

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending November 10, 2018.

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	2018	2017	Number change	Percent change
State	1,229	1,006	223	22.2%
Oahu	783	640	143	22.3%
Hawaii	187	130	57	43.8%
Maui	148	130	18	13.8%
Kauai	87	79	8	10.1%
<i>Agent*</i>	24	27	- 3	-11.1%

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 22.2%, with this week's total filings of 1,229 and filings during the same week in 2017 of 1,006.

Comparing 2018 to 2017 for the counties:

- Oahu had 143 more claims filed
- Hawaii had 57 more claims filed
- Maui had 18 more claims filed
- Kauai had 8 more claims filed
- *Agent had 3 fewer claims filed*

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

- Oahu had a 22.3% increase
- Hawaii had a 43.8% increase
- Maui had a 13.8% increase
- Kauai had a 10.1% increase
- *Agent had a 11.1% decrease*

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