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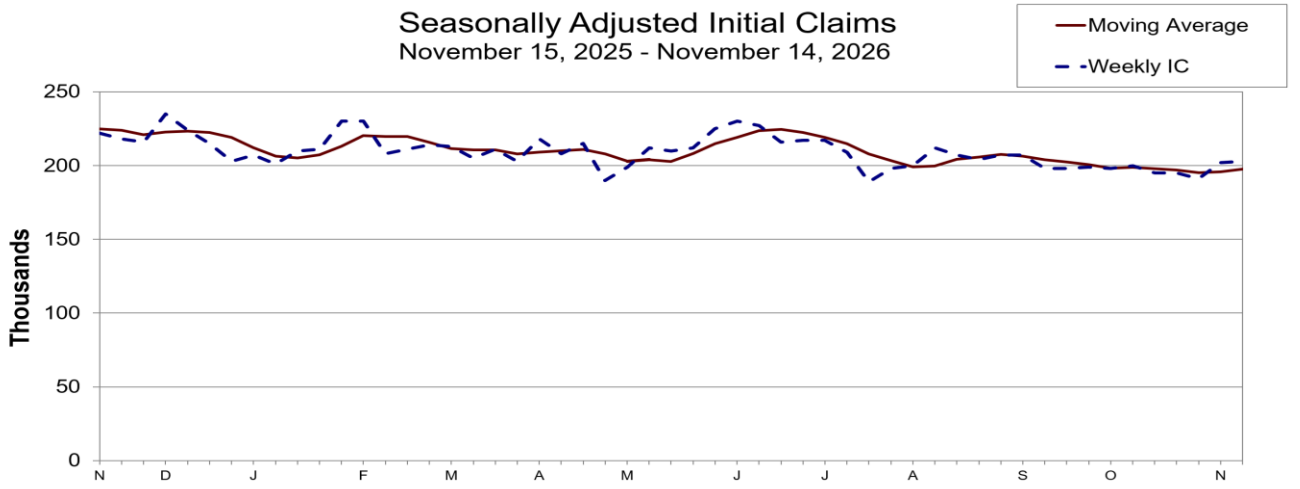
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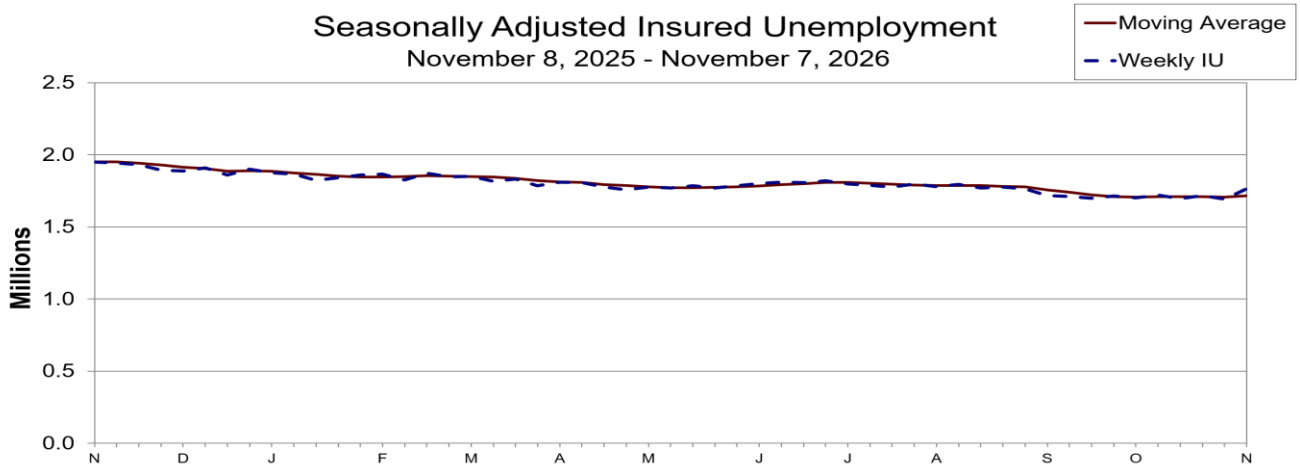
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 203,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 200,000 to 202,000. The 4-week moving average was 197,750, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 195,250 to 195,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending November 7, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 7 was 1,763,000, an increase of 70,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,697,000 to 1,693,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,717,000, an increase of 10,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,707,750 to 1,706,750.

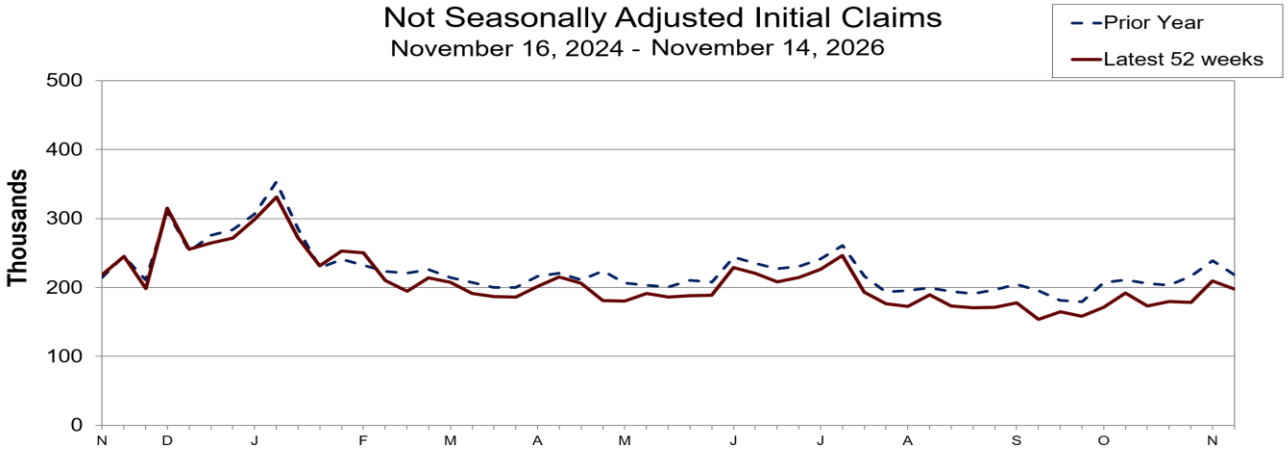


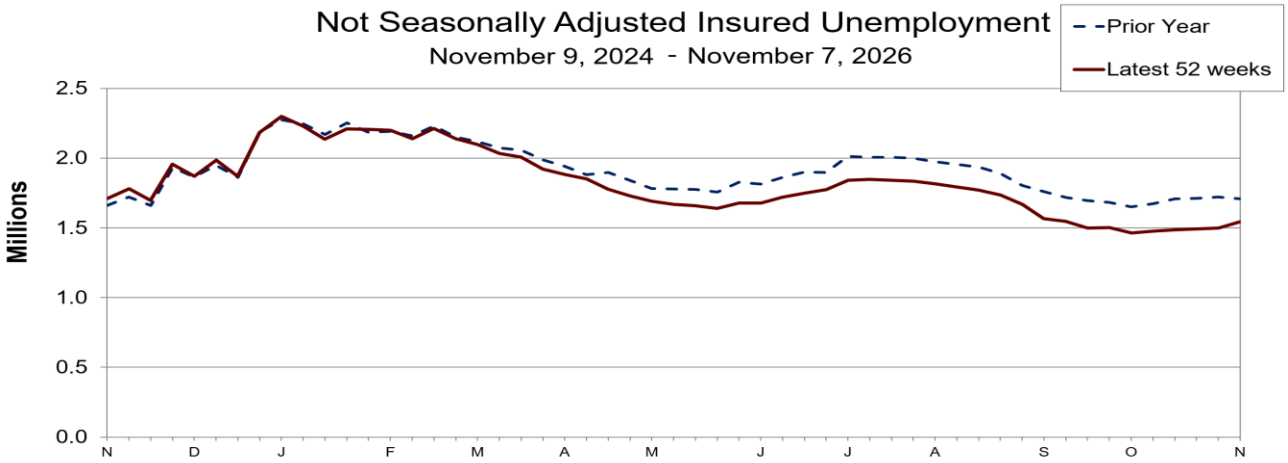


UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 197,492 in the week ending November 14, a decrease of 11,941 (or -5.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,534 (or -6.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 218,228 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending November 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,542,726, an increase of 42,996 (or 2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,620 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,708,938.





The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending October 31 was 1,524,631, an increase of 6,691 from the previous week. There were 1,786,704 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 31.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 732 in the week ending November 7, an increase of 146 from the prior week. There were 456 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 49 from the preceding week.

There were 5,405 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending October 31, an increase of 78 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,862, a decrease of 146 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 31 were in New Jersey (2.0), Washington (1.9), California (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), Oregon (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.6), Nevada (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), New York (1.4), Alaska (1.3), and Illinois (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 7 were in California (+4,800), New Jersey (+3,679), Missouri (+3,168), Texas (+2,631), and Minnesota (+2,583), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,949), Indiana (-647), and Vermont (-5).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 14	November 7	Change	October 31	Prior Year[1]
Initial Claims (SA)	203,000	202,000	+1,000	191,000	222,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	197,492	209,433	-11,941	178,112	218,228
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	197,750	195,750	+2,000	195,250	224,750

WEEK ENDING	November 7	October 31	Change	October 24	Prior Year[1]
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,763,000	1,693,000	+70,000	1,717,000	1,949,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,542,726	1,499,730	+42,996	1,493,455	1,708,938
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,717,000	1,706,750	+10,250	1,709,250	1,952,500
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	November 7	October 31	Change	Prior Year[1]
Federal Employees (UCFE)	732	586	+146	5,721
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	456	407	+49	391

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

WEEK ENDING	October 31	October 24	Change	Prior Year[1]
Regular State	1,494,818	1,489,101	+5,717	1,711,286
Federal Employees	5,405	5,327	+78	38,873
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,862	5,008	-146	5,227
Extended Benefits[3]	10	30	-20	14
State Additional Benefits[4]	3,665	3,660	+5	2,886
STC / Workshare [5]	15,871	14,814	+1,057	28,418
TOTAL	1,524,631	1,517,940	+6,691	1,786,704

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 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 7		
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,450	1,647	-197	6,135	6,601	-466
Alaska	921	642	279	4,496	4,242	254
Arizona	2,035	2,422	-387	15,796	18,462	-2,666
Arkansas	725	1,228	-503	4,284	4,658	-374
California	43,159	44,774	-1,615	306,537	319,802	-13,265
Colorado	3,366	3,874	-508	32,904	30,967	1,937
Connecticut	2,361	2,509	-148	19,936	18,771	1,165
Delaware	535	571	-36	4,503	4,117	386
District of Columbia	571	616	-45	6,401	6,424	-23
Florida	4,701	5,362	-661	24,291	29,233	-4,942
Georgia	3,574	3,895	-321	21,012	22,141	-1,129
Hawaii	1,258	1,359	-101	6,874	6,852	22
Idaho	971	1,039	-68	4,498	4,597	-99
Illinois	8,492	8,389	103	77,806	75,745	2,061
Indiana	2,251	2,371	-120	16,743	16,548	195
Iowa	1,365	1,787	-422	6,076	6,239	-163
Kansas	1,090	1,109	-19	6,664	6,200	464
Kentucky	1,584	1,471	113	7,805	8,547	-742
Louisiana	985	1,212	-227	4,070	5,007	-937
Maine	906	921	-15	5,046	4,603	443
Maryland	1,838	2,232	-394	20,406	20,327	79
Massachusetts	5,220	5,998	-778	62,574	62,733	-159
Michigan	8,473	2,378	6,095	69,421	30,078	39,343
Minnesota	6,637	6,344	293	39,680	33,205	6,475
Mississippi*	1,043	961	82	5,476	5,419	57
Missouri	2,214	5,617	-3,403	14,328	17,220	-2,892
Montana	836	919	-83	5,709	5,092	617
Nebraska	529	625	-96	3,723	3,822	-99
Nevada	3,021	3,425	-404	24,183	23,598	585
New Hampshire	292	428	-136	2,699	3,253	-554
New Jersey	9,664	12,488	-2,824	90,238	85,115	5,123
New Mexico	729	967	-238	8,842	8,699	143
New York**	14,276	14,609	-333	142,376	139,677	2,699
North Carolina*	2,995	3,273	-278	16,389	16,625	-236
North Dakota	522	431	91	1,854	1,535	319
Ohio	5,223	5,284	-61	36,129	35,076	1,053
Oklahoma	1,145	1,121	24	8,853	8,927	-74
Oregon	5,553	4,953	600	33,400	31,016	2,384
Pennsylvania	9,947	10,380	-433	73,414	72,503	911
Puerto Rico	1,319	2,119	-800	14,005	14,549	-544
Rhode Island	706	765	-59	7,703	7,227	476
South Carolina	1,724	2,061	-337	13,401	13,611	-210
South Dakota	251	303	-52	1,177	1,119	58
Tennessee	2,430	2,473	-43	12,201	12,456	-255
Texas	13,658	16,116	-2,458	121,840	126,809	-4,969
Utah	1,656	1,653	3	10,949	10,809	140
Vermont	486	482	4	2,451	2,177	274
Virgin Islands	17	18	-1	414	330	84
Virginia	1,974	2,157	-183	20,247	18,555	1,692
Washington	6,574	7,499	-925	73,664	67,387	6,277
West Virginia	660	685	-25	5,209	4,629	580
Wisconsin	3,221	2,952	269	15,858	14,814	1,044
Wyoming	359	519	-160	2,036	1,582	454
US Total	197,492	209,433	-11,941	1,542,726	1,499,730	42,996

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 OUI estimate.
**Denotes state 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 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	1,693	-24	1,706.75	1.1
November 7, 2026	202	11	195.75	1,763	70	1,717.00	1.1
November 14, 2026	203	1	197.75				

	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 7					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 31						
		CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM				TOTAL
		LAST	YEAR					LAST	YEAR			INSURED
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE [1]	UCX [1]	STATE	(%) [2]	WEEK	AGO	UCFE [1]	UCX [1]	UNEMPLOYMENT
Alabama	1,647	132	-868	7	0	6,601	0.3	-265	-2,537	25	12	6,638
Alaska	642	55	-163	3	0	4,242	1.3	278	-635	34	5	4,281
Arizona	2,422	180	-416	9	5	18,462	0.6	-576	-3,293	65	33	18,560
Arkansas	1,228	133	2	2	1	4,658	0.4	-89	-1,503	9	1	4,668
California	44,774	4,800	-3,002	166	102	319,802	1.8	14,667	-19,221	706	1,253	321,761
Colorado	3,874	770	135	12	21	30,967	1.1	481	-27	132	231	31,330
Connecticut	2,509	411	-153	2	4	18,771	1.1	-1,702	-9,912	36	32	18,839
Delaware	571	31	185	1	1	4,117	0.9	-287	-883	5	1	4,123
District of Columbia	616	54	-597	12	1	6,424	1.2	-71	-4,758	320	6	6,750
Florida	5,362	886	-471	10	31	29,233	0.3	805	-3,824	122	76	29,431
Georgia	3,895	312	-1,414	22	16	22,141	0.5	-355	-4,848	140	88	22,369
Hawaii	1,359	253	313	3	7	6,852	1.1	310	1,185	34	44	6,930
Idaho	1,039	203	-138	14	1	4,597	0.5	231	-723	35	10	4,642
Illinois	8,389	1,058	-2,449	7	2	75,745	1.3	-798	-13,409	304	126	76,175
Indiana	2,371	-647	-528	3	5	16,548	0.5	-1,387	-3,227	20	19	16,587
Iowa	1,787	357	-103	2	0	6,239	0.4	43	-1,708	14	5	6,258
Kansas	1,109	228	-202	0	0	6,200	0.4	116	-1,185	14	17	6,231
Kentucky	1,471	256	-967	0	0	8,547	0.4	-158	-3,994	48	34	8,629
Louisiana	1,212	113	-629	4	3	5,007	0.3	43	-2,808	22	12	5,041
Maine	921	184	-11	2	0	4,603	0.7	278	-341	15	9	4,627
Maryland	2,232	51	-561	20	14	20,327	0.8	-359	-7,972	268	71	20,666
Massachusetts	5,998	1,437	-408	6	1	62,733	1.8	-257	-3,904	175	120	63,028
Michigan	2,378	-2,949	-10,268	0	0	30,078	0.7	-14,771	-25,824	44	18	30,140
Minnesota	6,344	2,583	540	6	4	33,205	1.1	2,020	-4,676	52	51	33,308
Mississippi	961	172	-67	0	0	5,419	0.5	-116	-491	21	8	5,448
Missouri	5,617	3,168	2,575	8	2	17,220	0.6	2,351	-3,030	61	11	17,292
Montana	919	134	-91	75	1	5,092	1.0	421	-149	106	8	5,206
Nebraska	625	168	-58	0	0	3,822	0.4	27	-906	9	9	3,840
Nevada	3,425	683	402	5	0	23,598	1.5	276	-2,514	58	80	23,736
New Hampshire	428	137	39	1	1	3,253	0.5	76	-605	5	1	3,259
New Jersey	12,488	3,679	-492	12	21	85,115	2.0	575	-5,900	212	222	85,549
New Mexico	967	176	-47	11	2	8,699	1.0	246	-1,394	130	41	8,870
New York	14,609	1,533	-1,290	32	11	139,677	1.4	3,661	-10,301	314	282	140,273
North Carolina	3,273	532	-516	4	2	16,625	0.3	-24	-2,620	69	75	16,769
North Dakota	431	167	9	1	0	1,535	0.4	78	-425	10	8	1,553
Ohio	5,284	391	-1,564	11	15	35,076	0.6	-529	-7,214	64	58	35,198
Oklahoma	1,121	35	-439	5	6	8,927	0.5	-301	-2,526	39	28	8,994
Oregon	4,953	551	-156	60	7	31,016	1.6	863	-1,424	164	51	31,231
Pennsylvania	10,380	1,855	-869	13	8	72,503	1.2	693	-10,861	288	102	72,893
Puerto Rico	2,119	1,037	702	5	1	14,549	1.6	-188	-3,330	108	29	14,686
Rhode Island	765	118	-55	3	0	7,227	1.5	-3	-1,000	17	19	7,263
South Carolina	2,061	357	-251	3	4	13,611	0.6	-149	-450	37	57	13,705
South Dakota	303	97	56	3	2	1,119	0.2	55	-144	3	2	1,124
Tennessee	2,473	184	-670	4	5	12,456	0.4	-222	-2,693	31	30	12,517
Texas	16,116	2,631	-2,514	42	107	126,809	0.9	-1,640	-25,083	477	849	128,135
Utah	1,653	210	-112	28	0	10,809	0.6	256	-872	77	14	10,900
Vermont	482	-5	69	1	0	2,177	0.7	53	-167	10	1	2,188
Virgin Islands	18	2	-15	0	0	330	1.0	-118	-14	0	4	334
Virginia	2,157	223	-964	16	6	18,555	0.5	-89	-545	153	114	18,822
Washington	7,499	1,592	-343	50	33	67,387	1.9	1,724	-7,769	224	468	68,079
West Virginia	685	33	-85	0	3	4,629	0.7	33	-1,208	25	9	4,663
Wisconsin	2,952	530	-306	8	0	14,814	0.5	18	-6,493	41	7	14,862
Wyoming	519	40	-71	18	0	1,582	0.6	51	-317	13	1	1,596
Totals	209,433	31,321	-29,296	732	456	1,499,730	1.0	6,275	-220,472	5,405	4,862	1,509,997

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, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+4,800	No comment.
NJ	+3,679	Layoffs in educational services industry.
MO	+3,168	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
TX	+2,631	Layoffs in manufacturing, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
MN	+2,583	Layoffs in construction industry.
PA	+1,855	Layoffs in construction; professional, scientific, and technical services; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
WA	+1,592	No comment.
NY	+1,533	No comment.
MA	+1,437	No comment.
IL	+1,058	Layoffs in construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.
PR	+1,037	Layoffs in accommodation and food services industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,949	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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Weekly Claims Data

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