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REVISION TO SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Beginning with the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Weekly Claims News Release issued Thursday, September 3, 2020, the methodology used to seasonally adjust the national initial claims and continued claims will reflect additive factors as opposed to multiplicative factors.

Seasonal adjustment factors can be either multiplicative or additive. A multiplicative seasonal effect is assumed to be proportional to the level of the series. A sudden large increase in the level of the series will be accompanied by a proportionally large seasonal effect. In contrast, an additive seasonal effect is assumed to be unaffected by the level of the series. In times of relative economic stability, the multiplicative option is generally preferred over the additive option. However, in the presence of a large level shift in a time series, multiplicative seasonal adjustment factors can result in systematic over- or under-adjustment of the series; in such cases, additive seasonal adjustment factors are preferred since they tend to more accurately track seasonal fluctuations in the series and have smaller revisions.

Prior to September 2020, the seasonally adjusted unemployment insurance claims series used multiplicative seasonal adjustment factors. Starting in September Bureau of Labor Statistics staff, who provide the seasonal adjustment factors, specified these series as additive. In accordance with the usual practice, the seasonal adjustment models and factors will be reviewed at the beginning of each calendar year, when prior years of seasonally adjusted estimates will be subject to revision.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

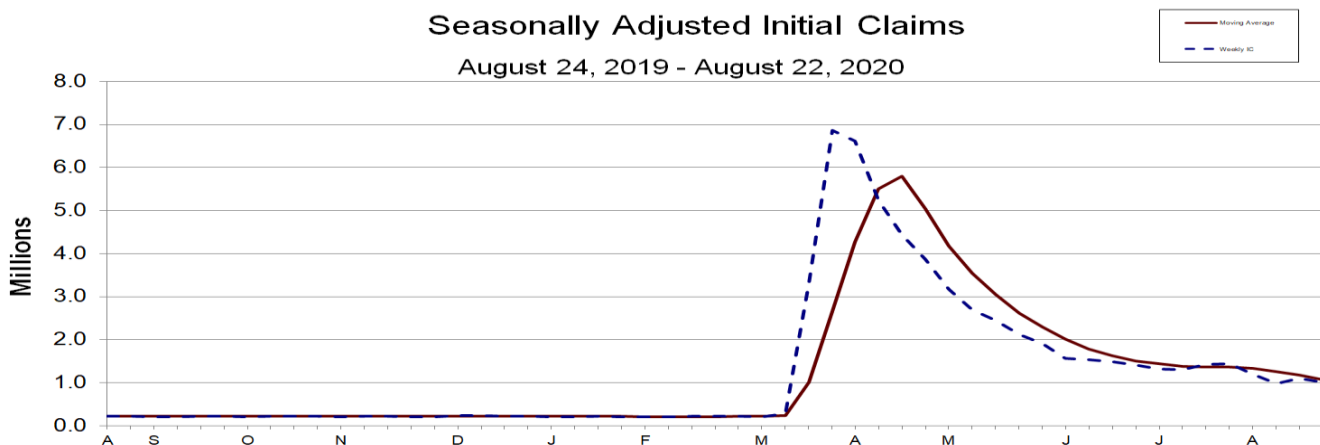
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,006,000, a decrease of 98,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,106,000 to 1,104,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,068,000, a decrease of 107,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,175,750 to 1,175,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 9.9 percent for the week ending August 15, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.1 from 10.2 to 10.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 15 was 14,535,000, a decrease of 223,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 86,000 from 14,844,000 to 14,758,000. The 4-week moving average was 15,215,750, a decrease of 604,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 21,500 from 15,841,250 to 15,819,750.

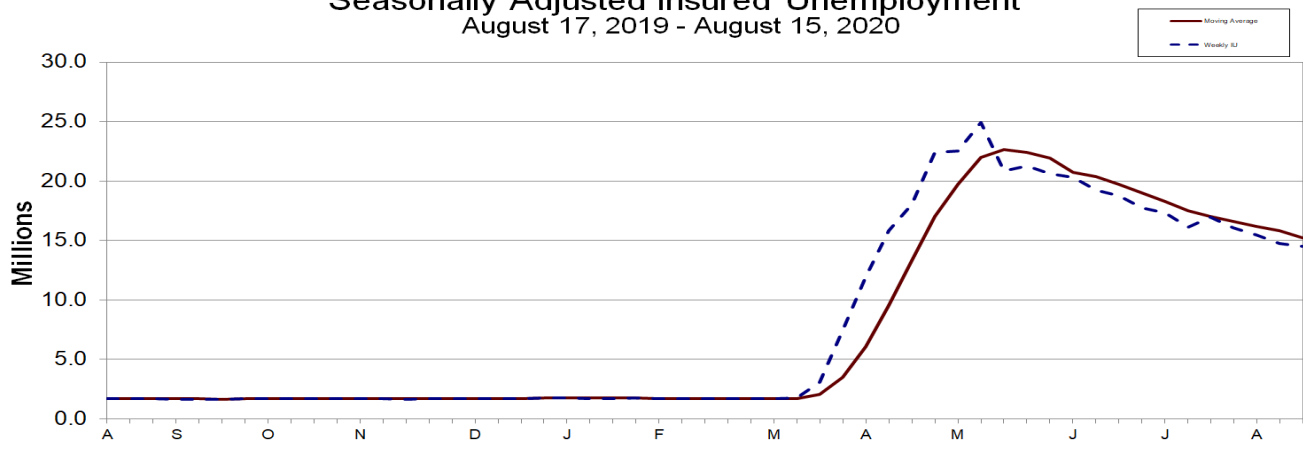
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

August 24, 2019 - August 22, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

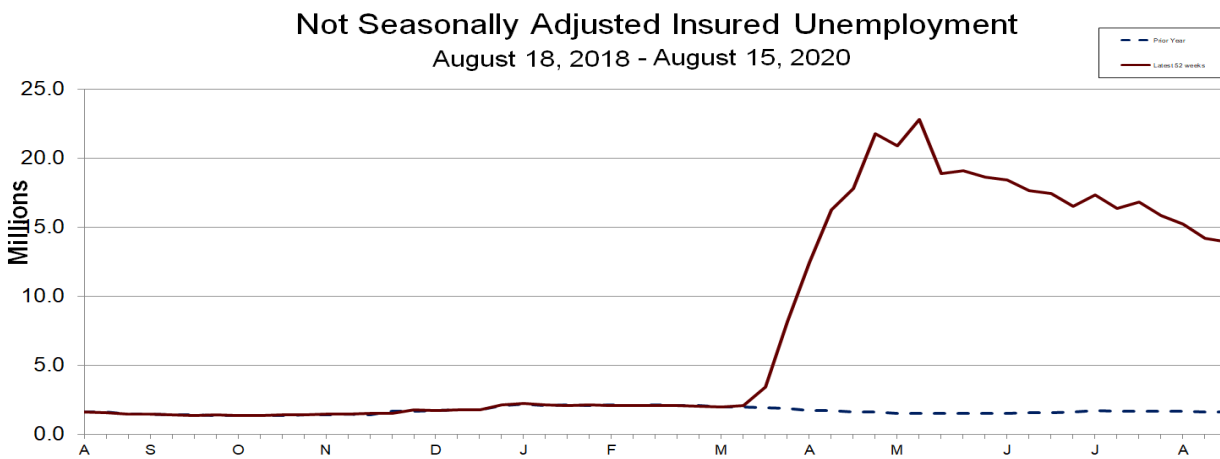
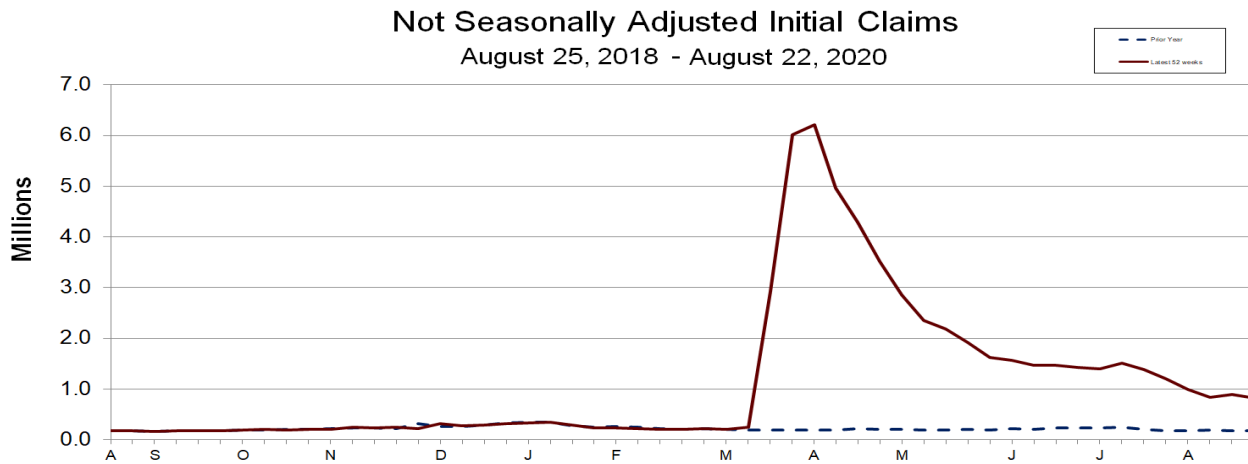
August 17, 2019 - August 15, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 821,591 in the week ending August 22, a decrease of 67,958 (or -7.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 12,140 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 176,867 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending August 22, 51 states reported 607,806 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 9.5 percent during the week ending August 15, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 13,909,872, a decrease of 272,941 (or -1.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 59,034 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,615,803.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 8 was 27,017,232, a decrease of 1,042,323 from the previous week. There were 1,644,315 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending August 8, Extended Benefits were available in the following 52 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,145 in the week ending August 15, a decrease of 32 from the prior week. There were 1,029 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 2 from the preceding week.

There were 13,968 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 8, a decrease of 646 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,566, a decrease of 346 from the prior week.

During the week ending August 8, 49 states reported 10,972,770 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 1,407,802 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 8 were in Hawaii (19.8), Puerto Rico (19.2), Nevada (17.3), California (16.1), New York (15.4), Connecticut (13.6), Louisiana (13.5), the Virgin Islands (12.8), Georgia (12.6), and Massachusetts (12.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 15 were in New Jersey (+11,580), Florida (+11,190), New York (+9,879), Texas (+9,096), and Tennessee (+3,793), while the largest decreases were in California (-12,155), Nevada (-6,817), Georgia (-4,236), Puerto Rico (-2,864), and Pennsylvania (-1,510).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 22	August 15	Change	August 8	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,006,000	1,104,000	-98,000	971,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	821,591	889,549	-67,958	838,734	176,867
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,068,000	1,175,250	-107,250	1,254,750	215,500

WEEK ENDING	August 15	August 8	Change	August 1	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	14,535,000	14,758,000	-223,000	15,480,000	1,699,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	13,909,872	14,182,813	-272,941	15,201,491	1,615,803
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	15,215,750	15,819,750	-604,000	16,168,000	1,699,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	9.9%	10.1%	-0.2	10.6%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	9.5%	9.7%	-0.2	10.4%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 22	August 15	Change	August 8
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	607,806	524,986	+82,820	489,639

WEEK ENDING	August 15	August 8	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,145	1,177	-32	509
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,029	1,031	-2	491

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 8	August 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	14,098,403	15,112,240	-1,013,837	1,616,985
Federal Employees	13,968	14,614	-646	6,923
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,566	13,912	-346	5,757
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	10,972,770	11,224,774	-252,004	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,407,802	1,289,125	+118,677	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	203,188	92,883	+110,305	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,674	2,610	+64	4,823
STC / Workshare ⁷	304,861	309,397	-4,536	9,827
TOTAL⁸	27,017,232	28,059,555	-1,042,323	1,644,315

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 146,125,989 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	8,179	11,047	-2,868	46,703	58,275	-11,572
Alaska	4,575	4,731	-156	31,173	32,899	-1,726
Arizona	13,681	12,775	906	200,009	211,212	-11,203
Arkansas	5,225	6,351	-1,126	44,532	52,946	-8,414
California	209,516	190,354	19,162	2,869,412	2,806,840	62,572
Colorado	6,418	6,971	-553	182,630	197,296	-14,666
Connecticut	6,401	9,432	-3,031	230,958	224,521	6,437
Delaware	1,527	1,927	-400	36,566	35,186	1,380
District of Columbia	1,574	1,979	-405	66,553	69,640	-3,087
Florida	45,723	72,774	-27,051	431,646	512,527	-80,881
Georgia	54,056	58,099	-4,043	547,674	555,479	-7,805
Hawaii	5,981	5,492	489	116,198	123,135	-6,937
Idaho	3,605	3,644	-39	15,151	18,772	-3,621
Illinois	25,333	22,406	2,927	593,152	604,288	-11,136
Indiana	10,778	11,569	-791	169,336	183,083	-13,747
Iowa	6,954	5,997	957	84,248	82,442	1,806
Kansas	15,836	14,348	1,488	71,819	65,426	6,393
Kentucky	16,034	18,266	-2,232	127,573	128,376	-803
Louisiana	11,299	14,365	-3,066	242,459	255,068	-12,609
Maine	1,103	1,332	-229	40,768	46,605	-5,837
Maryland	6,881	9,053	-2,172	170,856	180,568	-9,712
Massachusetts	17,157	17,184	-27	413,711	435,742	-22,031
Michigan	16,993	20,188	-3,195	456,032	428,028	28,004
Minnesota	10,836	12,081	-1,245	240,086	244,418	-4,332
Mississippi	4,073	6,496	-2,423	102,778	95,913	6,865
Missouri	8,442	10,654	-2,212	116,162	132,730	-16,568
Montana	2,193	1,960	233	25,307	27,840	-2,533
Nebraska	2,704	3,268	-564	28,707	32,095	-3,388
Nevada	11,194	10,938	256	220,306	240,346	-20,040
New Hampshire	2,465	2,832	-367	46,839	49,836	-2,997
New Jersey	19,360	25,417	-6,057	410,349	420,062	-9,713
New Mexico	4,676	5,029	-353	90,033	93,252	-3,219
New York	63,113	62,510	603	1,442,460	1,456,038	-13,578
North Carolina	12,880	17,388	-4,508	185,146	218,265	-33,119
North Dakota	803	855	-52	19,252	18,072	1,180
Ohio	18,119	21,760	-3,641	319,658	362,896	-43,238
Oklahoma	5,130	6,561	-1,431	112,140	123,305	-11,165
Oregon	5,095	5,233	-138	177,726	169,905	7,821
Pennsylvania	26,955	25,584	1,371	633,282	593,016	40,266
Puerto Rico	2,280	2,990	-710	136,929	164,841	-27,912
Rhode Island	3,092	2,683	409	48,771	51,095	-2,324
South Carolina	5,524	7,231	-1,707	141,777	161,012	-19,235
South Dakota	752	784	-32	9,051	8,949	102
Tennessee	10,998	14,413	-3,415	199,717	219,023	-19,306
Texas	52,318	61,400	-9,082	1,112,901	1,101,708	11,193
Utah	2,999	2,983	16	46,775	51,910	-5,135
Vermont	646	723	-77	29,444	29,962	-518
Virgin Islands	20	227	-207	4,322	4,710	-388
Virginia	12,870	15,151	-2,281	249,735	265,225	-15,490
Washington	20,585	24,005	-3,420	341,116	299,672	41,444
West Virginia	1,891	2,414	-523	56,610	54,525	2,085
Wisconsin	13,903	14,834	-931	162,778	173,270	-10,492
Wyoming	846	861	-15	10,556	10,568	-12
US Total	821,591	889,549	-67,958	13,909,872	14,182,813	-272,941

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	
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,758	-722	15,819.75	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,535	-223	15,215.75	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,006	-98	1,068.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 22			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 8	Aug 1	Change
Alabama	1,584	2,040	-456	35,635	45,214	-9,579
Alaska	311	268	43	10,743	13,256	-2,513
Arizona	39,843	19,226	20,617	279,232	284,043	-4,811
Arkansas	15,381	13,336	2,045	119,680	127,158	-7,478
California	259,735	173,424	86,311	3,074,568	3,071,115	3,453
Colorado	16,417	11,809	4,608	79,038	74,592	4,446
Connecticut	1,231	1,388	-157	58,351	57,864	487
Delaware	166	225	-59	8,082	8,416	-334
District of Columbia	237	251	-14	13,746	13,778	-32
Florida	8,418	10,212	-1,794	0	0	0
Georgia	6,498	6,813	-315	255,618	261,104	-5,486
Hawaii	2,744	3,241	-497	95,079	76,557	18,522
Idaho	216	306	-90	14,963	13,726	1,237
Illinois	4,169	3,477	692	119,766	138,422	-18,656
Indiana	6,457	6,755	-298	135,014	129,766	5,248
Iowa	1,122	1,016	106	13,447	14,292	-845
Kansas	15,189	13,625	1,564	221,885	147,456	74,429
Kentucky	2,884	2,454	430	29,485	51,597	-22,112
Louisiana	5,346	5,419	-73	132,403	152,053	-19,650
Maine	1,344	1,154	190	25,185	26,792	-1,607
Maryland	3,338	3,876	-538	229,469	230,961	-1,492
Massachusetts	12,617	12,282	335	489,525	399,830	89,695
Michigan	14,061	13,419	642	689,337	845,286	-155,949
Minnesota	0	0	0	48,643	55,042	-6,399
Mississippi	1,698	2,743	-1,045	36,604	51,467	-14,863
Missouri	1,558	1,561	-3	58,901	55,471	3,430
Montana	2,151	1,349	802	33,150	36,153	-3,003
Nebraska	1,175	1,178	-3	24,472	24,211	261
Nevada	10,871	12,356	-1,485	109,617	117,349	-7,732
New Hampshire	438	1,478	-1,040	18,546	19,321	-775
New Jersey	11,407	18,555	-7,148	408,172	396,687	11,485
New Mexico	1,597	1,689	-92	37,087	44,620	-7,533
New York	30,677	31,846	-1,169	1,306,485	1,178,162	128,323
North Carolina	8,261	10,360	-2,099	168,171	169,926	-1,755
North Dakota	741	780	-39	6,253	3,547	2,706
Ohio	13,544	14,963	-1,419	400,193	410,831	-10,638
Oklahoma	1,072	985	87	0	0	0
Oregon	2,563	3,066	-503	87,001	116,739	-29,738
Pennsylvania	36,352	41,264	-4,912	909,735	961,675	-51,940
Puerto Rico	6,412	7,035	-623	278,030	448,143	-170,113
Rhode Island	20,405	24,574	-4,169	53,449	56,264	-2,815
South Carolina	5,338	6,308	-970	46,018	67,987	-21,969
South Dakota	122	105	17	3,762	5,134	-1,372
Tennessee	4,434	4,862	-428	136,022	127,072	8,950
Texas	16,085	19,711	-3,626	249,968	276,247	-26,279
Utah	952	817	135	8,797	7,276	1,521
Vermont	56	73	-17	10,817	11,270	-453
Virgin Islands	221	154	67	0	0	0
Virginia	3,739	3,729	10	216,068	197,841	18,227
Washington	4,286	4,747	-461	125,986	134,974	-8,988
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,124	2,520	-396	58,431	65,862	-7,431
Wyoming	219	162	57	2,141	2,225	-84
US Total	607,806	524,986	82,820	10,972,770	11,224,774	-252,004

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#) . Backdated claims data may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	August 8	August 1	Change	July 25	July 18
Alabama	78,944	77,381	1,563	74,759	67,880
Alaska	4,244	4,066	178	4,158	3,419
Arizona	13,951	13,287	664	13,541	12,904
Arkansas	20,251	17,975	2,276	14,907	10,525
California	394,359	290,941	103,418	270,747	248,098
Colorado	11,128	17,003	-5,875	7,262	12,910
Connecticut	12,512	11,870	642	0	8,969
Delaware	2,231	2,509	-278	2,458	2,310
District of Columbia	2,167	2,208	-41	2,204	2,178
Florida	51,568	47,118	4,450	50,374	53,423
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	6,132	5,639	493	5,679	5,442
Illinois	33,974	31,896	2,078	34,499	30,690
Indiana	7,025	7,311	-286	7,372	7,525
Iowa	14,520	14,797	-277	12,903	13,876
Kansas	5,143	0	5,143	2,497	2,421
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,040	3,179	-139	3,399	3,340
Maine	5,804	5,253	551	4,656	4,012
Maryland	10,294	10,185	109	11,282	10,984
Massachusetts	44,618	42,630	1,988	40,762	38,508
Michigan	42,520	42,575	-55	39,866	31,283
Minnesota	26,649	24,636	2,013	24,110	23,053
Mississippi	7,324	8,753	-1,429	7,689	6,873
Missouri	16,832	12,429	4,403	13,114	12,768
Montana	3,464	3,232	232	3,268	3,048
Nebraska	2,692	2,362	330	2,219	2,173
Nevada	19,798	18,018	1,780	15,617	14,855
New Hampshire	957	7,365	-6,408	318	278
New Jersey	52,722	52,447	275	54,847	57,651
New Mexico	4,864	5,096	-232	5,171	4,941
New York	70,896	93,823	-22,927	89,643	84,708
North Carolina	208,596	201,964	6,632	199,881	189,498
North Dakota	4,139	3,882	257	3,967	3,776
Ohio	17,181	17,981	-800	18,753	18,749
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	15,300	14,274	1,026	13,477	12,249
Pennsylvania	42,023	37,975	4,048	42,208	37,497
Puerto Rico	5,089	5,409	-320	5,381	5,884
Rhode Island	4,989	4,446	543	3,969	3,404
South Carolina	23,612	19,827	3,785	18,505	15,803
South Dakota	320	363	-43	338	311
Tennessee	12,146	9,539	2,607	6,872	6,216
Texas	17,924	18,850	-926	15,922	16,318
Utah	7,934	7,186	748	6,580	6,121
Vermont	1,254	1,240	14	1,234	1,264
Virgin Islands	56	89	-33	96	0
Virginia	42,600	37,666	4,934	42,350	37,841
Washington	5,442	5,353	89	5,252	6,081
West Virginia	4,758	4,892	-134	1,230	4,435
Wisconsin	22,182	20,559	1,623	16,425	7,724
Wyoming	1,634	1,646	-12	1,494	1,476
US Total	1,407,802	1,289,125	118,677	1,223,255	1,155,692

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	August 8	August 1	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	668	622	46
Arizona	285	186	99
Arkansas	1,279	1,023	256
California	70,798	22,372	48,426
Colorado	42	33	9
Connecticut	4,181	3,765	416
Delaware	296	434	-138
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	299	55	244
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	7	3	4
Idaho	199	149	50
Illinois	34,296	13,461	20,835
Indiana	1,868	1,725	143
Iowa	2,106	2,112	-6
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	735	594	141
Maine	10	7	3
Maryland	1,979	1,275	704
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	1	0	1
Minnesota	4,607	4,049	558
Mississippi	1,088	987	101
Missouri	2,976	2,443	533
Montana	329	256	73
Nebraska	90	78	12
Nevada	1,477	1,104	373
New Hampshire	264	240	24
New Jersey	16,345	14,128	2,217
New Mexico	930	603	327
New York	26,009	0	26,009
North Carolina	6,298	5,545	753
North Dakota	249	194	55
Ohio	4,970	3,861	1,109
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	1,979	1,661	318
Pennsylvania	14,623	9,245	5,378
Puerto Rico	985	341	644
Rhode Island	617	489	128
South Carolina	2,968	2,590	378
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	1,115	918	197
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	78	0	78
Vermont	274	55	219
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	6	7	-1
Wisconsin	12	8	4
Wyoming	5	4	1
US Total	207,343	96,622	110,721

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 15

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 8

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	11,047	1,580	8,924	21	14	58,275	3.0	-12,137	41,640	103	78	58,456
Alaska	4,731	112	4,033	20	6	32,899	10.7	-1,543	28,013	146	60	33,105
Arizona	12,775	1,120	9,261	17	13	211,212	7.3	-8,247	182,593	359	261	211,832
Arkansas	6,351	443	4,929	2	4	52,946	4.4	-9,456	40,996	113	56	53,115
California	190,354	-12,155	154,924	238	207	2,806,840	16.1	-154,348	2,512,194	1,798	2,020	2,810,658
Colorado	6,971	740	5,500	18	26	197,296	7.4	-1,406	180,531	186	368	197,850
Connecticut	9,432	2,001	6,720	23	1	224,521	13.6	-6,686	188,458	183	153	224,857
Delaware	1,927	167	1,460	2	5	35,186	7.9	-840	29,914	30	45	35,261
District of Columbia	1,979	182	1,518	22	1	69,640	12.0	-1,247	62,249	894	7	70,541
Florida	72,774	11,190	66,765	27	19	512,527	5.9	-55,460	470,674	313	296	513,136
Georgia	58,099	-4,236	54,186	55	23	555,479	12.6	-16,976	530,690	706	489	556,674
Hawaii	5,492	196	4,481	20	24	123,135	19.8	-779	116,758	274	186	123,595
Idaho	3,644	394	2,889	1	1	18,772	2.5	-1,491	14,221	11	23	18,806
Illinois	22,406	-528	15,415	6	10	604,288	10.2	-12,843	515,757	571	277	605,136
Indiana	11,569	945	9,526	18	12	183,083	6.0	-16,253	169,656	116	168	183,367
Iowa	5,997	1,106	4,192	10	4	82,442	5.4	-9,658	67,136	132	59	82,633
Kansas	14,348	3,139	13,176	3	2	65,426	4.8	-5,049	57,204	81	71	65,578
Kentucky	18,266	801	16,031	3	2	128,376	6.8	-13,435	111,556	218	267	128,861
Louisiana	14,365	3,234	12,371	26	25	255,068	13.5	-44,906	238,281	146	73	255,287
Maine	1,332	-402	969	0	1	46,605	7.7	-4,280	42,925	38	38	46,681
Maryland	9,053	161	6,253	28	30	180,568	7.1	-13,823	151,267	245	218	181,031
Massachusetts	17,184	2,455	13,145	18	19	435,742	12.2	-20,806	378,828	281	205	436,228
Michigan	20,188	1,191	16,132	20	6	428,028	9.9	-107,190	384,591	153	137	428,318
Minnesota	12,081	2,994	9,906	6	6	244,418	8.5	-15,107	218,989	180	161	244,759
Mississippi	6,496	1,044	5,464	5	1	95,913	8.6	-42,849	86,625	210	67	96,190
Missouri	10,654	1,639	8,043	2	4	132,730	4.8	-14,287	111,789	98	111	132,939
Montana	1,960	318	1,466	5	2	27,840	6.1	257	23,315	71	35	27,946
Nebraska	3,268	544	2,746	5	3	32,095	3.3	-7,049	28,292	29	29	32,153
Nevada	10,938	-6,817	8,851	2	2	240,346	17.3	-95,622	223,238	106	165	240,617
New Hampshire	2,832	108	2,368	2	3	49,836	7.6	-5,403	46,349	18	13	49,867
New Jersey	25,417	11,580	17,876	36	28	420,062	10.4	-6,457	325,140	322	485	420,869
New Mexico	5,029	-512	4,348	3	2	93,252	11.6	-574	85,014	274	108	93,634
New York	62,510	9,879	50,422	25	37	1,456,038	15.4	16,111	1,324,828	497	730	1,457,265
North Carolina	17,388	3,060	14,374	34	79	218,265	4.9	-24,548	197,778	437	649	219,351
North Dakota	855	79	644	2	2	18,072	4.4	-2,411	16,167	212	22	18,306
Ohio	21,760	678	17,101	8	35	362,896	6.8	-15,261	320,646	170	369	363,435
Oklahoma	6,561	874	4,962	16	11	123,305	7.9	-6,666	108,598	124	157	123,586
Oregon	5,233	-1,272	2,261	16	6	169,905	8.8	-5,248	145,450	332	128	170,365
Pennsylvania	25,584	-1,510	14,427	139	38	593,016	10.2	-80,077	481,214	1,106	507	594,629
Puerto Rico	2,990	-2,864	1,741	3	1	164,841	19.2	-21,398	146,404	135	81	165,057
Rhode Island	2,683	-641	1,811	0	1	51,095	10.8	-4,870	42,760	41	27	51,163
South Carolina	7,231	1,335	5,358	7	16	161,012	7.7	-9,971	145,453	59	116	161,187
South Dakota	784	-189	626	23	1	8,949	2.1	-5,766	7,859	226	5	9,180
Tennessee	14,413	3,793	12,520	30	26	219,023	6.6	-5,727	201,355	125	142	219,290
Texas	61,400	9,096	49,706	125	203	1,101,708	8.9	-119,832	978,101	1,012	2,401	1,105,121
Utah	2,983	102	2,157	14	5	51,910	3.5	-5,958	45,550	56	38	52,004
Vermont	723	-181	402	1	2	29,962	9.9	-1,821	27,154	24	3	29,989
Virgin Islands	227	186	194	0	0	4,710	12.8	-338	4,236	2	0	4,712
Virginia	15,151	1,886	12,914	4	13	265,225	7.1	815	245,425	432	513	266,170
Washington	24,005	1,014	18,973	18	32	299,672	8.9	-8,896	256,133	367	762	300,801
West Virginia	2,414	433	1,612	2	4	54,525	8.2	-3,238	46,314	70	73	54,668
Wisconsin	14,834	577	11,465	14	10	173,270	6.1	-6,876	148,183	118	108	173,496
Wyoming	861	-254	625	0	1	10,568	3.9	-752	8,931	18	6	10,592
Totals	889,549	50,815	718,163	1,145	1,029	14,182,813	9.7	-1,018,678	12,563,422	13,968	13,566	14,210,347

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 15, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+11,580	No comment.
FL	+11,190	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
NY	+9,879	Layoffs in the accommodations and food services, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	+9,096	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, manufacturing, educational services, mining, health care and social assistance, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
TN	+3,793	Layoffs in the educational services, public administration, art, entertainment, and recreation, and wholesale trade industries.
LA	+3,234	No comment.
KS	+3,139	No comment.
NC	+3,060	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodations and food services, and educational services industries.
MN	+2,994	No comment.
MA	+2,455	No comment.
CT	+2,001	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
VA	+1,886	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	+1,639	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
AL	+1,580	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodations and food services, health care and social assistance, construction, and transportation and warehousing industries.
SC	+1,335	No comment.
MI	+1,191	No comment.
AZ	+1,120	No comment.
IA	+1,106	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodations and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and educational services industries.
MS	+1,044	No comment.
WA	+1,014	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-12,155	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NV	-6,817	No comment.
GA	-4,236	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodations and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
PR	-2,864	No comment.
PA	-1,510	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, manufacturing, construction, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	-1,272	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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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