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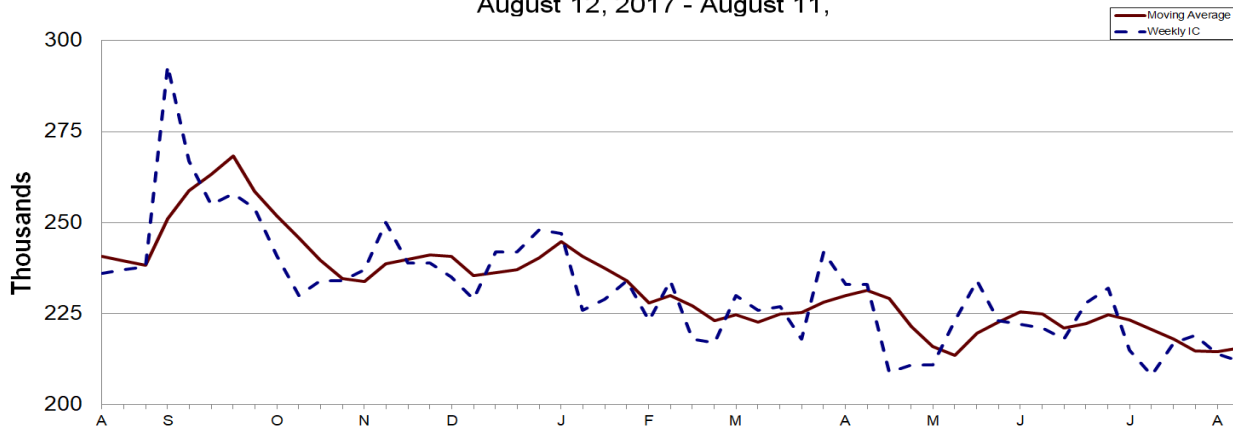
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

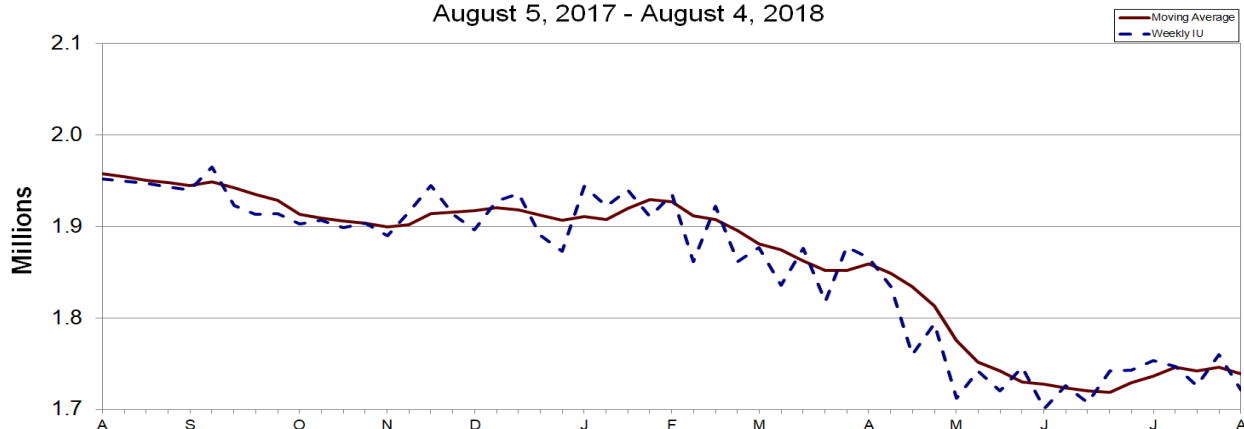
In the week ending August 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 212,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 213,000 to 214,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,500, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 214,250 to 214,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 4, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 4 was 1,721,000, a decrease of 39,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,755,000 to 1,760,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,738,500, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,745,250 to 1,746,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 12, 2017 - August 11, 2018



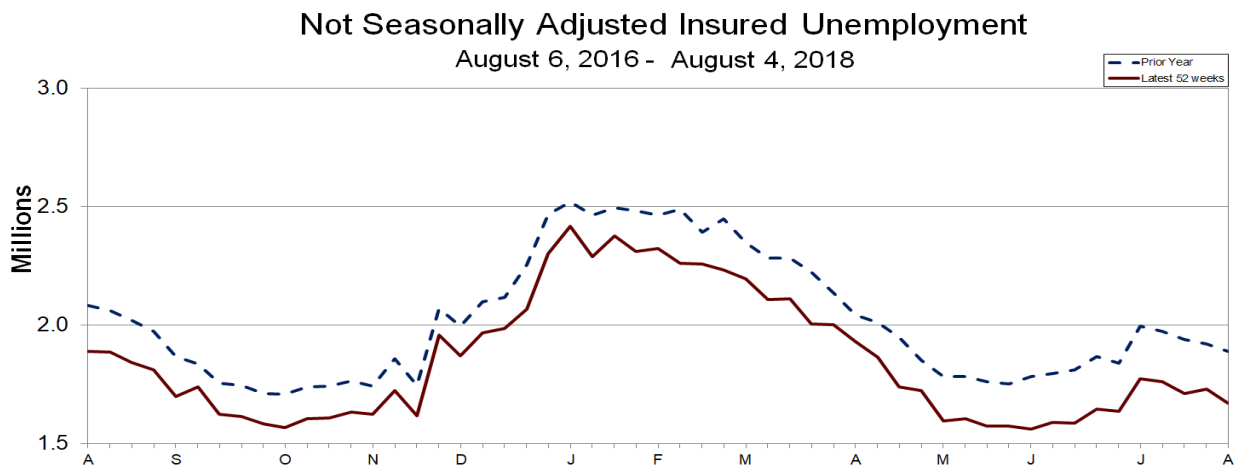
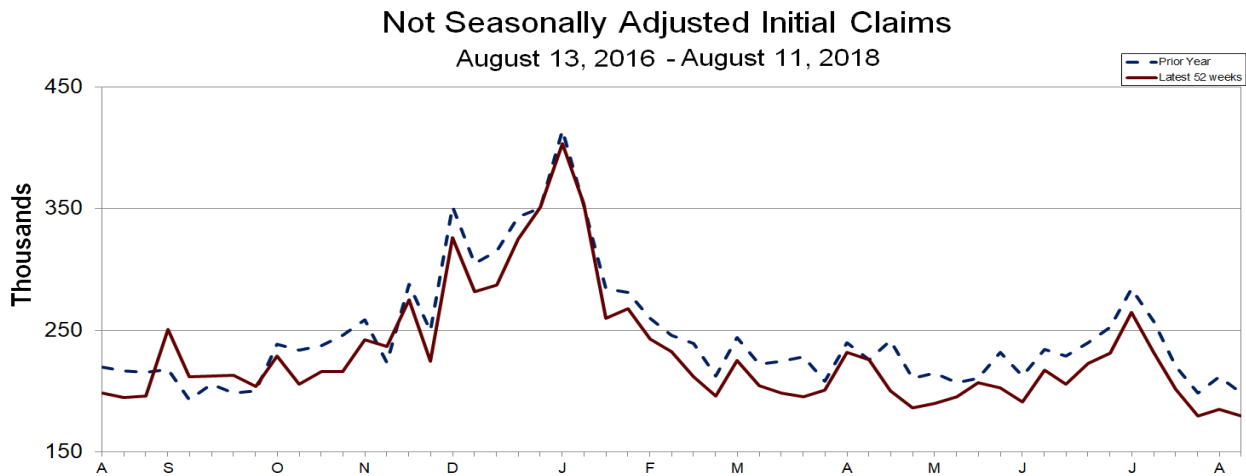
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 5, 2017 - August 4, 2018



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 179,870 in the week ending August 11, a decrease of 5,294 (or -2.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,058 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 198,280 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 4, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,671,364, a decrease of 58,526 (or -3.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 21,118 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,889,713.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 28 was 1,756,213, an increase of 20,560 from the previous week. There were 1,952,404 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 680 in the week ending August 4, an increase of 9 from the prior week. There were 701 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 100 from the preceding week.

There were 8,056 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 28, an increase of 362 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,643, an increase of 29 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 28 were in New Jersey (2.5), Connecticut (2.3), Puerto Rico (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.1), Alaska (1.9), California (1.9), Rhode Island (1.9), the Virgin Islands (1.8), Massachusetts (1.6), the District of Columbia (1.5), Illinois (1.5), and New York (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 4 were in Pennsylvania (+1,333), California (+1,288), Oregon (+682), Washington (+600), and New Jersey (+579), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-3,118), Arizona (-325), New Hampshire (-83), Michigan (-77), and Indiana (-55).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 11	August 4	Change	July 28	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Initial Claims (SA)	212,000	214,000	-2,000	219,000	236,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	179,870	185,164	-5,294	179,881	198,280
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,500	214,500	+1,000	214,750	240,750
WEEK ENDING	August 4	July 28	Change	July 21	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,721,000	1,760,000	-39,000	1,726,000	1,952,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,671,364	1,729,890	-58,526	1,710,318	1,889,713
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,738,500	1,746,500	-8,000	1,742,250	1,957,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)²</u>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)²</u>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 4	July 28	Change	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	680	671	+9	712
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	701	601	+100	869

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 28	July 21	Change	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Regular State	1,727,807	1,708,662	+19,145	1,917,448
Federal Employees	8,056	7,694	+362	8,921
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,643	7,614	+29	10,115
<u>Extended Benefits³</u>	14	10	+4	0
<u>State Additional Benefits⁴</u>	5,300	5,335	-35	5,725
<u>STC / Workshare⁵</u>	7,393	6,338	+1,055	10,195
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,756,213	1,735,653	+20,560	1,952,404

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 141,951,699 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 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,108	2,360	-252	17,402	17,962	-560
Alaska	829	773	56	5,656	5,876	-220
Arizona	3,688	3,795	-107	27,753	31,764	-4,011
Arkansas	1,265	1,485	-220	11,481	12,779	-1,298
California	37,158	37,852	-694	319,291	324,126	-4,835
Colorado	1,489	1,560	-71	18,818	18,975	-157
Connecticut	2,804	2,543	261	38,247	37,192	1,055
Delaware	521	605	-84	5,680	5,852	-172
District of Columbia	574	491	83	7,997	8,257	-260
Florida	6,677	6,880	-203	41,178	47,496	-6,318
Georgia	5,463	4,714	749	25,719	26,409	-690
Hawaii	1,206	1,096	110	7,052	6,840	212
Idaho	667	768	-101	4,309	4,606	-297
Illinois	7,009	7,050	-41	89,491	89,649	-158
Indiana	2,084	1,998	86	14,108	13,334	774
Iowa	1,987	2,691	-704	15,102	13,993	1,109
Kansas	1,314	1,395	-81	8,758	9,086	-328
Kentucky	2,166	2,631	-465	16,950	25,027	-8,077
Louisiana	1,913	2,204	-291	17,051	19,594	-2,543
Maine	372	429	-57	4,102	4,234	-132
Maryland	2,935	3,352	-417	28,949	31,104	-2,155
Massachusetts	4,322	4,268	54	53,600	55,074	-1,474
Michigan	4,950	4,768	182	41,936	52,025	-10,089
Minnesota	2,366	2,345	21	26,338	25,446	892
Mississippi	848	1,131	-283	10,039	11,849	-1,810
Missouri	2,626	2,953	-327	24,698	26,482	-1,784
Montana	487	488	-1	4,442	4,554	-112
Nebraska	689	564	125	4,231	4,284	-53
Nevada	2,317	2,232	85	17,432	18,813	-1,381
New Hampshire	443	367	76	3,476	3,860	-384
New Jersey	7,703	8,198	-495	98,891	98,169	722
New Mexico	657	650	7	8,826	9,209	-383
New York	12,399	12,272	127	135,439	135,922	-483
North Carolina	2,748	2,737	11	19,770	20,932	-1,162
North Dakota	280	269	11	2,235	2,052	183
Ohio	4,996	4,911	85	46,041	47,184	-1,143
Oklahoma	1,083	1,181	-98	7,161	13,066	-5,905
Oregon	3,229	3,428	-199	24,264	24,382	-118
Pennsylvania	11,375	12,504	-1,129	116,935	117,661	-726
Puerto Rico	1,643	1,803	-160	19,141	19,729	-588
Rhode Island	868	1,152	-284	9,041	8,882	159
South Carolina	2,393	2,310	83	17,145	17,364	-219
South Dakota	114	145	-31	1,035	1,104	-69
Tennessee	2,079	2,078	1	19,172	22,263	-3,091
Texas	11,738	12,275	-537	123,093	126,064	-2,971
Utah	875	919	-44	7,055	7,491	-436
Vermont	256	319	-63	3,305	3,183	122
Virgin Islands	9	13	-4	566	654	-88
Virginia	2,836	2,560	276	22,227	21,776	451
Washington	4,924	5,338	-414	42,419	41,138	1,281
West Virginia	671	728	-57	8,971	7,981	990
Wisconsin	3,520	3,349	171	25,540	25,377	163
Wyoming	197	237	-40	1,806	1,765	41
US Total	179,870	185,164	-5,294	1,671,364	1,729,890	-58,526

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 5, 2017	242	-1	241.50	1,952	-2	1,957.75	1.4
August 12, 2017	236	-6	240.75	1,950	-2	1,954.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	237	1	239.50	1,947	-3	1,950.75	1.4
August 26, 2017	238	1	238.25	1,943	-4	1,948.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	293	55	251.00	1,940	-3	1,945.00	1.4
September 9, 2017	267	-26	258.75	1,965	25	1,948.75	1.4
September 16, 2017	255	-12	263.25	1,923	-42	1,942.75	1.4
September 23, 2017	258	3	268.25	1,913	-10	1,935.25	1.4
September 30, 2017	254	-4	258.50	1,914	1	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	241	-13	252.00	1,903	-11	1,913.25	1.4
October 14, 2017	230	-11	245.75	1,907	4	1,909.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	4	239.75	1,899	-8	1,905.75	1.4
October 28, 2017	234	0	234.75	1,904	5	1,903.25	1.4
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,742	35	1,719.00	1.2
June 30, 2018	232	4	224.75	1,743	1	1,729.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	215	-17	223.25	1,753	10	1,736.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	208	-7	220.75	1,747	-6	1,746.25	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	9	218.00	1,726	-21	1,742.25	1.2
July 28, 2018	219	2	214.75	1,760	34	1,746.50	1.2
August 4, 2018	214	-5	214.50	1,721	-39	1,738.50	1.2
August 11, 2018	212	-2	215.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 4					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 28					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	2360	63	-198	10	15	17962	1.0	-250	-1540	71	86	18119
Alaska	773	30	-72	3	0	5876	1.9	-19	-961	65	11	5952
Arizona	3795	-325	-712	3	0	31764	1.2	-477	-2889	230	65	32059
Arkansas	1485	43	-249	0	4	12779	1.1	188	-2433	57	58	12894
California	37852	1288	-1671	146	114	324126	1.9	16077	-22836	1617	1680	327423
Colorado	1560	-51	-363	7	28	18975	0.7	54	-2846	77	232	19284
Connecticut	2543	-10	-509	9	8	37192	2.3	62	-2892	37	63	37292
Delaware	605	84	60	2	3	5852	1.3	494	-622	9	17	5878
District of Columbia	491	45	146	15	1	8257	1.5	-72	-857	326	10	8593
Florida	6880	175	-1204	24	30	47496	0.6	1841	-6684	148	131	47775
Georgia	4714	-52	-582	30	35	26409	0.6	-1039	-2795	165	253	26827
Hawaii	1096	14	-120	1	13	6840	1.1	-123	-725	64	83	6987
Idaho	768	60	-43	2	5	4606	0.7	1	-644	16	16	4638
Illinois	7050	342	-1664	5	8	89649	1.5	-2374	-12068	303	202	90154
Indiana	1998	-55	-653	2	2	13334	0.4	-566	-1558	23	36	13393
Iowa	2691	313	340	6	2	13993	0.9	236	-2520	33	22	14048
Kansas	1395	-9	-2482	3	3	9086	0.7	74	-1322	47	25	9158
Kentucky	2631	-3118	-856	4	4	25027	1.4	2824	5474	117	133	25277
Louisiana	2204	32	-423	17	4	19594	1.0	362	-3998	62	9	19665
Maine	429	-53	-71	2	0	4234	0.7	-102	-347	17	15	4266
Maryland	3352	10	-237	23	20	31104	1.2	328	-5515	310	123	31537
Massachusetts	4268	39	-908	11	12	55074	1.6	1095	-12087	125	124	55323
Michigan	4768	-77	-933	15	10	52025	1.2	5587	1212	72	91	52188
Minnesota	2345	232	-184	5	4	25446	0.9	-107	-3008	48	65	25559
Mississippi	1131	41	-203	6	4	11849	1.1	83	-2633	50	20	11919
Missouri	2953	183	-1615	19	10	26482	1.0	592	-2663	212	54	26748
Montana	488	90	-68	5	1	4554	1.0	-96	-707	46	22	4622
Nebraska	564	-4	-172	3	5	4284	0.4	-184	-831	16	10	4310
Nevada	2232	72	-346	2	4	18813	1.4	-18	-1585	70	53	18936
New Hampshire	367	-83	-158	1	0	3860	0.6	-21	-537	6	6	3872
New Jersey	8198	579	-947	13	21	98169	2.5	-1886	-6630	196	281	98646
New Mexico	650	45	-153	1	3	9209	1.2	-158	-1676	126	58	9393
New York	12272	294	-1432	29	32	135922	1.5	-651	-15660	312	349	136583
North Carolina	2737	-29	-449	14	13	20932	0.5	-134	-2896	102	158	21192
North Dakota	269	27	-64	7	1	2052	0.5	-33	-513	199	5	2256
Ohio	4911	23	-1213	7	12	47184	0.9	-985	-5800	109	170	47463
Oklahoma	1181	23	-394	5	6	13066	0.9	-256	-2416	73	75	13214
Oregon	3428	682	45	18	9	24382	1.3	-289	-1608	147	101	24630
Pennsylvania	12504	1333	-326	51	41	117661	2.1	2337	-8610	447	298	118406
Puerto Rico	1803	473	-548	2	6	19729	2.3	896	-13606	61	69	19859
Rhode Island	1152	394	278	6	0	8882	1.9	-167	-328	13	17	8912
South Carolina	2310	279	-1482	7	13	17364	0.9	-80	1342	50	79	17493
South Dakota	145	11	-14	1	0	1104	0.3	-74	-218	257	1	1362
Tennessee	2078	55	-273	12	6	22263	0.8	-185	-1053	90	136	22489
Texas	12275	538	-1806	80	132	126064	1.1	-1957	-21678	888	1263	128215
Utah	919	76	1	19	3	7491	0.5	-43	-18	91	22	7604
Vermont	319	10	-73	1	0	3183	1.1	14	-285	6	6	3195
Virgin Islands	13	2	-18	0	0	654	1.8	48	256	4	0	672
Virginia	2560	193	-430	9	14	21776	0.6	-463	-4173	205	233	22214
Washington	5338	600	-552	8	27	41138	1.3	-199	-4967	152	562	41852
West Virginia	728	28	-141	0	4	7981	1.2	-727	-2056	36	28	8045
Wisconsin	3349	304	-641	9	7	25377	0.9	-17	-3615	49	16	25442
Wyoming	237	24	22	0	2	1765	0.7	131	-939	4	1	1770
Totals	185164	5283	-26760	680	701	1729890	1.2	19572	-190564	8056	7643	1745603

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 4, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+1,333	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and professional, scientific and technical service industries.
CA	+1,288	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-3,118	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. 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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