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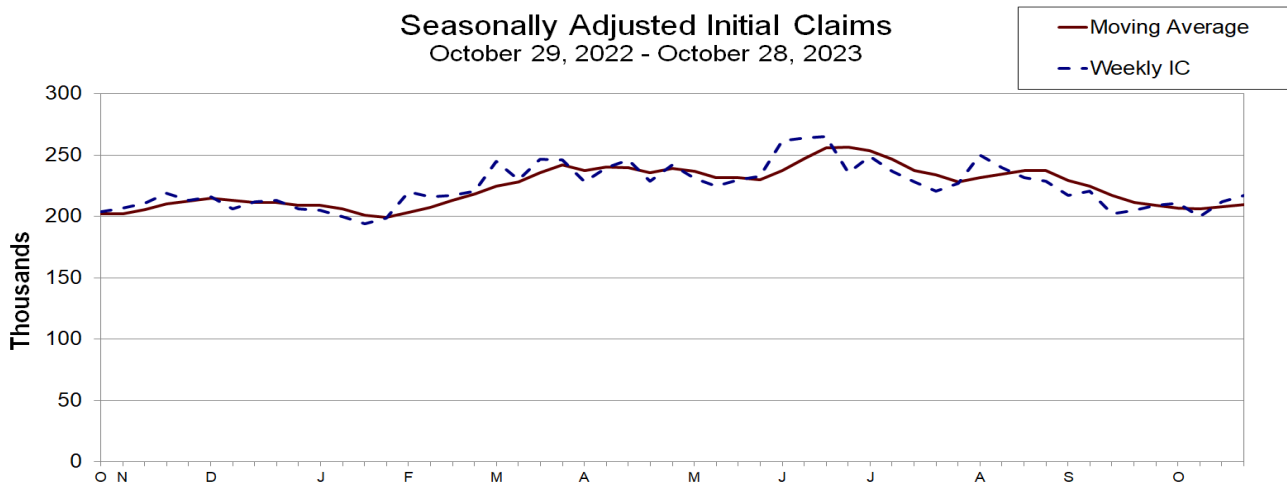
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

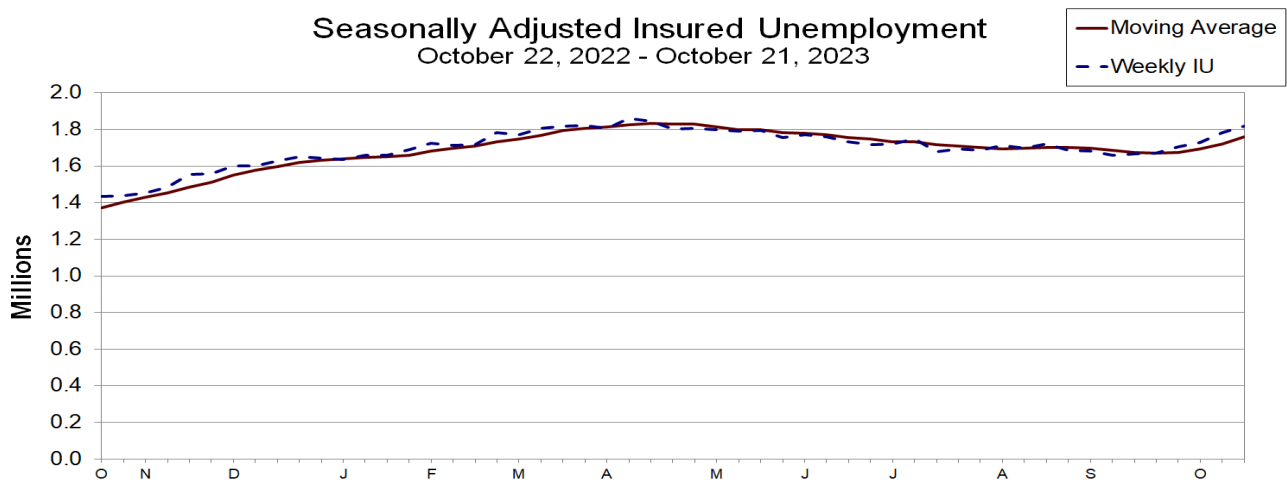
In the week ending October 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 217,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 210,000 to 212,000. The 4-week moving average was 210,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 207,500 to 208,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending October 21, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 21 was 1,818,000, an increase of 35,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,790,000 to 1,783,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,758,250, an increase of 36,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,723,500 to 1,721,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
October 29, 2022 - October 28, 2023



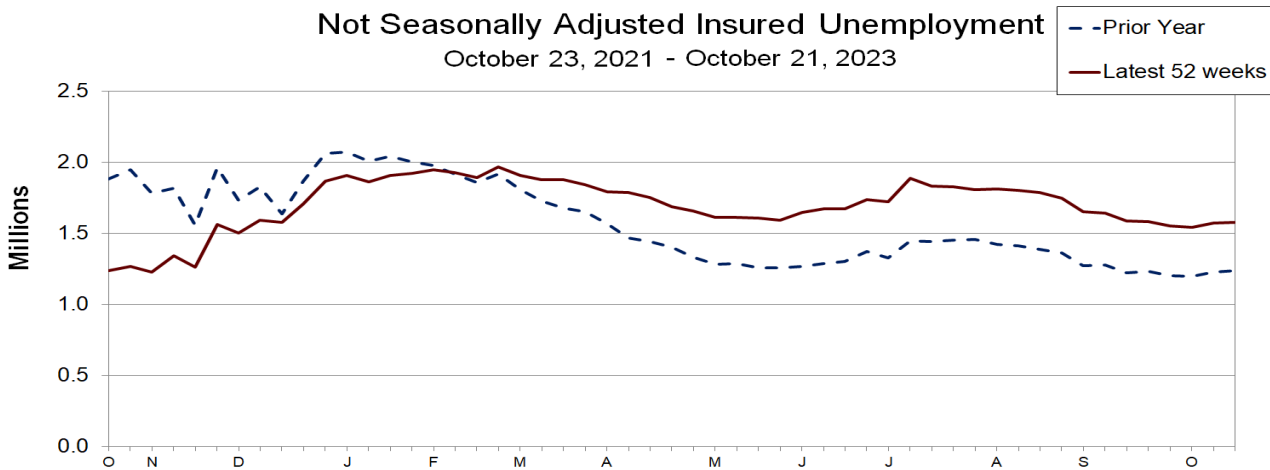
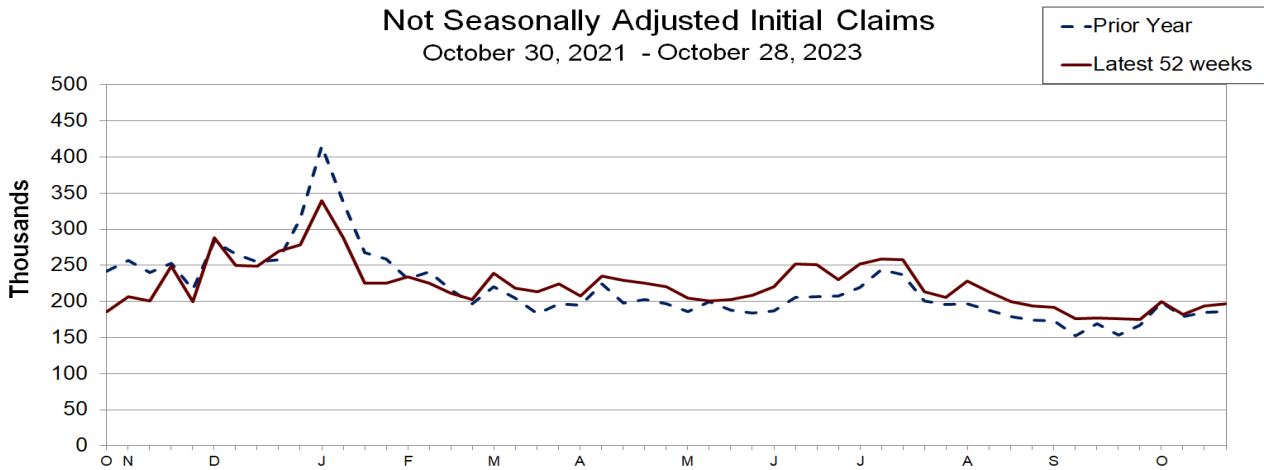
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
October 22, 2022 - October 21, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 196,767 in the week ending October 28, an increase of 2,768 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,484 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 185,973 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 21, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,579,477, an increase of 6,827 (or 0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 23,180 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,239,975.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 14 was 1,597,646, an increase of 31,233 from the previous week. There were 1,250,575 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 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 460 in the week ending October 21, an increase of 21 from the prior week. There were 392 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 1 from the preceding week.

There were 4,267 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 14, an increase of 146 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,397, an increase of 242 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 14 were in Hawaii (2.1), New Jersey (2.1), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), New York (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 21 were in Oregon (+3,797), New York (+1,969), Pennsylvania (+1,293), Georgia (+1,252), and Texas (+1,144), while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-1,092), Michigan (-740), North Carolina (-487), Mississippi (-199), and Arkansas (-174).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 28	October 21	Change	October 14	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	217,000	212,000	+5,000	200,000	204,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	196,767	193,999	+2,768	182,394	185,973
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	210,000	208,000	+2,000	206,250	202,250

WEEK ENDING	October 21	October 14	Change	October 7	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,818,000	1,783,000	+35,000	1,727,000	1,432,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,579,477	1,572,650	+6,827	1,542,397	1,239,975
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,758,250	1,721,750	+36,500	1,692,250	1,373,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.0%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 21	October 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	460	439	+21	557
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	392	393	-1	389

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

WEEK ENDING	October 14	October 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,567,874	1,537,769	+30,105	1,223,585
Federal Employees	4,267	4,121	+146	5,857
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,397	4,155	+242	4,392
Extended Benefits ³	557	433	+124	3,887
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,448	2,320	+128	1,726
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,103	17,615	+488	11,128
TOTAL	1,597,646	1,566,413	+31,233	1,250,575

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 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,923	2,192	-269	7,953	8,424	-471
Alaska	1,182	780	402	4,454	4,320	134
Arizona	3,184	3,366	-182	23,181	25,181	-2,000
Arkansas	1,183	1,354	-171	8,567	8,397	170
California	41,823	40,579	1,244	367,304	356,484	10,820
Colorado	2,639	2,734	-95	24,768	23,911	857
Connecticut	2,515	2,336	179	20,924	20,318	606
Delaware	395	309	86	4,575	4,037	538
District of Columbia	440	443	-3	5,775	5,677	98
Florida	5,521	6,052	-531	31,841	35,466	-3,625
Georgia	4,834	5,366	-532	29,832	30,757	-925
Hawaii	1,398	1,561	-163	12,313	12,614	-301
Idaho	1,026	887	139	3,916	3,984	-68
Illinois	9,066	8,624	442	79,298	81,141	-1,843
Indiana	2,915	3,065	-150	20,040	19,825	215
Iowa	2,377	1,631	746	6,551	6,438	113
Kansas	1,085	1,025	60	4,660	4,438	222
Kentucky	1,904	2,370	-466	7,287	6,429	858
Louisiana	1,549	1,562	-13	11,106	11,065	41
Maine	586	525	61	3,523	3,404	119
Maryland	2,042	2,267	-225	21,499	21,520	-21
Massachusetts	2,471	2,574	-103	55,368	53,729	1,639
Michigan	9,092	6,879	2,213	39,001	42,729	-3,728
Minnesota	3,986	3,072	914	31,565	28,763	2,802
Mississippi	930	807	123	5,312	5,914	-602
Missouri	2,502	2,571	-69	16,170	16,324	-154
Montana	984	611	373	3,628	3,416	212
Nebraska	701	722	-21	3,852	3,861	-9
Nevada	2,023	2,196	-173	19,778	20,634	-856
New Hampshire	312	333	-21	2,386	2,604	-218
New Jersey	8,281	8,055	226	84,096	84,416	-320
New Mexico	769	762	7	9,526	9,612	-86
New York	11,616	13,469	-1,853	145,791	144,879	912
North Carolina	4,365	3,161	1,204	19,321	18,828	493
North Dakota	340	219	121	1,215	1,100	115
Ohio	5,912	6,232	-320	37,273	37,549	-276
Oklahoma	1,374	1,291	83	9,121	9,302	-181
Oregon	5,966	6,961	-995	30,226	29,868	358
Pennsylvania	10,482	10,222	260	79,028	78,220	808
Puerto Rico	1,107	1,426	-319	16,287	17,406	-1,119
Rhode Island	824	765	59	7,091	6,922	169
South Carolina	2,026	2,093	-67	12,623	13,120	-497
South Dakota	157	141	16	759	809	-50
Tennessee	2,177	2,416	-239	14,064	16,259	-2,195
Texas	14,304	14,336	-32	129,310	132,089	-2,779
Utah	1,828	1,580	248	10,109	9,997	112
Vermont	232	229	3	1,875	1,775	100
Virgin Islands	17	41	-24	300	292	8
Virginia	1,757	1,481	276	13,211	12,204	1,007
Washington	5,955	5,840	115	56,396	51,911	4,485
West Virginia	680	703	-23	5,993	5,599	394
Wisconsin	3,606	3,349	257	17,793	17,419	374
Wyoming	404	434	-30	1,642	1,270	372
US Total	196,767	193,999	2,768	1,579,477	1,572,650	6,827

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 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	1,783	56	1,721.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	212	12	208.00	1,818	35	1,758.25	1.2
October 28, 2023	217	5	210.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 21

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 14

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	2,192	248	-184	2	5	8,424	0.4	-109	4,686	24	15	8,463
Alaska	780	44	-181	6	0	4,320	1.4	350	50	45	7	4,372
Arizona	3,366	112	467	3	2	25,181	0.8	-299	5,635	54	30	25,265
Arkansas	1,354	-174	-421	2	0	8,397	0.7	194	1,657	21	16	8,434
California	40,579	-174	2,498	100	98	356,484	2.0	3,185	67,912	653	1,043	358,180
Colorado	2,734	129	49	3	3	23,911	0.9	536	7,046	55	109	24,075
Connecticut	2,336	52	211	1	2	20,318	1.2	650	4,698	36	27	20,381
Delaware	309	-43	5	0	2	4,037	0.9	-92	1,155	16	8	4,061
District of Columbia	443	43	310	8	3	5,677	1.0	215	2,437	181	11	5,869
Florida	6,052	31	-3,285	10	23	35,466	0.4	-861	-5,827	91	115	35,672
Georgia	5,366	1,252	113	19	19	30,757	0.7	10	4,515	114	100	30,971
Hawaii	1,561	161	338	2	7	12,614	2.1	-397	7,114	31	39	12,684
Idaho	887	73	73	5	0	3,984	0.5	78	936	18	11	4,013
Illinois	8,624	378	308	8	2	81,141	1.4	4,276	23,916	266	101	81,508
Indiana	3,065	42	-389	4	2	19,825	0.6	-46	2,465	46	24	19,895
Iowa	1,631	59	281	2	3	6,438	0.4	209	617	7	8	6,453
Kansas	1,025	71	-462	1	1	4,438	0.3	-143	974	26	11	4,475
Kentucky	2,370	531	187	0	1	6,429	0.3	44	-1,455	21	41	6,491
Louisiana	1,562	63	-19	0	2	11,065	0.6	-1,174	801	20	14	11,099
Maine	525	123	32	0	0	3,404	0.6	113	758	10	8	3,422
Maryland	2,267	185	354	14	4	21,520	0.9	804	4,497	129	78	21,727
Massachusetts	2,574	184	-1,957	11	14	53,729	1.5	-393	13,571	85	68	53,882
Michigan	6,879	-740	1,199	2	3	42,729	1.0	5,578	11,772	58	50	42,837
Minnesota	3,072	172	198	4	3	28,763	1.0	-66	7,675	51	44	28,858
Mississippi	807	-199	-114	1	1	5,914	0.5	-102	1,151	42	7	5,963
Missouri	2,571	98	121	2	2	16,324	0.6	83	2,594	38	17	16,379
Montana	611	-15	-175	9	1	3,416	0.7	402	260	26	7	3,449
Nebraska	722	67	147	1	0	3,861	0.4	172	1,349	4	8	3,873
Nevada	2,196	75	73	1	3	20,634	1.4	-97	5,509	39	37	20,710
New Hampshire	333	-23	-1	0	1	2,604	0.4	24	900	3	0	2,607
New Jersey	8,055	508	673	22	16	84,416	2.1	2,213	14,839	193	166	84,775
New Mexico	762	85	24	5	1	9,612	1.2	61	2,255	83	32	9,727
New York	13,469	1,969	-305	21	18	144,879	1.6	1,986	29,545	330	226	145,435
North Carolina	3,161	-487	-51	3	0	18,828	0.4	-707	3,848	47	90	18,965
North Dakota	219	-6	39	1	0	1,100	0.3	30	273	11	3	1,114
Ohio	6,232	397	-194	8	7	37,549	0.7	1,312	9,120	53	79	37,681
Oklahoma	1,291	57	16	3	3	9,302	0.6	61	-64	24	40	9,366
Oregon	6,961	3,797	3,861	56	12	29,868	1.5	2,566	9,983	96	53	30,017
Pennsylvania	10,222	1,293	2,056	16	15	78,220	1.3	1,027	21,444	252	136	78,608
Puerto Rico	1,426	-105	-1,150	4	4	17,406	1.9	906	-549	197	58	17,661
Rhode Island	765	169	236	2	1	6,922	1.5	65	1,667	23	22	6,967
South Carolina	2,093	328	-95	3	4	13,120	0.6	315	1,868	30	50	13,200
South Dakota	141	-37	14	2	0	809	0.2	-17	208	8	0	817
Tennessee	2,416	-1,092	414	4	3	16,259	0.5	1,446	3,990	33	34	16,326
Texas	14,336	1,144	1,345	30	76	132,089	1.0	4,460	35,826	361	930	133,380
Utah	1,580	-14	277	19	3	9,997	0.6	119	3,779	40	22	10,059
Vermont	229	26	-14	0	0	1,775	0.6	3	356	0	0	1,775
Virgin Islands	41	21	18	0	0	292	0.8	10	-28	0	2	294
Virginia	1,481	-174	867	7	5	12,204	0.3	-151	6,052	90	83	12,377
Washington	5,840	553	1,654	17	13	51,911	1.5	871	18,009	122	283	52,316
West Virginia	703	82	-74	0	2	5,599	0.9	245	774	24	15	5,638
Wisconsin	3,349	213	185	7	1	17,419	0.6	226	3,100	31	13	17,463
Wyoming	434	53	7	9	1	1,270	0.5	62	126	9	6	1,285
Totals	193,999	11,605	9,579	460	392	1,572,650	1.1	30,253	345,789	4,267	4,397	1,581,314

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 21, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OR	+3,797	No comment.
NY	+1,969	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
PA	+1,293	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and in construction industries.
GA	+1,252	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and in accommodation and food services industries.
TX	+1,144	Layoffs in the manufacturing and in health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	-1,092	No comment.

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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