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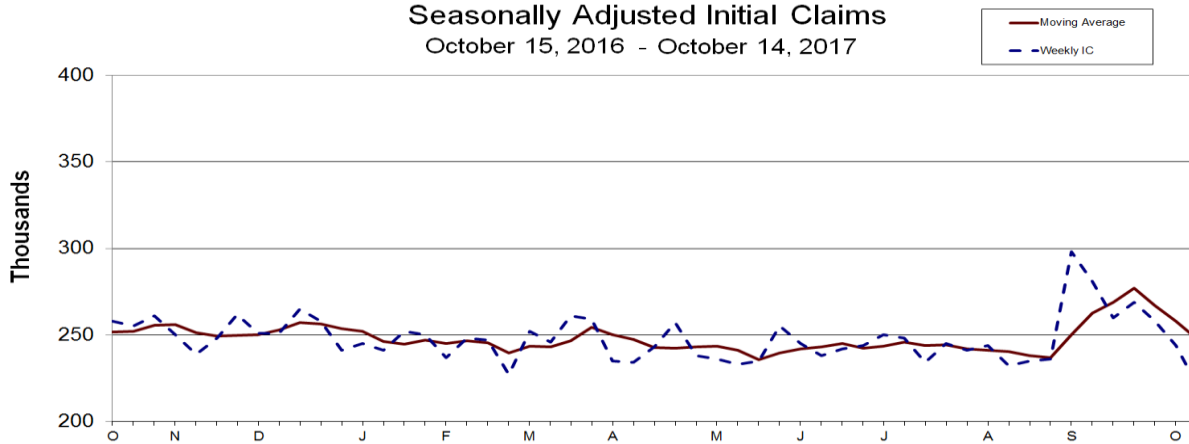
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 222,000, a decrease of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 31, 1973 when it was 222,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 243,000 to 244,000. The 4-week moving average was 248,250, a decrease of 9,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 257,500 to 257,750.

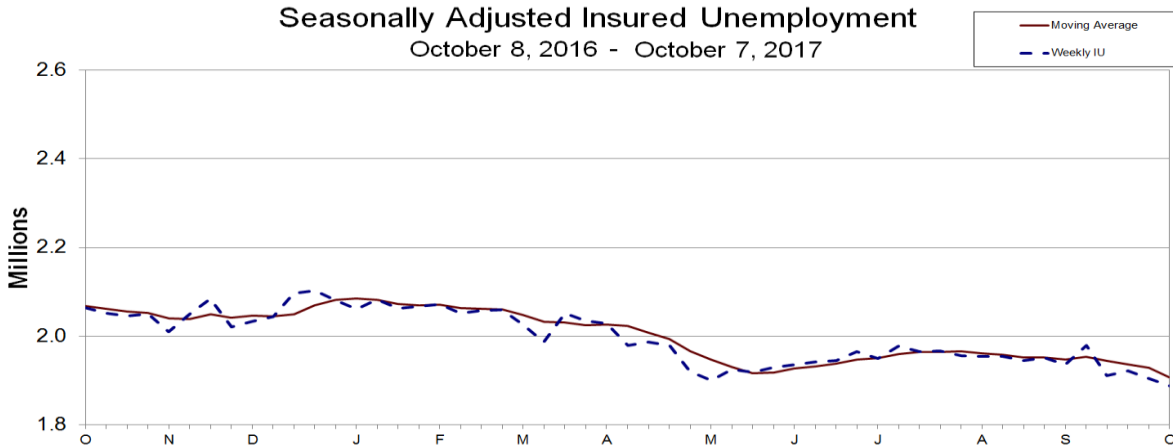
Claims taking procedures continue to be severely disrupted in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as a result of power outages and infrastructure damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending October 7, 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 1.3 to 1.4 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 7 was 1,888,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since December 29, 1973 when it was 1,805,000. The previous week's level was revised up 15,000 from 1,889,000 to 1,904,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,906,000, a decrease of 22,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 12, 1974 when it was 1,881,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 3,750 from 1,925,000 to 1,928,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
October 15, 2016 - October 14, 2017



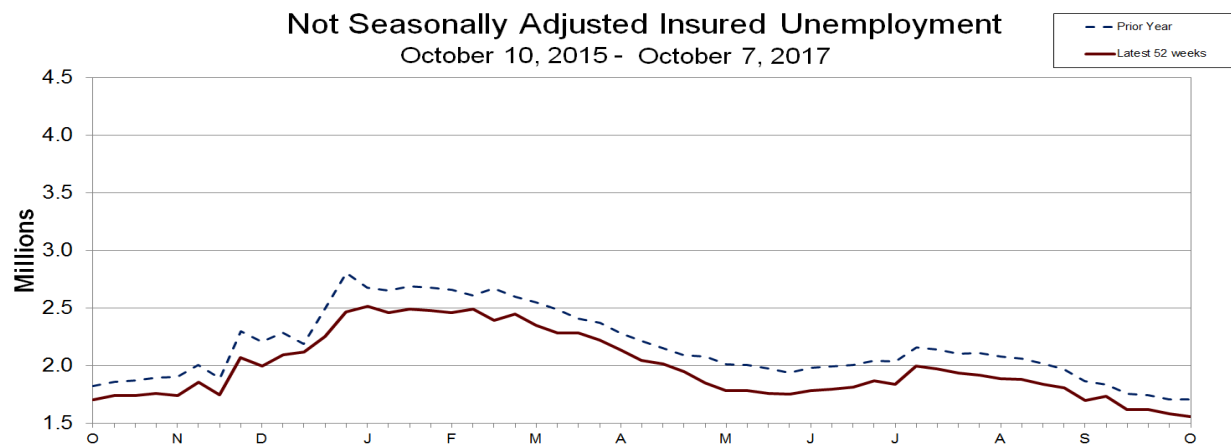
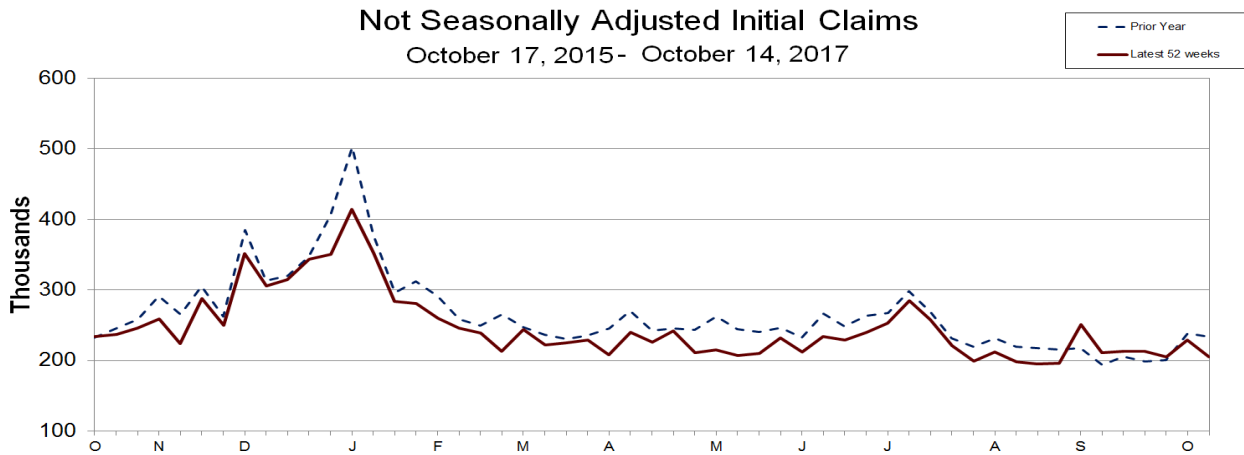
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
October 8, 2016 - October 7, 2017



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 204,788 in the week ending October 14, a decrease of 24,500 (or -10.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,156 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 233,633 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending October 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,559,307, a decrease of 23,248 (or -1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,522 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,706,702.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 30 was 1,612,076, a decrease of 40,371 from the previous week. There were 1,747,928 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending September 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,639 in the week ending October 7, an increase of 1,756 from the prior week. There were 989 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 322 from the preceding week.

There were 8,187 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 30, an increase of 142 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,015, a decrease of 245 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 30 were in Alaska (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.2), New Jersey (2.0), California (1.8), Connecticut (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.6), the District of Columbia (1.5), Illinois (1.5), Massachusetts (1.5), and Nevada (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 7 were in California (+4,500), Michigan (+2,751), Pennsylvania (+2,119), Illinois (+1,986), and Washington (+1,356), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-2,131), New York (-1,065), Florida (-1,041), Ohio (-683), and Texas (-407).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	October 14	October 7	Change	September 30	<a href="#">Prior Year<sup>1</sup></a>
Initial Claims (SA)	222,000	244,000	-22,000	258,000	258,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	204,788	229,288	-24,500	204,662	233,633
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	248,250	257,750	-9,500	267,000	251,500
WEEK ENDING	October 7	September 30	Change	September 23	<a href="#">Prior Year<sup>1</sup></a>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,888,000	1,904,000	-16,000	1,921,000	2,064,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,559,307	1,582,555	-23,248	1,622,898	1,706,702
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,906,000	1,928,750	-22,750	1,936,500	2,067,250
<a href="#">Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></a>	1.3%	1.4%	-0.1	1.4%	1.5%
<a href="#">Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></a>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 7	September 30	Change	<a href="#">Prior Year<sup>1</sup></a>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,639	883	+1,756	1,700
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	989	667	+322	1,280

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 30	September 23	Change	<a href="#">Prior Year<sup>1</sup></a>
Regular State	1,580,244	1,620,361	-40,117	1,705,990
Federal Employees	8,187	8,045	+142	9,282
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,015	9,260	-245	13,141
<a href="#">Extended Benefits<sup>3</sup></a>	0	0	0	0
<a href="#">State Additional Benefits<sup>4</sup></a>	6,526	6,316	+210	6,854
<a href="#">STC / Workshare<sup>5</sup></a>	8,104	8,465	-361	12,661
<a href="#">TOTAL</a>	1,612,076	1,652,447	-40,371	1,747,928

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 140,510,815 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,175	2,713	-538	16,535	15,838	697
Alaska	1,532	1,422	110	7,140	6,796	344
Arizona	3,015	4,411	-1,396	23,941	27,229	-3,288
Arkansas	1,674	2,231	-557	10,773	11,181	-408
California	41,465	41,888	-423	290,254	300,200	-9,946
Colorado	1,904	2,291	-387	18,969	18,640	329
Connecticut	2,082	2,902	-820	25,871	29,676	-3,805
Delaware	468	603	-135	4,471	4,183	288
District of Columbia	560	393	167	7,686	8,140	-454
Florida <sup>I</sup>	11,088	13,861	-2,773	44,230	50,711	-6,481
Georgia	5,175	7,303	-2,128	26,123	27,816	-1,693
Hawaii	1,168	1,298	-130	7,546	7,111	435
Idaho	942	1,091	-149	3,900	3,987	-87
Illinois	7,689	9,443	-1,754	85,339	84,717	622
Indiana	2,621	2,713	-92	13,292	13,372	-80
Iowa	2,351	2,188	163	13,260	13,004	256
Kansas	1,560	1,808	-248	10,998	11,553	-555
Kentucky	2,927	2,460	467	16,202	15,232	970
Louisiana	2,115	2,409	-294	16,805	18,607	-1,802
Maine	421	514	-93	3,362	3,497	-135
Maryland	3,069	3,831	-762	26,888	29,802	-2,914
Massachusetts	4,600	4,997	-397	51,594	51,904	-310
Michigan	5,726	8,136	-2,410	37,633	40,933	-3,300
Minnesota	3,316	3,175	141	26,029	25,379	650
Mississippi	1,034	1,355	-321	8,318	8,711	-393
Missouri	4,059	4,222	-163	21,118	24,511	-3,393
Montana	920	1,258	-338	4,733	4,426	307
Nebraska	655	777	-122	3,975	3,792	183
Nevada	2,360	2,667	-307	17,368	18,362	-994
New Hampshire	425	492	-67	3,144	3,454	-310
New Jersey	7,924	8,483	-559	78,316	78,915	-599
New Mexico	822	1,009	-187	9,015	9,048	-33
New York	13,583	14,372	-789	120,834	119,677	1,157
North Carolina	2,965	3,130	-165	18,792	19,739	-947
North Dakota	394	367	27	2,169	1,723	446
Ohio	5,936	7,333	-1,397	43,378	46,458	-3,080
Oklahoma	1,267	1,588	-321	13,564	13,966	-402
Oregon	3,233	4,089	-856	23,213	22,625	588
Pennsylvania	11,350	12,636	-1,286	90,709	90,482	227
Puerto Rico <sup>1M</sup>	1,820	250	1,570	15,461	19,427	-3,966
Rhode Island	743	779	-36	6,242	6,179	63
South Carolina	1,941	2,727	-786	15,544	14,299	1,245
South Dakota	147	217	-70	978	884	94
Tennessee	2,790	2,839	-49	16,914	17,072	-158
Texas	14,852	16,656	-1,804	146,849	133,903	12,946
Utah	1,180	1,421	-241	7,030	6,754	276
Vermont	397	336	61	2,326	2,207	119
Virgin Islands* <sup>1M</sup>	650	1,154	-504	100	163	-63
Virginia	2,883	3,013	-130	23,411	22,619	792
Washington	5,753	6,354	-601	45,235	42,630	2,605
West Virginia	772	1,053	-281	8,286	7,668	618
Wisconsin	3,708	4,230	-522	21,452	21,201	251
Wyoming	582	400	182	1,992	2,152	-160
US Total	204,788	229,288	-24,500	1,559,307	1,582,555	-23,248

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 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 state estimate.

<sup>I</sup>Affected by Hurricane Irma.

<sup>M</sup>Affected by Hurricane Maria.

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
October 8, 2016	248	1	250.00	2,064	1	2,067.25	1.5
October 15, 2016	258	10	251.50	2,052	-12	2,061.25	1.5
October 22, 2016	255	-3	252.00	2,045	-7	2,056.00	1.5
October 29, 2016	261	6	255.50	2,050	5	2,052.75	1.5
November 5, 2016	250	-11	256.00	2,010	-40	2,039.25	1.5
November 12, 2016	239	-11	251.25	2,050	40	2,038.75	1.5
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,954	-2	1,960.50	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50	1,954	0	1,957.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	235	3	238.00	1,945	-9	1,952.25	1.4
August 26, 2017	236	1	236.75	1,951	6	1,951.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	298	62	250.25	1,935	-16	1,946.25	1.4
September 9, 2017	281	-17	262.50	1,979	44	1,952.50	1.4
September 16, 2017	260	-21	268.75	1,911	-68	1,944.00	1.4
September 23, 2017	269	9	277.00	1,921	10	1,936.50	1.4
September 30, 2017	258	-11	267.00	1,904	-17	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	244	-14	257.75	1,888	-16	1,906.00	1.3
October 14, 2017	222	-22	248.25				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 7 INITIAL CLAIMS							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 30 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE	CHANGE FROM					
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sub>1</sub>	UCX <sub>1</sub>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sub>1</sub>	UCX <sub>1</sub>	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
Alabama	2713	602	-343	10	15	15838	0.9	-88	-3340	54	83	15975
Alaska	1422	390	-226	12	1	6796	2.2	-190	-1730	89	20	6905
Arizona	4411	694	-248	28	3	27229	1.0	-478	-2326	98	72	27399
Arkansas	2231	984	-114	3	6	11181	1.0	-278	-1757	48	85	11314
California	41888	4500	-1534	370	148	300200	1.8	-6077	-20041	1720	2008	303928
Colorado	2291	400	-518	46	33	18640	0.7	-398	-3997	115	308	19063
Connecticut	2902	148	-335	13	14	29676	1.8	-494	-3051	46	70	29792
Delaware	603	108	-127	0	1	4183	1.0	-744	-627	10	12	4205
District of Columbia	393	99	-6	16	0	8140	1.5	-93	502	413	14	8567
Florida	13861	-1041	6538	49	61	50711	0.6	3228	5460	155	231	51097
Georgia	7303	1160	153	114	54	27816	0.7	695	-1497	149	239	28204
Hawaii	1298	143	22	4	19	7111	1.2	-193	125	61	95	7267
Idaho	1091	232	-94	16	5	3987	0.6	-174	-1318	19	7	4013
Illinois	9443	1986	75	13	6	84717	1.5	-3155	-4215	346	244	85307
Indiana	2713	615	-449	15	7	13372	0.5	-37	-5804	41	52	13465
Iowa	2188	649	-175	4	3	13004	0.9	-268	-1411	41	37	13082
Kansas	1808	213	-64	13	7	11553	0.9	-20	1382	85	47	11685
Kentucky	2460	647	-210	113	7	15232	0.8	-1531	-2850	155	133	15520
Louisiana	2409	271	-149	8	5	18607	1.0	-1201	-5144	65	26	18698
Maine	514	104	-89	3	2	3497	0.6	-132	-462	7	17	3521
Maryland	3831	643	-260	44	19	29802	1.2	-78	-2481	320	166	30288
Massachusetts	4997	736	-202	129	17	51904	1.5	-2143	-3226	129	163	52196
Michigan	8136	2751	1086	42	14	40933	1.0	-1025	1538	83	97	41113
Minnesota	3175	670	-213	11	8	25379	0.9	418	-1829	40	93	25512
Mississippi	1355	340	-450	3	4	8711	0.8	-646	-2140	19	38	8768
Missouri	4222	-2131	-1389	200	1	24511	0.9	2467	-1108	326	43	24880
Montana	1258	374	-328	50	3	4426	1.0	-157	-401	42	30	4498
Nebraska	777	122	107	3	5	3792	0.4	-266	231	9	12	3813
Nevada	2667	713	-290	15	11	18362	1.5	-645	-1551	64	69	18495
New Hampshire	492	41	-59	4	2	3454	0.5	-25	-272	3	3	3460
New Jersey	8483	1086	-1105	22	32	78915	2.0	-1476	-2845	166	300	79381
New Mexico	1009	222	-267	36	3	9048	1.2	-319	-1718	100	72	9220
New York	14372	-1065	-483	128	55	119677	1.3	-4038	-3985	369	463	120509
North Carolina	3130	373	-133	6	13	19739	0.5	-271	-2841	95	159	19993
North Dakota	367	99	-91	2	2	1723	0.4	-31	-550	8	2	1733
Ohio	7333	-683	685	66	33	46458	0.9	1925	-1136	98	248	46804
Oklahoma	1588	92	-337	11	6	13966	0.9	-9	-5822	96	91	14153
Oregon	4089	663	172	95	22	22625	1.2	-507	-1012	93	106	22824
Pennsylvania	12636	2119	-4270	422	58	90482	1.6	-2365	-8057	496	359	91337
Puerto Rico	250	-78	-2409	0	1	19427	2.2	11627	-2244	23	23	19473
Rhode Island	779	88	-112	2	2	6179	1.3	-117	-566	25	26	6230
South Carolina	2727	711	463	6	11	14299	0.7	188	212	88	8	14395
South Dakota	217	32	-116	4	1	884	0.2	-26	-162	24	4	912
Tennessee	2839	653	43	9	1	17072	0.6	-1073	404	396	58	17526
Texas	16656	-407	-225	222	169	133903	1.2	-29659	-23893	627	1392	135922
Utah	1421	482	60	168	5	6754	0.5	-41	-773	153	20	6927
Vermont	336	44	-112	3	0	2207	0.7	17	-326	9	6	2222
Virgin Islands	1154	100	1074	0	0	163	0.4	-29	-669	0	0	163
Virginia	3013	417	-16	42	30	22619	0.6	-181	-838	274	413	23306
Washington	6354	1356	-1082	31	46	42630	1.4	-527	2469	178	678	43486
West Virginia	1053	438	-308	1	6	7668	1.2	-196	-3549	38	29	7735
Wisconsin	4230	611	-640	11	9	21201	0.8	507	-4082	53	30	21284
Wyoming	400	110	-193	1	3	2152	0.8	-14	-2096	26	14	2192
Totals	229288	24626	-9293	2639	989	1582555	1.1	-40343	-127419	8187	9015	1599757

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 7, 2017**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+4,500	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry.
MI	+2,751	Layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
PA	+2,119	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, construction, and professional, scientific and technical service industries.
IL	+1,986	Layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
WA	+1,356	Layoffs in the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, utilities, wholesale trade, arts, entertainment and recreation, and public administration industries.
GA	+1,160	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	+1,086	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, trade, accommodation and food service, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MO	-2,131	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, information, and service industries.
NY	-1,065	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and educational industries.
FL	-1,041	Fewer layoffs in the construction, retail trade, and service industries.

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## 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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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