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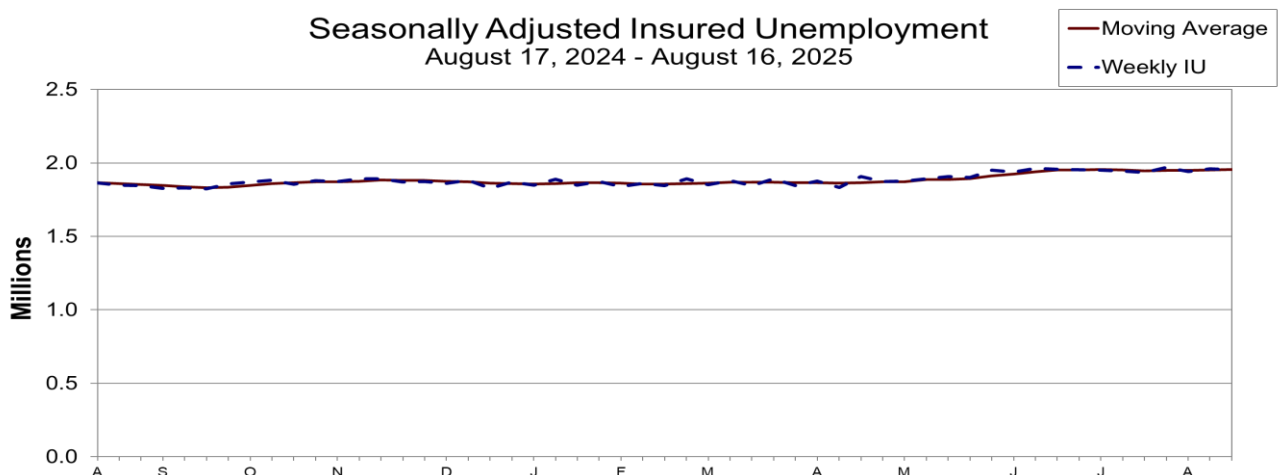
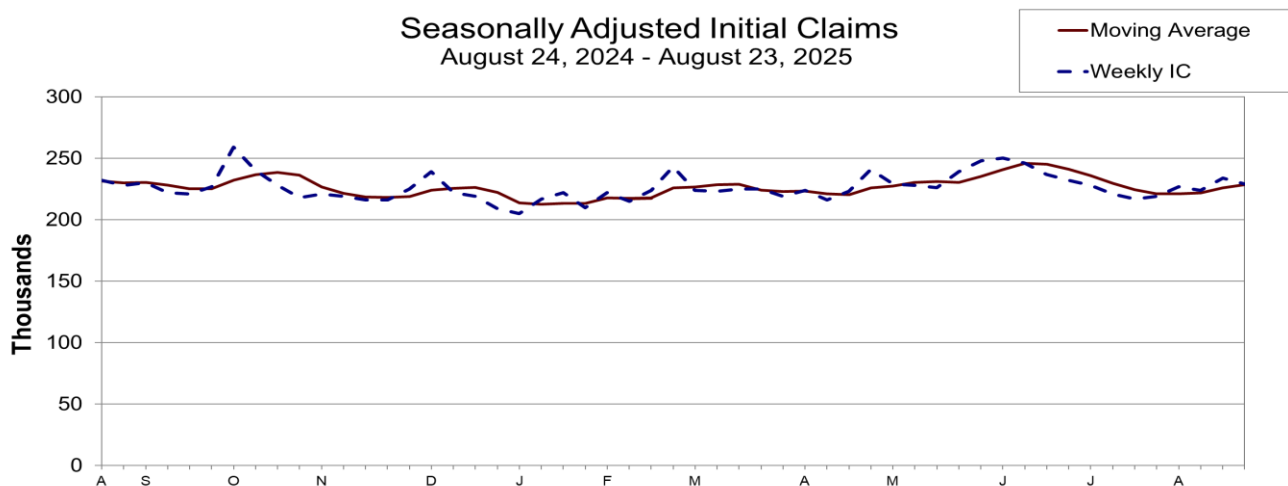
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 229,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 235,000 to 234,000. The 4-week moving average was 228,500, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 226,250 to 226,000.

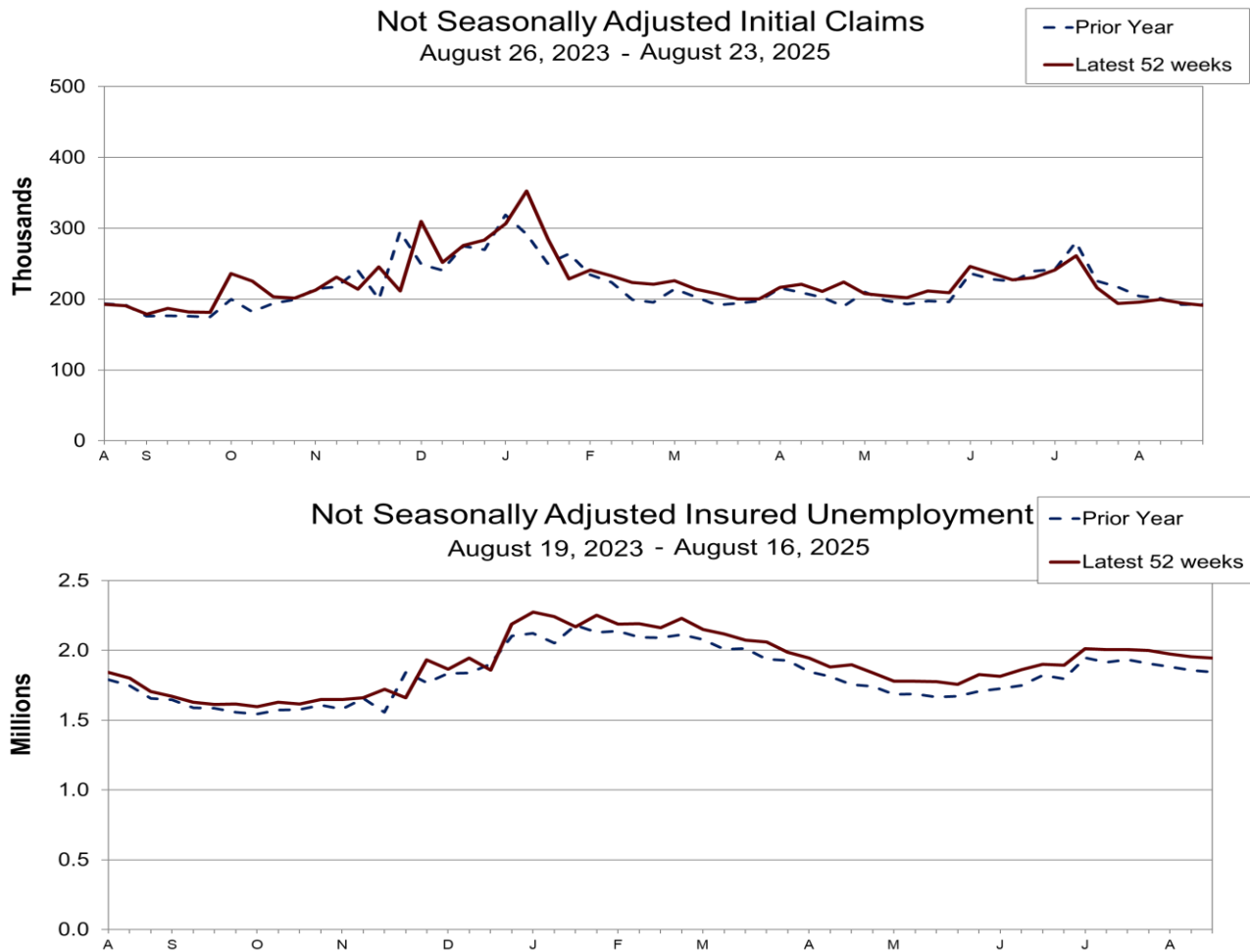
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending August 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 16 was 1,954,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 11,000 from 1,972,000 to 1,961,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,956,250, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,750 from 1,954,500 to 1,951,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 191,289 in the week ending August 23, a decrease of 2,873 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,405 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 192,741 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending August 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,944,670, a decrease of 10,490 (or -0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,922 (or -0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,843,165.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 9 was 1,987,457, a decrease of 18,314 from the previous week. There were 1,883,079 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 August 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 581 in the week ending August 16, a decrease of 54 from the prior week. There were 409 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 53 from the preceding week.

There were 8,453 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 9, an increase of 216 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,652, a decrease of 1,764 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 9 were in New Jersey (2.7), Rhode Island (2.6), Massachusetts (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), California (2.1), Washington (2.1), District of Columbia (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), Oregon (1.9), and Pennsylvania (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 16 were in Kentucky (+2,951), Iowa (+1,048), Virginia (+522), Ohio (+210), and South Carolina (+144), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,290), Michigan (-1,170), Texas (-1,085), New Jersey (-660), and Minnesota (-587).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 23	August 16	Change	August 9	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	229,000	234,000	-5,000	224,000	232,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	191,289	194,162	-2,873	199,390	192,741
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	228,500	226,000	+2,500	221,750	231,500

WEEK ENDING	August 16	August 9	Change	August 2	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,954,000	1,961,000	-7,000	1,942,000	1,864,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,944,670	1,955,160	-10,490	1,973,534	1,843,165
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,956,250	1,951,750	+4,500	1,948,000	1,865,500
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%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 16	August 9	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	581	635	-54	284
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	409	462	-53	356

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

WEEK ENDING	August 9	August 2	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,948,431	1,966,714	-18,283	1,850,396
Federal Employees	8,453	8,237	+216	4,632
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,652	6,416	-1,764	4,703
Extended Benefits ³	44	34	+10	171
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,522	2,470	+52	2,257
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,355	21,900	+1,455	20,920
TOTAL	1,987,457	2,005,771	-18,314	1,883,079

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 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,857	1,962	-105	8,659	9,561	-902
Alaska	506	420	86	3,319	3,471	-152
Arizona	3,241	3,329	-88	32,434	33,963	-1,529
Arkansas	1,047	1,228	-181	7,025	7,906	-881
California	38,190	38,115	75	371,969	378,645	-6,676
Colorado	2,740	2,551	189	31,454	33,129	-1,675
Connecticut	3,476	3,759	-283	32,713	31,381	1,332
Delaware	236	297	-61	6,299	5,882	417
District of Columbia	683	746	-63	12,834	11,577	1,257
Florida	5,968	6,143	-175	33,584	39,467	-5,883
Georgia	4,402	4,710	-308	26,920	28,290	-1,370
Hawaii	996	837	159	6,042	5,521	521
Idaho	776	827	-51	4,783	5,406	-623
Illinois	9,962	9,402	560	102,778	102,670	108
Indiana	2,652	2,574	78	20,035	20,124	-89
Iowa	1,308	2,625	-1,317	9,982	9,127	855
Kansas	1,012	1,206	-194	8,615	8,030	585
Kentucky	4,446	4,590	-144	10,836	10,156	680
Louisiana	1,474	1,701	-227	8,546	10,725	-2,179
Maine	424	420	4	5,292	5,445	-153
Maryland	1,903	2,464	-561	30,447	30,691	-244
Massachusetts	5,047	4,373	674	79,373	78,487	886
Michigan	5,058	5,392	-334	50,154	50,149	5
Minnesota	3,175	3,280	-105	63,626	62,716	910
Mississippi	857	920	-63	6,701	7,617	-916
Missouri	2,380	2,312	68	19,118	21,013	-1,895
Montana	411	332	79	4,114	4,351	-237
Nebraska	567	634	-67	4,901	5,735	-834
Nevada	2,667	2,758	-91	26,449	26,454	-5
New Hampshire	346	446	-100	4,011	4,590	-579
New Jersey	8,934	9,045	-111	116,838	115,397	1,441
New Mexico	725	777	-52	10,270	10,396	-126
New York	14,948	13,360	1,588	165,853	164,405	1,448
North Carolina	3,076	3,192	-116	21,066	22,428	-1,362
North Dakota	250	222	28	2,378	2,391	-13
Ohio	4,994	5,216	-222	46,393	48,032	-1,639
Oklahoma	1,322	1,315	7	11,058	11,584	-526
Oregon	4,115	4,078	37	39,051	37,386	1,665
Pennsylvania	9,150	9,683	-533	111,476	113,553	-2,077
Puerto Rico	1,182	1,258	-76	20,894	18,694	2,200
Rhode Island	733	1,092	-359	12,646	12,458	188
South Carolina	1,815	2,201	-386	15,135	16,429	-1,294
South Dakota	146	174	-28	1,177	1,242	-65
Tennessee	2,855	2,841	14	16,659	17,229	-570
Texas	16,907	15,776	1,131	174,113	170,490	3,623
Utah	1,424	1,477	-53	11,952	12,028	-76
Vermont	249	240	9	2,761	2,372	389
Virgin Islands	65	40	25	256	314	-58
Virginia	2,313	3,146	-833	23,282	21,225	2,057
Washington	4,828	5,020	-192	76,921	73,342	3,579
West Virginia	619	664	-45	6,907	6,636	271
Wisconsin	2,603	2,764	-161	22,781	23,193	-412
Wyoming	229	228	1	1,790	1,657	133
US Total	191,289	194,162	-2,873	1,944,670	1,955,160	-10,490

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,954	-7	1,956.25	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 16						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 9						
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	1,962	-37	-170	7	7	9,561	0.5	-316	-150	52	20	9,633
Alaska	420	-20	-51	0	0	3,471	1.1	-79	13	32	4	3,507
Arizona	3,329	-249	-618	2	10	33,963	1.1	-96	1,258	88	50	34,101
Arkansas	1,228	-74	35	0	0	7,906	0.6	-587	-524	21	7	7,934
California	38,115	-2,290	-1,760	94	80	378,645	2.1	-6,222	-7,682	1,033	1,120	380,798
Colorado	2,551	-172	-115	3	11	33,129	1.2	565	5,872	125	192	33,446
Connecticut	3,759	82	834	3	5	31,381	1.9	567	532	46	30	31,457
Delaware	297	12	62	4	3	5,882	1.3	4	296	18	5	5,905
District of Columbia	746	17	132	50	1	11,577	2.0	-212	4,720	1,599	10	13,186
Florida	6,143	-305	-1,572	17	35	39,467	0.4	2,647	-601	135	92	39,694
Georgia	4,710	-61	70	45	20	28,290	0.6	191	-1,845	254	94	28,638
Hawaii	837	-213	-29	4	4	5,521	0.9	-444	124	52	46	5,619
Idaho	827	-39	9	0	0	5,406	0.6	-120	823	10	8	5,424
Illinois	9,402	-252	1,203	9	7	102,670	1.7	258	5,979	409	115	103,194
Indiana	2,574	-33	-1,111	3	4	20,124	0.6	-654	-270	37	27	20,188
Iowa	2,625	1,048	489	5	2	9,127	0.6	-1,490	-399	19	8	9,154
Kansas	1,206	31	30	1	3	8,030	0.6	-31	2,537	19	21	8,070
Kentucky	4,590	2,951	3,195	1	0	10,156	0.5	-54	1,628	40	26	10,222
Louisiana	1,701	43	-60	0	1	10,725	0.6	-715	-2,942	37	4	10,766
Maine	420	8	0	1	0	5,445	0.9	-17	849	24	7	5,476
Maryland	2,464	-417	220	92	9	30,691	1.2	417	4,602	606	62	31,359
Massachusetts	4,373	-192	-662	0	0	78,487	2.2	1,214	15,550	123	45	78,655
Michigan	5,392	-1,170	436	2	7	50,149	1.2	-521	4,160	110	43	50,302
Minnesota	3,280	-587	-92	5	1	62,716	2.2	-723	4,994	76	40	62,832
Mississippi	920	-69	-128	4	1	7,617	0.7	-613	2	51	24	7,692
Missouri	2,312	-241	-119	5	1	21,013	0.7	-658	743	65	18	21,096
Montana	332	-48	-111	4	1	4,351	0.9	-108	346	26	15	4,392
Nebraska	634	-17	76	2	0	5,735	0.6	-209	808	23	7	5,765
Nevada	2,758	-39	66	3	0	26,454	1.7	-100	1,063	40	62	26,556
New Hampshire	446	-93	5	1	1	4,590	0.7	60	712	2	3	4,595
New Jersey	9,045	-660	183	21	21	115,397	2.7	55	721	240	260	115,897
New Mexico	777	-14	46	1	1	10,396	1.2	-170	290	101	22	10,519
New York	13,360	-174	-332	23	15	164,405	1.7	-3	1,698	376	190	164,971
North Carolina	3,192	-266	2	7	2	22,428	0.5	-106	898	77	109	22,614
North Dakota	222	-20	-99	0	1	2,391	0.6	-68	556	165	4	2,560
Ohio	5,216	210	253	10	10	48,032	0.9	-751	4,807	113	82	48,227
Oklahoma	1,315	-23	65	13	5	11,584	0.5	-459	980	37	26	11,647
Oregon	4,078	-333	856	4	1	37,386	1.9	260	9,508	115	42	37,543
Pennsylvania	9,683	-73	396	15	11	113,553	1.9	1,027	5,364	304	104	113,961
Puerto Rico	1,258	-325	351	10	0	18,694	2.0	-5,537	-397	159	42	18,895
Rhode Island	1,092	-53	467	5	1	12,458	2.6	271	1,666	34	16	12,508
South Carolina	2,201	144	-389	2	5	16,429	0.7	-645	213	45	42	16,516
South Dakota	174	21	19	0	0	1,242	0.3	51	46	122	0	1,364
Tennessee	2,841	-94	35	2	4	17,229	0.6	-1,187	-2,398	79	28	17,336
Texas	15,776	-1,085	-732	66	86	170,490	1.2	-1,872	14,482	728	949	172,167
Utah	1,477	84	176	7	2	12,028	0.7	33	1,130	51	19	12,098
Vermont	240	-38	52	0	0	2,372	0.8	-252	258	1	0	2,373
Virgin Islands	40	3	19	0	0	314	0.9	70	64	6	0	320
Virginia	3,146	522	444	20	3	21,225	0.5	-238	4,935	183	77	21,485
Washington	5,020	-253	290	5	25	73,342	2.1	-684	12,520	273	407	74,022
West Virginia	664	-46	41	0	0	6,636	1.0	-47	42	28	12	6,676
Wisconsin	2,764	-238	-720	3	2	23,193	0.8	-40	-2,825	39	15	23,247
Wyoming	228	-91	20	0	0	1,657	0.6	-36	237	5	1	1,663
Totals	194,162	-5,228	1,707	581	409	1,955,160	1.3	-18,374	97,993	8,453	4,652	1,968,265

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 AUGUST 16, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	+2,951	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
IA	+1,048	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,290	No comment.
MI	-1,170	Fewer layoffs in management of companies and enterprises industry.
TX	-1,085	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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