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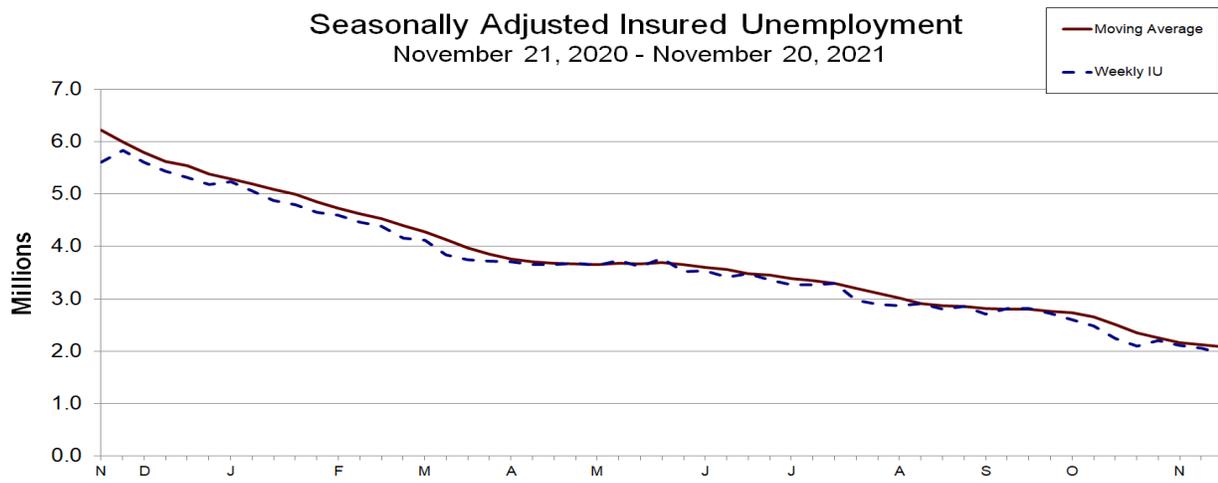
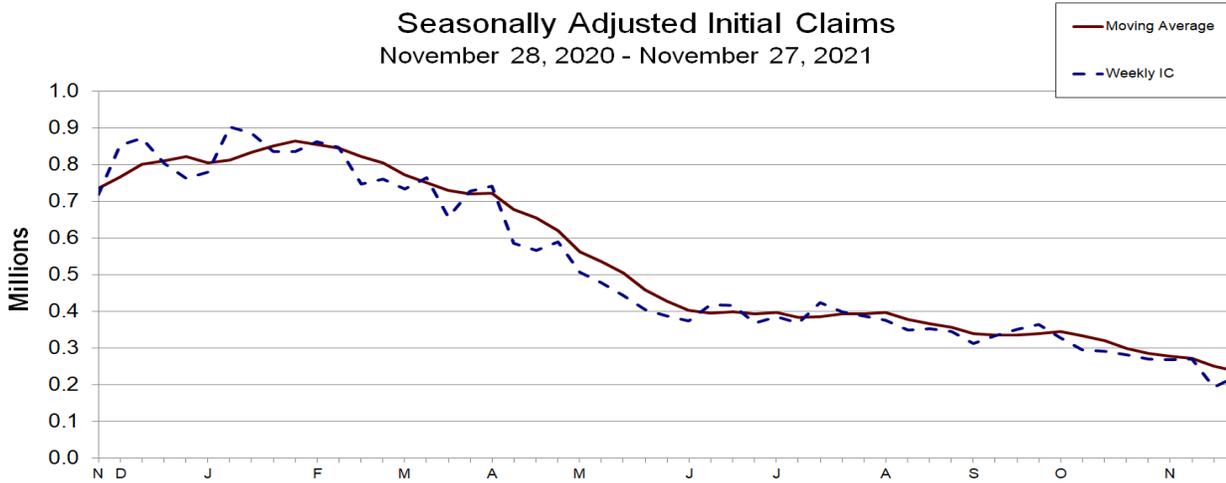
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 222,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 199,000 to 194,000. The 4-week moving average was 238,750, a decrease of 12,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 252,250 to 251,000.

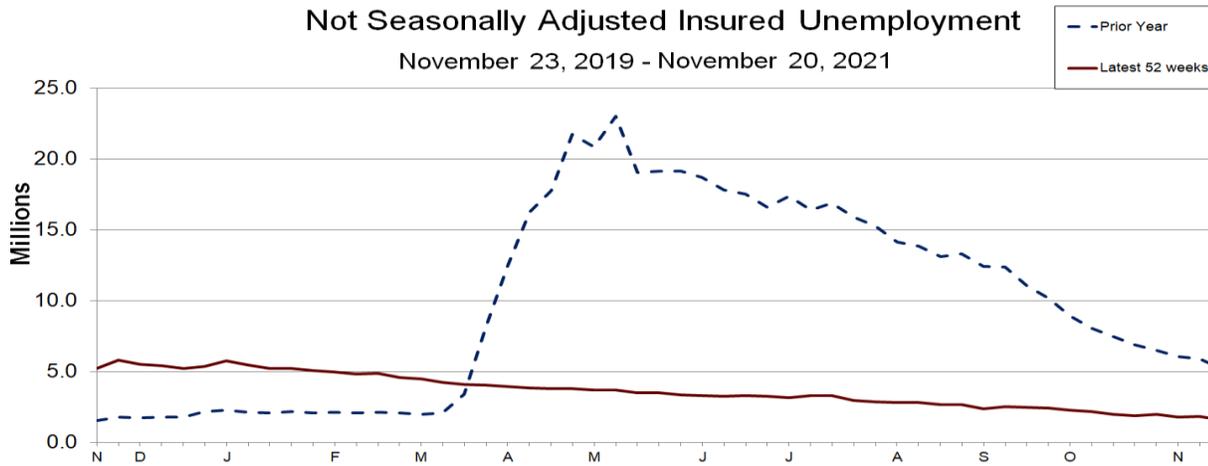
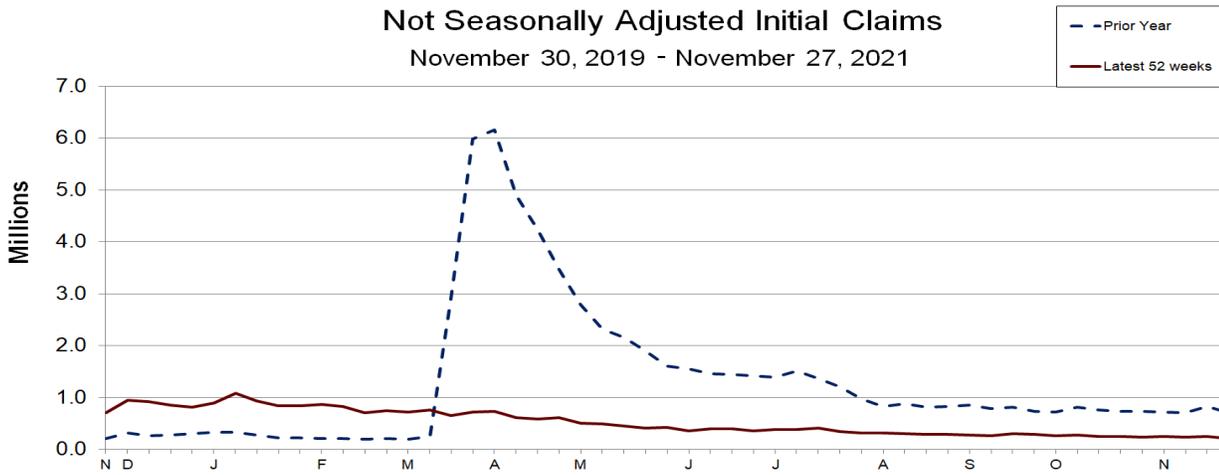
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending November 20, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 20 was 1,956,000, a decrease of 107,000 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 14,000 from 2,049,000 to 2,063,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,084,250, a decrease of 36,250 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 3,500 from 2,117,000 to 2,120,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 211,896 in the week ending November 27, a decrease of 41,622 (or -16.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 69,304 (or -27.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 711,416 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending November 27, 31 states reported 1,406 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending November 20, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,563,000, a decrease of 265,775 (or -14.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 157,942 (or -8.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 3.6 percent and the volume was 5,233,689.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending November 13 was 2,306,353, an increase of 21,564 from the previous week. There were 20,756,040 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending November 13, 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 947 in the week ending November 20, a decrease of 63 from the prior week. There were 392 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 1 from the preceding week.

There were 8,495 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending November 13, an increase of 641 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,101, an increase of 264 from the prior week.

During the week ending November 13, 42 states reported 170,300 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 42 states reported 146,449 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 13 were in Puerto Rico (3.7), District of Columbia (3.5), the Virgin Islands (3.3), Alaska (2.8), California (2.7), New Jersey (2.4), Hawaii (2.3), Illinois (2.3), Nevada (2.0), and Pennsylvania (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 20 were in Virginia (+12,703), New Jersey (+2,061), Michigan (+1,926), Oklahoma (+1,490), and Minnesota (+1,465), while the largest decreases were in California (-7,233), Kentucky (-3,910), District of Columbia (-1,679), Missouri (-1,519), and Massachusetts (-1,410).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 27	November 20	Change	November 13	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	222,000	194,000	+28,000	270,000	719,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	211,896	253,518	-41,622	240,435	711,416
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	238,750	251,000	-12,250	273,250	735,250

WEEK ENDING	November 20	November 13	Change	November 6	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,956,000	2,063,000	-107,000	2,109,000	5,606,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,563,000	1,828,775	-265,775	1,783,320	5,233,689
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,084,250	2,120,500	-36,250	2,164,500	6,214,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.6%	3.8%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.4%	-0.2	1.3%	3.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 27	November 20	Change	November 13	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	1,406	1,616	-210	1,380	280,997

WEEK ENDING	November 20	November 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	947	1,010	-63	2,806
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	392	393	-1	823

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

WEEK ENDING	November 13	November 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,823,817	1,778,063	+45,754	5,876,710
Federal Employees	8,495	7,854	+641	14,494
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,101	4,837	+264	11,154
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	170,300	187,243	-16,943	9,142,751
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	146,449	151,556	-5,107	4,901,839
Extended Benefits ⁵	131,428	134,116	-2,688	681,078
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,855	2,985	-130	2,625
STC / Workshare ⁷	17,908	18,135	-227	125,389
TOTAL⁸	2,306,353	2,284,789	+21,564	20,756,040

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 135,015,266 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 November 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended November 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,047	3,904	-1,857	4,086	5,885	-1,799
Alaska	1,389	1,451	-62	7,861	7,782	79
Arizona	1,844	2,757	-913	12,479	16,730	-4,251
Arkansas	1,453	1,408	45	8,192	10,885	-2,693
California	47,922	52,490	-4,568	343,392	433,140	-89,748
Colorado	1,641	2,083	-442	19,343	20,365	-1,022
Connecticut	2,977	2,706	271	22,185	22,469	-284
Delaware	461	357	104	3,872	4,084	-212
District of Columbia	634	1,400	-766	13,976	17,966	-3,990
Florida	3,808	5,831	-2,023	38,695	50,579	-11,884
Georgia	2,337	4,249	-1,912	25,237	33,596	-8,359
Hawaii	1,213	1,544	-331	9,061	11,242	-2,181
Idaho	1,538	1,329	209	3,611	3,701	-90
Illinois	10,958	10,606	352	91,444	122,461	-31,017
Indiana	3,382	3,566	-184	23,083	26,895	-3,812
Iowa	1,898	2,853	-955	9,209	9,513	-304
Kansas	750	970	-220	4,424	5,183	-759
Kentucky	1,279	1,349	-70	8,247	13,629	-5,382
Louisiana	1,358	2,001	-643	17,648	20,293	-2,645
Maine	815	936	-121	4,781	4,888	-107
Maryland	2,000	2,259	-259	21,168	25,431	-4,263
Massachusetts	6,642	7,388	-746	53,671	56,373	-2,702
Michigan	8,915	11,654	-2,739	36,538	47,991	-11,453
Minnesota	7,429	8,166	-737	51,823	47,695	4,128
Mississippi	943	1,166	-223	4,518	5,868	-1,350
Missouri	2,626	3,108	-482	12,966	16,795	-3,829
Montana	1,545	1,408	137	4,989	4,804	185
Nebraska	695	868	-173	3,101	3,424	-323
Nevada	2,021	2,296	-275	20,948	23,620	-2,672
New Hampshire	363	466	-103	2,278	2,414	-136
New Jersey	6,537	8,994	-2,457	83,194	87,869	-4,675
New Mexico	1,580	1,705	-125	10,614	11,331	-717
New York	13,115	14,964	-1,849	139,781	144,464	-4,683
North Carolina	8,116	5,722	2,394	19,805	22,570	-2,765
North Dakota	791	703	88	2,111	1,646	465
Ohio	7,494	7,223	271	30,859	38,942	-8,083
Oklahoma	1,249	3,318	-2,069	12,108	14,646	-2,538
Oregon	3,540	4,419	-879	30,167	32,463	-2,296
Pennsylvania	9,956	10,688	-732	82,009	107,952	-25,943
Puerto Rico	573	915	-342	17,631	29,620	-11,989
Rhode Island	749	753	-4	7,070	7,319	-249
South Carolina	776	1,263	-487	10,750	13,154	-2,404
South Dakota	218	304	-86	873	1,009	-136
Tennessee	3,967	4,179	-212	17,012	20,367	-3,355
Texas	9,919	15,910	-5,991	108,303	118,513	-10,210
Utah	1,058	1,397	-339	5,913	5,988	-75
Vermont	699	539	160	2,281	2,502	-221
Virgin Islands	32	54	-22	554	1,148	-594
Virginia *	3,966	13,094	-9,128	19,301	7,312	11,989
Washington	5,125	5,830	-705	43,731	48,514	-4,783
West Virginia	580	921	-341	6,792	6,617	175
Wisconsin	8,576	7,468	1,108	27,163	27,362	-199
Wyoming	397	586	-189	2,152	1,766	386
US Total	211,896	253,518	-41,622	1,563,000	1,828,775	-265,775

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.

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 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	2,727	-84	2,768.25	2.0
October 2, 2021	329	-35	344.75	2,603	-124	2,740.25	1.9
October 9, 2021	296	-33	335.00	2,480	-123	2,655.25	1.8
October 16, 2021	291	-5	320.00	2,239	-241	2,512.25	1.7
October 23, 2021	283	-8	299.75	2,101	-138	2,355.75	1.6
October 30, 2021	271	-12	285.25	2,209	108	2,257.25	1.6
November 6, 2021	269	-2	278.50	2,109	-100	2,164.50	1.6
November 13, 2021	270	1	273.25	2,063	-46	2,120.50	1.5
November 20, 2021	194	-76	251.00	1,956	-107	2,084.25	1.4
November 27, 2021	222	28	238.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 27			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Nov 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Nov 13	Nov 6	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0	1	0	1
Arizona	1	0	1	2,360	2,057	303
Arkansas	0	0	0	303	69	234
California	53	128	-75	83,269	108,418	-25,149
Colorado	0	1	-1	673	387	286
Connecticut	19	19	0	281	122	159
Delaware	2	2	0	158	146	12
District of Columbia	6	38	-32	2,793	845	1,948
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	77	100	-23	3,852	3,866	-14
Hawaii	2	3	-1	958	998	-40
Idaho	3	4	-1	6	8	-2
Illinois	1	0	1	70	40	30
Indiana	121	98	23	14,652	9,561	5,091
Iowa	17	20	-3	45	7	38
Kansas	0	0	0	509	272	237
Kentucky	232	545	-313	3,563	2,697	866
Louisiana	5	7	-2	87	26	61
Maine	17	23	-6	13	43	-30
Maryland	14	17	-3	6,138	6,258	-120
Massachusetts	0	1	-1	404	404	0
Michigan	20	39	-19	892	962	-70
Minnesota	0	0	0	133	137	-4
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	474	38	436	1,289	989	300
Montana	1	1	0	44	28	16
Nebraska	0	1	-1	6	1	5
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	34	46	-12	6	0	6
New Jersey	62	106	-44	11,893	13,992	-2,099
New Mexico	0	3	-3	230	100	130
New York	20	25	-5	5,900	5,672	228
North Carolina	15	17	-2	1,304	1,275	29
North Dakota	0	0	0	43	51	-8
Ohio	5	19	-14	20,700	19,439	1,261
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	92	114	-22	1,453	844	609
Pennsylvania	4	4	0	2,782	2,444	338
Puerto Rico	1	0	1	0	1,810	-1,810
Rhode Island	5	12	-7	69	57	12
South Carolina	0	0	0	37	85	-48
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	16	33	-17	82	27	55
Texas	26	73	-47	671	599	72
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	59	76	-17	1,355	1,382	-27
West Virginia	0	0	0	40	0	40
Wisconsin	2	3	-1	1,232	1,122	110
Wyoming	0	0	0	4	3	1
US Total	1,406	1,616	-210	170,300	187,243	-16,943

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:				
	November 13	November 6	Change	October 30	October 23
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	49	36	13	169	73
Arizona	476	98	378	179	178
Arkansas	1,149	92	1,057	257	296
California	46,343	55,268	-8,925	77,331	69,390
Colorado	936	772	164	697	933
Connecticut	174	252	-78	187	281
Delaware	513	452	61	524	376
District of Columbia	30	28	2	30	81
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	480	330	150	680	419
Idaho	2	0	2	0	0
Illinois	870	705	165	958	910
Indiana	1,779	1,327	452	1,019	418
Iowa	470	449	21	606	599
Kansas	763	566	197	778	676
Kentucky	1,214	1,099	115	1,448	1,456
Louisiana	26	20	6	20	82
Maine	43	14	29	5	42
Maryland	3,628	2,584	1,044	4,229	3,823
Massachusetts	266	266	0	381	506
Michigan	164	110	54	134	140
Minnesota	482	145	337	365	373
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	1,449	385	1,064	535	508
Montana	7	1	6	43	6
Nebraska	60	2	58	14	37
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	30	4	26	18	11
New Jersey	24,133	22,786	1,347	21,668	26,111
New Mexico	27	9	18	35	39
New York	51,295	52,233	-938	55,552	60,088
North Carolina	1,110	376	734	365	250
North Dakota	41	0	41	0	0
Ohio	1,440	1,082	358	1,398	1,510
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	982	693	289	675	695
Pennsylvania	3,804	3,767	37	4,256	5,066
Puerto Rico	0	3,279	-3,279	5,725	6,776
Rhode Island	85	71	14	90	95
South Carolina	17	8	9	4	51
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	29	30	-1	85	46
Texas	536	681	-145	667	797
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	211	89	122	144	290
Virgin Islands	0	5	-5	11	10
Virginia	0	0	0	89,618	71,335
Washington	259	199	60	537	301
West Virginia	8	0	8	216	18
Wisconsin	1,065	1,235	-170	1,317	1,403
Wyoming	4	8	-4	4	1
US Total	146,449	151,556	-5,107	272,974	256,496

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:		
	November 13	November 6	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,836	1,991	-155
Arizona	11	32	-21
Arkansas	2	2	0
California	4,452	4,777	-325
Colorado	6	8	-2
Connecticut	19,862	20,654	-792
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	2	2	0
Florida	230	248	-18
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	1	0
Idaho	3	3	0
Illinois	117	123	-6
Indiana	2	0	2
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	0	2	-2
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	12	12	0
Maine	7	6	1
Maryland	30	30	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	0	23	-23
Minnesota	22	0	22
Mississippi	4	4	0
Missouri	0	3	-3
Montana	1	2	-1
Nebraska	1	0	1
Nevada	45	45	0
New Hampshire	7	9	-2
New Jersey	95,892	97,183	-1,291
New Mexico	7,138	7,149	-11
New York	138	53	85
North Carolina	57	57	0
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	136	184	-48
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	7	9	-2
Pennsylvania	262	196	66
Puerto Rico	238	218	20
Rhode Island	10	6	4
South Carolina	38	0	38
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	10	15	-5
Texas	768	755	13
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	4	3	1
Virgin Islands	4	0	4
Virginia	0	237	-237
Washington	18	0	18
West Virginia	1	2	-1
Wisconsin	26	68	-42
Wyoming	1	2	-1
US Total	131,403	134,116	-2,713

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
NOVEMBER 13

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	3,904	679	-7,909	4	9	5,885	0.3	-175	-19,762	28	22	5,935
Alaska	1,451	28	-3,080	10	0	7,782	2.8	421	-12,049	151	13	7,946
Arizona	2,757	169	-4,397	13	2	16,730	0.6	86	-74,755	141	23	16,894
Arkansas	1,408	358	-2,868	3	0	10,885	0.9	-258	-13,354	54	30	10,969
California	52,490	-7,233	-115,696	210	64	433,140	2.7	29,119	-844,269	1,832	1,102	436,074
Colorado	2,083	-92	-13,183	11	7	20,365	0.8	-2,138	-65,717	233	147	20,745
Connecticut	2,706	139	-3,935	2	4	22,469	1.5	-23	-56,273	98	44	22,611
Delaware	357	-40	-1,512	0	2	4,084	1.0	172	-8,908	15	11	4,110
District of Columbia	1,400	-1,679	275	10	1	17,966	3.5	4,286	-14,235	139	2	18,107
Florida	5,831	-285	-21,100	20	25	50,579	0.6	-4,474	-135,712	216	188	50,983
Georgia	4,249	46	-24,839	21	8	33,596	0.8	-1,162	-219,751	264	129	33,989
Hawaii	1,544	-5	-2,685	3	6	11,242	2.3	908	-32,756	76	58	11,376
Idaho	1,329	150	-3,403	37	1	3,701	0.5	359	-5,092	103	3	3,807
Illinois	10,606	1,425	-54,990	17	6	122,461	2.3	17,448	-211,208	449	150	123,060
Indiana	3,566	-232	-15,263	4	4	26,895	0.9	-1,510	-58,071	105	55	27,055
Iowa	2,853	1,042	-6,077	7	2	9,513	0.7	316	-27,289	45	23	9,581
Kansas	970	-44	-14,894	2	4	5,183	0.4	-118	-32,091	36	20	5,239
Kentucky	1,349	-3,910	-9,634	1	1	13,629	0.8	-4,887	-30,469	35	47	13,711
Louisiana	2,001	319	-8,044	3	1	20,293	1.2	-1,633	-63,045	59	19	20,371
Maine	936	66	-1,318	2	0	4,888	0.9	42	-7,182	18	8	4,914
Maryland	2,259	9	-11,544	14	10	25,431	1.1	-812	-54,711	213	72	25,716
Massachusetts	7,388	-1,410	-22,699	11	14	56,373	1.8	1,482	-157,965	113	99	56,585
Michigan	11,654	1,926	-22,287	11	3	47,991	1.2	407	-132,577	117	50	48,158
Minnesota	8,166	1,465	-14,748	13	3	47,695	1.8	3,848	-65,229	153	77	47,925
Mississippi	1,166	8	-2,713	3	1	5,868	0.6	-381	-26,771	28	12	5,908
Missouri	3,108	-1,519	-7,508	8	1	16,795	0.6	-454	-28,752	78	18	16,891
Montana	1,408	161	-2,487	82	1	4,804	1.1	605	-10,899	266	10	5,080
Nebraska	868	147	-1,165	2	0	3,424	0.4	405	-8,499	16	5	3,445
Nevada	2,296	-181	-5,825	17	1	23,620	2.0	-1,619	-70,253	80	45	23,745
New Hampshire	466	26	-2,043	1	4	2,414	0.4	-263	-19,332	10	7	2,431
New Jersey	8,994	2,061	-3,211	24	10	87,869	2.4	-2,310	-69,517	271	170	88,310
New Mexico	1,705	120	-10,454	10	2	11,331	1.5	-322	-32,714	215	27	11,573
New York	14,964	792	-31,857	18	22	144,464	1.8	-3,338	-304,506	225	250	144,939
North Carolina	5,722	1,343	-2,866	9	2	22,570	0.5	-785	-52,771	91	106	22,767
North Dakota	703	149	-1,062	4	3	1,646	0.4	147	-5,393	5	0	1,651
Ohio	7,223	-700	-22,975	13	13	38,942	0.8	-1,563	-111,507	91	103	39,136
Oklahoma	3,318	1,490	-2,516	11	7	14,646	1.0	168	-34,386	84	64	14,794
Oregon	4,419	209	-5,491	101	11	32,463	1.8	-196	-46,295	471	71	33,005
Pennsylvania	10,688	1,269	-16,295	29	15	107,952	2.0	11,190	-197,990	259	61	108,272
Puerto Rico	915	134	-198	4	3	29,620	3.7	7,818	-17,809	227	89	29,936
Rhode Island	753	204	-2,790	3	3	7,319	1.7	-244	-8,140	55	31	7,405
South Carolina	1,263	22	-2,098	0	3	13,154	0.7	556	-33,733	41	55	13,250
South Dakota	304	82	-442	11	0	1,009	0.2	110	-2,828	22	2	1,033
Tennessee	4,179	185	-3,116	7	11	20,367	0.6	-2,376	-36,242	35	30	20,432
Texas	15,910	422	-23,005	57	79	118,513	1.0	-930	-342,344	569	1,163	120,245
Utah	1,397	-82	-1,649	32	3	5,988	0.4	50	-8,702	124	14	6,126
Vermont	539	92	-940	1	1	2,502	0.9	232	-8,648	1	0	2,503
Virgin Islands	54	-5	-26	1	0	1,148	3.3	108	-1,816	0	0	1,148
Virginia	13,094	12,703	860	3	0	7,312	0.2	-6,095	-73,826	72	58	7,442
Washington	5,830	540	-25,311	33	13	48,514	1.5	3,002	-109,576	288	273	49,075
West Virginia	921	62	-1,245	3	2	6,617	1.1	-131	-13,400	47	20	6,684
Wisconsin	7,468	421	-9,252	15	4	27,362	1.0	367	-65,733	111	20	27,493
Wyoming	586	37	-419	16	0	1,766	0.7	0	-3,616	20	5	1,791
Totals	253,518	13,083	-573,929	947	392	1,828,775	1.3	45,455	-4,088,468	8,495	5,101	1,842,371

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 20, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
VA	+12,703	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance industry.
NJ	+2,061	No comment.
MI	+1,926	No comment.
OK	+1,490	No comment.
MN	+1,465	No comment.
IL	+1,425	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and other services industries.
NC	+1,343	Layoffs in the educational services, professional and technical services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
PA	+1,269	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, amusement, gambling, and recreation industries.
IA	+1,049	Layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-7,233	No comment.
KY	-3,910	No comment.
DC	-1,679	No comment.
MO	-1,519	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, and arts, entertainment and recreation industry.
MA	-1,410	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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