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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

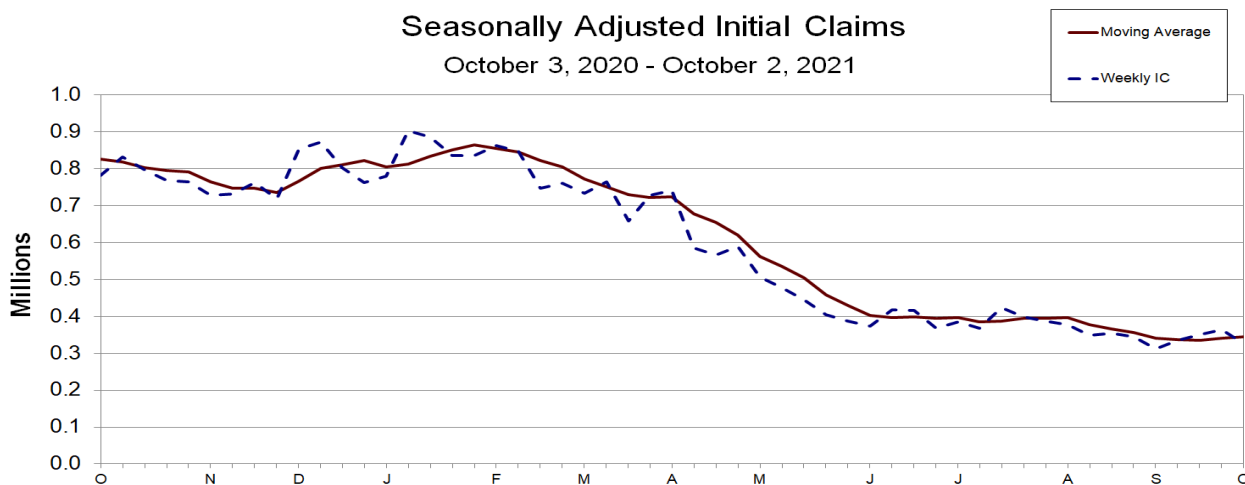
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 326,000, a decrease of 38,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 362,000 to 364,000. The 4-week moving average was 344,000, an increase of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 340,000 to 340,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.0 percent for the week ending September 25, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 2.0 to 2.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 25 was 2,714,000, a decrease of 97,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 9,000 from 2,802,000 to 2,811,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,765,000, a decrease of 34,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 21, 2020 when it was 2,071,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 2,797,250 to 2,799,500.

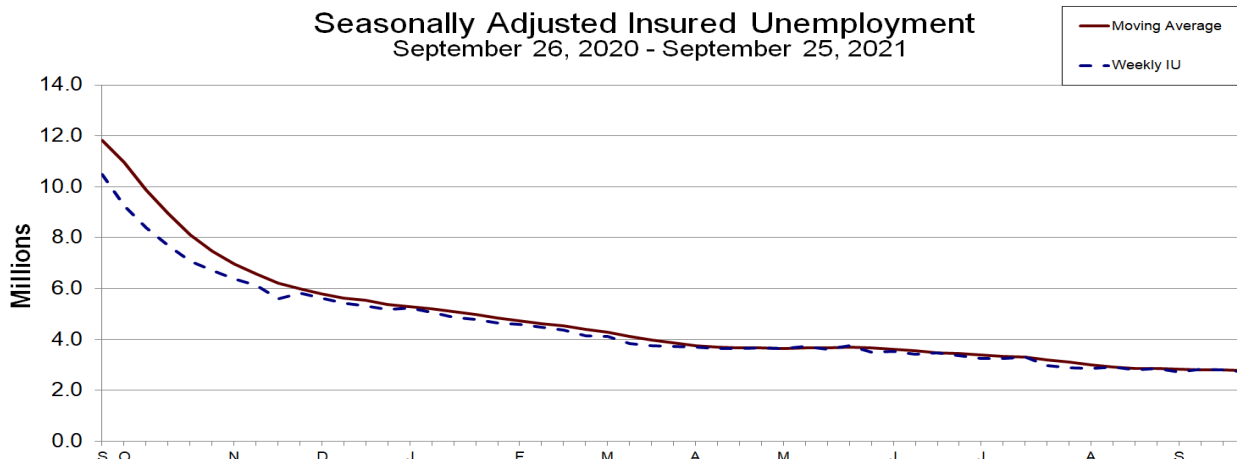
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

October 3, 2020 - October 2, 2021



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

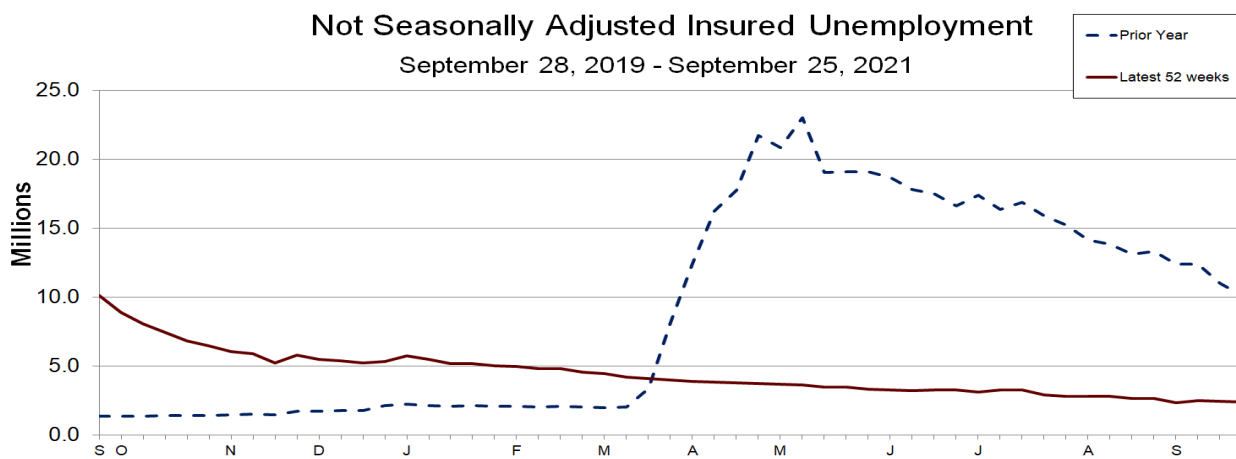
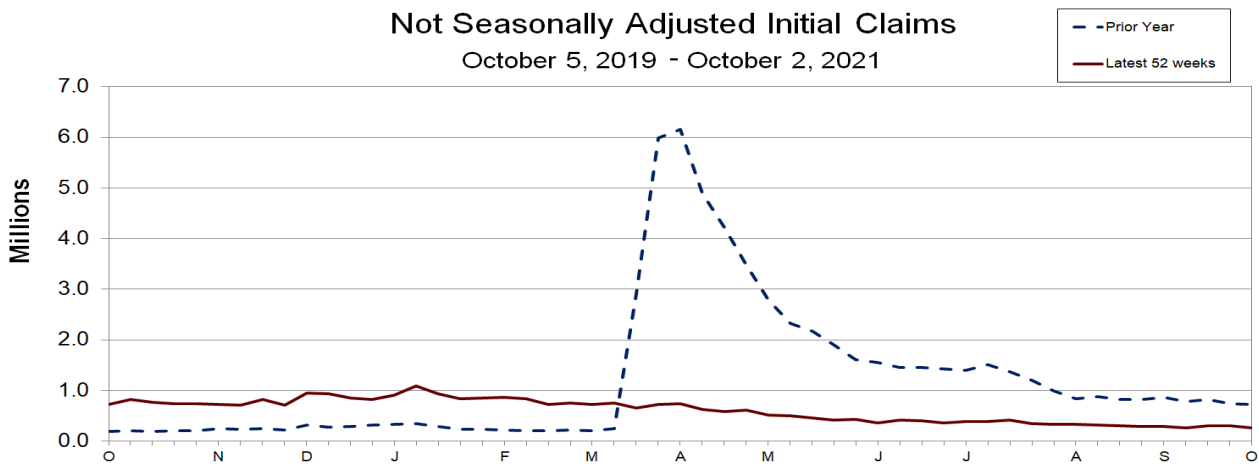
September 26, 2020 - September 25, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 258,909 in the week ending October 2, a decrease of 41,431 (or -13.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,711 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 723,981 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending October 2, 42 states reported 23,453 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending September 25, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,391,433, a decrease of 79,018 (or -3.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 17,918 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 7.0 percent and the volume was 10,156,754.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 18 was 4,172,943, a decrease of 854,638 from the previous week. There were 24,609,335 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending September 18, Extended Benefits were available in the following 4 states: Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 650 in the week ending September 25, a decrease of 108 from the prior week. There were 484 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 30 from the preceding week.

There were 8,375 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 18, a decrease of 106 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,569, a decrease of 82 from the prior week.

During the week ending September 18, 42 states reported 647,690 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 45 states reported 630,814 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 18 were in Puerto Rico (4.5), Illinois (4.2), California (3.1), Hawaii (3.0), New Jersey (2.9), Nevada (2.8), Alaska (2.7), Oregon (2.7), Louisiana (2.5), and New York (2.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 25 were in California (+9,907), Michigan (+6,115), Texas (+4,625), District of Columbia (+2,223), and Minnesota (+2,002), while the largest decreases were in Virginia (-7,245), Maryland (-5,617), Arizona (-4,241), Louisiana (-3,160), and Ohio (-2,853).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 2	September 25	Change	September 18	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	326,000	364,000	-38,000	351,000	782,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	258,909	300,340	-41,431	306,581	723,981
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	344,000	340,500	+3,500	335,750	826,250

WEEK ENDING	September 25	September 18	Change	September 11	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,714,000	2,811,000	-97,000	2,820,000	10,477,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,391,433	2,470,451	-79,018	2,509,919	10,156,754
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,765,000	2,799,500	-34,500	2,798,000	11,829,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.0%	2.1%	-0.1	2.1%	7.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.7%	1.8%	-0.1	1.8%	7.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 2	September 25	Change	September 18	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	23,453	17,687	+5,766	14,793	377,722

WEEK ENDING	September 25	September 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	650	758	-108	1,072
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	484	454	+30	951

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

WEEK ENDING	September 18	September 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,463,667	2,500,927	-37,260	10,976,264
Federal Employees	8,375	8,481	-106	12,152
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,569	5,651	-82	12,899
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	647,690	1,059,248	-411,558	10,806,180
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	630,814	991,813	-360,999	2,215,139
Extended Benefits ⁵	390,656	431,340	-40,684	374,244
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,941	1,359	+582	2,796
STC / Workshare ⁷	24,231	28,762	-4,531	209,661
TOTAL⁸	4,172,943	5,027,581	-854,638	24,609,335

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 137,027,194 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 9-10 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 October 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,684	4,000	-316	4,826	6,789	-1,963
Alaska	1,345	1,237	108	6,859	7,645	-786
Arizona	3,151	4,039	-888	21,680	26,371	-4,691
Arkansas	993	1,465	-472	11,380	13,516	-2,136
California	68,208	78,721	-10,513	546,897	492,804	54,093
Colorado	1,999	1,967	32	29,418	31,177	-1,759
Connecticut	2,330	2,303	27	29,942	32,076	-2,134
Delaware	420	880	-460	5,127	4,991	136
District of Columbia	3,910	7,861	-3,951	13,641	11,933	1,708
Florida	6,509	7,713	-1,204	52,976	58,928	-5,952
Georgia	5,751	6,106	-355	68,598	57,647	10,951
Hawaii	2,420	3,986	-1,566	15,312	15,626	-314
Idaho	738	818	-80	2,602	2,969	-367
Illinois	6,918	8,292	-1,374	242,469	228,889	13,580
Indiana	3,475	3,433	42	37,271	40,054	-2,783
Iowa	1,767	1,655	112	9,723	10,074	-351
Kansas	964	1,318	-354	6,419	6,438	-19
Kentucky	2,696	3,648	-952	12,949	13,406	-457
Louisiana	2,949	3,947	-998	38,671	43,003	-4,332
Maine	588	507	81	5,869	6,776	-907
Maryland	2,465	4,272	-1,807	38,657	41,233	-2,576
Massachusetts	4,505	4,819	-314	56,083	58,953	-2,870
Michigan	15,163	18,410	-3,247	57,813	60,723	-2,910
Minnesota	4,540	5,662	-1,122	50,875	51,672	-797
Mississippi	980	1,603	-623	8,665	9,698	-1,033
Missouri	2,615	5,466	-2,851	20,809	28,311	-7,502
Montana	777	689	88	3,161	3,490	-329
Nebraska	1,030	1,058	-28	3,962	4,181	-219
Nevada	1,911	3,647	-1,736	31,254	35,074	-3,820
New Hampshire	343	436	-93	2,799	3,226	-427
New Jersey	7,340	7,487	-147	101,026	106,664	-5,638
New Mexico	1,472	1,676	-204	14,110	14,852	-742
New York	13,710	15,392	-1,682	191,890	214,231	-22,341
North Carolina	3,767	3,920	-153	31,161	34,670	-3,509
North Dakota	267	244	23	1,451	1,531	-80
Ohio	8,873	10,212	-1,339	45,825	78,406	-32,581
Oklahoma	1,902	2,090	-188	16,895	19,394	-2,499
Oregon	4,350	6,207	-1,857	43,785	49,331	-5,546
Pennsylvania	13,203	11,588	1,615	125,814	122,330	3,484
Puerto Rico	862	970	-108	35,042	36,799	-1,757
Rhode Island	597	977	-380	9,395	9,487	-92
South Carolina	1,157	1,132	25	19,633	22,281	-2,648
South Dakota	115	120	-5	705	838	-133
Tennessee	4,637	4,215	422	24,266	31,640	-7,374
Texas	18,387	21,486	-3,099	130,379	150,317	-19,938
Utah	1,187	1,090	97	6,268	6,961	-693
Vermont	322	364	-42	3,024	3,098	-74
Virgin Islands	81	124	-43	1,056	758	298
Virginia	9,748	8,717	1,031	45,533	47,241	-1,708
Washington	4,996	5,096	-100	66,902	69,642	-2,740
West Virginia	661	822	-161	7,371	7,586	-215
Wisconsin	5,829	6,132	-303	31,798	33,403	-1,605
Wyoming	302	321	-19	1,397	1,317	80
US Total	258,909	300,340	-41,431	2,391,433	2,470,450	-79,017

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 26, 2020	803	-57	851.00	10,477	-904	11,829.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,811	-9	2,799.50	2.1
September 25, 2021	364	13	340.50	2,714	-97	2,765.00	2.0
October 2, 2021	326	-38	344.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 2			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 18	Sep 11	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	24	19	5	1,397	3,506	-2,109
Arizona	0	0	0	0	1,203	-1,203
Arkansas	20	25	-5	348	553	-205
California	12,826	7,530	5,296	336,980	513,583	-176,603
Colorado	2	0	2	121	136	-15
Connecticut	49	36	13	625	980	-355
Delaware	11	16	-5	50	160	-110
District of Columbia	13	11	2	1,521	3,113	-1,592
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	241	251	-10	7,169	4,237	2,932
Hawaii	125	161	-36	6,023	8,012	-1,989
Idaho	6	11	-5	5	29	-24
Illinois	234	237	-3	23,062	36,993	-13,931
Indiana	586	784	-198	12,329	5,582	6,747
Iowa	21	49	-28	69	37	32
Kansas	526	436	90	712	831	-119
Kentucky	29	29	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	6	5	1	172	1,203	-1,031
Maine	69	80	-11	117	362	-245
Maryland	12	21	-9	13,509	14,682	-1,173
Massachusetts	923	811	112	27,666	42,410	-14,744
Michigan	3,248	1,762	1,486	13,034	82,785	-69,751
Minnesota	0	0	0	1,017	2,062	-1,045
Mississippi	0	0	0	16	5	11
Missouri	44	55	-11	1,287	1,326	-39
Montana	5	5	0	325	483	-158
Nebraska	0	1	-1	20	24	-4
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	23	14	9	12	32	-20
New Jersey	49	229	-180	33,874	58,040	-24,166
New Mexico	271	503	-232	2,523	4,698	-2,175
New York	334	367	-33	26,719	79,116	-52,397
North Carolina	4	4	0	720	2,576	-1,856
North Dakota	2	2	0	105	12	93
Ohio	222	184	38	46,057	60,271	-14,214
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	637	599	38	28,974	33,197	-4,223
Pennsylvania	716	957	-241	8,346	19,779	-11,433
Puerto Rico	536	437	99	38,074	52,458	-14,384
Rhode Island	66	57	9	179	575	-396
South Carolina	5	3	2	55	91	-36
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	27	28	-1	4,054	10,055	-6,001
Texas	43	54	-11	809	776	33
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	3	0	3	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1	1	0	0	0	0
Virginia	295	520	-225	0	1	-1
Washington	726	841	-115	4,331	7,717	-3,386
West Virginia	1	0	1	54	130	-76
Wisconsin	472	552	-80	5,227	5,424	-197
Wyoming	0	0	0	3	3	0
US Total	23,453	17,687	5,766	647,690	1,059,248	-411,558

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

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	September 18	September 11	Change	September 4	August 28
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	221	518	-297	8,558	9,450
Arizona	640	1,483	-843	11,423	13,236
Arkansas	481	499	-18	781	354
California	400,150	501,493	-101,343	1,277,140	1,093,677
Colorado	800	1,686	-886	70,923	78,421
Connecticut	944	1,634	-690	48,841	56,980
Delaware	410	410	0	3,387	7,039
District of Columbia	60	95	-35	199	1,626
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	1,258	4,244	-2,986	3,018	3,239
Idaho	20	45	-25	150	250
Illinois	7,276	128,389	-121,113	245,219	256,819
Indiana	1,866	2,292	-426	46,804	50,008
Iowa	1,031	1,116	-85	1,408	1,737
Kansas	1,518	1,951	-433	9,398	9,471
Kentucky	1,885	12,139	-10,254	22,570	23,298
Louisiana	61	1,042	-981	13,999	22,161
Maine	114	614	-500	13,338	14,452
Maryland	5,159	6,405	-1,246	47,022	58,023
Massachusetts	1,200	5,904	-4,704	172,123	183,527
Michigan	7,186	62,813	-55,627	121,837	181,145
Minnesota	2,035	5,514	-3,479	101,127	109,988
Mississippi	0	0	0	1	2
Missouri	926	855	71	975	2,252
Montana	74	42	32	159	211
Nebraska	67	84	-17	63	98
Nevada	0	1,918	-1,918	37,472	75,919
New Hampshire	22	74	-52	717	735
New Jersey	42,593	61,426	-18,833	183,539	232,590
New Mexico	138	286	-148	22,575	28,860
New York	54,990	57,805	-2,815	687,442	715,299
North Carolina	801	16	785	111,593	124,002
North Dakota	2	5	-3	35	13
Ohio	29,872	58,349	-28,477	72,255	77,194
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,842	4,307	-2,465	61,018	63,738
Pennsylvania	14,464	22,368	-7,904	163,035	202,563
Puerto Rico	9,915	18,205	-8,290	31,560	47,155
Rhode Island	245	268	-23	16,580	17,203
South Carolina	16	24	-8	119	74
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	148	153	-5	140	83
Texas	658	865	-207	614	1,086
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	517	861	-344	2,608	3,291
Virgin Islands	18	54	-36	29	47
Virginia	29,666	5,584	24,082	8,265	13,255
Washington	378	525	-147	559	576
West Virginia	149	27	122	114	140
Wisconsin	8,996	17,421	-8,425	23,817	24,503
Wyoming	2	5	-3	6	5
US Total	630,814	991,813	-360,999	3,644,555	3,805,795

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) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	September 18	September 11	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	2,021	1,619	402
Arizona	92	177	-85
Arkansas	11	18	-7
California	76,910	236,507	-159,597
Colorado	18	45	-27
Connecticut	5,185	15,658	-10,473
Delaware	1	2	-1
District of Columbia	6	10	-4
Florida	352	356	-4
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	8	14	-6
Idaho	16	24	-8
Illinois	69,542	1,485	68,057
Indiana	2	13	-11
Iowa	8	11	-3
Kansas	7	8	-1
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	32	22	10
Maine	6	6	0
Maryland	70	64	6
Massachusetts	1	5	-4
Michigan	27	36	-9
Minnesota	1	9	-8
Mississippi	19	12	7
Missouri	26	23	3
Montana	5	7	-2
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	20,949	29,909	-8,960
New Hampshire	16	13	3
New Jersey	82,435	73,267	9,168
New Mexico	6,656	4,265	2,391
New York	403	700	-297
North Carolina	90	107	-17
North Dakota	1	2	-1
Ohio	114	142	-28
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	71	30	41
Pennsylvania	267	101	166
Puerto Rico	457	1,060	-603
Rhode Island	46	66	-20
South Carolina	54	57	-3
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	28	43	-15
Texas	124,272	65,040	59,232
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	2	7	-5
Virgin Islands	0	10	-10
Virginia	340	87	253
Washington	0	102	-102
West Virginia	2	1	1
Wisconsin	87	199	-112
Wyoming	0	1	-1
US Total	390,656	431,340	-40,684

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 25

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 18

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	4,000	-234	-4,805	17	26	6,789	0.4	-288	-28,208	41	16	6,846
Alaska	1,237	0	-2,363	8	1	7,645	2.7	-1,119	-14,887	104	12	7,761
Arizona	4,039	-4,241	-4,169	10	2	26,371	0.9	-2,409	-149,466	94	46	26,511
Arkansas	1,465	-90	-4,672	1	0	13,516	1.2	-1,070	-24,459	63	21	13,600
California	78,721	9,907	-92,499	128	75	492,804	3.1	-48,866	-1,781,788	1,635	1,101	495,540
Colorado	1,967	-761	-2,895	4	6	31,177	1.2	-596	-112,679	157	109	31,443
Connecticut	2,303	-156	-2,712	9	3	32,076	2.1	-2,801	-129,706	117	34	32,227
Delaware	880	164	-935	2	1	4,991	1.2	-226	-21,833	34	12	5,037
District of Columbia	7,861	2,223	5,972	12	1	11,933	2.3	-5,133	-48,235	247	4	12,184
Florida	7,713	-1,603	-24,660	33	29	58,928	0.7	8,490	-314,266	176	200	59,304
Georgia	6,106	-458	-37,420	23	14	57,647	1.4	-8,877	-421,085	303	177	58,127
Hawaii	3,986	460	-1,696	4	4	15,626	3.0	1,376	-108,992	84	96	15,806
Idaho	818	-36	-2,177	2	5	2,969	0.4	-173	-6,926	15	9	2,993
Illinois	8,292	-1,074	-21,098	9	9	228,889	4.2	81,548	-273,425	765	155	229,809
Indiana	3,433	-434	-6,776	2	5	40,054	1.4	-2,736	-110,409	154	43	40,251
Iowa	1,655	-89	-2,961	3	3	10,074	0.7	-374	-48,345	42	28	10,144
Kansas	1,318	113	-5,333	0	0	6,438	0.5	-551	-33,080	32	14	6,484
Kentucky	3,648	-623	-3,872	1	2	13,406	0.7	-28	-87,532	43	52	13,501
Louisiana	3,947	-3,160	-12,349	3	1	43,003	2.5	-31	-171,857	77	13	43,093
Maine	507	-51	-1,077	0	1	6,776	1.2	-1,330	-17,925	24	8	6,808
Maryland	4,272	-5,617	-5,008	26	4	41,233	1.8	-3,973	-127,799	296	140	41,669
Massachusetts	4,819	-2,313	-20,641	11	7	58,953	1.8	-1,099	-268,668	169	78	59,200
Michigan	18,410	6,115	-1,350	7	8	60,723	1.6	-10,398	-379,922	35	43	60,801
Minnesota	5,662	2,002	-3,677	8	4	51,672	1.9	-1,197	-123,107	133	74	51,879
Mississippi	1,603	5	-3,050	3	3	9,698	0.9	-1,125	-65,477	50	8	9,756
Missouri	5,466	1,349	-1,887	2	2	28,311	1.1	4,069	-43,002	76	19	28,406
Montana	689	-61	-2,564	11	1	3,490	0.8	-289	-16,705	20	9	3,519
Nebraska	1,058	-259	-1,943	3	2	4,181	0.4	-38	-15,714	17	3	4,201
Nevada	3,647	1,254	-3,878	9	1	35,074	2.8	-3,349	-155,539	60	54	35,188
New Hampshire	436	0	-1,757	1	1	3,226	0.5	-265	-31,902	7	1	3,234
New Jersey	7,487	-976	-19,697	35	18	106,664	2.9	-9,299	-215,750	228	206	107,098
New Mexico	1,676	-296	-1,391	6	1	14,852	2.0	-488	-62,014	83	33	14,968
New York	15,392	891	-49,286	8	24	214,231	2.5	-9,599	-832,766	212	305	214,748
North Carolina	3,920	310	-8,707	8	5	34,670	0.8	-2,820	-99,484	99	102	34,871
North Dakota	244	19	-612	2	0	1,531	0.4	-166	-9,857	7	1	1,539
Ohio	10,212	-2,853	-7,757	10	22	78,406	1.5	-23,338	-182,627	167	128	78,701
Oklahoma	2,090	-81	-3,168	11	4	19,394	1.3	-1,926	-78,518	160	50	19,604
Oregon	6,207	-1,729	469	31	12	49,331	2.7	-8,989	-103,312	223	82	49,636
Pennsylvania	11,588	449	-11,367	37	21	122,330	2.3	15,956	-360,369	253	99	122,682
Puerto Rico	970	-71	207	3	4	36,799	4.5	-1,212	-68,231	272	123	37,194
Rhode Island	977	151	-2,121	3	4	9,487	2.2	-721	-22,477	54	28	9,569
South Carolina	1,132	-493	-3,773	6	8	22,281	1.1	-2,193	-62,771	35	70	22,386
South Dakota	120	-50	-147	1	0	838	0.2	-165	-5,329	19	1	858
Tennessee	4,215	-102	-6,096	13	3	31,640	1.0	-1,234	-120,050	46	56	31,742
Texas	21,486	4,625	-19,865	80	102	150,317	1.3	11,110	-751,952	800	1,083	152,200
Utah	1,090	-70	-1,370	9	1	6,961	0.5	311	-18,842	51	10	7,022
Vermont	364	16	-237	0	0	3,098	1.1	-259	-17,518	0	0	3,098
Virgin Islands	124	8	-222	0	0	758	2.1	-338	-3,682	0	0	758
Virginia	8,717	-7,245	-660	12	7	47,241	1.3	9,672	-126,476	234	208	47,683
Washington	5,096	84	-15,906	10	25	69,642	2.2	-7,807	-167,286	210	369	70,221
West Virginia	822	-54	-1,081	0	0	7,586	1.2	-641	-33,306	52	19	7,657
Wisconsin	6,132	-1,133	-5,053	10	1	33,403	1.2	-2,348	-85,701	94	15	33,512
Wyoming	321	27	-480	3	1	1,317	0.5	-117	-6,012	6	2	1,325
Totals	300,340	-6,241	-432,572	650	484	2,470,450	1.8	-39,469	-8,567,268	8,375	5,569	2,484,394

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 25, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+9,907	No comment.
MI	+6,115	Layoffs in the manufacturing and wholesale trade industries.
TX	+4,625	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
DC	+2,223	No comment.
MN	+2,002	No comment.
MO	+1,349	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
NV	+1,254	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
VA	-7,245	No comment.
MD	-5,617	No comment.
AZ	-4,241	No comment.
LA	-3,160	No comment.
OH	-2,853	No comment.
MA	-2,313	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodations and food services, and other services industries.
OR	-1,729	No comment.
FL	-1,603	No comment.
WI	-1,133	Fewer layoffs in the other services and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IL	-1,074	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.

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