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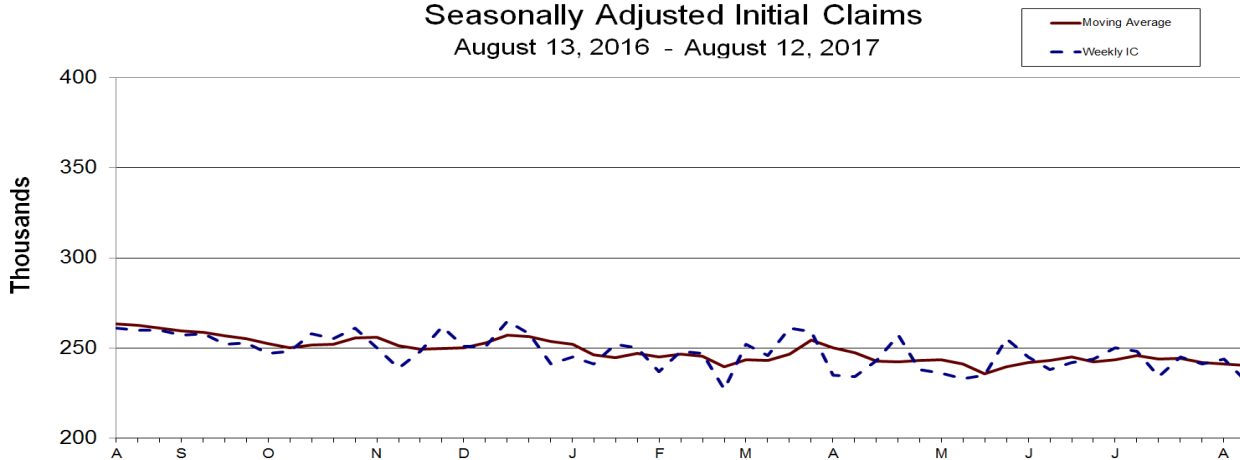
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

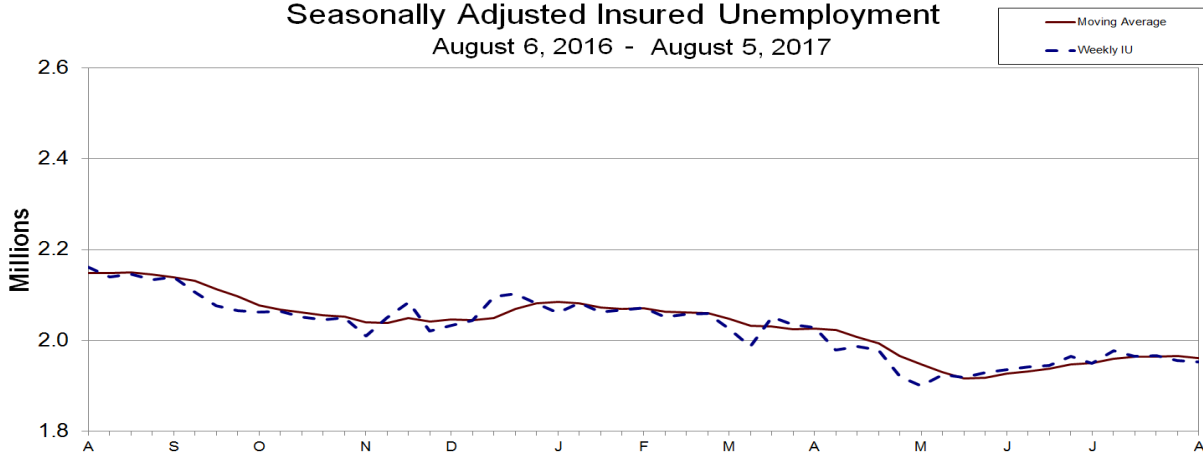
In the week ending August 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 232,000, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 244,000. The 4-week moving average was 240,500, a decrease of 500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 241,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending August 5, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 5 was 1,953,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,951,000 to 1,956,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,960,250, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,965,000 to 1,966,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 13, 2016 - August 12, 2017



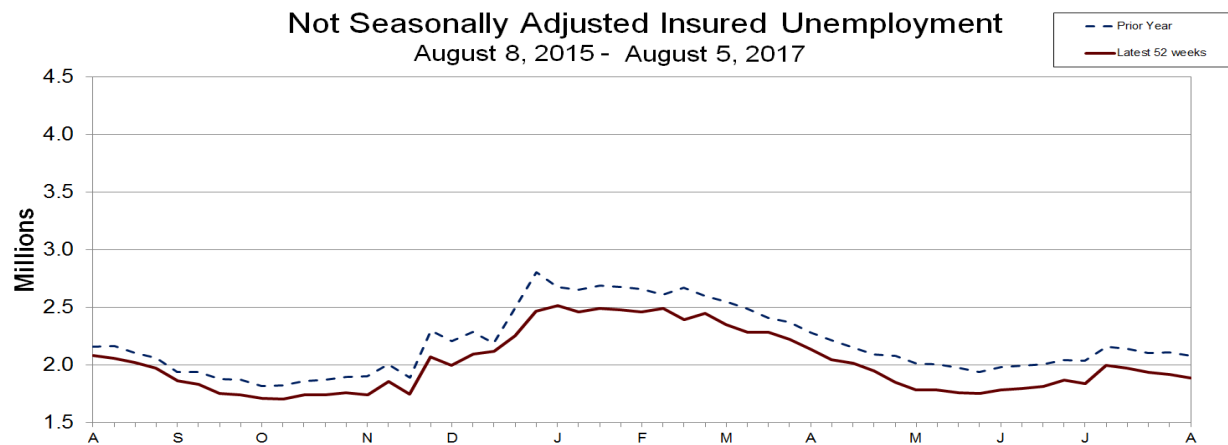
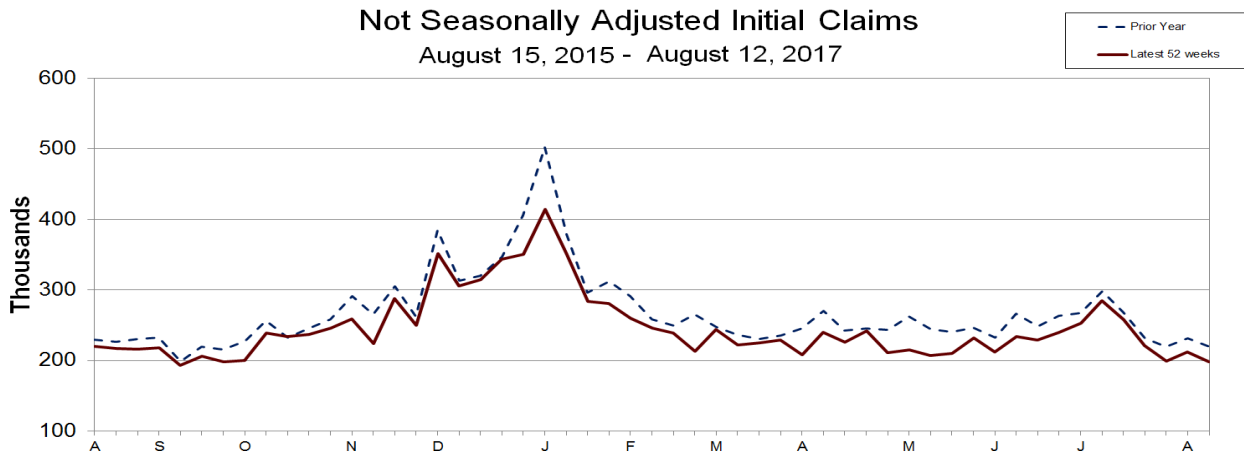
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 6, 2016 - August 5, 2017



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,033 in the week ending August 12, a decrease of 13,891 (or -6.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,662 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 219,570 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending August 5, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,888,640, a decrease of 31,814 (or -1.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 29,335 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,083,250.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 29 was 1,952,404, a decrease of 18,618 from the previous week. There were 2,148,695 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 29.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 712 in the week ending August 5, an increase of 1 from the prior week. There were 869 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 183 from the preceding week.

There were 8,921 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 29, a decrease of 45 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,115, an increase of 80 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 29 were in Puerto Rico (3.8), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.4), Alaska (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), California (2.1), Rhode Island (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), Illinois (1.7), and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 5 were in Kansas (+2,267), Missouri (+1,332), Pennsylvania (+1,215), South Carolina (+1,035), and Texas (+915), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,952), Delaware (-229), Tennessee (-225), Mississippi (-74), and New Mexico (-52).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 12	August 5	Change	July 29	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	232,000	244,000	-12,000	241,000	261,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,033	211,924	-13,891	198,776	219,570
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	240,500	241,000	-500	242,000	263,250
WEEK ENDING	August 5	July 29	Change	July 22	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,953,000	1,956,000	-3,000	1,967,000	2,161,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,888,640	1,920,454	-31,814	1,939,674	2,083,250
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,960,250	1,966,250	-6,000	1,964,500	2,148,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.3%	1.4%	-0.1	1.4%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 5	July 29	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	712	711	+1	1,232
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	869	686	+183	1,229

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 29	July 22	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,917,448	1,937,086	-19,638	2,104,841
Federal Employees	8,921	8,966	-45	8,129
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,115	10,035	+80	13,050
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,725	5,920	-195	6,583
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	10,195	9,015	+1,180	16,092
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,952,404	1,971,022	-18,618	2,148,695

FOOTNOTES

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

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 139,989,708 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,254	2,558	-304	19,020	19,502	-482
Alaska	937	845	92	6,540	6,837	-297
Arizona	4,015	4,507	-492	30,877	34,653	-3,776
Arkansas	1,430	1,734	-304	14,350	15,212	-862
California	37,532	39,523	-1,991	339,650	346,962	-7,312
Colorado	1,719	1,923	-204	21,871	21,821	50
Connecticut	3,068	3,052	16	41,143	40,084	1,059
Delaware	463	545	-82	6,257	6,474	-217
District of Columbia	582	345	237	8,678	9,114	-436
Florida	7,659	8,084	-425	49,293	54,180	-4,887
Georgia	5,062	5,296	-234	27,397	29,204	-1,807
Hawaii	1,197	1,216	-19	7,833	7,565	268
Idaho	871	811	60	4,868	5,250	-382
Illinois	8,405	8,714	-309	103,223	101,717	1,506
Indiana	2,795	2,651	144	15,205	14,892	313
Iowa	2,100	2,351	-251	17,908	16,513	1,395
Kansas	1,728	3,877	-2,149	12,556	10,408	2,148
Kentucky	2,319	3,487	-1,168	19,070	19,553	-483
Louisiana	2,516	2,627	-111	20,155	23,592	-3,437
Maine	403	500	-97	4,254	4,581	-327
Maryland	3,167	3,589	-422	33,471	36,619	-3,148
Massachusetts	4,659	5,176	-517	66,144	67,161	-1,017
Michigan	6,278	5,701	577	45,129	50,813	-5,684
Minnesota	2,924	2,529	395	30,199	28,454	1,745
Mississippi	1,117	1,334	-217	12,251	14,482	-2,231
Missouri	3,109	4,568	-1,459	27,963	29,145	-1,182
Montana	555	556	-1	4,736	5,261	-525
Nebraska	737	736	1	5,173	5,115	58
Nevada	2,490	2,578	-88	19,551	20,398	-847
New Hampshire	476	525	-49	4,080	4,397	-317
New Jersey	8,241	9,145	-904	105,224	104,799	425
New Mexico	853	803	50	10,485	10,885	-400
New York	14,102	13,704	398	151,862	151,582	280
North Carolina	3,082	3,186	-104	22,070	23,828	-1,758
North Dakota	355	333	22	3,124	2,565	559
Ohio	5,469	6,124	-655	52,022	52,984	-962
Oklahoma	1,235	1,575	-340	14,994	15,482	-488
Oregon	3,483	3,383	100	26,195	25,990	205
Pennsylvania	12,175	12,830	-655	124,228	126,271	-2,043
Puerto Rico	1,872	2,351	-479	33,496	33,335	161
Rhode Island	849	874	-25	9,344	9,210	134
South Carolina	3,000	3,792	-792	16,778	16,022	756
South Dakota	148	159	-11	1,297	1,322	-25
Tennessee	2,302	2,351	-49	20,937	23,316	-2,379
Texas	13,373	14,081	-708	149,779	147,742	2,037
Utah	960	918	42	7,382	7,509	-127
Vermont	356	392	-36	3,624	3,468	156
Virgin Islands	14	31	-17	514	398	116
Virginia	3,166	2,990	176	26,761	25,949	812
Washington	5,620	5,890	-270	48,108	46,105	2,003
West Virginia	871	869	2	10,471	10,037	434
Wisconsin	3,687	3,990	-303	28,690	28,992	-302
Wyoming	253	215	38	2,410	2,704	-294
US Total	198,033	211,924	-13,891	1,888,640	1,920,454	-31,814

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 reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
August 6, 2016	263	-3	262.50	2,161	9	2,148.00	1.6
August 13, 2016	261	-2	263.25	2,139	-22	2,147.75	1.6
August 20, 2016	260	-1	262.50	2,146	7	2,149.50	1.6
August 27, 2016	260	0	261.00	2,133	-13	2,144.75	1.5
September 3, 2016	257	-3	259.50	2,139	6	2,139.25	1.6
September 10, 2016	258	1	258.75	2,105	-34	2,130.75	1.5
September 17, 2016	252	-6	256.75	2,076	-29	2,113.25	1.5
September 24, 2016	253	1	255.00	2,066	-10	2,096.50	1.5
October 1, 2016	247	-6	252.50	2,063	-3	2,077.50	1.5
October 8, 2016	248	1	250.00	2,064	1	2,067.25	1.5
October 15, 2016	258	10	251.50	2,052	-12	2,061.25	1.5
October 22, 2016	255	-3	252.00	2,045	-7	2,056.00	1.5
October 29, 2016	261	6	255.50	2,050	5	2,052.75	1.5
November 5, 2016	250	-11	256.00	2,010	-40	2,039.25	1.5
November 12, 2016	239	-11	251.25	2,050	40	2,038.75	1.5
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,956	-11	1,966.25	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00	1,953	-3	1,960.25	1.4
August 12, 2017	232	-12	240.50				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 5							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 29					
INITIAL CLAIMS							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	CHANGE FROM			CHANGE FROM			CHANGE FROM		CHANGE FROM		ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	2558	29	-425	8	16	19502	1.0	-791	-4088	71	120	19693
Alaska	845	-37	-152	2	1	6837	2.2	66	-1353	58	25	6920
Arizona	4507	224	79	5	1	34653	1.3	-415	-3267	149	78	34880
Arkansas	1734	28	-226	5	5	15212	1.3	24	-2265	42	76	15330
California	39523	-2952	-3892	160	161	346962	2.1	6208	-4288	1646	2156	350764
Colorado	1923	271	-334	7	15	21821	0.9	-199	-4792	98	361	22280
Connecticut	3052	319	-671	9	8	40084	2.4	-790	-3704	58	81	40223
Delaware	545	-229	-76	2	4	6474	1.5	691	90	15	15	6504
District of Columbia	345	-36	-46	11	2	9114	1.6	-126	192	711	15	9840
Florida	8084	603	-458	24	56	54180	0.7	-145	-3902	168	271	54619
Georgia	5296	179	-937	26	36	29204	0.7	-451	-2949	167	288	29659
Hawaii	1216	85	29	0	15	7565	1.2	-13	61	60	97	7722
Idaho	811	9	-158	3	3	5250	0.8	91	-1070	21	10	5281
Illinois	8714	891	-741	15	10	101717	1.7	-2609	-11571	389	267	102373
Indiana	2651	252	-992	8	8	14892	0.5	-94	-7246	52	37	14981
Iowa	2351	139	116	3	4	16513	1.1	419	-2453	39	46	16598
Kansas	3877	2267	1743	2	1	10408	0.8	-120	-2736	61	51	10520
Kentucky	3487	499	1252	15	4	19553	1.1	-1290	-2715	152	152	19857
Louisiana	2627	60	-322	0	0	23592	1.3	320	-4006	52	31	23675
Maine	500	13	-129	1	0	4581	0.8	-40	-497	19	18	4618
Maryland	3589	262	-625	31	20	36619	1.5	-124	-2109	332	167	37118
Massachusetts	5176	723	-12	9	26	67161	1.9	422	113	165	218	67544
Michigan	5701	131	-951	14	15	50813	1.2	-5906	-6379	103	140	51056
Minnesota	2529	112	-361	6	7	28454	1.0	-201	-2937	44	103	28601
Mississippi	1334	-74	-217	3	8	14482	1.3	-108	-2257	39	56	14577
Missouri	4568	1332	80	28	2	29145	1.1	955	-11566	172	58	29375
Montana	556	20	-104	5	5	5261	1.2	18	-536	42	29	5332
Nebraska	736	88	78	2	1	5115	0.5	4	214	17	11	5143
Nevada	2578	204	224	5	6	20398	1.6	-101	-1972	54	91	20543
New Hampshire	525	2	-77	1	3	4397	0.7	-29	-515	4	1	4402
New Jersey	9145	776	-13	16	30	104799	2.7	-416	-316	173	295	105267
New Mexico	803	-52	-285	0	1	10885	1.4	6	-2598	126	72	11083
New York	13704	797	-938	31	49	151582	1.7	-1874	-6766	355	454	152391
North Carolina	3186	253	-608	8	18	23828	0.6	7	-3729	104	189	24121
North Dakota	333	49	-69	3	0	2565	0.6	-84	-1278	185	2	2752
Ohio	6124	252	-1638	12	17	52984	1.0	-4248	-4580	93	265	53342
Oklahoma	1575	97	-424	8	9	15482	1.0	-9	-8104	70	99	15651
Oregon	3383	302	-7	14	15	25990	1.4	-306	-1076	162	124	26276
Pennsylvania	12830	1215	-2776	67	41	126271	2.2	898	-13205	419	312	127002
Puerto Rico	2351	645	-260	3	4	33335	3.8	-1731	2673	98	72	33505
Rhode Island	874	242	-99	3	2	9210	2.0	-218	-629	31	32	9273
South Carolina	3792	1035	1167	6	16	16022	0.8	-742	-2091	59	84	16165
South Dakota	159	-16	-53	3	0	1322	0.3	79	-107	304	4	1630
Tennessee	2351	-225	-364	9	2	23316	0.8	167	644	424	144	23884
Texas	14081	915	-2105	89	144	147742	1.3	-5199	-40553	536	1667	149945
Utah	918	171	-103	10	3	7509	0.6	-202	-1436	175	25	7709
Vermont	392	72	-131	1	0	3468	1.2	-65	-379	10	4	3482
Virgin Islands	31	-3	-4	0	0	398	1.1	-98	-228	4	2	404
Virginia	2990	113	-522	11	27	25949	0.7	-427	-2823	304	427	26680
Washington	5890	734	-274	2	39	46105	1.5	246	325	183	699	46987
West Virginia	869	-6	-258	1	1	10037	1.5	-520	-4943	39	29	10105
Wisconsin	3990	380	-1364	5	5	28992	1.0	-78	-5853	47	33	29072
Wyoming	215	-12	-185	0	3	2704	1.0	-72	-2841	20	12	2736
Totals	211924	13148	-19618	712	869	1920454	1.4	-19220	-190396	8921	10115	1939490

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 5, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KS	+2,267	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	+1,332	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and retail trade industries.
PA	+1,215	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
SC	+1,035	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,952	Fewer layoffs in the service and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

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