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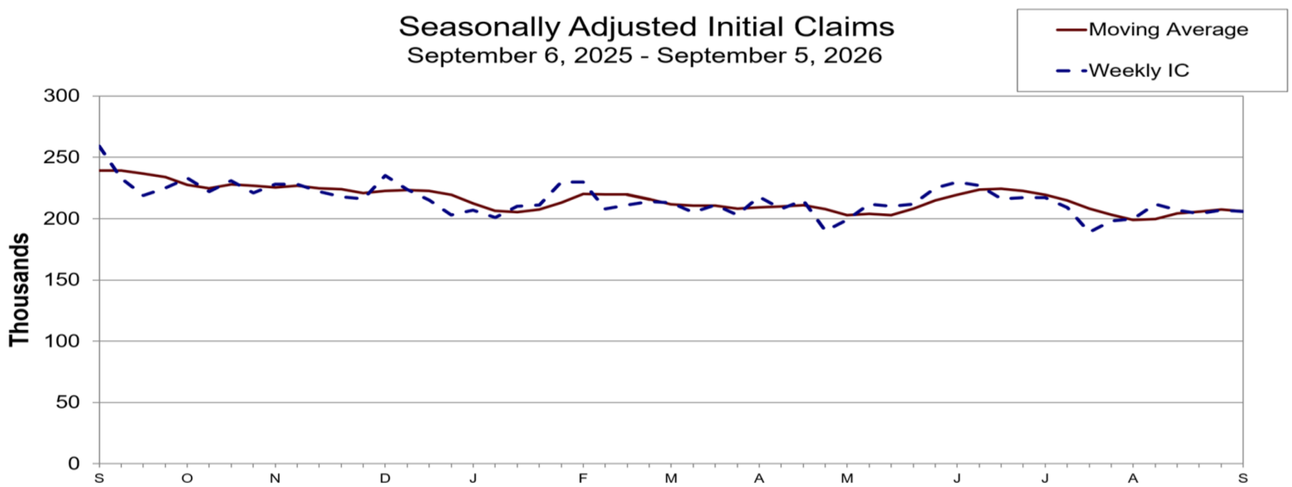
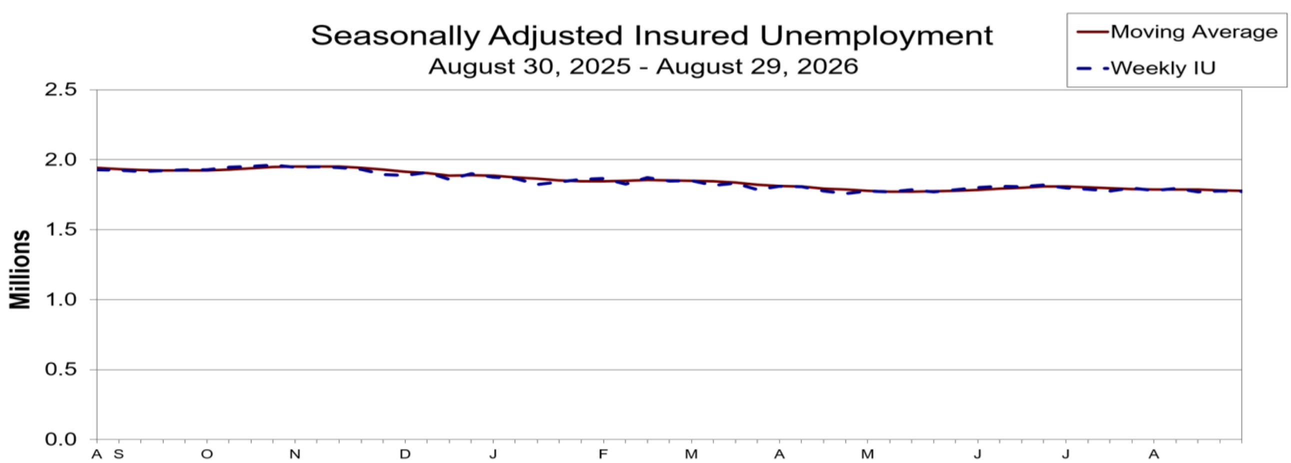
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 206,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 206,000 to 207,000. The 4-week moving average was 206,000, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 207,250 to 207,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 29 was 1,774,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,779,000 to 1,775,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,779,000, a decrease of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,781,750 to 1,780,750.

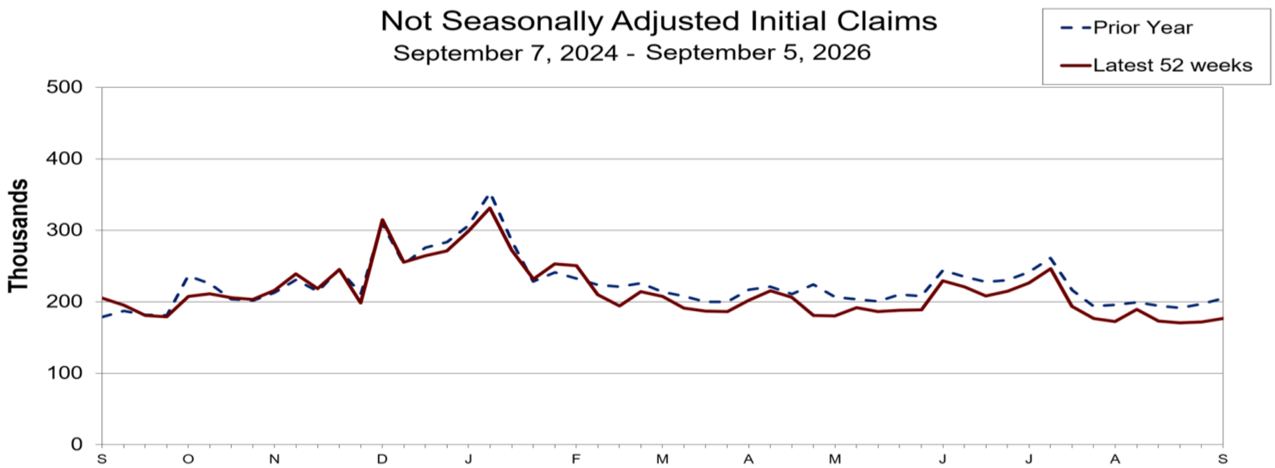


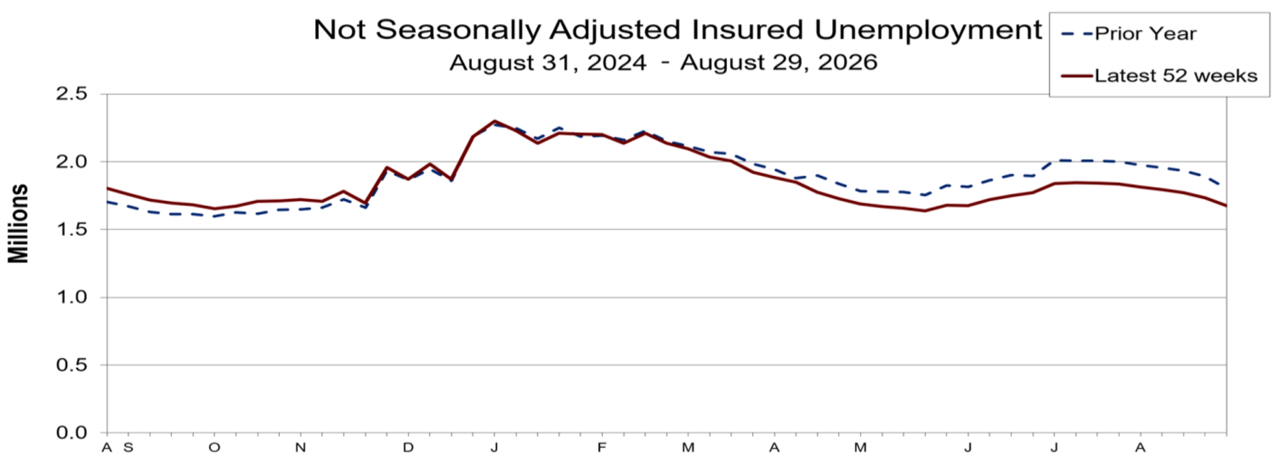


UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 176,567 in the week ending September 5, an increase of 5,164 (or 3.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,789 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 204,862 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending August 29, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,675,966, a decrease of 58,476 (or -3.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 56,809 (or -3.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,803,347.





The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 22 was 1,758,129, a decrease of 36,733 from the previous week. There were 1,925,338 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending August 22.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 388 in the week ending August 29, an increase of 51 from the prior week. There were 409 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 4 from the preceding week.

There were 5,727 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 22, an increase of 36 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,902, an increase of 88 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 22 were in New Jersey (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.6), Rhode Island (2.2), Massachusetts (2.1), Minnesota (1.9), Oregon (1.9), Washington (1.9), California (1.8), Connecticut (1.7), Nevada (1.7), and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 29 were in New York (+4,338), Hawaii (+475), Arkansas (+287), Florida (+253), and Rhode Island (+231), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-814), Ohio (-545), Pennsylvania (-510), Michigan (-472), and Illinois (-401).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	**September 5**	**August 29**	**Change**	**August 22**	**Prior Year**[1]
Initial Claims (SA)	206,000	207,000	-1,000	204,000	259,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	176,567	171,403	+5,164	170,596	204,862
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	206,000	207,500	-1,500	205,750	239,250

WEEK ENDING	**August 29**	**August 22**	**Change**	**August 15**	**Prior Year**[1]
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,774,000	1,775,000	-1,000	1,771,000	1,927,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,675,966	1,734,442	-58,476	1,771,025	1,803,347
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,779,000	1,780,750	-1,750	1,786,750	1,940,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)[2]	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)[2]	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	**August 29**	**August 22**	**Change**	**Prior Year**[1]
Federal Employees (UCFE)	388	337	+51	527
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	409	413	-4	317

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

WEEK ENDING	**August 22**	**August 15**	**Change**	**Prior Year**[1]
Regular State	1,730,132	1,766,645	-36,513	1,884,077
Federal Employees	5,727	5,691	+36	8,211
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,902	4,814	+88	4,667
Extended Benefits[3]	13	30	-17	82
State Additional Benefits[4]	3,147	2,931	+216	2,389
STC / Workshare [5]	14,208	14,751	-543	25,912
TOTAL	1,758,129	1,794,862	-36,733	1,925,338

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 153,732,307 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 September 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,448	1,591	-143	6,630	7,389	-759
Alaska	504	364	140	2,954	3,007	-53
Arizona	2,364	2,337	27	20,688	23,919	-3,231
Arkansas	1,079	1,451	-372	6,107	5,459	648
California	37,642	35,421	2,221	326,122	327,607	-1,485
Colorado	3,015	2,710	305	30,683	29,952	731
Connecticut	3,216	2,773	443	25,732	29,302	-3,570
Delaware	458	438	20	5,121	5,054	67
District of Columbia	616	570	46	7,392	7,540	-148
Florida	5,365	5,458	-93	29,297	32,938	-3,641
Georgia	3,825	3,769	56	22,983	24,784	-1,801
Hawaii*	1,278	1,366	-88	6,280	6,316	-36
Idaho	622	551	71	3,819	4,299	-480
Illinois	7,143	6,732	411	85,420	87,981	-2,561
Indiana	2,149	2,318	-169	17,545	17,631	-86
Iowa	1,206	1,167	39	6,432	7,048	-616
Kansas	815	778	37	7,008	6,765	243
Kentucky*	1,363	1,374	-11	7,257	9,438	-2,181
Louisiana	1,202	1,311	-109	5,383	6,730	-1,347
Maine	447	339	108	4,367	4,609	-242
Maryland	1,830	2,055	-225	23,140	25,212	-2,072
Massachusetts	4,527	3,948	579	71,960	74,813	-2,853
Michigan	5,876	3,727	2,149	41,386	44,442	-3,056
Minnesota	3,307	3,008	299	53,346	56,489	-3,143
Mississippi	846	828	18	5,942	6,516	-574
Missouri	2,103	2,105	-2	14,701	17,313	-2,612
Montana	350	333	17	3,651	3,915	-264
Nebraska	1,056	491	565	4,241	4,481	-240
Nevada	2,524	2,717	-193	26,286	26,476	-190
New Hampshire	258	317	-59	3,244	4,241	-997
New Jersey	8,151	7,723	428	109,817	110,780	-963
New Mexico	642	798	-156	9,103	9,097	6
New York	14,666	18,237	-3,571	168,175	167,966	209
North Carolina	2,863	2,972	-109	17,372	18,448	-1,076
North Dakota	229	210	19	1,961	2,046	-85
Ohio	4,221	3,861	360	34,990	36,998	-2,008
Oklahoma	1,059	1,130	-71	9,589	9,886	-297
Oregon	4,515	3,778	737	36,999	37,487	-488
Pennsylvania	8,321	7,966	355	82,042	95,571	-13,529
Puerto Rico*	1,231	1,281	-50	23,089	23,735	-646
Rhode Island	664	871	-207	9,535	10,612	-1,077
South Carolina	1,820	1,838	-18	14,146	14,812	-666
South Dakota	179	150	29	929	1,003	-74
Tennessee	2,707	2,341	366	14,382	14,883	-501
Texas	14,990	15,062	-72	140,289	143,166	-2,877
Utah	1,198	1,148	50	10,268	10,529	-261
Vermont	269	253	16	2,151	2,380	-229
Virgin Islands	56	42	14	440	402	38
Virginia	2,129	2,112	17	21,462	19,951	1,511
Washington	5,277	4,342	935	68,774	66,869	1,905
West Virginia	524	590	-66	5,474	5,401	73
Wisconsin	2,207	2,150	57	18,491	19,407	-916
Wyoming	215	201	14	1,371	1,347	24
US Total	176,567	171,403	5,164	1,675,966	1,734,442	-58,476

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.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.50	1,927	-10	1,940.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	259	23	239.25	1,925	-2	1,932.75	1.3
September 13, 2025	233	-26	239.25	1,916	-9	1,926.25	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-14	236.75	1,921	5	1,922.25	1.3
September 27, 2025	225	6	234.00	1,929	8	1,922.75	1.3
October 4, 2025	233	8	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	222	-11	224.75	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	231	9	227.75	1,953	6	1,939.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	221	-10	226.75	1,962	9	1,947.50	1.3
November 1, 2025	228	7	225.50	1,946	-16	1,952.00	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	0	227.00	1,949	3	1,952.50	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,943	-6	1,950.00	1.3
November 22, 2025	218	-4	224.00	1,932	-11	1,942.50	1.3
November 29, 2025	216	-2	221.00	1,894	-38	1,929.50	1.2
December 6, 2025	235	19	222.75	1,887	-7	1,914.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-11	223.25	1,910	23	1,905.75	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	222.50	1,860	-50	1,887.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	203	-12	219.25	1,900	40	1,889.25	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	4	212.25	1,875	-25	1,886.25	1.2
January 10, 2026	201	-6	206.50	1,865	-10	1,875.00	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	9	205.25	1,823	-42	1,865.75	1.2
January 24, 2026	211	1	207.25	1,842	19	1,851.25	1.2
January 31, 2026	230	19	213.00	1,859	17	1,847.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	230	0	220.25	1,865	6	1,847.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-22	219.75	1,827	-38	1,848.25	1.2
February 21, 2026	211	3	219.75	1,871	44	1,855.50	1.2
February 28, 2026	214	3	215.75	1,847	-24	1,852.50	1.2
March 7, 2026	213	-1	211.50	1,851	4	1,849.00	1.2
March 14, 2026	205	-8	210.75	1,816	-35	1,846.25	1.2
March 21, 2026	211	6	210.75	1,832	16	1,836.50	1.2
March 28, 2026	203	-8	208.00	1,787	-45	1,821.50	1.2
April 4, 2026	218	15	209.25	1,809	22	1,811.00	1.2
April 11, 2026	208	-10	210.00	1,808	-1	1,809.00	1.2
April 18, 2026	215	7	211.00	1,776	-32	1,795.00	1.2
April 25, 2026	190	-25	207.75	1,758	-18	1,787.75	1.1
May 2, 2026	199	9	203.00	1,776	18	1,779.50	1.2
May 9, 2026	212	13	204.00	1,771	-5	1,770.25	1.2
May 16, 2026	210	-2	202.75	1,785	14	1,772.50	1.2
May 23, 2026	212	2	208.25	1,771	-14	1,775.75	1.2
May 30, 2026	225	13	214.75	1,786	15	1,778.25	1.2
June 6, 2026	230	5	219.25	1,800	14	1,785.50	1.2
June 13, 2026	227	-3	223.50	1,812	12	1,792.25	1.2
June 20, 2026	216	-11	224.50	1,806	-6	1,801.00	1.2
June 27, 2026	217	1	222.50	1,821	15	1,809.75	1.2
July 4, 2026	217	0	219.25	1,798	-23	1,809.25	1.2
July 11, 2026	209	-8	214.75	1,789	-9	1,803.50	1.2
July 18, 2026	189	-20	208.00	1,777	-12	1,796.25	1.2
July 25, 2026	198	9	203.25	1,799	22	1,790.75	1.2
August 1, 2026	200	2	199.00	1,781	-18	1,786.50	1.2
August 8, 2026	212	12	199.75	1,796	15	1,788.25	1.2
August 15, 2026	207	-5	204.25	1,771	-25	1,786.75	1.2
August 22, 2026	204	-3	205.75	1,775	4	1,780.75	1.2
August 29, 2026	207	3	207.50	1,774	-1	1,779.00	1.2
September 5, 2026	206	-1	206.00				

	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 22						
		CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM				TOTAL
STATE NAME	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE [1]	UCX [1]	STATE	(%) [2]	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE [1]	UCX [1]	INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
Alabama	1,591	59	-330	1	4	7,389	0.4	-380	-1,762	29	14	7,432
Alaska	364	-31	-79	2	0	3,007	0.9	-93	-307	21	3	3,031
Arizona	2,337	-229	-643	3	7	23,919	0.8	-845	-7,215	58	29	24,006
Arkansas	1,451	287	226	0	0	5,459	0.4	58	-1,628	12	1	5,472
California	35,421	180	-3,395	114	107	327,607	1.8	-3,711	-39,056	857	1,329	329,793
Colorado	2,710	-84	52	1	8	29,952	1.1	-667	246	107	216	30,275
Connecticut	2,773	-15	-2,801	3	5	29,302	1.7	-560	-3,644	51	17	29,370
Delaware	438	11	171	4	1	5,054	1.1	-146	-1,212	5	4	5,063
District of Columbia	570	-24	-72	20	2	7,540	1.4	-540	-3,351	445	0	7,985
Florida	5,458	253	-263	20	20	32,938	0.3	-1,478	-4,941	120	79	33,137
Georgia	3,769	-184	-583	15	12	24,784	0.5	-296	-2,865	148	86	25,018
Hawaii	1,366	475	483	3	6	6,316	1.0	1,076	653	45	53	6,414
Idaho	551	-29	-258	2	0	4,299	0.5	-188	-600	13	13	4,325
Illinois	6,732	-401	-4,510	9	9	87,981	1.5	-4,085	-9,333	352	115	88,448
Indiana	2,318	45	-43	0	3	17,631	0.6	-126	-2,212	13	16	17,660
Iowa	1,167	-60	-358	3	1	7,048	0.5	-590	-1,604	12	6	7,066
Kansas	778	-69	-519	1	1	6,765	0.5	-56	-1,245	23	23	6,811
Kentucky	1,374	-4	-280	0	0	9,438	0.5	-658	-1,083	49	38	9,525
Louisiana	1,311	-33	-451	1	5	6,730	0.4	-313	-2,778	19	11	6,760
Maine	339	-54	-146	1	1	4,609	0.7	-204	-503	16	6	4,631
Maryland	2,055	-107	-148	23	15	25,212	1.0	-101	-4,420	334	59	25,605
Massachusetts	3,948	-338	-474	2	1	74,813	2.1	-1,027	-3,303	172	116	75,101
Michigan	3,727	-472	-1,696	3	6	44,442	1.0	-4,476	-5,405	59	29	44,530
Minnesota	3,008	80	-91	2	7	56,489	1.9	-2,513	-1,492	65	44	56,598
Mississippi	828	-77	-497	2	0	6,516	0.6	-164	-535	37	4	6,557
Missouri	2,105	-21	-203	3	0	17,313	0.6	-1,606	-599	67	11	17,391
Montana	333	-78	-59	3	0	3,915	0.8	-169	-36	25	7	3,947
Nebraska	491	-29	-470	1	0	4,481	0.4	-401	-314	17	7	4,505
Nevada	2,717	112	25	2	1	26,476	1.7	234	27	43	84	26,603
New Hampshire	317	-40	-38	1	0	4,241	0.6	-108	-305	3	1	4,245
New Jersey	7,723	-814	-1,177	14	12	110,780	2.6	-901	-5,501	225	227	111,232
New Mexico	798	31	51	3	3	9,097	1.1	-199	-1,019	61	18	9,176
New York	18,237	4,338	1,764	21	15	167,966	1.7	3,791	395	329	243	168,538
North Carolina	2,972	-10	8	3	0	18,448	0.4	-390	-2,834	61	86	18,595
North Dakota	210	-118	-50	0	1	2,046	0.5	126	51	54	4	2,104
Ohio	3,861	-545	-1,172	4	15	36,998	0.7	-1,172	-8,065	62	60	37,120
Oklahoma	1,130	53	-253	4	6	9,886	0.6	-342	-1,071	24	36	9,946
Oregon	3,778	-92	-90	6	2	37,487	1.9	-1,058	1,986	106	50	37,643
Pennsylvania	7,966	-510	-731	13	10	95,571	1.6	-4,896	-9,002	321	94	95,986
Puerto Rico*	1,281	0	1	6	2	23,735	2.6	0	5,652	192	43	23,970
Rhode Island	871	231	146	0	3	10,612	2.2	-206	-1,490	28	14	10,654
South Carolina	1,838	-97	-24	2	5	14,812	0.7	-298	-234	53	53	14,918
South Dakota	150	-6	-4	0	0	1,003	0.2	-92	-133	15	0	1,018
Tennessee	2,341	-43	-3,348	1	5	14,883	0.5	-564	-1,594	47	40	14,970
Texas	15,062	-236	-1,542	46	78	143,166	1.0	-3,574	-23,858	491	944	144,601
Utah	1,148	-106	-184	4	4	10,529	0.6	-132	-1,333	56	18	10,603
Vermont	253	-33	64	0	0	2,380	0.8	-157	10	8	2	2,390
Virgin Islands	42	-13	-10	0	0	402	1.2	68	118	2	2	406
Virginia	2,112	-174	-260	8	9	19,951	0.5	-428	51	165	112	20,228
Washington	4,342	-194	-566	3	11	66,869	1.9	-879	-6,285	153	415	67,437
West Virginia	590	42	-113	1	2	5,401	0.8	-161	-670	21	4	5,426
Wisconsin	2,150	7	-314	2	4	19,407	0.7	-935	-1,938	33	15	19,455
Wyoming	201	-27	-55	2	0	1,347	0.5	-51	-184	3	1	1,351
Totals	171,403	807	-25,309	388	409	1,734,442	1.1	-36,583	-157,770	5,727	4,902	1,745,071

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.

*Reflects week ending August 8, 2026.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+4,338	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and educational services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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