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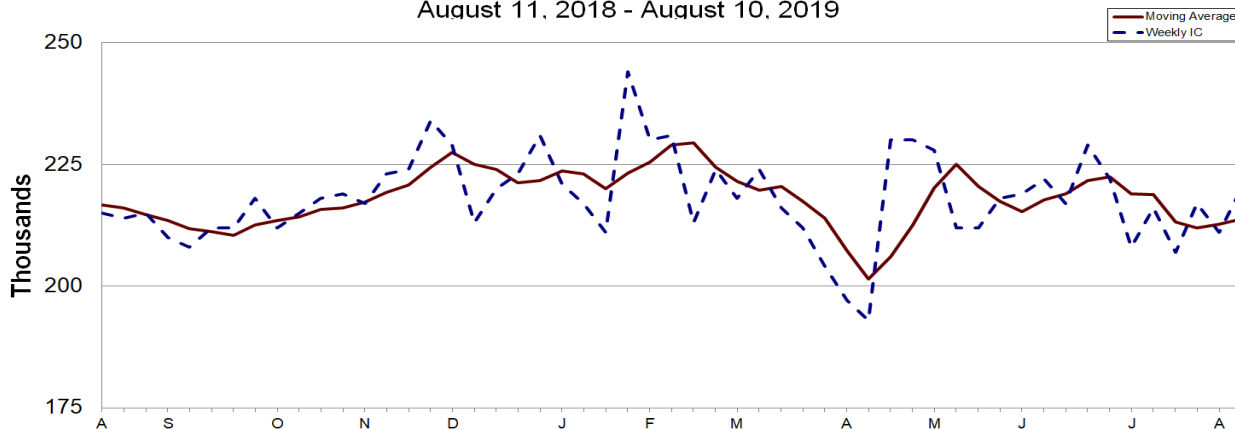
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

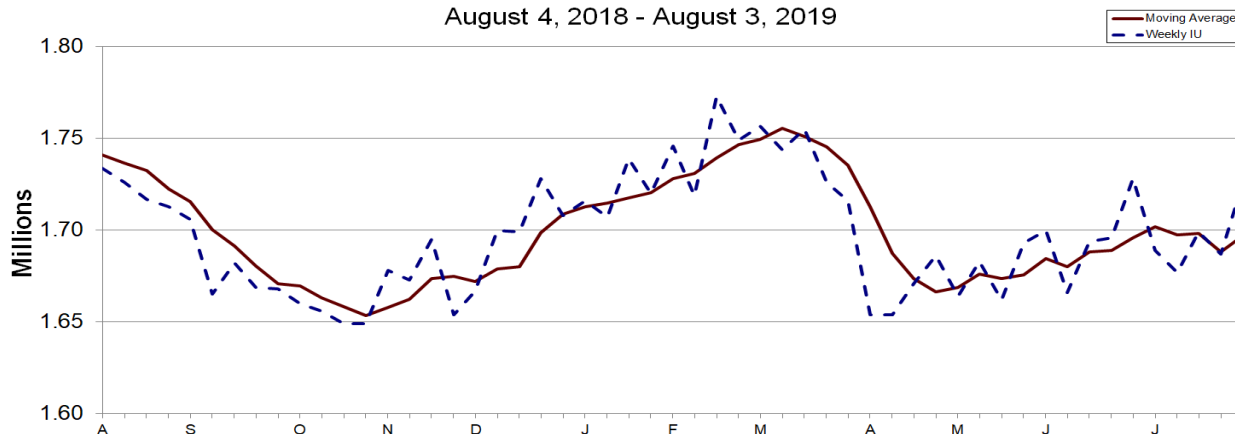
In the week ending August 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 220,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 209,000 to 211,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,750, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 212,250 to 212,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 3, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 3 was 1,726,000, an increase of 39,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,684,000 to 1,687,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,697,250, an increase of 9,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,687,250 to 1,688,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 11, 2018 - August 10, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 4, 2018 - August 3, 2019



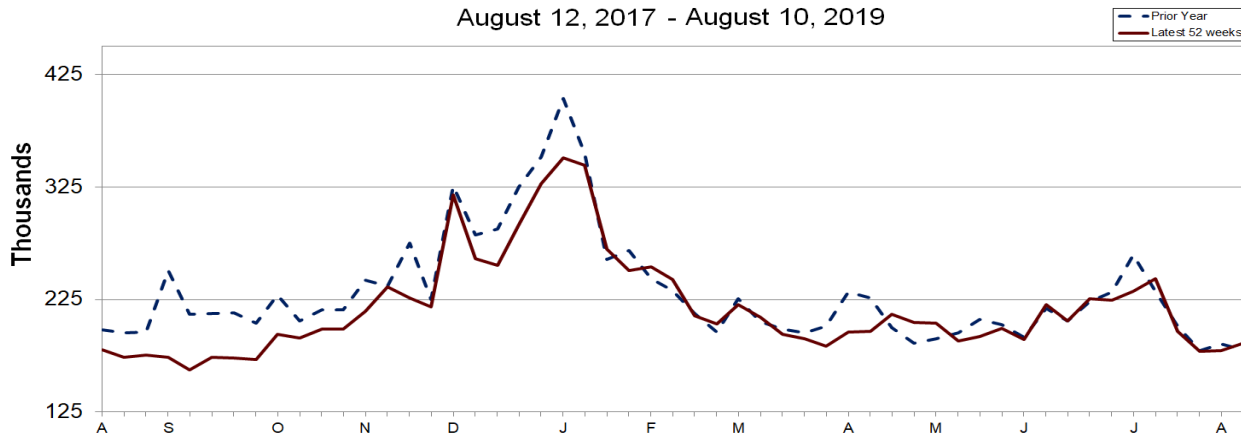
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 186,028 in the week ending August 10, an increase of 6,151 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,474 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 180,038 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 3, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,677,261, an increase of 11,994 (or 0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 25,308 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,678,892.

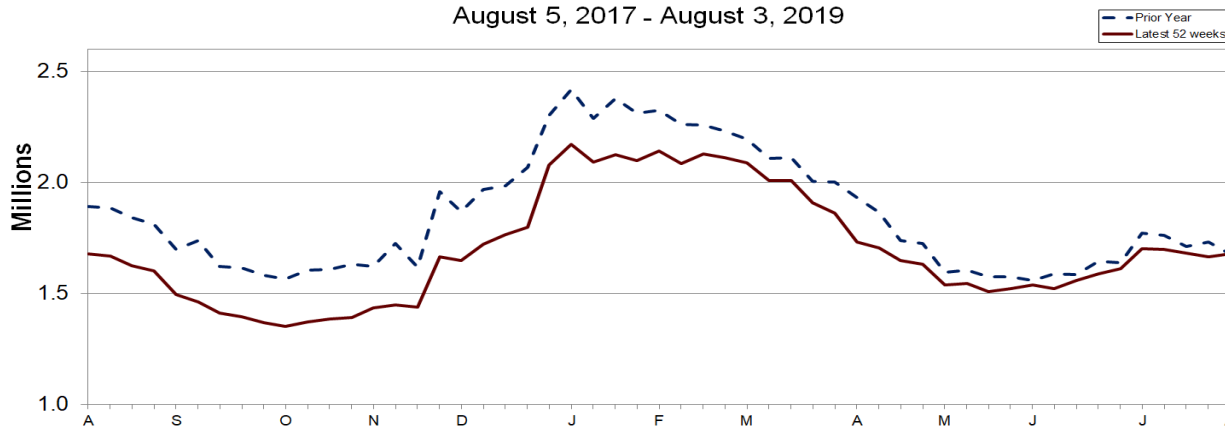
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

August 12, 2017 - August 10, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

August 5, 2017 - August 3, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 27 was 1,690,723, a decrease of 16,544 from the previous week. There were 1,756,213 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 548 in the week ending August 3, a decrease of 31 from the prior week. There were 577 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 64 from the preceding week.

There were 7,034 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 27, a decrease of 174 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,868, an increase of 421 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 27 were in Puerto Rico (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Connecticut (2.1), Pennsylvania (1.9), California (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), Alaska (1.6), Massachusetts (1.6), Illinois (1.5), and New York (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 3 were in Washington (+976), New Jersey (+940), Pennsylvania (+898), Texas (+650), and South Carolina (+565), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-2,809), California (-2,397), Michigan (-685), West Virginia (-127), and New York (-115).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 10	August 3	Change	July 27	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	220,000	211,000	+9,000	217,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	186,028	179,877	+6,151	178,895	180,038
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,750	212,750	+1,000	212,000	216,750
WEEK ENDING	August 3	July 27	Change	July 20	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,726,000	1,687,000	+39,000	1,699,000	1,734,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,677,261	1,665,267	+11,994	1,680,026	1,678,892
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,697,250	1,688,000	+9,250	1,698,250	1,741,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 3	July 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	548	579	-31	680
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	577	513	+64	701

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 27	July 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,662,409	1,676,882	-14,473	1,727,807
Federal Employees	7,034	7,208	-174	8,056
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,868	5,447	+421	7,643
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	14
State Additional Benefits ⁴	4,809	4,920	-111	5,300
STC / Workshare ⁵	10,603	12,810	-2,207	7,393
TOTAL	1,690,723	1,707,267	-16,544	1,756,213

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 144,199,701 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,045	2,425	-380	16,576	17,865	-1,289
Alaska	771	682	89	4,914	4,875	39
Arizona	3,696	3,908	-212	25,295	29,299	-4,004
Arkansas	1,459	1,343	116	11,546	13,188	-1,642
California	41,928	36,041	5,887	337,355	305,372	31,983
Colorado	1,559	1,512	47	17,259	17,233	26
Connecticut	3,057	2,662	395	36,476	35,284	1,192
Delaware	471	459	12	5,509	5,595	-86
District of Columbia	534	527	7	7,054	7,283	-229
Florida	5,978	6,437	-459	38,857	42,461	-3,604
Georgia	4,192	4,402	-210	24,167	25,618	-1,451
Hawaii	1,251	1,136	115	6,984	6,837	147
Idaho	682	643	39	4,199	4,663	-464
Illinois	7,302	7,546	-244	95,054	90,901	4,153
Indiana	2,642	2,129	513	14,474	13,247	1,227
Iowa	2,521	2,271	250	15,736	14,969	767
Kansas	1,444	1,398	46	10,359	8,779	1,580
Kentucky	2,390	2,034	356	16,702	17,628	-926
Louisiana	1,866	2,126	-260	15,344	18,179	-2,835
Maine	426	466	-40	3,748	3,817	-69
Maryland	2,809	3,173	-364	26,262	28,803	-2,541
Massachusetts	4,466	4,193	273	56,367	57,903	-1,536
Michigan	4,164	4,434	-270	41,815	47,750	-5,935
Minnesota	2,404	2,071	333	26,786	25,834	952
Mississippi	888	1,036	-148	9,709	11,500	-1,791
Missouri	2,564	2,803	-239	21,897	23,757	-1,860
Montana	467	467	0	4,528	4,784	-256
Nebraska	732	546	186	3,898	3,939	-41
Nevada	2,364	2,129	235	16,618	17,475	-857
New Hampshire	448	423	25	3,178	3,408	-230
New Jersey	8,152	8,205	-53	96,128	95,886	242
New Mexico	667	746	-79	8,482	8,657	-175
New York	12,227	11,545	682	131,870	131,904	-34
North Carolina	3,042	3,371	-329	19,378	20,795	-1,417
North Dakota	270	204	66	2,205	2,130	75
Ohio	4,829	4,921	-92	43,219	43,790	-571
Oklahoma	1,438	1,558	-120	14,287	14,900	-613
Oregon	3,364	3,262	102	24,371	24,565	-194
Pennsylvania	11,339	10,921	418	115,569	111,362	4,207
Puerto Rico	1,249	1,291	-42	19,783	21,009	-1,226
Rhode Island	741	695	46	8,727	8,607	120
South Carolina	1,962	2,432	-470	15,525	15,896	-371
South Dakota	126	136	-10	1,083	1,137	-54
Tennessee	1,919	2,282	-363	18,966	20,495	-1,529
Texas	12,943	12,915	28	127,046	127,475	-429
Utah	888	842	46	6,252	6,502	-250
Vermont	285	296	-11	3,255	3,115	140
Virgin Islands	25	30	-5	466	386	80
Virginia	2,541	2,517	24	20,496	19,788	708
Washington	5,712	5,632	80	44,243	42,965	1,278
West Virginia	746	766	-20	9,499	8,649	850
Wisconsin	3,848	3,702	146	25,852	25,235	617
Wyoming	195	186	9	1,893	1,773	120
US Total	186,028	179,877	6,151	1,677,261	1,665,267	11,994

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.

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	
August 4, 2018	215	-5	216.00	1,734	-19	1,741.25	1.2
August 11, 2018	215	0	216.75	1,726	-8	1,736.50	1.2
August 18, 2018	214	-1	216.00	1,717	-9	1,732.50	1.2
August 25, 2018	215	1	214.75	1,713	-4	1,722.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	210	-5	213.50	1,706	-7	1,715.50	1.2
September 8, 2018	208	-2	211.75	1,665	-41	1,700.25	1.2
September 15, 2018	212	4	211.25	1,682	17	1,691.50	1.2
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,687	-12	1,688.00	1.2
August 3, 2019	211	-6	212.75	1,726	39	1,697.25	1.2
August 10, 2019	220	9	213.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 3					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 27					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2425	133	65	11	5	17865	0.9	-96	-97	73	54	17992
Alaska	682	63	-91	1	0	4875	1.6	-153	-1001	52	10	4937
Arizona	3908	-111	113	6	1	29299	1.1	63	-2465	212	58	29569
Arkansas	1343	-94	-142	0	4	13188	1.1	184	409	38	30	13256
California	36041	-2397	-1811	144	104	305372	1.8	-6314	-18754	1178	1344	307894
Colorado	1512	52	-48	8	6	17233	0.7	239	-1742	88	204	17525
Connecticut	2662	473	119	9	3	35284	2.1	-419	-1908	36	57	35377
Delaware	459	-32	-146	1	1	5595	1.3	371	-257	9	12	5616
District of Columbia	527	36	36	16	0	7283	1.3	141	-974	271	3	7557
Florida	6437	-54	-443	16	32	42461	0.5	370	-5035	130	94	42685
Georgia	4402	127	-312	19	21	25618	0.6	-459	-791	173	181	25972
Hawaii	1136	74	30	4	12	6837	1.1	3	-3	55	55	6947
Idaho	643	-6	-125	2	5	4663	0.6	-440	57	10	16	4689
Illinois	7546	-2809	496	13	8	90901	1.5	2299	1252	315	183	91399
Indiana	2129	78	131	0	5	13247	0.4	-146	-87	18	32	13297
Iowa	2271	-109	-420	1	1	14969	1.0	500	976	43	14	15026
Kansas	1398	38	3	3	2	8779	0.6	-529	-307	36	18	8833
Kentucky	2034	-8	-597	1	2	17628	1.0	-357	-7399	183	109	17920
Louisiana	2126	104	-78	2	7	18179	1.0	439	-1415	52	17	18248
Maine	466	-99	37	0	1	3817	0.6	-255	-417	8	13	3838
Maryland	3173	418	-179	28	14	28803	1.1	-89	-2301	285	71	29159
Massachusetts	4193	290	-75	8	10	57903	1.6	656	2829	158	84	58145
Michigan	4434	-685	-334	5	9	47750	1.1	628	-4275	77	61	47888
Minnesota	2071	-28	-274	1	3	25834	0.9	-337	388	31	51	25916
Mississippi	1036	-13	-95	6	3	11500	1.0	-185	-349	88	27	11615
Missouri	2803	77	-150	5	4	23757	0.9	1289	-2725	68	33	23858
Montana	467	-28	-21	2	0	4784	1.1	-2	230	49	13	4846
Nebraska	546	23	-18	2	1	3939	0.4	-56	-345	14	6	3959
Nevada	2129	225	-103	1	3	17475	1.3	-232	-1338	44	39	17558
New Hampshire	423	-2	56	1	2	3408	0.5	-33	-452	3	5	3416
New Jersey	8205	940	7	12	19	95886	2.4	-915	-2283	158	193	96237
New Mexico	746	112	96	2	1	8657	1.1	-175	-552	95	37	8789
New York	11545	-115	-727	25	22	131904	1.4	-569	-4018	326	299	132529
North Carolina	3371	266	634	9	19	20795	0.5	49	-137	110	111	21016
North Dakota	204	-10	-65	2	0	2130	0.5	-69	78	194	3	2327
Ohio	4921	-28	10	6	10	43790	0.8	-1505	-3394	118	103	44011
Oklahoma	1558	51	377	5	6	14900	1.0	-172	1834	49	47	14996
Oregon	3262	114	-166	11	8	24565	1.3	-430	183	136	62	24763
Pennsylvania	10921	898	-1583	48	23	111362	1.9	-4692	-6299	388	222	111972
Puerto Rico	1291	135	-512	2	5	21009	2.5	302	1280	143	60	21212
Rhode Island	695	49	-457	2	3	8607	1.8	-122	-275	17	10	8634
South Carolina	2432	565	122	2	9	15896	0.8	-108	-1468	52	45	15993
South Dakota	136	-14	-9	5	0	1137	0.3	-37	33	249	0	1386
Tennessee	2282	84	204	4	13	20495	0.7	-19	-1768	88	96	20679
Texas	12915	650	640	59	129	127475	1.1	-2082	1411	632	1002	129109
Utah	842	84	-77	17	3	6502	0.5	-147	-989	97	12	6611
Vermont	296	7	-23	1	0	3115	1.0	-42	-68	7	0	3122
Virgin Islands	30	-6	17	0	0	386	1.2	-110	-268	2	12	400
Virginia	2517	332	-43	7	6	19788	0.5	-409	-1988	130	161	20079
Washington	5632	976	294	6	28	42965	1.3	201	1827	173	460	43598
West Virginia	766	-127	38	2	1	8649	1.3	-340	668	29	20	8698
Wisconsin	3702	275	353	5	3	25235	0.9	-400	-142	41	16	25292
Wyoming	186	8	-51	0	0	1773	0.7	-48	8	3	3	1779
Totals	179877	982	-5297	548	577	1665267	1.2	-14759	-64623	7034	5868	1678169

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 AUGUST 3, 2019

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
IL	-2,809	No comment.
CA	-2,397	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting and service 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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