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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

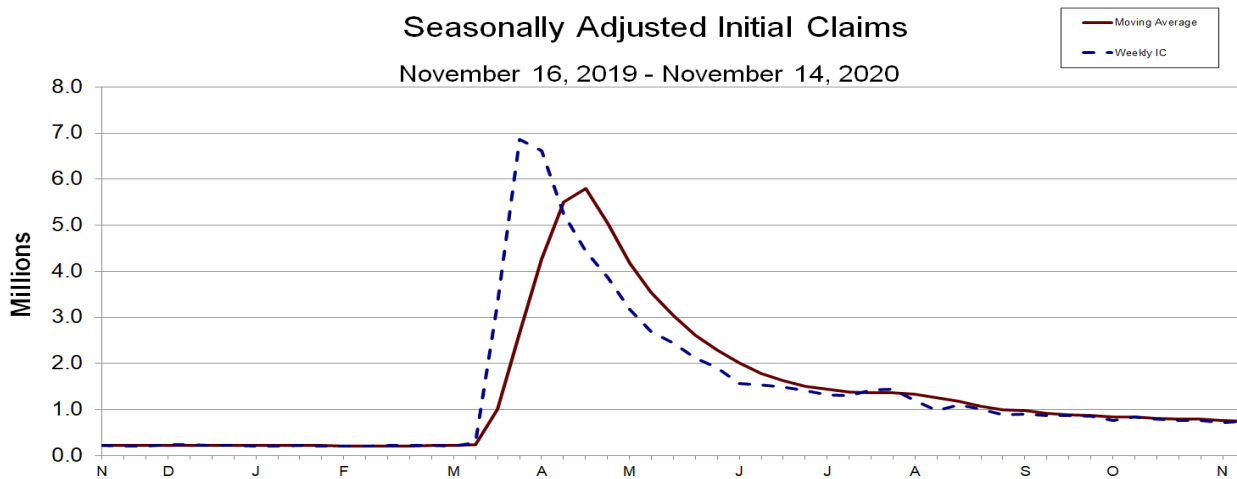
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 742,000, an increase of 31,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 709,000 to 711,000. The 4-week moving average was 742,000, a decrease of 13,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 755,250 to 755,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 4.3 percent for the week ending November 7, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 7 was 6,372,000, a decrease of 429,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 15,000 from 6,786,000 to 6,801,000. The 4-week moving average was 7,054,500, a decrease of 525,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,750 from 7,575,750 to 7,579,500.

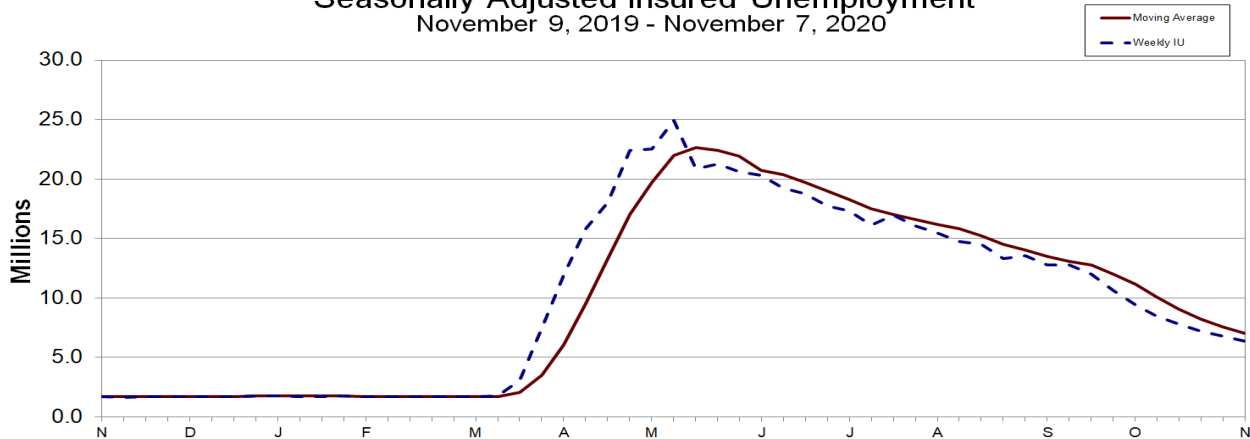
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

November 16, 2019 - November 14, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

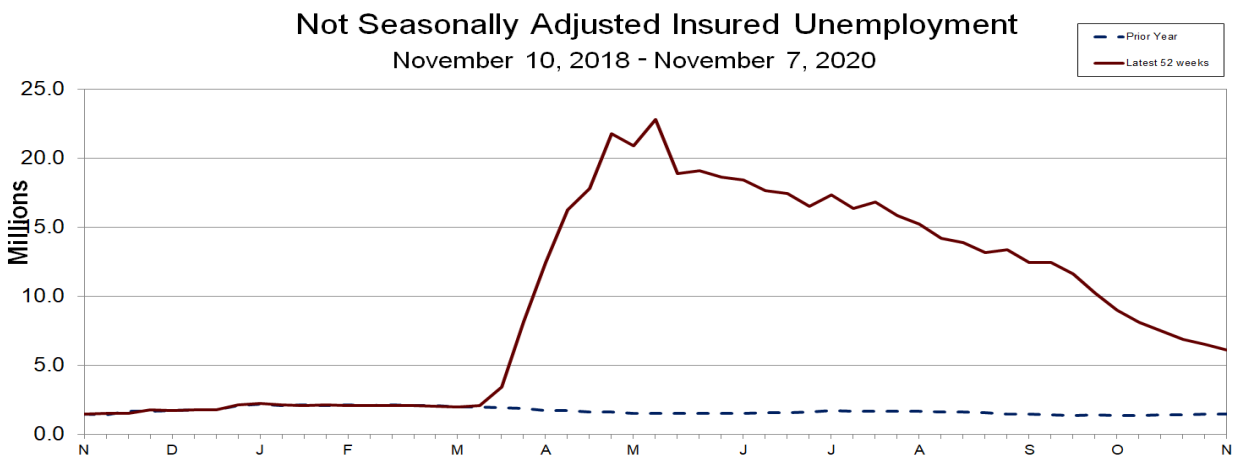
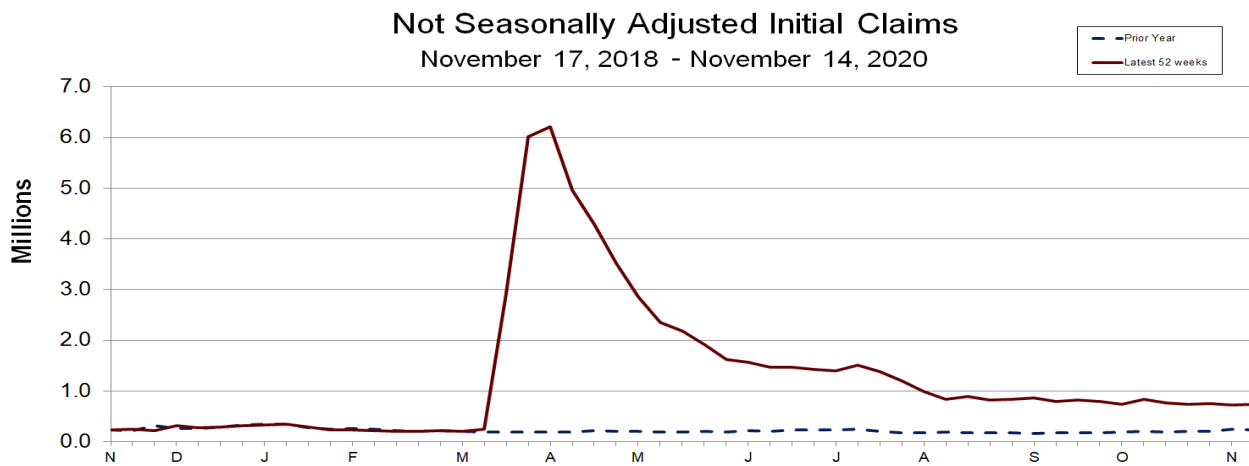
November 9, 2019 - November 7, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 743,460 in the week ending November 14, an increase of 18,344 (or 2.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,302 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 227,892 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending November 14, 52 states reported 320,237 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.2 percent during the week ending November 7, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 6,081,402, a decrease of 419,670 (or -6.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 9,438 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,460,773.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 31 was 20,319,615, a decrease of 841,245 from the previous week. There were 1,476,521 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending October 31, Extended Benefits were available in the following 40 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,555 in the week ending November 7, a decrease of 295 from the prior week. There were 899 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 70 from the preceding week.

There were 13,540 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 31, an increase of 1,183 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 11,905, a decrease of 271 from the prior week.

During the week ending October 31, 51 states reported 8,681,647 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,376,847 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 31 were in California (8.3), Hawaii (8.3), New Mexico (8.0), Nevada (7.6), Georgia (6.5), Pennsylvania (6.4), Alaska (6.2), Massachusetts (6.2), District of Columbia (6.0), and Illinois (5.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 7 were in Washington (+7,683), California (+5,293), Massachusetts (+3,383), Alabama (+1,704), and Louisiana (+1,626), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-13,426), Illinois (-6,357), Kentucky (-4,830), Texas (-3,934), and New Jersey (-3,725).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 14	November 7	Change	October 31	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	742,000	711,000	+31,000	757,000	223,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	743,460	725,116	+18,344	743,904	227,892
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	742,000	755,750	-13,750	788,500	218,500

WEEK ENDING	November 7	October 31	Change	October 24	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	6,372,000	6,801,000	-429,000	7,222,000	1,697,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	6,081,402	6,501,072	-419,670	6,888,363	1,460,773
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	7,054,500	7,579,500	-525,000	8,228,750	1,698,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	4.3%	4.6%	-0.3	4.9%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	4.2%	4.4%	-0.2	4.7%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 14	November 7	Change	October 31
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	320,237	296,374	+23,863	361,959

WEEK ENDING	November 7	October 31	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,555	2,850	-295	1,103
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	899	829	+70	492

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 31	October 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	6,454,659	6,837,941	-383,282	1,447,441
Federal Employees	13,540	12,357	+1,183	7,462
Newly Discharged Veterans	11,905	12,176	-271	5,681
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	8,681,647	9,433,127	-751,480	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,376,847	4,143,389	+233,458	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	633,916	555,475	+78,441	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,706	2,433	+273	5,648
STC / Workshare ⁷	144,395	163,962	-19,567	10,289
TOTAL⁸	20,319,615	21,160,860	-841,245	1,476,521

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 146,534,375 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	8,709	8,764	-55	22,052	28,422	-6,370
Alaska	5,085	4,545	540	19,049	19,083	-34
Arizona	8,022	6,410	1,612	95,584	103,243	-7,659
Arkansas	3,032	3,672	-640	18,767	24,049	-5,282
California	158,989	157,773	1,216	1,417,263	1,446,336	-29,073
Colorado	9,393	7,516	1,877	86,957	92,367	-5,410
Connecticut	5,593	5,126	467	83,384	90,341	-6,957
Delaware	1,394	1,522	-128	14,117	14,391	-274
District of Columbia	1,242	1,341	-99	31,881	34,991	-3,110
Florida	21,538	31,403	-9,865	165,388	205,800	-40,412
Georgia	19,111	23,827	-4,716	256,721	285,798	-29,077
Hawaii	4,456	4,245	211	44,081	51,302	-7,221
Idaho	4,876	5,008	-132	7,552	8,143	-591
Illinois	46,526	67,158	-20,632	351,847	337,143	14,704
Indiana	16,482	14,111	2,371	81,434	87,474	-6,040
Iowa	6,312	5,217	1,095	35,242	35,213	29
Kansas	18,418	15,471	2,947	54,708	49,150	5,558
Kentucky	7,699	4,363	3,336	51,086	51,146	-60
Louisiana	42,724	10,045	32,679	85,342	98,935	-13,593
Maine	1,933	2,264	-331	11,435	12,917	-1,482
Maryland	11,418	11,332	86	70,930	80,101	-9,171
Massachusetts	52,103	42,800	9,303	210,384	223,567	-13,183
Michigan	15,469	15,320	149	168,941	187,648	-18,707
Minnesota	15,653	11,820	3,833	109,450	105,784	3,666
Mississippi	2,986	3,690	-704	31,803	38,767	-6,964
Missouri	7,339	7,635	-296	43,917	50,160	-6,243
Montana	2,650	2,535	115	13,571	14,930	-1,359
Nebraska	2,509	2,342	167	11,443	12,528	-1,085
Nevada	8,272	7,556	716	89,814	105,951	-16,137
New Hampshire	1,819	2,171	-352	22,227	23,447	-1,220
New Jersey	12,289	20,978	-8,689	164,128	168,839	-4,711
New Mexico	5,310	3,893	1,417	43,914	64,882	-20,968
New York	43,299	43,876	-577	448,965	483,800	-34,835
North Carolina	7,067	8,291	-1,224	77,041	88,288	-11,247
North Dakota	1,688	1,238	450	7,553	6,732	821
Ohio	24,433	21,935	2,498	142,263	154,410	-12,147
Oklahoma	3,887	4,470	-583	44,277	59,257	-14,980
Oregon	5,081	4,445	636	82,821	79,353	3,468
Pennsylvania	22,486	23,051	-565	286,929	368,869	-81,940
Puerto Rico	957	851	106	46,285	48,361	-2,076
Rhode Island	2,749	2,437	312	14,950	15,766	-816
South Carolina	3,501	3,461	40	47,126	52,316	-5,190
South Dakota	442	568	-126	3,406	3,856	-450
Tennessee	6,182	7,727	-1,545	56,937	65,232	-8,295
Texas	38,060	33,667	4,393	504,461	528,651	-24,190
Utah	3,133	2,600	533	14,569	15,242	-673
Vermont	828	805	23	11,170	11,209	-39
Virgin Islands	7	66	-59	2,574	1,698	876
Virginia	14,089	9,909	4,180	84,349	91,960	-7,611
Washington	18,030	26,546	-8,516	169,764	152,131	17,633
West Virginia	1,726	1,804	-78	22,408	21,388	1,020
Wisconsin	15,573	14,334	1,239	93,498	94,072	-574
Wyoming	891	1,182	-291	5,644	5,633	11
US Total	743,460	725,116	18,344	6,081,402	6,501,072	-419,670

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	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,801	-421	7,579.50	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,372	-429	7,054.50	4.3
November 14, 2020	742	31	742.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 14			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Oct 31		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Oct 31	Oct 24	Change
Alabama	3,697	4,704	-1,007	42,180	39,902	2,278
Alaska	272	270	2	9,513	10,495	-982
Arizona	4,002	1,783	2,219	244,147	282,716	-38,569
Arkansas	3,332	2,585	747	61,096	60,781	315
California	33,198	26,357	6,841	1,648,453	2,151,076	-502,623
Colorado	0	6,121	-6,121	78,759	64,903	13,856
Connecticut	429	400	29	37,366	37,649	-283
Delaware	111	101	10	7,466	7,719	-253
District of Columbia	140	167	-27	15,002	15,057	-55
Florida	25,603	29,308	-3,705	0	0	0
Georgia	1,462	3,134	-1,672	251,392	249,853	1,539
Hawaii	1,431	1,719	-288	79,368	83,150	-3,782
Idaho	11	23	-12	10,492	10,327	165
Illinois	10,142	9,726	416	134,139	131,587	2,552
Indiana	11,416	10,282	1,134	177,764	153,670	24,094
Iowa	1,477	1,217	260	12,109	12,733	-624
Kansas	5,432	2,126	3,306	36,863	46,904	-10,041
Kentucky	2,597	3,212	-615	16,704	50,201	-33,497
Louisiana	39,566	9,694	29,872	119,829	117,663	2,166
Maine	273	284	-11	14,237	15,110	-873
Maryland	3,669	3,301	368	200,537	207,399	-6,862
Massachusetts	8,122	8,724	-602	435,568	469,309	-33,741
Michigan	9,731	10,314	-583	504,479	515,919	-11,440
Minnesota	13	7	6	42,302	43,800	-1,498
Mississippi	589	697	-108	26,189	27,034	-845
Missouri	258	150	108	42,993	44,089	-1,096
Montana	805	840	-35	26,876	28,578	-1,702
Nebraska	849	870	-21	8,109	8,918	-809
Nevada	10,745	18,485	-7,740	90,611	94,950	-4,339
New Hampshire	278	276	2	13,418	13,530	-112
New Jersey	3,155	2,347	808	352,750	352,887	-137
New Mexico	992	985	7	35,215	34,900	315
New York	22,321	21,060	1,261	1,201,966	1,288,712	-86,746
North Carolina	16,462	20,693	-4,231	120,190	116,340	3,850
North Dakota	992	717	275	5,538	5,915	-377
Ohio	35,728	31,873	3,855	418,031	431,405	-13,374
Oklahoma	478	606	-128	8,903	8,251	652
Oregon	5,833	4,872	961	106,633	93,345	13,288
Pennsylvania	16,348	18,578	-2,230	755,544	755,724	-180
Puerto Rico	11,987	11,507	480	205,456	204,416	1,040
Rhode Island	2,966	3,329	-363	41,320	42,555	-1,235
South Carolina	2,242	2,334	-92	55,193	55,538	-345
South Dakota	32	20	12	1,628	1,614	14
Tennessee	2,127	2,867	-740	77,315	76,889	426
Texas	6,394	5,402	992	515,387	559,196	-43,809
Utah	715	625	90	3,633	3,913	-280
Vermont	45	25	20	8,274	8,236	38
Virgin Islands	42	63	-21	0	0	0
Virginia	5,093	4,341	752	200,821	201,889	-1,068
Washington	2,503	2,776	-273	103,064	104,909	-1,845
West Virginia	2,119	2,469	-350	42,511	51,885	-9,374
Wisconsin	1,876	1,799	77	32,454	37,704	-5,250
Wyoming	137	209	-72	1,860	1,882	-22
US Total	320,237	296,374	23,863	8,681,647	9,433,127	-751,480

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims data may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	October 31	October 24	Change	October 17	October 10
Alabama	36,326	41,185	-4,859	46,350	52,661
Alaska	9,057	9,185	-128	8,753	8,654
Arizona	50,776	46,975	3,801	43,175	37,909
Arkansas	13,473	15,678	-2,205	16,057	19,378
California	1,204,014	1,186,500	17,514	1,098,039	992,254
Colorado	59,175	57,356	1,819	48,488	49,759
Connecticut	57,966	55,315	2,651	52,144	43,443
Delaware	12,861	12,371	490	11,654	10,487
District of Columbia	22,656	20,892	1,764	18,927	16,623
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	41,112	7,074	34,038	31,617	24,244
Idaho	5,259	5,490	-231	5,822	5,976
Illinois	204,472	194,305	10,167	168,672	150,021
Indiana	51,555	48,696	2,859	44,945	39,113
Iowa	26,153	25,542	611	26,130	25,092
Kansas	22,505	21,542	963	20,570	21,036
Kentucky	28,839	21,039	7,800	22,553	8,224
Louisiana	34,001	33,911	90	26,113	17,435
Maine	14,348	14,363	-15	14,402	13,822
Maryland	49,540	48,538	1,002	43,921	38,140
Massachusetts	167,187	160,998	6,189	152,834	140,556
Michigan	196,101	209,351	-13,250	176,677	180,342
Minnesota	78,814	77,206	1,608	73,570	68,327
Mississippi	16,855	17,116	-261	16,599	16,007
Missouri	47,485	49,459	-1,974	48,671	48,107
Montana	5,582	5,406	176	5,174	4,901
Nebraska	4,153	4,065	88	3,850	3,697
Nevada	92,211	88,077	4,134	83,467	75,042
New Hampshire	6,114	5,536	578	4,877	4,012
New Jersey	174,200	167,675	6,525	164,686	148,516
New Mexico	13,449	10,550	2,899	7,054	22,361
New York	682,997	662,761	20,236	644,570	600,921
North Carolina	124,799	120,732	4,067	126,204	135,312
North Dakota	6,092	6,161	-69	5,859	5,503
Ohio	93,606	90,663	2,943	85,680	78,608
Oklahoma	26,577	22,964	3,613	28,552	24,215
Oregon	55,982	51,054	4,928	47,157	42,518
Pennsylvania	240,011	137,529	102,482	170,750	160,796
Puerto Rico	30,011	29,319	692	24,176	17,780
Rhode Island	20,001	20,091	-90	19,649	18,381
South Carolina	71,306	71,604	-298	71,739	70,088
South Dakota	887	815	72	717	581
Tennessee	47,864	48,071	-207	47,823	49,239
Texas	39,549	30,629	8,920	37,955	44,338
Utah	8,780	8,748	32	8,860	8,930
Vermont	8,995	8,674	321	8,256	7,715
Virgin Islands	167	56	111	109	21
Virginia	89,763	90,559	-796	91,108	86,841
Washington	5,558	4,573	985	4,905	5,914
West Virginia	15,579	16,658	-1,079	15,133	14,308
Wisconsin	58,737	57,249	1,488	55,742	50,359
Wyoming	3,347	3,083	264	2,878	2,582
US Total	4,376,847	4,143,389	233,458	3,983,613	3,711,089

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	October 31	October 24	Change
Alabama	0	3,684	-3,684
Alaska	1,296	1,295	1
Arizona	3,918	3,393	525
Arkansas	3,859	2,900	959
California	143,588	94,230	49,358
Colorado	57	66	-9
Connecticut	8,606	8,352	254
Delaware	132	139	-7
District of Columbia	23	25	-2
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	15	13	2
Idaho	24	22	2
Illinois	28,526	26,056	2,470
Indiana	3,069	3,064	5
Iowa	5,300	4,818	482
Kansas	1,310	1,158	152
Kentucky	126	113	13
Louisiana	2,074	2,199	-125
Maine	1,826	1,651	175
Maryland	6,889	6,667	222
Massachusetts	19,632	18,501	1,131
Michigan	32,061	13,483	18,578
Minnesota	12,379	11,349	1,030
Mississippi	3,802	3,438	364
Missouri	60	266	-206
Montana	929	834	95
Nebraska	96	115	-19
Nevada	10,174	8,534	1,640
New Hampshire	441	436	5
New Jersey	33,497	32,826	671
New Mexico	749	553	196
New York	48,186	46,068	2,118
North Carolina	87,301	96,873	-9,572
North Dakota	3	19	-16
Ohio	14,794	13,921	873
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	6,780	6,185	595
Pennsylvania	20,383	18,243	2,140
Puerto Rico	1,366	2,317	-951
Rhode Island	2,381	2,154	227
South Carolina	6,593	5,940	653
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	3,140	2,964	176
Texas	84,599	79,914	4,685
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	726	706	20
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	16,246	14,637	1,609
Washington	16,862	15,277	1,585
West Virginia	37	21	16
Wisconsin	42	37	5
Wyoming	21	19	2
US Total	633,918	555,475	78,443

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 7

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
OCTOBER 31

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	8,764	1,704	6,556	33	12	28,422	1.5	-3,271	14,297	69	41	28,532
Alaska	4,545	94	3,226	16	1	19,083	6.2	216	11,980	172	47	19,302
Arizona	6,410	21	2,458	13	1	103,243	3.5	-9,182	82,570	221	225	103,689
Arkansas	3,672	-342	1,941	10	3	24,049	2.0	-3,392	13,412	148	22	24,219
California	157,773	5,293	111,957	800	241	1,446,336	8.3	-114,927	1,162,137	3,000	2,779	1,452,115
Colorado	7,516	378	5,198	36	24	92,367	3.4	-4,415	75,522	202	313	92,882
Connecticut	5,126	248	2,267	30	7	90,341	5.5	-6,236	64,469	255	89	90,685
Delaware	1,522	-56	895	14	3	14,391	3.2	-1,790	10,310	22	23	14,436
District of Columbia	1,341	-6	771	38	1	34,991	6.0	-2,769	28,646	505	9	35,505
Florida	31,403	-222	25,375	70	80	205,800	2.3	-7,654	170,311	314	329	206,443
Georgia	23,827	-13,426	18,410	127	36	285,798	6.5	-16,241	261,547	605	468	286,871
Hawaii	4,245	-444	3,114	26	6	51,302	8.3	-9,983	45,538	220	149	51,671
Idaho	5,008	1,089	3,719	24	1	8,143	1.1	19	4,148	40	18	8,201
Illinois	67,158	-6,357	56,143	12	3	337,143	5.7	-5,602	258,943	540	278	337,961
Indiana	14,111	698	11,047	25	8	87,474	2.9	-8,911	73,892	176	116	87,766
Iowa	5,217	608	2,290	25	2	35,213	2.3	-1,769	21,158	60	40	35,313
Kansas	15,471	-3,212	14,014	4	0	49,150	3.6	3,486	42,057	66	44	49,260
Kentucky	4,363	-4,830	2,011	1	5	51,146	2.7	-8,016	35,424	66	161	51,373
Louisiana	10,045	1,626	7,773	17	9	98,935	5.2	-16,415	85,525	119	57	99,111
Maine	2,264	568	1,425	4	0	12,917	2.1	-317	9,491	43	16	12,976
Maryland	11,332	457	8,090	34	1	80,101	3.2	-1,823	58,179	233	115	80,449
Massachusetts	42,800	3,383	36,583	88	27	223,567	6.2	-26,122	178,781	233	124	223,924
Michigan	15,320	305	7,761	52	5	187,648	4.4	-25,758	145,780	140	102	187,890
Minnesota	11,820	-679	5,788	28	3	105,784	3.7	-4,800	78,369	148	105	106,037
Mississippi	3,690	71	2,588	5	3	38,767	3.5	-2,673	31,726	72	34	38,873
Missouri	7,635	-523	4,211	5	2	50,160	1.8	-5,288	33,238	113	35	50,308
Montana	2,535	-420	941	45	1	14,930	3.3	-318	9,084	160	25	15,115
Nebraska	2,342	-134	1,586	13	2	12,528	1.3	-1,789	10,845	36	8	12,572
Nevada	7,556	-602	5,035	9	4	105,951	7.6	-8,151	89,937	72	135	106,158
New Hampshire	2,171	81	1,661	10	2	23,447	3.6	-1,031	20,558	43	9	23,499
New Jersey	20,978	-3,725	8,231	52	16	168,839	4.2	-10,489	93,821	218	468	169,525
New Mexico	3,893	-441	2,885	15	4	64,882	8.0	-4,302	56,677	270	101	65,253
New York	43,876	-1,840	28,159	27	23	483,800	5.1	-39,896	371,555	274	421	484,495
North Carolina	8,291	-47	4,797	55	47	88,288	2.0	-3,222	69,294	237	365	88,890
North Dakota	1,238	-27	588	5	0	6,732	1.6	-329	4,722	12	9	6,753
Ohio	21,935	582	14,124	41	19	154,410	2.9	-8,587	112,008	229	301	154,940
Oklahoma	4,470	-483	2,630	30	1	59,257	3.8	119	44,070	70	86	59,413
Oregon	4,445	425	557	65	11	79,353	4.1	-7,817	56,016	501	146	80,000
Pennsylvania	23,051	-691	8,616	192	32	368,869	6.4	58,719	280,503	1,372	573	370,814
Puerto Rico	851	-380	-348	3	0	48,361	5.6	-10,747	30,429	115	11	48,487
Rhode Island	2,437	-735	1,573	5	0	15,766	3.3	-704	10,284	60	18	15,844
South Carolina	3,461	201	81	17	0	52,316	2.5	-3,547	38,542	52	163	52,531
South Dakota	568	-288	250	6	2	3,856	0.9	43	2,912	32	4	3,892
Tennessee	7,727	280	5,246	43	12	65,232	2.0	-7,318	49,546	71	68	65,371
Texas	33,667	-3,934	17,274	175	164	528,651	4.3	-29,690	417,260	966	2,196	531,813
Utah	2,600	240	1,151	72	2	15,242	1.0	-1,085	8,793	89	22	15,353
Vermont	805	55	169	3	0	11,209	3.7	-346	8,837	14	2	11,225
Virgin Islands	66	-35	36	1	0	1,698	4.5	-970	1,178	0	0	1,698
Virginia	9,909	-441	7,238	18	4	91,960	2.4	-7,751	73,760	270	348	92,578
Washington	26,546	7,683	18,714	70	62	152,131	4.5	-8,599	105,805	352	553	153,036
West Virginia	1,804	-219	444	4	3	21,388	3.2	-1,666	11,263	61	40	21,489
Wisconsin	14,334	-540	8,487	31	4	94,072	3.3	-4,151	71,987	155	88	94,315
Wyoming	1,182	201	384	11	0	5,633	2.1	-34	3,632	27	6	5,666
Totals	725,116	-18,788	486,120	2,555	899	6,501,072	4.4	-387,291	5,050,768	13,540	11,905	6,526,517

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 NOVEMBER 7, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WA	+7,683	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, finance, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food services industries.
CA	+5,293	No comment.
MA	+3,383	No comment.
AL	+1,704	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
LA	+1,626	No comment.
ID	+1,089	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	-13,426	Fewer layoffs in the accommodations and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, retail trade, and manufacturing industries.
IL	-6,357	No comment.
KY	-4,830	No comment.
TX	-3,934	No comment.
NJ	-3,725	No comment.
KS	-3,212	No comment.
NY	-1,840	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, wholesale trade, and information industries.

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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