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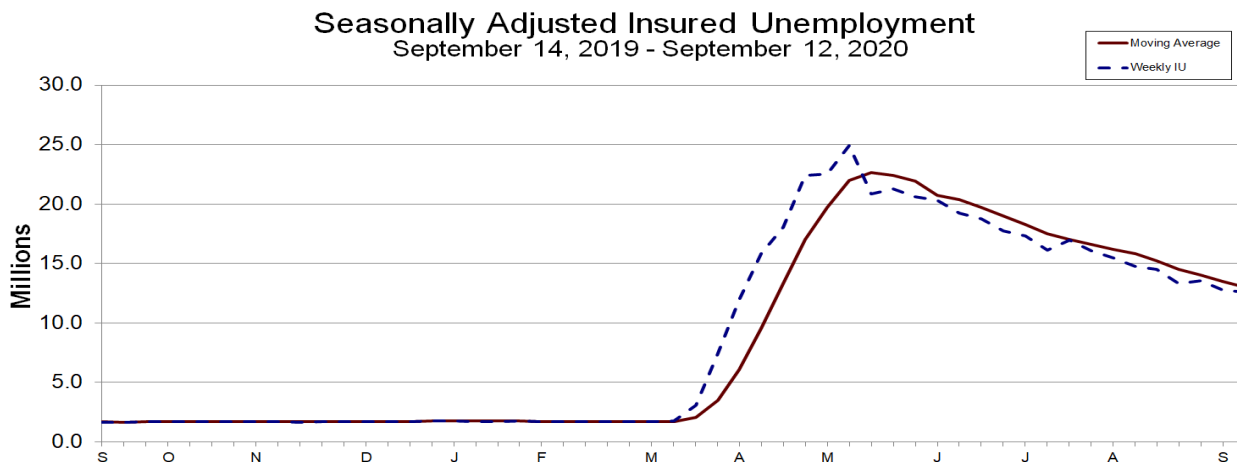
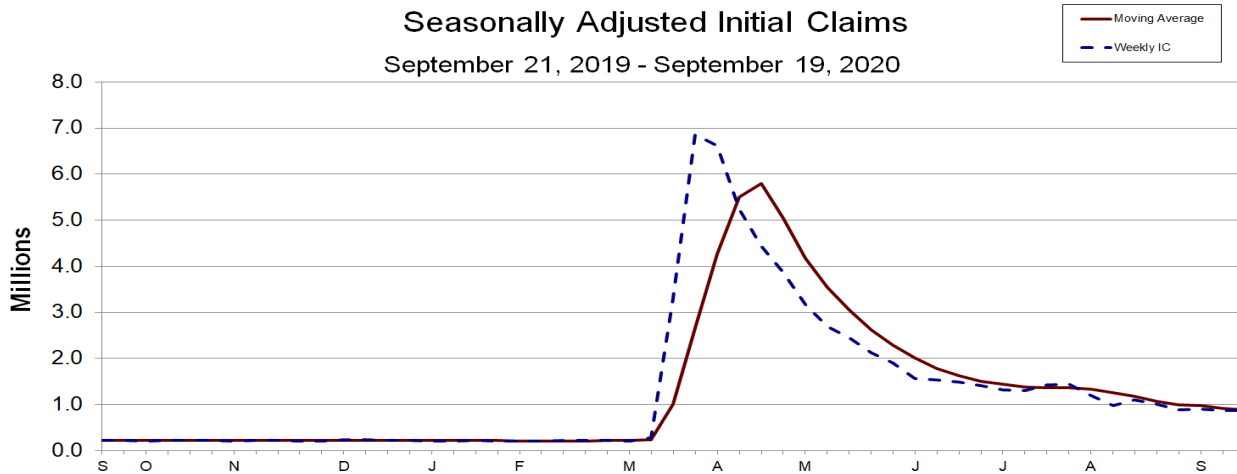
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 870,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 6,000 from 860,000 to 866,000. The 4-week moving average was 878,250, a decrease of 35,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,500 from 912,000 to 913,500.

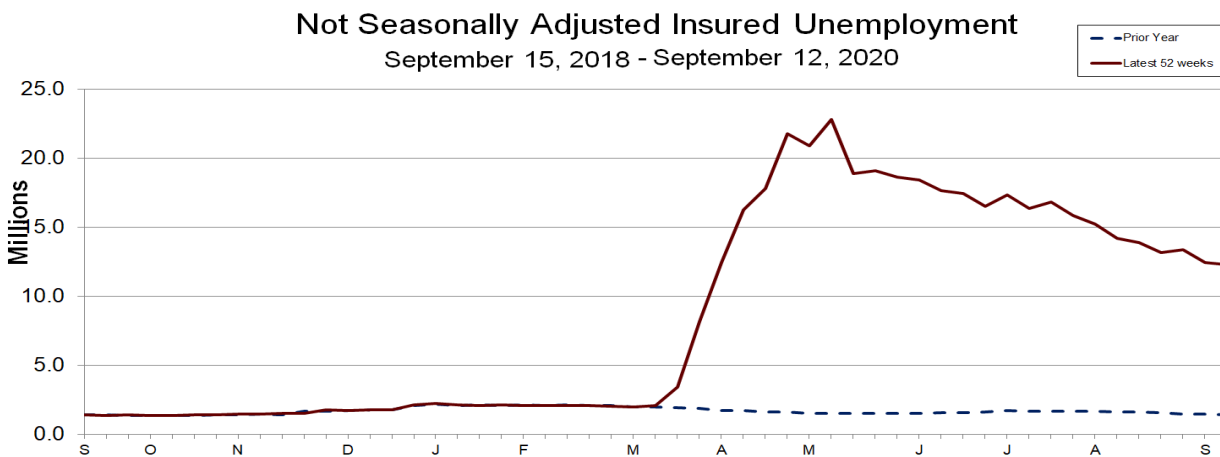
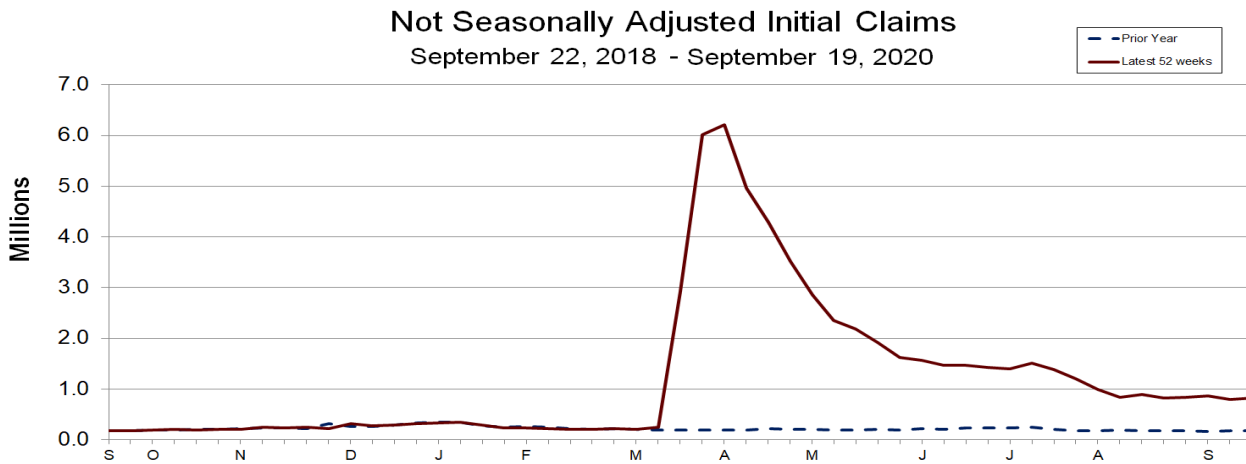
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 8.6 percent for the week ending September 12, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 8.6 to 8.7 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 12 was 12,580,000, a decrease of 167,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 119,000 from 12,628,000 to 12,747,000. The 4-week moving average was 13,040,750, a decrease of 478,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 29,750 from 13,489,000 to 13,518,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 824,542 in the week ending September 19, an increase of 28,527 (or 3.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 23,891 (or 3.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 175,394 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending September 19, 52 states reported 630,080 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 8.4 percent during the week ending September 12, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 12,264,351, a decrease of 176,510 (or -1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,932 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,399,601.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 5 was 26,044,952, a decrease of 3,723,513 from the previous week. There were 1,488,601 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending September 5, Extended Benefits were available in the following 49 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, 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, and Wisconsin.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 954 in the week ending September 12, an increase of 1 from the prior week. There were 794 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 91 from the preceding week.

There were 13,025 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 5, a decrease of 519 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,523, a decrease of 454 from the prior week.

During the week ending September 5, 50 states reported 11,510,888 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 1,631,645 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 5 were in Hawaii (19.8), California (15.7), Nevada (14.9), Puerto Rico (14.1), New York (13.7), Louisiana (13.2), District of Columbia (11.3), Georgia (11.3), the Virgin Islands (11.3), and Massachusetts (10.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 12 were in Indiana (+1,990), Kansas (+1,928), Illinois (+1,906), and Michigan (+1,727), while the largest decreases were in California (-17,400), Texas (-15,905), Louisiana (-8,384), Georgia (-8,235), and Washington (-3,291).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 19	September 12	Change	September 5	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	870,000	866,000	+4,000	893,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	824,542	796,015	+28,527	865,995	175,394
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	878,250	913,500	-35,250	973,000	213,250

WEEK ENDING	September 12	September 5	Change	August 29	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	12,580,000	12,747,000	-167,000	13,544,000	1,672,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	12,264,351	12,440,861	-176,510	13,355,586	1,399,601
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	13,040,750	13,518,750	-478,000	14,021,750	1,678,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	8.6%	8.7%	-0.1	9.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	8.4%	8.5%	-0.1	9.1%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 19	September 12	Change	September 5
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	630,080	675,154	-45,074	868,314

WEEK ENDING	September 12	September 5	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	954	953	+1	555
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	794	885	-91	530

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 5	August 29	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	12,373,199	13,283,721	-910,522	1,462,775
Federal Employees	13,025	13,544	-519	6,457
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,523	13,977	-454	5,708
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	11,510,888	14,467,064	-2,956,176	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,631,645	1,527,166	+104,479	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	279,839	220,505	+59,334	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,295	2,405	-110	5,205
STC / Workshare ⁷	220,538	240,083	-19,545	8,456
TOTAL ⁸	26,044,952	29,768,465	-3,723,513	1,488,601

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 September 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	8,183	8,848	-665	30,596	40,198	-9,602
Alaska	3,942	3,593	349	23,500	25,762	-2,262
Arizona	11,430	10,015	1,415	184,605	194,479	-9,874
Arkansas	5,188	4,585	603	33,615	38,926	-5,311
California	230,443	226,004	4,439	2,836,388	2,724,331	112,057
Colorado	4,937	5,171	-234	151,171	157,091	-5,920
Connecticut	5,138	5,175	-37	176,334	167,339	8,995
Delaware	1,162	1,598	-436	31,742	29,534	2,208
District of Columbia	1,404	1,460	-56	63,012	65,671	-2,659
Florida	35,829	37,265	-1,436	314,033	414,174	-100,141
Georgia	48,472	42,085	6,387	536,866	498,813	38,053
Hawaii	6,998	7,307	-309	133,674	122,971	10,703
Idaho	3,290	3,672	-382	9,614	11,510	-1,896
Illinois	23,113	27,384	-4,271	512,017	507,880	4,137
Indiana	12,416	13,245	-829	157,876	164,615	-6,739
Iowa	6,601	4,652	1,949	63,291	65,422	-2,131
Kansas	17,903	15,022	2,881	62,278	55,405	6,873
Kentucky	8,180	8,672	-492	111,886	107,150	4,736
Louisiana	14,068	16,182	-2,114	221,127	250,244	-29,117
Maine	1,365	1,435	-70	27,331	30,612	-3,281
Maryland	10,234	7,858	2,376	150,205	164,868	-14,663
Massachusetts	22,795	18,388	4,407	355,503	375,192	-19,689
Michigan	15,479	19,571	-4,092	408,849	393,705	15,144
Minnesota	11,237	11,181	56	198,157	207,645	-9,488
Mississippi	4,719	4,535	184	77,565	87,107	-9,542
Missouri	7,225	8,936	-1,711	75,132	86,832	-11,700
Montana	3,071	2,985	86	21,439	22,976	-1,537
Nebraska	3,045	2,727	318	20,331	22,344	-2,013
Nevada	10,198	8,332	1,866	188,266	206,166	-17,900
New Hampshire	2,272	2,276	-4	36,492	39,938	-3,446
New Jersey	23,667	19,642	4,025	350,636	366,673	-16,037
New Mexico	3,893	3,437	456	82,431	84,543	-2,112
New York	71,300	61,897	9,403	1,296,344	1,291,952	4,392
North Carolina	12,591	13,437	-846	135,476	151,318	-15,842
North Dakota	855	719	136	14,341	12,798	1,543
Ohio	16,405	16,385	20	276,075	323,325	-47,250
Oklahoma*	5,560	5,596	-36	109,813	110,907	-1,094
Oregon	7,311	4,804	2,507	165,105	139,312	25,793
Pennsylvania	21,930	21,747	183	542,825	542,128	697
Puerto Rico	1,082	1,185	-103	109,476	121,202	-11,726
Rhode Island	2,717	3,026	-309	38,524	45,841	-7,317
South Carolina	4,933	4,261	672	87,662	101,456	-13,794
South Dakota	504	376	128	6,897	6,673	224
Tennessee	11,313	11,316	-3	159,384	178,952	-19,568
Texas	47,497	49,386	-1,889	945,693	976,588	-30,895
Utah	2,552	2,283	269	28,326	30,858	-2,532
Vermont	605	612	-7	23,350	23,961	-611
Virgin Islands	9	192	-183	4,384	4,130	254
Virginia	12,492	10,100	2,392	185,728	201,616	-15,888
Washington	22,074	21,168	906	303,009	263,245	39,764
West Virginia	2,043	1,881	162	49,159	45,891	3,268
Wisconsin	12,164	11,709	455	128,425	130,672	-2,247
Wyoming	708	697	11	8,393	7,920	473
US Total	824,542	796,015	28,527	12,264,351	12,440,861	-176,510

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.

*Denote 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	
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	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,580	-167	13,040.75	8.6
September 19, 2020	870	4	878.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 19			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 5	Aug 29	Change
Alabama	1,815	1,301	514	31,852	37,518	-5,666
Alaska	301	263	38	10,721	11,782	-1,061
Arizona	204,499	165,162	39,337	372,461	329,175	43,286
Arkansas	6,068	6,712	-644	70,300	80,091	-9,791
California	99,824	204,690	-104,866	3,375,498	6,387,501	-3,012,003
Colorado	1,899	1,553	346	59,912	62,835	-2,923
Connecticut	908	942	-34	53,152	66,210	-13,058
Delaware	122	91	31	6,776	5,741	1,035
District of Columbia	218	149	69	14,546	14,417	129
Florida	9,789	6,924	2,865	0	0	0
Georgia	6,822	5,324	1,498	240,294	252,628	-12,334
Hawaii	3,148	2,753	395	94,867	101,539	-6,672
Idaho	37	56	-19	11,506	12,373	-867
Illinois	4,214	3,869	345	116,305	114,708	1,597
Indiana	11,987	12,905	-918	285,110	217,512	67,598
Iowa	920	798	122	12,530	12,964	-434
Kansas	13,042	12,464	578	246,275	166,996	79,279
Kentucky	2,396	2,064	332	41,525	52,863	-11,338
Louisiana	10,259	7,563	2,696	135,451	134,051	1,400
Maine	1,230	983	247	18,162	21,995	-3,833
Maryland	4,573	3,698	875	258,048	228,233	29,815
Massachusetts	11,313	11,643	-330	457,050	463,260	-6,210
Michigan	19,652	18,704	948	773,160	764,147	9,013
Minnesota	337	413	-76	48,793	48,112	681
Mississippi	1,784	1,822	-38	35,274	44,609	-9,335
Missouri	860	860	0	57,053	58,496	-1,443
Montana	1,991	2,679	-688	55,497	56,369	-872
Nebraska	1,725	1,339	386	24,705	22,525	2,180
Nevada	11,438	10,318	1,120	94,736	99,397	-4,661
New Hampshire	424	523	-99	14,377	17,699	-3,322
New Jersey	12,298	9,048	3,250	380,682	385,948	-5,266
New Mexico	1,397	1,300	97	39,131	38,818	313
New York	41,016	31,284	9,732	1,250,872	1,420,707	-169,835
North Carolina	9,669	7,173	2,496	158,721	161,001	-2,280
North Dakota	897	966	-69	5,770	5,585	185
Ohio	15,397	12,796	2,601	365,553	377,085	-11,532
Oklahoma	789	965	-176	13,123	12,697	426
Oregon	6,545	3,621	2,924	85,443	101,236	-15,793
Pennsylvania	40,572	38,438	2,134	824,805	770,248	54,557
Puerto Rico	30,447	27,693	2,754	441,260	343,725	97,535
Rhode Island	9,385	14,045	-4,660	62,009	63,723	-1,714
South Carolina	3,470	3,556	-86	63,200	64,209	-1,009
South Dakota	51	37	14	2,623	3,148	-525
Tennessee	5,143	4,816	327	152,239	150,570	1,669
Texas	7,667	17,742	-10,075	269,640	286,231	-16,591
Utah	738	701	37	6,522	6,974	-452
Vermont	50	38	12	9,559	9,917	-358
Virgin Islands	114	116	-2	0	0	0
Virginia	3,397	3,126	271	201,749	205,254	-3,505
Washington	5,293	7,322	-2,029	114,730	122,915	-8,185
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,011	1,668	343	45,154	49,182	-4,028
Wyoming	139	138	1	2,167	2,145	22
US Total	630,080	675,154	-45,074	11,510,888	14,467,064	-2,956,176

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:				
	September 5	August 29	Change	August 22	August 15
Alabama	77,955	78,755	-800	79,413	79,702
Alaska	5,890	5,597	293	4,878	4,783
Arizona	19,164	18,228	936	16,536	15,531
Arkansas	20,826	21,596	-770	21,825	21,879
California	400,546	369,443	31,103	355,514	344,378
Colorado	21,097	25,732	-4,635	16,593	20,793
Connecticut	11,549	12,575	-1,026	12,288	12,559
Delaware	2,329	2,010	319	2,172	2,147
District of Columbia	2,093	2,107	-14	2,148	2,114
Florida	24,620	0	24,620	0	34,703
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	7,144	7,154	-10	6,985	6,448
Illinois	32,208	32,489	-281	32,692	32,245
Indiana	7,752	7,393	359	7,339	7,084
Iowa	20,898	16,670	4,228	18,683	17,132
Kansas	10,678	9,903	775	8,468	6,819
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	2,943	3,049	-106	3,065	3,116
Maine	7,869	7,714	155	7,076	6,205
Maryland	12,204	11,381	823	10,829	10,567
Massachusetts	46,320	44,668	1,652	43,141	43,071
Michigan	52,289	55,402	-3,113	44,737	51,511
Minnesota	34,455	32,149	2,306	29,916	28,211
Mississippi	10,275	11,045	-770	7,730	6,776
Missouri	38,192	34,654	3,538	28,791	22,113
Montana	4,387	4,369	18	4,079	3,843
Nebraska	2,474	2,538	-64	2,704	2,702
Nevada	28,121	25,898	2,223	23,760	21,635
New Hampshire	1,024	1,041	-17	956	962
New Jersey	55,989	55,831	158	54,589	52,895
New Mexico	6,424	6,223	201	5,522	5,285
New York	96,852	83,372	13,480	75,994	71,910
North Carolina	220,959	226,731	-5,772	214,678	210,657
North Dakota	4,372	4,332	40	4,221	4,198
Ohio	19,190	18,374	816	17,570	17,191
Oklahoma	11,085	8,912	2,173	5,561	0
Oregon	17,616	18,250	-634	16,712	15,962
Pennsylvania	49,564	46,375	3,189	44,477	42,210
Puerto Rico	0	4,780	-4,780	4,927	4,712
Rhode Island	7,748	6,571	1,177	6,008	5,409
South Carolina	54,415	48,193	6,222	39,692	30,639
South Dakota	545	394	151	442	355
Tennessee	48,091	26,798	21,293	19,075	15,486
Texas	23,506	29,051	-5,545	29,168	21,001
Utah	8,583	8,318	265	8,377	8,105
Vermont	2,060	1,895	165	1,589	1,324
Virgin Islands	143	5	138	16	79
Virginia	58,726	52,800	5,926	47,405	43,794
Washington	10,289	6,414	3,875	5,222	5,064
West Virginia	4,651	4,808	-157	4,789	4,819
Wisconsin	23,595	23,216	379	22,312	21,502
Wyoming	1,940	1,963	-23	1,819	1,688
US Total	1,631,645	1,527,166	104,479	1,422,483	1,393,314

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:		
	September 5	August 29	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,035	978	57
Arizona	605	395	210
Arkansas	1,171	1,397	-226
California	90,396	46,948	43,448
Colorado	62	47	15
Connecticut	5,105	5,254	-149
Delaware	142	157	-15
District of Columbia	3	7	-4
Florida	433	404	29
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	14	9	5
Idaho	30	26	4
Illinois	19,186	18,653	533
Indiana	2,865	2,654	211
Iowa	2,818	2,779	39
Kansas	975	913	62
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1,329	1,149	180
Maine	840	801	39
Maryland	3,528	3,161	367
Massachusetts	10,511	9,442	1,069
Michigan	0	1	-1
Minnesota	5,954	5,796	158
Mississippi	1,478	1,412	66
Missouri	4,219	4,005	214
Montana	621	534	87
Nebraska	211	165	46
Nevada	3,529	3,187	342
New Hampshire	384	353	31
New Jersey	23,015	21,192	1,823
New Mexico	1,584	1,497	87
New York	33,832	32,874	958
North Carolina	10,523	9,254	1,269
North Dakota	347	331	16
Ohio	8,431	7,812	619
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	3,350	3,094	256
Pennsylvania	21,800	16,228	5,572
Puerto Rico	448	412	36
Rhode Island	1,222	1,193	29
South Carolina	4,721	4,057	664
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	1,892	1,859	33
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	766	638	128
Vermont	496	482	14
Virgin Islands	0	1	-1
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	9,488	8,789	699
West Virginia	27	17	10
Wisconsin	16	19	-3
Wyoming	437	129	308
US Total	279,839	220,505	59,334

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 12

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 5

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
	Alabama	8,848	-53	6,767	22	11	40,198	2.1	-4,348	24,888		81
Alaska	3,593	-224	2,877	16	0	25,762	8.3	-1,774	21,252	110	53	25,925
Arizona	10,015	-1,328	6,372	6	12	194,479	6.7	-5,705	169,053	356	240	195,075
Arkansas	4,585	-1,039	3,236	2	1	38,926	3.2	-3,869	28,117	66	41	39,033
California	226,004	-17,400	191,354	229	149	2,724,331	15.7	-288,256	2,438,767	1,927	2,832	2,729,090
Colorado	5,171	-860	3,704	11	21	157,091	5.9	-5,170	141,494	178	340	157,609
Connecticut	5,175	434	2,678	11	2	167,339	10.1	-29,338	140,517	160	90	167,589
Delaware	1,598	-31	1,138	4	3	29,534	6.6	-2,793	25,700	17	24	29,575
District of Columbia	1,460	-33	1,027	24	1	65,671	11.3	215	58,946	830	19	66,520
Florida	37,265	-2,991	30,722	14	14	414,174	4.7	3,768	373,462	246	187	414,607
Georgia	42,085	-8,235	36,877	40	45	498,813	11.3	-24,330	473,596	537	560	499,910
Hawaii	7,307	-157	6,166	18	13	122,971	19.8	-3,424	116,647	318	190	123,479
Idaho	3,672	-132	3,035	1	2	11,510	1.5	-1,511	7,926	12	17	11,539
Illinois	27,384	1,906	20,770	10	4	507,880	8.6	-44,556	421,528	539	234	508,653
Indiana	13,245	1,990	11,244	13	11	164,615	5.4	5,873	151,489	128	140	164,883
Iowa	4,652	-600	2,960	9	1	65,422	4.3	-5,531	53,117	99	50	65,571
Kansas	15,022	1,928	13,895	2	2	55,405	4.1	-1,414	48,039	97	66	55,568
Kentucky	8,672	-613	6,797	1	7	107,150	5.6	-12,749	90,728	93	213	107,456
Louisiana	16,182	-8,384	14,376	12	15	250,244	13.2	-5,940	235,452	167	67	250,478
Maine	1,435	285	1,021	1	0	30,612	5.0	-5,588	27,646	32	23	30,667
Maryland	7,858	668	5,237	31	24	164,868	6.5	-736	141,196	249	201	165,318
Massachusetts	18,388	-268	14,360	25	16	375,192	10.5	-19,656	328,069	250	193	375,635
Michigan	19,571	1,727	15,998	11	11	393,705	9.1	-45,539	358,082	116	121	393,942
Minnesota	11,181	143	8,517	9	3	207,645	7.2	-5,348	184,941	160	155	207,960
Mississippi	4,535	172	3,553	5	2	87,107	7.8	-7,905	79,677	125	51	87,283
Missouri	8,936	-1,955	6,514	2	0	86,832	3.2	-10,250	70,914	74	61	86,967
Montana	2,985	74	2,308	7	3	22,976	5.0	-1,201	19,418	45	31	23,052
Nebraska	2,727	175	2,279	4	0	22,344	2.3	-3,801	19,321	38	11	22,393
Nevada	8,332	381	6,277	4	4	206,166	14.9	-10,021	189,252	94	135	206,395
New Hampshire	2,276	-206	1,950	1	3	39,938	6.1	-3,018	37,153	10	11	39,959
New Jersey	19,642	-3,108	12,187	27	17	366,673	9.1	-21,560	282,739	292	430	367,395
New Mexico	3,437	-363	2,714	1	3	84,543	10.5	-2,586	77,077	413	91	85,047
New York	61,897	-2,837	49,280	8	27	1,291,952	13.7	-119,235	1,173,144	390	697	1,293,039
North Carolina	13,437	-710	10,265	23	43	151,318	3.4	-18,436	132,513	322	489	152,129
North Dakota	719	-228	467	1	1	12,798	3.1	-925	11,141	80	16	12,894
Ohio	16,385	-1,706	11,819	8	20	323,325	6.0	-7,992	285,976	189	342	323,856
Oklahoma	5,596	-1,006	4,077	11	7	110,907	7.1	-7,812	96,556	103	139	111,149
Oregon	4,804	-424	937	7	7	139,312	7.2	-15,101	116,883	287	125	139,724
Pennsylvania	21,747	-879	11,711	119	39	542,128	9.3	-40,693	450,177	1,115	452	543,695
Puerto Rico	1,185	-189	50	1	1	121,202	14.1	-79	104,330	166	43	121,411
Rhode Island	3,026	-225	2,291	2	0	45,841	9.7	1,012	40,158	63	24	45,928
South Carolina	4,261	-824	1,491	4	15	101,456	4.8	-13,972	87,159	47	97	101,600
South Dakota	376	-209	225	1	0	6,673	1.6	-2,492	5,848	193	2	6,868
Tennessee	11,316	-994	9,212	14	25	178,952	5.4	-13,959	162,704	123	138	179,213
Texas	49,386	-15,905	37,113	123	175	976,588	7.9	-66,529	860,696	1,002	2,644	980,234
Utah	2,283	-310	1,391	32	4	30,858	2.1	-3,920	25,104	47	31	30,936
Vermont	612	-119	372	0	1	23,961	7.9	-1,614	22,057	4	4	23,969
Virgin Islands	192	-135	144	0	0	4,130	11.3	384	3,680	2	2	4,134
Virginia	10,100	-1,035	7,864	6	9	201,616	5.4	-15,869	183,773	446	464	202,526
Washington	21,168	-3,291	15,740	9	16	263,245	7.8	-8,672	222,356	374	736	264,355
West Virginia	1,881	-232	954	2	0	45,891	6.9	-1,851	38,053	76	60	46,027
Wisconsin	11,709	-529	8,115	10	4	130,672	4.6	-7,949	110,261	117	85	130,874
Wyoming	697	-96	453	0	0	7,920	2.9	-960	6,535	20	4	7,944
Totals	796,015	-69,980	622,881	954	794	12,440,861	8.5	-914,725	10,975,307	13,025	13,523	12,467,409

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IN	+1,990	No comment.
KS	+1,928	No comment.
IL	+1,906	Layoffs in the other services, construction, and wholesale trade industries.
MI	+1,727	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-17,400	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
TX	-15,905	No comment.
LA	-8,384	No comment.
GA	-8,235	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and art, entertainment and recreation industries.
WA	-3,291	No comment.
NJ	-3,108	No comment.
FL	-2,991	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
NY	-2,837	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
MO	-1,955	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	-1,706	No comment.
AZ	-1,328	No comment.
AR	-1,039	No comment.
VA	-1,035	No comment.
OK	-1,006	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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