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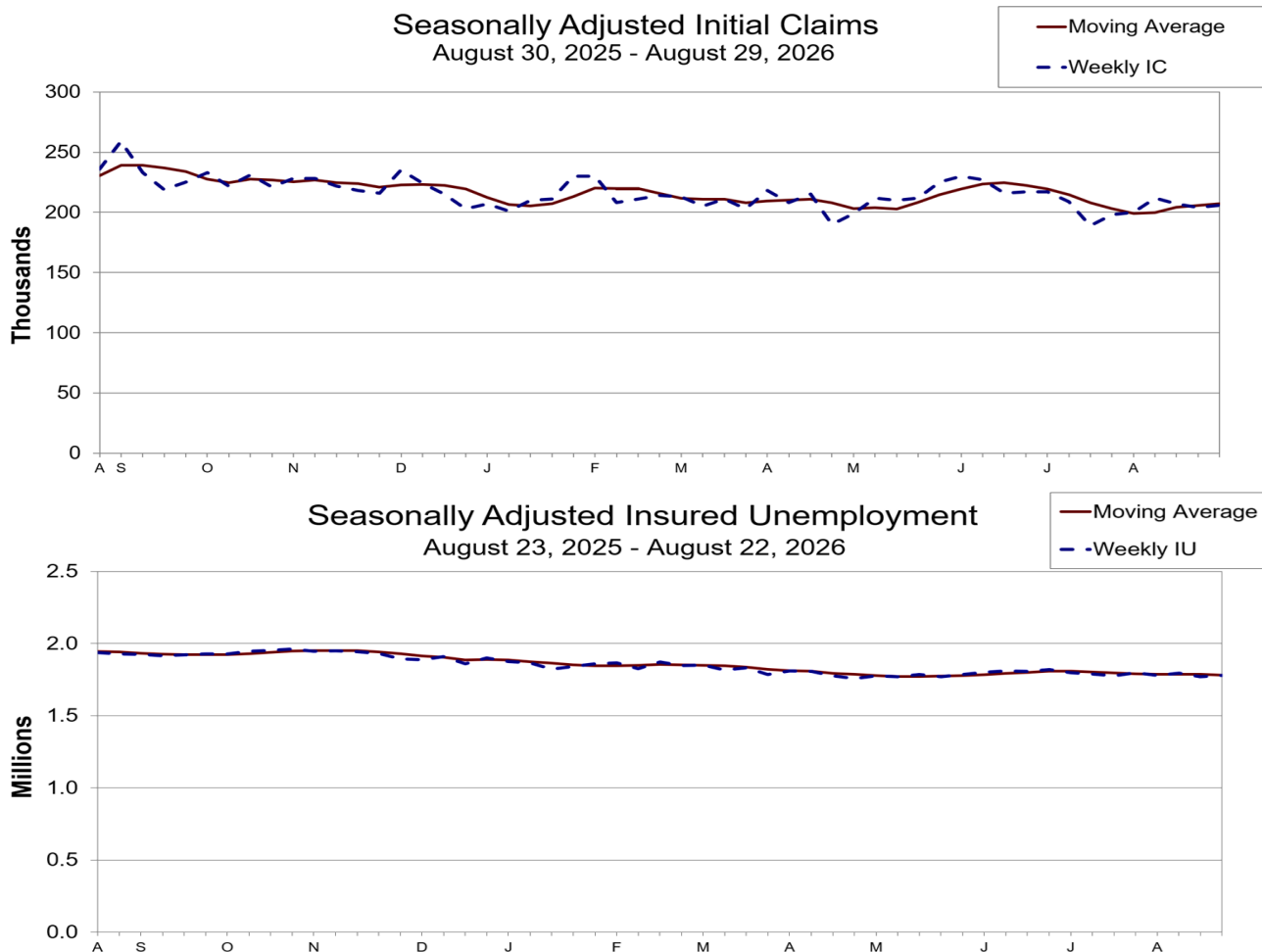
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 206,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 203,000 to 204,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,250, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 205,500 to 205,750.

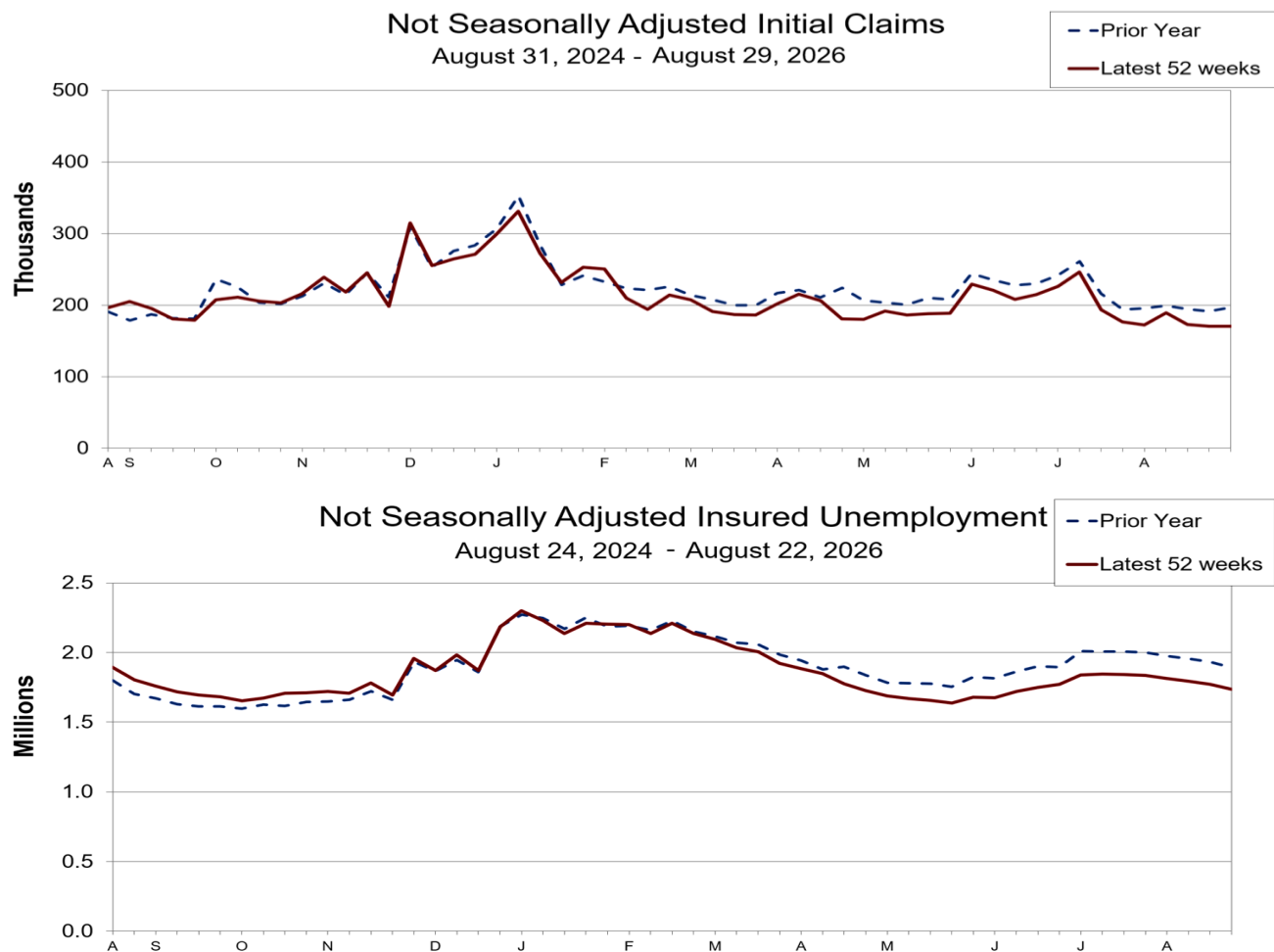
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 22, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 22 was 1,779,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,778,000 to 1,771,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,781,750, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,788,500 to 1,786,750.



## **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 170,626 in the week ending August 29, an increase of 30 (or 0.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,226 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 196,712 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending August 22, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,737,781, a decrease of 33,225 (or -1.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 40,733 (or -2.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,892,212.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 15 was 1,794,843, a decrease of 23,293 from the previous week. There were 1,966,150 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 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 337 in the week ending August 22, a decrease of 53 from the prior week. There were 413 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 28 from the preceding week.

There were 5,691 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 15, a decrease of 351 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,814, an increase of 16 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 15 were in New Jersey (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.6), Rhode Island (2.2), Massachusetts (2.1), Minnesota (2.0), Oregon (2.0), Washington (1.9), California (1.8), Connecticut (1.8), Nevada (1.7), New York (1.7), and Pennsylvania (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 22 were in Illinois (+631), New York (+514), Texas (+258), Michigan (+229), and Massachusetts (+173), while the largest decreases were in California (-1,049), Kentucky (-583), New Jersey (-519), Florida (-475), and Minnesota (-281).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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| WEEK ENDING              | August 29 | August 22 | Change | August 15 | Prior Year <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Initial Claims (SA)      | 206,000   | 204,000   | +2,000 | 207,000   | 236,000                 |
| Initial Claims (NSA)     | 170,626   | 170,596   | +30    | 173,017   | 196,712                 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 207,250   | 205,750   | +1,500 | 204,250   | 230,500                 |

| WEEK ENDING                                  | August 22 | August 15 | Change  | August 8  | Prior Year <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Insured Unemployment (SA)                    | 1,779,000 | 1,771,000 | +8,000  | 1,796,000 | 1,937,000               |
| Insured Unemployment (NSA)                   | 1,737,781 | 1,771,006 | -33,225 | 1,794,032 | 1,892,212               |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA)                     | 1,781,750 | 1,786,750 | -5,000  | 1,788,250 | 1,944,500               |
| Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>  | 1.2%      | 1.2%      | 0.0     | 1.2%      | 1.3%                    |
| Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup> | 1.1%      | 1.2%      | -0.1    | 1.2%      | 1.2%                    |

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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| WEEK ENDING                     | August 22 | August 15 | Change | Prior Year <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|
| Federal Employees (UCFE)        | 337       | 390       | -53    | 515                     |
| Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX) | 413       | 385       | +28    | 359                     |

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

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| WEEK ENDING                            | August 15 | August 8  | Change  | Prior Year <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Regular State                          | 1,766,626 | 1,789,706 | -23,080 | 1,926,595               |
| Federal Employees                      | 5,691     | 6,042     | -351    | 8,128                   |
| Newly Discharged Veterans              | 4,814     | 4,798     | +16     | 4,718                   |
| Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>         | 30        | 9         | +21     | 40                      |
| State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup> | 2,931     | 2,912     | +19     | 2,443                   |
| STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>           | 14,751    | 14,669    | +82     | 24,226                  |
| TOTAL                                  | 1,794,843 | 1,818,136 | -23,293 | 1,966,150               |

## 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 August 29 |          |        | Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 22 |           |         |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                      | Advance                                          | Prior Wk | Change | Advance                                       | Prior Wk  | Change  |
| Alabama              | 1,519                                            | 1,532    | -13    | 6,683                                         | 7,769     | -1,086  |
| Alaska               | 431                                              | 395      | 36     | 2,935                                         | 3,100     | -165    |
| Arizona              | 2,205                                            | 2,566    | -361   | 21,177                                        | 24,764    | -3,587  |
| Arkansas             | 1,389                                            | 1,164    | 225    | 4,959                                         | 5,401     | -442    |
| California           | 35,672                                           | 35,241   | 431    | 332,110                                       | 331,318   | 792     |
| Colorado             | 2,757                                            | 2,794    | -37    | 31,064                                        | 30,619    | 445     |
| Connecticut          | 2,790                                            | 2,788    | 2      | 30,350                                        | 29,862    | 488     |
| Delaware             | 419                                              | 427      | -8     | 5,371                                         | 5,200     | 171     |
| District of Columbia | 571                                              | 594      | -23    | 7,596                                         | 8,080     | -484    |
| Florida              | 5,294                                            | 5,205    | 89     | 29,592                                        | 34,416    | -4,824  |
| Georgia              | 3,603                                            | 3,953    | -350   | 23,555                                        | 25,080    | -1,525  |
| Hawaii               | 1,373                                            | 891      | 482    | 6,586                                         | 5,221     | 1,365   |
| Idaho                | 533                                              | 580      | -47    | 4,022                                         | 4,487     | -465    |
| Illinois             | 6,779                                            | 7,133    | -354   | 88,967                                        | 92,066    | -3,099  |
| Indiana              | 2,329                                            | 2,273    | 56     | 17,545                                        | 17,757    | -212    |
| Iowa                 | 1,169                                            | 1,227    | -58    | 7,065                                         | 7,638     | -573    |
| Kansas               | 798                                              | 847      | -49    | 7,118                                         | 6,821     | 297     |
| Kentucky             | 1,382                                            | 1,378    | 4      | 9,509                                         | 10,096    | -587    |
| Louisiana            | 1,202                                            | 1,344    | -142   | 5,579                                         | 7,043     | -1,464  |
| Maine                | 346                                              | 393      | -47    | 4,581                                         | 4,813     | -232    |
| Maryland             | 1,722                                            | 2,162    | -440   | 25,226                                        | 25,313    | -87     |
| Massachusetts        | 3,974                                            | 4,286    | -312   | 74,581                                        | 75,840    | -1,259  |
| Michigan             | 3,739                                            | 4,199    | -460   | 43,264                                        | 48,918    | -5,654  |
| Minnesota            | 3,007                                            | 2,928    | 79     | 58,045                                        | 59,002    | -957    |
| Mississippi          | 785                                              | 905      | -120   | 6,083                                         | 6,680     | -597    |
| Missouri             | 2,020                                            | 2,126    | -106   | 17,091                                        | 18,919    | -1,828  |
| Montana              | 307                                              | 411      | -104   | 3,855                                         | 4,084     | -229    |
| Nebraska             | 484                                              | 520      | -36    | 4,387                                         | 4,882     | -495    |
| Nevada               | 2,673                                            | 2,605    | 68     | 26,603                                        | 26,242    | 361     |
| New Hampshire        | 237                                              | 357      | -120   | 3,667                                         | 4,349     | -682    |
| New Jersey           | 7,622                                            | 8,537    | -915   | 111,647                                       | 111,681   | -34     |
| New Mexico           | 773                                              | 767      | 6      | 9,275                                         | 9,296     | -21     |
| New York             | 18,465                                           | 13,899   | 4,566  | 169,648                                       | 164,175   | 5,473   |
| North Carolina       | 2,863                                            | 2,982    | -119   | 17,372                                        | 18,838    | -1,466  |
| North Dakota         | 231                                              | 328      | -97    | 2,178                                         | 1,920     | 258     |
| Ohio                 | 3,835                                            | 4,406    | -571   | 36,747                                        | 38,170    | -1,423  |
| Oklahoma             | 1,091                                            | 1,077    | 14     | 9,776                                         | 10,228    | -452    |
| Oregon               | 4,107                                            | 3,870    | 237    | 39,316                                        | 38,545    | 771     |
| Pennsylvania         | 7,877                                            | 8,476    | -599   | 94,617                                        | 100,467   | -5,850  |
| Puerto Rico*         | 1,327                                            | 1,281    | 46     | 20,823                                        | 23,735    | -2,912  |
| Rhode Island         | 870                                              | 640      | 230    | 10,702                                        | 10,818    | -116    |
| South Carolina       | 1,755                                            | 1,935    | -180   | 14,503                                        | 15,110    | -607    |
| South Dakota         | 153                                              | 156      | -3     | 997                                           | 1,095     | -98     |
| Tennessee            | 2,322                                            | 2,384    | -62    | 14,739                                        | 15,447    | -708    |
| Texas                | 14,994                                           | 15,298   | -304   | 143,889                                       | 146,740   | -2,851  |
| Utah                 | 1,148                                            | 1,254    | -106   | 10,501                                        | 10,661    | -160    |
| Vermont              | 241                                              | 286      | -45    | 2,528                                         | 2,537     | -9      |
| Virgin Islands       | 42                                               | 55       | -13    | 424                                           | 334       | 90      |
| Virginia             | 2,116                                            | 2,286    | -170   | 21,835                                        | 20,379    | 1,456   |
| Washington           | 4,368                                            | 4,536    | -168   | 70,300                                        | 67,748    | 2,552   |
| West Virginia        | 574                                              | 548      | 26     | 5,866                                         | 5,562     | 304     |
| Wisconsin            | 2,163                                            | 2,143    | 20     | 19,490                                        | 20,342    | -852    |
| Wyoming              | 180                                              | 228      | -48    | 1,442                                         | 1,398     | 44      |
| US Total             | 170,626                                          | 170,596  | 30     | 1,737,781                                     | 1,771,006 | -33,225 |

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        | Change from    |            |                | Insured Unemployment | Change from |                | IUR |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----|
|                    | Initial Claims | Prior Week | 4-Week Average |                      | Prior Week  | 4-Week Average |     |
| August 23, 2025    | 229            | -4         | 228.00         | 1,937                | -5          | 1,944.50       | 1.3 |
| 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         | 1,779                | 8           | 1,781.75       | 1.2 |
| August 29, 2026    | 206            | 2          | 207.25         |                      |             |                |     |

| INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED<br>AUGUST 22 |         |              |             |                   |                  | INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED<br>AUGUST 15 |                   |              |             |                   |                  |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| STATE NAME                                          | STATE   | CHANGE FROM  |             | UCFE <sup>1</sup> | UCX <sup>1</sup> | STATE                                            | (% ) <sup>2</sup> | CHANGE FROM  |             | UCFE <sup>1</sup> | UCX <sup>1</sup> | TOTAL<br>INSURED<br>UNEMPLOYMENT |
|                                                     |         | LAST<br>WEEK | YEAR<br>AGO |                   |                  |                                                  |                   | LAST<br>WEEK | YEAR<br>AGO |                   |                  |                                  |
| Alabama                                             | 1,532   | 44           | -403        | 1                 | 1                | 7,769                                            | 0.4               | -205         | -1,693      | 28                | 12               | 7,809                            |
| Alaska                                              | 395     | 12           | -29         | 0                 | 0                | 3,100                                            | 1.0               | -110         | -289        | 19                | 3                | 3,122                            |
| Arizona                                             | 2,566   | -146         | -743        | 9                 | 5                | 24,764                                           | 0.8               | -610         | -9,466      | 52                | 31               | 24,847                           |
| Arkansas                                            | 1,164   | 41           | 42          | 1                 | 1                | 5,401                                            | 0.4               | -137         | -2,106      | 5                 | 1                | 5,407                            |
| California                                          | 35,241  | -1,049       | -2,593      | 70                | 84               | 331,318                                          | 1.8               | -8,799       | -34,838     | 736               | 1,160            | 333,214                          |
| Colorado                                            | 2,794   | 104          | 107         | 4                 | 9                | 30,619                                           | 1.1               | -389         | 94          | 115               | 238              | 30,972                           |
| Connecticut                                         | 2,788   | -219         | -516        | 0                 | 0                | 29,862                                           | 1.8               | 383          | -2,057      | 56                | 24               | 29,942                           |
| Delaware                                            | 427     | -97          | 184         | 2                 | 1                | 5,200                                            | 1.1               | -34          | -652        | 0                 | 0                | 5,200                            |
| District of Columbia                                | 594     | -48          | -49         | 21                | 1                | 8,080                                            | 1.4               | 161          | -3,314      | 457               | 2                | 8,539                            |
| Florida                                             | 5,205   | -475         | -972        | 13                | 25               | 34,416                                           | 0.4               | -499         | -2,648      | 99                | 73               | 34,588                           |
| Georgia                                             | 3,953   | -12          | -663        | 20                | 18               | 25,080                                           | 0.5               | 365          | -3,067      | 146               | 95               | 25,321                           |
| Hawaii                                              | 891     | -29          | -65         | 1                 | 1                | 5,221                                            | 0.9               | -519         | -605        | 43                | 48               | 5,312                            |
| Idaho                                               | 580     | 34           | -216        | 1                 | 1                | 4,487                                            | 0.5               | -226         | -659        | 13                | 13               | 4,513                            |
| Illinois                                            | 7,133   | 631          | -2,778      | 7                 | 2                | 92,066                                           | 1.5               | -386         | -9,708      | 309               | 116              | 92,491                           |
| Indiana                                             | 2,273   | 60           | -380        | 2                 | 2                | 17,757                                           | 0.6               | -196         | -2,336      | 16                | 14               | 17,787                           |
| Iowa                                                | 1,227   | 76           | -163        | 2                 | 3                | 7,638                                            | 0.5               | -893         | -2,657      | 13                | 5                | 7,656                            |
| Kansas                                              | 847     | -74          | -198        | 0                 | 0                | 6,821                                            | 0.5               | -1,349       | -809        | 18                | 20               | 6,859                            |
| Kentucky                                            | 1,378   | -583         | -3,109      | 1                 | 0                | 10,096                                           | 0.5               | 200          | -672        | 40                | 32               | 10,168                           |
| Louisiana                                           | 1,344   | 27           | -291        | 1                 | 5                | 7,043                                            | 0.4               | -479         | -2,973      | 27                | 9                | 7,079                            |
| Maine                                               | 393     | -29          | -35         | 1                 | 0                | 4,813                                            | 0.8               | -20          | -535        | 10                | 8                | 4,831                            |
| Maryland                                            | 2,162   | 67           | 260         | 29                | 3                | 25,313                                           | 1.0               | -566         | -5,133      | 340               | 62               | 25,715                           |
| Massachusetts                                       | 4,286   | 173          | -23         | 3                 | 4                | 75,840                                           | 2.1               | 192          | -3,925      | 157               | 110              | 76,107                           |
| Michigan                                            | 4,199   | 229          | -874        | 2                 | 2                | 48,918                                           | 1.1               | 1,093        | -2,511      | 93                | 51               | 49,062                           |
| Minnesota                                           | 2,928   | -281         | -246        | 6                 | 2                | 59,002                                           | 2.0               | -974         | -2,098      | 54                | 43               | 59,099                           |
| Mississippi                                         | 905     | -26          | -20         | 1                 | 0                | 6,680                                            | 0.6               | -357         | -698        | 40                | 7                | 6,727                            |
| Missouri                                            | 2,126   | -111         | -392        | 1                 | 0                | 18,919                                           | 0.7               | -819         | -635        | 71                | 20               | 19,010                           |
| Montana                                             | 411     | 44           | -7          | 2                 | 1                | 4,084                                            | 0.8               | -97          | -92         | 29                | 6                | 4,119                            |
| Nebraska                                            | 520     | 54           | -59         | 1                 | 2                | 4,882                                            | 0.5               | -497         | -127        | 13                | 4                | 4,899                            |
| Nevada                                              | 2,605   | -30          | -160        | 0                 | 0                | 26,242                                           | 1.7               | 315          | -104        | 42                | 79               | 26,363                           |
| New Hampshire                                       | 357     | -37          | -73         | 1                 | 1                | 4,349                                            | 0.6               | -13          | -329        | 3                 | 1                | 4,353                            |
| New Jersey                                          | 8,537   | -519         | -500        | 14                | 20               | 111,681                                          | 2.6               | 1,569        | -4,434      | 219               | 221              | 112,121                          |
| New Mexico                                          | 767     | -22          | 15          | 1                 | 2                | 9,296                                            | 1.1               | -166         | -855        | 63                | 23               | 9,382                            |
| New York                                            | 13,899  | 514          | -891        | 15                | 20               | 164,175                                          | 1.7               | -1,453       | -494        | 358               | 231              | 164,764                          |
| North Carolina                                      | 2,982   | 38           | -172        | 0                 | 1                | 18,838                                           | 0.4               | -482         | -3,160      | 57                | 94               | 18,989                           |
| North Dakota                                        | 328     | 150          | 106         | 1                 | 2                | 1,920                                            | 0.5               | -145         | -231        | 81                | 2                | 2,003                            |
| Ohio                                                | 4,406   | -109         | -601        | 6                 | 9                | 38,170                                           | 0.7               | -1,481       | -8,203      | 69                | 64               | 38,303                           |
| Oklahoma                                            | 1,077   | -25          | -291        | 4                 | 4                | 10,228                                           | 0.6               | -644         | -995        | 35                | 35               | 10,298                           |
| Oregon                                              | 3,870   | -157         | 82          | 1                 | 2                | 38,545                                           | 2.0               | -727         | 1,724       | 114               | 50               | 38,709                           |
| Pennsylvania                                        | 8,476   | 19           | -725        | 17                | 11               | 100,467                                          | 1.7               | -1,364       | -12,106     | 319               | 95               | 100,881                          |
| Puerto Rico*                                        | 1,281   | 0            | 68          | 6                 | 2                | 23,735                                           | 2.6               | 0            | 2,577       | 192               | 43               | 23,970                           |
| Rhode Island                                        | 640     | 21           | -94         | 1                 | 1                | 10,818                                           | 2.2               | 72           | -1,720      | 37                | 14               | 10,869                           |
| South Carolina                                      | 1,935   | -213         | 15          | 8                 | 8                | 15,110                                           | 0.7               | -1,049       | -411        | 53                | 56               | 15,219                           |
| South Dakota                                        | 156     | 31           | 17          | 2                 | 0                | 1,095                                            | 0.2               | -83          | -84         | 25                | 0                | 1,120                            |
| Tennessee                                           | 2,384   | -208         | -435        | 5                 | 5                | 15,447                                           | 0.5               | -876         | -1,268      | 50                | 38               | 15,535                           |
| Texas                                               | 15,298  | 258          | -1,708      | 33                | 115              | 146,740                                          | 1.1               | 1,720        | -25,619     | 487               | 994              | 148,221                          |
| Utah                                                | 1,254   | -83          | -170        | 6                 | 3                | 10,661                                           | 0.6               | -164         | -1,333      | 57                | 20               | 10,738                           |
| Vermont                                             | 286     | -24          | 25          | 0                 | 0                | 2,537                                            | 0.8               | 0            | -48         | 9                 | 2                | 2,548                            |
| Virgin Islands                                      | 55      | 16           | -13         | 0                 | 0                | 334                                              | 1.0               | -74          | 88          | 4                 | 0                | 338                              |
| Virginia                                            | 2,286   | -105         | -3          | 7                 | 9                | 20,379                                           | 0.5               | -169         | -1,180      | 173               | 109              | 20,661                           |
| Washington                                          | 4,536   | -153         | -299        | 4                 | 20               | 67,748                                           | 1.9               | -866         | -5,493      | 184               | 405              | 68,337                           |
| West Virginia                                       | 548     | -28          | -103        | 0                 | 3                | 5,562                                            | 0.8               | -460         | -896        | 23                | 5                | 5,590                            |
| Wisconsin                                           | 2,143   | -205         | -455        | 3                 | 2                | 20,342                                           | 0.7               | -628         | -2,366      | 35                | 24               | 20,401                           |
| Wyoming                                             | 228     | 33           | -16         | 0                 | 0                | 1,398                                            | 0.5               | -91          | -212        | 3                 | 2                | 1,403                            |
| Totals                                              | 170,596 | -2,421       | -20,612     | 337               | 413              | 1,771,006                                        | 1.2               | -23,026      | -163,361    | 5,691             | 4,814            | 1,781,511                        |

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 22, 2026

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### STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|-------|--------|------------------------|
| None  |        |                        |

### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|-------|--------|------------------------|
| CA    | -1,049 | 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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