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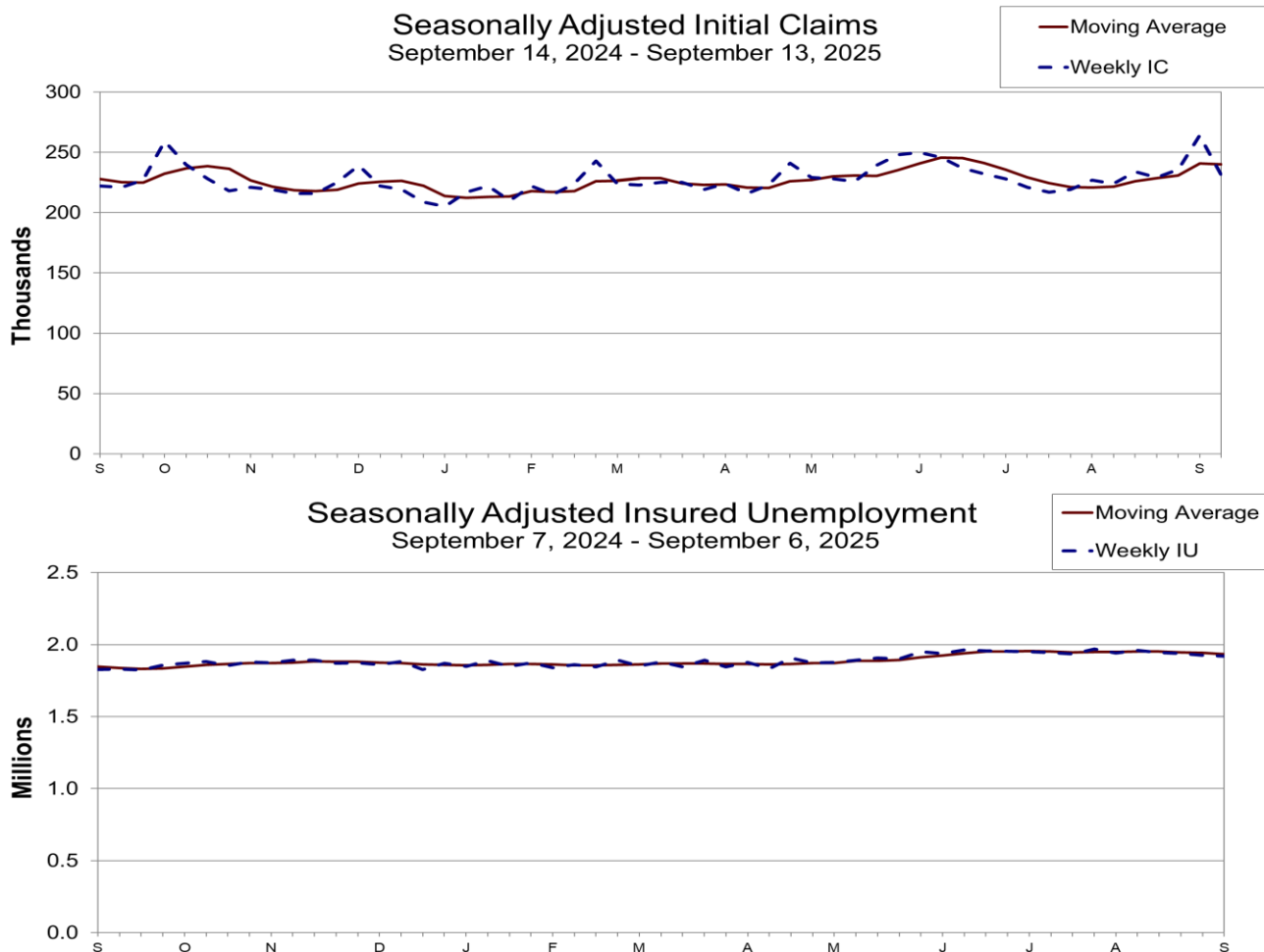
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 231,000, a decrease of 33,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 263,000 to 264,000. The 4-week moving average was 240,000, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 240,500 to 240,750.

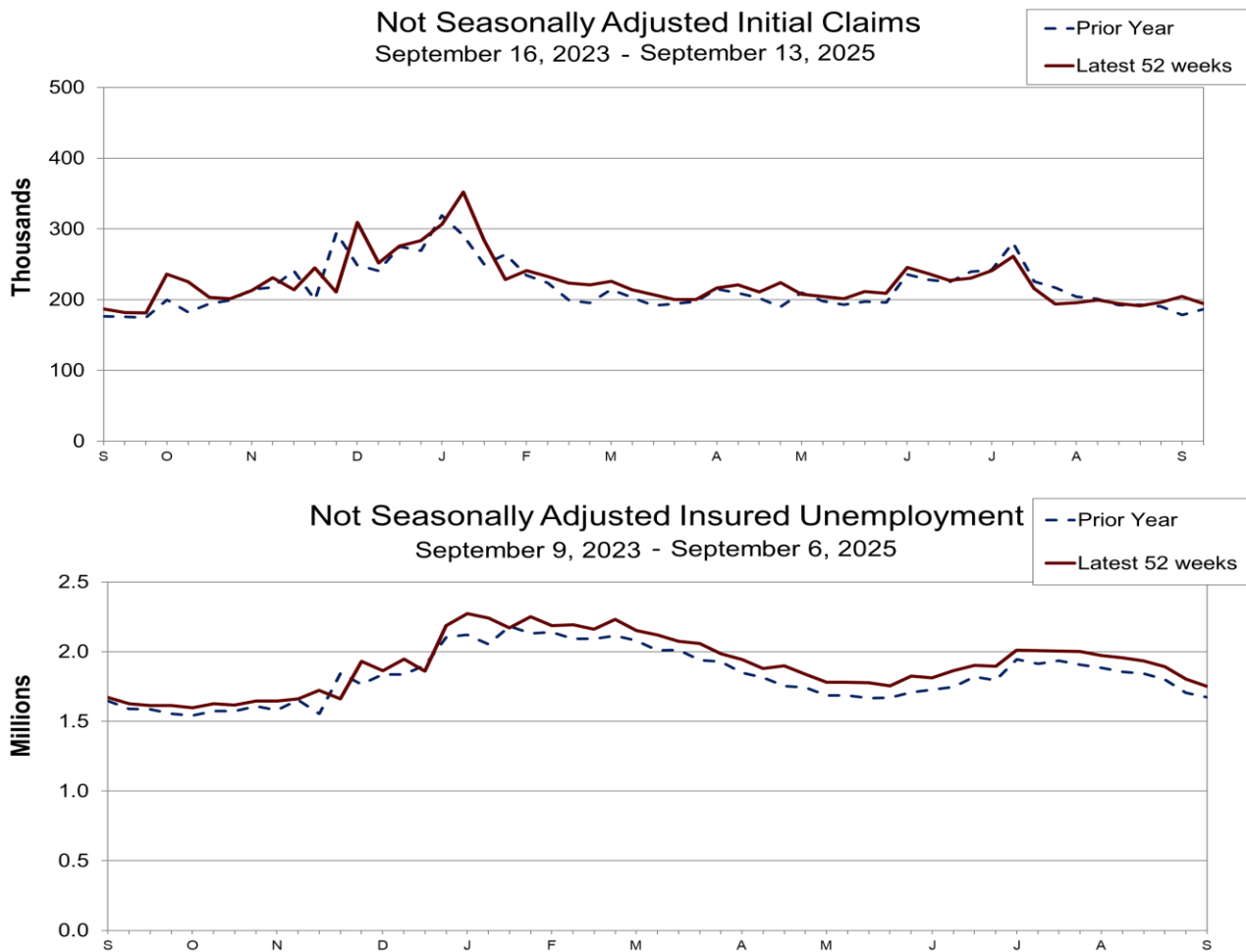
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending September 6, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 6 was 1,920,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 12,000 from 1,939,000 to 1,927,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,932,500, a decrease of 10,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,000 from 1,945,750 to 1,942,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 194,478 in the week ending September 13, a decrease of 10,384 (or -5.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 17,401 (or 8.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 186,835 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 6, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,752,826, a decrease of 50,518 (or -2.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 44,313 (or -2.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,671,782.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 30 was 1,834,450, a decrease of 90,886 from the previous week. There were 1,727,381 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending August 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 572 in the week ending September 6, an increase of 45 from the prior week. There were 400 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 83 from the preceding week.

There were 7,863 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 30, a decrease of 348 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,482, a decrease of 185 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 30 were in New Jersey (2.7), Rhode Island (2.1), California (2.0), Massachusetts (2.0), Washington (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), District of Columbia (1.8), Minnesota (1.8), Nevada (1.7), New York (1.7), and Oregon (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 6 were in Texas (+15,346), Michigan (+3,018), Connecticut (+1,454), North Dakota (+684), and Minnesota (+325), while the largest decreases were in New York (-3,623), Tennessee (-2,994), California (-1,702), Illinois (-1,063), and Massachusetts (-830).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 13	September 6	Change	August 30	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	231,000	264,000	-33,000	236,000	222,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	194,478	204,862	-10,384	196,712	186,835
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	240,000	240,750	-750	230,750	228,000

WEEK ENDING	September 6	August 30	Change	August 23	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,920,000	1,927,000	-7,000	1,939,000	1,827,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,752,826	1,803,344	-50,518	1,892,210	1,671,782
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,932,500	1,942,750	-10,250	1,946,500	1,846,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 6	August 30	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	572	527	+45	263
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	400	317	+83	431

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

WEEK ENDING	August 30	August 23	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,796,528	1,884,075	-87,547	1,699,517
Federal Employees	7,863	8,211	-348	3,858
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,482	4,667	-185	4,354
Extended Benefits ³	38	82	-44	135
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,333	2,389	-56	1,987
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,206	25,912	-2,706	17,530
TOTAL	1,834,450	1,925,336	-90,886	1,727,381

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 152,830,813 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 13			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 6		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,831	1,767	64	8,512	9,063	-551
Alaska	603	386	217	3,278	3,362	-84
Arizona*	3,165	2,980	185	30,883	31,134	-251
Arkansas	1,099	1,127	-28	6,361	6,595	-234
California	36,303	37,114	-811	358,113	351,584	6,529
Colorado	2,720	2,751	-31	30,280	29,426	854
Connecticut	2,639	7,028	-4,389	34,432	26,366	8,066
Delaware	223	267	-44	5,381	5,200	181
District of Columbia	900	707	193	11,240	10,313	927
Florida	5,919	5,803	116	32,760	34,963	-2,203
Georgia	4,489	4,196	293	26,869	27,059	-190
Hawaii	959	902	57	5,865	5,422	443
Idaho	626	623	3	4,431	4,874	-443
Illinois	9,075	10,179	-1,104	95,073	93,098	1,975
Indiana	2,664	2,348	316	19,834	19,494	340
Iowa	1,295	1,604	-309	7,266	7,939	-673
Kansas	1,020	903	117	8,577	7,445	1,132
Kentucky	1,381	1,498	-117	3,668	9,613	-5,945
Louisiana	1,469	1,359	110	7,500	9,318	-1,818
Maine	450	374	76	4,785	5,069	-284
Maryland	2,088	2,218	-130	27,690	28,255	-565
Massachusetts	4,699	3,592	1,107	68,397	72,633	-4,236
Michigan	4,485	8,441	-3,956	47,516	47,165	351
Minnesota	3,442	3,424	18	42,114	51,461	-9,347
Mississippi	833	860	-27	6,007	6,708	-701
Missouri	2,096	1,949	147	15,784	16,779	-995
Montana	386	406	-20	3,711	3,810	-99
Nebraska	571	580	-9	4,561	4,881	-320
Nevada	2,539	2,444	95	26,738	26,699	39
New Hampshire	263	338	-75	3,115	3,966	-851
New Jersey	7,688	8,841	-1,153	103,320	112,344	-9,024
New Mexico	697	669	28	9,958	9,850	108
New York	14,463	12,850	1,613	154,850	164,196	-9,346
North Carolina	3,498	3,280	218	205	20,535	-20,330
North Dakota	275	944	-669	2,870	1,877	993
Ohio	4,622	4,762	-140	43,630	43,946	-316
Oklahoma	1,225	1,168	57	10,692	10,872	-180
Oregon	4,337	4,070	267	33,718	33,406	312
Pennsylvania	8,618	8,780	-162	87,731	91,768	-4,037
Puerto Rico	1,335	1,204	131	17,040	17,701	-661
Rhode Island	867	755	112	8,946	10,366	-1,420
South Carolina	2,995	1,865	1,130	15,193	14,721	472
South Dakota	168	149	19	1,015	1,032	-17
Tennessee	2,678	2,695	-17	16,045	18,069	-2,024
Texas	26,938	31,950	-5,012	161,419	161,327	92
Utah	1,287	1,251	36	11,577	11,738	-161
Vermont	209	224	-15	1,993	1,928	65
Virgin Islands	52	55	-3	378	320	58
Virginia	3,538	2,589	949	21,083	19,460	1,623
Washington	5,340	5,224	116	74,510	70,676	3,834
West Virginia	628	595	33	6,399	6,033	366
Wisconsin	2,558	2,524	34	17,912	19,968	-2,056
Wyoming	230	250	-20	1,601	1,517	84
US Total	194,478	204,862	-10,384	1,752,826	1,803,344	-50,518

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	
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.50	1,827	-18	1,846.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-8	228.00	1,831	4	1,838.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	221	-1	225.25	1,825	-6	1,832.00	1.2
September 28, 2024	227	6	225.00	1,858	33	1,835.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	259	32	232.25	1,869	11	1,845.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	240	-19	236.75	1,884	15	1,859.00	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-12	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	226.75	1,872	-8	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,920	-7	1,932.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	231	-33	240.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 6						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 30						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,767	-154	-38	6	6	9,063	0.4	-88	146	48	17	9,128
Alaska	386	-57	-65	0	2	3,362	1.1	48	47	30	2	3,394
Arizona *	2,980	0	-465	1	3	31,134	1.0	0	-265	73	50	31,257
Arkansas	1,127	-98	96	0	2	6,595	0.5	-492	-805	15	9	6,619
California	37,114	-1,702	407	71	46	351,584	2.0	-15,079	1,527	883	1,171	353,638
Colorado	2,751	93	185	6	11	29,426	1.0	-280	3,410	157	189	29,772
Connecticut	7,028	1,454	4,191	0	1	26,366	1.6	-6,580	2,094	49	27	26,442
Delaware	267	0	96	0	2	5,200	1.1	-1,066	318	17	18	5,235
District of Columbia	707	65	226	58	2	10,313	1.8	-578	3,901	1,555	9	11,877
Florida	5,803	82	-202	28	27	34,963	0.4	-2,916	-2,517	132	82	35,177
Georgia	4,196	-156	-97	52	28	27,059	0.6	-590	-1,760	266	99	27,424
Hawaii	902	19	-120	2	8	5,422	0.9	-239	-450	44	35	5,501
Idaho	623	-186	-138	1	0	4,874	0.6	-25	846	12	9	4,895
Illinois	10,179	-1,063	2,837	3	4	93,098	1.6	-4,216	4,851	361	103	93,562
Indiana	2,348	-13	-847	4	3	19,494	0.6	-349	-2,473	45	24	19,563
Iowa	1,604	79	-483	1	1	7,939	0.5	-713	-601	15	6	7,960
Kansas	903	-394	-108	0	0	7,445	0.5	-565	1,021	31	28	7,504
Kentucky	1,498	-156	180	2	0	9,613	0.5	-908	5,955	28	35	9,676
Louisiana	1,359	-403	-186	2	0	9,318	0.5	-190	-3,336	33	5	9,356
Maine	374	-111	-7	1	0	5,069	0.8	-43	1,053	22	7	5,098
Maryland	2,218	15	114	83	9	28,255	1.1	-1,377	5,496	644	67	28,966
Massachusetts	3,592	-830	-3,684	1	0	72,633	2.0	-5,483	13,377	108	42	72,783
Michigan	8,441	3,018	3,712	2	3	47,165	1.1	-2,682	6,875	91	26	47,282
Minnesota	3,424	325	-131	5	5	51,461	1.8	-6,520	3,076	72	35	51,568
Mississippi	860	-465	8	3	2	6,708	0.6	-343	104	54	12	6,774
Missouri	1,949	-359	-145	0	3	16,779	0.6	-1,133	814	62	13	16,854
Montana	406	14	-84	1	2	3,810	0.8	-141	252	27	14	3,851
Nebraska	580	-381	-620	3	1	4,881	0.5	86	539	14	6	4,901
Nevada	2,444	-248	-95	1	0	26,699	1.7	250	1,434	40	63	26,802
New Hampshire	338	-17	8	3	1	3,966	0.6	-580	711	3	0	3,969
New Jersey	8,841	-59	783	23	31	112,344	2.7	-3,937	608	252	296	112,892
New Mexico	669	-78	-65	0	0	9,850	1.2	-266	67	12	11	9,873
New York	12,850	-3,623	617	16	16	164,196	1.7	-3,375	3,030	397	179	164,772
North Carolina	3,280	316	392	6	1	20,535	0.4	-747	676	89	95	20,719
North Dakota	944	684	698	2	0	1,877	0.4	-118	-1,198	19	4	1,900
Ohio	4,762	-271	234	5	13	43,946	0.8	-1,117	4,967	114	79	44,139
Oklahoma	1,168	-215	59	7	9	10,872	0.7	-85	1,175	39	32	10,943
Oregon	4,070	202	871	6	5	33,406	1.7	-2,095	8,147	85	41	33,532
Pennsylvania	8,780	83	132	15	8	91,768	1.6	-12,805	4,927	336	108	92,212
Puerto Rico	1,204	-76	-78	2	3	17,701	1.9	-382	229	179	45	17,925
Rhode Island	755	30	4	0	0	10,366	2.1	-1,736	783	35	19	10,420
South Carolina	1,865	3	264	3	10	14,721	0.7	-325	607	40	43	14,804
South Dakota	149	-5	-1	1	0	1,032	0.2	-104	30	20	1	1,053
Tennessee	2,695	-2,994	163	2	1	18,069	0.6	1,592	721	74	25	18,168
Texas	31,950	15,346	18,609	66	96	161,327	1.2	-5,697	14,421	658	792	162,777
Utah	1,251	-81	-17	10	5	11,738	0.7	-124	1,146	47	21	11,806
Vermont	224	35	37	0	0	1,928	0.6	-442	231	1	0	1,929
Virgin Islands	55	3	-13	0	0	320	0.9	36	-24	4	0	324
Virginia	2,589	217	460	59	4	19,460	0.5	-440	4,454	188	76	19,724
Washington	5,224	316	454	6	22	70,676	2.0	-2,478	11,957	272	389	71,337
West Virginia	595	-108	-61	0	1	6,033	0.9	-38	150	32	14	6,079
Wisconsin	2,524	60	-1,952	2	2	19,968	0.7	-1,377	-4,267	33	8	20,009
Wyoming	250	-6	45	1	1	1,517	0.6	-14	229	6	1	1,524
Totals	204,862	8,150	26,180	572	400	1,803,344	1.2	-88,866	98,706	7,863	4,482	1,815,689

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.

*Reflect week ending August 30.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+15,346	Layoffs in wholesale trade; administrative and support and waste management and remediation; arts, entertainment, and recreation; health care and social assistance; manufacturing; and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
MI	+3,018	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CT	+1,454	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-3,623	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and in accommodation and food services industries.
TN	-2,994	No comment.
CA	-1,702	No comment.
IL	-1,063	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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