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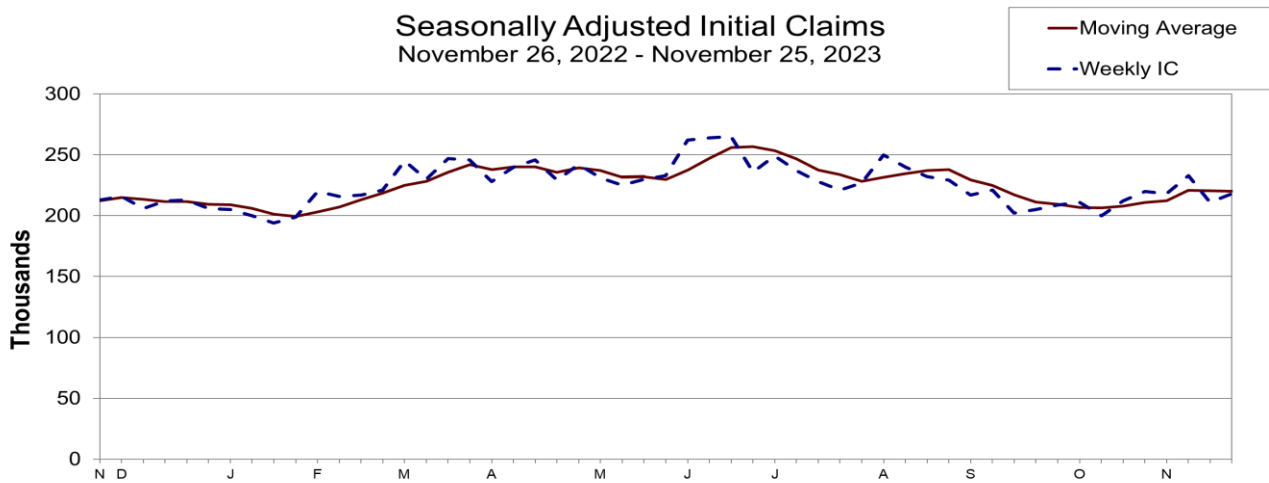
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

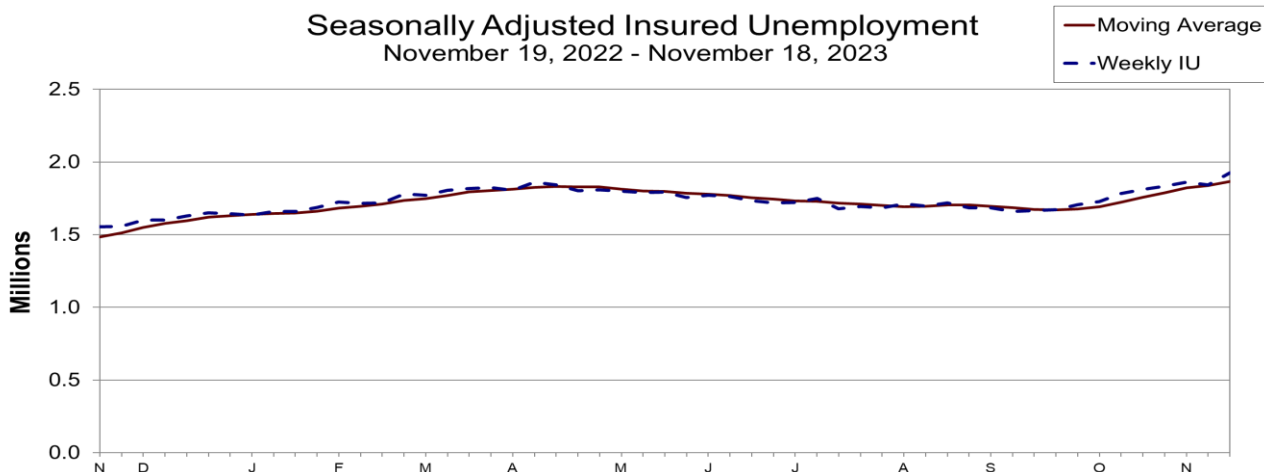
In the week ending November 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 209,000 to 211,000. The 4-week moving average was 220,000, a decrease of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 220,000 to 220,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending November 18, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 18 was 1,927,000, an increase of 86,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,964,000. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,840,000 to 1,841,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,865,750, an increase of 28,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since December 11, 2021 when it was 1,888,250. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,836,750 to 1,837,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
November 26, 2022 - November 25, 2023



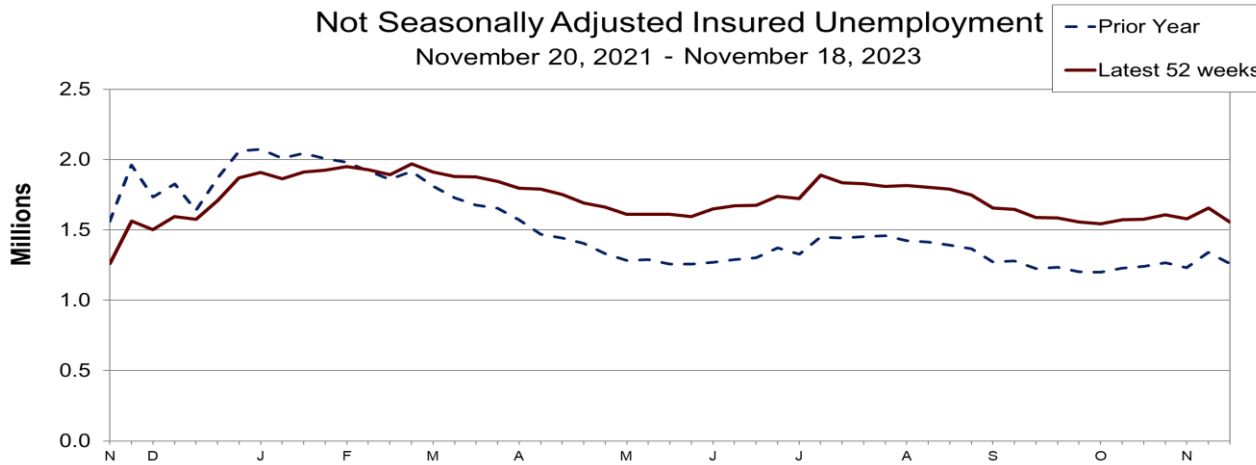
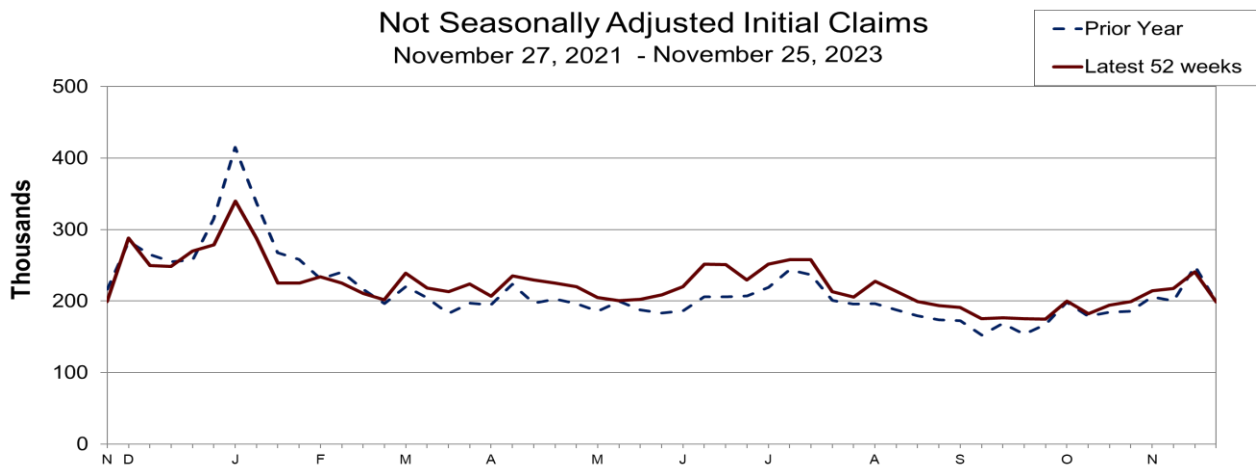
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
November 19, 2022 - November 18, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,843 in the week ending November 25, a decrease of 42,136 (or -17.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 48,111 (or -20.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,323 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending November 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,556,915, a decrease of 97,803 (or -5.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 167,496 (or -10.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,261,674.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 11 was 1,681,412, an increase of 77,704 from the previous week. There were 1,367,396 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 November 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 662 in the week ending November 18, an increase of 7 from the prior week. There were 396 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 5,179 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 11, an increase of 438 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,305, an increase of 262 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 11 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.1), Alaska (2.0), Hawaii (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.7), Washington (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), and Rhode Island (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 18 were in California (+7,351), Oregon (+3,461), Kentucky (+1,925), Illinois (+1,359), and Iowa (+1,182), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-896), New York (-616), North Carolina (-537), Utah (-487), and Indiana (-447).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 25	November 18	Change	November 11	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	211,000	+7,000	233,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,843	240,979	-42,136	217,438	199,323
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	220,000	220,500	-500	220,750	212,500

WEEK ENDING	November 18	November 11	Change	November 4	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,927,000	1,841,000	+86,000	1,862,000	1,554,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,556,915	1,654,718	-97,803	1,578,949	1,261,674
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,865,750	1,837,000	+28,750	1,822,500	1,482,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.2%	1.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.0%	1.1%	-0.1	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 18	November 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	662	655	+7	725
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	396	330	+66	405

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

WEEK ENDING	November 11	November 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,649,471	1,574,019	+75,452	1,337,325
Federal Employees	5,179	4,741	+438	6,288
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,305	4,043	+262	4,301
Extended Benefits ³	379	197	+182	3,807
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,567	2,555	+12	1,645
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,511	18,153	+1,358	14,030
TOTAL	1,681,412	1,603,708	+77,704	1,367,396

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 November 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,348	2,485	-1,137	7,663	8,624	-961
Alaska	859	942	-83	5,976	5,986	-10
Arizona	2,325	3,898	-1,573	20,077	24,147	-4,070
Arkansas	1,498	1,823	-325	8,210	9,437	-1,227
California	37,895	51,701	-13,806	328,766	368,005	-39,239
Colorado	2,244	3,109	-865	25,646	25,093	553
Connecticut	3,343	3,427	-84	21,701	21,105	596
Delaware	638	517	121	4,680	4,548	132
District of Columbia	261	470	-209	5,165	5,863	-698
Florida	3,817	6,268	-2,451	27,181	37,338	-10,157
Georgia	2,719	4,834	-2,115	22,003	29,747	-7,744
Hawaii	947	1,317	-370	10,190	11,178	-988
Idaho	1,954	1,420	534	5,104	5,077	27
Illinois	10,887	10,814	73	80,433	85,101	-4,668
Indiana	2,912	3,359	-447	20,456	20,417	39
Iowa	3,000	3,140	-140	7,391	7,229	162
Kansas	2,361	1,236	1,125	4,572	4,902	-330
Kentucky	2,263	3,719	-1,456	8,314	7,627	687
Louisiana	1,034	1,979	-945	11,387	12,856	-1,469
Maine	803	851	-48	4,602	4,310	292
Maryland	2,254	2,984	-730	21,080	21,812	-732
Massachusetts	6,625	6,415	210	58,428	58,225	203
Michigan	7,135	8,639	-1,504	37,880	46,023	-8,143
Minnesota	6,730	6,416	314	42,685	38,095	4,590
Mississippi	1,176	1,271	-95	5,224	6,059	-835
Missouri	2,435	3,077	-642	15,296	15,850	-554
Montana	1,424	1,189	235	5,696	5,271	425
Nebraska	795	1,476	-681	4,554	4,179	375
Nevada	2,185	2,870	-685	20,598	21,664	-1,066
New Hampshire	302	431	-129	2,672	2,951	-279
New Jersey	9,172	11,155	-1,983	86,882	90,735	-3,853
New Mexico	743	586	157	9,486	9,783	-297
New York	13,866	15,730	-1,864	149,586	151,141	-1,555
North Carolina	1,779	3,033	-1,254	18,052	19,438	-1,386
North Dakota	571	568	3	2,033	1,670	363
Ohio	8,675	7,559	1,116	38,237	39,017	-780
Oklahoma	1,050	1,389	-339	8,996	9,521	-525
Oregon	3,166	6,125	-2,959	30,139	31,188	-1,049
Pennsylvania	13,177	12,534	643	84,594	86,631	-2,037
Puerto Rico	709	1,095	-386	13,995	15,496	-1,501
Rhode Island	1,011	841	170	7,500	7,354	146
South Carolina	1,272	1,997	-725	12,473	13,287	-814
South Dakota	268	324	-56	1,006	1,017	-11
Tennessee	2,460	2,606	-146	13,740	14,972	-1,232
Texas	10,622	16,639	-6,017	128,326	133,726	-5,400
Utah	1,273	1,624	-351	9,966	9,901	65
Vermont	518	406	112	2,168	2,140	28
Virgin Islands	16	23	-7	214	262	-48
Virginia	1,143	1,770	-627	12,332	12,083	249
Washington	5,819	6,989	-1,170	54,049	58,162	-4,113
West Virginia	749	950	-201	6,397	6,267	130
Wisconsin	6,270	4,486	1,784	20,993	20,566	427
Wyoming	345	473	-128	2,121	1,642	479
US Total	198,843	240,979	-42,136	1,556,915	1,654,718	-97,803

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	
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	1,812	29	1,756.75	1.2
October 28, 2023	220	8	210.75	1,833	21	1,788.75	1.2
November 4, 2023	218	-2	212.50	1,862	29	1,822.50	1.2
November 11, 2023	233	15	220.75	1,841	-21	1,837.00	1.2
November 18, 2023	211	-22	220.50	1,927	86	1,865.75	1.3
November 25, 2023	218	7	220.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 18

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 11

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	2,485	522	-364	5	3	8,624	0.4	227	4,614	20	19	8,663
Alaska	942	-23	-204	8	1	5,986	2.0	511	119	75	8	6,069
Arizona	3,898	908	515	7	0	24,147	0.8	2,190	5,067	68	26	24,241
Arkansas	1,823	815	355	0	2	9,437	0.8	524	2,104	43	18	9,498
California	51,701	7,351	4,011	131	91	368,005	2.1	19,424	62,288	867	1,090	369,962
Colorado	3,109	382	-295	3	6	25,093	0.9	-235	6,312	83	113	25,289
Connecticut	3,427	781	600	1	0	21,105	1.3	1,001	3,989	32	26	21,163
Delaware	517	210	53	0	3	4,548	1.0	389	1,243	12	5	4,565
District of Columbia	470	64	178	7	0	5,863	1.0	22	3,090	137	14	6,014
Florida	6,268	289	-266	9	28	37,338	0.4	2,467	-4,451	99	86	37,523
Georgia	4,834	849	-2,877	19	15	29,747	0.6	1,184	3,391	89	96	29,932
Hawaii	1,317	132	163	2	7	11,178	1.9	355	5,539	30	55	11,263
Idaho	1,420	93	-349	11	1	5,077	0.6	379	543	66	8	5,151
Illinois	10,814	1,359	-5,356	7	4	85,101	1.4	6,302	20,426	268	92	85,461
Indiana	3,359	-447	-875	7	2	20,417	0.7	-1,076	2,603	56	31	20,504
Iowa	3,140	1,182	-831	3	1	7,229	0.5	416	707	14	8	7,251
Kansas	1,236	-145	-361	2	1	4,902	0.4	90	1,010	38	20	4,960
Kentucky	3,719	1,925	2,044	2	0	7,627	0.4	-467	-755	21	40	7,688
Louisiana	1,979	146	-194	5	0	12,856	0.7	298	2,455	30	14	12,900
Maine	851	105	14	2	0	4,310	0.7	340	741	17	7	4,334
Maryland	2,984	487	837	10	1	21,812	0.9	752	3,193	140	74	22,026
Massachusetts	6,415	378	555	8	14	58,225	1.6	2,256	12,704	115	92	58,432
Michigan	8,639	-37	-702	7	2	46,023	1.1	1,542	10,214	80	35	46,138
Minnesota	6,416	286	-2,577	5	0	38,095	1.4	4,026	5,472	69	41	38,205
Mississippi	1,271	205	-58	3	2	6,059	0.5	227	1,457	33	6	6,098
Missouri	3,077	504	-490	5	5	15,850	0.6	274	3,251	39	19	15,908
Montana	1,189	155	-751	24	0	5,271	1.1	248	-919	106	6	5,383
Nebraska	1,476	774	582	0	0	4,179	0.4	67	1,508	6	6	4,191
Nevada	2,870	193	214	5	2	21,664	1.5	1,118	5,684	53	42	21,759
New Hampshire	431	17	41	4	0	2,951	0.4	157	1,002	3	0	2,954
New Jersey	11,155	-22	2,292	23	15	90,735	2.2	7,194	13,309	193	168	91,096
New Mexico	586	-42	-330	2	2	9,783	1.2	170	1,669	109	28	9,920
New York	15,730	-616	-775	22	11	151,141	1.6	2,759	26,678	310	208	151,659
North Carolina	3,033	-537	-608	5	2	19,438	0.4	-356	4,215	85	64	19,587
North Dakota	568	161	-306	4	0	1,670	0.4	255	441	9	3	1,682
Ohio	7,559	627	-2,519	5	15	39,017	0.7	1,023	6,916	54	54	39,125
Oklahoma	1,389	182	11	8	1	9,521	0.6	26	0	30	44	9,595
Oregon	6,125	3,461	496	86	7	31,188	1.6	2,054	7,992	272	45	31,505
Pennsylvania	12,534	1,009	552	14	13	86,631	1.5	4,621	23,675	274	143	87,048
Puerto Rico	1,095	-112	-633	8	2	15,496	1.7	-1,431	-3,179	186	39	15,721
Rhode Island	841	-30	-186	0	0	7,354	1.6	242	1,676	18	18	7,390
South Carolina	1,997	13	-455	2	8	13,287	0.6	158	1,892	29	44	13,360
South Dakota	324	134	-198	11	0	1,017	0.2	127	151	22	2	1,041
Tennessee	2,606	254	275	6	7	14,972	0.4	237	3,160	41	34	15,047
Texas	16,639	-896	777	40	69	133,726	1.0	6,950	31,481	361	874	134,961
Utah	1,624	-487	-240	68	12	9,901	0.6	-569	2,339	85	16	10,002
Vermont	406	125	-42	0	0	2,140	0.7	322	249	1	1	2,142
Virgin Islands	23	8	0	1	1	262	0.8	0	-30	0	0	262
Virginia	1,770	59	845	4	4	12,083	0.3	-200	4,593	77	79	12,239
Washington	6,989	409	256	23	24	58,162	1.7	5,846	16,792	217	301	58,680
West Virginia	950	206	-90	2	8	6,267	1.0	313	555	28	26	6,321
Wisconsin	4,486	116	-869	3	4	20,566	0.7	883	2,804	43	10	20,619
Wyoming	473	59	-144	23	0	1,642	0.6	137	-95	26	7	1,675
Totals	240,979	23,541	-8,279	662	396	1,654,718	1.1	75,769	311,884	5,179	4,305	1,664,202

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 NOVEMBER 18, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+7,351	No comment.
OR	+3,461	No comment.
KY	+1,925	Layoffs in automobile industry.
IL	+1,359	Layoffs in construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in manufacturing industries.
IA	+1,182	Layoffs in manufacturing, construction, and in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
PA	+1,009	Layoffs in construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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