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TRENTON – The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) today announced unemployment insurance claims data for the week ending October 18, 2025.

Initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits totaled 8,357 for the week ending October 18, a decrease of 6.8 percent compared to the previous week's total of 8,968. UI initial claims for the comparable week last year totaled 8,324. Continued claims, which represent weeks of benefits claimed by individuals approved for UI, totaled 89,201 for the week ending October 18, which was 1.5 percent less than the previous week and a slight 0.4 percent less than the comparable week last year.

Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, the U.S. Department of Labor is currently unable to release its regular economic data. In response, NJDOL is utilizing internal administrative data to maintain continuity in public reporting to assist with timely labor market insights. This release represents the Department's commitment to transparency and informed decision-making.

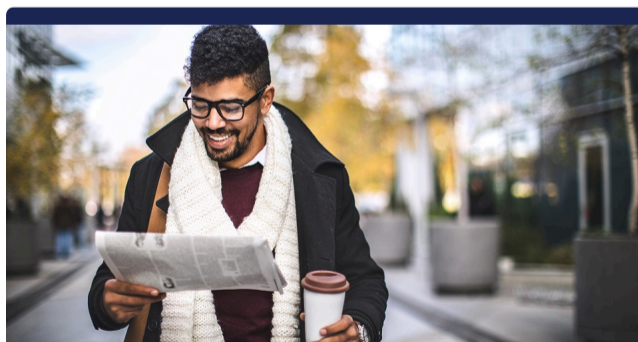
This unemployment claims data does not include those federal employees who have applied for unemployment insurance benefits as a result of recent furloughs. Since the start of the shutdown on October 1, 2025, the Department has received over 850 claims from those impacted federal workers, and an additional 350 claims from non-federal workers also impacted by the shutdown.

Federal workers seeking unemployment information should go to [MyUnemployment.nj.gov/federal](https://myunemployment.nj.gov/federal).

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