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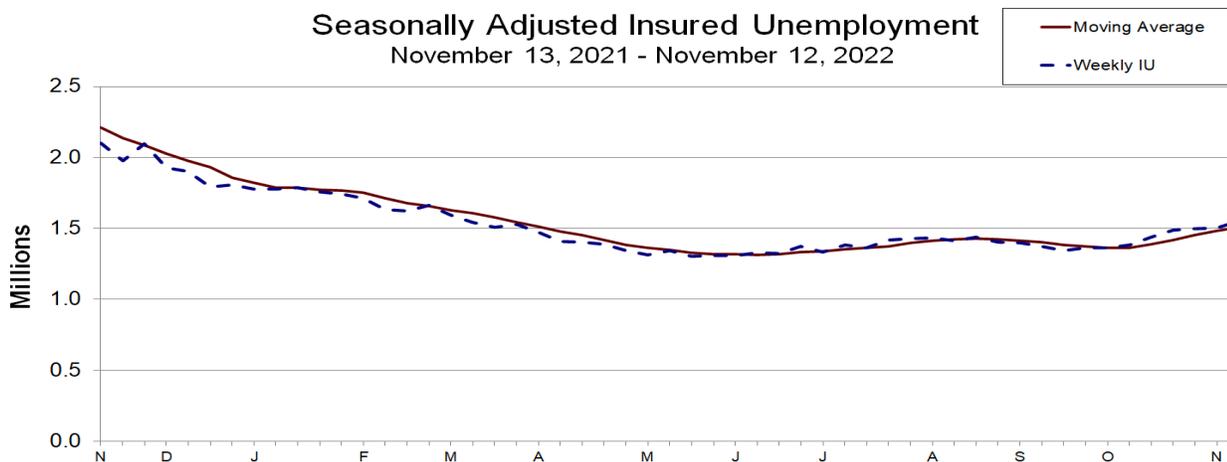
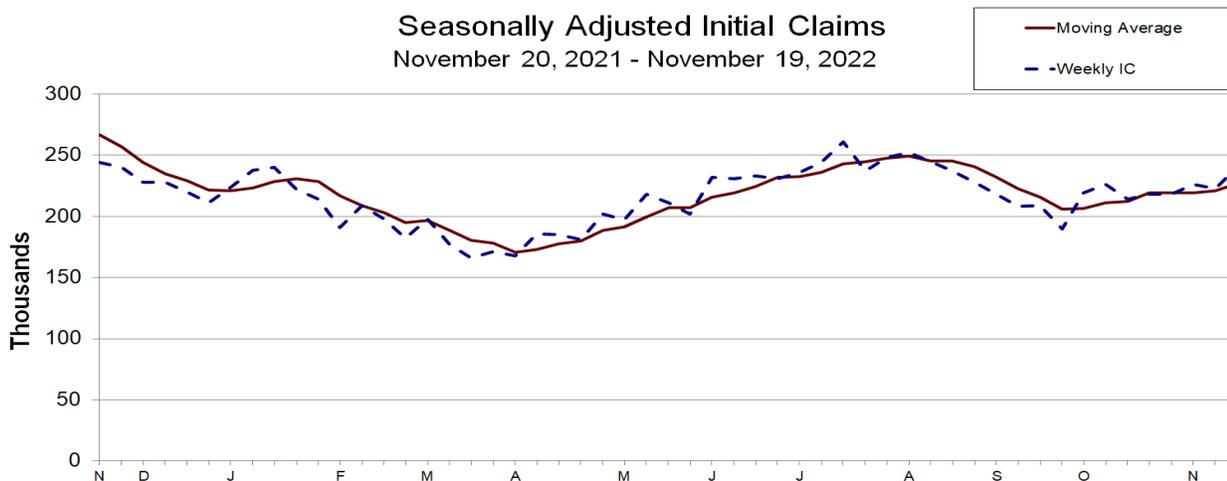
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 240,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 222,000 to 223,000. The 4-week moving average was 226,750, an increase of 5,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 221,000 to 221,250.

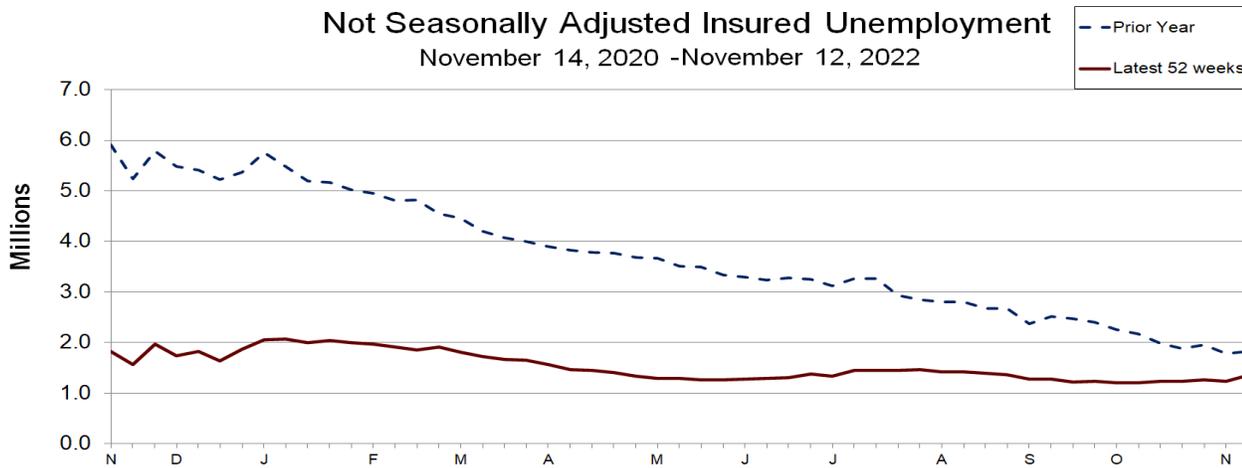
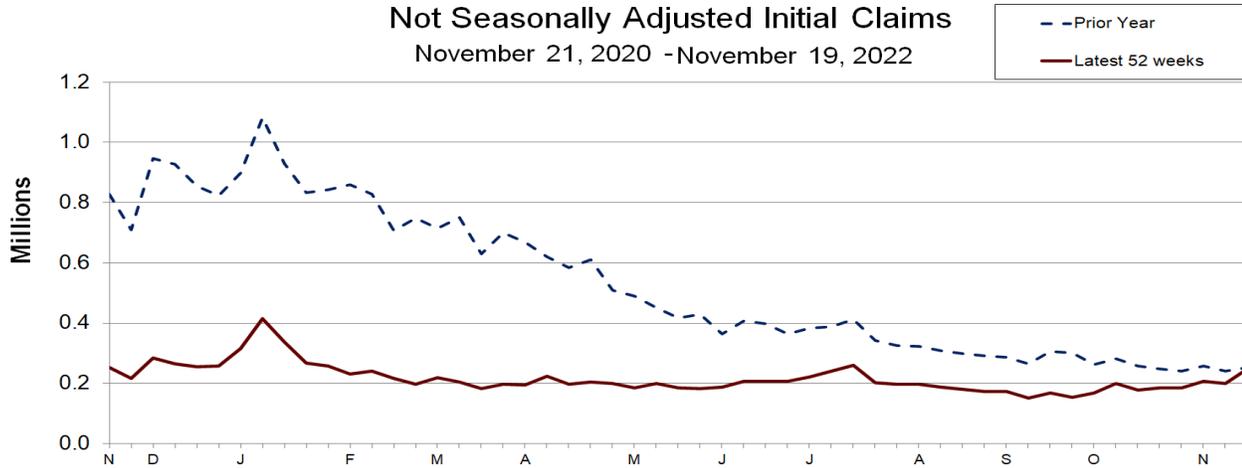
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending November 12, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 12 was 1,551,000, an increase of 48,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,507,000 to 1,503,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,509,750, an increase of 28,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,481,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 248,185 in the week ending November 19, an increase of 47,909 (or 23.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 30,554 (or 15.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 253,369 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending November 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,341,269, an increase of 107,509 (or 8.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 66,121 (or 5.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,820,572.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 5 was 1,256,068, a decrease of 50,474 from the previous week. There were 2,284,791 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending November 5.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 717 in the week ending November 12, an increase of 161 from the prior week. There were 373 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 21 from the preceding week.

There were 5,699 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 5, a decrease of 100 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,036, a decrease of 133 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 5 were in Rhode Island (2.1), Alaska (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), New Jersey (1.7), California (1.6), New York (1.4), Massachusetts (1.3), Nevada (1.1), Oregon (1.1), and Washington (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 12 were in Minnesota (+1,971), North Carolina (+1,141), New Jersey (+1,020), Montana (+918), and Pennsylvania (+607), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-3,330), Georgia (-1,726), Florida (-1,302), Indiana (-1,136), and Texas (-1,091).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 19	November 12	Change	November 5	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	240,000	223,000	+17,000	226,000	244,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	248,185	200,276	+47,909	206,079	253,369
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	226,750	221,250	+5,500	219,000	267,000

WEEK ENDING	November 12	November 5	Change	October 29	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,551,000	1,503,000	+48,000	1,498,000	2,100,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,341,269	1,233,760	+107,509	1,267,367	1,820,572
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,509,750	1,481,500	+28,250	1,451,500	2,209,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.0%	+0.1	1.0%	1.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	November 12	November 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	717	556	+161	1,010
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	373	394	-21	393

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	November 5	October 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,230,365	1,264,106	-33,741	1,778,063
Federal Employees	5,699	5,799	-100	7,854
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,036	4,169	-133	4,837
Extended Benefits ⁴	2,860	4,388	-1,528	134,116
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,569	17,094	-15,525	2,985
STC / Workshare ⁶	11,539	10,986	+553	18,137
TOTAL⁷	1,256,068	1,306,542	-50,474	2,284,791

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 143,627,296 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,667	1,770	897	2,971	3,816	-845
Alaska	1,334	1,020	314	5,769	5,478	291
Arizona	3,162	2,390	772	17,519	17,360	159
Arkansas	1,318	1,599	-281	6,793	6,779	14
California	48,291	43,267	5,024	311,448	278,914	32,534
Colorado	3,445	2,719	726	19,602	18,085	1,517
Connecticut	3,022	1,956	1,066	17,580	15,329	2,251
Delaware	456	304	152	3,484	2,873	611
District of Columbia	289	144	145	2,739	2,501	238
Florida	6,145	6,110	35	38,226	38,524	-298
Georgia	7,428	3,994	3,434	25,373	23,525	1,848
Hawaii	1,154	961	193	5,716	5,360	356
Idaho	1,781	1,654	127	4,286	3,712	574
Illinois	16,890	9,584	7,306	65,522	58,592	6,930
Indiana	4,298	3,849	449	17,902	18,002	-100
Iowa	4,187	1,422	2,765	6,618	5,786	832
Kansas	1,615	1,204	411	3,958	3,602	356
Kentucky	1,682	1,299	383	8,474	9,675	-1,201
Louisiana	1,857	1,549	308	9,467	10,313	-846
Maine	845	647	198	3,558	3,083	475
Maryland	1,960	1,709	251	18,060	16,770	1,290
Massachusetts	5,772	5,284	488	45,154	43,505	1,649
Michigan	9,305	6,310	2,995	34,505	30,879	3,626
Minnesota	9,342	6,097	3,245	34,831	25,945	8,886
Mississippi	1,165	985	180	4,035	4,361	-326
Missouri	3,381	2,486	895	12,280	11,799	481
Montana	1,927	2,258	-331	6,329	4,168	2,161
Nebraska	896	600	296	2,685	2,553	132
Nevada	2,657	2,467	190	15,172	14,996	176
New Hampshire	333	319	14	1,793	1,794	-1
New Jersey	8,715	8,111	604	78,032	68,639	9,393
New Mexico	901	821	80	7,962	7,731	231
New York	16,720	14,297	2,423	126,110	121,298	4,812
North Carolina	3,484	3,774	-290	14,153	14,366	-213
North Dakota	979	348	631	1,381	945	436
Ohio	9,961	7,668	2,293	31,684	29,152	2,532
Oklahoma	1,302	931	371	9,249	9,072	177
Oregon	5,671	3,843	1,828	23,231	21,333	1,898
Pennsylvania	11,863	9,753	2,110	62,214	58,851	3,363
Puerto Rico	1,574	1,694	-120	17,114	15,752	1,362
Rhode Island	1,030	544	486	5,780	8,991	-3,211
South Carolina	2,320	1,976	344	10,976	10,622	354
South Dakota	475	229	246	796	666	130
Tennessee	2,217	2,037	180	11,238	11,271	-33
Texas	15,235	14,381	854	101,346	91,688	9,658
Utah	1,865	1,733	132	7,520	7,078	442
Vermont	442	280	162	2,002	1,648	354
Virgin Islands	13	19	-6	302	226	76
Virginia	1,162	601	561	8,284	7,158	1,126
Washington	6,720	5,911	809	43,843	36,267	7,576
West Virginia	978	651	327	6,068	5,323	745
Wisconsin	5,364	4,234	1,130	18,042	16,104	1,938
Wyoming	590	483	107	2,093	1,500	593
US Total	248,185	200,276	47,909	1,341,269	1,233,760	107,509

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 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,346	-30	1,381.00	0.9
September 24, 2022	190	-19	206.25	1,365	19	1,371.75	1.0
October 1, 2022	219	29	206.50	1,364	-1	1,362.75	0.9
October 8, 2022	226	7	211.00	1,383	19	1,364.50	1.0
October 15, 2022	214	-12	212.25	1,438	55	1,387.50	1.0
October 22, 2022	218	4	219.25	1,487	49	1,418.00	1.0
October 29, 2022	218	0	219.00	1,498	11	1,451.50	1.0
November 5, 2022	226	8	219.00	1,503	5	1,481.50	1.0
November 12, 2022	223	-3	221.25	1,551	48	1,509.75	1.1
November 19, 2022	240	17	226.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 12

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 5

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	1,770	-637	-1,455	5	1	3,816	0.2	-344	-2,244	38	17	3,871
Alaska	1,020	-121	-403	8	0	5,478	1.9	454	-1,883	82	6	5,566
Arizona	2,390	-692	-198	6	0	17,360	0.6	-1,727	716	70	10	17,440
Arkansas	1,599	228	549	2	1	6,779	0.6	-59	-4,364	19	16	6,814
California	43,267	-216	-16,456	129	73	278,914	1.6	-21,033	-125,107	831	875	280,620
Colorado	2,719	-29	544	13	1	18,085	0.7	268	-4,418	104	122	18,311
Connecticut	1,956	-167	-611	2	2	15,329	1.0	-1,317	-7,163	46	33	15,408
Delaware	304	-75	-93	1	2	2,873	0.7	-173	-1,039	11	5	2,889
District of Columbia	144	-256	-2,935	4	1	2,501	0.5	-353	-11,179	165	3	2,669
Florida	6,110	-1,302	-6	10	32	38,524	0.4	-2,367	-16,529	112	84	38,720
Georgia	3,994	-1,726	-209	15	15	23,525	0.5	-8,561	-11,233	117	123	23,765
Hawaii	961	-132	-588	1	1	5,360	1.0	-137	-4,974	46	51	5,457
Idaho	1,654	386	475	20	2	3,712	0.5	309	370	40	15	3,767
Illinois	9,584	-234	403	2	2	58,592	1.0	-815	-46,421	415	104	59,111
Indiana	3,849	-1,136	51	9	5	18,002	0.7	-2,476	-10,403	52	17	18,071
Iowa	1,422	-74	-389	1	1	5,786	0.4	-28	-3,411	17	4	5,807
Kansas	1,204	-202	190	2	0	3,602	0.3	-60	-1,699	19	16	3,637
Kentucky	1,299	-3,330	-3,960	0	2	9,675	0.5	1,830	-8,841	35	60	9,770
Louisiana	1,549	-247	-133	0	0	10,313	0.6	62	-11,613	51	13	10,377
Maine	647	-129	-223	1	1	3,083	0.5	220	-1,763	15	8	3,106
Maryland	1,709	-489	-541	5	8	16,770	0.7	-1,731	-9,473	159	61	16,990
Massachusetts	5,284	-132	-3,514	14	11	43,505	1.3	470	-11,386	107	52	43,664
Michigan	6,310	-339	-3,418	12	4	30,879	0.7	-347	-16,705	114	36	31,029
Minnesota	6,097	1,971	-604	12	2	25,945	1.0	2,858	-17,902	70	35	26,050
Mississippi	985	53	-173	0	0	4,361	0.4	-15	-1,888	28	10	4,399
Missouri	2,486	-58	-2,141	1	3	11,799	0.4	-598	-5,450	100	25	11,924
Montana	2,258	918	1,011	88	1	4,168	0.9	331	-31	165	24	4,357
Nebraska	600	1	-121	0	0	2,553	0.3	-55	-466	11	3	2,567
Nevada	2,467	154	-10	12	1	14,996	1.1	-74	-10,243	62	38	15,096
New Hampshire	319	39	-121	2	0	1,794	0.3	10	-883	0	1	1,795
New Jersey	8,111	1,020	1,178	24	14	68,639	1.7	74	-21,540	208	137	68,984
New Mexico	821	-10	-764	16	0	7,731	1.0	135	-3,922	161	16	7,908
New York	14,297	321	125	22	21	121,298	1.4	3,579	-26,504	367	245	121,910
North Carolina	3,774	1,141	-605	1	1	14,366	0.3	-177	-8,989	73	93	14,532
North Dakota	348	70	-206	0	1	945	0.2	72	-554	9	4	958
Ohio	7,668	187	-255	12	15	29,152	0.6	1,054	-11,353	62	89	29,303
Oklahoma	931	-163	-897	6	2	9,072	0.6	-227	-5,406	48	39	9,159
Oregon	3,843	478	-367	82	4	21,333	1.1	-107	-11,326	216	32	21,581
Pennsylvania	9,753	607	437	19	12	58,851	1.0	802	-36,384	243	76	59,170
Puerto Rico	1,694	-223	913	2	8	15,752	1.8	-2,310	-6,050	123	118	15,993
Rhode Island	544	-253	-5	1	0	8,991	2.1	3,152	1,428	39	30	9,060
South Carolina	1,976	30	735	5	5	10,622	0.5	-261	-1,976	28	44	10,694
South Dakota	229	20	7	3	1	666	0.2	-5	-233	16	1	683
Tennessee	2,037	21	-1,957	0	6	11,271	0.3	-101	-11,472	36	42	11,349
Texas	14,381	-1,091	-1,107	30	90	91,688	0.7	-5,371	-27,755	542	882	93,112
Utah	1,733	62	254	39	3	7,078	0.5	420	1,140	59	14	7,151
Vermont	280	-124	-167	0	0	1,648	0.6	107	-622	0	1	1,649
Virgin Islands	19	-6	-40	0	0	226	0.6	34	-814	2	0	228
Virginia	601	-156	210	0	0	7,158	0.2	207	-6,249	66	63	7,287
Washington	5,911	-3	621	47	11	36,267	1.1	-525	-9,245	191	218	36,676
West Virginia	651	-153	-208	0	2	5,323	0.8	204	-1,425	30	13	5,366
Wisconsin	4,234	440	-2,813	9	4	16,104	0.6	999	-10,891	58	10	16,172
Wyoming	483	-45	-66	22	1	1,500	0.6	96	-266	21	2	1,523
Totals	200,276	-5,803	-40,056	717	373	1,233,760	0.9	-33,607	-548,033	5,699	4,036	1,243,495

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 12, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MN	+1,971	No comment.
NC	+1,141	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and accommodation and food services industries.
NJ	+1,020	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-3,330	No comment.
GA	-1,726	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
FL	-1,302	No comment.
IN	-1,136	No comment.
TX	-1,091	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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