

## A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending November 11, 2017.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed [as compared to the same week last year](#).

"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

State/ county	2017	2016	Number change	Percent change
State	1,006	940	66	7.0%
Oahu	640	591	49	8.3%
Hawaii	130	149	-19	-12.8%
Maui	130	113	17	15.0%
Kauai	79	65	14	21.5%
<i>Agent*</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>22.7%</i>

\*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 7.0%, with this week's total filings of 1,006 and filings during the same week in 2016 of 940.

Comparing 2017 to 2016 for the counties:

- Oahu had 49 more claims filed
- Hawaii had 19 fewer claims filed
- Maui had 17 more claims filed
- Kauai had 14 more claims filed
- *Agent had 5 more claims filed*

In percentage changes, comparing the current week to the same week a year ago:

- Oahu had a 8.3% increase
- Hawaii had a 12.8% decrease
- Maui had a 15.0% increase
- Kauai had a 21.5% increase
- *Agent had a 22.7% increase*

Source: Hi State Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations; calculations by the HI State Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.