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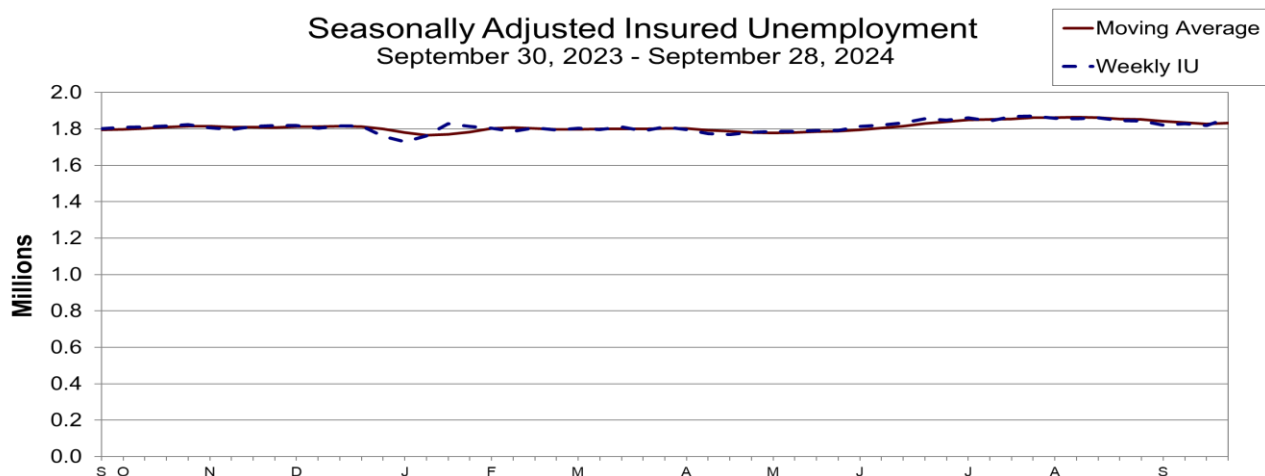
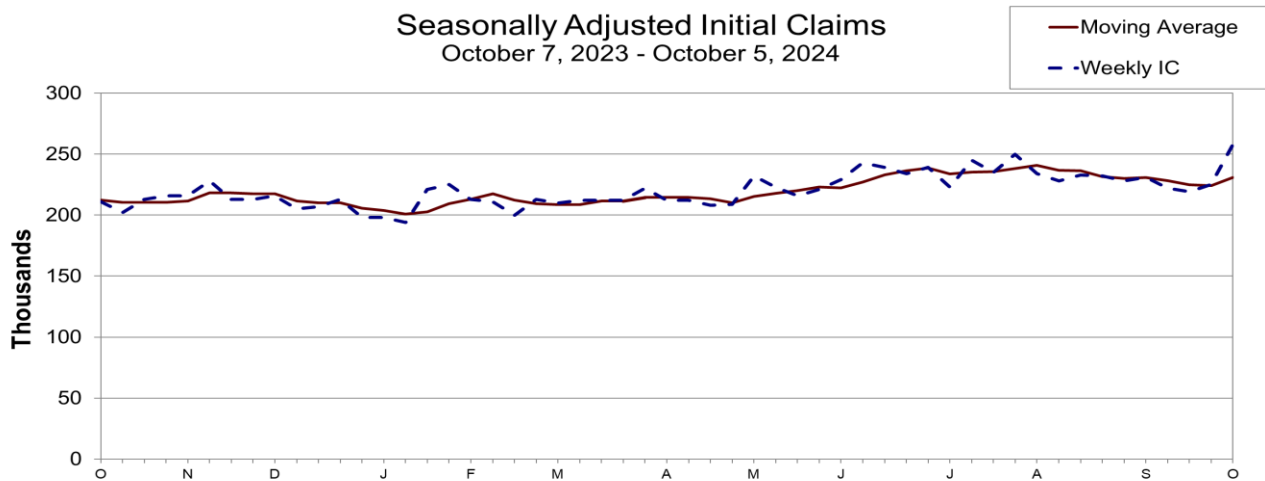
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 258,000, an increase of 33,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 225,000. This is the highest level for initial claims since August 5, 2023 when it was 258,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,000, an increase of 6,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 224,250.

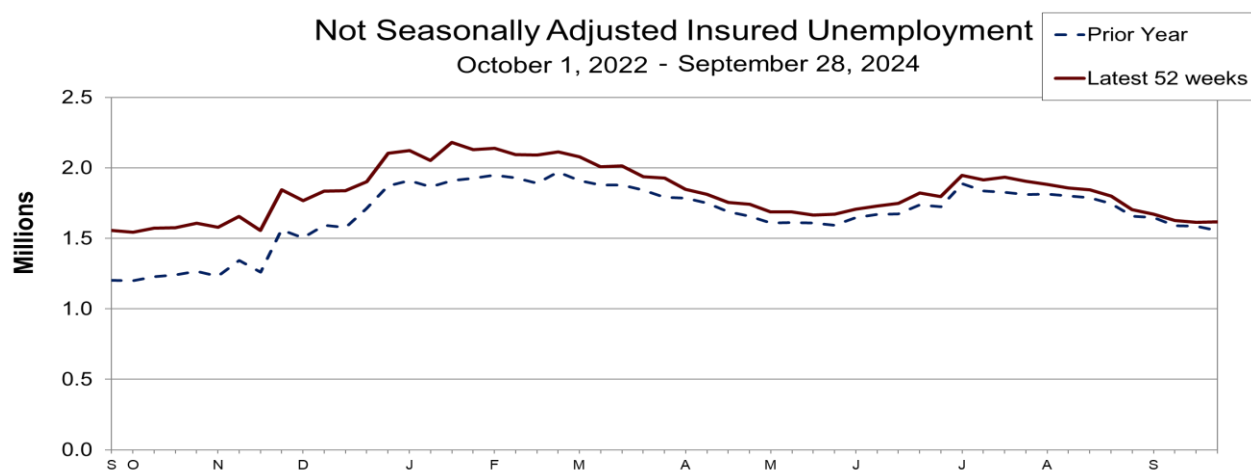
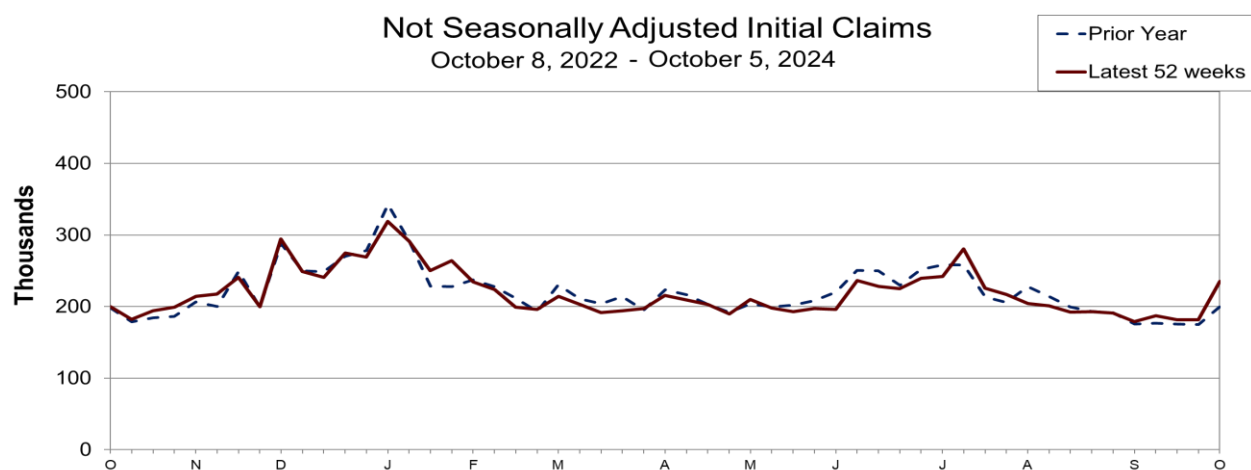
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending September 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 28 was 1,861,000, an increase of 42,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,826,000 to 1,819,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,832,000, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,829,250 to 1,827,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,780 in the week ending October 5, an increase of 53,570 (or 29.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 23,665 (or 13.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,743 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,616,930, an increase of 3,274 (or 0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 32,746 (or - 2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,555,186.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 21 was 1,637,000, a decrease of 14,701 from the previous week. There were 1,609,953 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

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 311 in the week ending September 28, an increase of 36 from the prior week. There were 369 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 29 from the preceding week.

There were 4,033 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 21, an increase of 32 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,621, a decrease of 35 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 21 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), Rhode Island (1.8), Washington (1.7), Nevada (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Connecticut (1.3), and Pennsylvania (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 28 were in Michigan (+1,187), Washington (+892), Indiana (+657), California (+638), and Iowa (+568), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-1,237), Florida (-919), Texas (-532), Virginia (-481), and New York (-451).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 5	September 28	Change	September 21	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	258,000	225,000	+33,000	219,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	234,780	181,210	+53,570	181,713	199,743
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,000	224,250	+6,750	225,000	212,500

WEEK ENDING	September 28	September 21	Change	September 14	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,861,000	1,819,000	+42,000	1,827,000	1,800,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,616,930	1,613,656	+3,274	1,628,010	1,555,186
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,832,000	1,827,500	+4,500	1,834,000	1,794,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 28	September 21	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	311	275	+36	390
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	369	398	-29	398

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

WEEK ENDING	September 21	September 14	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,608,349	1,623,003	-14,654	1,580,485
Federal Employees	4,033	4,001	+32	4,148
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,621	4,656	-35	4,179
Extended Benefits ³	160	252	-92	648
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,269	2,224	+45	2,207
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,568	17,565	+3	18,286
TOTAL	1,637,000	1,651,701	-14,701	1,609,953

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 151,110,325 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

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	2,142	2,009	133	7,997	8,613	-616
Alaska	738	583	155	3,725	3,682	43
Arizona	3,608	3,675	-67	26,773	29,073	-2,300
Arkansas	1,226	983	243	6,374	7,085	-711
California	43,072	38,588	4,484	362,768	361,035	1,733
Colorado	3,078	2,605	473	26,446	26,310	136
Connecticut	2,391	2,090	301	21,249	21,045	204
Delaware	187	166	21	4,756	4,395	361
District of Columbia	770	535	235	6,364	6,206	158
Florida	9,377	5,535	3,842	34,462	36,383	-1,921
Georgia	4,675	3,982	693	27,389	27,974	-585
Hawaii	1,349	1,235	114	6,390	5,794	596
Idaho	805	843	-38	3,619	3,904	-285
Illinois	8,845	7,818	1,027	84,707	84,561	146
Indiana	5,950	3,297	2,653	23,747	20,383	3,364
Iowa	2,428	2,226	202	9,314	9,069	245
Kansas	1,618	1,036	582	6,244	6,025	219
Kentucky	3,426	1,390	2,036	8,873	7,576	1,297
Louisiana	1,524	1,664	-140	10,670	11,913	-1,243
Maine	468	417	51	3,928	3,891	37
Maryland	2,116	2,012	104	21,938	21,638	300
Massachusetts	4,838	4,941	-103	51,963	53,007	-1,044
Michigan	16,270	6,780	9,490	36,754	39,532	-2,778
Minnesota	3,417	3,172	245	35,250	33,240	2,010
Mississippi	953	859	94	5,659	6,229	-570
Missouri	3,743	2,318	1,425	14,764	15,290	-526
Montana	851	803	48	3,654	3,573	81
Nebraska	582	534	48	4,073	4,759	-686
Nevada	2,440	2,096	344	23,600	24,320	-720
New Hampshire	276	306	-30	2,788	2,970	-182
New Jersey	9,298	7,905	1,393	91,041	91,999	-958
New Mexico	925	753	172	9,788	9,630	158
New York	12,658	12,114	544	138,170	137,863	307
North Carolina	11,475	2,941	8,534	18,333	19,506	-1,173
North Dakota	271	210	61	1,544	1,455	89
Ohio	9,546	5,218	4,328	38,090	39,620	-1,530
Oklahoma	1,411	1,411	0	9,108	9,407	-299
Oregon	4,433	3,499	934	26,163	24,127	2,036
Pennsylvania	9,772	8,595	1,177	77,642	78,534	-892
Puerto Rico	1,277	1,271	6	16,244	17,660	-1,416
Rhode Island	676	638	38	7,739	7,674	65
South Carolina	2,504	1,368	1,136	12,690	13,353	-663
South Dakota	206	139	67	1,029	985	44
Tennessee	4,367	2,531	1,836	15,910	16,206	-296
Texas	14,765	13,575	1,190	144,095	142,578	1,517
Utah	1,511	1,280	231	10,361	10,356	5
Vermont	208	181	27	1,756	1,565	191
Virgin Islands	47	56	-9	446	404	42
Virginia	3,089	2,371	718	16,344	15,395	949
Washington	8,146	6,402	1,744	65,460	59,089	6,371
West Virginia	761	633	128	6,496	5,766	730
Wisconsin	4,020	3,307	713	20,793	19,695	1,098
Wyoming	251	314	-63	1,450	1,314	136
US Total	234,780	181,210	53,570	1,616,930	1,613,656	3,274

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	
September 30, 2023	216	3	216.50	1,800	11	1,794.25	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
October 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
November 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,821	-22	1,842.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-9	228.25	1,827	6	1,834.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	219	-3	225.00	1,819	-8	1,827.50	1.2
September 28, 2024	225	6	224.25	1,861	42	1,832.00	1.2
October 5, 2024	258	33	231.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 28						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 21						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,009	59	-77	7	6	8,613	0.4	-264	-39	29	17	8,659
Alaska	583	5	-12	2	1	3,682	1.2	107	87	22	5	3,709
Arizona	3,675	46	507	5	9	29,073	0.9	-917	2,063	58	43	29,174
Arkansas	983	-231	-79	1	2	7,085	0.6	125	-1,756	22	11	7,118
California	38,588	638	-366	51	88	361,035	2.0	2,556	-6,215	751	1,289	363,075
Colorado	2,605	52	702	3	7	26,310	0.9	325	3,710	76	159	26,545
Connecticut	2,090	-159	-65	1	0	21,045	1.3	-175	-1,413	26	21	21,092
Delaware	166	-26	-154	1	4	4,395	1.0	-26	448	7	3	4,405
District of Columbia	535	37	149	6	0	6,206	1.1	-124	771	151	3	6,360
Florida	5,535	-919	117	8	26	36,383	0.4	-1,296	-4,211	80	84	36,547
Georgia	3,982	-1,237	-683	16	10	27,974	0.6	-1,462	-3,791	104	93	28,171
Hawaii	1,235	59	-383	2	10	5,794	1.0	66	-8,278	34	61	5,889
Idaho	843	88	21	3	3	3,904	0.5	-15	28	8	4	3,916
Illinois	7,818	273	448	7	8	84,561	1.4	-1,809	5,672	285	109	84,955
Indiana	3,297	657	534	1	2	20,383	0.7	72	1,282	26	27	20,436
Iowa	2,226	568	802	1	0	9,069	0.6	-186	2,558	16	3	9,088
Kansas	1,036	-203	155	2	0	6,025	0.4	-52	1,543	19	16	6,060
Kentucky	1,390	-167	-13	1	1	7,576	0.4	-625	1,282	27	26	7,629
Louisiana	1,664	-39	98	0	2	11,913	0.6	-202	-851	20	12	11,945
Maine	417	41	21	0	0	3,891	0.6	-21	457	10	3	3,904
Maryland	2,012	-95	-5	18	2	21,638	0.8	-437	774	99	67	21,804
Massachusetts	4,941	165	2,854	6	8	53,007	1.5	-1,885	-4,290	50	98	53,155
Michigan	6,780	1,187	752	6	3	39,532	0.9	1,170	5,271	59	51	39,642
Minnesota	3,172	157	402	4	4	33,240	1.2	-638	4,139	67	39	33,346
Mississippi	859	-26	-109	1	2	6,229	0.5	-238	-55	23	13	6,265
Missouri	2,318	158	-301	3	2	15,290	0.5	-93	-1,327	51	25	15,366
Montana	803	65	412	4	1	3,573	0.7	155	784	16	5	3,594
Nebraska	534	-38	-53	0	1	4,759	0.5	-81	1,163	11	7	4,777
Nevada	2,096	-244	6	1	2	24,320	1.6	-256	3,724	38	55	24,413
New Hampshire	306	-16	-60	1	1	2,970	0.4	-44	446	0	2	2,972
New Jersey	7,905	-447	511	18	11	91,999	2.2	-1,644	5,713	199	148	92,346
New Mexico	753	-8	7	11	2	9,630	1.2	21	112	36	33	9,699
New York	12,114	-451	7	18	15	137,863	1.5	-1,262	-7,382	285	189	138,337
North Carolina	2,941	-322	57	1	0	19,506	0.4	-361	-207	47	108	19,661
North Dakota	210	-13	-34	1	1	1,455	0.4	-73	359	7	4	1,466
Ohio	5,218	-404	-1,737	5	8	39,620	0.7	739	4,409	49	59	39,728
Oklahoma	1,411	219	103	5	2	9,407	0.6	-148	329	28	40	9,475
Oregon	3,499	210	-20	4	2	24,127	1.2	16	-4,398	46	32	24,205
Pennsylvania	8,595	512	-289	12	14	78,534	1.3	-1,690	-463	243	121	78,898
Puerto Rico	1,271	-113	-238	2	5	17,660	1.9	192	772	110	49	17,819
Rhode Island	638	11	-40	3	1	7,674	1.8	-3	804	33	13	7,720
South Carolina	1,368	-300	-292	3	1	13,353	0.6	-285	363	26	44	13,423
South Dakota	139	-18	34	0	0	985	0.2	92	231	12	1	998
Tennessee	2,531	-217	288	2	5	16,206	0.5	-424	953	35	42	16,283
Texas	13,575	-532	154	34	71	142,578	1.1	-4,455	7,946	373	859	143,810
Utah	1,280	30	-158	9	4	10,356	0.6	-154	744	43	10	10,409
Vermont	181	-19	-43	0	0	1,565	0.5	-7	-263	0	0	1,565
Virgin Islands	56	-24	6	0	0	404	1.1	4	126	2	0	406
Virginia	2,371	-481	623	5	3	15,395	0.4	515	2,800	97	86	15,578
Washington	6,402	892	1,491	5	16	59,089	1.7	1,211	8,784	129	408	59,626
West Virginia	633	-122	7	1	0	5,766	0.9	-19	287	16	10	5,792
Wisconsin	3,307	157	380	10	3	19,695	0.7	-392	2,262	25	10	19,730
Wyoming	314	82	72	0	0	1,314	0.5	43	122	7	4	1,325
Totals	181,210	-503	6,509	311	369	1,613,656	1.1	-14,354	28,379	4,033	4,621	1,622,310

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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+1,187	Layoffs in the manufacturing and in management of companies and enterprises industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	-1,237	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing 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. 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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