

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending October 16, 2021.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed as compared to the same week last year. To show pre-pandemic comparisons, initial claims for the same week in 2019 are also included.

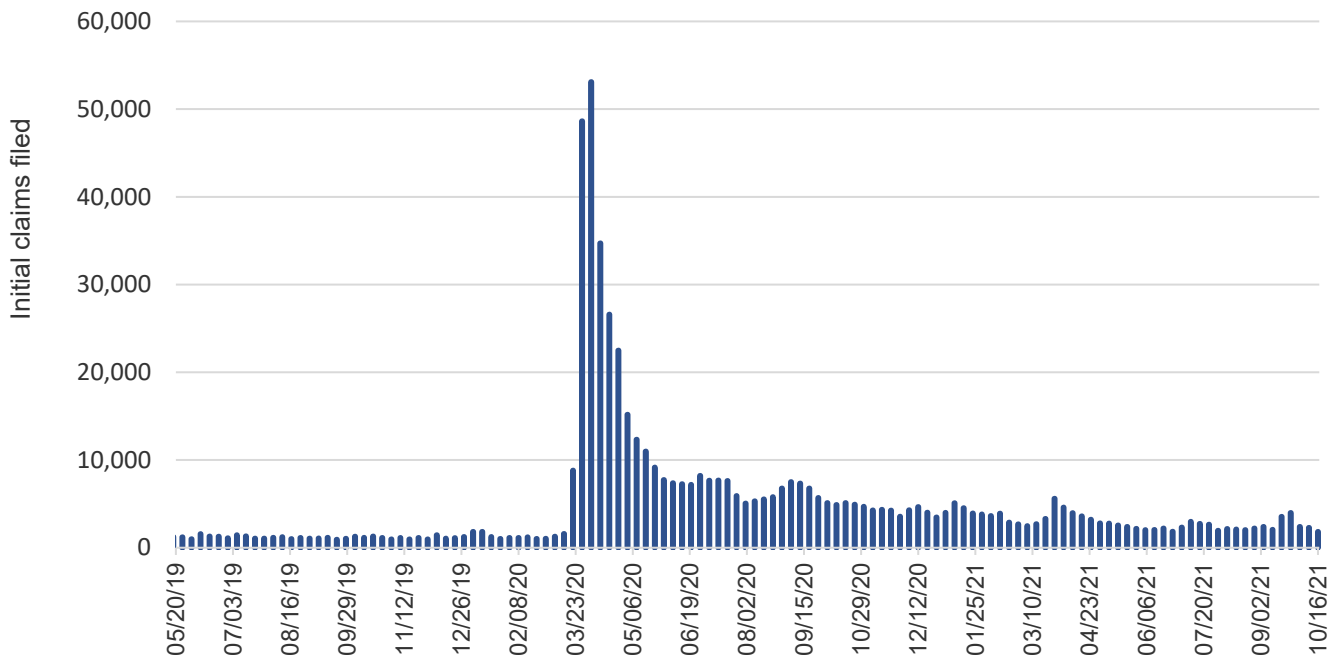
"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

Initial unemployment claims

State/ county	This week					Year-to-date		
	2021	2020	2019	Percent change, 2020- 2021	Percent change, 2019- 2021	2021	2020	2019
State	1,827	5,119	1,308	- 64.3	39.7	124,606	394,117	51,200
Oahu	1,218	3,247	708	- 62.5	72.0	79,711	243,931	31,900
Hawaii	225	705	335	- 68.1	- 32.8	15,934	50,191	9,179
Maui	249	750	184	- 66.8	35.3	16,893	66,820	6,131
Kauai	90	295	64	- 69.5	40.6	7,941	27,732	2,984
Agent*	45	122	17	- 63.1	164.7	4,127	5,443	1,006

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

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