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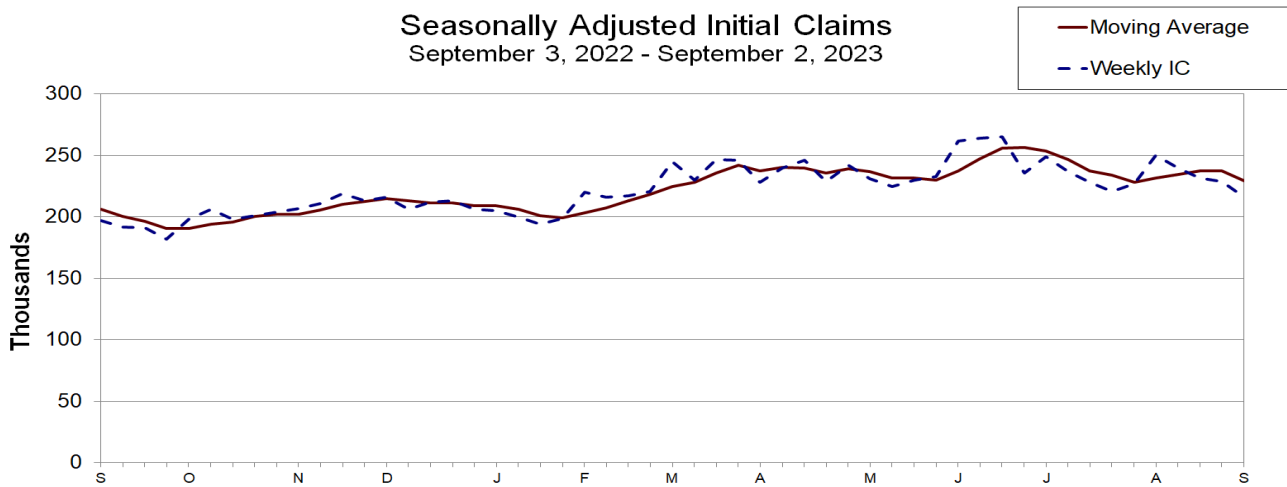
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

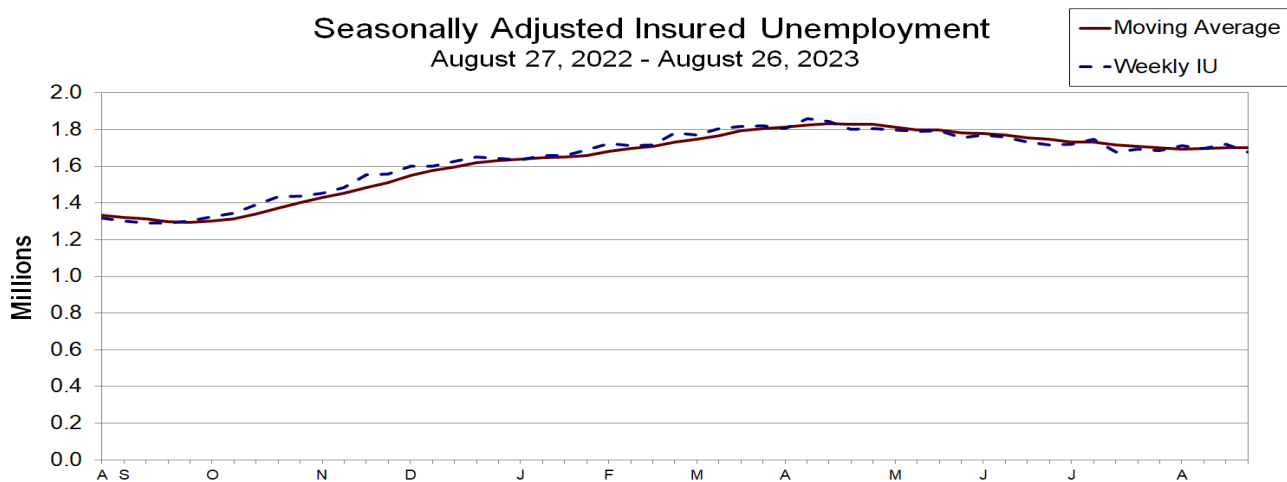
In the week ending September 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 228,000 to 229,000. The 4-week moving average was 229,250, a decrease of 8,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 237,500 to 237,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending August 26, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 26 was 1,679,000, a decrease of 40,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,725,000 to 1,719,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,701,500, a decrease of 1,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,704,250 to 1,702,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
September 3, 2022 - September 2, 2023



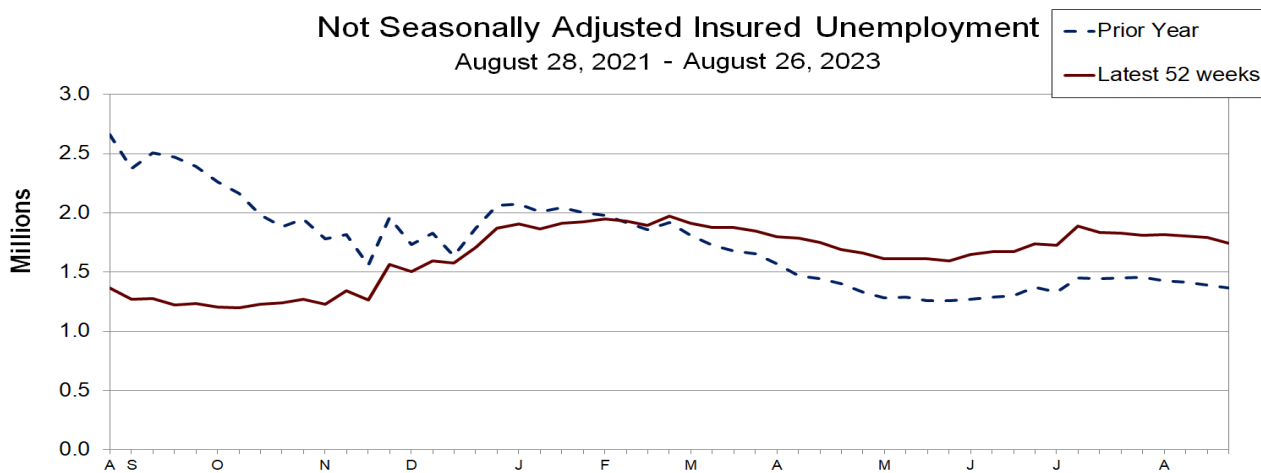
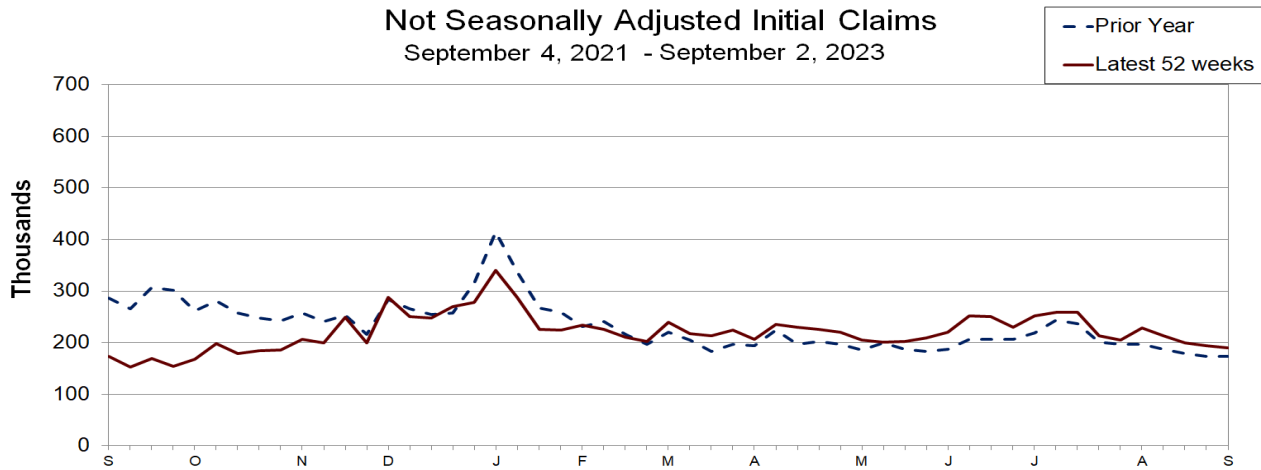
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 27, 2022 - August 26, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 190,190 in the week ending September 2, a decrease of 3,240 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,480 (or 4.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 172,835 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,743,129, a decrease of 46,742 (or -2.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,158 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,365,751.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 19 was 1,814,707, a decrease of 13,025 from the previous week. There were 1,415,169 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

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

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 371 in the week ending August 26, an increase of 28 from the prior week. There were 374 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 5 from the preceding week.

There were 4,469 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 19, a decrease of 362 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,152, a decrease of 2 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 19 were in New Jersey (2.6), California (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Hawaii (2.0), Massachusetts (2.0), New York (1.9), Connecticut (1.8), Oregon (1.8), and Pennsylvania (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 26 were in New York (+3,581), Oregon (+890), Michigan (+722), Virginia (+466), and Oklahoma (+284), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-4,632), Missouri (-1,583), Hawaii (-1,413), Texas (-666), and Connecticut (-464).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 2	August 26	Change	August 19	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	229,000	-13,000	232,000	197,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	190,190	193,430	-3,240	199,437	172,835
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	229,250	237,750	-8,500	237,250	206,000

WEEK ENDING	August 26	August 19	Change	August 12	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,679,000	1,719,000	-40,000	1,697,000	1,316,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,743,129	1,789,871	-46,742	1,801,993	1,365,751
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,701,500	1,702,750	-1,250	1,696,000	1,334,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.1%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 26	August 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	371	343	+28	333
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	374	379	-5	403

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

WEEK ENDING	August 19	August 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,784,503	1,796,370	-11,867	1,387,837
Federal Employees	4,469	4,831	-362	6,385
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,152	4,154	-2	4,520
Extended Benefits ³	434	615	-181	4,589
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,801	1,763	+38	1,803
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,348	19,999	-651	10,035
TOTAL	1,814,707	1,827,732	-13,025	1,415,169

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 148,060,578 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 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,090	2,580	-490	8,812	9,613	-801
Alaska	675	545	130	3,042	3,136	-94
Arizona	3,304	3,504	-200	27,784	30,160	-2,376
Arkansas	1,231	1,376	-145	9,549	10,103	-554
California**	38,819	37,862	957	391,566	389,707	1,859
Colorado	2,427	2,243	184	21,919	21,755	164
Connecticut	3,440	2,834	606	29,890	29,930	-40
Delaware	260	239	21	5,250	4,942	308
District of Columbia	403	412	-9	5,946	5,881	65
Florida	4,620	5,393	-773	37,591	42,605	-5,014
Georgia	4,656	4,999	-343	31,993	34,027	-2,034
Hawaii	3,631	3,888	-257	13,712	11,703	2,009
Idaho	749	802	-53	3,897	4,266	-369
Illinois	7,560	7,462	98	86,509	91,764	-5,255
Indiana	3,316	2,603	713	19,527	20,398	-871
Iowa	1,977	1,621	356	6,999	7,590	-591
Kansas**	950	828	122	4,819	4,648	171
Kentucky	1,308	1,321	-13	6,842	6,755	87
Louisiana	1,267	1,830	-563	12,464	14,020	-1,556
Maine	401	367	34	3,854	4,065	-211
Maryland	1,899	2,136	-237	23,275	23,333	-58
Massachusetts	2,508	2,218	290	66,748	69,423	-2,675
Michigan	4,349	4,944	-595	35,236	38,656	-3,420
Minnesota	3,003	2,882	121	46,633	47,112	-479
Mississippi	879	1,004	-125	5,998	7,187	-1,189
Missouri	5,730	2,664	3,066	16,311	20,831	-4,520
Montana	380	410	-30	3,104	3,447	-343
Nebraska*	577	561	16	3,718	3,915	-197
Nevada	2,246	2,375	-129	20,673	21,013	-340
New Hampshire	303	402	-99	3,101	3,336	-235
New Jersey	7,512	7,961	-449	105,145	104,912	233
New Mexico	709	683	26	9,698	9,767	-69
New York	15,056	17,170	-2,114	177,976	175,091	2,885
North Carolina	3,225	3,165	60	20,225	21,442	-1,217
North Dakota	177	154	23	1,326	1,370	-44
Ohio	10,466	13,375	-2,909	36,064	38,047	-1,983
Oklahoma	1,212	1,442	-230	9,310	9,635	-325
Oregon	3,973	4,774	-801	33,074	34,415	-1,341
Pennsylvania	9,640	9,566	74	94,054	102,384	-8,330
Puerto Rico	1,381	1,232	149	8,432	18,677	-10,245
Rhode Island	732	745	-13	9,950	9,784	166
South Carolina	1,848	1,885	-37	13,005	13,940	-935
South Dakota	121	126	-5	806	878	-72
Tennessee	2,384	2,268	116	14,703	15,366	-663
Texas	13,697	14,198	-501	141,462	141,427	35
Utah	1,553	1,429	124	9,763	9,843	-80
Vermont	207	264	-57	2,662	2,737	-75
Virgin Islands	46	45	1	260	270	-10
Virginia**	2,876	2,777	99	14,643	13,258	1,385
Washington	4,534	4,081	453	54,429	51,489	2,940
West Virginia	646	689	-43	6,364	6,328	36
Wisconsin	3,032	2,878	154	21,590	22,247	-657
Wyoming	205	218	-13	1,426	1,243	183
US Total	190,190	193,430	-3,240	1,743,129	1,789,871	-46,742

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.

**Denotes state estimate.

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 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,679	-40	1,701.50	1.1
September 2, 2023	216	-13	229.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 26

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 19

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,580	188	-28	5	6	9,613	0.5	-404	4,988	22	15	9,650
Alaska	545	-30	-104	2	0	3,136	1.0	-157	-174	26	6	3,168
Arizona	3,504	-123	669	4	2	30,160	1.0	-523	6,847	48	37	30,245
Arkansas	1,376	54	-74	2	0	10,103	0.8	-1,114	1,950	23	14	10,140
California	37,862	-78	1,543	78	69	389,707	2.2	-4,923	76,871	763	868	391,338
Colorado	2,243	-106	187	1	6	21,755	0.8	-71	5,071	40	84	21,879
Connecticut	2,834	-464	-1,529	0	3	29,930	1.8	419	3,372	23	34	29,987
Delaware	239	-93	-12	1	1	4,942	1.1	-144	1,194	9	7	4,958
District of Columbia	412	-38	111	2	2	5,881	1.1	38	2,084	178	10	6,069
Florida	5,393	-318	27	15	20	42,605	0.5	-1,403	2,770	88	110	42,803
Georgia	4,999	-325	-81	22	21	34,027	0.7	92	1,159	142	90	34,259
Hawaii	3,888	-1,413	2,694	0	8	11,703	2.0	4,536	5,794	34	51	11,788
Idaho	802	26	136	1	0	4,266	0.5	-434	856	6	11	4,283
Illinois	7,462	-333	1,067	5	3	91,764	1.6	2,737	29,152	257	101	92,122
Indiana	2,603	-128	-720	5	3	20,398	0.7	14	1,631	52	14	20,464
Iowa	1,621	-50	519	3	1	7,590	0.5	-1,092	797	13	7	7,610
Kansas	828	-113	-317	1	2	4,648	0.3	-351	786	16	13	4,677
Kentucky	1,321	95	-186	0	0	6,755	0.4	-469	-1,407	22	35	6,812
Louisiana	1,830	-47	31	3	1	14,020	0.8	-829	2,786	30	10	14,060
Maine	367	-49	12	0	0	4,065	0.7	-146	913	8	8	4,081
Maryland	2,136	-171	277	9	3	23,333	0.9	114	4,584	124	59	23,516
Massachusetts	2,218	74	1,157	3	6	69,423	2.0	568	17,820	62	87	69,572
Michigan	4,944	722	-1,572	1	5	38,656	0.9	635	6,562	41	56	38,753
Minnesota	2,882	-210	597	6	3	47,112	1.7	-1,051	24,176	40	51	47,203
Mississippi	1,004	-34	21	4	0	7,187	0.6	-177	1,638	53	10	7,250
Missouri	2,664	-1,583	432	5	5	20,831	0.8	-719	5,895	58	20	20,909
Montana	410	58	-18	1	0	3,447	0.7	-221	461	24	10	3,481
Nebraska	561	-42	93	0	0	3,915	0.4	-356	1,001	6	7	3,928
Nevada	2,375	171	395	3	0	21,013	1.4	5	5,399	46	50	21,109
New Hampshire	402	-106	89	0	1	3,336	0.5	37	801	0	2	3,338
New Jersey	7,961	-115	1,639	19	17	104,912	2.6	1,855	19,237	233	140	105,285
New Mexico	683	-89	73	1	0	9,767	1.2	63	2,594	47	21	9,835
New York	17,170	3,581	-1,177	19	13	175,091	1.9	3,591	30,302	367	237	175,695
North Carolina	3,165	-144	64	1	0	21,442	0.5	-448	5,103	58	72	21,572
North Dakota	154	-17	20	2	0	1,370	0.3	-177	182	81	6	1,457
Ohio	13,375	-4,632	7,350	1	13	38,047	0.7	-4,059	8,139	51	52	38,150
Oklahoma	1,442	284	-100	6	10	9,635	0.6	-150	-666	18	43	9,696
Oregon	4,774	890	1,476	18	6	34,415	1.8	436	13,661	93	51	34,559
Pennsylvania	9,566	-389	3,212	23	9	102,384	1.8	-978	29,260	236	106	102,726
Puerto Rico	1,232	-178	137	6	5	18,677	2.1	-1,141	4,071	205	85	18,967
Rhode Island	745	52	0	2	3	9,784	2.1	152	1,713	11	14	9,809
South Carolina	1,885	-70	-262	2	4	13,940	0.6	-675	1,883	36	58	14,034
South Dakota	126	8	54	2	0	878	0.2	-89	212	49	3	930
Tennessee	2,268	-128	264	4	7	15,366	0.4	-491	2,924	51	34	15,451
Texas	14,198	-666	200	49	88	141,427	1.1	-2,508	38,693	422	925	142,774
Utah	1,429	-100	370	7	2	9,843	0.6	-69	3,927	20	20	9,883
Vermont	264	-193	-49	0	0	2,737	0.9	-211	487	0	0	2,737
Virgin Islands	45	1	4	0	0	270	0.8	-4	-38	0	0	270
Virginia	2,777	466	572	16	13	13,258	0.4	-457	-228	80	89	13,427
Washington	4,081	-246	383	2	8	51,489	1.5	-204	17,757	83	290	51,862
West Virginia	689	88	-55	1	2	6,328	1.0	-336	779	31	7	6,366
Wisconsin	2,878	55	-39	8	3	22,247	0.8	-807	3,168	38	13	22,298
Wyoming	218	1	11	0	0	1,243	0.5	-26	97	5	9	1,257
Totals	193,430	-6,007	19,563	371	374	1,789,871	1.2	-12,122	399,034	4,469	4,152	1,798,492

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 26, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+3,581	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and in other services (except public administration) industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-4,632	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	-1,583	No comment.
HI	-1,413	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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