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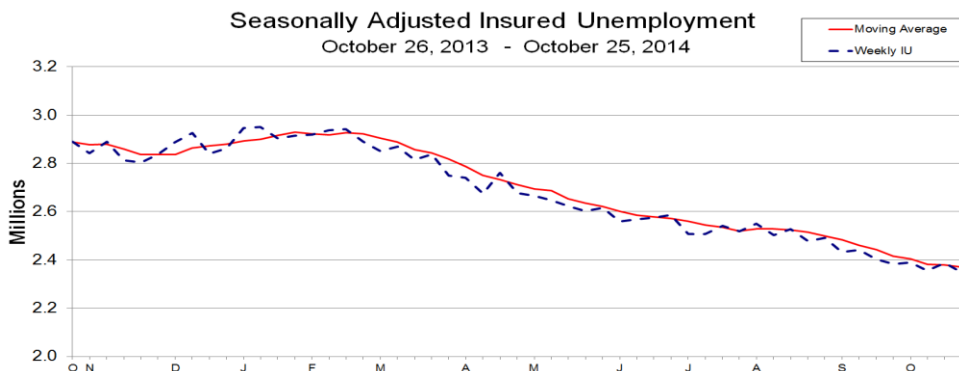
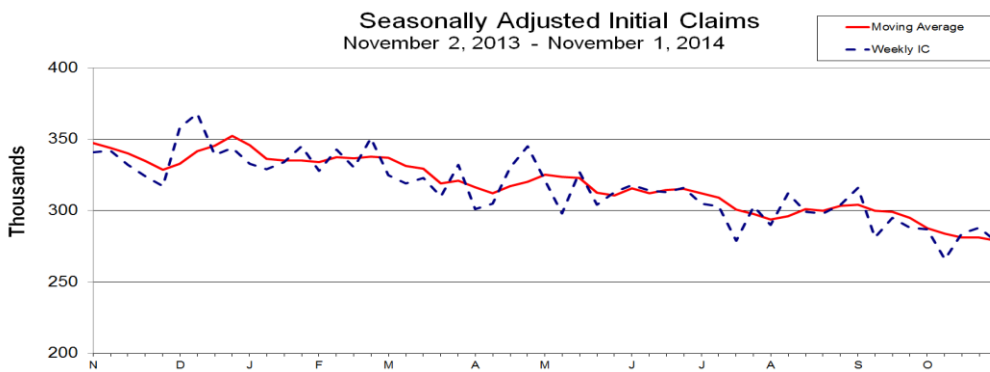
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 278,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 287,000 to 288,000. The 4-week moving average was 279,000, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since April 29, 2000 when it was 273,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 281,000 to 281,250.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

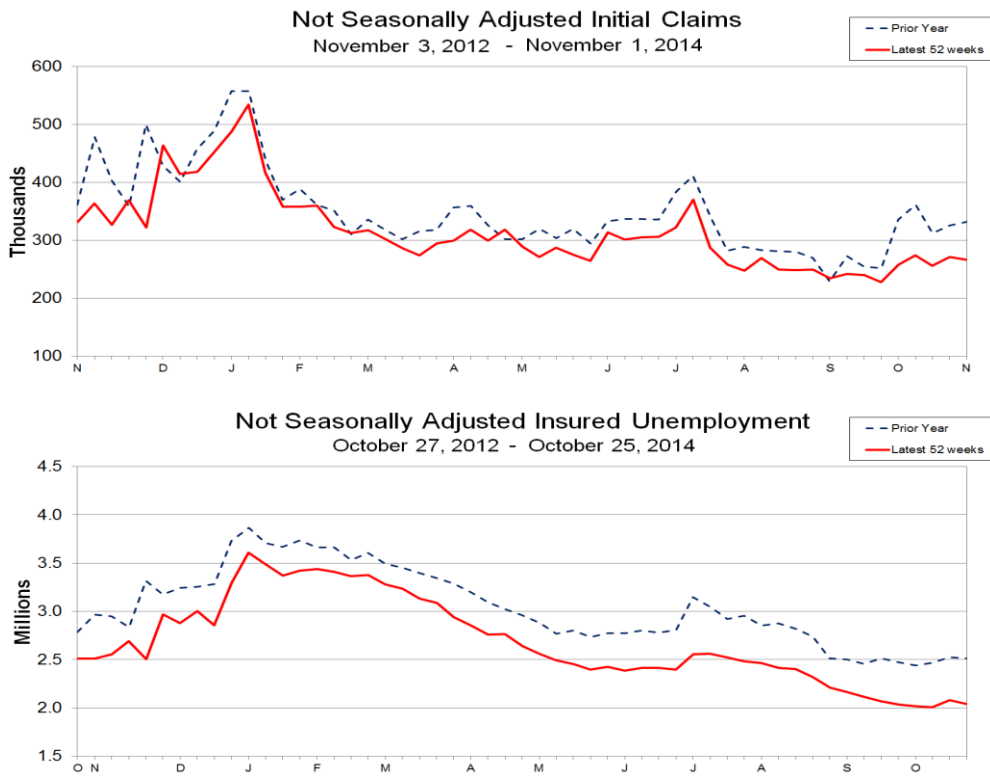
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.8 percent for the week ending October 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 25 was 2,348,000, a decrease of 39,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since December 23, 2000 when it was 2,340,000. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 2,384,000 to 2,387,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,369,750, a decrease of 8,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 13, 2001 when it was 2,360,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 2,377,500 to 2,378,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 266,155 in the week ending November 1, a decrease of 5,170 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 4,604 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 331,867 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending October 25, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,037,929, a decrease of 43,581 (or -2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,548 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,511,754.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 18 was 2,138,934, an increase of 77,119 from the previous week. There were 3,975,825 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2013.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,599 in the week ending October 25, an increase of 368 from the prior week. There were 1,744 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 152 from the preceding week.

There were 16,471 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 18, an increase of 804 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 25,875, an increase of 511 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 18 were in the Virgin Islands (3.5), Puerto Rico (3.4), Alaska (3.3), New Jersey (2.7), California (2.5), Connecticut (2.3), Nevada (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), Illinois (1.9), Maryland (1.9), and Oregon (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 25 were in Ohio (+3,389), California (+2,939), New York (+2,663), Oregon (+1,674), and Washington (+1,124), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-3,849), Texas (-558), Indiana (-447), Tennessee (-281), and Kentucky (-279).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 1	October 25	Change	October 18	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	278,000	288,000	-10,000	284,000	341,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	266,155	271,325	-5,170	256,166	331,867
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	279,000	281,250	-2,250	281,250	347,250
WEEK ENDING	October 25	October 18	Change	October 11	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,348,000	2,387,000	-39,000	2,355,000	2,890,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,037,929	2,081,510	-43,581	2,006,710	2,511,754
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,369,750	2,378,250	-8,500	2,382,000	2,888,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.8%	2.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.5%	1.6%	-0.1	1.5%	1.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 25	October 18	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,599	1,231	+368	4,039
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,744	1,896	-152	2,444

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 18	October 11	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Regular State	2,078,079	2,003,342	+74,737	2,520,189
Federal Employees	16,471	15,667	+804	28,021
Newly Discharged Veterans	25,875	25,364	+511	32,100
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	13	11	+2	400
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,590	5,345	+245	4,720
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	12,906	12,086	+820	19,621
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,138,934	2,061,815	+77,119	3,975,825

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 132,731,174 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 25, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-3,849	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	+3,389	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
CA	+2,939	Layoffs in the service industry.
NY	+2,663	Layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
OR	+1,674	No comment.
WA	+1,124	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, and real estate and rental and leasing industries.

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		
October 26, 2013	346	-1	352.50	2,890	-6	2,888.75	2.2	
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2,843	-47	2,877.50	2.2	
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2,889	46	2,879.50	2.2	
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2,813	-76	2,858.75	2.2	
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2,804	-9	2,837.25	2.2	
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2,837	33	2,835.75	2.2	
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2,887	50	2,835.25	2.2	
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2,925	38	2,863.25	2.2	
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2,840	-85	2,872.25	2.2	
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2,863	23	2,878.75	2.2	
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2,945	82	2,893.25	2.2	
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2,951	6	2,899.75	2.3	
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2,903	-48	2,915.50	2.2	
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2,915	12	2,928.50	2.2	
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2,918	3	2,921.75	2.2	
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2,936	18	2,918.00	2.2	
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2,941	5	2,927.50	2.2	
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2,890	-51	2,921.25	2.2	
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2,850	-40	2,904.25	2.2	
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2,869	19	2,887.50	2.2	
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2,814	-55	2,855.75	2.1	
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2,838	24	2,842.75	2.2	
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2,750	-88	2,817.75	2.1	
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2,741	-9	2,785.75	2.1	
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2,674	-67	2,750.75	2.0	
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2,761	87	2,731.50	2.1	
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2,676	-85	2,713.00	2.0	
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2,666	-10	2,694.25	2.0	
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2,648	-18	2,687.75	2.0	
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2,623	-25	2,653.25	2.0	
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2,603	-20	2,635.00	2.0	
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2,615	12	2,622.25	2.0	
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2,559	-56	2,600.00	1.9	
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2,568	9	2,586.25	2.0	
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2,575	7	2,579.25	2.0	
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2,586	11	2,572.00	2.0	
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2,508	-78	2,559.25	1.9	
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2,508	0	2,544.25	1.9	
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2,542	34	2,536.00	1.9	
July 26, 2014	303	24	297.50	2,519	-23	2,519.25	1.9	
August 2, 2014	290	-13	293.75	2,549	30	2,529.50	1.9	
August 9, 2014	312	22	296.00	2,502	-47	2,528.00	1.9	
August 16, 2014	299	-13	301.00	2,528	26	2,524.50	1.9	
August 23, 2014	298	-1	299.75	2,478	-50	2,514.25	1.9	
August 30, 2014	304	6	303.25	2,492	14	2,500.00	1.9	
September 6, 2014	316	12	304.25	2,432	-60	2,482.50	1.8	
September 13, 2014	281	-35	299.75	2,442	10	2,461.00	1.8	
September 20, 2014	295	14	299.00	2,402	-40	2,442.00	1.8	
September 27, 2014	288	-7	295.00	2,382	-20	2,414.50	1.8	
October 4, 2014	287	-1	287.75	2,389	7	2,403.75	1.8	
October 11, 2014	266	-21	284.00	2,355	-34	2,382.00	1.8	
October 18, 2014	284	18	281.25	2,387	32	2,378.25	1.8	
October 25, 2014	288	4	281.25	2,348	-39	2,369.75	1.8	
November 1, 2014	278	-10	279.00					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 25						Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 18						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
INITIAL CLAIMS						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT						
CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM						
STATE	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	
Alabama	3201	54	-742	15	32	24034	1.3	-248	-5930	105	256	24395
Alaska	1575	146	-471	18	6	10294	3.3	955	-3566	180	70	10544
Arizona	4298	-1	-278	33	9	33416	1.4	-739	-5064	179	266	33861
Arkansas	2492	-83	-605	10	11	19625	1.7	218	-5683	96	267	19988
California	52364	2939	-13526	288	240	385623	2.5	46411	-57316	2824	5111	393560
Colorado	2531	-221	-1209	60	60	28208	1.2	2513	-7737	336	883	29427
Connecticut	3209	144	-406	10	15	38178	2.3	367	-6063	78	253	38509
Delaware	708	16	-188	4	2	6158	1.5	96	-1095	24	66	6250
District of Columbia	397	-20	-92	8	0	9568	1.8	248	-3757	362	18	9948
Florida	12170	15	-5522	44	92	81623	1.1	-993	-15601	469	766	82858
Georgia	7028	332	-2240	38	73	41166	1.1	-756	-13055	556	928	42650
Hawaii	1536	102	-274	4	30	8704	1.5	-88	-2281	108	307	9119
Idaho	1467	774	-69	24	9	7037	1.1	-10	-1821	81	76	7194
Illinois	10268	584	-3386	15	36	105650	1.9	496	-27661	415	669	106734
Indiana	3770	-447	-1224	18	22	23877	0.8	442	-14115	197	205	24279
Iowa	3014	801	538	7	8	16818	1.1	322	-752	52	138	17008
Kansas	1856	-146	-213	5	7	13654	1.0	-173	-5402	98	200	13952
Kentucky	2751	-279	-1024	18	8	21143	1.2	-234	-7127	336	462	21941
Louisiana	2171	147	-203	9	13	19123	1.0	4	-3582	79	128	19330
Maine	1708	850	103	7	4	6211	1.1	196	-2244	28	51	6290
Maryland	4395	79	-1709	31	32	44336	1.9	655	-8337	506	429	45271
Massachusetts	6387	952	1125	27	37	65447	2.0	940	3852	425	523	66395
Michigan	7432	-3849	-2310	61	31	60221	1.5	5228	-4641	168	484	60873
Minnesota	3534	284	-871	19	14	29643	1.1	203	-6495	100	261	30004
Mississippi	1985	179	-127	12	10	15034	1.4	-182	-4941	126	192	15352
Missouri	5167	62	-365	34	4	32465	1.3	571	-8073	1070	240	33775
Montana	1367	237	20	69	8	6171	1.5	520	-2212	133	69	6373
Nebraska	1446	461	192	4	3	6079	0.7	178	-1587	36	36	6151
Nevada	3400	-41	-673	23	4	25910	2.3	793	-49	124	246	26280
New Hampshire	917	225	-39	1	1	5346	0.9	34	-948	10	29	5385
New Jersey	9150	649	-247	27	21	102770	2.7	1302	-10953	344	652	103766
New Mexico	1298	257	-89	39	13	12141	1.6	114	-2444	204	154	12499
New York	19042	2663	-1670	82	105	158704	1.8	4877	-36089	1017	1273	160994
North Carolina	5005	-116	-1213	20	57	43406	1.1	-171	-26683	214	784	44404
North Dakota	261	-9	-80	1	6	1423	0.3	57	-59	21	11	1455
Ohio	10962	3389	1284	14	46	53268	1.1	775	-12831	241	703	54212
Oklahoma	1482	-111	-370	9	30	14615	1.0	21	-4086	68	230	14913
Oregon	6317	1674	-1945	108	36	31397	1.9	1032	-7375	283	389	32069
Pennsylvania	16060	886	-3634	109	83	119908	2.2	5779	-28389	1205	1029	122149
Puerto Rico	2295	325	-1251	6	12	30395	3.4	-1370	-4861	185	345	30925
Rhode Island	1051	107	-132	4	5	8113	1.8	58	-1288	44	69	8226
South Carolina	2884	-187	-1758	4	44	16553	0.9	-310	-10845	68	263	16884
South Dakota	261	33	-103	5	3	1137	0.3	46	-294	17	9	1163
Tennessee	4006	-281	-238	24	17	26733	1.0	-151	-6661	278	295	27306
Texas	13819	-558	-2251	55	248	125857	1.2	616	-25676	1576	3274	130709
Utah	1368	90	-402	55	11	9302	0.8	134	-3159	382	97	9781
Vermont	797	257	141	3	4	3357	1.1	89	-457	18	29	3404
Virgin Islands	35	2	-16	0	1	1304	3.5	210	-298	0	14	1318
Virginia	3782	224	-1202	12	39	30733	0.9	318	-7529	360	988	32081
Washington	8299	1124	-118	83	109	47325	1.6	2102	-8774	398	1360	49083
West Virginia	1287	108	-389	3	5	11579	1.7	557	-2968	80	108	11767
Wisconsin	6852	263	-2442	12	18	38012	1.4	352	-17159	117	135	38264
Wyoming	468	74	-88	8	10	2716	1.0	396	-1583	50	35	2801
Totals	271325	15159	-54001	1599	1744	2081510	1.6	74800	-443744	16471	25875	2123869

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment.

The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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