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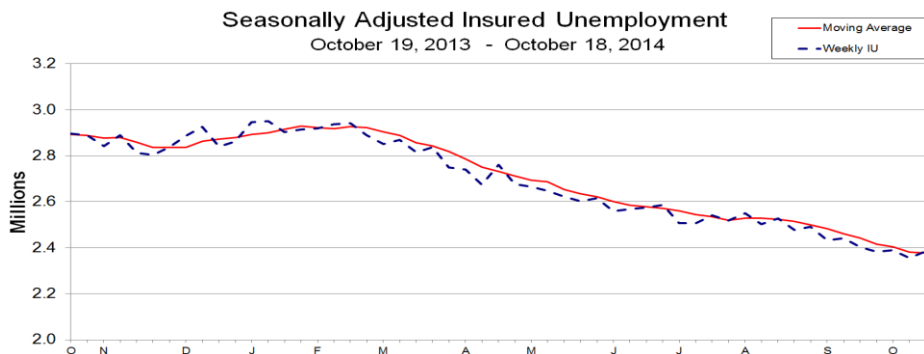
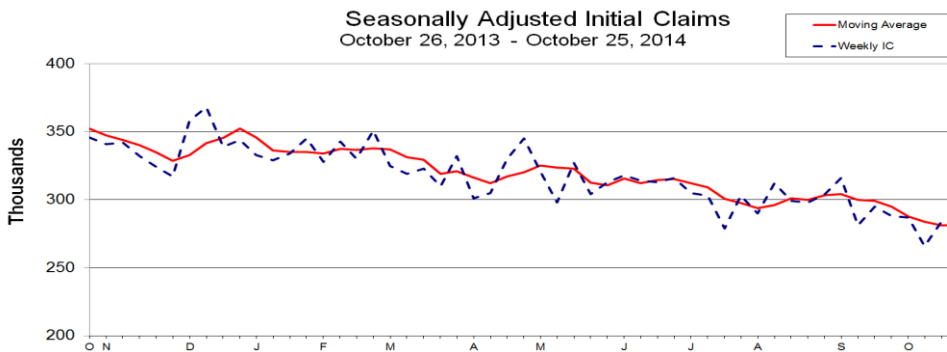
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 287,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 283,000 to 284,000. The 4-week moving average was 281,000, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average.

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

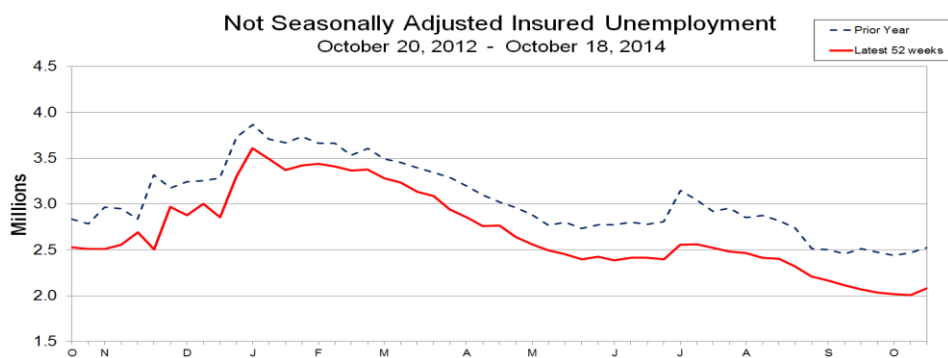
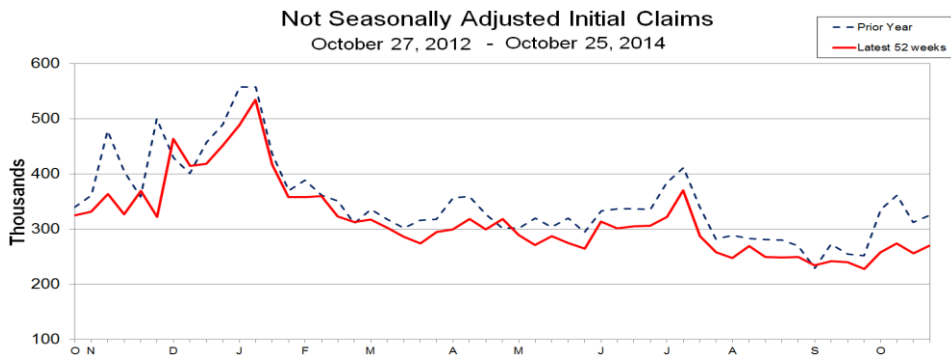
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.8 percent for the week ending October 18, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 18 was 2,384,000, an increase of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 2,351,000 to 2,355,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,377,500, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 13, 2001 when it was 2,360,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 2,381,000 to 2,382,000.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 270,238 in the week ending October 25, an increase of 14,187 (or 5.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 11,639 (or 4.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 325,326 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending October 18, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,078,916, an increase of 72,835 (or 3.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 47,091 (or 2.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,525,254.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 11 was 2,061,139, a decrease of 12,366 from the previous week. There were 3,899,605 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 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,227 in the week ending October 18, a decrease of 792 from the prior week. There were 1,891 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 503 from the preceding week.

There were 15,651 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 11, a decrease of 83 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 25,335, an increase of 1,088 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 11 were in Puerto Rico (3.5), Alaska (3.0), Virgin Islands (2.9), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.3), California (2.2), Nevada (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), and Illinois (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 18 were in California (+2,754), Michigan (+1,609), Tennessee (+204), Ohio (+169), and Vermont (+53), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-3,459), New York (-2,965), Texas (-1,720), Florida (-1,444), and Georgia (-1,363).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 25</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	287,000	284,000	+3,000	266,000	346,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	270,238	256,051	+14,187	273,801	325,326
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	281,000	281,250	-250	284,000	352,500
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 4</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,384,000	2,355,000	+29,000	2,389,000	2,896,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,078,916	2,006,081	+72,835	2,018,879	2,525,254
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,377,500	2,382,000	-4,500	2,403,750	2,893,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.8%	2.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.6%	1.5%	+0.1	1.5%	1.9%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,227	2,019	-792	14,435
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,891	2,394	-503	2,147

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>October 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,002,713	2,015,669	-12,956	2,460,054
Federal Employees	15,651	15,734	-83	77,716
Newly Discharged Veterans	25,335	24,247	+1,088	32,277
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	11	4	+7	256
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	5,343	5,765	-422	3,394
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	12,086	12,086	0	19,971
<u>TOTAL</u> <sup>6</sup>	2,061,139	2,073,505	-12,366	3,899,605

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 18, 2014**

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
PA	-3,459	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
NY	-2,965	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food service, manufacturing, and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	-1,720	No comments.
FL	-1,444	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
GA	-1,363	No comment.

**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	+2,754	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industries.
MI	+1,609	Layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.

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## 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 19, 2013	347	-8	345.50	2896	15	2893.75	2.2
October 26, 2013	346	-1	352.50	2890	-6	2888.75	2.2
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2843	-47	2877.50	2.2
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2889	46	2879.50	2.2
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2813	-76	2858.75	2.2
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2804	-9	2837.25	2.2
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2837	33	2835.75	2.2
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2887	50	2835.25	2.2
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2925	38	2863.25	2.2
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2840	-85	2872.25	2.2
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2863	23	2878.75	2.2
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2945	82	2893.25	2.2
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2951	6	2899.75	2.3
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2903	-48	2915.50	2.2
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2915	12	2928.50	2.2
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2918	3	2921.75	2.2
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2936	18	2918.00	2.2
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2941	5	2927.50	2.2
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2890	-51	2921.25	2.2
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2850	-40	2904.25	2.2
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2869	19	2887.50	2.2
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2814	-55	2855.75	2.1
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2838	24	2842.75	2.2
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2750	-88	2817.75	2.1
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2741	-9	2785.75	2.1
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2674	-67	2750.75	2.0
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2761	87	2731.50	2.1
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2676	-85	2713.00	2.0
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2666	-10	2694.25	2.0
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2648	-18	2687.75	2.0
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2623	-25	2653.25	2.0
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2603	-20	2635.00	2.0
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2615	12	2622.25	2.0
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2559	-56	2600.00	1.9
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2568	9	2586.25	2.0
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2575	7	2579.25	2.0
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2586	11	2572.00	2.0
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2508	-78	2559.25	1.9
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2508	0	2544.25	1.9
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2542	34	2536.00	1.9
July 26, 2014	303	24	297.50	2519	-23	2519.25	1.9
August 2, 2014	290	-13	293.75	2549	30	2529.50	1.9
August 9, 2014	312	22	296.00	2502	-47	2528.00	1.9
August 16, 2014	299	-13	301.00	2528	26	2524.50	1.9
August 23, 2014	298	-1	299.75	2478	-50	2514.25	1.9
August 30, 2014	304	6	303.25	2492	14	2500.00	1.9
September 6, 2014	316	12	304.25	2432	-60	2482.50	1.8
September 13, 2014	281	-35	299.75	2442	10	2461.00	1.8
September 20, 2014	295	14	299.00	2402	-40	2442.00	1.8
September 27, 2014	288	-7	295.00	2382	-20	2414.50	1.8
October 4, 2014	287	-1	287.75	2389	7	2403.75	1.8
October 11, 2014	266	-21	284.00	2355	-34	2382.00	1.8
October 18, 2014	284	18	281.25	2384	29	2377.50	1.8
October 25, 2014	287	3	281.00				

		Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 18						Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 11					
		INITIAL CLAIMS						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 EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
Alabama	3147	-564	-634	20	29	24282	1.4	713	-5978	101	258	24641	
Alaska	1429	-398	-314	16	1	9339	3.0	541	-2680	150	85	9574	
Arizona	4299	-482	-505	26	3	34155	1.4	-606	-4445	173	284	34612	
Arkansas	2575	-148	-721	10	14	19407	1.7	281	-5579	100	246	19753	
California	49425	2754	-20925	197	293	339212	2.2	-15552	-60628	2762	4564	346540	
Colorado	2752	-211	-464	26	62	25695	1.1	-665	-9127	215	927	26837	
Connecticut	3065	-181	-209	5	13	37811	2.3	481	-6287	75	229	38115	
Delaware	692	-572	-277	2	4	6062	1.5	536	-1118	26	65	6155	
District of Columbia	417	-62	-261	10	3	9320	1.8	5	-3864	338	16	9674	
Florida	12155	-1444	-1060	22	130	82616	1.1	-1091	-19104	377	780	83773	
Georgia	6696	-1363	-1384	24	88	41922	1.1	124	-11556	580	879	43381	
Hawaii	1434	-49	-302	7	20	8792	1.5	500	-2690	119	307	9218	
Idaho	578	-877	-950	13	11	6418	1.0	-700	-2111	63	44	6525	
Illinois	9684	-332	-1510	11	33	105154	1.9	1634	-25189	436	660	106250	
Indiana	4217	-440	-1015	17	23	23435	0.8	-2	-14626	197	202	23834	
Iowa	2213	-58	-172	3	11	16496	1.1	-304	-829	58	127	16681	
Kansas	2002	-46	-39	8	6	13827	1.0	-77	-5385	102	191	14120	
Kentucky	3030	-503	-821	22	9	21377	1.2	604	-6358	391	534	22302	
Louisiana	2024	-449	-287	4	29	19119	1.0	172	-3830	77	105	19301	
Maine	858	-49	-329	3	0	6015	1.0	-74	-2020	23	41	6079	
Maryland	4316	-583	-2219	25	36	43681	1.8	274	-8698	500	449	44630	
Massachusetts	5435	-170	624	9	32	64507	2.0	-2592	1650	432	518	65457	
Michigan	11281	1609	2511	24	65	54993	1.4	-1499	-9740	161	378	55532	
Minnesota	3250	-213	-741	15	14	29440	1.1	-135	-5337	93	249	29782	
Mississippi	1806	-289	-370	9	8	15216	1.4	46	-5008	130	196	15542	
Missouri	5105	-242	-770	53	9	31894	1.2	263	-7789	1060	218	33172	
Montana	1130	-291	-401	51	8	5651	1.3	465	-2445	108	69	5828	
Nebraska	985	-21	-349	5	3	5901	0.6	-72	-1662	32	28	5961	
Nevada	3441	30	-812	18	9	25117	2.2	-661	-1322	116	245	25478	
New Hampshire	692	-11	-116	3	6	5312	0.9	22	-1297	10	20	5342	
New Jersey	8501	-475	-115	15	34	101468	2.7	-302	-7337	322	600	102390	
New Mexico	1041	-118	-283	24	15	12027	1.6	-310	-2654	185	152	12364	
New York	16379	-2965	-2300	76	104	153827	1.8	852	-38630	1012	1207	156046	
North Carolina	5121	-90	-962	16	73	43577	1.1	174	-27198	203	768	44548	
North Dakota	270	-21	-35	1	3	1366	0.3	40	-65	11	10	1387	
Ohio	7573	169	-1579	9	56	52493	1.0	570	-15068	271	685	53449	
Oklahoma	1593	-153	-235	11	24	14594	1.0	-35	-4207	67	216	14877	
Oregon	4643	-122	-663	52	46	30365	1.8	357	-7517	259	373	30997	
Pennsylvania	15174	-3459	-2978	99	83	114129	2.1	-317	-25539	882	1071	116086	
Puerto Rico	1970	-296	-703	4	14	31765	3.5	2532	-8674	164	346	32275	
Rhode Island	944	-99	29	5	10	8055	1.8	-233	-1195	35	69	8159	
South Carolina	3071	-248	-1794	10	31	16863	0.9	-10	-9605	60	275	17198	
South Dakota	228	-49	-93	4	0	1091	0.3	26	-329	18	12	1121	
Tennessee	4287	204	-19	25	23	26884	1.0	208	-6678	287	307	27478	
Texas	14377	-1720	-922	79	228	125241	1.1	2428	-25336	1495	3573	130311	
Utah	1278	-270	-463	36	11	9168	0.7	181	-3314	390	97	9655	
Vermont	540	53	45	2	3	3268	1.1	19	-578	13	25	3306	
Virgin Islands	33	-18	-1	0	2	1094	2.9	92	-242	2	14	1110	
Virginia	3558	-728	-3233	17	46	30415	0.9	-433	-8555	367	985	31767	
Washington	7175	-979	-2075	55	88	45223	1.6	-1694	-10432	369	1346	46938	
West Virginia	1179	-294	-390	4	8	11022	1.6	464	-2561	73	110	11205	
Wisconsin	6589	-353	-2074	15	12	37660	1.4	-161	-17746	119	158	37938	
Wyoming	394	-64	-321	10	5	2320	0.8	123	-1346	42	22	2384	
Totals	256051	-17750	-55986	1227	1891	2006081	1.5	-12798	-459858	15651	25335	2047078	

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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