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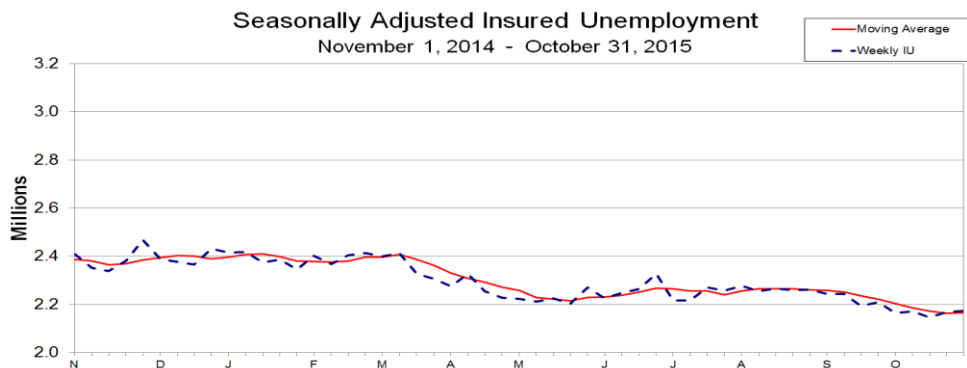
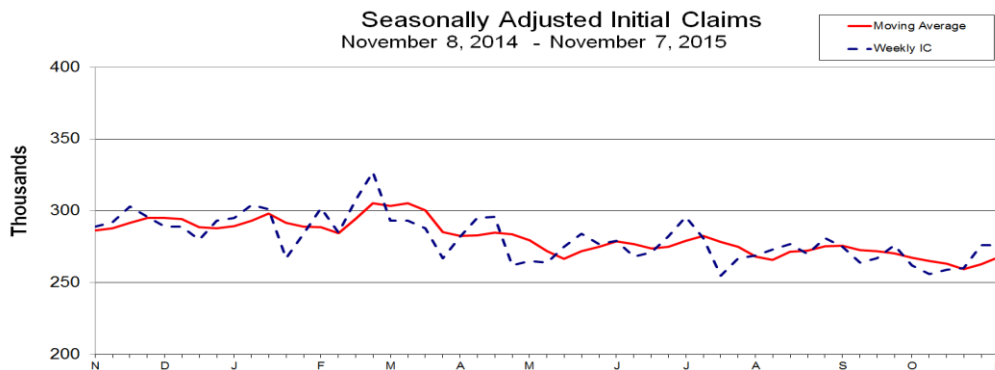
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 276,000, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised level. The 4-week moving average was 267,750, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 262,750.

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

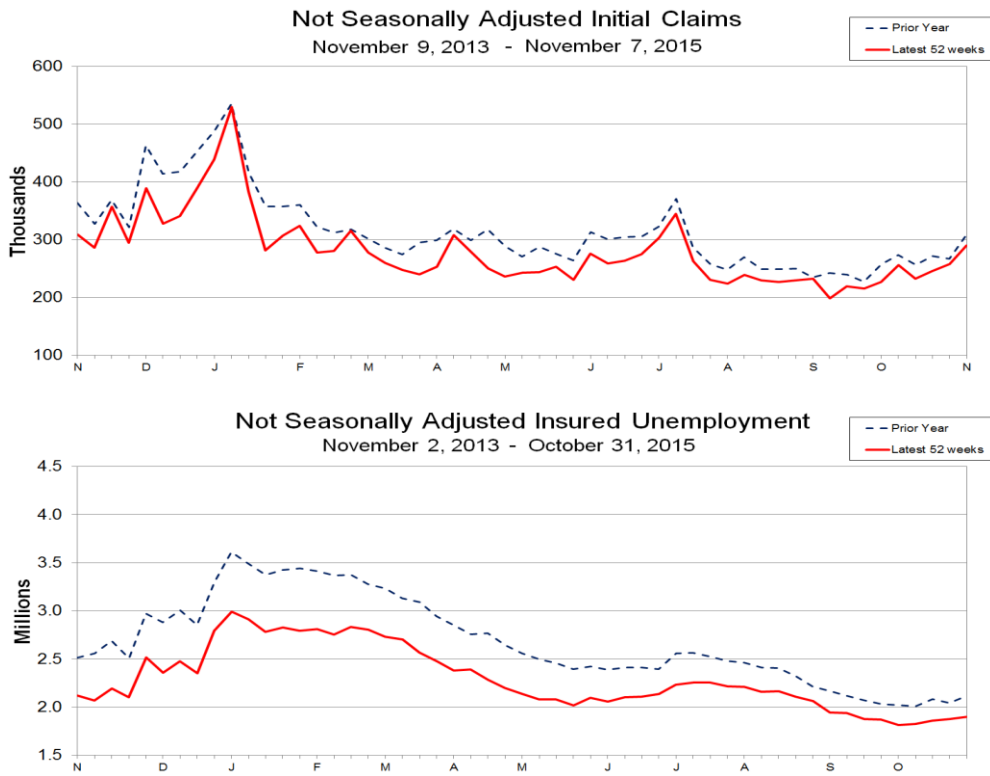
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending October 31, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 31 was 2,174,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 6,000 from 2,163,000 to 2,169,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,165,250, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,500 from 2,161,500 to 2,163,000.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 290,468 in the week ending November 7, an increase of 32,178 (or 12.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 32,286 (or 12.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 309,338 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending October 31, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,897,503, an increase of 23,901 (or 1.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 19,517 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,116,640.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 24 was 1,925,834, an increase of 13,565 from the previous week. There were 2,101,931 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2014.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending October 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,204 in the week ending October 31, a decrease of 86 from the prior week. There were 1,201 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 108 from the preceding week.

There were 13,948 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 24, a decrease of 485 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 17,698, an increase of 215 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending October 24 were in Puerto Rico (3.3), Alaska (3.1), the Virgin Islands (2.9), New Jersey (2.3), California (2.1), Connecticut (2.0), Nevada (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), West Virginia (1.9), and Illinois (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 31 were in Michigan (+3,942), California (+2,150), Illinois (+1,796), Wisconsin (+1,544), and Ohio (+1,198), while the largest decreases were in New York (-777), South Carolina (-571), Idaho (-372), Georgia (-365), and Tennessee (-316).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	276,000	276,000	0	260,000	289,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	290,468	258,290	+32,178	245,360	309,338
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	267,750	262,750	+5,000	259,250	286,500
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,174,000	2,169,000	+5,000	2,146,000	2,408,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,897,503	1,873,602	+23,901	1,860,463	2,116,640
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,165,250	2,163,000	+2,250	2,173,000	2,387,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.6%	1.8%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,204	1,290	-86	1,326
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,201	1,309	-108	1,777

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,867,762	1,855,211	+12,551	2,041,796
Federal Employees	13,948	14,433	-485	15,684
Newly Discharged Veterans	17,698	17,483	+215	25,712
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	20
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	7,480	7,373	+107	5,370
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	18,946	17,769	+1,177	13,349
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,925,834	1,912,269	+13,565	2,101,931

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 135,574,808 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 November 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 31		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,561	2,781	780	20,473	20,631	-158
Alaska	2,308	1,562	746	10,466	9,928	538
Arizona	3,957	3,702	255	26,425	29,444	-3,019
Arkansas	2,768	3,289	-521	18,655	18,457	198
California	48,067	48,011	56	338,666	327,658	11,008
Colorado	3,171	2,637	534	27,488	25,307	2,181
Connecticut	3,350	2,917	433	34,016	32,782	1,234
Delaware	789	697	92	5,822	6,086	-264
District of Columbia	662	356	306	7,899	8,339	-440
Florida	8,220	7,820	400	49,558	56,522	-6,964
Georgia	8,610	6,404	2,206	33,389	33,788	-399
Hawaii	1,113	1,031	82	6,621	6,479	142
Idaho	1,410	1,255	155	5,842	5,518	324
Illinois	12,534	12,211	323	101,617	99,913	1,704
Indiana	3,927	3,639	288	19,930	19,932	-2
Iowa	3,450	2,976	474	17,854	16,057	1,797
Kansas	4,007	1,793	2,214	12,300	11,896	404
Kentucky	2,997	3,189	-192	18,327	19,335	-1,008
Louisiana	1,388	2,439	-1,051	21,306	22,661	-1,355
Maine	1,307	1,073	234	5,161	4,823	338
Maryland	4,047	3,844	203	32,714	35,434	-2,720
Massachusetts	6,928	5,705	1,223	56,479	57,578	-1,099
Michigan	9,641	10,621	-980	46,209	48,562	-2,353
Minnesota	6,359	4,169	2,190	33,842	29,603	4,239
Mississippi	1,748	1,993	-245	11,152	11,972	-820
Missouri	4,374	4,306	68	24,897	26,207	-1,310
Montana	1,928	1,392	536	6,674	6,581	93
Nebraska	925	778	147	4,804	4,910	-106
Nevada	3,380	2,536	844	21,952	23,430	-1,478
New Hampshire	629	592	37	3,938	4,181	-243
New Jersey	11,506	8,682	2,824	90,416	88,899	1,517
New Mexico	1,368	1,368	0	11,399	11,654	-255
New York	18,628	16,159	2,469	142,331	138,023	4,308
North Carolina	4,859	3,770	1,089	24,905	26,114	-1,209
North Dakota	973	461	512	5,142	2,478	2,664
Ohio	9,489	8,342	1,147	51,702	49,819	1,883
Oklahoma	3,367	1,801	1,566	20,459	20,865	-406
Oregon	4,822	4,363	459	28,717	27,993	724
Pennsylvania	19,481	16,617	2,864	117,019	113,022	3,997
Puerto Rico	1,874	1,732	142	27,676	29,682	-2,006
Rhode Island	1,056	973	83	7,107	6,881	226
South Carolina	4,269	3,962	307	15,893	16,174	-281
South Dakota	371	255	116	1,065	1,058	7
Tennessee	4,695	3,118	1,577	22,244	21,865	379
Texas	19,303	16,966	2,337	164,430	162,024	2,406
Utah	1,717	1,544	173	8,471	8,792	-321
Vermont	688	629	59	3,511	3,085	426
Virgin Islands	24	25	-1	1,006	1,070	-64
Virginia	3,890	3,226	664	26,600	25,144	1,456
Washington	10,077	8,351	1,726	50,263	46,179	4,084
West Virginia	1,633	1,920	-287	14,269	12,864	1,405
Wisconsin	7,940	7,717	223	33,927	31,365	2,562
Wyoming	883	591	292	4,475	4,538	-63
US Total	290,468	258,290	32,178	1,897,503	1,873,602	23,901

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.

## 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 1, 2014	283	-4	282.75	2,408	43	2,387.75	1.8	
November 8, 2014	289	6	286.50	2,352	-56	2,380.00	1.8	
November 15, 2014	292	3	287.75	2,339	-13	2,366.00	1.8	
November 22, 2014	303	11	291.75	2,383	44	2,370.50	1.8	
November 29, 2014	296	-7	295.00	2,469	86	2,385.75	1.9	
December 6, 2014	289	-7	295.00	2,388	-81	2,394.75	1.8	
December 13, 2014	289	0	294.25	2,377	-11	2,404.25	1.8	
December 20, 2014	280	-9	288.50	2,366	-11	2,400.00	1.8	
December 27, 2014	293	13	287.75	2,431	65	2,390.50	1.8	
January 3, 2015	295	2	289.25	2,415	-16	2,397.25	1.8	
January 10, 2015	304	9	293.00	2,418	3	2,407.50	1.8	
January 17, 2015	301	-3	298.25	2,376	-42	2,410.00	1.8	
January 24, 2015	267	-34	291.75	2,386	10	2,398.75	1.8	
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346	-40	2,381.50	1.8	
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402	56	2,377.50	1.8	
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369	-33	2,375.75	1.8	
February 21, 2015	308	23	294.75	2,405	36	2,380.50	1.8	
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414	9	2,397.50	1.8	
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399	-15	2,396.75	1.8	
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413	14	2,407.75	1.8	
March 21, 2015	288	-5	300.25	2,327	-86	2,388.25	1.7	
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308	-19	2,361.75	1.7	
April 4, 2015	282	15	282.50	2,275	-33	2,330.75	1.7	
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327	52	2,309.25	1.7	
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256	-71	2,291.50	1.7	
April 25, 2015	262	-34	283.75	2,229	-27	2,271.75	1.7	
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223	-6	2,258.75	1.7	
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212	-11	2,230.00	1.6	
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226	14	2,222.50	1.7	
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,204	-22	2,216.25	1.6	
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272	68	2,228.50	1.7	
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,225	-47	2,231.75	1.7	
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249	24	2,237.50	1.7	
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75	2,265	16	2,252.75	1.7	
June 27, 2015	282	11	275.00	2,327	62	2,266.50	1.7	
July 4, 2015	296	14	279.25	2,216	-111	2,264.25	1.6	
July 11, 2015	281	-15	282.50	2,216	0	2,256.00	1.6	
July 18, 2015	255	-26	278.50	2,270	54	2,257.25	1.7	
July 25, 2015	267	12	274.75	2,258	-12	2,240.00	1.7	
August 1, 2015	269	2	268.00	2,278	20	2,255.50	1.7	
August 8, 2015	273	4	266.00	2,256	-22	2,265.50	1.7	
August 15, 2015	277	4	271.50	2,266	10	2,264.50	1.7	
August 22, 2015	270	-7	272.25	2,259	-7	2,264.75	1.7	
August 29, 2015	281	11	275.25	2,263	4	2,261.00	1.7	
September 5, 2015	275	-6	275.75	2,243	-20	2,257.75	1.7	
September 12, 2015	264	-11	272.50	2,244	1	2,252.25	1.7	
September 19, 2015	267	3	271.75	2,195	-49	2,236.25	1.6	
September 26, 2015	276	9	270.50	2,209	14	2,222.75	1.6	
October 3, 2015	262	-14	267.25	2,165	-44	2,203.25	1.6	
October 10, 2015	256	-6	265.25	2,172	7	2,185.25	1.6	
October 17, 2015	259	3	263.25	2,146	-26	2,173.00	1.6	
October 24, 2015	260	1	259.25	2,169	23	2,163.00	1.6	
October 31, 2015	276	16	262.75	2,174	5	2,165.25	1.6	
November 7, 2015	276	0	267.75					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended October 31 INITIAL CLAIMS							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended October 24 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE	CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2781	-4	-652	13	26	20631	1.1	-15	-3063	100	178	20909
Alaska	1562	41	-48	12	2	9928	3.1	583	-54	147	46	10121
Arizona	3702	-165	-327	23	3	29444	1.2	-1082	-3947	175	178	29797
Arkansas	3289	559	-56	9	7	18457	1.6	167	-1139	105	149	18711
California	48011	2150	-503	295	212	327658	2.1	-1844	-25118	2865	3491	334014
Colorado	2637	-88	-62	34	45	25307	1.1	-1097	-1419	196	644	26147
Connecticut	2917	55	-208	5	7	32782	2.0	130	-5642	76	158	33016
Delaware	697	43	-117	1	4	6086	1.4	721	-329	24	28	6138
District of Columbia	356	-36	-12	6	1	8339	1.6	78	-999	337	18	8694
Florida	7820	-233	-3792	19	61	56522	0.7	-1585	-22369	237	447	57206
Georgia	6404	-365	-594	33	63	33788	0.9	-1356	-6478	539	544	34871
Hawaii	1031	-103	-357	4	20	6479	1.1	64	-2207	94	164	6737
Idaho	1255	-372	-224	16	2	5518	0.9	-443	-1204	53	18	5589
Illinois	12211	1796	1940	17	25	99913	1.8	1825	-4625	375	510	100798
Indiana	3639	70	-582	19	11	19932	0.7	31	-3790	134	120	20186
Iowa	2976	720	555	4	5	16057	1.1	88	-1002	59	102	16218
Kansas	1793	-28	-169	5	7	11896	0.9	94	-1718	107	145	12148
Kentucky	3189	802	-19	13	9	19335	1.1	904	-1647	265	308	19908
Louisiana	2439	-63	261	6	17	22661	1.2	-107	3471	44	65	22770
Maine	1073	85	-473	4	5	4823	0.8	398	-2183	30	37	4890
Maryland	3844	-47	-460	31	15	35434	1.5	396	-9015	388	277	36099
Massachusetts	5705	202	-471	19	25	57578	1.7	2561	-10102	453	337	58368
Michigan	10621	3942	1268	26	20	48562	1.2	2584	-5132	141	270	48973
Minnesota	4169	440	290	12	7	29603	1.1	749	-715	107	196	29906
Mississippi	1993	156	-48	7	9	11972	1.1	392	-2301	69	65	12106
Missouri	4306	184	-480	24	7	26207	1.0	-467	-5914	884	137	27228
Montana	1392	36	45	54	4	6581	1.5	440	249	97	50	6728
Nebraska	778	-77	-258	2	4	4910	0.5	112	-1508	34	28	4972
Nevada	2536	-115	-396	21	4	23430	2.0	-139	-2429	110	175	23715
New Hampshire	592	24	-255	0	1	4181	0.7	32	-1388	6	9	4196
New Jersey	8682	-214	-1474	22	33	88899	2.3	1014	-15204	254	566	89719
New Mexico	1368	193	70	24	3	11654	1.5	373	-749	192	91	11937
New York	16159	-777	-2137	38	48	138023	1.6	1327	-20950	834	840	139697
North Carolina	3770	-39	-1115	20	43	26114	0.7	-578	-16547	123	400	26637
North Dakota	461	65	194	2	0	2478	0.6	142	1239	13	5	2496
Ohio	8342	1198	-295	14	31	49819	1.0	770	-6204	245	423	50487
Oklahoma	1801	-269	170	5	7	20865	1.4	-157	6250	79	157	21101
Oregon	4363	218	-1023	40	28	27993	1.6	569	-4884	315	309	28617
Pennsylvania	16617	822	-341	89	41	113022	2.0	-567	-4104	943	634	114599
Puerto Rico	1732	-304	-268	3	6	29682	3.3	1351	-1956	105	234	30021
Rhode Island	973	103	-58	4	4	6881	1.5	-73	-1246	21	49	6951
South Carolina	3962	-571	1114	8	21	16174	0.9	-1189	-595	62	148	16384
South Dakota	255	11	-41	2	1	1058	0.3	38	-141	16	5	1079
Tennessee	3118	-316	-72	16	23	21865	0.8	-673	-4174	290	192	22347
Texas	16966	517	2912	55	169	162024	1.4	2928	36021	1044	2814	165882
Utah	1544	165	66	39	2	8792	0.7	250	-425	234	55	9081
Vermont	629	19	-293	3	0	3085	1.0	307	-557	13	8	3106
Virgin Islands	25	-11	4	0	1	1070	2.9	-118	-76	2	12	1084
Virginia	3226	-75	-473	13	26	25144	0.7	-111	-5441	313	644	26101
Washington	8351	647	-386	50	77	46179	1.5	2138	-3186	381	1014	47574
West Virginia	1920	399	736	4	2	12864	1.9	-80	1264	81	86	13031
Wisconsin	7717	1544	180	14	7	31365	1.1	884	-8293	107	85	31557
Wyoming	591	-4	103	5	0	4538	1.6	380	1840	30	33	4601
Totals	258290	12930	-8631	1204	1201	1873602	1.4	13139	-171835	13948	17698	1905248

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 31, 2015**

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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>
MI	+3,942	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	+2,150	No comment.
IL	+1,796	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
WI	+1,544	No comment.
OH	+1,198	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NA		

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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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