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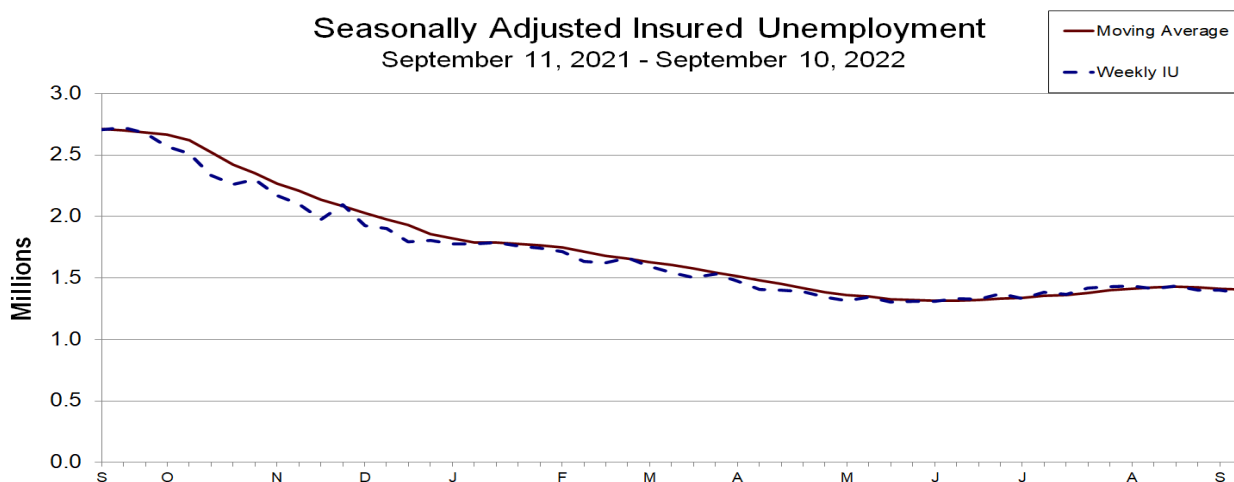
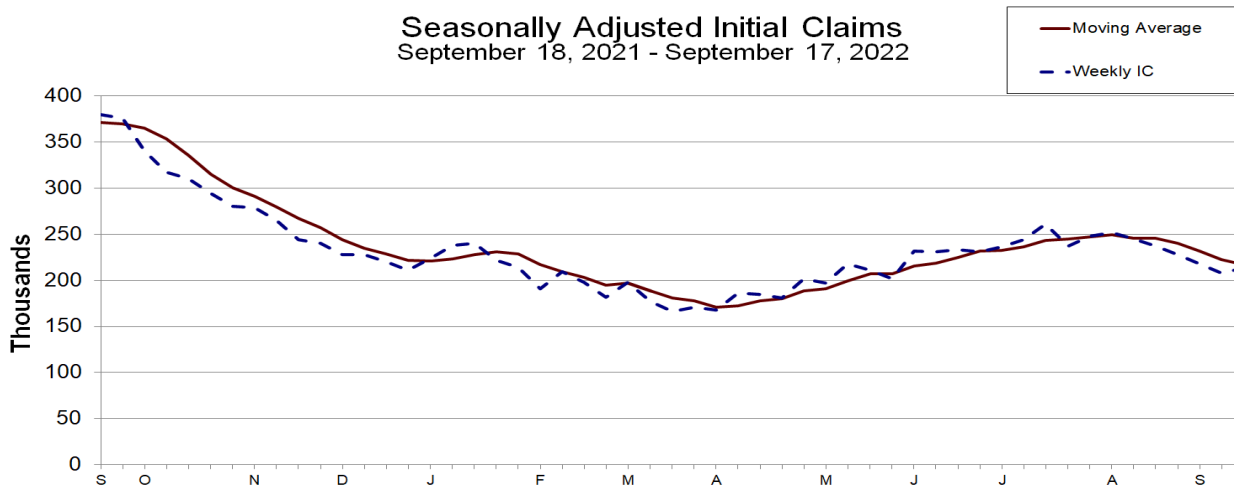
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 213,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 213,000 to 208,000. The 4-week moving average was 216,750, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 224,000 to 222,750.

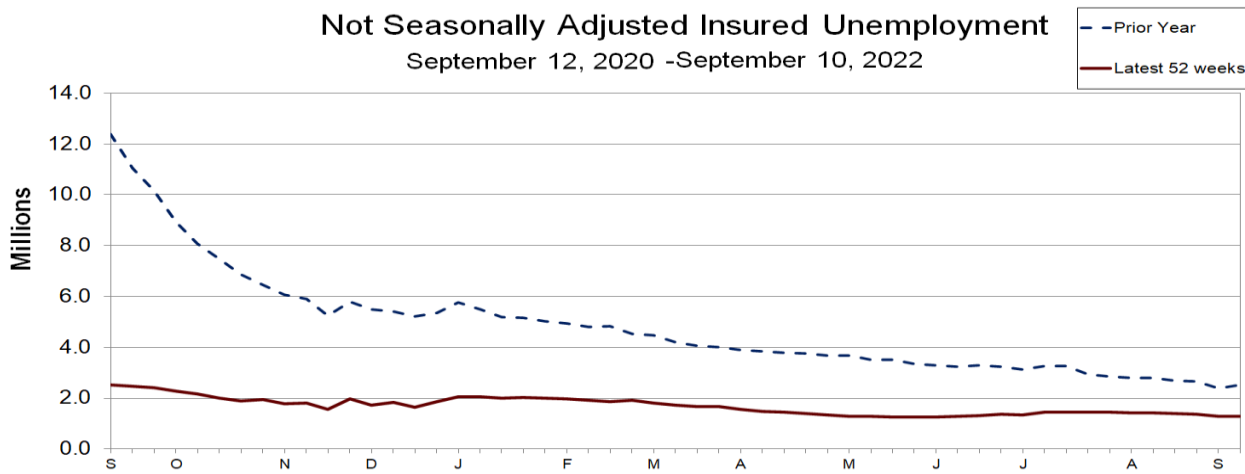
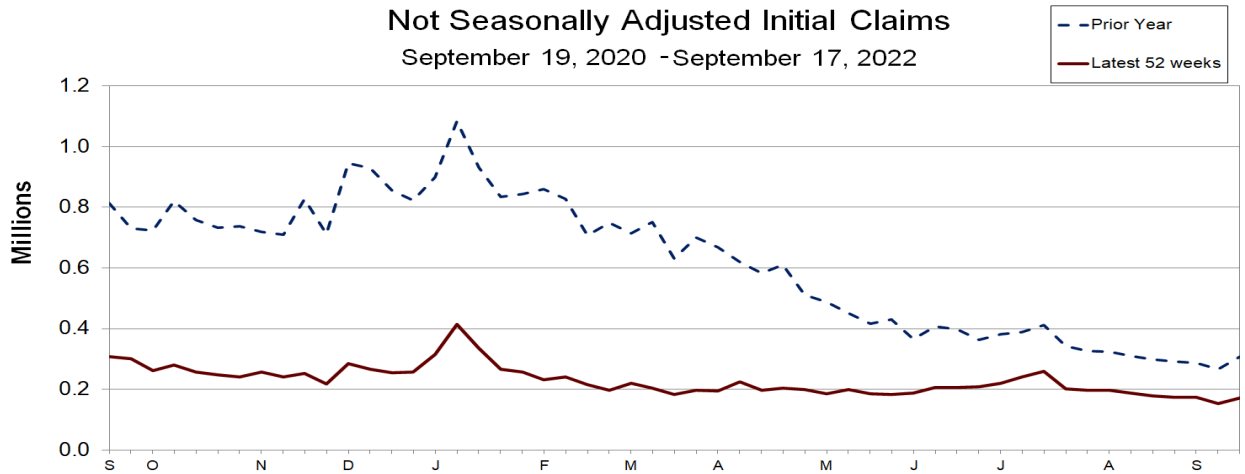
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending September 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 10 was 1,379,000, a decrease of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,403,000 to 1,401,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,404,750, a decrease of 8,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,413,250 to 1,413,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 171,562 in the week ending September 17, an increase of 19,385 (or 12.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 15,613 (or 10.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 306,581 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending September 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,281,137, an increase of 7,977 (or 0.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 28,012 (or 2.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,509,945.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 3 was 1,295,702, a decrease of 96,414 from the previous week. There were 11,250,317 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending September 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 309 in the week ending September 10, a decrease of 21 from the prior week. There were 368 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 49 from the preceding week.

There were 6,119 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 3, a decrease of 173 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,070, a decrease of 432 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 3 were in New Jersey (2.0), California (1.7), New York (1.6), Puerto Rico (1.6), Rhode Island (1.4), Massachusetts (1.3), Connecticut (1.2), Nevada (1.2), Alaska (1.1), Oregon (1.1), and Pennsylvania (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 10 were in Indiana (+738), Arkansas (+217), Iowa (+149), North Dakota (+28), and Maine (+15), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,064), New York (-2,905), Texas (-2,493), Oklahoma (-1,729), and Pennsylvania (-1,355).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 17	September 10	Change	September 3	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	213,000	208,000	+5,000	218,000	380,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	171,562	152,177	+19,385	172,887	306,581
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	216,750	222,750	-6,000	232,000	371,250

WEEK ENDING	September 10	September 3	Change	August 27	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,379,000	1,401,000	-22,000	1,402,000	2,705,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,281,137	1,273,160	+7,977	1,368,498	2,509,945
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,404,750	1,413,000	-8,250	1,421,250	2,711,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	1.0%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	September 10	September 3	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	309	330	-21	736
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	368	417	-49	452

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	September 3	August 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,269,707	1,365,647	-95,940	2,366,636
Federal Employees	6,119	6,292	-173	7,816
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,070	4,502	-432	5,457
Extended Benefits ⁴	3,237	3,798	-561	287,704
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,569	1,919	-350	1,157
STC / Workshare ⁶	11,000	9,958	+1,042	40,867
TOTAL⁷	1,295,702	1,392,116	-96,414	11,250,317

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 141,769,719 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,986	2,002	-16	3,203	4,292	-1,089
Alaska	810	583	227	3,345	3,314	31
Arizona	2,584	2,532	52	20,148	22,391	-2,243
Arkansas	1,108	1,572	-464	7,319	7,055	264
California	35,125	33,494	1,631	312,964	282,594	30,370
Colorado	2,061	1,900	161	17,364	15,927	1,437
Connecticut	2,919	2,599	320	16,622	18,739	-2,117
Delaware	265	194	71	3,064	3,009	55
District of Columbia	257	243	14	3,278	3,608	-330
Florida	5,649	5,215	434	35,831	37,220	-1,389
Georgia	5,732	4,066	1,666	29,101	30,906	-1,805
Hawaii	1,067	1,034	33	5,869	5,654	215
Idaho	614	631	-17	2,842	3,055	-213
Illinois	7,026	6,302	724	57,434	56,355	1,079
Indiana	3,610	4,671	-1,061	18,803	23,117	-4,314
Iowa	1,358	1,206	152	5,725	5,510	215
Kansas	900	1,008	-108	3,957	3,763	194
Kentucky	1,107	1,399	-292	8,120	9,034	-914
Louisiana	1,423	1,489	-66	9,777	10,993	-1,216
Maine	359	338	21	2,576	2,708	-132
Maryland	1,583	1,628	-45	16,016	17,181	-1,165
Massachusetts	3,644	1,085	2,559	41,773	45,431	-3,658
Michigan	10,207	4,040	6,167	27,612	29,891	-2,279
Minnesota	2,651	2,248	403	23,261	21,987	1,274
Mississippi	819	712	107	4,358	4,968	-610
Missouri	3,106	2,052	1,054	11,280	11,277	3
Montana	473	437	36	2,621	2,572	49
Nebraska	500	399	101	2,620	2,647	-27
Nevada	1,817	1,820	-3	15,085	15,434	-349
New Hampshire	208	231	-23	1,635	1,895	-260
New Jersey	6,857	5,800	1,057	73,215	78,162	-4,947
New Mexico	616	530	86	7,150	7,034	116
New York	13,965	11,780	2,185	130,349	140,746	-10,397
North Carolina	2,849	2,655	194	14,968	15,751	-783
North Dakota	140	154	-14	928	842	86
Ohio	6,393	5,960	433	27,629	27,735	-106
Oklahoma	1,418	1,748	-330	9,707	9,947	-240
Oregon	3,489	2,652	837	19,373	19,582	-209
Pennsylvania	6,014	6,097	-83	65,445	60,043	5,402
Puerto Rico *	1,091	1,086	5	13,585	13,629	-44
Rhode Island	713	612	101	5,708	6,516	-808
South Carolina	2,314	1,772	542	11,733	11,567	166
South Dakota	88	94	-6	491	513	-22
Tennessee	1,850	1,707	143	11,398	12,126	-728
Texas	12,402	12,068	334	102,221	94,569	7,652
Utah	1,109	942	167	5,721	5,749	-28
Vermont	191	189	2	1,424	1,433	-9
Virgin Islands	38	70	-32	296	262	34
Virginia	1,572	1,670	-98	10,466	10,296	170
Washington	3,855	3,643	212	34,316	31,954	2,362
West Virginia	545	537	8	5,338	5,049	289
Wisconsin	2,883	3,063	-180	14,881	16,084	-1,203
Wyoming	202	218	-16	1,192	1,044	148
US Total	171,562	152,177	19,385	1,281,137	1,273,160	7,977

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,401	-1	1,413.00	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,379	-22	1,404.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	213	5	216.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 10

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 3

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	2,002	-292	-1,714	6	7	4,292	0.2	-329	-6,274	51	24	4,367
Alaska	583	-69	-557	0	1	3,314	1.1	7	-1,718	33	12	3,359
Arizona	2,532	-373	-3,966	4	1	22,391	0.8	-730	-6,128	54	19	22,464
Arkansas	1,572	217	334	0	1	7,055	0.6	-600	-8,484	25	23	7,103
California	33,494	-3,064	-18,102	84	83	282,594	1.7	-23,557	-210,100	890	746	284,230
Colorado	1,900	-147	87	1	6	15,927	0.6	-400	-10,419	88	115	16,130
Connecticut	2,599	-479	7	1	1	18,739	1.2	-7,444	-14,135	37	47	18,823
Delaware	194	-38	-853	0	0	3,009	0.7	-586	-2,733	8	6	3,023
District of Columbia	243	-69	-4,481	5	0	3,608	0.7	517	-18,583	172	2	3,782
Florida	5,215	-257	-2,546	15	21	37,220	0.4	-2,378	-11,363	201	97	37,518
Georgia	4,066	-1,337	-2,785	17	14	30,906	0.7	-816	-41,613	293	161	31,360
Hawaii	1,034	-63	-1,017	1	10	5,654	1.0	-80	-7,340	44	56	5,754
Idaho	631	-108	-174	1	1	3,055	0.4	-53	-273	10	10	3,075
Illinois	6,302	-378	-1,787	8	3	56,355	1.0	-3,248	-95,521	439	116	56,910
Indiana	4,671	738	714	7	2	23,117	0.8	-1,316	-10,590	49	23	23,189
Iowa	1,206	149	-224	2	3	5,510	0.4	-278	-5,321	21	2	5,533
Kansas	1,008	-174	-69	0	0	3,763	0.3	-84	-4,034	23	20	3,806
Kentucky	1,399	-900	-1,184	0	0	9,034	0.5	886	-2,762	43	29	9,106
Louisiana	1,489	-236	-12,553	3	3	10,993	0.6	-596	-26,371	62	9	11,064
Maine	338	15	-227	0	0	2,708	0.5	-325	-3,138	8	7	2,723
Maryland	1,628	-221	-5,809	12	0	17,181	0.7	-1,603	-27,058	188	65	17,434
Massachusetts	1,085	-136	-6,427	2	7	45,431	1.3	-5,628	-11,655	138	60	45,629
Michigan	4,040	-344	-6,927	1	0	29,891	0.7	-458	-42,361	77	39	30,007
Minnesota	2,248	-88	-739	2	2	21,987	0.8	-724	-23,328	53	49	22,089
Mississippi	712	-157	-806	0	2	4,968	0.5	-586	-7,909	42	20	5,030
Missouri	2,052	-131	-3,633	2	7	11,277	0.4	-1,822	-13,710	63	19	11,359
Montana	437	-2	-261	5	5	2,572	0.6	-245	-1,269	22	15	2,609
Nebraska	399	-89	-1,055	0	0	2,647	0.3	1	-1,665	8	2	2,657
Nevada	1,820	-274	-396	1	7	15,434	1.2	-187	-19,984	57	53	15,544
New Hampshire	231	-12	-247	0	2	1,895	0.3	-565	-1,895	3	3	1,901
New Jersey	5,800	-655	-1,466	17	17	78,162	2.0	-7,045	-34,590	242	144	78,548
New Mexico	530	-102	-2,497	3	0	7,034	0.9	-169	-7,309	84	16	7,134
New York	11,780	-2,905	-4,996	10	14	140,746	1.6	-5,780	-99,337	449	238	141,433
North Carolina	2,655	-418	-1,555	2	2	15,751	0.4	-702	-14,389	45	87	15,883
North Dakota	154	28	-29	1	0	842	0.2	-160	-984	16	1	859
Ohio	5,960	-724	-2,958	5	10	27,735	0.5	-266	-24,823	69	80	27,884
Oklahoma	1,748	-1,729	-1,687	9	2	9,947	0.7	-219	-12,130	60	45	10,052
Oregon	2,652	-427	-1,871	7	5	19,582	1.1	-738	-17,596	87	36	19,705
Pennsylvania	6,097	-1,355	-3,815	5	4	60,043	1.1	-10,554	-40,506	191	123	60,357
Puerto Rico	1,086	-83	169	4	6	13,629	1.6	-749	-22,006	265	80	13,974
Rhode Island	612	-57	-225	5	1	6,516	1.4	-1,496	-5,055	19	17	6,552
South Carolina	1,772	-113	-684	5	5	11,567	0.6	-305	-14,578	47	52	11,666
South Dakota	94	-16	-73	1	0	513	0.1	-38	-591	18	1	532
Tennessee	1,707	-346	-2,783	2	4	12,126	0.4	-367	-24,013	31	40	12,197
Texas	12,068	-2,493	-4,624	34	79	94,569	0.8	-7,791	-65,447	923	892	96,384
Utah	942	-189	-148	6	3	5,749	0.4	-106	-1,212	32	14	5,795
Vermont	189	-17	-126	0	0	1,433	0.5	-383	-2,120	0	1	1,434
Virgin Islands	70	9	-46	1	0	262	0.7	-78	-530	0	2	264
Virginia	1,670	-225	-2,152	1	9	10,296	0.3	-1,659	-30,328	105	97	10,498
Washington	3,643	-257	-1,457	7	15	31,954	1.0	-1,302	-20,555	118	230	32,302
West Virginia	537	-121	-366	0	2	5,049	0.8	-269	-3,322	29	14	5,092
Wisconsin	3,063	-192	-2,897	3	1	16,084	0.6	-1,906	-25,147	83	8	16,175
Wyoming	218	-4	-42	1	0	1,044	0.4	-29	-488	4	3	1,051
Totals	152,177	-20,710	-113,725	309	368	1,273,160	0.9	-95,338	-1,104,790	6,119	4,070	1,283,349

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,064	No comment.
NY	-2,905	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and real estate and rental and leasing industries.
TX	-2,493	No comment.
OK	-1,729	No comment.
PA	-1,355	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
GA	-1,337	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, professional, scientific and technical services, and health care and social assistance industries.

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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