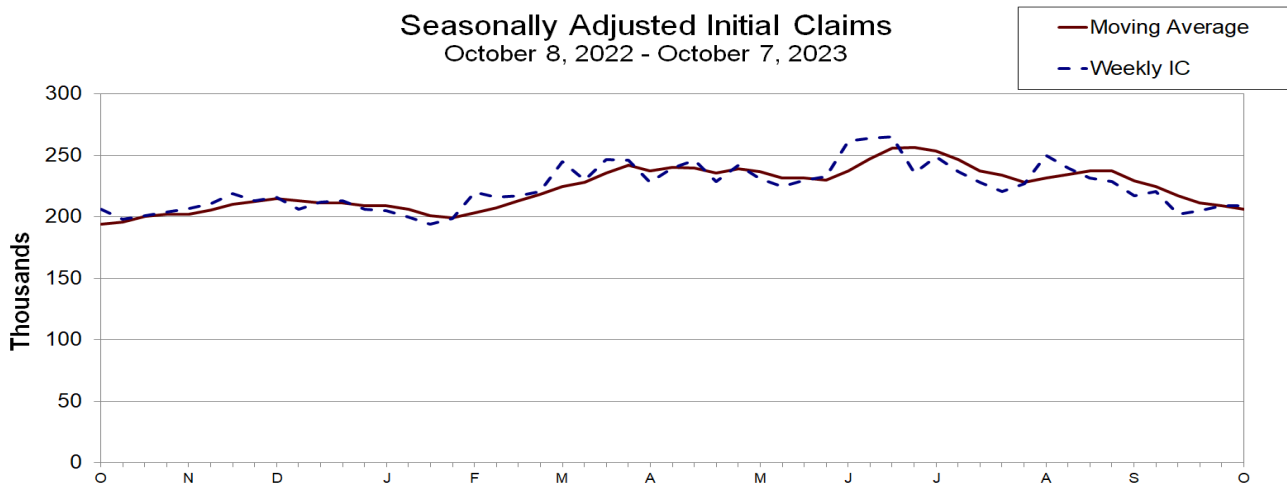
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

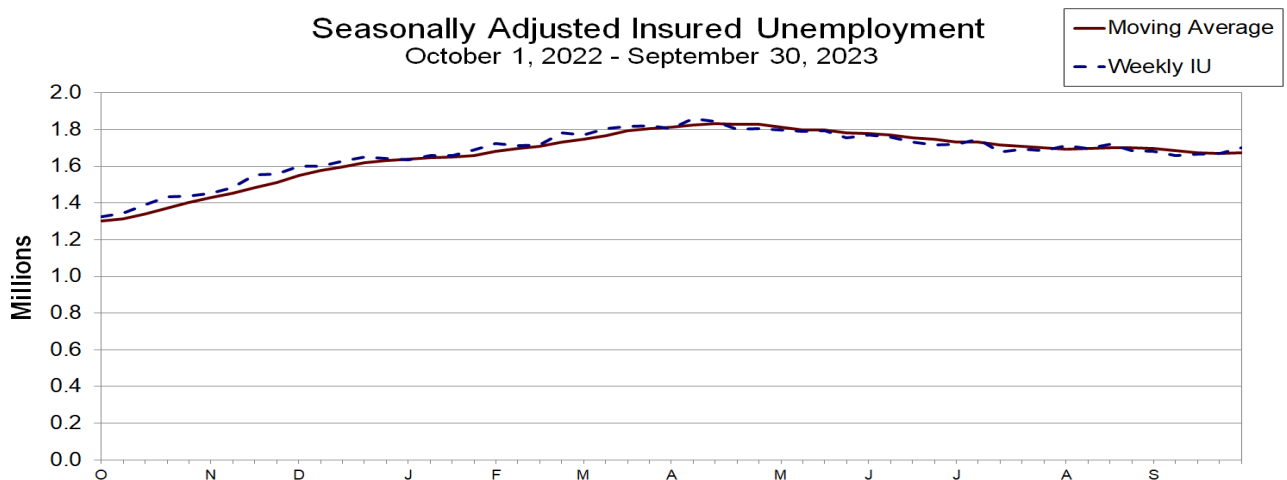
In the week ending October 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 209,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 207,000 to 209,000. The 4-week moving average was 206,250, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 208,750 to 209,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending September 30, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 30 was 1,702,000, an increase of 30,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 8,000 from 1,664,000 to 1,672,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,674,250, an increase of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 1,667,500 to 1,669,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 8, 2022 - October 7, 2023



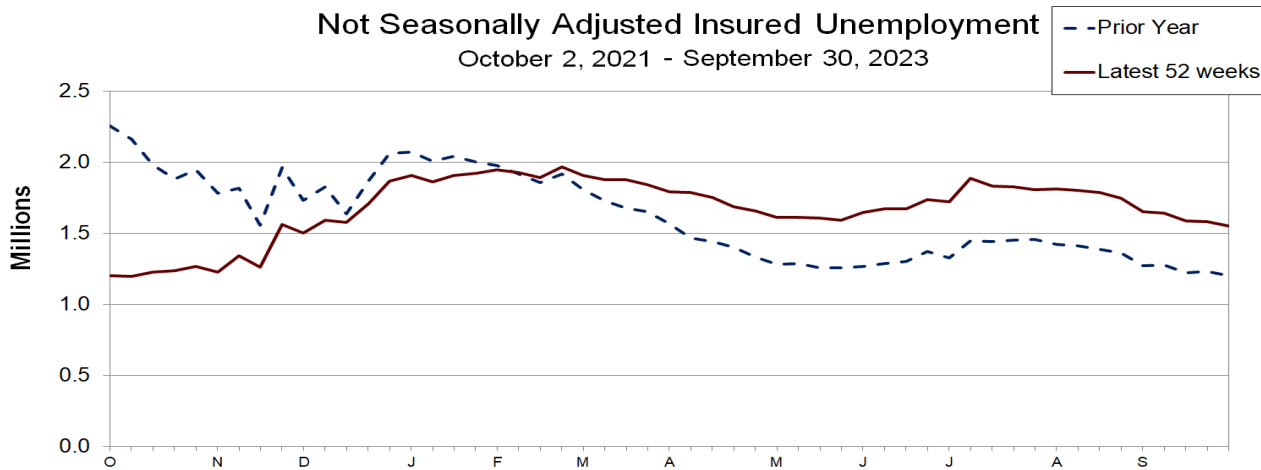
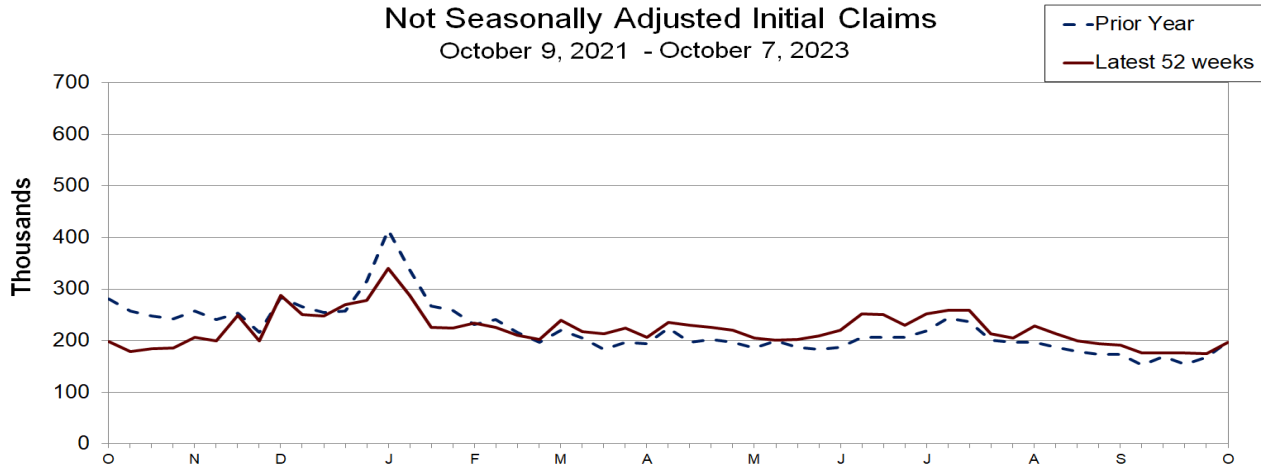
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 197,475 in the week ending October 7, an increase of 22,774 (or 13.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 22,778 (or 13.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 198,340 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending September 30, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,551,903, a decrease of 33,373 (or -2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 60,200 (or -3.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.8 percent and the volume was 1,201,432.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 23 was 1,609,943, a decrease of 2,205 from the previous week. There were 1,255,127 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 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 390 in the week ending September 30, an increase of 27 from the prior week. There were 398 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 13 from the preceding week.

There were 4,148 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 23, an increase of 25 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,179, a decrease of 27 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 23 were in Hawaii (2.4), California (2.1), New Jersey (2.1), Puerto Rico (1.9), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 30 were in California (+1,202), Texas (+453), Michigan (+409), Virginia (+331), and Indiana (+306), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-1,528), Alabama (-794), Illinois (-492), Missouri (-470), and Colorado (-456).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 7	September 30	Change	September 23	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	209,000	209,000	0	205,000	206,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	197,475	174,701	+22,774	175,650	198,340
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	206,250	209,250	-3,000	211,250	194,250

WEEK ENDING	September 30	September 23	Change	September 16	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,702,000	1,672,000	+30,000	1,665,000	1,325,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,551,903	1,585,276	-33,373	1,588,281	1,201,432
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,674,250	1,669,500	+4,750	1,672,500	1,301,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.0%	1.1%	-0.1	1.1%	0.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 30	September 23	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	390	363	+27	399
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	398	385	+13	371

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

WEEK ENDING	September 23	September 16	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,580,475	1,583,814	-3,339	1,230,346
Federal Employees	4,148	4,123	+25	5,755
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,179	4,206	-27	3,397
Extended Benefits ³	648	698	-50	3,581
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,207	2,144	+63	1,795
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,286	17,163	+1,123	10,253
TOTAL	1,609,943	1,612,148	-2,205	1,255,127

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 October 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,258	2,086	172	7,686	8,652	-966
Alaska	1,065	595	470	3,615	3,595	20
Arizona	3,592	3,168	424	24,549	27,010	-2,461
Arkansas	1,467	1,062	405	8,045	8,841	-796
California	43,184	38,954	4,230	360,386	367,250	-6,864
Colorado	3,318	1,903	1,415	22,981	22,600	381
Connecticut	2,491	2,155	336	21,295	22,458	-1,163
Delaware	363	320	43	4,215	3,947	268
District of Columbia	527	386	141	5,296	5,435	-139
Florida	6,535	5,418	1,117	37,625	40,594	-2,969
Georgia	4,925	4,665	260	30,578	31,765	-1,187
Hawaii	1,576	1,618	-42	13,878	14,061	-183
Idaho	927	822	105	3,629	3,876	-247
Illinois	9,274	7,370	1,904	79,395	78,889	506
Indiana	3,276	2,763	513	19,479	19,101	378
Iowa	1,908	1,424	484	6,416	6,511	-95
Kansas	1,038	881	157	4,558	4,482	76
Kentucky	1,478	1,403	75	6,064	6,294	-230
Louisiana	1,454	1,566	-112	11,277	12,764	-1,487
Maine	422	396	26	3,323	3,434	-111
Maryland	2,116	2,017	99	20,896	20,864	32
Massachusetts	2,445	2,087	358	55,251	57,297	-2,046
Michigan	7,935	6,028	1,907	35,418	34,261	1,157
Minnesota	3,227	2,770	457	30,469	29,101	1,368
Mississippi	967	968	-1	5,386	6,284	-898
Missouri	2,592	2,619	-27	15,969	16,617	-648
Montana *	427	391	36	2,752	2,789	-37
Nebraska	603	587	16	3,595	3,596	-1
Nevada	2,642	2,090	552	19,935	20,596	-661
New Hampshire	292	366	-74	2,357	2,524	-167
New Jersey	8,875	7,394	1,481	85,298	86,286	-988
New Mexico	858	746	112	9,570	9,518	52
New York	13,672	12,107	1,565	147,096	145,245	1,851
North Carolina	3,543	2,884	659	19,107	19,713	-606
North Dakota	237	244	-7	1,115	1,096	19
Ohio	6,039	6,955	-916	34,999	35,211	-212
Oklahoma	1,255	1,308	-53	8,999	9,078	-79
Oregon	3,717	3,519	198	28,433	28,525	-92
Pennsylvania	8,988	8,884	104	74,991	79,007	-4,016
Puerto Rico	1,890	1,509	381	7,749	16,888	-9,139
Rhode Island	637	678	-41	7,029	6,870	159
South Carolina	1,892	1,660	232	12,339	12,990	-651
South Dakota	139	105	34	733	754	-21
Tennessee	2,310	2,243	67	14,424	15,253	-829
Texas	16,212	13,421	2,791	130,276	134,632	-4,356
Utah	1,633	1,438	195	9,612	9,612	0
Vermont	232	224	8	1,888	1,828	60
Virgin Islands	22	50	-28	368	278	90
Virginia	1,156	1,748	-592	13,241	12,595	646
Washington	5,825	4,911	914	53,418	50,305	3,113
West Virginia	594	626	-32	6,112	5,479	633
Wisconsin	3,074	2,927	147	17,497	17,433	64
Wyoming	351	242	109	1,291	1,192	99
US Total	197,475	174,701	22,774	1,551,903	1,585,276	-33,373

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	
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	1,672	7	1,669.50	1.1
September 30, 2023	209	4	209.25	1,702	30	1,674.25	1.1
October 7, 2023	209	0	206.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 23

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	2,086	-794	115	7	2	8,652	0.4	-105	4,457	22	16	8,690
Alaska	595	-13	-56	4	0	3,595	1.2	144	171	33	6	3,634
Arizona	3,168	-53	457	3	0	27,010	0.9	-539	6,050	42	32	27,084
Arkansas	1,062	-68	-441	2	2	8,841	0.7	-176	1,995	29	18	8,888
California	38,954	1,202	3,342	72	119	367,250	2.1	-1,111	68,615	700	915	368,865
Colorado	1,903	-456	-266	1	6	22,600	0.8	-440	6,367	40	104	22,744
Connecticut	2,155	-351	-892	0	2	22,458	1.4	1,512	5,361	22	33	22,513
Delaware	320	21	80	4	0	3,947	0.9	-63	1,169	10	10	3,967
District of Columbia	386	26	324	12	0	5,435	1.0	45	2,540	145	8	5,588
Florida	5,418	5	1,149	9	25	40,594	0.4	-1,058	6,711	73	105	40,772
Georgia	4,665	223	245	19	14	31,765	0.7	-371	3,577	107	84	31,956
Hawaii	1,618	-232	681	0	5	14,061	2.4	-243	8,772	33	59	14,153
Idaho	822	82	146	3	0	3,876	0.5	22	991	7	9	3,892
Illinois	7,370	-492	659	5	3	78,889	1.4	-828	22,031	242	127	79,258
Indiana	2,763	306	-215	5	6	19,101	0.6	187	-623	43	22	19,166
Iowa	1,424	-234	224	0	1	6,511	0.4	182	1,156	17	10	6,538
Kansas	881	-230	-155	0	1	4,482	0.3	-93	1,097	19	13	4,514
Kentucky	1,403	231	377	0	0	6,294	0.3	209	-1,362	8	19	6,321
Louisiana	1,566	-204	121	0	1	12,764	0.7	35	2,444	22	12	12,798
Maine	396	30	21	0	0	3,434	0.6	-14	903	9	10	3,453
Maryland	2,017	114	312	11	7	20,864	0.8	649	3,962	138	85	21,087
Massachusetts	2,087	-146	-1,341	6	13	57,297	1.6	-836	16,737	75	82	57,454
Michigan	6,028	409	854	3	6	34,261	0.8	-271	166	57	38	34,356
Minnesota	2,770	157	567	7	1	29,101	1.0	-640	8,093	36	44	29,181
Mississippi	968	71	262	1	1	6,284	0.6	24	2,427	46	10	6,340
Missouri	2,619	-470	-3,331	6	0	16,617	0.6	1,442	4,747	53	18	16,688
Montana	391	-116	-191	8	0	2,789	0.6	-73	187	13	5	2,807
Nebraska	587	6	132	2	0	3,596	0.4	-81	1,032	5	6	3,607
Nevada	2,090	-14	425	2	1	20,596	1.4	252	5,623	32	57	20,685
New Hampshire	366	41	119	1	0	2,524	0.4	-72	766	0	0	2,524
New Jersey	7,394	11	953	20	12	86,286	2.1	-2,036	19,246	219	167	86,672
New Mexico	746	1	68	19	0	9,518	1.2	-52	2,290	89	22	9,629
New York	12,107	33	357	21	15	145,245	1.6	-1,845	27,447	381	223	145,849
North Carolina	2,884	-75	-2,037	1	1	19,713	0.4	-330	4,253	40	61	19,814
North Dakota	244	69	75	1	1	1,096	0.3	62	294	12	4	1,112
Ohio	6,955	-1,528	-301	3	13	35,211	0.7	1,534	6,917	46	59	35,316
Oklahoma	1,308	162	277	7	5	9,078	0.6	-99	-220	17	41	9,136
Oregon	3,519	-21	276	12	7	28,525	1.5	29	9,884	54	46	28,625
Pennsylvania	8,884	-16	2,863	14	20	79,007	1.4	-795	23,546	245	132	79,384
Puerto Rico	1,509	132	-3,543	4	7	16,888	1.9	192	-671	173	67	17,128
Rhode Island	678	-11	99	2	0	6,870	1.5	-32	1,403	16	20	6,906
South Carolina	1,660	42	26	0	8	12,990	0.6	-68	2,453	31	50	13,071
South Dakota	105	5	-32	2	0	754	0.2	17	98	20	0	774
Tennessee	2,243	-67	327	4	2	15,253	0.4	116	3,187	43	33	15,329
Texas	13,421	453	1,303	47	70	134,632	1.0	2,987	34,601	438	882	135,952
Utah	1,438	17	277	21	1	9,612	0.6	18	3,851	25	15	9,652
Vermont	224	2	40	0	0	1,828	0.6	25	468	0	0	1,828
Virgin Islands	50	-18	1	0	0	278	0.8	-82	8	2	0	280
Virginia	1,748	331	1,138	4	4	12,595	0.3	-235	3,841	81	73	12,749
Washington	4,911	266	1,170	1	12	50,305	1.5	120	18,365	91	293	50,689
West Virginia	626	41	22	1	3	5,479	0.8	-138	823	17	12	5,508
Wisconsin	2,927	165	268	8	0	17,433	0.6	-127	3,589	28	15	17,476
Wyoming	242	6	-28	5	1	1,192	0.4	45	171	2	7	1,201
Totals	174,701	-949	7,323	390	398	1,585,276	1.1	-3,005	352,006	4,148	4,179	1,593,603

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 30, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+1,202	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-1,528	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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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