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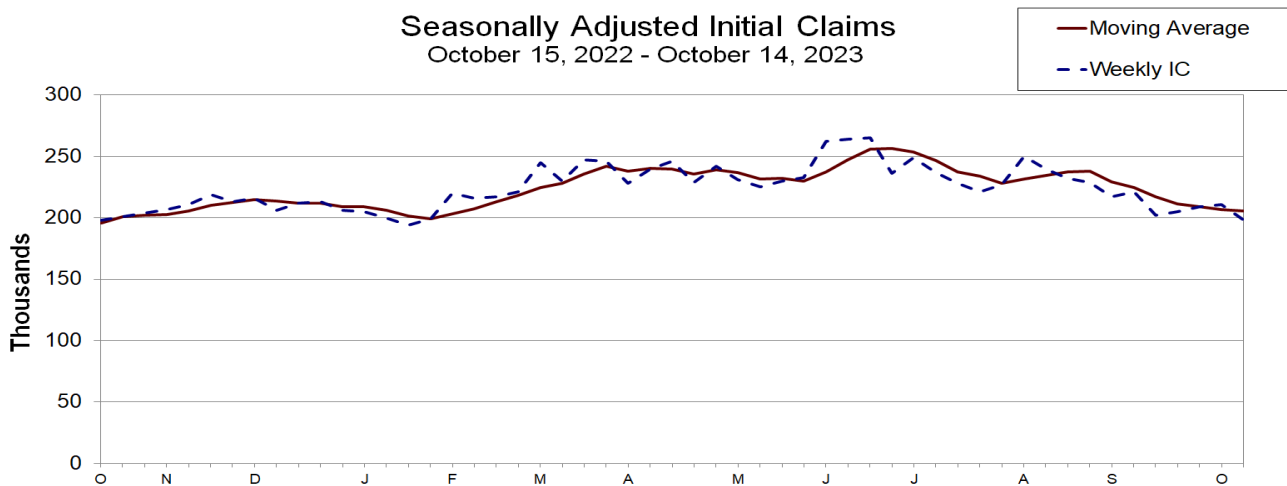
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

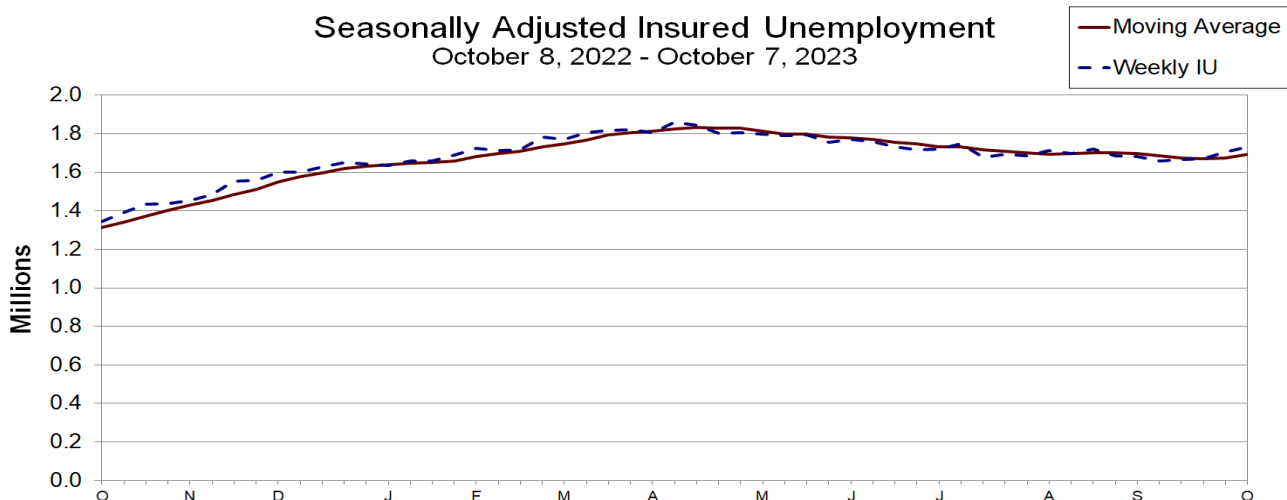
In the week ending October 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 198,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 209,000 to 211,000. The 4-week moving average was 205,750, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 206,250 to 206,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 7, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 1.1 to 1.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 7 was 1,734,000, an increase of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,702,000 to 1,705,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,694,000, an increase of 19,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,674,250 to 1,675,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 15, 2022 - October 14, 2023



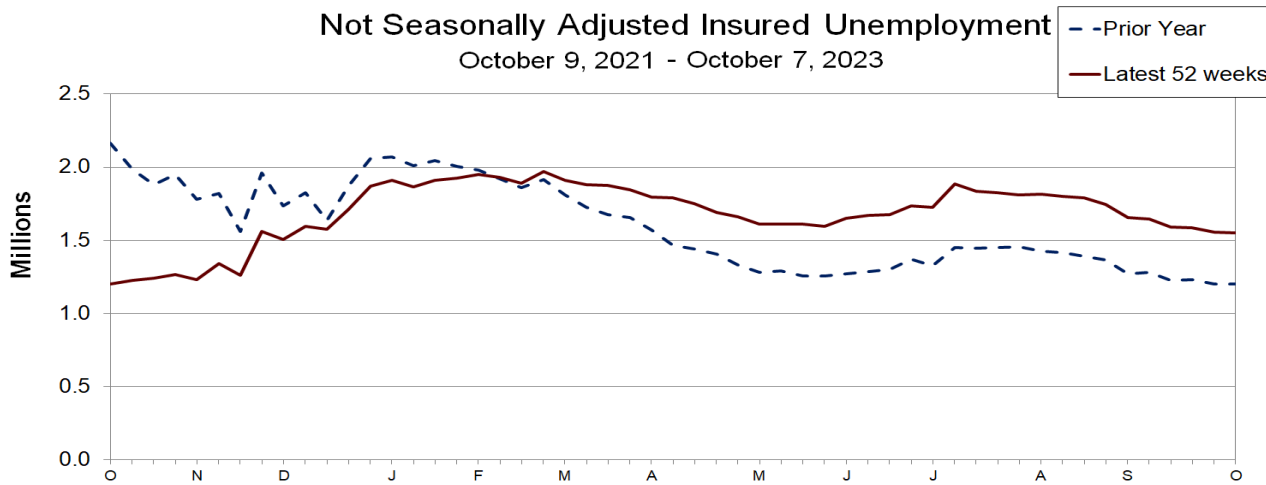
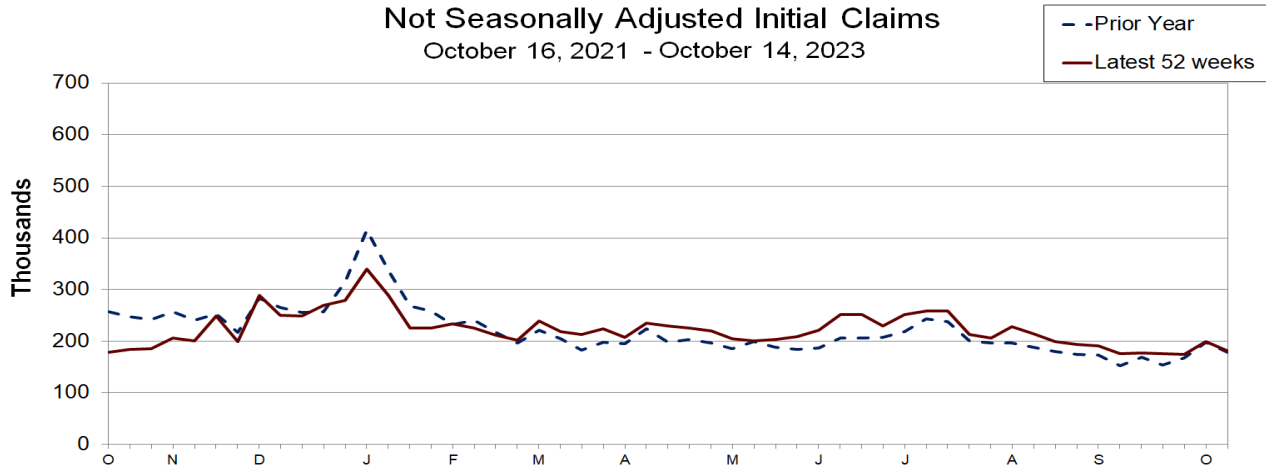
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 8, 2022 - October 7, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 181,181 in the week ending October 14, a decrease of 18,561 (or -9.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,764 (or -3.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 178,773 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending October 7, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,548,709, a decrease of 6,466 (or -0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 32,399 (or -2.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.8 percent and the volume was 1,199,269.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 30 was 1,579,334, a decrease of 30,619 from the previous week. There were 1,224,084 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 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 464 in the week ending October 7, an increase of 74 from the prior week. There were 421 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 23 from the preceding week.

There were 4,200 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 30, an increase of 52 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,088, a decrease of 91 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 30 were in Hawaii (2.3), New Jersey (2.1), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.8), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Nevada (1.4), and Washington (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 7 were in California (+3,849), Texas (+2,879), Michigan (+2,039), Illinois (+1,844), and New Jersey (+1,613), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-846), Virginia (-370), Hawaii (-66), North Dakota (-33), and Virgin Islands (-18).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 14	October 7	Change	September 30	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	198,000	211,000	-13,000	209,000	198,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	181,181	199,742	-18,561	174,701	178,773
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	205,750	206,750	-1,000	209,250	196,000

WEEK ENDING	October 7	September 30	Change	September 23	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,734,000	1,705,000	+29,000	1,672,000	1,346,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,548,709	1,555,175	-6,466	1,585,286	1,199,269
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,694,000	1,675,000	+19,000	1,669,500	1,315,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	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	October 7	September 30	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	464	390	+74	458
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	421	398	+23	634

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

WEEK ENDING	September 30	September 23	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,549,898	1,580,485	-30,587	1,198,450
Federal Employees	4,200	4,148	+52	5,777
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,088	4,179	-91	4,104
Extended Benefits ³	466	648	-182	3,963
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,504	2,207	+297	1,683
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,178	18,286	-108	10,107
TOTAL	1,579,334	1,609,953	-30,619	1,224,084

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 149,106,140 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 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,859	2,361	-502	7,892	8,288	-396
Alaska	952	789	163	3,895	3,684	211
Arizona	3,159	3,679	-520	23,863	26,085	-2,222
Arkansas	1,443	1,512	-69	7,870	8,208	-338
California	41,166	42,803	-1,637	360,119	353,469	6,650
Colorado	2,634	3,245	-611	23,776	22,588	1,188
Connecticut	2,366	2,391	-25	20,710	20,050	660
Delaware	350	367	-17	4,414	3,879	535
District of Columbia	406	513	-107	5,348	5,532	-184
Florida	5,815	6,790	-975	33,461	40,633	-7,172
Georgia	3,867	5,137	-1,270	29,937	31,567	-1,630
Hawaii	1,435	1,552	-117	13,320	13,526	-206
Idaho	799	933	-134	3,723	3,830	-107
Illinois	8,245	9,214	-969	77,797	78,474	-677
Indiana	3,024	3,284	-260	19,795	19,531	264
Iowa	1,703	1,796	-93	6,169	6,490	-321
Kansas	1,418	1,451	-33	4,735	4,365	370
Kentucky	1,602	1,465	137	6,427	6,004	423
Louisiana	1,365	1,590	-225	11,122	12,351	-1,229
Maine	411	420	-9	3,288	3,316	-28
Maryland	1,852	2,324	-472	21,037	20,586	451
Massachusetts	2,286	2,489	-203	53,694	55,721	-2,027
Michigan	7,600	8,067	-467	35,935	36,374	-439
Minnesota	2,957	3,161	-204	30,211	29,269	942
Mississippi	941	1,064	-123	5,485	6,046	-561
Missouri	2,247	2,721	-474	15,951	16,592	-641
Montana	611	857	-246	2,972	2,527	445
Nebraska	631	639	-8	3,569	3,694	-125
Nevada	2,052	2,692	-640	20,097	20,479	-382
New Hampshire	302	386	-84	2,350	2,548	-198
New Jersey	7,417	9,007	-1,590	82,341	85,417	-3,076
New Mexico	659	873	-214	9,590	9,484	106
New York	11,593	13,490	-1,897	144,409	145,375	-966
North Carolina	3,562	3,626	-64	18,818	19,910	-1,092
North Dakota	244	211	33	1,162	1,038	124
Ohio	5,791	6,109	-318	35,847	35,404	443
Oklahoma	1,159	1,319	-160	9,090	9,211	-121
Oregon	3,160	3,695	-535	28,344	28,288	56
Pennsylvania	8,885	9,041	-156	76,484	75,834	650
Puerto Rico	1,455	1,965	-510	16,069	16,593	-524
Rhode Island	570	683	-113	6,984	6,875	109
South Carolina	1,647	2,001	-354	12,428	12,680	-252
South Dakota	156	157	-1	808	727	81
Tennessee	3,447	2,397	1,050	14,190	15,040	-850
Texas	13,083	16,300	-3,217	129,074	129,289	-215
Utah	1,594	1,633	-39	9,862	9,626	236
Vermont	198	241	-43	1,874	1,774	100
Virgin Islands	16	32	-16	286	368	-82
Virginia	1,603	1,378	225	13,234	12,360	874
Washington	5,304	5,837	-533	54,273	50,197	4,076
West Virginia	590	625	-35	5,828	5,504	324
Wisconsin	3,198	3,046	152	17,373	17,336	37
Wyoming	352	384	-32	1,379	1,139	240
US Total	181,181	199,742	-18,561	1,548,709	1,555,175	-6,466

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 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	1,705	33	1,675.00	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	2	206.75	1,734	29	1,694.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	198	-13	205.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 7

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30

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	2,361	275	-78	7	6	8,288	0.4	-364	4,416	31	13	8,332
Alaska	789	194	-60	6	0	3,684	1.2	89	179	33	5	3,722
Arizona	3,679	511	436	4	0	26,085	0.9	-925	5,956	51	32	26,168
Arkansas	1,512	450	147	1	0	8,208	0.7	-633	1,397	21	22	8,251
California	42,803	3,849	2,195	84	87	353,469	2.0	-13,781	63,359	703	919	355,091
Colorado	3,245	1,342	729	7	12	22,588	0.8	-12	6,687	30	100	22,718
Connecticut	2,391	236	241	1	3	20,050	1.2	-2,408	4,323	28	27	20,105
Delaware	367	47	21	4	1	3,879	0.9	-68	1,060	12	11	3,902
District of Columbia	513	127	361	6	0	5,532	1.0	97	2,354	142	9	5,683
Florida	6,790	1,372	-8,144	16	33	40,633	0.4	39	1,784	79	141	40,853
Georgia	5,137	472	736	37	21	31,567	0.7	-198	5,530	98	108	31,773
Hawaii	1,552	-66	481	1	9	13,526	2.3	-545	8,139	29	30	13,585
Idaho	933	111	153	1	2	3,830	0.5	-46	895	11	9	3,850
Illinois	9,214	1,844	1,698	10	2	78,474	1.3	-415	23,602	277	76	78,827
Indiana	3,284	521	-1,365	11	5	19,531	0.6	430	1,235	47	22	19,600
Iowa	1,796	372	429	1	0	6,490	0.4	-21	964	10	10	6,510
Kansas	1,451	570	327	0	0	4,365	0.3	-117	1,045	16	13	4,394
Kentucky	1,465	62	28	1	0	6,004	0.3	-290	-1,590	20	32	6,056
Louisiana	1,590	24	-333	1	4	12,351	0.7	-413	2,189	20	13	12,384
Maine	420	24	50	0	0	3,316	0.5	-118	773	11	10	3,337
Maryland	2,324	307	370	16	5	20,586	0.8	-278	3,561	120	76	20,782
Massachusetts	2,489	402	-1,811	3	17	55,721	1.6	-1,576	16,428	83	71	55,875
Michigan	8,067	2,039	1,653	4	3	36,374	0.9	2,113	8,359	54	42	36,470
Minnesota	3,161	391	503	4	4	29,269	1.0	168	8,037	37	44	29,350
Mississippi	1,064	96	79	3	1	6,046	0.5	-238	1,566	51	9	6,106
Missouri	2,721	102	-92	2	1	16,592	0.6	-25	3,297	44	20	16,656
Montana	857	466	136	11	0	2,527	0.5	-262	-157	17	4	2,548
Nebraska	639	52	168	3	3	3,694	0.4	98	1,171	9	6	3,709
Nevada	2,692	602	499	1	1	20,479	1.4	-117	5,711	42	35	20,556
New Hampshire	386	20	129	1	1	2,548	0.4	24	807	2	2	2,552
New Jersey	9,007	1,613	1,535	25	14	85,417	2.1	-869	16,902	212	147	85,776
New Mexico	873	127	147	15	2	9,484	1.2	-34	2,366	80	27	9,591
New York	13,490	1,383	-1,647	20	20	145,375	1.6	130	26,953	388	242	146,005
North Carolina	3,626	742	225	2	0	19,910	0.4	197	4,755	36	81	20,027
North Dakota	211	-33	31	2	1	1,038	0.3	-58	211	12	3	1,053
Ohio	6,109	-846	-1,173	7	11	35,404	0.7	193	8,192	35	48	35,487
Oklahoma	1,319	11	243	2	7	9,211	0.6	133	156	26	37	9,274
Oregon	3,695	176	-136	19	7	28,288	1.5	-237	9,591	65	40	28,393
Pennsylvania	9,041	157	1,131	14	12	75,834	1.3	-3,173	18,619	264	127	76,225
Puerto Rico	1,965	456	-2,656	4	6	16,593	1.8	-295	8,018	171	58	16,822
Rhode Island	683	5	69	4	3	6,875	1.5	5	1,574	15	17	6,907
South Carolina	2,001	341	-159	4	4	12,680	0.6	-310	2,144	29	49	12,758
South Dakota	157	52	5	1	0	727	0.2	-27	171	16	0	743
Tennessee	2,397	154	52	6	4	15,040	0.4	-213	3,150	45	36	15,121
Texas	16,300	2,879	1,800	47	75	129,289	1.0	-5,343	34,774	419	888	130,596
Utah	1,633	195	327	13	4	9,626	0.6	14	3,793	33	14	9,673
Vermont	241	17	-13	0	0	1,774	0.6	-54	408	0	0	1,774
Virgin Islands	32	-18	-4	0	0	368	1.1	90	32	2	0	370
Virginia	1,378	-370	896	9	9	12,360	0.3	-235	6,188	86	75	12,521
Washington	5,837	926	1,011	12	11	50,197	1.4	-108	18,031	91	255	50,543
West Virginia	625	-1	-59	1	4	5,504	0.9	25	957	17	12	5,533
Wisconsin	3,046	119	106	6	6	17,336	0.6	-97	3,557	26	14	17,376
Wyoming	384	142	-15	4	0	1,139	0.4	-53	124	4	7	1,150
Totals	199,742	25,041	1,402	464	421	1,555,175	1.0	-30,111	353,743	4,200	4,088	1,563,463

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 7, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+3,849	No comment.
TX	+2,849	Layoffs in the construction industry.
MI	+2,039	Layoffs in the transportation equipment manufacturing industry.
IL	+1,844	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, and in retail trade industries.
NJ	+1,613	No comment.
NY	+1,383	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, public administration, and in construction industries.
FL	+1,372	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and in services industries.
CO	+1,342	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
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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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