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REVISION TO SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Beginning with the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Weekly Claims News Release issued Thursday, September 3, 2020, the methodology used to seasonally adjust the national initial claims and continued claims reflects additive factors as opposed to multiplicative factors.

Seasonal adjustment factors can be either multiplicative or additive. A multiplicative seasonal effect is assumed to be proportional to the level of the series. A sudden large increase in the level of the series will be accompanied by a proportionally large seasonal effect. In contrast, an additive seasonal effect is assumed to be unaffected by the level of the series. In times of relative economic stability, the multiplicative option is generally preferred over the additive option. However, in the presence of a large level shift in a time series, multiplicative seasonal adjustment factors can result in systematic over- or under-adjustment of the series; in such cases, additive seasonal adjustment factors are preferred since they tend to more accurately track seasonal fluctuations in the series and have smaller revisions.

Prior to September 2020, the seasonally adjusted unemployment insurance claims series used multiplicative seasonal adjustment factors. Starting in September Bureau of Labor Statistics staff, who provide the seasonal adjustment factors, specified these series as additive. In accordance with the usual practice, the seasonal adjustment models and factors will be reviewed at the beginning of each calendar year, when prior years of seasonally adjusted estimates will be subject to revision.

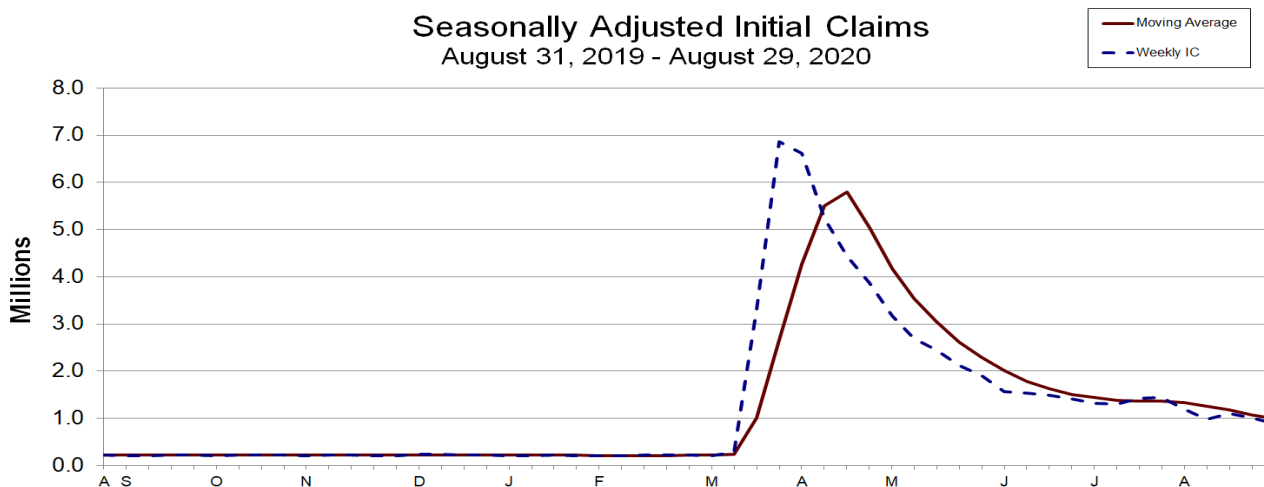
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

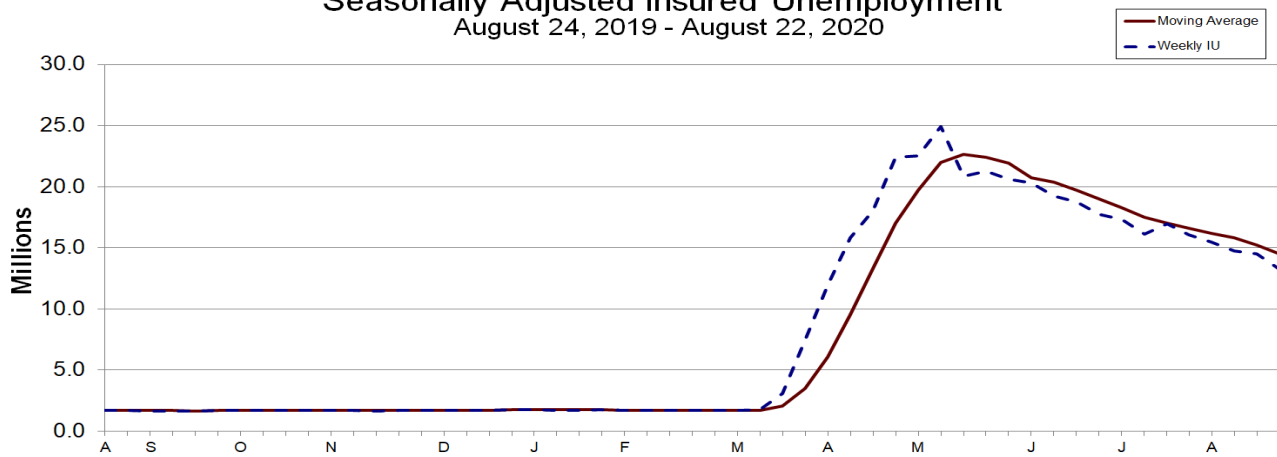
In the week ending August 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 881,000, a decrease of 130,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 5,000 from 1,006,000 to 1,011,000. The 4-week moving average was 991,750, a decrease of 77,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,068,000 to 1,069,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 9.1 percent for the week ending August 22, a decrease of 0.8 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 22 was 13,254,000, a decrease of 1,238,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 43,000 from 14,535,000 to 14,492,000. The 4-week moving average was 14,496,250, a decrease of 709,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 10,500 from 15,215,750 to 15,205,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 31, 2019 - August 29, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment August 24, 2019 - August 22, 2020

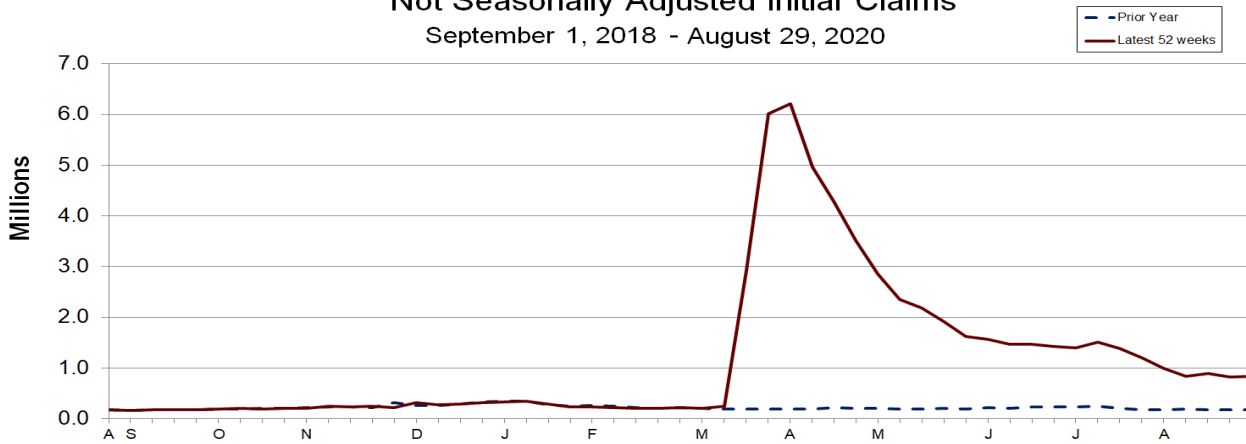


UNADJUSTED DATA

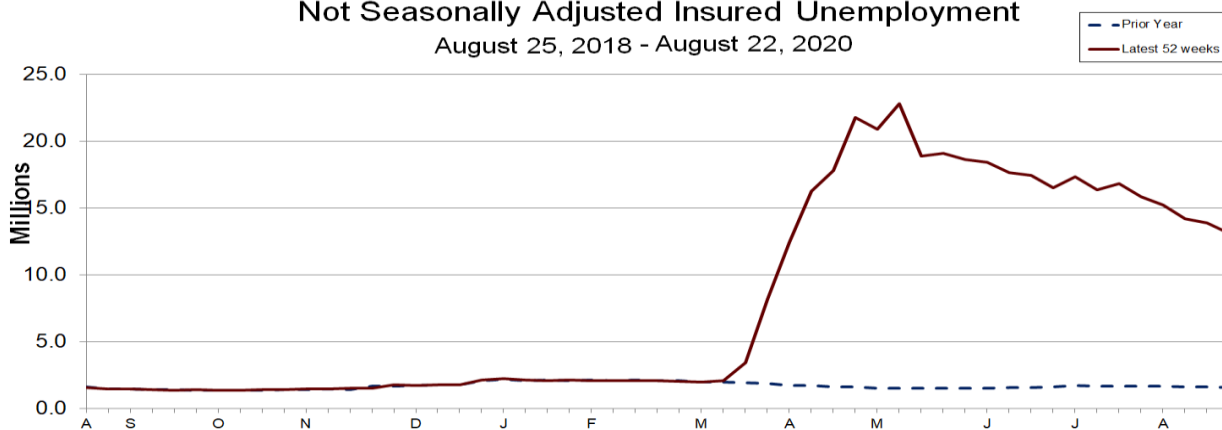
The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 833,352 in the week ending August 29, an increase of 7,591 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 179,516 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending August 29, 51 states reported 759,482 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 9.0 percent during the week ending August 22, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 13,104,366, a decrease of 764,713 (or -5.5 percent) from the preceding week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,566,934.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims September 1, 2018 - August 29, 2020



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment August 25, 2018 - August 22, 2020



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 15 was 29,224,546, an increase of 2,195,835 from the previous week. There were 1,639,622 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending August 15, 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, Utah, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,051 in the week ending August 22, a decrease of 94 from the prior week. There were 802 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 228 from the preceding week.

There were 14,165 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 15, an increase of 197 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,684, an increase of 118 from the prior week.

During the week ending Aug 15, 49 states reported 13,570,327 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 1,393,314 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 15 were in Hawaii (18.6), Nevada (16.4), California (16.3), Puerto Rico (16.1), New York (15.2), Connecticut (14.0), Louisiana (13.3), Georgia (12.6), the Virgin Islands (11.8), District of Columbia (11.7), and Massachusetts (11.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 22 were in California (+6,562), Illinois (+3,856), Pennsylvania (+1,926), Kansas (+1,061), and Rhode Island (+503), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-21,127), Texas (-9,248), New Jersey (-5,235), Virginia (-3,715), and North Carolina (-3,708).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 29	August 22	Change	August 15	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	881,000	1,011,000	-130,000	1,104,000	219,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	833,352	825,761	+7,591	889,738	179,516
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	991,750	1,069,250	-77,500	1,175,250	216,750

WEEK ENDING	August 22	August 15	Change	August 8	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	13,254,000	14,492,000	-1,238,000	14,759,000	1,683,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	13,104,366	13,869,079	-764,713	14,182,946	1,566,934
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	14,496,250	15,205,250	-709,000	15,820,000	1,697,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	9.1%	9.9%	-0.8	10.1%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	9.0%	9.5%	-0.5	9.7%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 29	August 22	Change	August 15
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	759,482	607,808	+151,674	524,986

WEEK ENDING	August 22	August 15	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,051	1,145	-94	644
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	802	1,030	-228	510

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 15	August 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	13,791,877	14,098,536	-306,659	1,613,393
Federal Employees	14,165	13,968	+197	6,824
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,684	13,566	+118	5,597
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	13,570,327	10,972,770	+2,597,557	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,393,314	1,407,802	-14,488	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	168,620	214,534	-45,914	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,327	2,674	-347	4,559
STC / Workshare ⁷	270,232	304,861	-34,629	9,249
TOTAL ⁸	29,224,546	27,028,711	+2,195,835	1,639,622

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 29			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 22		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	7,820	8,676	-856	42,553	51,991	-9,438
Alaska	4,322	4,344	-22	29,146	31,673	-2,527
Arizona	13,525	12,487	1,038	196,356	205,978	-9,622
Arkansas	4,733	5,660	-927	40,485	48,069	-7,584
California	236,874	196,916	39,958	2,600,822	2,837,991	-237,169
Colorado	5,804	6,483	-679	180,892	180,390	502
Connecticut	5,411	6,269	-858	207,836	230,642	-22,806
Delaware	1,396	1,678	-282	35,373	33,171	2,202
District of Columbia	1,347	1,645	-298	65,328	68,248	-2,920
Florida	39,335	51,647	-12,312	414,533	458,954	-44,421
Georgia	50,498	56,768	-6,270	536,035	553,713	-17,678
Hawaii	6,893	5,775	1,118	127,209	115,280	11,929
Idaho	3,469	3,794	-325	13,225	16,414	-3,189
Illinois	24,116	26,262	-2,146	555,582	593,305	-37,723
Indiana	10,783	10,597	186	162,998	170,341	-7,343
Iowa	6,377	6,384	-7	76,832	83,312	-6,480
Kansas	15,702	15,409	293	69,002	61,802	7,200
Kentucky	16,195	16,321	-126	116,332	127,811	-11,479
Louisiana	14,615	12,529	2,086	235,785	250,720	-14,935
Maine	1,161	1,120	41	37,636	41,459	-3,823
Maryland	6,536	7,644	-1,108	170,111	176,795	-6,684
Massachusetts	18,054	17,594	460	401,939	419,013	-17,074
Michigan	15,108	19,997	-4,889	392,209	462,183	-69,974
Minnesota	10,286	10,817	-531	227,541	231,989	-4,448
Mississippi	3,980	4,496	-516	96,491	90,458	6,033
Missouri	9,286	9,283	3	103,042	118,713	-15,671
Montana	2,395	2,320	75	24,276	26,318	-2,042
Nebraska	2,338	2,802	-464	25,130	30,160	-5,030
Nevada	10,189	8,858	1,331	211,302	228,203	-16,901
New Hampshire	2,137	2,578	-441	43,967	47,758	-3,791
New Jersey	19,249	20,182	-933	408,589	411,019	-2,430
New Mexico	4,133	4,312	-179	88,432	89,940	-1,508
New York	63,355	62,683	672	1,418,971	1,428,613	-9,642
North Carolina	12,336	13,680	-1,344	170,436	191,822	-21,386
North Dakota	866	720	146	17,668	16,327	1,341
Ohio	17,598	19,102	-1,504	307,252	347,525	-40,273
Oklahoma	5,125	6,064	-939	108,965	122,513	-13,548
Oregon	4,960	5,152	-192	170,493	164,103	6,390
Pennsylvania	24,131	27,510	-3,379	565,339	629,881	-64,542
Puerto Rico	1,759	2,356	-597	142,579	138,142	4,437
Rhode Island	3,617	3,186	431	48,253	49,423	-1,170
South Carolina	5,019	5,496	-477	125,033	143,801	-18,768
South Dakota	594	802	-208	10,807	9,117	1,690
Tennessee	12,035	11,588	447	192,947	204,952	-12,005
Texas	56,759	52,152	4,607	1,032,673	1,091,961	-59,288
Utah	2,603	2,980	-377	40,048	46,806	-6,758
Vermont	707	686	21	28,027	28,390	-363
Virgin Islands	16	193	-177	4,624	4,318	306
Virginia	11,633	11,436	197	233,499	249,745	-16,246
Washington	21,296	21,404	-108	334,130	284,224	49,906
West Virginia	1,849	2,082	-233	54,177	52,079	2,098
Wisconsin	12,260	13,879	-1,619	151,705	161,697	-9,992
Wyoming	767	963	-196	9,751	9,827	-76
US Total	833,352	825,761	7,591	13,104,366	13,869,079	-764,713

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 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	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,254	-1,238	14,496.25	9.1
August 29, 2020	881	-130	991.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 29			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 15	Aug 8	Change
Alabama	1,911	1,584	327	31,846	35,635	-3,789
Alaska	315	311	4	11,375	10,743	632
Arizona	64,178	39,843	24,335	296,582	279,232	17,350
Arkansas	10,912	15,381	-4,469	102,407	119,680	-17,273
California	405,878	259,735	146,143	5,424,687	3,074,568	2,350,119
Colorado	0	16,417	-16,417	83,926	79,038	4,888
Connecticut	1,437	1,231	206	56,929	58,351	-1,422
Delaware	160	166	-6	7,797	8,082	-285
District of Columbia	177	237	-60	13,434	13,746	-312
Florida	8,374	8,418	-44	0	0	0
Georgia	6,034	6,498	-464	250,784	255,618	-4,834
Hawaii	2,927	2,744	183	78,557	95,079	-16,522
Idaho	72	232	-160	14,737	14,963	-226
Illinois	4,433	4,169	264	118,968	119,766	-798
Indiana	7,643	6,457	1,186	141,404	135,014	6,390
Iowa	1,137	1,122	15	13,593	13,447	146
Kansas	13,580	15,189	-1,609	225,271	221,885	3,386
Kentucky	2,619	2,884	-265	54,400	29,485	24,915
Louisiana	6,819	5,346	1,473	132,988	132,403	585
Maine	2,021	1,344	677	23,246	25,185	-1,939
Maryland	3,141	3,338	-197	229,071	229,469	-398
Massachusetts	11,032	12,617	-1,585	479,294	489,525	-10,231
Michigan	14,192	14,064	128	815,217	689,337	125,880
Minnesota	9	1	8	46,470	48,643	-2,173
Mississippi	2,039	1,698	341	30,791	36,604	-5,813
Missouri	1,445	1,558	-113	59,261	58,901	360
Montana	2,948	2,151	797	46,527	33,150	13,377
Nebraska	1,035	1,176	-141	23,949	24,472	-523
Nevada	10,411	10,871	-460	107,334	109,617	-2,283
New Hampshire	744	438	306	19,895	18,546	1,349
New Jersey	10,451	11,407	-956	404,661	408,172	-3,511
New Mexico	1,457	1,594	-137	35,703	37,087	-1,384
New York	30,859	30,677	182	1,473,822	1,306,485	167,337
North Carolina	7,338	8,261	-923	155,254	168,171	-12,917
North Dakota	713	741	-28	6,220	6,253	-33
Ohio	15,231	13,544	1,687	386,218	400,193	-13,975
Oklahoma	896	1,072	-176	0	0	0
Oregon	2,500	2,563	-63	88,031	87,001	1,030
Pennsylvania	35,340	36,352	-1,012	845,542	909,735	-64,193
Puerto Rico	4,480	6,400	-1,920	263,590	278,030	-14,440
Rhode Island	21,584	20,405	1,179	55,720	53,449	2,271
South Carolina	4,963	5,338	-375	66,565	46,018	20,547
South Dakota	89	122	-33	6,421	3,762	2,659
Tennessee	4,711	4,430	281	137,508	136,022	1,486
Texas	20,109	16,085	4,024	279,245	249,968	29,277
Utah	755	952	-197	8,311	8,797	-486
Vermont	60	56	4	10,453	10,817	-364
Virgin Islands	180	221	-41	0	0	0
Virginia	3,499	3,739	-240	206,968	216,068	-9,100
Washington	4,609	4,286	323	145,469	125,986	19,483
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	1,871	2,124	-253	51,689	58,431	-6,742
Wyoming	164	219	-55	2,197	2,141	56
US Total	759,482	607,808	151,674	13,570,327	10,972,770	2,597,557

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	August 15	August 8	Change	August 1	July 25
Alabama	79,702	78,944	758	77,381	74,759
Alaska	4,783	4,244	539	4,066	4,158
Arizona	15,531	13,951	1,580	13,287	13,541
Arkansas	21,879	20,251	1,628	17,975	14,907
California	344,378	394,359	-49,981	290,941	270,747
Colorado	20,793	11,128	9,665	17,003	7,262
Connecticut	12,559	12,512	47	11,870	0
Delaware	2,147	2,231	-84	2,509	2,458
District of Columbia	2,114	2,167	-53	2,208	2,204
Florida	34,703	51,568	-16,865	47,118	50,374
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	6,448	6,132	316	5,639	5,679
Illinois	32,245	33,974	-1,729	31,896	34,499
Indiana	7,084	7,025	59	7,311	7,372
Iowa	17,132	14,520	2,612	14,797	12,903
Kansas	6,819	5,143	1,676	0	2,497
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,116	3,040	76	3,179	3,399
Maine	6,205	5,804	401	5,253	4,656
Maryland	10,567	10,294	273	10,185	11,282
Massachusetts	43,071	44,618	-1,547	42,630	40,762
Michigan	51,511	42,520	8,991	42,575	39,866
Minnesota	28,211	26,649	1,562	24,636	24,110
Mississippi	6,776	7,324	-548	8,753	7,689
Missouri	22,113	16,832	5,281	12,429	13,114
Montana	3,843	3,464	379	3,232	3,268
Nebraska	2,702	2,692	10	2,362	2,219
Nevada	21,635	19,798	1,837	18,018	15,617
New Hampshire	962	957	5	7,365	318
New Jersey	52,895	52,722	173	52,447	54,847
New Mexico	5,285	4,864	421	5,096	5,171
New York	71,910	70,896	1,014	93,823	89,643
North Carolina	210,657	208,596	2,061	201,964	199,881
North Dakota	4,198	4,139	59	3,882	3,967
Ohio	17,191	17,181	10	17,981	18,753
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	15,962	15,300	662	14,274	13,477
Pennsylvania	42,210	42,023	187	37,975	42,208
Puerto Rico	4,712	5,089	-377	5,409	5,381
Rhode Island	5,409	4,989	420	4,446	3,969
South Carolina	30,639	23,612	7,027	19,827	18,505
South Dakota	355	320	35	363	338
Tennessee	15,486	12,146	3,340	9,539	6,872
Texas	21,001	17,924	3,077	18,850	15,922
Utah	8,105	7,934	171	7,186	6,580
Vermont	1,324	1,254	70	1,240	1,234
Virgin Islands	79	56	23	89	96
Virginia	43,794	42,600	1,194	37,666	42,350
Washington	5,064	5,442	-378	5,353	5,252
West Virginia	4,819	4,758	61	4,892	1,230
Wisconsin	21,502	22,182	-680	20,559	16,425
Wyoming	1,688	1,634	54	1,646	1,494
US Total	1,393,314	1,407,802	-14,488	1,289,125	1,223,255

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:		
	August 15	August 8	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	782	668	114
Arizona	314	285	29
Arkansas	1,425	1,279	146
California	34,340	70,798	-36,458
Colorado	38	42	-4
Connecticut	4,699	4,181	518
Delaware	210	296	-86
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	319	299	20
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	6	7	-1
Idaho	226	199	27
Illinois	16,168	34,296	-18,128
Indiana	2,178	1,868	310
Iowa	2,390	2,106	284
Kansas	445	0	445
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	951	735	216
Maine	42	10	32
Maryland	2,427	1,979	448
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	14	1	13
Minnesota	5,077	4,607	470
Mississippi	1,153	1,088	65
Missouri	3,357	2,976	381
Montana	395	329	66
Nebraska	117	90	27
Nevada	2,338	1,477	861
New Hampshire	280	264	16
New Jersey	16,644	16,345	299
New Mexico	1,163	930	233
New York	28,283	26,323	1,960
North Carolina	7,076	6,298	778
North Dakota	285	249	36
Ohio	6,148	4,970	1,178
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	2,332	1,979	353
Pennsylvania	12,817	14,623	-1,806
Puerto Rico	373	985	-612
Rhode Island	905	617	288
South Carolina	3,216	2,968	248
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	1,363	1,115	248
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	321	78	243
Vermont	329	274	55
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	7,623	6,877	746
West Virginia	5	6	-1
Wisconsin	28	12	16
Wyoming	18	5	13
US Total	168,620	214,534	-45,914

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 22

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 15

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	WEEK	AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	8,676	-2,371	6,621	20	11	51,991	2.7	-6,284	36,043	88	74	52,153
Alaska	4,344	-387	3,643	17	3	31,673	10.3	-1,226	26,817	125	63	31,861
Arizona	12,487	-288	8,952	14	14	205,978	7.1	-5,234	178,173	371	239	206,588
Arkansas	5,660	-691	4,059	1	5	48,069	4.0	-4,877	37,157	141	63	48,273
California	196,916	6,562	162,320	198	109	2,837,991	16.3	31,151	2,530,229	2,206	2,209	2,842,406
Colorado	6,483	-488	4,997	18	26	180,390	6.7	-16,906	164,092	170	415	180,975
Connecticut	6,269	-3,163	3,746	18	1	230,642	14.0	6,121	194,442	214	138	230,994
Delaware	1,678	-249	1,243	3	2	33,171	7.4	-2,015	27,932	20	48	33,239
District of Columbia	1,645	-334	1,205	32	1	68,248	11.7	-1,392	61,012	836	9	69,093
Florida	51,647	-21,127	45,342	33	14	458,954	5.3	-53,573	415,155	224	294	459,472
Georgia	56,768	-1,331	52,318	26	32	553,713	12.6	-1,766	528,164	591	484	554,788
Hawaii	5,775	282	4,639	12	8	115,280	18.6	-7,988	108,734	293	191	115,764
Idaho	3,794	150	3,093	1	4	16,414	2.2	-2,358	12,010	12	20	16,446
Illinois	26,262	3,856	18,886	8	8	593,305	10.0	-10,983	508,273	534	331	594,170
Indiana	10,597	-972	8,608	16	18	170,341	5.6	-12,742	157,180	137	146	170,624
Iowa	6,384	387	4,285	16	8	83,312	5.4	870	68,630	136	64	83,512
Kansas	15,409	1,061	14,226	2	2	61,802	4.5	-3,624	54,293	79	74	61,955
Kentucky	16,321	-1,945	14,347	0	6	127,811	6.7	-565	110,500	117	284	128,212
Louisiana	12,529	-1,836	10,557	24	19	250,720	13.3	-4,348	234,579	153	59	250,932
Maine	1,120	-212	770	1	2	41,459	6.8	-5,146	37,846	35	30	41,524
Maryland	7,644	-1,409	4,938	34	27	176,795	6.9	-3,773	147,833	273	219	177,287
Massachusetts	17,594	410	13,558	28	24	419,013	11.7	-16,729	362,556	308	195	419,516
Michigan	19,997	-191	16,206	21	6	462,183	10.7	34,155	423,033	164	123	462,470
Minnesota	10,817	-1,264	8,678	15	2	231,989	8.1	-12,429	207,855	152	162	232,303
Mississippi	4,496	-2,000	3,583	3	4	90,458	8.1	-5,455	81,878	156	56	90,670
Missouri	9,283	-1,371	6,660	5	0	118,713	4.3	-14,017	100,246	108	89	118,910
Montana	2,320	360	1,798	9	4	26,318	5.8	-1,522	21,931	81	42	26,441
Nebraska	2,802	-466	2,318	7	1	30,160	3.1	-1,935	27,091	38	11	30,209
Nevada	8,858	-2,080	6,606	6	1	228,203	16.4	-12,143	211,325	117	180	228,500
New Hampshire	2,578	-254	2,151	2	0	47,758	7.3	-2,078	44,230	11	19	47,788
New Jersey	20,182	-5,235	12,436	36	28	411,019	10.2	-9,043	315,510	347	508	411,874
New Mexico	4,312	-717	3,644	7	5	89,940	11.2	-3,312	82,190	353	96	90,389
New York	62,683	-15	46,143	8	39	1,428,613	15.2	-27,425	1,294,324	501	678	1,429,792
North Carolina	13,680	-3,708	10,803	23	40	191,822	4.3	-26,443	171,710	396	557	192,775
North Dakota	720	-135	180	4	0	16,327	3.9	-1,745	14,525	209	17	16,553
Ohio	19,102	-2,658	14,169	12	31	347,525	6.5	-15,371	306,478	209	356	348,090
Oklahoma	6,064	-497	4,440	18	5	122,513	7.8	-792	108,045	106	133	122,752
Oregon	5,152	-81	1,888	21	5	164,103	8.5	-5,802	140,252	337	127	164,567
Pennsylvania	27,510	1,926	16,566	136	48	629,881	10.8	36,865	515,766	1,159	524	631,564
Puerto Rico	2,356	-634	1,138	0	3	138,142	16.1	-26,699	120,021	142	38	138,322
Rhode Island	3,186	503	2,433	1	0	49,423	10.4	-1,672	40,935	47	24	49,494
South Carolina	5,496	-1,735	3,555	12	18	143,801	6.9	-17,211	128,618	87	99	143,987
South Dakota	802	18	658	9	3	9,117	2.2	168	8,079	216	22	9,355
Tennessee	11,588	-2,825	9,594	21	17	204,952	6.2	-14,071	188,342	111	132	205,195
Texas	52,152	-9,248	39,533	88	157	1,091,961	8.8	-9,747	968,047	973	2,549	1,095,483
Utah	2,980	-3	2,130	30	2	46,806	3.2	-5,104	40,524	50	39	46,895
Vermont	686	-37	424	0	0	28,390	9.4	-1,572	25,404	3	3	28,396
Virgin Islands	193	-34	147	0	0	4,318	11.8	-392	3,890	2	4	4,324
Virginia	11,436	-3,715	9,382	5	6	249,745	6.7	-15,480	230,488	404	520	250,669
Washington	21,404	-2,601	16,624	18	22	284,224	8.4	-15,448	240,995	382	764	285,370
West Virginia	2,082	-332	1,241	1	2	52,079	7.8	-2,446	44,105	93	66	52,238
Wisconsin	13,879	-955	10,689	10	9	161,697	5.7	-11,573	137,540	130	89	161,916
Wyoming	963	102	724	1	0	9,827	3.6	-741	8,249	18	8	9,853
Totals	825,761	-63,977	648,894	1,051	802	13,869,079	9.5	-313,867	12,253,276	14,165	13,684	13,896,928

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 22, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+6,562	No comment.
IL	+3,856	Layoffs in the manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
PA	+1,926	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and construction industries.
KS	+1,061	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	-21,127	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
TX	-9,248	No comment.
NJ	-5,235	No comment.
VA	-3,715	No comment.
NC	-3,708	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
CT	-3,163	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade and accommodation and food services industries.
TN	-2,825	No comment.
OH	-2,658	No comment.
WA	-2,601	No comment.
AL	-2,371	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, retail trade, health care and social assistance, and construction industries.
NV	-2,080	No comment.
MS	-2,000	No comment.
KY	-1,945	No comment.
LA	-1,836	No comment.
SC	-1,735	No comment.
MD	-1,409	No comment.
MO	-1,371	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and retail trade industries.
GA	-1,331	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and educational services industries.
MN	-1,264	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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