News Release

Connect with DOL at
https://blog.dol.gov

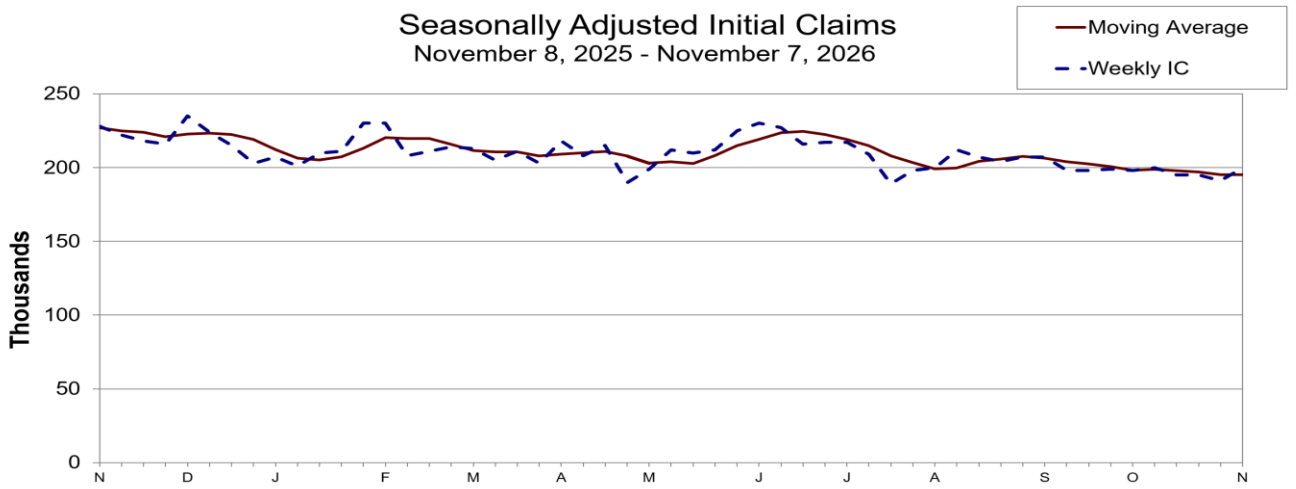
TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL
8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, November 12, 2026

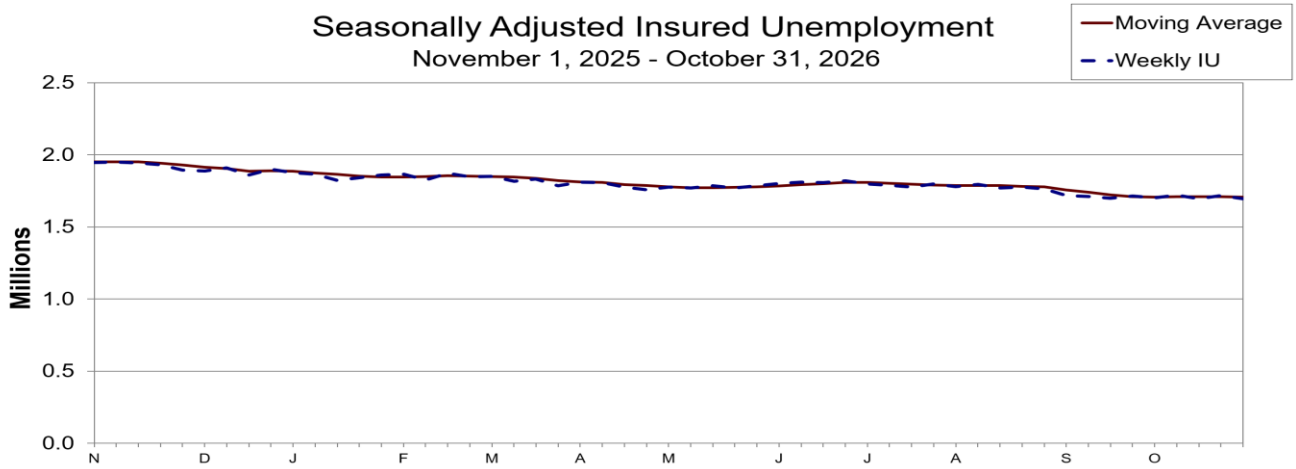
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 200,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 189,000 to 191,000. The 4-week moving average was 195,250, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 194,750 to 195,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending October 31, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 31 was 1,697,000, a decrease of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,718,000 to 1,717,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,707,750, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,709,500 to 1,709,250.

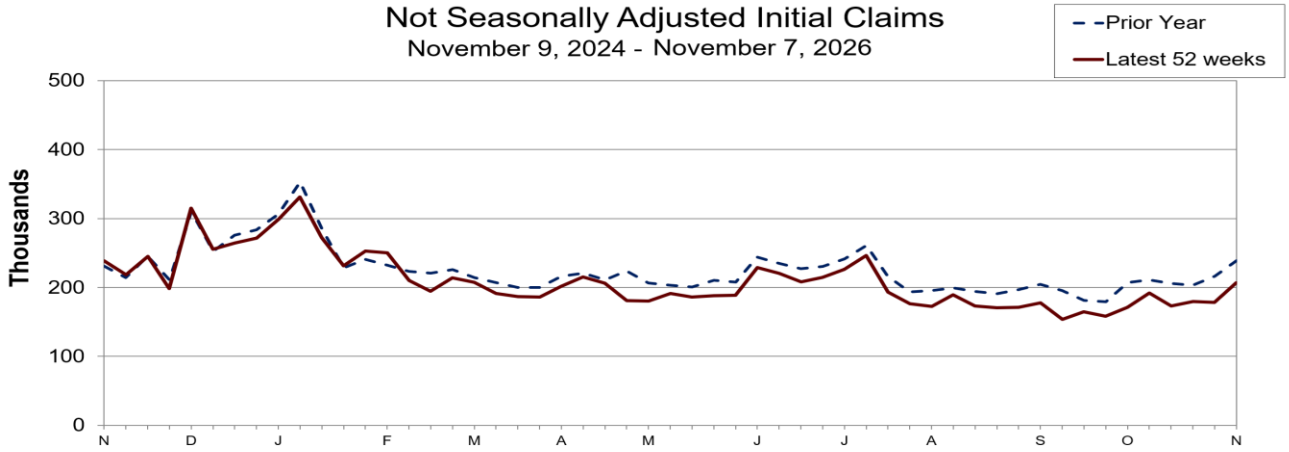


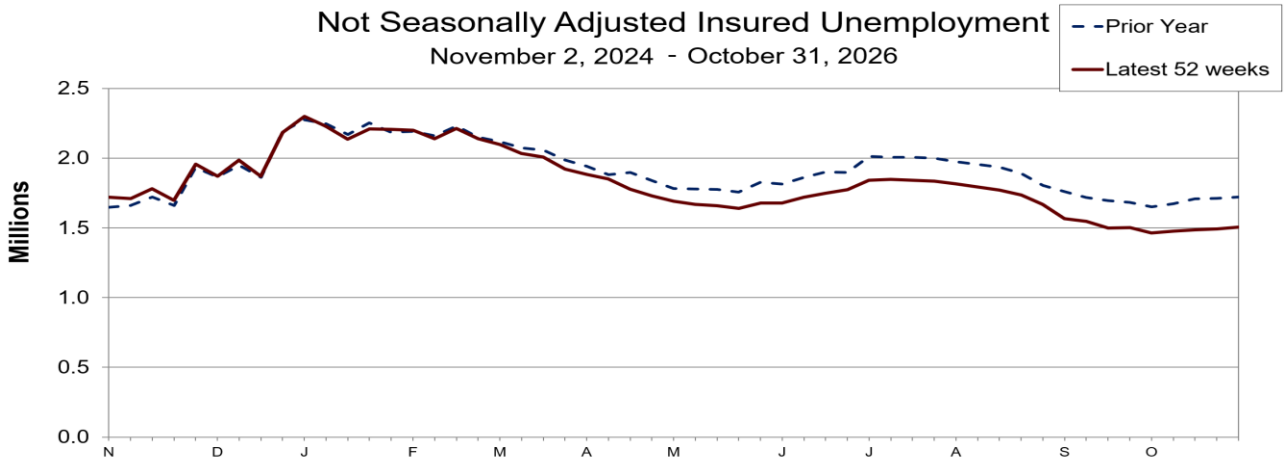


UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 206,982 in the week ending November 7, an increase of 28,870 (or 16.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 19,663 (or 11.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 238,729 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending October 31, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,503,556, an increase of 10,117 (or 0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,466 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,720,202.





The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 24 was 1,517,924, an increase of 10,207 from the previous week. There were 1,768,408 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 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 585 in the week ending October 31, an increase of 33 from the prior week. There were 407 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 60 from the preceding week.

There were 5,327 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 24, an increase of 199 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,008, an increase of 67 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 24 were in New Jersey (2.0), Washington (1.9), Massachusetts (1.8), California (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.6), Nevada (1.5), Oregon (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), New York (1.4), Illinois (1.3), and the Virgin Islands (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 31 were in Illinois (+728), Indiana (+655), Washington (+647), Missouri (+394), and Oregon (+365), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,524), Texas (-1,481), Kentucky (-805), Florida (-722), and Michigan (-378).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 7	October 31	Change	October 24	Prior Year[1]
Initial Claims (SA)	200,000	191,000	+9,000	195,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	206,982	178,112	+28,870	179,649	238,729
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	195,250	195,250	0	197,000	227,000

WEEK ENDING	October 31	October 24	Change	October 17	Prior Year[1]
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,697,000	1,717,000	-20,000	1,695,000	1,946,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,503,556	1,493,439	+10,117	1,484,638	1,720,202
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,707,750	1,709,250	-1,500	1,708,500	1,952,000
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 31	October 24	Change	Prior Year[1]
Federal Employees (UCFE)	585	552	+33	7,483
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	407	347	+60	445

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

WEEK ENDING	October 24	October 17	Change	Prior Year[1]
Regular State	1,489,085	1,480,653	+8,432	1,705,532
Federal Employees	5,327	5,128	+199	30,651
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,008	4,941	+67	4,853
Extended Benefits[3]	30	9	+21	22
State Additional Benefits[4]	3,660	3,579	+81	2,883
STC / Workshare [5]	14,814	13,407	+1,407	24,467
TOTAL	1,517,924	1,507,717	+10,207	1,768,408

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 November 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 31		
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,554	1,515	39	6,141	6,866	-725
Alaska	878	587	291	4,142	3,964	178
Arizona	2,185	2,242	-57	16,336	19,038	-2,702
Arkansas	1,128	1,095	33	4,258	4,747	-489
California	45,021	39,974	5,047	323,339	305,135	18,204
Colorado	3,958	3,104	854	32,155	30,486	1,669
Connecticut	2,520	2,098	422	19,791	20,473	-682
Delaware	551	540	11	4,391	4,404	-13
District of Columbia	606	562	44	6,360	6,495	-135
Florida	5,047	4,476	571	25,733	28,428	-2,695
Georgia	3,668	3,583	85	21,008	22,496	-1,488
Hawaii	1,375	1,106	269	7,074	6,526	548
Idaho	1,053	836	217	4,250	4,366	-116
Illinois	8,491	7,331	1,160	76,622	76,543	79
Indiana	2,402	3,018	-616	16,619	17,935	-1,316
Iowa	1,736	1,430	306	5,997	6,196	-199
Kansas	1,066	881	185	6,441	6,084	357
Kentucky	1,473	1,215	258	8,742	8,705	37
Louisiana	1,062	1,099	-37	4,103	4,964	-861
Maine	938	737	201	4,667	4,325	342
Maryland	1,920	2,181	-261	20,359	20,686	-327
Massachusetts	6,060	4,561	1,499	62,521	62,990	-469
Michigan	2,331	5,327	-2,996	30,071	44,849	-14,778
Minnesota	6,592	3,761	2,831	34,584	31,185	3,399
Mississippi	881	789	92	5,217	5,535	-318
Missouri	5,478	2,449	3,029	16,482	14,869	1,613
Montana	984	785	199	5,110	4,671	439
Nebraska	597	457	140	3,675	3,795	-120
Nevada	3,316	2,742	574	23,736	23,322	414
New Hampshire	315	291	24	2,651	3,177	-526
New Jersey	12,373	8,809	3,564	86,152	84,540	1,612
New Mexico	964	791	173	8,837	8,453	384
New York*	14,955	13,076	1,879	141,035	136,016	5,019
North Carolina	3,171	2,741	430	15,696	16,649	-953
North Dakota	505	264	241	1,687	1,457	230
Ohio	5,263	4,893	370	34,882	35,605	-723
Oklahoma	1,123	1,086	37	8,773	9,228	-455
Oregon**	4,293	4,402	-109	30,527	30,153	374
Pennsylvania	10,278	8,525	1,753	71,545	71,810	-265
Puerto Rico	2,009	1,082	927	13,840	14,737	-897
Rhode Island	767	647	120	7,401	7,230	171
South Carolina	1,933	1,704	229	13,312	13,760	-448
South Dakota	297	206	91	1,104	1,064	40
Tennessee	2,485	2,289	196	12,278	12,678	-400
Texas	15,589	13,485	2,104	126,880	128,449	-1,569
Utah	1,654	1,443	211	10,755	10,553	202
Vermont	455	487	-32	2,303	2,124	179
Virgin Islands**	24	16	8	431	448	-17
Virginia	2,029	1,934	95	20,310	18,644	1,666
Washington	7,477	5,907	1,570	71,348	65,663	5,685
West Virginia	654	652	2	4,994	4,596	398
Wisconsin	3,021	2,422	599	15,031	14,796	235
Wyoming	477	479	-2	1,860	1,531	329
US Total	206,982	178,112	28,870	1,503,556	1,493,439	10,117

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 state estimate.
**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
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	1,717	22	1,709.25	1.1
October 31, 2026	191	-4	195.25	1,697	-20	1,707.75	1.1
November 7, 2026	200	9	195.25				

	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 31					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 24						
		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	1,515	23	-587	7	3	6,866	0.3	42	-2,375	26	11	6,903
Alaska	587	25	-92	4	0	3,964	1.2	132	-628	30	4	3,998
Arizona	2,242	-62	-112	6	6	19,038	0.6	-635	-3,263	57	29	19,124
Arkansas	1,095	14	-728	0	0	4,747	0.4	-65	-2,159	13	0	4,760
California	39,974	346	-1,074	96	79	305,135	1.7	-520	-38,925	779	1,292	307,206
Colorado	3,104	-197	-8	15	12	30,486	1.1	323	-1,794	120	222	30,828
Connecticut	2,098	18	-192	2	4	20,473	1.2	1,597	-9,897	75	30	20,578
Delaware	540	106	264	1	3	4,404	0.9	385	-969	7	1	4,412
District of Columbia	562	6	-638	20	2	6,495	1.2	16	-4,196	321	4	6,820
Florida	4,476	-722	-476	16	28	28,428	0.3	-1,736	-3,828	76	83	28,587
Georgia	3,583	-176	-1,063	25	16	22,496	0.5	109	-4,105	188	102	22,786
Hawaii	1,106	-54	102	0	9	6,526	1.1	-264	853	43	50	6,619
Idaho	836	74	-110	9	1	4,366	0.5	139	-789	26	10	4,402
Illinois	7,331	728	-2,618	11	7	76,543	1.3	128	-11,027	289	109	76,941
Indiana	3,018	655	-292	3	1	17,935	0.6	1,145	-1,226	17	20	17,972
Iowa	1,430	46	-484	1	3	6,196	0.4	229	-1,531	16	4	6,216
Kansas	881	-54	-460	1	1	6,084	0.4	-14	-1,233	14	20	6,118
Kentucky	1,215	-805	-6,723	1	0	8,705	0.4	-850	-2,553	38	28	8,771
Louisiana	1,099	-63	-447	1	1	4,964	0.3	-247	-2,872	20	11	4,995
Maine	737	132	55	0	0	4,325	0.7	193	-482	19	10	4,354
Maryland	2,181	158	-541	22	9	20,686	0.8	-129	-7,261	281	67	21,034
Massachusetts	4,561	7	-861	2	4	62,990	1.8	1,667	-3,793	142	124	63,256
Michigan	5,327	-378	-4,721	4	2	44,849	1.0	4,761	-7,078	59	35	44,943
Minnesota	3,761	150	-639	5	3	31,185	1.1	442	-4,461	61	46	31,292
Mississippi	789	-105	-152	2	0	5,535	0.5	7	-454	25	7	5,567
Missouri	2,449	394	-3,759	4	3	14,869	0.5	648	-2,262	92	14	14,975
Montana	785	117	-34	44	0	4,671	0.9	107	-47	70	11	4,752
Nebraska	457	-31	-612	3	2	3,795	0.4	-100	-673	9	7	3,811
Nevada	2,742	-53	282	3	0	23,322	1.5	-156	-2,951	58	76	23,456
New Hampshire	291	30	-118	1	1	3,177	0.5	55	-548	7	1	3,185
New Jersey	8,809	205	-869	30	13	84,540	2.0	510	-5,312	198	257	84,995
New Mexico	791	-19	-132	9	4	8,453	1.0	83	-1,646	115	38	8,606
New York	13,076	-1,524	-2,058	21	20	136,016	1.4	321	-11,356	288	259	136,563
North Carolina	2,741	24	-285	1	3	16,649	0.3	-164	-2,690	70	71	16,790
North Dakota	264	27	-73	2	0	1,457	0.3	34	-349	5	4	1,466
Ohio	4,893	-40	-1,256	10	7	35,605	0.7	407	-5,439	72	58	35,735
Oklahoma	1,086	90	-100	4	6	9,228	0.6	-67	-2,197	29	30	9,287
Oregon	4,402	365	124	46	6	30,153	1.5	285	-1,823	156	59	30,368
Pennsylvania	8,525	-188	-908	13	14	71,810	1.2	94	-11,022	290	104	72,204
Puerto Rico	1,082	-49	-310	5	3	14,737	1.6	230	-2,563	86	43	14,866
Rhode Island	647	36	-39	0	2	7,230	1.5	22	-924	20	18	7,268
South Carolina	1,704	-128	-336	3	5	13,760	0.6	36	-718	46	69	13,875
South Dakota	206	-23	-8	2	0	1,064	0.2	97	-167	4	2	1,070
Tennessee	2,289	74	-885	1	3	12,678	0.4	-1,245	-2,650	27	33	12,738
Texas	13,485	-1,481	-2,044	49	89	128,449	0.9	-998	-26,618	468	954	129,871
Utah	1,443	130	11	32	2	10,553	0.6	73	-919	60	9	10,622
Vermont	487	117	120	0	0	2,124	0.7	209	-15	10	2	2,136
Virgin Islands	16	-4	1	0	0	448	1.3	18	74	2	0	450
Virginia	1,934	-219	-1,007	13	5	18,644	0.5	-70	-602	142	114	18,900
Washington	5,907	647	-363	20	25	65,663	1.9	1,164	-7,422	183	432	66,278
West Virginia	652	66	-50	0	0	4,596	0.7	38	-1,071	25	12	4,633
Wisconsin	2,422	0	-604	5	0	14,796	0.5	193	-10,724	44	11	14,851
Wyoming	479	28	-5	10	0	1,531	0.6	122	-283	9	1	1,541
Totals	178,112	-1,537	-37,914	585	407	1,493,439	1.0	8,801	-218,963	5,327	5,008	1,503,774

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 31, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-1,524	Fewer layoffs in accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	-1,481	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.

Weekly Claims Archives
Weekly Claims Data

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at http://www.dol.gov. The Department's Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center converts Departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Washington, D.C. 20210
Release Number: USDL 26-1694-NAT

Program Contacts:
Lawrence S. Essien: (202) 693-3087
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676