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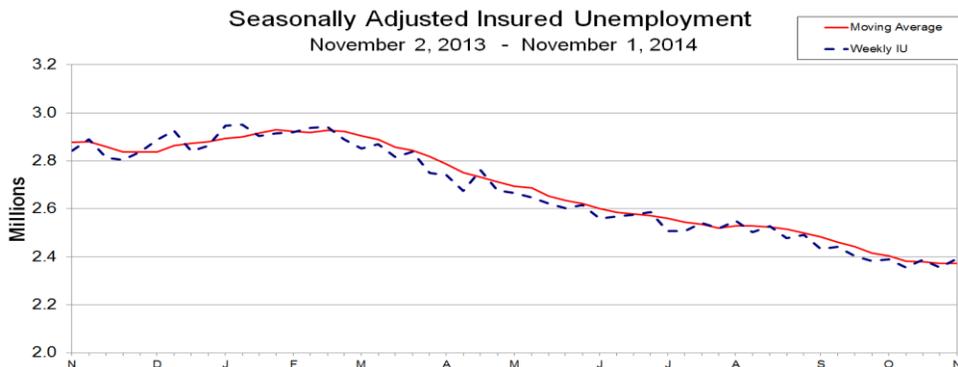
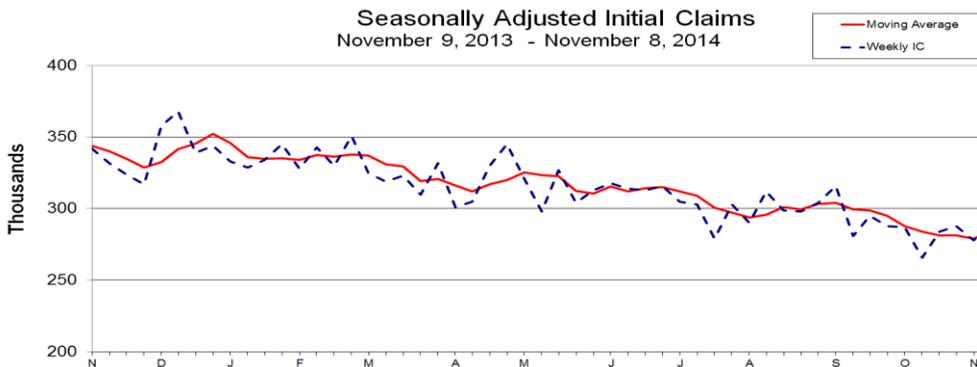
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 290,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 278,000. The 4-week moving average was 285,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 279,000.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

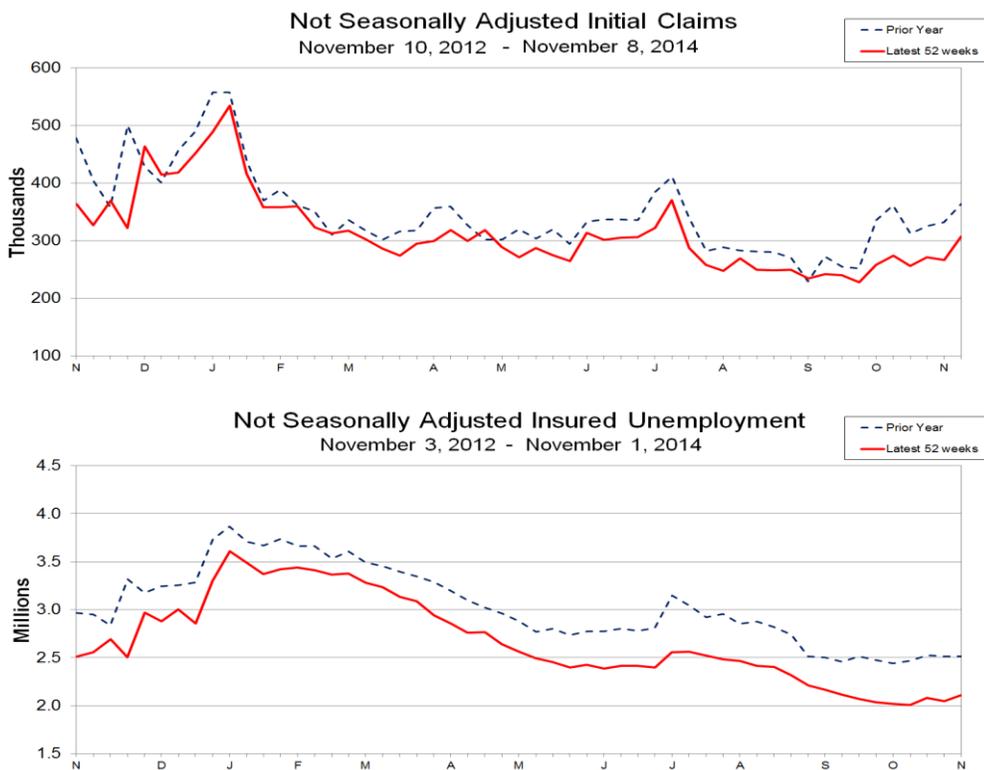
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.8 percent for the week ending November 1, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 1 was 2,392,000, an increase of 36,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 8,000 from 2,348,000 to 2,356,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,372,500, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 2,369,750 to 2,371,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 306,889 in the week ending November 8, an increase of 39,968 (or 15.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,277 (or 10.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 364,167 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending November 1, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,107,261, an increase of 61,824 (or 3.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 30,634 (or 1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,510,618.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 25 was 2,101,931, a decrease of 36,654 from the previous week. There were 3,919,373 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2013.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,326 in the week ending November 1, a decrease of 273 from the prior week. There were 1,777 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 33 from the preceding week.

There were 15,684 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 25, a decrease of 787 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 25,712, a decrease of 163 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 25 were in Puerto Rico (3.5), Alaska (3.2), Virgin Islands (3.1), New Jersey (2.8), Connecticut (2.4), California (2.3), Nevada (2.2), Massachusetts (2.1), Pennsylvania (2.1), and Oregon (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 1 were in Michigan (+1,921), New Jersey (+1,006), Pennsylvania (+898), Arkansas (+853), and Wisconsin (+685), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,850), Ohio (-2,325), Oregon (-931), Tennessee (-816), and New York (-746).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	November 8	November 1	Change	October 25	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	290,000	278,000	+12,000	288,000	342,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	306,889	266,921	+39,968	271,331	364,167
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	285,000	279,000	+6,000	281,250	344,000
WEEK ENDING	November 1	October 25	Change	October 18	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,392,000	2,356,000	+36,000	2,387,000	2,843,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,107,261	2,045,437	+61,824	2,081,161	2,510,618
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,372,500	2,371,750	+750	2,378,250	2,877,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.8%	2.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.6%	1.5%	+0.1	1.6%	1.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	November 1	October 25	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,326	1,599	-273	1,864
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,777	1,744	+33	2,272

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	October 25	October 18	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,041,796	2,077,730	-35,934	2,506,744
Federal Employees	15,684	16,471	-787	21,895
Newly Discharged Veterans	25,712	25,875	-163	32,357
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	20	13	+7	209
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,370	5,590	-220	5,080
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	13,349	12,906	+443	19,379
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,101,931	2,138,585	-36,654	3,919,373

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 132,731,174 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](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 1, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,850	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
OH	-2,325	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+1,921	No comment.
NJ	+1,006	Layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.

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		
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2,843	-47	2,877.50	2.2	
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2,889	46	2,879.50	2.2	
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2,813	-76	2,858.75	2.2	
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2,804	-9	2,837.25	2.2	
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2,837	33	2,835.75	2.2	
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2,887	50	2,835.25	2.2	
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2,925	38	2,863.25	2.2	
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2,840	-85	2,872.25	2.2	
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2,863	23	2,878.75	2.2	
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2,945	82	2,893.25	2.2	
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2,951	6	2,899.75	2.3	
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2,903	-48	2,915.50	2.2	
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2,915	12	2,928.50	2.2	
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2,918	3	2,921.75	2.2	
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2,936	18	2,918.00	2.2	
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2,941	5	2,927.50	2.2	
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2,890	-51	2,921.25	2.2	
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2,850	-40	2,904.25	2.2	
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2,869	19	2,887.50	2.2	
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2,814	-55	2,855.75	2.1	
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2,838	24	2,842.75	2.2	
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2,750	-88	2,817.75	2.1	
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2,741	-9	2,785.75	2.1	
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2,674	-67	2,750.75	2.0	
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2,761	87	2,731.50	2.1	
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2,676	-85	2,713.00	2.0	
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2,666	-10	2,694.25	2.0	
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2,648	-18	2,687.75	2.0	
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2,623	-25	2,653.25	2.0	
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2,603	-20	2,635.00	2.0	
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2,615	12	2,622.25	2.0	
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2,559	-56	2,600.00	1.9	
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2,568	9	2,586.25	2.0	
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2,575	7	2,579.25	2.0	
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2,586	11	2,572.00	2.0	
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2,508	-78	2,559.25	1.9	
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2,508	0	2,544.25	1.9	
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2,542	34	2,536.00	1.9	
July 26, 2014	303	24	297.50	2,519	-23	2,519.25	1.9	
August 2, 2014	290	-13	293.75	2,549	30	2,529.50	1.9	
August 9, 2014	312	22	296.00	2,502	-47	2,528.00	1.9	
August 16, 2014	299	-13	301.00	2,528	26	2,524.50	1.9	
August 23, 2014	298	-1	299.75	2,478	-50	2,514.25	1.9	
August 30, 2014	304	6	303.25	2,492	14	2,500.00	1.9	
September 6, 2014	316	12	304.25	2,432	-60	2,482.50	1.8	
September 13, 2014	281	-35	299.75	2,442	10	2,461.00	1.8	
September 20, 2014	295	14	299.00	2,402	-40	2,442.00	1.8	
September 27, 2014	288	-7	295.00	2,382	-20	2,414.50	1.8	
October 4, 2014	287	-1	287.75	2,389	7	2,403.75	1.8	
October 11, 2014	266	-21	284.00	2,355	-34	2,382.00	1.8	
October 18, 2014	284	18	281.25	2,387	32	2,378.25	1.8	
October 25, 2014	288	4	281.25	2,356	-31	2,371.75	1.8	
November 1, 2014	278	-10	279.00	2,392	36	2,372.50	1.8	
November 8, 2014	290	12	285.00					

		Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended November 1 INITIAL CLAIMS					Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 25 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT						
		CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM					
STATE	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	ALL PROGRAMS RETIREMENT	EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
Alabama	3433	232	-725	19	24	23694	1.3	-340	-6766	117	268		24079
Alaska	1610	35	-270	11	1	9982	3.2	-312	-3370	185	93		10260
Arizona	4029	-269	-527	26	5	33391	1.4	-25	-4090	216	290		33897
Arkansas	3345	853	-532	16	4	19596	1.7	-29	-6014	114	276		19986
California	48514	-3850	-14908	269	240	352776	2.3	-32847	-73475	2675	4643		360112
Colorado	2699	168	-867	32	50	26726	1.2	-1482	-9120	245	921		27892
Connecticut	3125	-84	-611	10	16	38424	2.4	246	-5704	85	269		38778
Delaware	814	106	-89	1	9	6415	1.6	257	-1810	34	65		6514
District of Columbia	368	-29	-55	9	1	9338	1.8	-230	-2911	366	16		9720
Florida	11612	-558	-5662	28	111	78891	1.1	-2732	-23486	350	736		79977
Georgia	6998	-30	-1860	27	77	40266	1.0	-900	-14014	512	888		41666
Hawaii	1388	-148	-185	6	27	8686	1.5	-18	-2176	122	268		9076
Idaho	1479	12	-193	16	3	6722	1.1	-315	-2379	73	36		6831
Illinois	10271	3	-3512	15	36	104538	1.9	-1112	-26868	441	647		105626
Indiana	4221	451	-1225	17	17	23722	0.8	-155	-14365	195	208		24125
Iowa	2421	-599	-403	2	15	17059	1.1	590	-531	55	131		17245
Kansas	1962	106	-1026	7	6	13614	1.0	-40	-5215	111	197		13922
Kentucky	3208	457	-1277	10	16	20982	1.2	-161	-6726	368	557		21907
Louisiana	2178	7	-131	5	22	19190	1.0	67	-3226	84	110		19384
Maine	1546	-162	-194	4	2	7006	1.2	795	-1945	31	54		7091
Maryland	4304	-91	-1227	38	24	44449	1.9	113	-6357	476	452		45377
Massachusetts	6176	-211	-137	18	34	67680	2.1	2233	1156	426	547		68653
Michigan	9353	1921	-3109	43	46	53694	1.3	-6527	-13916	211	429		54334
Minnesota	3879	345	-785	13	17	30318	1.1	675	-6137	117	254		30689
Mississippi	2041	56	-223	5	16	14273	1.3	-761	-5411	111	196		14580
Missouri	4786	-381	-1227	35	2	32121	1.2	-344	-8261	973	235		33329
Montana	1347	-20	-597	63	6	6332	1.5	161	-2239	178	76		6586
Nebraska	1036	-410	-392	5	5	6418	0.7	339	-1272	35	31		6484
Nevada	2932	-468	-1990	24	5	25859	2.2	-51	-414	154	246		26259
New Hampshire	847	-70	-177	1	1	5569	0.9	223	-829	7	30		5606
New Jersey	10156	1006	-612	34	41	104103	2.8	1333	-7514	275	644		105022
New Mexico	1298	0	-58	15	11	12403	1.6	262	-2603	259	179		12841
New York	18296	-746	-1967	102	93	158973	1.8	269	-36566	1038	1240		161251
North Carolina	4885	-120	-1992	16	41	42661	1.1	-745	-27392	214	731		43606
North Dakota	267	6	-93	1	2	1239	0.3	-184	-216	16	12		1267
Ohio	8637	-2325	-3330	16	65	56023	1.1	2755	-11093	261	671		56955
Oklahoma	1631	149	-132	9	30	14615	1.0	0	-3685	68	230		14913
Oregon	5386	-931	135	76	24	32877	2.0	1480	-6623	356	372		33605
Pennsylvania	16958	898	-3363	59	82	117126	2.1	-2782	-26883	860	1055		119041
Puerto Rico	2000	-295	-687	1	8	31638	3.5	1243	-5371	167	325		32130
Rhode Island	1031	-20	-130	6	3	8127	1.8	14	-1555	46	69		8242
South Carolina	2848	-36	-1076	6	31	16769	0.9	216	-9027	66	266		17101
South Dakota	296	35	-27	6	2	1199	0.3	62	-312	13	14		1226
Tennessee	3190	-816	-65	17	37	26039	1.0	-694	-6491	289	305		26633
Texas	14054	235	-2615	44	251	126003	1.2	146	-23074	1285	3636		130926
Utah	1478	110	-546	33	12	9217	0.7	-85	-3362	291	98		9606
Vermont	922	125	139	3	1	3642	1.2	285	-395	15	25		3682
Virgin Islands	21	-14	-2	0	2	1146	3.1	-158	-216	2	22		1170
Virginia	3699	-83	-1259	21	41	30585	0.9	-148	-7132	379	998		31962
Washington	8737	438	-551	63	128	49365	1.7	2040	-8181	454	1343		51162
West Virginia	1184	-103	-441	1	7	11600	1.7	21	-2426	76	112		11788
Wisconsin	7537	685	-1983	14	24	39658	1.5	1646	-16874	139	161		39958
Wyoming	488	20	-175	8	3	2698	1.0	-18	-1455	48	35		2781
Totals	266921	-4410	-64946	1326	1777	2045437	1.5	-35724	-466317	15684	25712		2086853

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.

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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