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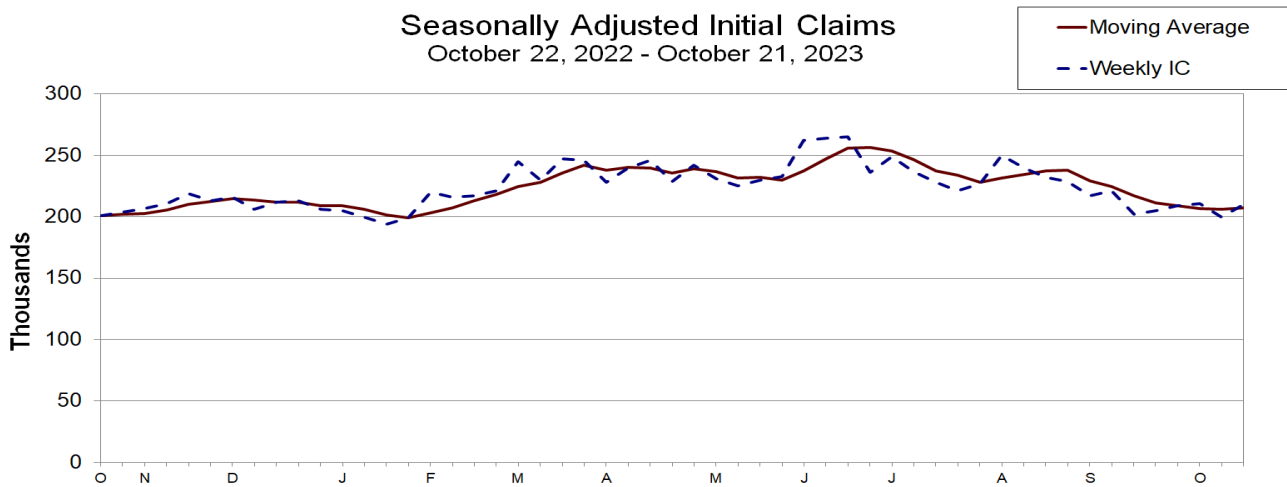
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

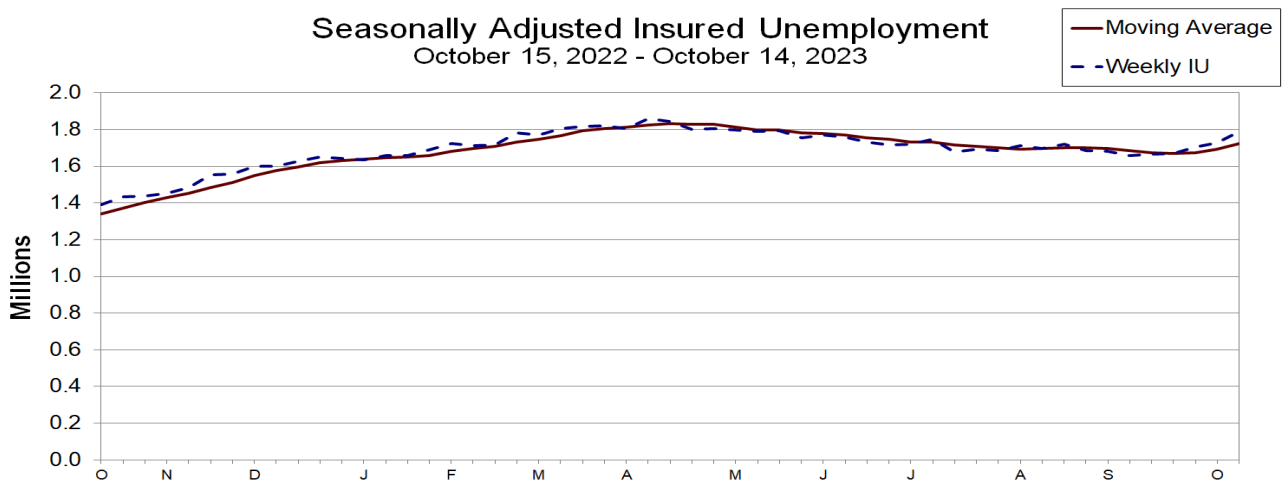
In the week ending October 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 210,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 198,000 to 200,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,500, an increase of 1,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 205,750 to 206,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 14 was 1,790,000, an increase of 63,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,734,000 to 1,727,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,723,500, an increase of 31,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,694,000 to 1,692,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 22, 2022 - October 21, 2023



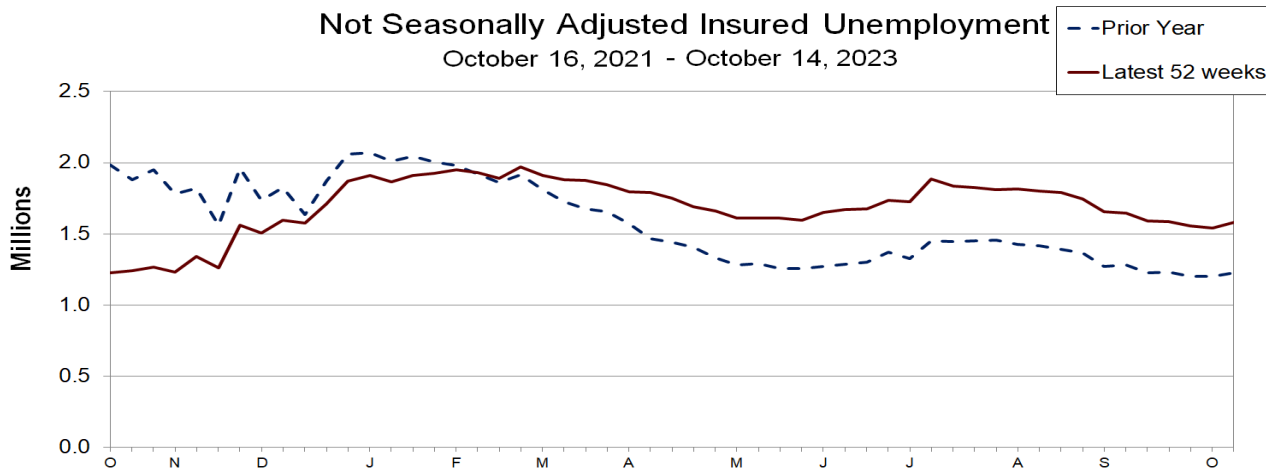
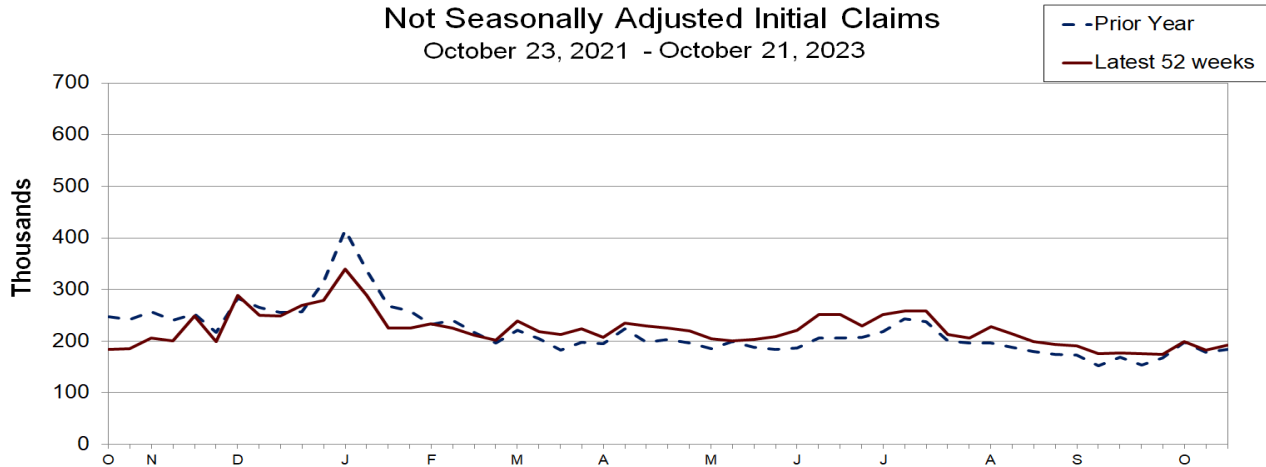
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 15, 2022 - October 14, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 191,892 in the week ending October 21, an increase of 9,498 (or 5.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 400 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 184,420 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 14, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,579,085, an increase of 36,697 (or 2.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,999 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,226,861.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 7 was 1,566,404, a decrease of 12,941 from the previous week. There were 1,221,801 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 October 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 439 in the week ending October 14, a decrease of 25 from the prior week. There were 393 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 28 from the preceding week.

There were 4,121 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 7, a decrease of 79 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,155, an increase of 67 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 7 were in Hawaii (2.2), California (2.0), New Jersey (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.8), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Washington (1.5), Nevada (1.4), and Oregon (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 14 were in Tennessee (+1,111), Kentucky (+374), Virginia (+277), Wisconsin (+90), and North Carolina (+22), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-3,108), California (-2,050), New York (-1,990), New Jersey (-1,460), and Georgia (-1,023).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 21	October 14	Change	October 7	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	210,000	200,000	+10,000	211,000	201,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	191,892	182,394	+9,498	199,743	184,420
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	207,500	206,250	+1,250	206,750	200,750

WEEK ENDING	October 14	October 7	Change	September 30	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,790,000	1,727,000	+63,000	1,705,000	1,391,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,579,085	1,542,388	+36,697	1,555,186	1,226,861
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,723,500	1,692,250	+31,250	1,675,000	1,341,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.0%	+0.1	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 14	October 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	439	464	-25	464
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	393	421	-28	331

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

WEEK ENDING	October 7	September 30	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,537,760	1,549,909	-12,149	1,197,193
Federal Employees	4,121	4,200	-79	5,545
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,155	4,088	+67	4,333
Extended Benefits ³	433	466	-33	3,699
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,320	2,504	-184	1,817
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,615	18,178	-563	9,214
TOTAL	1,566,404	1,579,345	-12,941	1,221,801

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 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,091	1,944	147	7,934	8,533	-599
Alaska	998	736	262	4,245	3,970	275
Arizona	3,276	3,254	22	23,674	25,480	-1,806
Arkansas	1,257	1,528	-271	8,089	8,203	-114
California	41,038	40,753	285	363,103	353,299	9,804
Colorado	2,768	2,605	163	24,247	23,375	872
Connecticut	2,417	2,284	133	21,284	19,668	1,616
Delaware	296	352	-56	4,339	4,129	210
District of Columbia	423	400	23	5,450	5,462	-12
Florida	5,839	6,021	-182	32,470	36,327	-3,857
Georgia	5,178	4,114	1,064	29,883	30,747	-864
Hawaii	1,595	1,400	195	12,940	13,002	-62
Idaho	871	814	57	3,765	3,906	-141
Illinois	8,662	8,246	416	82,083	76,865	5,218
Indiana	3,077	3,023	54	19,690	19,871	-181
Iowa	1,724	1,572	152	6,386	6,229	157
Kansas	1,016	954	62	4,746	4,581	165
Kentucky	2,622	1,839	783	6,508	6,385	123
Louisiana	1,554	1,499	55	10,981	12,239	-1,258
Maine	536	402	134	3,407	3,291	116
Maryland	2,013	2,082	-69	21,833	20,716	1,117
Massachusetts	2,519	2,390	129	53,267	54,122	-855
Michigan	6,826	7,619	-793	41,516	37,151	4,365
Minnesota	3,187	2,900	287	30,208	28,829	1,379
Mississippi	814	1,006	-192	5,385	6,016	-631
Missouri	2,517	2,473	44	15,981	16,241	-260
Montana	601	626	-25	3,371	3,014	357
Nebraska	739	655	84	3,704	3,689	15
Nevada	2,151	2,121	30	19,847	20,731	-884
New Hampshire	264	356	-92	2,395	2,580	-185
New Jersey	7,901	7,547	354	84,535	82,203	2,332
New Mexico	753	677	76	9,614	9,551	63
New York	13,593	11,500	2,093	146,479	142,893	3,586
North Carolina	3,054	3,648	-594	19,104	19,535	-431
North Dakota	239	225	14	1,188	1,070	118
Ohio	6,129	5,835	294	37,090	36,237	853
Oklahoma	1,233	1,234	-1	9,129	9,241	-112
Oregon	5,641	3,164	2,477	30,146	27,302	2,844
Pennsylvania	10,163	8,929	1,234	77,422	77,193	229
Puerto Rico	1,329	1,531	-202	16,904	16,500	404
Rhode Island	776	596	180	7,076	6,857	219
South Carolina	2,001	1,765	236	12,737	12,805	-68
South Dakota	127	178	-51	822	826	-4
Tennessee	2,336	3,508	-1,172	15,576	14,813	763
Texas	14,135	13,192	943	132,761	127,629	5,132
Utah	1,580	1,594	-14	9,976	9,878	98
Vermont	221	203	18	1,864	1,772	92
Virgin Islands	31	20	11	306	282	24
Virginia	1,428	1,655	-227	13,080	12,355	725
Washington	5,826	5,287	539	55,150	51,040	4,110
West Virginia	658	621	37	6,221	5,354	867
Wisconsin	3,447	3,136	311	17,709	17,193	516
Wyoming	422	381	41	1,465	1,208	257
US Total	191,892	182,394	9,498	1,579,085	1,542,388	36,697

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 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	1,727	22	1,692.25	1.2
October 14, 2023	200	-11	206.25	1,790	63	1,723.50	1.2
October 21, 2023	210	10	207.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 14

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 7

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	1,944	-417	-450	3	6	8,533	0.4	245	4,786	35	14	8,582
Alaska	736	-53	-93	4	1	3,970	1.3	286	124	38	6	4,014
Arizona	3,254	-425	431	7	0	25,480	0.8	-605	5,436	47	33	25,560
Arkansas	1,528	16	196	2	0	8,203	0.7	-5	1,810	19	13	8,235
California	40,753	-2,050	2,962	109	117	353,299	2.0	-170	68,777	706	999	355,004
Colorado	2,605	-640	231	11	3	23,375	0.8	787	6,715	34	105	23,514
Connecticut	2,284	-107	341	1	1	19,668	1.2	-382	3,939	23	28	19,719
Delaware	352	-15	71	1	2	4,129	0.9	250	1,277	11	9	4,149
District of Columbia	400	-113	145	9	1	5,462	1.0	-70	2,645	196	7	5,665
Florida	6,021	-769	-5,320	13	27	36,327	0.4	-4,306	-3,454	68	110	36,505
Georgia	4,114	-1,023	162	13	19	30,747	0.7	-820	5,789	91	87	30,925
Hawaii	1,400	-153	137	2	10	13,002	2.2	-535	7,383	29	53	13,084
Idaho	814	-119	91	6	2	3,906	0.5	76	944	10	10	3,926
Illinois	8,246	-968	946	4	6	76,865	1.3	-1,609	21,204	234	125	77,224
Indiana	3,023	-261	-467	4	3	19,871	0.6	340	1,831	47	27	19,945
Iowa	1,572	-224	74	2	1	6,229	0.4	-261	633	13	9	6,251
Kansas	954	-497	-74	2	0	4,581	0.3	216	1,398	19	11	4,611
Kentucky	1,839	374	649	0	0	6,385	0.3	381	-1,030	23	21	6,429
Louisiana	1,499	-91	-224	0	4	12,239	0.7	-112	1,980	23	12	12,274
Maine	402	-18	-33	0	0	3,291	0.5	-25	756	11	10	3,312
Maryland	2,082	-242	237	13	6	20,716	0.8	130	4,063	133	88	20,937
Massachusetts	2,390	-99	-1,561	13	8	54,122	1.5	-1,599	15,877	101	74	54,297
Michigan	7,619	-448	1,135	1	1	37,151	0.9	777	7,328	52	40	37,243
Minnesota	2,900	-261	348	4	3	28,829	1.0	-440	7,712	41	51	28,921
Mississippi	1,006	-58	-98	1	1	6,016	0.5	-30	1,495	43	13	6,072
Missouri	2,473	-248	-2,190	3	4	16,241	0.6	-351	4,163	49	16	16,306
Montana	626	-231	-20	7	0	3,014	0.6	487	143	20	4	3,038
Nebraska	655	16	166	0	2	3,689	0.4	-5	1,230	8	5	3,702
Nevada	2,121	-571	464	8	1	20,731	1.4	252	6,436	37	47	20,815
New Hampshire	356	-30	73	3	0	2,580	0.4	32	853	3	1	2,584
New Jersey	7,547	-1,460	1,265	19	12	82,203	2.0	-3,214	16,803	178	149	82,530
New Mexico	677	-196	-22	7	1	9,551	1.2	67	2,408	84	30	9,665
New York	11,500	-1,990	-548	17	13	142,893	1.5	-2,482	28,458	348	211	143,452
North Carolina	3,648	22	851	3	1	19,535	0.4	-375	4,597	37	65	19,637
North Dakota	225	14	35	0	1	1,070	0.3	32	236	14	3	1,087
Ohio	5,835	-274	-132	6	6	36,237	0.7	833	8,348	46	69	36,352
Oklahoma	1,234	-85	221	5	6	9,241	0.6	30	123	22	37	9,300
Oregon	3,164	-531	166	22	5	27,302	1.4	-986	7,463	64	47	27,413
Pennsylvania	8,929	-112	1,842	13	15	77,193	1.3	1,359	23,098	246	129	77,568
Puerto Rico	1,531	-434	-1,555	6	2	16,500	1.8	-93	-5,205	153	70	16,723
Rhode Island	596	-87	96	0	1	6,857	1.5	-18	1,642	17	20	6,894
South Carolina	1,765	-236	-474	2	7	12,805	0.6	125	2,052	29	50	12,884
South Dakota	178	21	31	2	0	826	0.2	99	305	10	1	837
Tennessee	3,508	1,111	878	0	2	14,813	0.4	-227	3,234	37	31	14,881
Texas	13,192	-3,108	268	42	65	127,629	1.0	-1,660	35,003	394	798	128,821
Utah	1,594	-39	260	20	4	9,878	0.6	252	3,906	39	16	9,933
Vermont	203	-38	-23	0	0	1,772	0.6	-2	376	0	0	1,772
Virgin Islands	20	-12	-7	0	0	282	0.8	-86	8	2	0	284
Virginia	1,655	277	1,278	3	11	12,355	0.3	-5	6,196	90	82	12,527
Washington	5,287	-550	805	9	7	51,040	1.5	843	17,818	97	284	51,421
West Virginia	621	-4	-50	5	1	5,354	0.8	-150	685	18	15	5,387
Wisconsin	3,136	90	105	8	4	17,193	0.6	-143	3,184	26	13	17,232
Wyoming	381	-3	2	4	0	1,208	0.5	69	138	6	7	1,221
Totals	182,394	-17,349	3,621	439	393	1,542,388	1.0	-12,798	343,119	4,121	4,155	1,550,664

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 14, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	+1,111	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-3,108	No comment.
CA	-2,050	No comment.
NY	-1,990	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
NJ	-1,460	No comment.
GA	-1,023	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, trade, 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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