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These readings likely do not fully describe the state of the labor market at the end of October, as many of the input data series reflect conditions early in the month. For example, data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Household Survey are from the reference period of October 8 through October 14. Additionally, the most recent data from the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) are for September. Therefore, labor market developments in the latter half of October will likely show up in the November 2023 LMCI readings.