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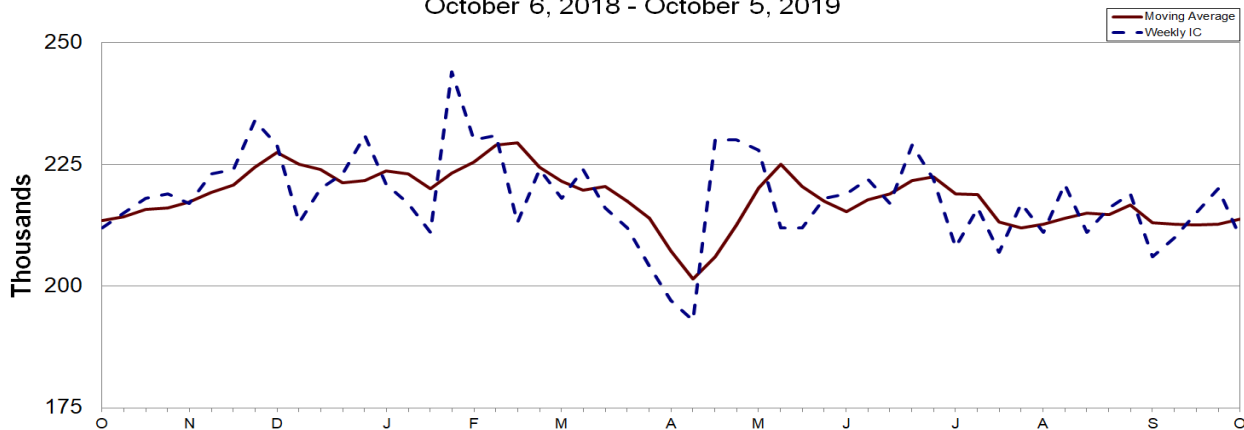
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

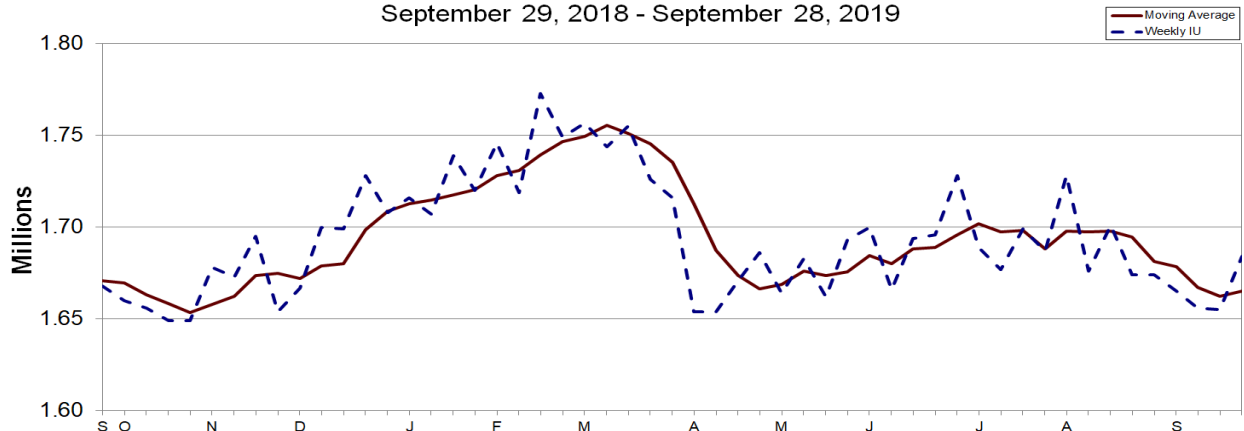
In the week ending October 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 210,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 219,000 to 220,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,750, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 212,500 to 212,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending September 28, 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 September 28 was 1,684,000, an increase of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,651,000 to 1,655,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,665,000, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,661,500 to 1,662,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
October 6, 2018 - October 5, 2019



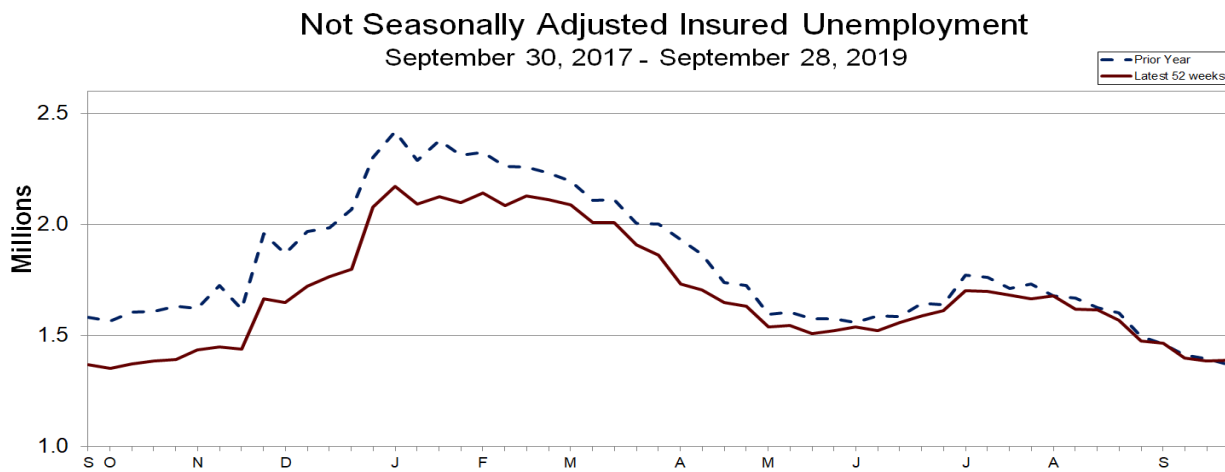
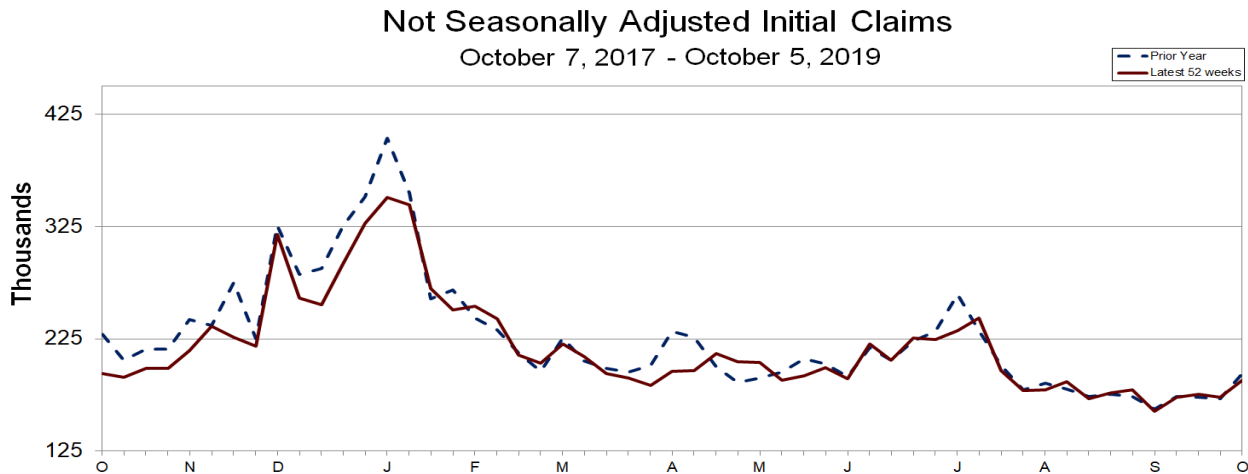
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
September 29, 2018 - September 28, 2019



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 188,179 in the week ending October 5, an increase of 15,222 (or 8.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,016 (or 13.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 193,936 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending September 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,387,587, an increase of 3,732 (or 0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,864 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,369,317.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 21 was 1,407,772, a decrease of 16,112 from the previous week. There were 1,421,661 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending September 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 560 in the week ending September 28, a decrease of 10 from the prior week. There were 523 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 24 from the preceding week.

There were 6,404 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 21, a decrease of 157 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,742, an increase of 21 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 21 were in Puerto Rico (1.9), New Jersey (1.8), California (1.6), Alaska (1.5), Connecticut (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.5), the Virgin Islands (1.5), Illinois (1.3), and Massachusetts (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 28 were in Ohio (+2,161), Iowa (+507), Pennsylvania (+505), Georgia (+272), and Illinois (+255), while the largest decreases were in California (-1,935), Kansas (-1,396), Florida (-584), Indiana (-478), and Missouri (-443).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 5</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	210,000	220,000	-10,000	215,000	212,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	188,179	172,957	+15,222	175,379	193,936
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,750	212,750	+1,000	212,500	213,500
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,684,000	1,655,000	+29,000	1,656,000	1,668,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,387,587	1,383,855	+3,732	1,399,582	1,369,317
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,665,000	1,662,500	+2,500	1,667,250	1,671,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.0%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	560	570	-10	633
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	523	499	+24	566

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,381,188	1,397,264	-16,076	1,396,027
Federal Employees	6,404	6,561	-157	6,930
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,742	5,721	+21	7,188
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	1
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,462	5,076	+386	5,463
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	8,976	9,262	-286	6,052
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,407,772</b>	<b>1,423,884</b>	<b>-16,112</b>	<b>1,421,661</b>

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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 144,199,701 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,925	1,879	46	13,970	15,227	-1,257
Alaska	1,055	866	189	5,101	4,730	371
Arizona	3,621	3,757	-136	20,475	23,611	-3,136
Arkansas	1,754	1,346	408	8,867	9,781	-914
California	33,648	33,226	422	283,770	277,881	5,889
Colorado	1,996	1,429	567	15,855	15,283	572
Connecticut	2,318	2,030	288	26,146	25,657	489
Delaware	451	491	-40	3,890	3,714	176
District of Columbia	529	397	132	6,087	6,359	-272
Florida	5,847	5,388	459	34,172	39,475	-5,303
Georgia	4,676	4,534	142	23,308	23,955	-647
Hawaii	1,292	1,033	259	6,309	5,873	436
Idaho	750	654	96	3,071	3,376	-305
Illinois	8,551	6,793	1,758	73,283	74,877	-1,594
Indiana	2,836	2,319	517	14,267	12,951	1,316
Iowa	2,435	2,245	190	12,766	12,051	715
Kansas	1,341	1,206	135	7,486	7,643	-157
Kentucky	2,348	2,373	-25	15,328	15,505	-177
Louisiana	1,787	1,612	175	11,988	14,054	-2,066
Maine	427	367	60	3,002	2,910	92
Maryland	2,547	2,554	-7	20,391	22,815	-2,424
Massachusetts	4,427	3,672	755	43,546	44,648	-1,102
Michigan	6,684	7,406	-722	40,234	32,597	7,637
Minnesota	2,887	2,440	447	23,041	21,834	1,207
Mississippi	833	950	-117	6,231	7,096	-865
Missouri	3,321	3,203	118	16,783	16,504	279
Montana	1,042	732	310	3,570	3,399	171
Nebraska*	553	364	189	2,189	2,237	-48
Nevada	2,483	1,799	684	14,932	15,872	-940
New Hampshire	377	373	4	2,372	2,665	-293
New Jersey	7,631	6,699	932	72,520	72,053	467
New Mexico	954	699	255	7,105	7,455	-350
New York	11,962	10,893	1,069	103,544	103,396	148
North Carolina	3,650	3,142	508	17,264	18,393	-1,129
North Dakota	353	197	156	1,541	1,289	252
Ohio	6,112	7,048	-936	38,308	36,395	1,913
Oklahoma	1,520	1,623	-103	13,843	14,386	-543
Oregon	3,475	3,286	189	21,745	22,449	-704
Pennsylvania	10,560	10,026	534	84,245	85,055	-810
Puerto Rico	1,348	820	528	16,279	16,433	-154
Rhode Island	585	530	55	5,407	5,413	-6
South Carolina	2,284	1,970	314	12,970	13,119	-149
South Dakota	162	147	15	800	804	-4
Tennessee	2,775	2,924	-149	16,762	16,770	-8
Texas	14,551	12,691	1,860	115,934	111,924	4,010
Utah	1,024	927	97	5,608	5,913	-305
Vermont	268	249	19	1,943	1,820	123
Virgin Islands	40	21	19	496	474	22
Virginia	2,506	2,129	377	17,155	17,140	15
Washington	6,327	5,306	1,021	41,912	40,741	1,171
West Virginia	1,183	901	282	9,489	7,985	1,504
Wisconsin	3,774	2,993	781	18,661	18,491	170
Wyoming	394	298	96	1,626	1,377	249
US Total	188,179	172,957	15,222	1,387,587	1,383,855	3,732

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 estimate by OUI.

## 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	
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,687	-12	1,688.00	1.2
August 3, 2019	211	-6	212.75	1,728	41	1,697.75	1.2
August 10, 2019	221	10	214.00	1,676	-52	1,697.50	1.2
August 17, 2019	211	-10	215.00	1,701	25	1,698.00	1.2
August 24, 2019	216	5	214.75	1,674	-27	1,694.75	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	3	216.75	1,674	0	1,681.25	1.2
September 7, 2019	206	-13	213.00	1,665	-9	1,678.50	1.2
September 14, 2019	210	4	212.75	1,656	-9	1,667.25	1.1
September 21, 2019	215	5	212.50	1,655	-1	1,662.50	1.1
September 28, 2019	220	5	212.75	1,684	29	1,665.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	210	-10	213.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 28					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 21					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	1879	-120	-185	17	6	15227	0.8	167	751	77	42	15346
Alaska	866	58	-35	9	0	4730	1.5	10	-852	64	17	4811
Arizona	3757	76	466	6	4	23611	0.9	-751	-1601	74	52	23737
Arkansas	1346	50	228	4	0	9781	0.8	-420	706	37	36	9854
California	33226	-1935	-177	111	97	277881	1.6	-1295	-4678	1319	1272	280472
Colorado	1429	11	-85	5	11	15283	0.6	-96	-1334	80	161	15524
Connecticut	2030	-218	44	2	6	25657	1.5	-466	-853	41	37	25735
Delaware	491	53	76	1	2	3714	0.8	-20	-479	11	10	3735
District of Columbia	397	-10	-4	20	1	6359	1.1	-85	-873	244	9	6612
Florida	5388	-584	-319	26	28	39475	0.5	324	-85	162	106	39743
Georgia	4534	272	207	20	35	23955	0.6	-297	793	179	169	24303
Hawaii	1033	97	-82	2	10	5873	0.9	-445	-581	40	59	5972
Idaho	654	-7	-79	2	1	3376	0.5	-56	-230	6	14	3396
Illinois	6793	255	199	10	7	74877	1.3	-1472	2572	299	183	75359
Indiana	2319	-478	529	2	6	12951	0.4	125	496	28	22	13001
Iowa	2245	507	669	2	1	12051	0.8	-52	517	38	12	12101
Kansas	1206	-1396	66	4	1	7643	0.6	800	234	34	21	7698
Kentucky	2373	137	-5626	1	3	15505	0.8	-510	-131	169	97	15771
Louisiana	1612	-41	-190	9	1	14054	0.7	-461	-1762	55	15	14124
Maine	367	-15	25	0	0	2910	0.5	-55	-663	12	18	2940
Maryland	2554	101	-345	19	3	22815	0.9	-253	-1498	252	71	23138
Massachusetts	3672	-102	-228	7	19	44648	1.3	-173	906	75	92	44815
Michigan	7406	-425	2885	12	12	32597	0.8	-1202	-1597	60	48	32705
Minnesota	2440	-210	-55	0	5	21834	0.8	-493	-466	34	63	21931
Mississippi	950	83	93	2	3	7096	0.6	-257	267	52	33	7181
Missouri	3203	-443	821	10	4	16504	0.6	785	-1648	97	30	16631
Montana	732	115	57	14	3	3399	0.8	-158	-57	37	11	3447
Nebraska	364	-77	-187	1	0	2237	0.2	-349	-773	9	5	2251
Nevada	1799	-88	70	3	1	15872	1.2	-455	-1745	45	39	15956
New Hampshire	373	17	-64	0	0	2665	0.4	11	-265	11	4	2680
New Jersey	6699	-19	-208	11	16	72053	1.8	-1364	-2080	145	185	72383
New Mexico	699	17	86	11	1	7455	0.9	102	-289	78	38	7571
New York	10893	53	-81	34	23	103396	1.1	-1280	-1672	286	309	103991
North Carolina	3142	38	-2146	12	16	18393	0.4	-196	77	98	114	18605
North Dakota	197	-8	3	0	2	1289	0.3	-239	2	14	4	1307
Ohio	7048	2161	2367	7	11	36395	0.7	-483	-1109	107	116	36618
Oklahoma	1623	-37	505	7	2	14386	0.9	-9	3294	41	54	14481
Oregon	3286	-351	378	15	10	22449	1.2	-73	1474	93	77	22619
Pennsylvania	10026	505	703	53	27	85055	1.5	-602	-942	437	195	85687
Puerto Rico	820	-211	-72	6	0	16433	1.9	-640	2337	118	80	16631
Rhode Island	530	-132	-85	2	2	5413	1.1	-161	-413	10	14	5437
South Carolina	1970	54	-2913	4	9	13119	0.6	-146	-1708	41	64	13224
South Dakota	147	23	3	2	1	804	0.2	-42	32	21	3	828
Tennessee	2924	-371	1009	3	7	16770	0.6	939	638	55	67	16892
Texas	12691	251	2244	41	84	111924	0.9	-3573	2220	739	1034	113697
Utah	927	71	5	9	2	5913	0.4	45	-558	45	13	5971
Vermont	249	13	-15	2	0	1820	0.6	21	-287	6	0	1826
Virgin Islands	21	-13	-48	0	0	474	1.5	2	2	2	2	478
Virginia	2129	-29	-69	5	15	17140	0.5	-111	-1152	150	157	17447
Washington	5306	-13	394	8	14	40741	1.2	-89	2298	207	420	41368
West Virginia	901	36	262	2	6	7985	1.2	162	1438	25	28	8038
Wisconsin	2993	-158	19	3	4	18491	0.6	-464	-243	40	14	18545
Wyoming	298	15	26	2	1	1377	0.5	73	87	5	6	1388
Totals	172957	-2422	1141	560	523	1383855	1.0	-15727	-11483	6404	5742	1396001

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
OH	+2,161	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-1,935	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
KS	-1,396	No comment.

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## 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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