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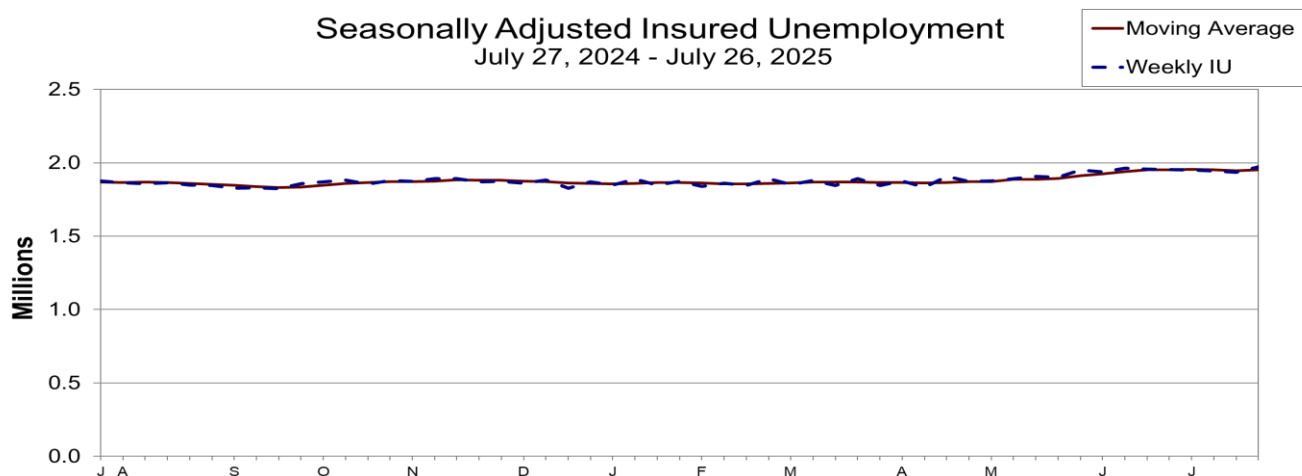
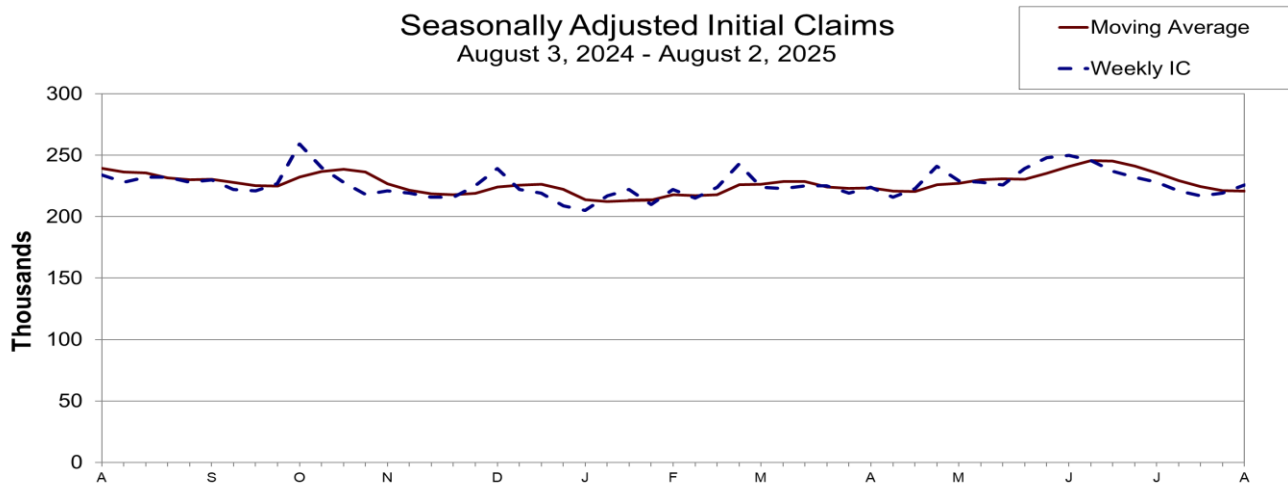
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 226,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 218,000 to 219,000. The 4-week moving average was 220,750, a decrease of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 221,000 to 221,250.

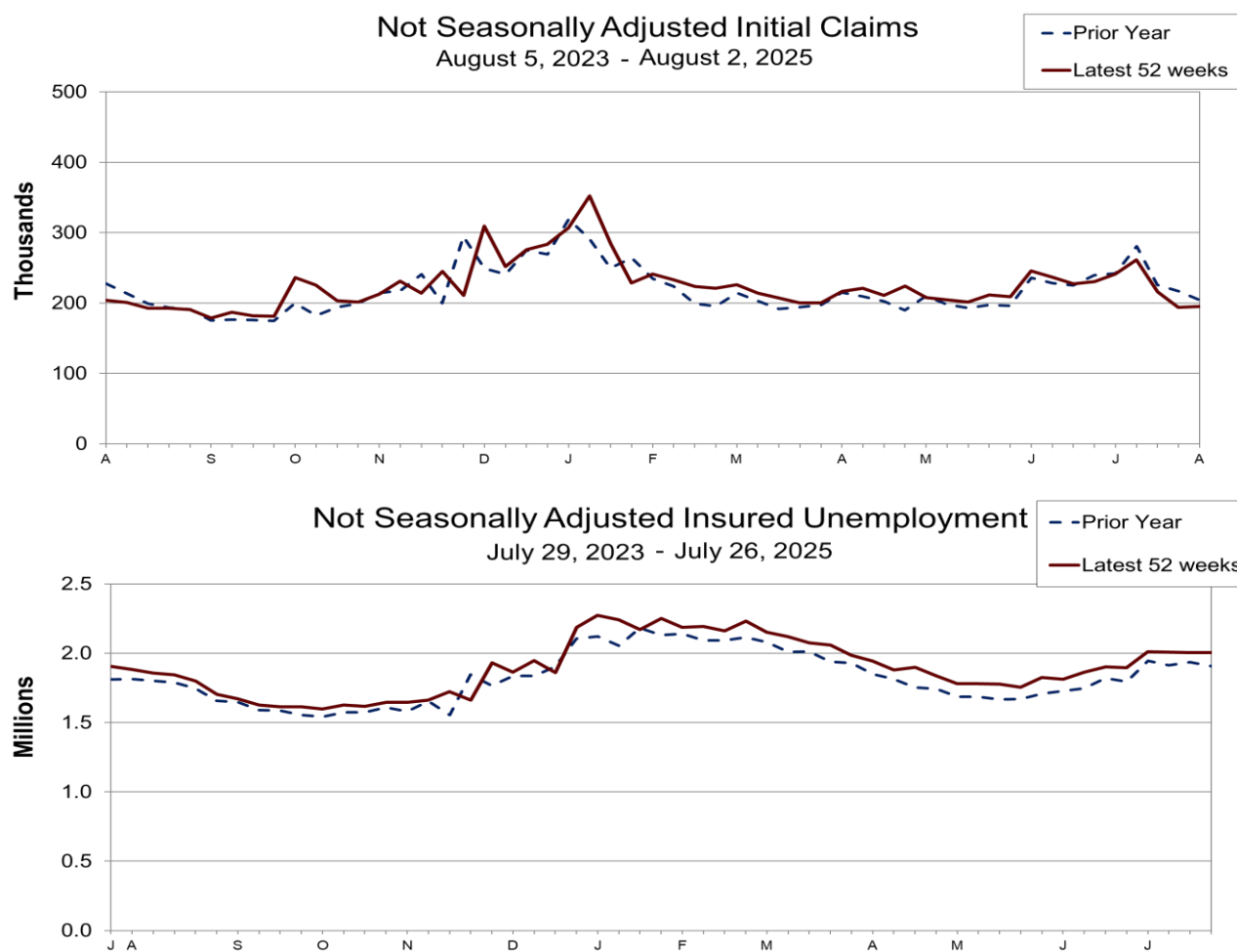
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending July 26, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 26 was 1,974,000, an increase of 38,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 6, 2021 when it was 2,041,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 10,000 from 1,946,000 to 1,936,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,951,750, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,500 from 1,949,250 to 1,946,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 194,988 in the week ending August 2, an increase of 1,198 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,036 (or -2.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 204,030 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending July 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,005,471, a decrease of 434 (or 0.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 38,724 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,906,472.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 19 was 2,036,207, a decrease of 1,217 from the previous week. There were 1,960,499 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 708 in the week ending July 26, a decrease of 14 from the prior week. There were 393 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 22 from the preceding week.

There were 7,831 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 19, an increase of 424 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,637, an increase of 45 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 19 were in New Jersey (2.8), Puerto Rico (2.7), Rhode Island (2.6), California (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), District of Columbia (2.1), Massachusetts (2.1), Washington (2.1), Oregon (1.9), and Pennsylvania (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 26 were in Kansas (+254), Vermont (+252), Louisiana (+87), Maryland (+75), and Mississippi (+58), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-6,212), Texas (-2,720), Georgia (-1,949), New York (-1,464), and California (-1,174).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 2	July 26	Change	July 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	226,000	219,000	+7,000	217,000	234,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	194,988	193,790	+1,198	216,023	204,030
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	220,750	221,250	-500	224,500	239,500

WEEK ENDING	July 26	July 19	Change	July 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,974,000	1,936,000	+38,000	1,946,000	1,876,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,005,471	2,005,905	-434	2,006,609	1,906,472
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,951,750	1,946,750	+5,000	1,951,750	1,867,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 26	July 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	708	722	-14	312
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	393	371	+22	391

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 19	July 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,999,148	1,999,706	-558	1,928,463
Federal Employees	7,831	7,407	+424	4,769
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,637	4,592	+45	4,521
Extended Benefits ³	10	81	-71	191
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,563	2,664	-101	2,336
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,018	22,974	-956	20,219
TOTAL	2,036,207	2,037,424	-1,217	1,960,499

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 152,830,813 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,044	2,022	22	9,415	10,304	-889
Alaska	484	424	60	3,439	3,496	-57
Arizona	3,508	3,514	-6	32,304	33,986	-1,682
Arkansas	1,169	1,256	-87	8,131	8,530	-399
California	39,998	40,588	-590	402,133	394,233	7,900
Colorado	2,874	2,561	313	32,132	31,270	862
Connecticut	3,456	2,849	607	31,095	30,101	994
Delaware	259	243	16	6,258	5,857	401
District of Columbia	818	735	83	13,178	11,799	1,379
Florida	6,129	6,347	-218	35,092	38,575	-3,483
Georgia	4,241	4,831	-590	27,164	28,961	-1,797
Hawaii	992	867	125	6,038	5,841	197
Idaho	796	806	-10	5,209	5,608	-399
Illinois	10,013	10,116	-103	106,464	105,268	1,196
Indiana	2,557	2,359	198	20,507	20,346	161
Iowa	2,250	2,068	182	9,700	9,989	-289
Kansas	1,171	1,594	-423	10,528	9,598	930
Kentucky	1,356	1,656	-300	9,900	12,247	-2,347
Louisiana	1,421	1,914	-493	10,444	12,014	-1,570
Maine	537	374	163	5,446	5,708	-262
Maryland	2,213	2,407	-194	30,125	29,722	403
Massachusetts	5,306	4,151	1,155	76,330	76,384	-54
Michigan	6,036	5,760	276	48,963	53,770	-4,807
Minnesota	3,514	3,628	-114	65,097	63,052	2,045
Mississippi	828	953	-125	8,160	9,138	-978
Missouri	2,394	2,515	-121	21,322	21,961	-639
Montana	329	360	-31	4,430	4,469	-39
Nebraska	607	591	16	5,940	6,090	-150
Nevada	2,661	3,058	-397	26,653	25,970	683
New Hampshire	385	426	-41	3,827	4,478	-651
New Jersey	9,607	9,014	593	115,864	116,153	-289
New Mexico	757	766	-9	11,028	10,906	122
New York	13,017	13,921	-904	165,616	165,504	112
North Carolina	3,297	3,259	38	21,998	22,940	-942
North Dakota	258	264	-6	3,065	2,739	326
Ohio	4,846	5,161	-315	49,522	49,624	-102
Oklahoma	1,277	1,427	-150	11,851	12,138	-287
Oregon	4,957	4,076	881	39,248	37,125	2,123
Pennsylvania	9,844	9,469	375	111,657	112,475	-818
Puerto Rico	1,265	1,402	-137	23,852	24,741	-889
Rhode Island	562	811	-249	12,193	12,335	-142
South Carolina	1,927	1,936	-9	16,893	17,582	-689
South Dakota	167	168	-1	1,336	1,321	15
Tennessee	2,866	2,705	161	18,954	19,871	-917
Texas	16,818	15,918	900	177,942	180,228	-2,286
Utah	1,341	1,133	208	11,924	11,934	-10
Vermont	246	472	-226	3,109	2,599	510
Virgin Islands	22	25	-3	312	302	10
Virginia	2,627	2,490	137	23,169	21,457	1,712
Washington	5,096	4,785	311	77,825	73,625	4,200
West Virginia	640	686	-46	7,447	6,878	569
Wisconsin	2,968	2,691	277	23,397	22,996	401
Wyoming	237	238	-1	1,845	1,667	178
US Total	194,988	193,790	1,198	2,005,471	2,005,905	-434

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
July 27, 2024	248	12	236.50	1,876	2	1,867.25	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-14	239.50	1,863	-13	1,866.50	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.50	1,859	-4	1,868.00	1.2
August 17, 2024	232	4	235.50	1,864	5	1,865.50	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	0	231.50	1,849	-15	1,858.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.00	1,845	-4	1,854.25	1.2
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.50	1,827	-18	1,846.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-8	228.00	1,831	4	1,838.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	221	-1	225.25	1,825	-6	1,832.00	1.2
September 28, 2024	227	6	225.00	1,858	33	1,835.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	259	32	232.25	1,869	11	1,845.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	240	-19	236.75	1,884	15	1,859.00	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-12	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	226.75	1,872	-8	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,974	38	1,951.75	1.3
August 2, 2025	226	7	220.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 26						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 19						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,022	-299	-116	4	2	10,304	0.5	-550	-255	47	13	10,364
Alaska	424	-43	-50	2	0	3,496	1.1	-11	-95	26	3	3,525
Arizona	3,514	-208	-375	12	10	33,986	1.1	672	1,006	143	59	34,188
Arkansas	1,256	-181	-245	0	1	8,530	0.7	-616	-796	16	19	8,565
California	40,588	-1,174	-199	142	124	394,233	2.2	8,395	-7,487	967	1,226	396,426
Colorado	2,561	-154	-164	2	11	31,270	1.1	-93	4,113	108	193	31,571
Connecticut	2,849	-155	-196	4	0	30,101	1.8	222	598	52	33	30,186
Delaware	243	-16	-284	4	2	5,857	1.3	-188	275	11	4	5,872
District of Columbia	735	-145	193	53	0	11,799	2.1	36	5,241	1,418	10	13,227
Florida	6,347	16	875	27	25	38,575	0.4	1,349	-4,715	158	88	38,821
Georgia	4,831	-1,949	-588	38	11	28,961	0.6	-2,537	-2,299	260	90	29,311
Hawaii	867	-74	-36	2	6	5,841	1.0	-142	-75	50	42	5,933
Idaho	806	-56	92	1	1	5,608	0.7	-255	660	11	11	5,630
Illinois	10,116	-646	2,299	9	1	105,268	1.8	-850	5,877	334	99	105,701
Indiana	2,359	-905	-374	4	2	20,346	0.6	-1,466	71	40	17	20,403
Iowa	2,068	-14	-203	2	0	9,989	0.6	706	-244	18	5	10,012
Kansas	1,594	254	381	0	10	9,598	0.7	716	2,887	16	26	9,640
Kentucky	1,656	-6,212	-27	2	0	12,247	0.6	1,673	3,030	28	14	12,289
Louisiana	1,914	87	76	1	1	12,014	0.6	-68	-2,582	31	6	12,051
Maine	374	-66	38	1	0	5,708	0.9	-36	1,022	22	7	5,737
Maryland	2,407	75	-86	158	4	29,722	1.1	147	4,108	440	78	30,240
Massachusetts	4,151	-476	-2,578	1	0	76,384	2.1	-168	13,639	137	67	76,588
Michigan	5,760	-894	-8,889	2	1	53,770	1.2	-3,562	-6,104	75	36	53,881
Minnesota	3,628	-255	-53	2	4	63,052	2.2	-695	5,649	73	44	63,169
Mississippi	953	58	-192	0	1	9,138	0.8	-10	-221	46	13	9,197
Missouri	2,515	-319	-3,773	5	1	21,961	0.8	-636	-1,644	82	17	22,060
Montana	360	-22	11	5	0	4,469	0.9	-101	254	31	12	4,512
Nebraska	591	-97	2	1	1	6,090	0.6	-248	669	20	7	6,117
Nevada	3,058	37	207	2	3	25,970	1.7	1,388	726	40	46	26,056
New Hampshire	426	-51	60	1	1	4,478	0.7	-73	1,010	2	2	4,482
New Jersey	9,014	-355	561	18	18	116,153	2.8	9	1,661	238	257	116,648
New Mexico	766	-48	-74	2	4	10,906	1.3	-18	215	132	27	11,065
New York	13,921	-1,464	772	25	17	165,504	1.7	-216	7,957	370	224	166,098
North Carolina	3,259	-71	90	5	1	22,940	0.5	272	746	71	104	23,115
North Dakota	264	-142	54	6	0	2,739	0.7	-1,096	642	177	4	2,920
Ohio	5,161	-66	-231	5	8	49,624	0.9	-2,517	1,573	105	74	49,803
Oklahoma	1,427	-52	246	7	5	12,138	0.6	236	1,194	35	36	12,209
Oregon	4,076	-494	506	4	5	37,125	1.9	-188	8,854	116	40	37,281
Pennsylvania	9,469	-859	-865	17	6	112,475	1.9	601	4,053	308	96	112,879
Puerto Rico	1,402	-466	-253	1	4	24,741	2.7	-223	2,485	173	34	24,948
Rhode Island	811	-104	149	3	1	12,335	2.6	-464	1,154	29	19	12,383
South Carolina	1,936	-582	-162	6	4	17,582	0.8	-527	430	39	38	17,659
South Dakota	168	26	8	8	0	1,321	0.3	3	84	136	3	1,460
Tennessee	2,705	-254	-59	1	1	19,871	0.6	-1,224	-3,383	63	37	19,971
Texas	15,918	-2,720	-9,160	65	72	180,228	1.3	2,806	3,310	598	816	181,642
Utah	1,133	-263	197	10	1	11,934	0.7	-63	932	50	19	12,003
Vermont	472	252	240	0	0	2,599	0.9	45	141	0	0	2,599
Virgin Islands	25	1	-257	0	0	302	0.9	60	-22	2	0	304
Virginia	2,490	-110	-192	25	2	21,457	0.6	149	4,599	167	86	21,710
Washington	4,785	-240	487	8	17	73,625	2.1	-22	13,427	241	412	74,278
West Virginia	686	-127	-45	0	3	6,878	1.0	-622	-407	29	10	6,917
Wisconsin	2,691	-188	-745	4	1	22,996	0.8	-639	-2,627	35	13	23,044
Wyoming	238	-23	44	1	0	1,667	0.6	-65	187	15	1	1,683
Totals	193,790	-22,233	-22,883	708	393	2,005,905	1.3	-704	71,523	7,831	4,637	2,018,373

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 26, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-6,212	No comment.
TX	-2,720	No comment.
GA	-1,949	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing; administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; health care and social assistance; and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
NY	-1,464	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, and in health care and social assistance industries.
CA	-1,174	No comment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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