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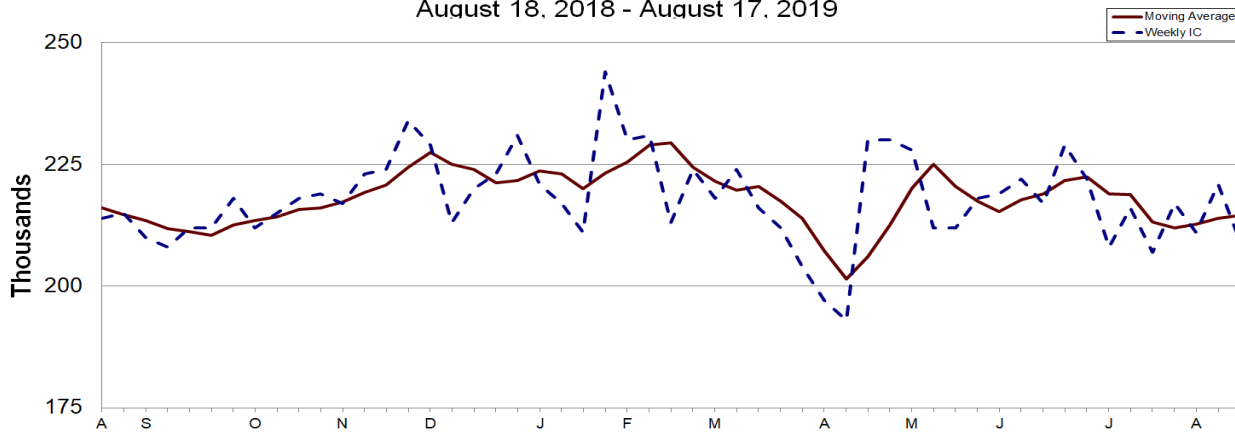
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

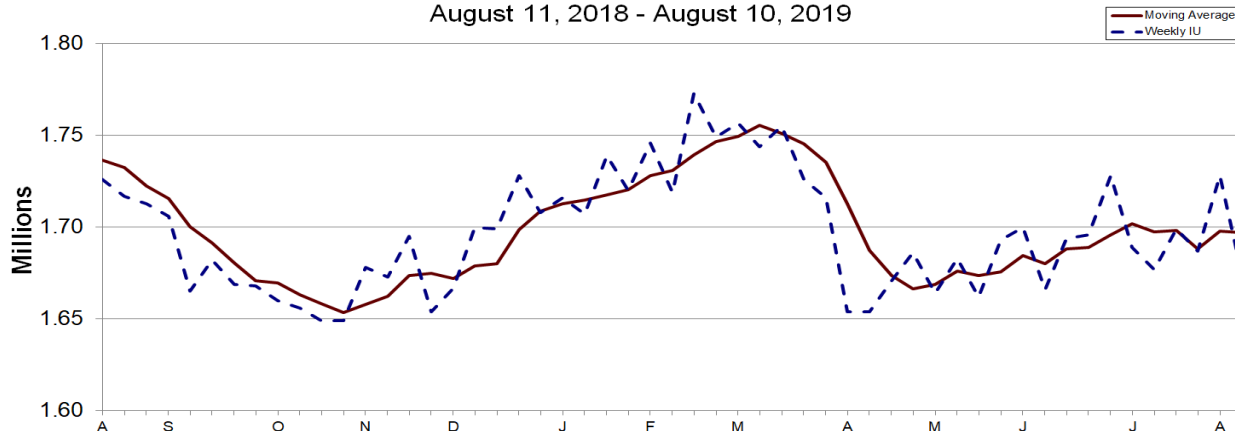
In the week ending August 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 209,000, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 220,000 to 221,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,500, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 213,750 to 214,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 10 was 1,674,000, a decrease of 54,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,726,000 to 1,728,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,697,000, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 1,697,250 to 1,697,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
August 18, 2018 - August 17, 2019



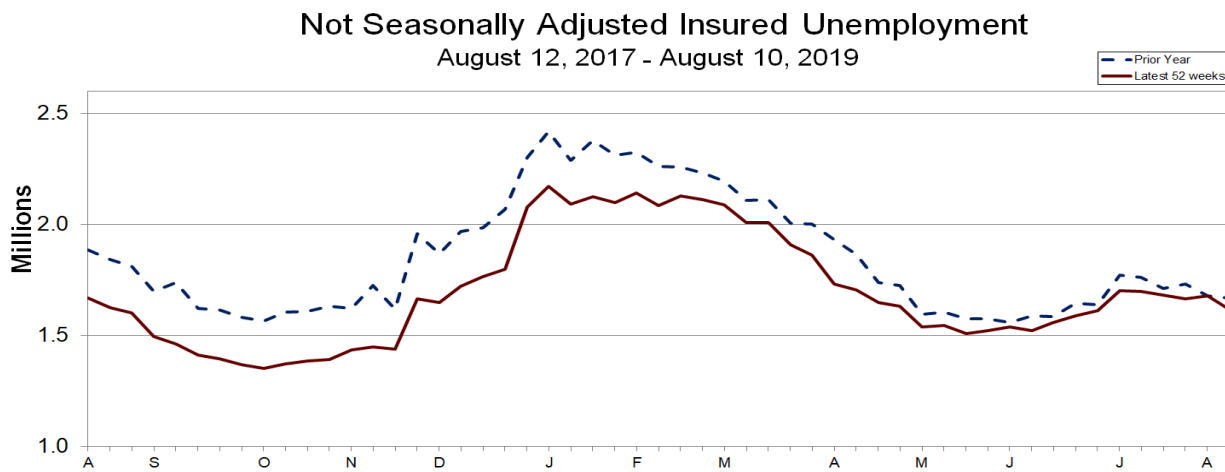
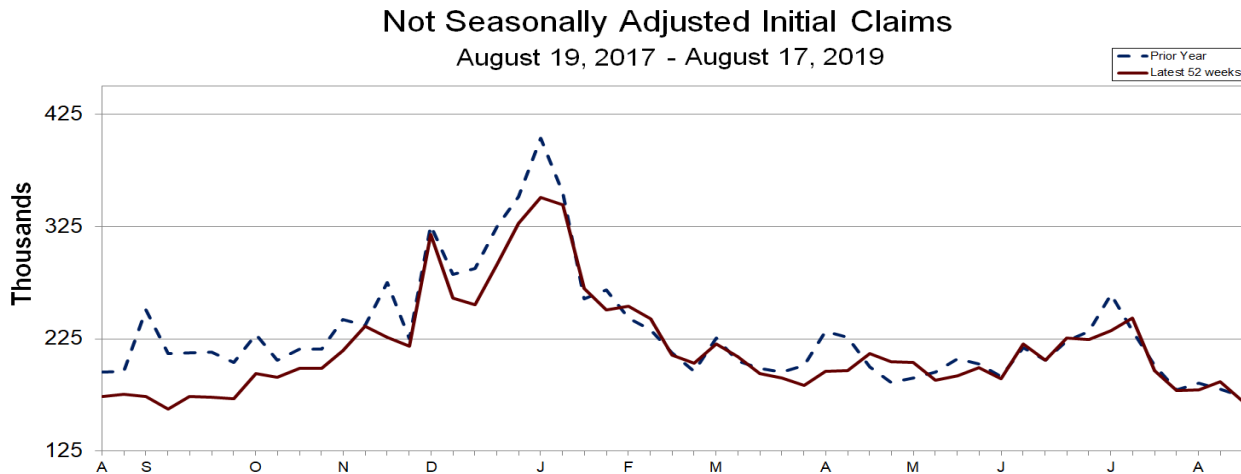
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
August 11, 2018 - August 10, 2019



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 169,613 in the week ending August 17, a decrease of 17,301 (or -9.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,724 (or -4.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 173,331 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending August 10, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,616,776, a decrease of 62,678 (or -3.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,367 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,668,840.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 3 was 1,704,365, an increase of 13,619 from the previous week. There were 1,703,755 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 August 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 578 in the week ending August 10, an increase of 30 from the prior week. There were 565 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 12 from the preceding week.

There were 7,201 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 3, an increase of 167 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,599, a decrease of 269 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 3 were in New Jersey (2.4), Puerto Rico (2.4), Connecticut (2.1), Pennsylvania (2.0), California (1.9), Rhode Island (1.8), Alaska (1.6), Illinois (1.6), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.4), and the Virgin Islands (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 10 were in California (+5,363), New York (+608), Kentucky (+423), Pennsylvania (+411), and Connecticut (+401), while the largest decreases were in South Carolina (-374), Illinois (-337), Tennessee (-285), Alabama (-230), and North Carolina (-213).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	209,000	221,000	-12,000	211,000	214,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	169,613	186,914	-17,301	179,879	173,331
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,500	214,000	+500	212,750	216,000
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,674,000	1,728,000	-54,000	1,687,000	1,726,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,616,776	1,679,454	-62,678	1,665,287	1,668,840
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,697,000	1,697,750	-750	1,688,000	1,736,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.2%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	578	548	+30	685
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	565	577	-12	651

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,676,962	1,662,427	+14,535	1,677,312
Federal Employees	7,201	7,034	+167	7,747
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,599	5,868	-269	7,620
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	11
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	4,864	4,809	+55	4,988
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	9,739	10,608	-869	6,077
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,704,365</b>	<b>1,690,746</b>	<b>+13,619</b>	<b>1,703,755</b>

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 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,960	2,195	-235	15,812	17,372	-1,560
Alaska	782	693	89	4,780	5,019	-239
Arizona	3,361	3,857	-496	24,837	28,871	-4,034
Arkansas	1,296	1,586	-290	11,064	12,339	-1,275
California	35,458	41,404	-5,946	302,600	329,057	-26,457
Colorado	1,477	1,542	-65	17,209	16,862	347
Connecticut	2,711	3,063	-352	37,182	35,413	1,769
Delaware	458	481	-23	5,522	5,253	269
District of Columbia	492	480	12	7,146	7,273	-127
Florida	5,414	6,509	-1,095	38,038	42,628	-4,590
Georgia	3,708	4,395	-687	23,686	25,319	-1,633
Hawaii	1,030	1,217	-187	6,652	6,681	-29
Idaho	648	742	-94	4,040	4,671	-631
Illinois	7,057	7,209	-152	89,664	94,060	-4,396
Indiana	2,134	2,518	-384	13,989	13,823	166
Iowa	2,002	2,349	-347	15,673	15,309	364
Kansas	1,276	1,325	-49	9,866	8,500	1,366
Kentucky*	2,148	2,457	-309	17,489	17,397	92
Louisiana	1,789	2,081	-292	14,780	17,513	-2,733
Maine	358	447	-89	3,643	3,779	-136
Maryland	2,510	3,101	-591	26,551	28,987	-2,436
Massachusetts	4,044	4,536	-492	56,367	56,957	-590
Michigan	3,872	4,272	-400	40,869	43,046	-2,177
Minnesota	2,257	2,297	-40	26,628	26,040	588
Mississippi	904	1,039	-135	8,228	10,993	-2,765
Missouri	2,417	2,656	-239	20,214	22,333	-2,119
Montana	463	491	-28	4,383	4,652	-269
Nebraska	530	721	-191	3,847	3,868	-21
Nevada	2,282	2,214	68	16,245	17,617	-1,372
New Hampshire	419	467	-48	3,243	3,437	-194
New Jersey	7,453	8,224	-771	95,922	95,093	829
New Mexico	678	687	-9	8,099	8,614	-515
New York	12,163	12,153	10	131,697	131,332	365
North Carolina	2,887	3,158	-271	19,126	20,870	-1,744
North Dakota	266	229	37	2,143	1,975	168
Ohio	4,677	4,814	-137	41,920	43,548	-1,628
Oklahoma	1,435	1,611	-176	14,050	15,188	-1,138
Oregon	2,968	3,358	-390	24,417	24,468	-51
Pennsylvania	11,155	11,332	-177	113,045	114,251	-1,206
Puerto Rico	1,178	1,345	-167	17,970	20,219	-2,249
Rhode Island	876	730	146	8,489	8,417	72
South Carolina	1,791	2,058	-267	15,352	15,743	-391
South Dakota	138	134	4	1,077	1,084	-7
Tennessee	1,810	1,997	-187	16,506	20,176	-3,670
Texas	11,772	12,816	-1,044	126,033	124,234	1,799
Utah	833	882	-49	6,220	6,489	-269
Vermont	311	289	22	2,942	3,081	-139
Virgin Islands	29	39	-10	476	456	20
Virginia	2,393	2,382	11	20,242	19,985	257
Washington	5,212	5,490	-278	44,545	43,284	1,261
West Virginia	759	794	-35	9,221	8,416	805
Wisconsin	3,360	3,833	-473	25,192	25,799	-607
Wyoming	212	215	-3	1,845	1,663	182
US Total	169,613	186,914	-17,301	1,616,776	1,679,454	-62,678

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	
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	1,728	41	1,697.75	1.2
August 10, 2019	221	10	214.00	1,674	-54	1,697.00	1.2
August 17, 2019	209	-12	214.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 10					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 3					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2195	-230	-101	10	10	17372	0.9	-493	-135	86	53	17511
Alaska	693	11	-31	3	2	5019	1.6	144	-739	33	12	5064
Arizona	3857	-51	29	7	3	28871	1.0	-428	-2495	128	63	29062
Arkansas	1586	243	215	4	8	12339	1.0	-849	112	42	29	12410
California	41404	5363	4795	133	117	329057	1.9	23685	18602	1322	1312	331691
Colorado	1542	30	48	3	11	16862	0.6	-371	-1632	82	143	17087
Connecticut	3063	401	261	2	5	35413	2.1	129	-1504	35	61	35509
Delaware	481	22	-71	3	1	5253	1.2	-342	-298	7	24	5284
District of Columbia	480	-47	17	13	0	7273	1.3	-10	-1036	271	3	7547
Florida	6509	72	-321	19	24	42628	0.5	167	-2696	118	137	42883
Georgia	4395	-7	-1268	13	24	25319	0.6	-299	-1723	145	185	25649
Hawaii	1217	81	37	6	11	6681	1.1	-174	-52	42	59	6782
Idaho	742	99	24	0	3	4671	0.7	8	123	13	18	4702
Illinois	7209	-337	259	8	9	94060	1.6	3159	5560	302	168	94530
Indiana	2518	389	527	2	4	13823	0.5	576	351	16	27	13866
Iowa	2349	78	563	3	7	15309	1.0	340	562	40	16	15365
Kansas	1325	-73	33	2	2	8500	0.6	-279	-211	29	20	8549
Kentucky	2457	423	286	0	1	17397	0.9	-231	335	125	79	17601
Louisiana	2081	-45	-30	4	7	17513	0.9	-666	-1298	51	14	17578
Maine	447	-19	73	1	0	3779	0.6	-38	-468	9	12	3800
Maryland	3101	-74	2	28	10	28987	1.1	182	-1998	277	65	29329
Massachusetts	4536	343	144	12	11	56957	1.6	-946	2710	153	87	57197
Michigan	4272	-162	-806	6	13	43046	1.0	-4704	-440	84	57	43187
Minnesota	2297	226	33	3	5	26040	0.9	206	151	31	53	26124
Mississippi	1039	3	27	6	3	10993	1.0	-507	152	88	24	11105
Missouri	2656	-147	-35	9	3	22333	0.8	-1424	-2618	68	37	22438
Montana	491	24	-2	1	0	4652	1.0	-132	291	55	13	4720
Nebraska	721	175	28	3	2	3868	0.4	-71	-354	15	6	3889
Nevada	2214	85	107	1	3	17617	1.3	142	-1043	41	42	17700
New Hampshire	467	44	-12	1	1	3437	0.5	29	-349	5	4	3446
New Jersey	8224	19	413	14	12	95093	2.4	-793	-2677	169	179	95441
New Mexico	687	-59	23	0	1	8614	1.1	-43	-315	110	43	8767
New York	12153	608	-150	23	22	131332	1.4	-572	-3605	322	306	131960
North Carolina	3158	-213	536	14	17	20870	0.5	75	-15	110	103	21083
North Dakota	229	25	-21	2	0	1975	0.5	-155	-21	192	2	2169
Ohio	4814	-107	-169	9	14	43548	0.8	-242	-2680	86	124	43758
Oklahoma	1611	53	440	9	5	15188	1.0	288	2275	42	50	15280
Oregon	3358	96	129	10	11	24468	1.3	-97	203	133	64	24665
Pennsylvania	11332	411	-68	64	29	114251	2.0	2889	-1487	403	178	114832
Puerto Rico	1345	54	-350	3	9	20219	2.4	-790	980	164	66	20449
Rhode Island	730	35	-145	4	0	8417	1.8	-190	-403	13	22	8452
South Carolina	2058	-374	-438	3	7	15743	0.8	-153	-1811	65	46	15854
South Dakota	134	-2	14	2	0	1084	0.3	-53	8	231	1	1316
Tennessee	1997	-285	-140	11	9	20176	0.7	-319	-199	71	53	20300
Texas	12816	-99	1158	75	89	124234	1.0	-3241	3222	876	871	125981
Utah	882	40	13	10	5	6489	0.4	-13	-954	100	13	6602
Vermont	289	-7	26	0	0	3081	1.0	-34	-60	8	0	3089
Virgin Islands	39	9	29	0	0	456	1.4	70	-108	0	14	470
Virginia	2382	-135	-226	10	2	19985	0.5	197	-1942	154	159	20298
Washington	5490	-142	578	3	31	43284	1.3	319	1961	169	441	43894
West Virginia	794	28	77	2	1	8416	1.3	-233	-22	30	24	8470
Wisconsin	3833	131	313	3	1	25799	0.9	564	308	38	14	25851
Wyoming	215	29	3	1	0	1663	0.6	-110	44	2	3	1668
Totals	186914	7035	6876	578	565	1679454	1.2	14167	562	7201	5599	1692254

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 10, 2019**

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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+5,363	Layoffs in the service industry.

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STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

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## 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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