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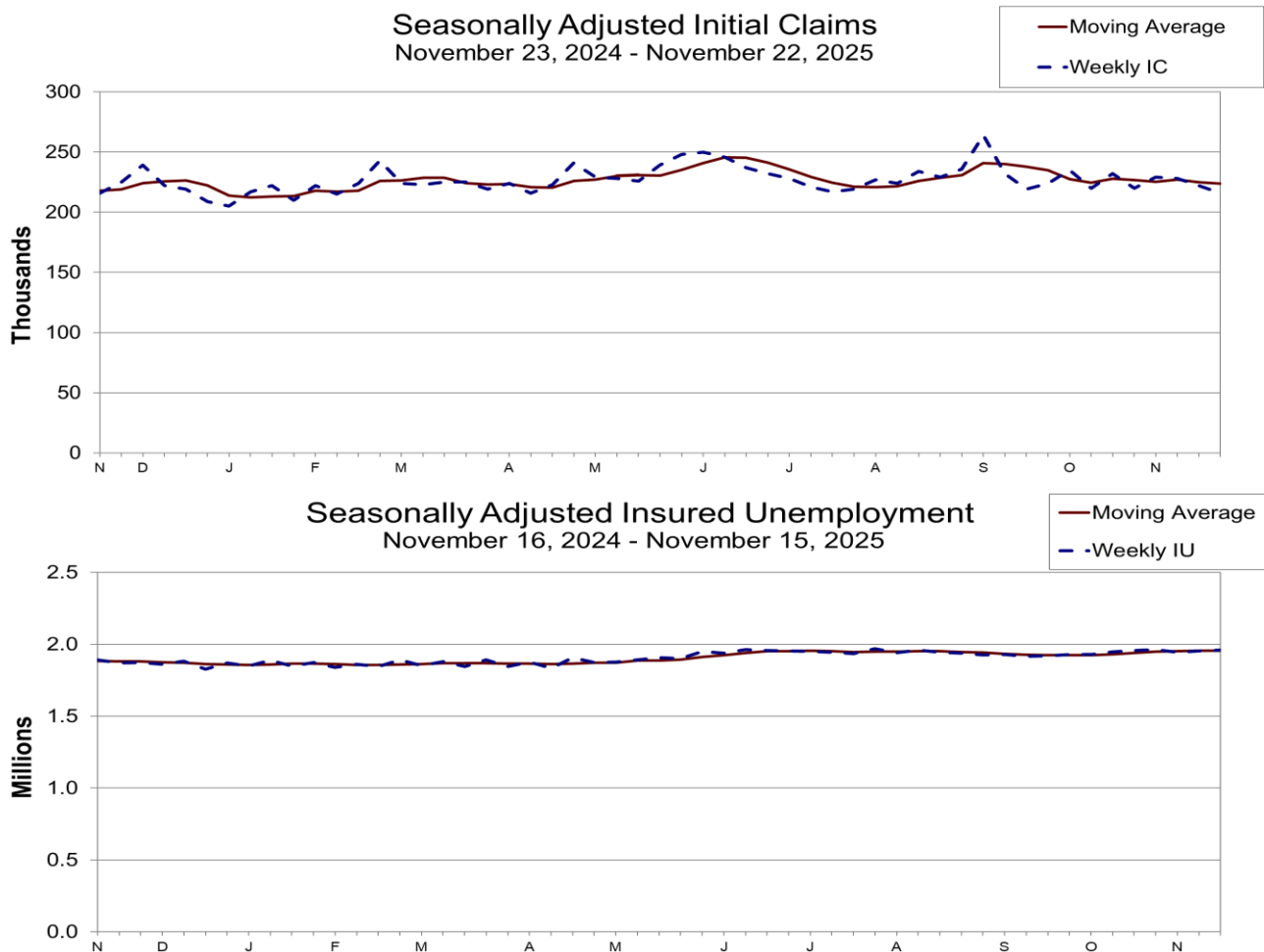
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 220,000 to 222,000. The 4-week moving average was 223,750, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 224,250 to 224,750.

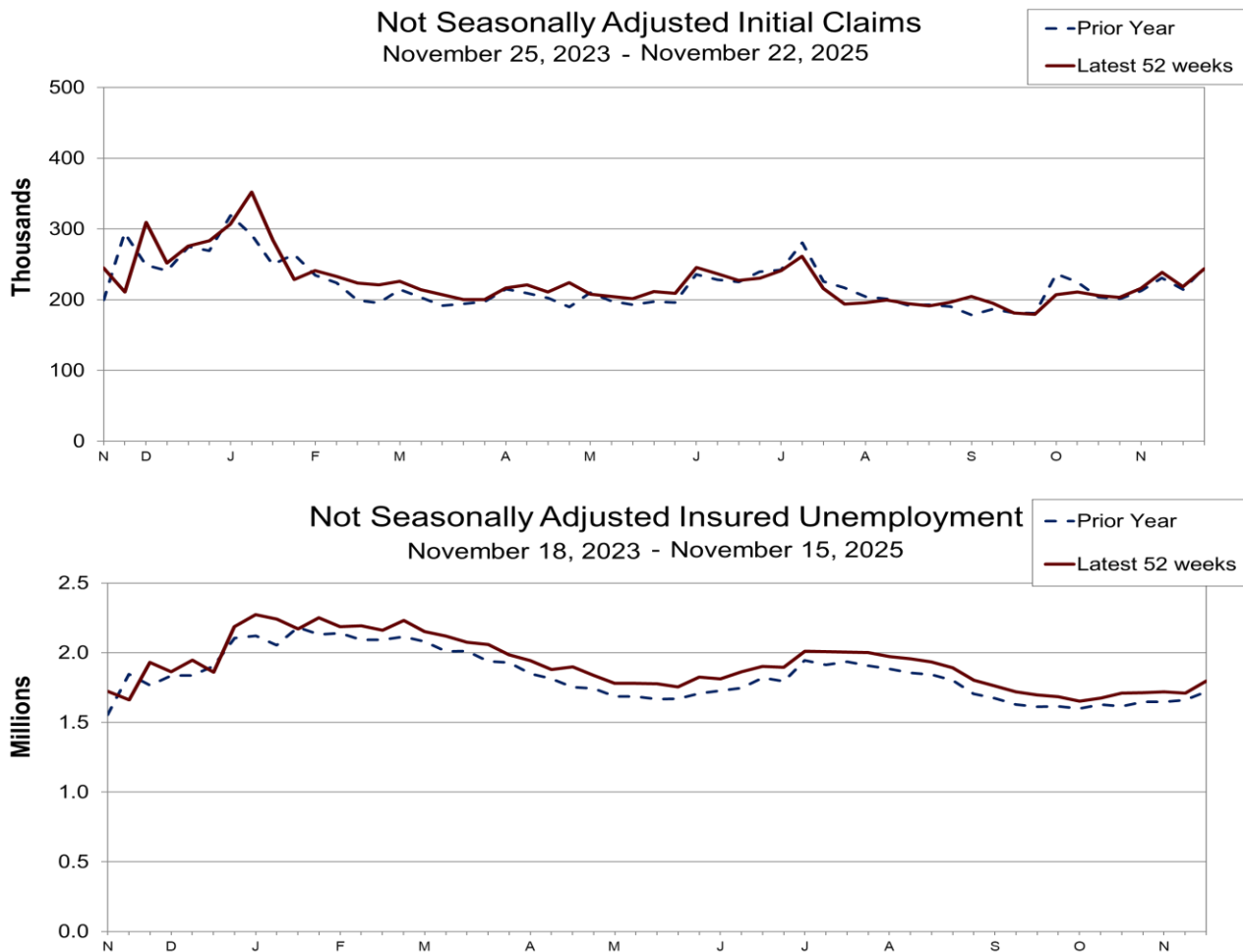
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending November 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 15 was 1,960,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 21,000 from 1,974,000 to 1,953,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,955,750, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 5,250 from 1,960,250 to 1,955,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 243,992 in the week ending November 22, an increase of 25,712 (or 11.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 32,642 (or 15.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 245,163 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending November 15, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,795,792, an increase of 86,794 (or 5.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 80,079 (or 4.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,722,043.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 8 was 1,765,777, a decrease of 20,907 from the previous week. There were 1,687,886 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending November 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,724 in the week ending November 15, a decrease of 3,995 from the prior week. There were 320 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 70 from the preceding week.

There were 33,083 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 8, a decrease of 5,784 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,624, a decrease of 603 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 8 were in New Jersey (2.3), Washington (2.2), District of Columbia (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), California (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Alaska (1.7), Connecticut (1.7), Nevada (1.7), Oregon (1.7), and Rhode Island (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 15 were in Kentucky (+589), Minnesota (+351), Wisconsin (+211), Delaware (+199), and Texas (+99), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-5,290), New Jersey (-2,381), California (-2,287), Illinois (-962), and Georgia (-857).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 22	November 15	Change	November 8	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	222,000	-6,000	228,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	243,992	218,280	+25,712	238,766	245,163
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	223,750	224,750	-1,000	227,250	218,000

WEEK ENDING	November 15	November 8	Change	November 1	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,960,000	1,953,000	+7,000	1,946,000	1,892,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,795,792	1,708,998	+86,794	1,720,188	1,722,043
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,955,750	1,955,000	+750	1,953,500	1,884,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 15	November 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,724	5,719	-3,995	525
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	320	390	-70	330

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

WEEK ENDING	November 8	November 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,702,472	1,711,272	-8,800	1,654,495
Federal Employees	33,083	38,867	-5,784	4,758
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,624	5,227	-603	4,443
Extended Benefits ³	22	14	+8	125
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,759	2,886	-127	2,416
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,817	28,418	-5,601	21,649
TOTAL	1,765,777	1,786,684	-20,907	1,687,886

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 153,186,715 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 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,049	1,970	79	8,476	9,336	-860
Alaska	942	688	254	5,419	5,218	201
Arizona	2,383	2,418	-35	18,074	20,527	-2,453
Arkansas	1,841	950	891	5,974	5,923	51
California	53,708	45,489	8,219	364,643	323,454	41,189
Colorado	3,852	3,314	538	32,527	31,505	1,022
Connecticut	3,200	2,746	454	30,813	28,770	2,043
Delaware	368	585	-217	5,433	4,768	665
District of Columbia	800	838	-38	11,487	10,637	850
Florida	5,665	5,284	381	27,734	30,230	-2,496
Georgia	4,519	4,452	67	25,001	26,236	-1,235
Hawaii	1,032	890	142	5,745	5,576	169
Idaho	1,362	1,060	302	5,472	5,690	-218
Illinois	12,843	9,876	2,967	92,238	88,104	4,134
Indiana	2,803	2,595	208	19,179	18,769	410
Iowa	2,206	1,682	524	7,177	7,456	-279
Kansas	1,409	1,387	22	8,583	7,455	1,128
Kentucky	1,912	3,027	-1,115	11,735	10,329	1,406
Louisiana	1,524	1,573	-49	6,587	7,858	-1,271
Maine	918	845	73	5,896	5,301	595
Maryland	2,021	2,403	-382	27,595	27,821	-226
Massachusetts	6,321	5,811	510	70,955	68,045	2,910
Michigan	7,895	7,356	539	61,045	59,146	1,899
Minnesota	7,994	6,155	1,839	47,852	39,922	7,930
Mississippi	936	1,044	-108	5,703	5,703	0
Missouri	2,761	2,513	248	19,876	20,103	-227
Montana	1,181	944	237	6,257	5,714	543
Nebraska	808	640	168	4,507	4,544	-37
Nevada	3,361	2,988	373	26,812	25,934	878
New Hampshire	372	354	18	3,137	3,804	-667
New Jersey	10,031	10,599	-568	96,360	95,796	564
New Mexico	866	856	10	10,613	10,216	397
New York	18,182	15,706	2,476	159,749	152,118	7,631
North Carolina	3,327	3,326	1	18,749	19,439	-690
North Dakota	763	416	347	2,450	2,029	421
Ohio	6,870	6,194	676	43,271	42,541	730
Oklahoma	1,467	1,321	146	10,987	11,208	-221
Oregon	5,597	4,826	771	35,787	33,159	2,628
Pennsylvania	12,996	10,596	2,400	85,281	84,247	1,034
Puerto Rico	1,032	1,054	-22	16,420	16,545	-125
Rhode Island	1,166	881	285	8,921	8,272	649
South Carolina	2,056	2,122	-66	13,924	14,256	-332
South Dakota	362	294	68	1,377	1,286	91
Tennessee	3,025	2,830	195	14,962	15,067	-105
Texas	19,002	18,729	273	153,630	149,368	4,262
Utah	2,060	1,796	264	12,261	12,082	179
Vermont	477	418	59	2,753	2,416	337
Virgin Islands	8	70	-62	328	332	-4
Virginia	2,672	2,421	251	20,236	18,818	1,418
Washington	7,331	7,306	25	85,065	76,873	8,192
West Virginia	847	737	110	6,530	5,789	741
Wisconsin	4,380	3,469	911	21,664	21,223	441
Wyoming	489	436	53	2,542	2,040	502
US Total	243,992	218,280	25,712	1,795,792	1,708,998	86,794

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,928	1	1,934.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	232	-32	240.25	1,916	-12	1,927.50	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-13	237.75	1,921	5	1,923.00	1.3
September 27, 2025	224	5	234.75	1,929	8	1,923.50	1.3
October 4, 2025	235	11	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	220	-15	224.50	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	232	12	227.75	1,957	10	1,940.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	220	-12	226.75	1,964	7	1,949.00	1.3
November 1, 2025	229	9	225.25	1,946	-18	1,953.50	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	-1	227.25	1,953	7	1,955.00	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,960	7	1,955.75	1.3
November 22, 2025	216	-6	223.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 15						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 8						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,970	-545	20	22	3	9,336	0.5	198	972	258	18	9,612
Alaska	688	-117	-53	3	0	5,218	1.7	341	-331	144	3	5,365
Arizona	2,418	-420	-402	22	6	20,527	0.6	-1,228	-3,703	164	34	20,725
Arkansas	950	-276	-381	7	1	5,923	0.5	-238	-831	140	3	6,066
California	45,489	-2,287	1,992	364	80	323,454	1.8	-15,569	-20,006	3,105	1,111	327,670
Colorado	3,314	-425	-82	15	7	31,505	1.1	511	3,622	655	196	32,356
Connecticut	2,746	84	-4	10	0	28,770	1.7	87	7,622	164	25	28,959
Delaware	585	199	252	21	0	4,768	1.0	-232	197	51	7	4,826
District of Columbia	838	-375	260	49	0	10,637	1.9	-545	3,876	2,659	11	13,307
Florida	5,284	-549	-996	38	21	30,230	0.3	-2,827	-5,694	367	77	30,674
Georgia	4,452	-857	767	115	9	26,236	0.6	-753	11,589	1,576	95	27,907
Hawaii	890	-156	-84	1	3	5,576	0.9	-89	-428	358	44	5,978
Idaho	1,060	-117	-471	10	0	5,690	0.7	370	755	171	7	5,868
Illinois	9,876	-962	-355	15	3	88,104	1.5	-1,050	1,034	1,113	126	89,343
Indiana	2,595	-304	-331	4	4	18,769	0.6	-1,006	-2,589	218	31	19,018
Iowa	1,682	-208	-544	7	2	7,456	0.5	-491	-2,541	113	7	7,576
Kansas	1,387	76	722	3	0	7,455	0.5	70	-215	173	27	7,655
Kentucky	3,027	589	1,357	34	0	10,329	0.5	-2,212	1,429	326	35	10,690
Louisiana	1,573	-268	-160	7	2	7,858	0.4	43	-3,578	150	10	8,018
Maine	845	-87	-24	0	0	5,301	0.8	357	571	107	4	5,412
Maryland	2,403	-390	92	91	5	27,821	1.1	-478	6,196	3,734	79	31,634
Massachusetts	5,811	-595	-113	8	1	68,045	1.9	1,408	13,908	506	86	68,637
Michigan	7,356	-5,290	-361	5	1	59,146	1.4	3,244	330	299	36	59,481
Minnesota	6,155	351	-388	13	2	39,922	1.4	2,041	-535	466	45	40,433
Mississippi	1,044	16	-46	4	0	5,703	0.5	-207	-175	186	9	5,898
Missouri	2,513	-529	-295	5	2	20,103	0.7	-147	3,576	603	12	20,718
Montana	944	-66	-303	63	0	5,714	1.1	473	69	360	6	6,080
Nebraska	640	-43	-106	3	0	4,544	0.5	-184	36	81	3	4,628
Nevada	2,988	-35	51	9	1	25,934	1.7	-178	1,567	216	67	26,217
New Hampshire	354	-35	13	2	0	3,804	0.6	-54	808	23	0	3,827
New Jersey	10,599	-2,381	-81	149	27	95,796	2.3	4,781	3	747	248	96,791
New Mexico	856	-158	10	8	0	10,216	1.2	123	45	640	43	10,899
New York	15,706	-193	860	66	9	152,118	1.6	2,140	9,490	1,867	211	154,196
North Carolina	3,326	-463	-319	11	2	19,439	0.4	194	-10,636	296	67	19,802
North Dakota	416	-6	-130	6	1	2,029	0.5	69	51	132	4	2,165
Ohio	6,194	-654	-471	21	7	42,541	0.8	251	-4,150	659	71	43,271
Oklahoma	1,321	-239	-70	13	6	11,208	0.7	-245	1,921	296	32	11,536
Oregon	4,826	-283	642	89	5	33,159	1.7	719	5,450	813	74	34,046
Pennsylvania	10,596	-653	-1,058	40	8	84,247	1.4	883	1,552	1,095	114	85,456
Puerto Rico	1,054	-363	12	4	2	16,545	1.8	-1,334	-337	421	56	17,022
Rhode Island	881	61	87	1	2	8,272	1.7	45	398	144	26	8,442
South Carolina	2,122	-190	869	9	5	14,256	0.6	195	622	252	45	14,553
South Dakota	294	47	33	0	0	1,286	0.3	23	41	89	1	1,376
Tennessee	2,830	-313	53	1	7	15,067	0.5	-82	108	455	37	15,559
Texas	18,729	99	3,305	129	63	149,368	1.1	-2,524	11,132	2,757	822	152,947
Utah	1,796	31	-126	55	2	12,082	0.7	401	881	1,459	27	13,568
Vermont	418	5	96	0	0	2,416	0.8	72	472	1	0	2,417
Virgin Islands *	70	0	46	0	0	332	0.9	0	-14	4	0	336
Virginia	2,421	-700	156	75	2	18,818	0.5	-282	3,380	440	85	19,343
Washington	7,306	-536	650	61	15	76,873	2.2	1,717	9,527	1,615	419	78,907
West Virginia	737	-33	-180	5	1	5,789	0.8	-48	-461	142	8	5,939
Wisconsin	3,469	211	-396	18	3	21,223	0.7	-84	805	168	17	21,408
Wyoming	436	-154	11	13	0	2,040	0.7	141	293	105	3	2,148
Totals	218,280	-20,486	4,026	1,724	320	1,708,998	1.1	-11,190	48,104	33,083	4,624	1,746,705

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.

*Data reflects the week ending September 20,2025.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 15, 2025

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
MI	-5,290	Fewer layoffs in management of companies and enterprises industry.
NJ	-2,381	No comment.
CA	-2,287	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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