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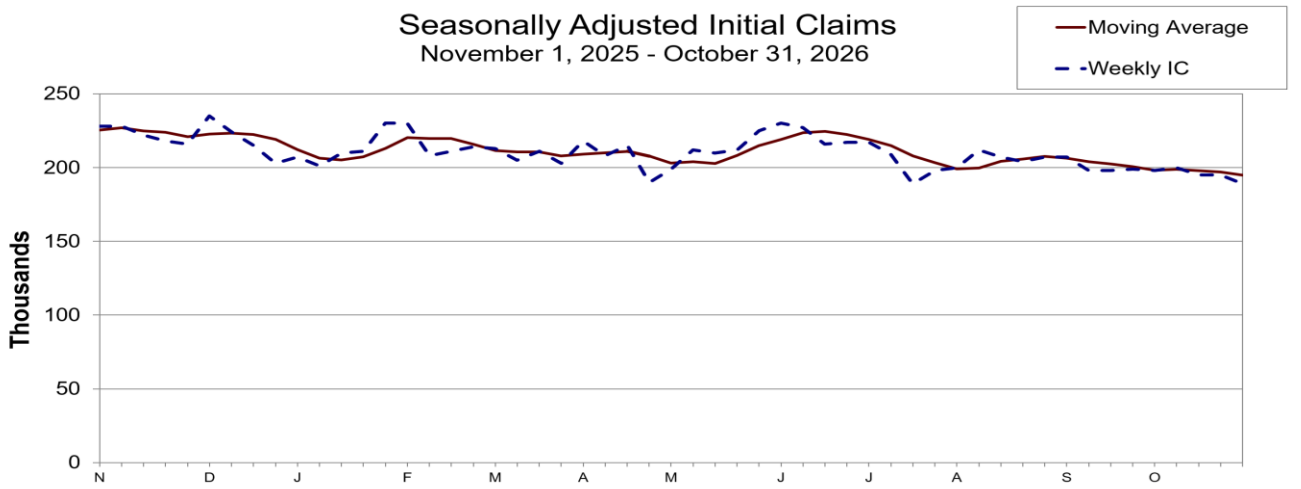
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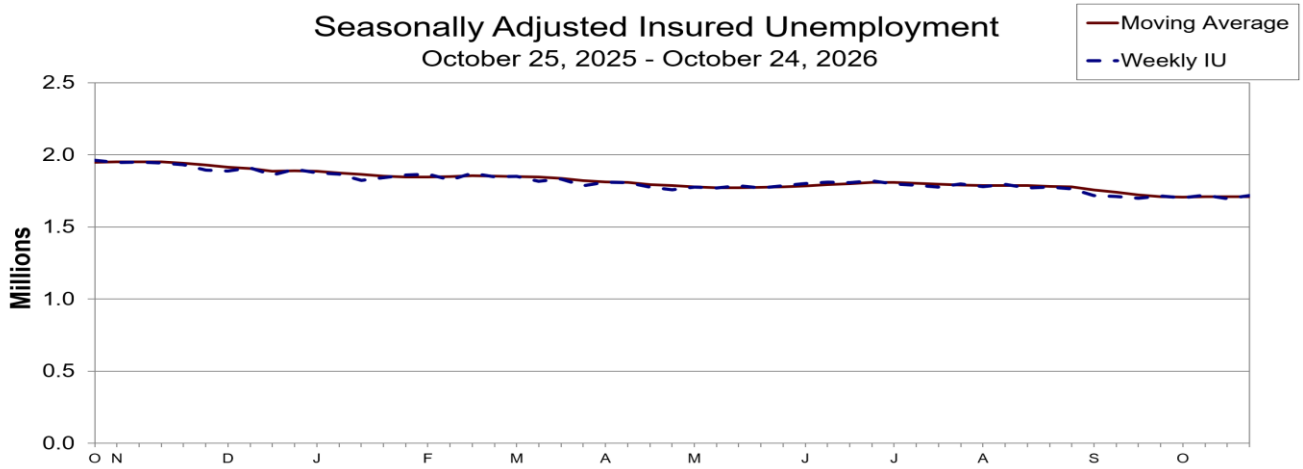
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 31, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 189,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 194,000 to 195,000. The 4-week moving average was 194,750, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 196,750 to 197,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending October 24, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 24 was 1,718,000, an increase of 23,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,701,000 to 1,695,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,709,500, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,710,000 to 1,708,500.

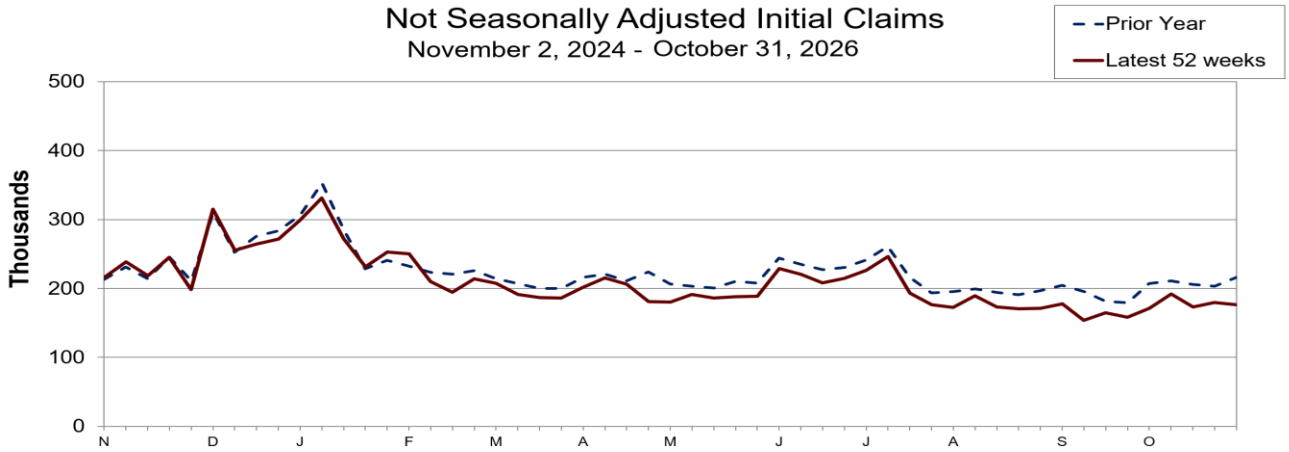


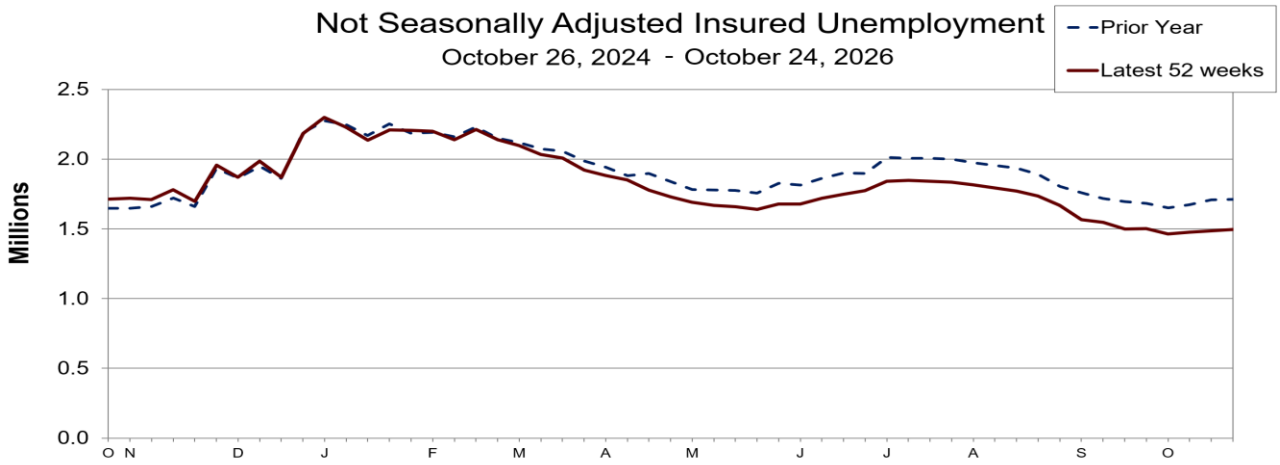


UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 176,698 in the week ending October 31, a decrease of 2,951 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,539 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 216,026 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending October 24, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,494,812, an increase of 10,189 (or 0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,169 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,712,402.





The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 17 was 1,507,702, an increase of 8,510 from the previous week. There were 1,756,507 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 17.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 552 in the week ending October 24, an increase of 110 from the prior week. There were 347 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 40 from the preceding week.

There were 5,128 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 17, an increase of 194 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,941, a decrease of 34 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 17 were in New Jersey (2.0), Washington (1.8), California (1.7), Massachusetts (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.6), Nevada (1.5), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), New York (1.4), and Illinois (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 24 were in New York (+2,609), Texas (+1,564), California (+1,043), Pennsylvania (+818), and Ohio (+784), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-1,813), Tennessee (-977), South Carolina (-763), Kentucky (-496), and Oklahoma (-227).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 31	October 24	Change	October 17	Prior Year[1]
Initial Claims (SA)	189,000	195,000	-6,000	195,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	176,698	179,649	-2,951	173,203	216,026
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	194,750	197,000	-2,250	198,000	225,500

WEEK ENDING	October 24	October 17	Change	October 10	Prior Year[1]
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,718,000	1,695,000	+23,000	1,722,000	1,962,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,494,812	1,484,623	+10,189	1,476,078	1,712,402
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,709,500	1,708,500	+1,000	1,709,500	1,947,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)[2]	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)[2]	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 24	October 17	Change	Prior Year[1]
Federal Employees (UCFE)	552	442	+110	9,436
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	347	387	-40	438

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

WEEK ENDING	October 17	October 10	Change	Prior Year[1]
Regular State	1,480,638	1,472,165	+8,473	1,701,047
Federal Employees	5,128	4,934	+194	23,194
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,941	4,975	-34	4,796
Extended Benefits[3]	9	32	-23	44
State Additional Benefits[4]	3,579	3,609	-30	2,887
STC / Workshare [5]	13,407	13,477	-70	24,539
TOTAL	1,507,702	1,499,192	+8,510	1,756,507

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 153,911,765 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

	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 31			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 24		
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,434	1,492	-58	6,279	6,824	-545
Alaska*	568	562	6	4,145	3,832	313
Arizona	2,011	2,304	-293	16,833	19,673	-2,840
Arkansas	1,015	1,081	-66	4,352	4,812	-460
California	40,273	39,628	645	308,817	305,655	3,162
Colorado	3,216	3,301	-85	31,562	30,163	1,399
Connecticut	2,093	2,080	13	19,691	18,876	815
Delaware	516	434	82	4,293	4,019	274
District of Columbia	561	556	5	6,444	6,479	-35
Florida	4,518	5,198	-680	24,918	30,164	-5,246
Georgia	3,395	3,759	-364	21,284	22,387	-1,103
Hawaii	1,115	1,160	-45	6,733	6,775	-42
Idaho	806	762	44	4,038	4,227	-189
Illinois	7,394	6,603	791	77,397	76,415	982
Indiana*	2,721	2,363	358	17,041	16,790	251
Iowa	1,398	1,384	14	5,895	5,967	-72
Kansas	846	935	-89	6,204	6,098	106
Kentucky	1,221	2,020	-799	8,793	9,555	-762
Louisiana	979	1,162	-183	4,136	5,211	-1,075
Maine	742	605	137	4,341	4,132	209
Maryland	1,871	2,023	-152	20,694	20,815	-121
Massachusetts	4,592	4,554	38	62,350	61,323	1,027
Michigan	5,404	5,705	-301	44,327	40,088	4,239
Minnesota	3,853	3,611	242	32,683	30,743	1,940
Mississippi	717	894	-177	5,291	5,528	-237
Missouri	2,363	2,055	308	14,084	14,221	-137
Montana	811	668	143	4,677	4,564	113
Nebraska	433	488	-55	3,686	3,895	-209
Nevada	2,634	2,795	-161	23,456	23,478	-22
New Hampshire	204	261	-57	2,591	3,122	-531
New Jersey	8,511	8,604	-93	85,426	84,030	1,396
New Mexico	785	810	-25	8,567	8,370	197
New York	13,397	14,600	-1,203	137,698	135,695	2,003
North Carolina	2,658	2,717	-59	15,655	16,813	-1,158
North Dakota	317	237	80	1,566	1,423	143
Ohio	4,823	4,933	-110	35,271	35,198	73
Oklahoma	1,052	996	56	9,075	9,295	-220
Oregon	4,835	4,037	798	31,831	29,868	1,963
Pennsylvania	8,404	8,713	-309	70,864	71,716	-852
Puerto Rico*	949	1,131	-182	14,502	14,507	-5
Rhode Island	644	611	33	7,390	7,208	182
South Carolina	1,614	1,832	-218	13,389	13,724	-335
South Dakota	214	229	-15	1,028	967	61
Tennessee	2,296	2,215	81	12,545	13,923	-1,378
Texas	13,201	14,966	-1,765	128,531	129,447	-916
Utah	1,443	1,313	130	10,499	10,480	19
Vermont	476	370	106	2,161	1,915	246
Virgin Islands*	11	20	-9	395	430	-35
Virginia	1,949	2,153	-204	20,421	18,714	1,707
Washington	5,873	5,260	613	69,358	64,499	4,859
West Virginia	625	586	39	4,966	4,558	408
Wisconsin	2,503	2,422	81	14,912	14,603	309
Wyoming	414	451	-37	1,727	1,409	318
US Total	176,698	179,649	-2,951	1,494,812	1,484,623	10,189

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 Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
October 25, 2025	221	-10	226.75	1,962	9	1,947.50	1.3
November 1, 2025	228	7	225.50	1,946	-16	1,952.00	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	0	227.00	1,949	3	1,952.50	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,943	-6	1,950.00	1.3
November 22, 2025	218	-4	224.00	1,932	-11	1,942.50	1.3
November 29, 2025	216	-2	221.00	1,894	-38	1,929.50	1.2
December 6, 2025	235	19	222.75	1,887	-7	1,914.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-11	223.25	1,910	23	1,905.75	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	222.50	1,860	-50	1,887.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	203	-12	219.25	1,900	40	1,889.25	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	4	212.25	1,875	-25	1,886.25	1.2
January 10, 2026	201	-6	206.50	1,865	-10	1,875.00	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	9	205.25	1,823	-42	1,865.75	1.2
January 24, 2026	211	1	207.25	1,842	19	1,851.25	1.2
January 31, 2026	230	19	213.00	1,859	17	1,847.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	230	0	220.25	1,865	6	1,847.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-22	219.75	1,827	-38	1,848.25	1.2
February 21, 2026	211	3	219.75	1,871	44	1,855.50	1.2
February 28, 2026	214	3	215.75	1,847	-24	1,852.50	1.2
March 7, 2026	213	-1	211.50	1,851	4	1,849.00	1.2
March 14, 2026	205	-8	210.75	1,816	-35	1,846.25	1.2
March 21, 2026	211	6	210.75	1,832	16	1,836.50	1.2
March 28, 2026	203	-8	208.00	1,787	-45	1,821.50	1.2
April 4, 2026	218	15	209.25	1,809	22	1,811.00	1.2
April 11, 2026	208	-10	210.00	1,808	-1	1,809.00	1.2
April 18, 2026	215	7	211.00	1,776	-32	1,795.00	1.2
April 25, 2026	190	-25	207.75	1,758	-18	1,787.75	1.1
May 2, 2026	199	9	203.00	1,776	18	1,779.50	1.2
May 9, 2026	212	13	204.00	1,771	-5	1,770.25	1.2
May 16, 2026	210	-2	202.75	1,785	14	1,772.50	1.2
May 23, 2026	212	2	208.25	1,771	-14	1,775.75	1.2
May 30, 2026	225	13	214.75	1,786	15	1,778.25	1.2
June 6, 2026	230	5	219.25	1,800	14	1,785.50	1.2
June 13, 2026	227	-3	223.50	1,812	12	1,792.25	1.2
June 20, 2026	216	-11	224.50	1,806	-6	1,801.00	1.2
June 27, 2026	217	1	222.50	1,821	15	1,809.75	1.2
July 4, 2026	217	0	219.25	1,798	-23	1,809.25	1.2
July 11, 2026	209	-8	214.75	1,789	-9	1,803.50	1.2
July 18, 2026	189	-20	208.00	1,777	-12	1,796.25	1.2
July 25, 2026	198	9	203.25	1,799	22	1,790.75	1.2
August 1, 2026	200	2	199.00	1,781	-18	1,786.50	1.2
August 8, 2026	212	12	199.75	1,796	15	1,788.25	1.2
August 15, 2026	207	-5	204.25	1,771	-25	1,786.75	1.2
August 22, 2026	204	-3	205.75	1,775	4	1,780.75	1.2
August 29, 2026	207	3	207.50	1,765	-10	1,776.75	1.1
September 5, 2026	207	0	206.25	1,717	-48	1,757.00	1.1
September 12, 2026	198	-9	204.00	1,712	-5	1,742.25	1.1
September 19, 2026	198	0	202.50	1,699	-13	1,723.25	1.1
September 26, 2026	199	1	200.50	1,714	15	1,710.50	1.1
October 3, 2026	198	-1	198.25	1,703	-11	1,707.00	1.1
October 10, 2026	200	2	198.75	1,722	19	1,709.50	1.1
October 17, 2026	195	-5	198.00	1,695	-27	1,708.50	1.1
October 24, 2026	195	0	197.00	1,718	23	1,709.50	1.1
October 31, 2026	189	-6	194.75				

	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 24					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 17						
		CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM				TOTAL
STATE NAME	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE [1]	UCX [1]	STATE	(%) [2]	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE [1]	UCX [1]	INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
Alabama	1,492	42	-723	6	3	6,824	0.3	-52	-2,216	31	14	6,869
Alaska	562	29	-158	5	0	3,832	1.2	223	-422	26	4	3,862
Arizona	2,304	-90	-323	12	3	19,673	0.6	-266	-3,966	67	26	19,766
Arkansas	1,081	-64	-440	1	0	4,812	0.4	199	-1,925	8	0	4,820
California	39,628	1,043	-1,103	106	77	305,655	1.7	5,225	-40,452	671	1,267	307,593
Colorado	3,301	216	45	10	11	30,163	1.1	-1,320	-29	97	215	30,475
Connecticut	2,080	47	-227	1	1	18,876	1.1	335	-9,865	39	28	18,943
Delaware	434	-3	150	1	2	4,019	0.8	-19	-869	6	1	4,026
District of Columbia	556	-23	-941	20	1	6,479	1.2	-1	-4,040	338	3	6,820
Florida	5,198	157	-287	16	29	30,164	0.3	528	-3,764	114	68	30,346
Georgia	3,759	112	-867	22	10	22,387	0.5	-7	-4,103	135	89	22,611
Hawaii	1,160	-216	-16	2	7	6,775	1.1	-624	1,065	44	50	6,869
Idaho	762	61	-145	8	0	4,227	0.5	114	-579	17	13	4,257
Illinois	6,603	667	-1,988	8	4	76,415	1.3	-762	-13,211	289	125	76,829
Indiana	2,363	301	-68	4	3	16,790	0.5	132	-2,171	21	12	16,823
Iowa	1,384	220	-651	0	1	5,967	0.4	-120	-1,104	20	4	5,991
Kansas	935	92	-69	0	0	6,098	0.4	73	-895	15	16	6,129
Kentucky	2,020	-496	4	2	0	9,555	0.5	1,118	-2,458	50	42	9,647
Louisiana	1,162	-17	-395	2	2	5,211	0.3	-84	-2,626	13	12	5,236
Maine	605	109	40	0	0	4,132	0.6	61	-508	15	9	4,156
Maryland	2,023	23	-974	22	8	20,815	0.8	-13	-6,759	272	75	21,162
Massachusetts	4,554	311	-479	2	3	61,323	1.7	189	-4,681	130	131	61,584
Michigan	5,705	-1,813	-996	9	5	40,088	0.9	1,025	-8,555	93	36	40,217
Minnesota	3,611	472	-617	6	1	30,743	1.1	549	-4,800	52	53	30,848
Mississippi	894	21	-149	2	1	5,528	0.5	-147	-385	23	8	5,559
Missouri	2,055	68	-833	1	2	14,221	0.5	5	-5,106	67	13	14,301
Montana	668	56	-93	38	3	4,564	0.9	521	-63	47	8	4,619
Nebraska	488	13	-122	0	0	3,895	0.4	-63	-552	8	11	3,914
Nevada	2,795	199	-8	12	0	23,478	1.5	-532	-2,618	56	80	23,614
New Hampshire	261	-9	-186	1	1	3,122	0.5	-75	-630	2	1	3,125
New Jersey	8,604	775	-163	12	20	84,030	2.0	849	-6,300	203	213	84,446
New Mexico	810	85	-340	11	3	8,370	1.0	-257	-1,658	99	30	8,499
New York	14,600	2,609	-535	25	19	135,695	1.4	3,768	-9,426	283	268	136,246
North Carolina	2,717	-70	-424	2	1	16,813	0.3	-67	-2,824	65	65	16,943
North Dakota	237	17	-57	1	0	1,423	0.3	46	-315	10	7	1,440
Ohio	4,933	784	-578	3	4	35,198	0.6	-2,874	-5,773	82	64	35,344
Oklahoma	996	-227	-268	7	6	9,295	0.6	73	-2,046	28	28	9,351
Oregon	4,037	-21	-324	37	1	29,868	1.5	-31	-1,704	95	66	30,029
Pennsylvania	8,713	818	-1,038	16	9	71,716	1.2	977	-10,729	298	117	72,131
Puerto Rico	1,131	-16	-637	2	3	14,507	1.6	116	-3,259	105	41	14,653
Rhode Island	611	-51	-122	1	1	7,208	1.5	79	-830	20	16	7,244
South Carolina	1,832	-763	-289	3	8	13,724	0.6	-940	-512	49	66	13,839
South Dakota	229	49	14	1	0	967	0.2	32	-167	13	2	982
Tennessee	2,215	-977	-878	2	2	13,923	0.4	-1,147	-4,358	28	31	13,982
Texas	14,966	1,564	-2,481	36	73	129,447	0.9	763	-22,907	520	901	130,868
Utah	1,313	-92	-181	19	1	10,480	0.6	238	-898	57	16	10,553
Vermont	370	27	-31	0	0	1,915	0.6	48	-78	9	1	1,925
Virgin Islands	20	-7	-6	0	0	430	1.2	-10	-28	0	2	432
Virginia	2,153	387	-856	7	8	18,714	0.5	-64	-467	141	121	18,976
Washington	5,260	-187	-776	26	5	64,499	1.8	250	-7,284	194	450	65,143
West Virginia	586	67	-113	5	4	4,558	0.7	37	-1,223	25	13	4,596
Wisconsin	2,422	150	-653	6	1	14,603	0.5	313	-12,731	33	9	14,645
Wyoming	451	-3	-8	11	0	1,409	0.5	134	-264	5	0	1,414
Totals	179,649	6,446	-23,363	552	347	1,484,623	1.0	8,545	-224,068	5,128	4,941	1,494,692

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 24, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+2,609	Layoffs in construction, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	+1,564	No comment.
CA	+1,043	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-1,813	Fewer layoffs in 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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