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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

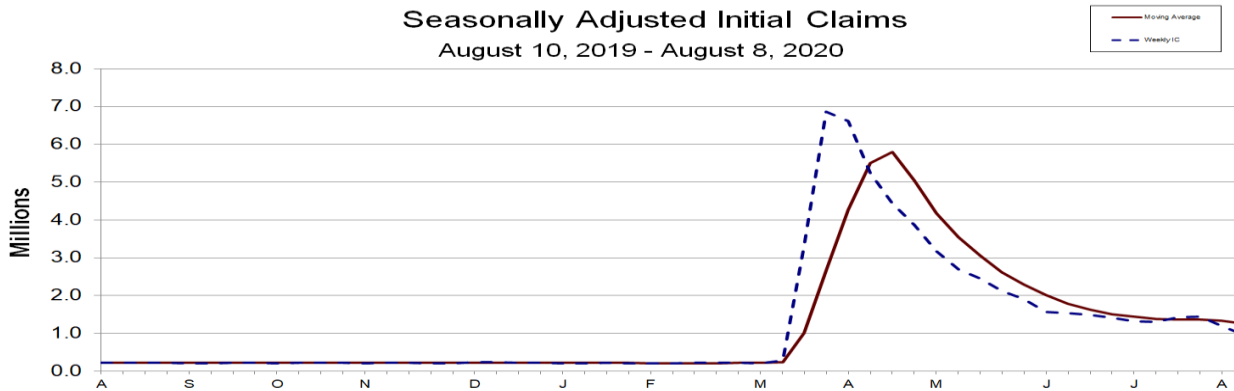
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

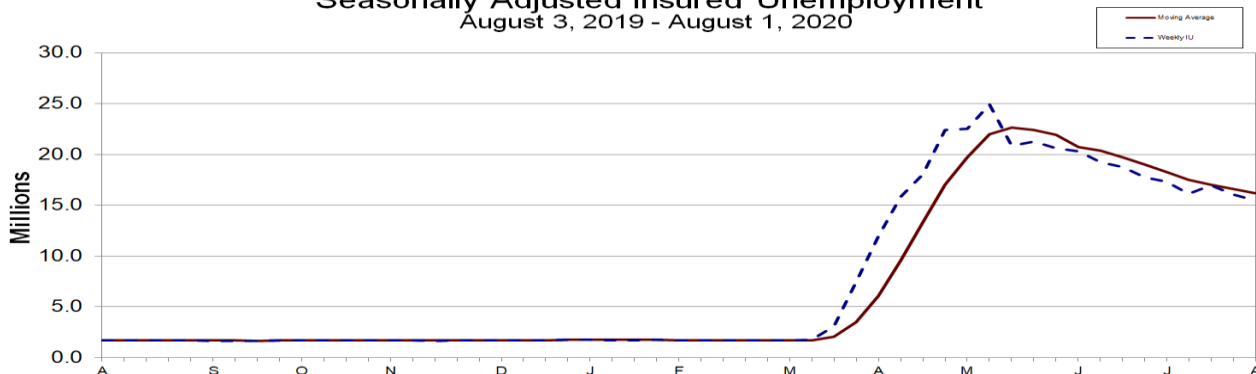
In the week ending August 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 963,000, a decrease of 228,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 5,000 from 1,186,000 to 1,191,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,252,750, a decrease of 86,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,337,750 to 1,339,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 10.6 percent for the week ending August 1, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 1 was 15,486,000, a decrease of 604,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 17,000 from 16,107,000 to 16,090,000. The 4-week moving average was 16,169,500, a decrease of 454,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 4,250 from 16,628,250 to 16,624,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 10, 2019 - August 8, 2020



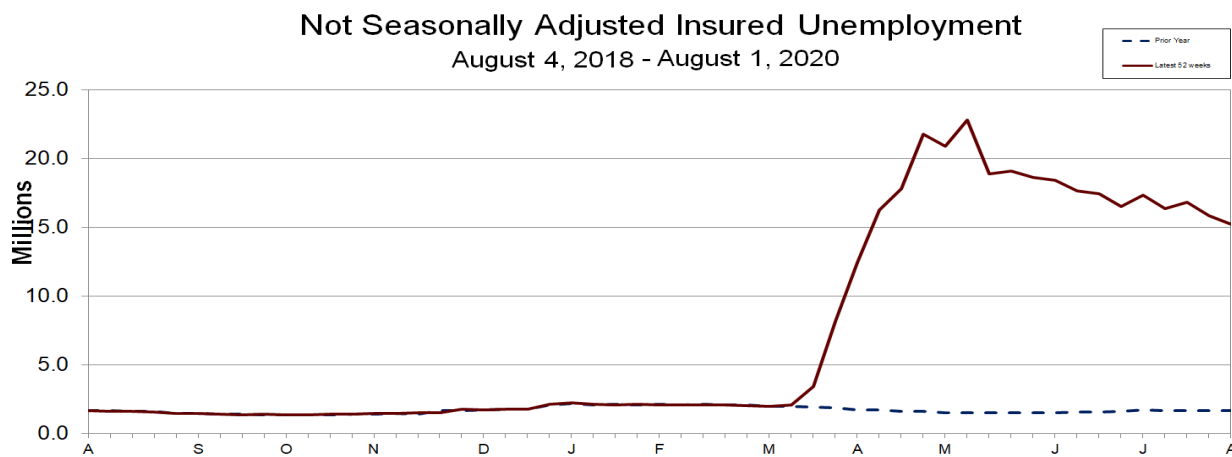
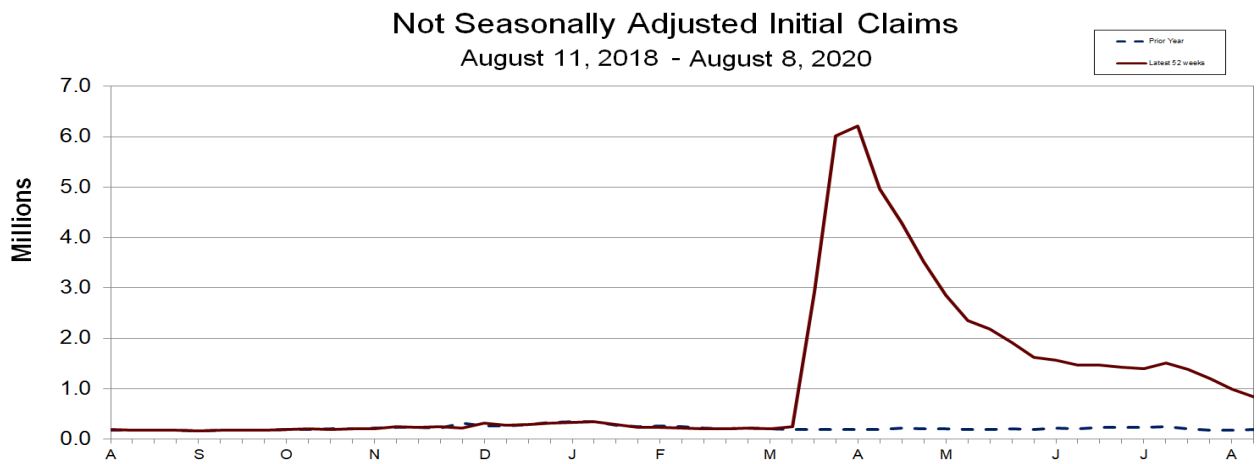
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 3, 2019 - August 1, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 831,856 in the week ending August 8, a decrease of 156,453 (or -15.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 40,485 (or 4.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 186,914 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending August 8, 52 states reported 488,622 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 10.4 percent during the week ending August 1, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 15,207,671, a decrease of 624,684 (or -3.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 32,180 (or -0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,679,471.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 25 was 28,257,995, a decrease of 3,065,616 from the previous week. There were 1,690,746 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending July 25, Extended Benefits were available in the following 52 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,118 in the week ending August 1, a decrease of 285 from the prior week. There were 902 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 127 from the preceding week.

There were 15,061 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 25, a decrease of 1,109 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 14,225, a decrease of 2,046 from the prior week.

During the week ending Jul 25, 49 states reported 10,723,396 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 1,224,443 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 25 were in Nevada (23.6), Hawaii (21.1), Puerto Rico (19.1), Louisiana (17.3), New York (16.5), California (16.0), Connecticut (15.3), Georgia (14.4), Massachusetts (14.3), and Rhode Island (12.7).

The largest increase in initial claims for the week ending August 1 was in Rhode Island (+87), while the largest decreases were in California (-22,610), Virginia (-19,048), Texas (-14,095), Florida (-13,176), and New Jersey (-11,489).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 8	August 1	Change	July 25	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	963,000	1,191,000	-228,000	1,435,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	831,856	988,309	-156,453	1,207,045	186,914
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,252,750	1,339,000	-86,250	1,368,750	214,750

WEEK ENDING	August 1	July 25	Change	July 18	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	15,486,000	16,090,000	-604,000	16,951,000	1,719,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	15,207,671	15,832,355	-624,684	16,815,346	1,679,471
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	16,169,500	16,624,000	-454,500	17,041,500	1,698,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	10.6%	11.0%	-0.4	11.6%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	10.4%	10.8%	-0.4	11.5%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 8	August 1	Change	July 25
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	488,622	655,999	-167,377	908,800

WEEK ENDING	August 1	July 25	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,118	1,403	-285	548
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	902	1,029	-127	577

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 25	July 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	15,700,828	16,691,210	-990,382	1,662,427
Federal Employees	15,061	16,170	-1,109	7,034
Newly Discharged Veterans	14,225	16,271	-2,046	5,868
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	10,723,396	12,956,478	-2,233,082	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,224,443	1,157,339	+67,104	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	125,659	69,785	+55,874	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,898	2,973	-75	4,809
STC / Workshare ⁷	451,485	413,385	+38,100	10,608
TOTAL⁸	28,257,995	31,323,611	-3,065,616	1,690,746

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 146,125,989 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	7,008	11,690	-4,682	60,914	84,070	-23,156
Alaska	4,822	5,195	-373	33,901	39,002	-5,101
Arizona	12,283	15,561	-3,278	212,889	232,497	-19,608
Arkansas	5,472	12,750	-7,278	60,167	79,564	-19,397
California	213,482	222,043	-8,561	2,984,954	2,789,482	195,472
Colorado	6,077	7,167	-1,090	201,119	224,130	-23,011
Connecticut	7,453	10,537	-3,084	232,364	252,297	-19,933
Delaware	1,634	2,133	-499	39,764	42,352	-2,588
District of Columbia	1,630	2,250	-620	68,445	72,931	-4,486
Florida	55,106	78,286	-23,180	531,130	631,163	-100,033
Georgia	62,279	73,931	-11,652	578,158	633,988	-55,830
Hawaii	5,458	5,049	409	124,957	131,184	-6,227
Idaho	3,057	3,607	-550	19,046	25,369	-6,323
Illinois	22,387	25,274	-2,887	627,271	631,032	-3,761
Indiana	10,549	12,551	-2,002	191,613	223,895	-32,282
Iowa	5,282	6,317	-1,035	92,853	104,316	-11,463
Kansas	11,345	8,961	2,384	81,930	77,520	4,410
Kentucky	17,272	21,020	-3,748	141,539	136,779	4,760
Louisiana	9,919	13,402	-3,483	291,001	327,467	-36,466
Maine	1,581	1,722	-141	49,243	53,480	-4,237
Maryland	7,633	10,835	-3,202	180,831	203,445	-22,614
Massachusetts	14,181	15,637	-1,456	450,888	512,245	-61,357
Michigan *	14,462	19,842	-5,380	522,491	514,836	7,655
Minnesota	9,337	12,315	-2,978	264,267	288,215	-23,948
Mississippi	5,038	6,777	-1,739	135,045	121,168	13,877
Missouri	8,131	10,900	-2,769	140,524	175,874	-35,350
Montana	1,611	1,875	-264	27,912	33,450	-5,538
Nebraska	2,640	2,946	-306	37,643	46,361	-8,718
Nevada	20,642	13,727	6,915	339,900	327,954	11,946
New Hampshire	2,430	2,651	-221	54,259	61,496	-7,237
New Jersey	13,003	16,584	-3,581	423,081	467,370	-44,289
New Mexico	6,518	5,797	721	93,933	99,358	-5,425
New York	52,092	73,997	-21,905	1,448,349	1,557,464	-109,115
North Carolina	13,635	16,503	-2,868	234,405	283,907	-49,502
North Dakota	842	979	-137	23,503	23,739	-236
Ohio	20,090	26,053	-5,963	350,702	409,323	-58,621
Oklahoma	4,673	6,609	-1,936	118,131	123,121	-4,990
Oregon	6,251	7,275	-1,024	190,110	189,136	974
Pennsylvania	26,534	29,371	-2,837	675,346	633,057	42,289
Puerto Rico	5,763	2,253	3,510	184,300	164,500	19,800
Rhode Island	3,305	3,722	-417	55,411	60,470	-5,059
South Carolina	5,921	8,909	-2,988	168,375	191,064	-22,689
South Dakota	911	775	136	14,428	15,464	-1,036
Tennessee	10,036	12,208	-2,172	217,968	242,385	-24,417
Texas	51,476	62,709	-11,233	1,237,387	1,228,250	9,137
Utah	2,913	3,098	-185	57,833	64,015	-6,182
Vermont	860	1,260	-400	33,099	35,847	-2,748
Virgin Islands	10	20	-10	5,056	3,518	1,538
Virginia	14,761	23,918	-9,157	263,336	331,401	-68,065
Washington	23,787	26,486	-2,699	374,142	347,205	26,937
West Virginia	1,837	2,506	-669	62,488	62,696	-208
Wisconsin	14,254	19,196	-4,942	182,121	208,649	-26,528
Wyoming	2,183	1,130	1,053	17,149	12,854	4,295
US Total	831,856	988,309	-156,453	15,207,671	15,832,355	-624,684

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 state 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 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,486	-604	16,169.50	10.6
August 8, 2020	963	-228	1,252.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 8			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jul 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jul 25	Jul 18	Change
Alabama	2,122	2,642	-520	40,802	35,512	5,290
Alaska	394	730	-336	17,051	14,432	2,619
Arizona	17,844	23,904	-6,060	317,680	762,148	-444,468
Arkansas	10,160	11,041	-881	119,977	108,137	11,840
California	163,805	203,894	-40,089	2,543,133	3,192,349	-649,216
Colorado	9,048	7,585	1,463	75,616	74,905	711
Connecticut	1,435	2,171	-736	67,122	66,765	357
Delaware	258	292	-34	9,251	10,906	-1,655
District of Columbia	293	445	-152	13,953	13,937	16
Florida	10,160	13,344	-3,184	0	0	0
Georgia	7,166	9,765	-2,599	336,623	377,945	-41,322
Hawaii	2,543	3,120	-577	87,688	89,846	-2,158
Idaho	148	183	-35	16,372	670	15,702
Illinois	3,704	4,515	-811	136,738	136,646	92
Indiana	7,373	6,648	725	141,990	143,026	-1,036
Iowa	1,176	1,602	-426	14,833	16,382	-1,549
Kansas	8,683	6,016	2,667	100,634	101,762	-1,128
Kentucky	1,928	2,964	-1,036	20,425	57,783	-37,358
Louisiana	4,201	5,759	-1,558	159,251	155,670	3,581
Maine	276	472	-196	26,417	26,004	413
Maryland	3,941	6,741	-2,800	253,450	275,252	-21,802
Massachusetts	8,750	9,765	-1,015	438,596	486,182	-47,586
Michigan	12,722	14,889	-2,167	778,032	952,595	-174,563
Minnesota	290	354	-64	61,289	63,221	-1,932
Mississippi	3,019	3,108	-89	52,950	56,451	-3,501
Missouri	1,447	1,797	-350	64,063	63,701	362
Montana	1,431	1,913	-482	43,087	56,475	-13,388
Nebraska	1,097	1,209	-112	23,437	26,700	-3,263
Nevada	12,606	18,495	-5,889	128,190	139,060	-10,870
New Hampshire	588	563	25	19,626	18,803	823
New Jersey	10,565	20,125	-9,560	422,417	399,590	22,827
New Mexico	1,644	2,712	-1,068	79,140	83,986	-4,846
New York	26,515	44,627	-18,112	1,297,114	1,194,448	102,666
North Carolina	8,620	12,205	-3,585	192,247	220,671	-28,424
North Dakota	3,054	106	2,948	4,796	5,253	-457
Ohio	12,719	42,249	-29,530	319,350	365,235	-45,885
Oklahoma	928	1,443	-515	0	0	0
Oregon	8,858	20,781	-11,923	93,206	75,874	17,332
Pennsylvania	49,221	78,713	-29,492	954,372	1,237,142	-282,770
Puerto Rico	24,115	4,024	20,091	236,487	526,850	-290,363
Rhode Island	7,068	11,858	-4,790	61,456	56,127	5,329
South Carolina	5,060	7,183	-2,123	72,208	72,907	-699
South Dakota	218	119	99	4,081	4,266	-185
Tennessee	3,700	4,578	-878	146,232	213,951	-67,719
Texas	13,898	18,418	-4,520	248,901	281,329	-32,428
Utah	765	831	-66	7,670	10,674	-3,004
Vermont	313	899	-586	9,115	9,637	-522
Virgin Islands	395	48	347	0	0	0
Virginia	5,025	11,390	-6,365	244,324	430,148	-185,824
Washington	4,556	4,641	-85	141,092	146,114	-5,022
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,511	2,845	-334	77,901	96,251	-18,350
Wyoming	266	278	-12	3,011	2,760	251
US Total	488,622	655,999	-167,377	10,723,396	12,956,478	-2,233,082

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#) . Backdated claims data may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	July 25	July 18	Change	July 11	July 4
Alabama	74,759	67,880	6,879	56,759	43,666
Alaska	4,158	3,419	739	3,330	2,945
Arizona	13,541	12,904	637	11,945	11,296
Arkansas	14,907	10,525	4,382	7,070	5,712
California	270,747	248,098	22,649	215,671	228,541
Colorado	7,262	12,910	-5,648	1,353	536
Connecticut	0	8,969	-8,969	11,296	10,882
Delaware	2,458	2,310	148	1,672	1,780
District of Columbia	2,204	2,178	26	1,990	1,881
Florida	50,374	53,423	-3,049	64,346	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	5,679	5,442	237	5,195	5,004
Illinois	34,499	30,690	3,809	33,607	35,951
Indiana	7,372	7,525	-153	7,926	7,671
Iowa	12,903	13,876	-973	10,786	9,356
Kansas	2,497	2,421	76	2,170	2,030
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,399	3,340	59	3,488	3,453
Maine	4,656	4,012	644	2,543	1,979
Maryland	11,282	10,984	298	11,374	11,347
Massachusetts	40,762	38,508	2,254	36,432	36,640
Michigan	39,866	31,283	8,583	32,139	25,180
Minnesota	24,110	23,053	1,057	21,778	21,396
Mississippi	7,689	6,873	816	5,992	4,571
Missouri	13,114	12,768	346	11,449	11,346
Montana	3,268	3,048	220	2,832	2,685
Nebraska	2,219	2,173	46	1,979	1,830
Nevada	15,617	14,855	762	11,963	10,457
New Hampshire	318	278	40	0	0
New Jersey	54,847	57,651	-2,804	55,682	60,125
New Mexico	5,171	4,941	230	4,605	4,506
New York	89,643	84,708	4,935	79,753	78,651
North Carolina	199,881	189,498	10,383	168,679	144,716
North Dakota	3,967	3,776	191	3,276	3,168
Ohio	18,753	18,749	4	17,338	17,331
Oklahoma	1,188	1,647	-459	673	648
Oregon	13,477	12,249	1,228	11,562	10,954
Pennsylvania	42,208	37,497	4,711	44,151	38,418
Puerto Rico	5,381	5,884	-503	6,903	7,722
Rhode Island	3,969	3,404	565	3,259	3,144
South Carolina	18,505	15,803	2,702	14,608	15,399
South Dakota	338	311	27	311	327
Tennessee	6,872	6,216	656	5,702	5,088
Texas	15,922	16,318	-396	7,359	7,304
Utah	6,580	6,121	459	5,581	4,680
Vermont	1,234	1,264	-30	1,239	1,319
Virgin Islands	96	0	96	0	0
Virginia	42,350	37,841	4,509	30,899	17,445
Washington	5,252	6,081	-829	5,921	7,058
West Virginia	1,230	4,435	-3,205	4,173	4,641
Wisconsin	16,425	7,724	8,701	7,692	9,870
Wyoming	1,494	1,476	18	0	0
US Total	1,224,443	1,157,339	67,104	1,056,451	940,649

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	July 25	July 18	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	591	730	-139
Arizona	231	122	109
Arkansas	881	785	96
California	61,859	15,142	46,717
Colorado	47	49	-2
Connecticut	34	34	0
Delaware	358	314	44
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	58	271	-213
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	11	4	7
Idaho	155	100	55
Illinois	9,566	11,392	-1,826
Indiana	1,531	1,277	254
Iowa	1,392	1,884	-492
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	539	409	130
Maine	15	14	1
Maryland	589	183	406
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	3	0	3
Minnesota	3,563	2,999	564
Mississippi	757	798	-41
Missouri	2,012	1,535	477
Montana	229	186	43
Nebraska	72	55	17
Nevada	898	392	506
New Hampshire	793	747	46
New Jersey	14,925	13,091	1,834
New Mexico	466	348	118
New York	0	0	0
North Carolina	4,816	4,124	692
North Dakota	172	54	118
Ohio	2,429	1,941	488
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	1,395	930	465
Pennsylvania	11,080	6,893	4,187
Puerto Rico	508	201	307
Rhode Island	521	132	389
South Carolina	2,340	2,027	313
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	788	572	216
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	5	10	-5
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	6	8	-2
Wisconsin	19	27	-8
Wyoming	5	5	0
US Total	125,659	69,785	55,874

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 1					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 25					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	11,690	-5,747	9,265	22	12	84,070	4.3	-9,999	66,205	101	77	84,248
Alaska	5,195	-874	4,513	13	2	39,002	12.6	-1,594	34,127	165	68	39,235
Arizona	15,561	-3,502	11,653	27	10	232,497	8.0	1,675	203,198	372	272	233,141
Arkansas	12,750	-2,507	11,407	3	1	79,564	6.6	-14,549	66,376	137	54	79,755
California	222,043	-22,610	186,002	183	129	2,789,482	16.0	-351,137	2,484,110	2,117	2,442	2,794,041
Colorado	7,167	-870	5,655	8	30	224,130	8.4	-74	206,897	187	341	224,658
Connecticut	10,537	-644	7,875	18	13	252,297	15.3	537	217,013	199	115	252,611
Delaware	2,133	-430	1,674	3	3	42,352	9.5	1,429	36,757	39	39	42,430
District of Columbia	2,250	-462	1,723	32	0	72,931	12.6	221	65,648	923	7	73,861
Florida	78,286	-13,176	71,849	19	22	631,163	7.2	-59,907	588,702	306	292	631,761
Georgia	73,931	-11,053	69,529	67	40	633,988	14.4	-2,924	608,370	676	502	635,166
Hawaii	5,049	-836	3,913	11	9	131,184	21.1	989	124,329	302	177	131,663
Idaho	3,607	-1,096	2,964	4	3	25,369	3.4	-1,076	20,706	18	23	25,410
Illinois	25,274	-7,956	17,728	7	8	631,032	10.7	-17,695	540,131	526	229	631,787
Indiana	12,551	-7,578	10,422	13	12	223,895	7.3	-4,331	210,648	130	167	224,192
Iowa	6,317	-653	4,046	9	5	104,316	6.8	-5,726	89,347	138	57	104,511
Kansas	8,961	-1,501	7,563	0	3	77,520	5.7	-1,459	68,741	100	77	77,697
Kentucky	21,020	-21	18,986	0	6	136,779	7.2	-4,511	119,151	167	201	137,147
Louisiana	13,402	-5,109	11,276	16	12	327,467	17.3	3,110	309,288	201	85	327,753
Maine	1,722	-292	1,256	1	1	53,480	8.8	-8,897	49,663	40	26	53,546
Maryland	10,835	-2,203	7,660	37	28	203,445	8.0	-15,584	174,640	285	225	203,955
Massachusetts	15,637	-4,009	11,444	35	24	512,245	14.3	768	454,342	335	245	512,825
Michigan	19,842	-3,377	15,408	19	18	514,836	12.0	-77,871	467,086	221	164	515,221
Minnesota	12,315	-2,996	10,244	9	5	288,215	10.0	-17,315	262,381	172	168	288,555
Mississippi	6,777	-2,392	5,741	3	4	121,168	10.9	17,059	109,668	203	129	121,500
Missouri	10,900	-4,038	8,097	4	4	175,874	6.4	-6,270	152,117	122	83	176,079
Montana	1,875	-513	1,408	5	2	33,450	7.3	-1,252	28,666	88	36	33,574
Nebraska	2,946	-710	2,400	6	0	46,361	4.8	-950	42,422	32	26	46,419
Nevada	13,727	-4,663	11,598	2	4	327,954	23.6	-18,184	310,479	112	176	328,242
New Hampshire	2,651	-625	2,228	2	3	61,496	9.4	-4,900	58,088	19	16	61,531
New Jersey	16,584	-11,489	8,379	34	11	467,370	11.6	-18,439	371,484	296	639	468,305
New Mexico	5,797	-1,457	5,051	5	0	99,358	12.3	1,926	90,701	212	130	99,700
New York	73,997	-11,052	62,452	29	43	1,557,464	16.5	18,064	1,425,560	568	664	1,558,696
North Carolina	16,503	-10,492	13,132	47	56	283,907	6.4	-31,209	263,112	469	697	285,073
North Dakota	979	-224	775	5	2	23,739	5.7	-1,249	21,609	215	23	23,977
Ohio	26,053	-1,980	21,132	13	32	409,323	7.6	-17,535	365,533	213	372	409,908
Oklahoma	6,609	-2,318	5,051	18	10	123,121	7.8	-4,496	108,221	130	113	123,364
Oregon	7,275	-2,142	4,013	13	6	189,136	9.8	-1,857	164,571	302	149	189,587
Pennsylvania	29,371	-6,437	18,450	155	66	633,057	10.9	-120,296	521,695	1,224	550	634,831
Puerto Rico	2,253	-4,462	962	0	2	164,500	19.1	-37,821	143,491	227	70	164,797
Rhode Island	3,722	87	3,027	2	1	60,470	12.7	-2,815	51,863	46	36	60,552
South Carolina	8,909	-3,286	6,477	10	29	191,064	9.1	-6,822	175,168	60	104	191,228
South Dakota	775	-33	639	11	1	15,464	3.7	-179	14,327	303	13	15,780
Tennessee	12,208	-7,883	9,926	25	18	242,385	7.3	-16,084	221,890	147	211	242,743
Texas	62,709	-14,095	49,794	112	178	1,228,250	9.9	-110,650	1,100,775	1,091	2,372	1,231,713
Utah	3,098	-611	2,256	17	2	64,015	4.3	-2,336	57,513	64	43	64,122
Vermont	1,260	-259	964	0	0	35,847	11.8	-1,950	32,732	2	3	35,852
Virgin Islands	20	-28	-10	0	0	3,518	9.6	-1,324	3,132	14	0	3,532
Virginia	23,918	-19,048	21,401	6	1	331,401	8.8	-13,425	311,613	482	529	332,412
Washington	26,486	-4,167	20,854	20	22	347,205	10.3	-8,944	304,240	363	773	348,341
West Virginia	2,506	-617	1,740	2	1	62,696	9.4	-1,669	54,047	73	85	62,854
Wisconsin	19,196	-3,830	15,494	15	8	208,649	7.3	-3,295	183,414	114	126	208,889
Wyoming	1,130	-470	944	1	0	12,854	4.8	-169	11,081	13	4	12,871
Totals	988,309	-218,736	808,430	1,118	902	15,832,355	10.8	-982,991	14,167,068	15,061	14,225	15,861,641

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 1, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
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None

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-22,610	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
VA	-19,048	No comment.
TX	-14,095	No comment.
FL	-13,176	No comment.
NJ	-11,489	No comment.
GA	-11,053	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food, and manufacturing industries.
NY	-11,052	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, educational services, and retail trade industries.
NC	-10,492	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and educational services industries.
IL	-7,956	No comment.
TN	-7,883	No comment.
IN	-7,578	No comment.
PA	-6,437	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodations and food services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
AL	-5,747	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and accommodation and food services industries.
LA	-5,109	No comment.
NV	-4,663	No comment.
PR	-4,462	No comment.
WA	-4,167	No comment.
MO	-4,038	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and manufacturing industries.
MA	-4,009	No comment.
WI	-3,830	No comment.
AZ	-3,502	No comment.
MI	-3,377	No comment.
SC	-3,286	No comment.
MN	-2,996	No comment.
AR	-2,507	No comment.
MS	-2,392	No comment.
OK	-2,318	No comment.
MD	-2,203	No comment.
OR	-2,142	No comment.
OH	-1,980	No comment.
KS	-1,501	No comment.
NM	-1,457	No comment.
ID	-1,096	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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