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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

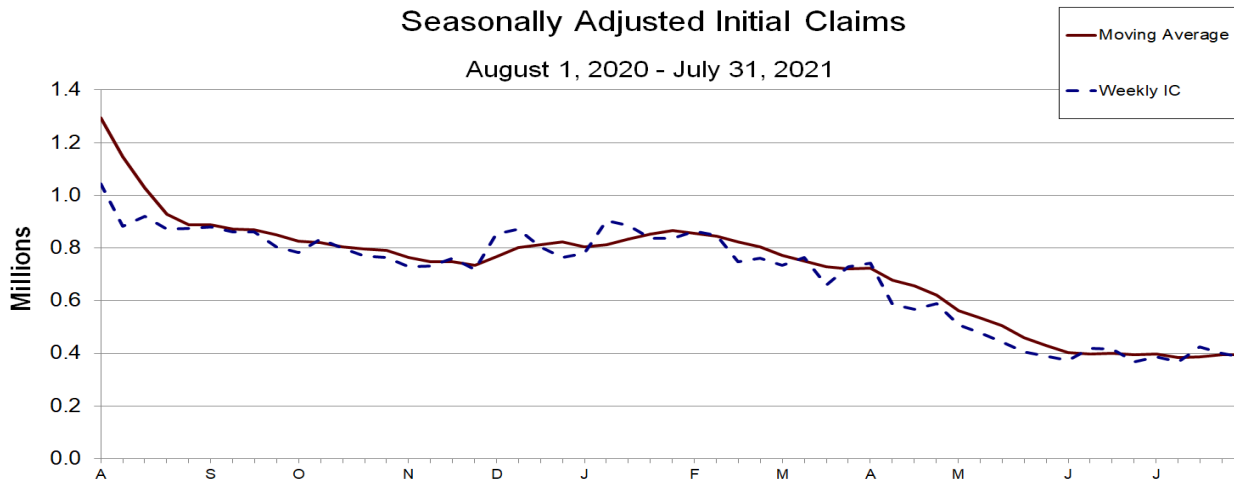
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 31, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 385,000, a decrease of 14,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 400,000 to 399,000. The 4-week moving average was 394,000, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 394,500 to 394,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.1 percent for the week ending July 24, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 24 was 2,930,000, a decrease of 366,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 27,000 from 3,269,000 to 3,296,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,188,250, a decrease of 109,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 21, 2020 when it was 2,071,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 6,750 from 3,290,750 to 3,297,500.

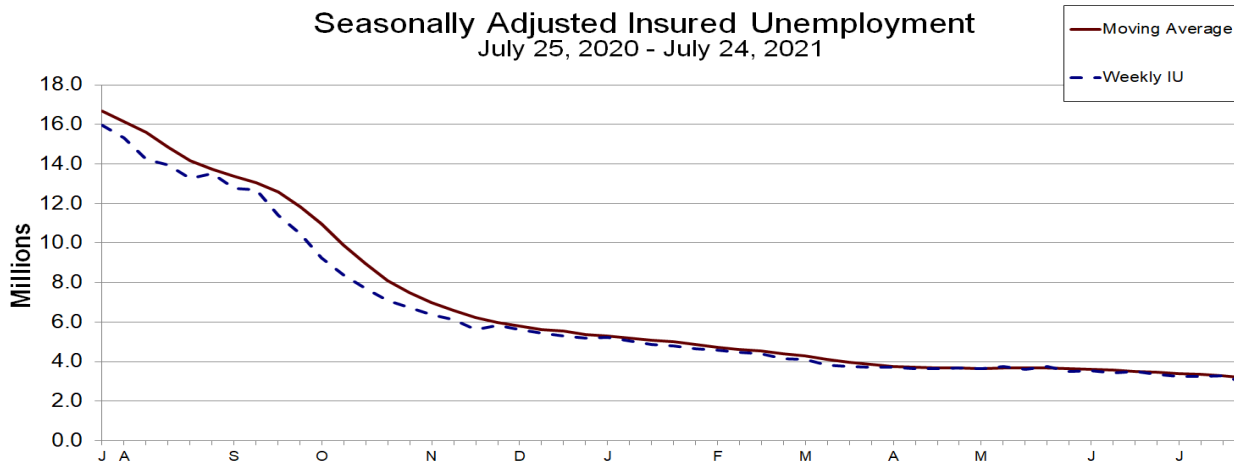
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

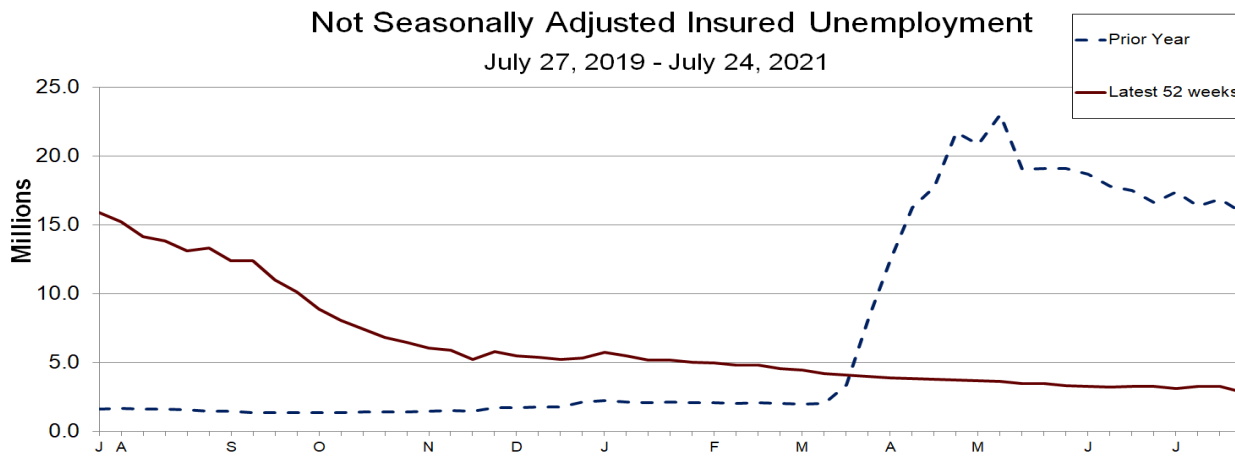
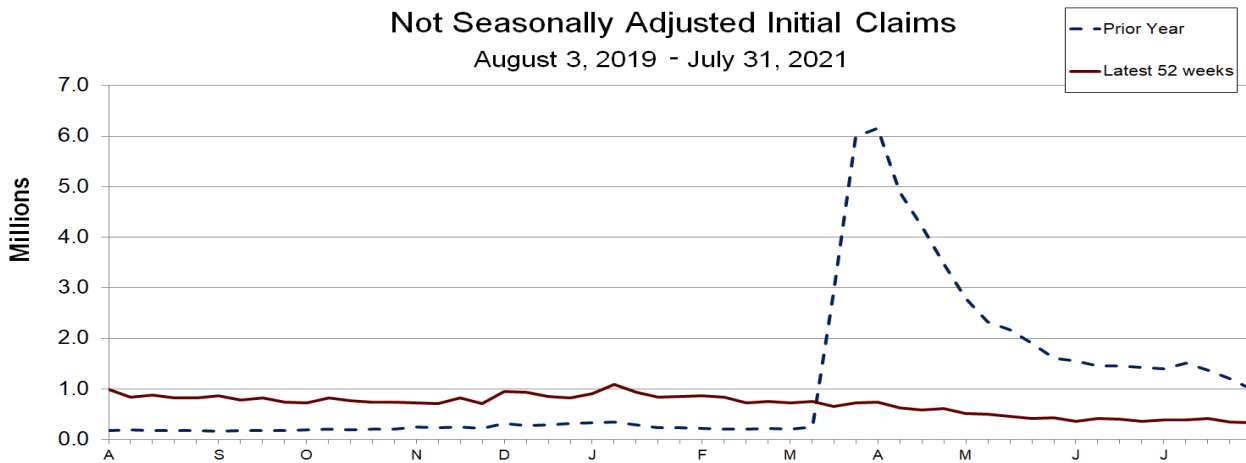
July 25, 2020 - July 24, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 323,763 in the week ending July 31, a decrease of 20,602 (or -6.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 6,024 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 983,780 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending July 31, 46 states reported 94,476 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.1 percent during the week ending July 24, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,880,564, a decrease of 393,237 (or -12.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 27,216 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 10.9 percent and the volume was 15,913,644.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 17 was 12,975,015, a decrease of 181,251 from the previous week. There were 31,987,359 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending July 17, Extended Benefits were available in the following 12 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Rhode Island, and Texas.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 703 in the week ending July 24, a decrease of 377 from the prior week. There were 492 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 169 from the preceding week.

There were 10,142 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 17, a decrease of 426 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,893, an increase of 135 from the prior week.

During the week ending July 17, 47 states reported 5,156,982 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 4,246,207 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 17 were in California (5.2), Puerto Rico (5.1), Nevada (4.1), Rhode Island (4.0), Illinois (3.7), New Jersey (3.7), Connecticut (3.3), New York (3.3), District of Columbia (3.1), and Pennsylvania (3.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 24 were in California (+8,010), Tennessee (+1,694), Michigan (+449), New Jersey (+420), and Florida (+140), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-21,218), Texas (-11,154), Kentucky (-7,185), Illinois (-7,060), and Missouri (-5,351).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	385,000	399,000	-14,000	424,000	1,043,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	323,763	344,365	-20,602	411,244	983,780
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	394,000	394,250	-250	386,500	1,295,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,930,000	3,296,000	-366,000	3,262,000	15,964,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,880,564	3,273,801	-393,237	3,275,513	15,913,644
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,188,250	3,297,500	-109,250	3,344,500	16,668,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.1%	2.4%	-0.3	2.4%	10.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	2.1%	2.4%	-0.3	2.4%	10.9%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	94,476	93,060	+1,416	109,868	649,092

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	703	1,080	-377	1,412
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	492	661	-169	1,031

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	3,258,442	3,259,067	-625	16,758,496
Federal Employees	10,142	10,568	-426	16,134
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,893	6,758	+135	16,266
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	5,156,982	5,246,162	-89,180	13,455,146
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	4,246,207	4,233,883	+12,324	1,218,265
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	239,625	343,475	-103,850	106,695
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,379	1,199	+180	2,972
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	55,345	55,154	+191	413,385
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>12,975,015</b>	<b>13,156,266</b>	<b>-181,251</b>	<b>31,987,359</b>

**FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 137,027,194 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 9-10 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 July 31			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 24		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,492	3,977	2,515	15,131	19,691	-4,560
Alaska	1,670	1,520	150	6,495	6,982	-487
Arizona	2,930	3,301	-371	36,860	41,429	-4,569
Arkansas	1,384	1,658	-274	16,937	19,657	-2,720
California	65,467	64,491	976	577,056	833,426	-256,370
Colorado	4,292	3,322	970	36,973	36,449	524
Connecticut	3,397	3,294	103	49,453	49,823	-370
Delaware	498	616	-118	9,228	10,385	-1,157
District of Columbia	2,172	2,282	-110	15,927	16,429	-502
Florida	6,289	10,110	-3,821	70,214	80,694	-10,480
Georgia	12,666	11,985	681	87,467	97,900	-10,433
Hawaii	2,076	2,639	-563	13,898	14,386	-488
Idaho	814	1,057	-243	4,326	4,950	-624
Illinois	19,337	18,859	478	210,154	201,993	8,161
Indiana	10,623	6,106	4,517	42,474	45,203	-2,729
Iowa	1,995	1,543	452	17,072	17,639	-567
Kansas	1,302	1,487	-185	8,227	9,338	-1,111
Kentucky	4,021	4,258	-237	17,956	23,999	-6,043
Louisiana	2,851	3,122	-271	44,339	44,996	-657
Maine	811	916	-105	8,063	8,239	-176
Maryland	3,358	5,530	-2,172	31,206	35,499	-4,293
Massachusetts	6,551	6,533	18	64,123	70,884	-6,761
Michigan	17,908	21,461	-3,553	94,728	78,955	15,773
Minnesota	3,373	3,326	47	56,767	56,375	392
Mississippi	2,091	2,250	-159	17,545	20,453	-2,908
Missouri	6,507	6,456	51	40,864	42,448	-1,584
Montana	671	716	-45	5,655	6,295	-640
Nebraska	1,272	1,431	-159	6,795	6,886	-91
Nevada	3,397	2,815	582	31,578	51,509	-19,931
New Hampshire	526	576	-50	6,192	7,602	-1,410
New Jersey	10,770	11,529	-759	133,739	137,836	-4,097
New Mexico	2,551	3,208	-657	17,978	18,793	-815
New York	17,176	18,841	-1,665	274,054	280,696	-6,642
North Carolina	5,118	4,876	242	36,275	39,517	-3,242
North Dakota	291	281	10	2,793	2,845	-52
Ohio	10,023	10,645	-622	60,635	68,010	-7,375
Oklahoma	2,758	3,723	-965	27,044	32,354	-5,310
Oregon	4,279	4,316	-37	44,715	42,883	1,832
Pennsylvania	10,996	17,373	-6,377	102,694	162,503	-59,809
Puerto Rico	2,334	5,367	-3,033	37,324	41,252	-3,928
Rhode Island	3,589	2,304	1,285	13,719	17,138	-3,419
South Carolina	1,341	1,503	-162	34,825	37,023	-2,198
South Dakota	133	161	-28	4,527	1,378	3,149
Tennessee	4,568	7,841	-3,273	50,536	52,820	-2,284
Texas	29,429	33,883	-4,454	208,592	194,094	14,498
Utah	1,572	1,409	163	8,742	9,171	-429
Vermont	244	298	-54	5,340	5,186	154
Virgin Islands	100	232	-132	896	1,052	-156
Virginia	6,455	6,178	277	32,240	33,603	-1,363
Washington	5,141	4,776	365	75,696	68,959	6,737
West Virginia	753	874	-121	10,701	11,381	-680
Wisconsin	7,129	6,806	323	51,619	52,671	-1,052
Wyoming	272	304	-32	2,177	2,122	55
US Total	323,763	344,365	-20,602	2,880,564	3,273,801	-393,237

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	
July 25, 2020	1,262	-136	1,384.25	15,964	-949	16,668.75	10.9
August 1, 2020	1,043	-219	1,295.50	15,303	-661	16,141.25	10.5
August 8, 2020	883	-160	1,146.50	14,217	-1,086	15,599.25	9.7
August 15, 2020	920	37	1,027.00	13,948	-269	14,858.00	9.5
August 22, 2020	872	-48	929.50	13,246	-702	14,178.50	9.1
August 29, 2020	875	3	887.50	13,528	282	13,734.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	881	6	887.00	12,755	-773	13,369.25	8.7
September 12, 2020	860	-21	872.00	12,706	-49	13,058.75	8.7
September 19, 2020	860	0	869.00	11,381	-1,325	12,592.50	7.8
September 26, 2020	803	-57	851.00	10,477	-904	11,829.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,930	-366	3,188.25	2.1
July 31, 2021	385	-14	394.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 31			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jul 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jul 17	Jul 10	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	75	84	-9	4,825	4,681	144
Arizona	652	622	30	60,121	68,761	-8,640
Arkansas	6	1	5	1,749	2,355	-606
California	47,687	40,161	7,526	1,343,570	1,482,705	-139,135
Colorado	1,343	1,119	224	25,223	23,328	1,895
Connecticut	148	146	2	23,456	25,556	-2,100
Delaware	28	20	8	3,349	3,231	118
District of Columbia	20	27	-7	13,741	14,272	-531
Florida	336	291	45	0	0	0
Georgia	339	319	20	10,492	15,554	-5,062
Hawaii	519	506	13	33,915	31,570	2,345
Idaho	6	7	-1	22	77	-55
Illinois	1,126	1,048	78	206,522	225,798	-19,276
Indiana	3,865	2,844	1,021	136,327	105,810	30,517
Iowa	95	79	16	86	165	-79
Kansas	183	166	17	4,119	7,419	-3,300
Kentucky	821	914	-93	12,762	13,651	-889
Louisiana	437	609	-172	92,195	93,019	-824
Maine	136	139	-3	9,694	9,976	-282
Maryland	1,392	1,089	303	82,679	90,227	-7,548
Massachusetts	2,117	1,618	499	212,444	199,890	12,554
Michigan	1,868	1,697	171	347,649	201,583	146,066
Minnesota	0	0	0	33,546	34,704	-1,158
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0	1,893	2,593	-700
Montana	80	156	-76	4,327	2,316	2,011
Nebraska	3	2	1	44	89	-45
Nevada	586	435	151	40,222	44,098	-3,876
New Hampshire	28	30	-2	66	51	15
New Jersey	1,237	1,083	154	296,268	310,455	-14,187
New Mexico	9,387	14,070	-4,683	33,791	33,823	-32
New York	1,162	1,092	70	935,709	952,233	-16,524
North Carolina	1,551	1,316	235	55,751	57,273	-1,522
North Dakota	2	1	1	47	265	-218
Ohio	3,463	4,204	-741	215,345	246,202	-30,857
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,019	981	38	67,494	60,093	7,401
Pennsylvania	5,421	7,121	-1,700	444,059	463,978	-19,919
Puerto Rico	1,024	1,190	-166	171,457	159,957	11,500
Rhode Island	2,898	4,713	-1,815	31,085	31,340	-255
South Carolina	11	20	-9	177	542	-365
South Dakota	1	2	-1	165	37	128
Tennessee	29	26	3	7,135	15,766	-8,631
Texas	97	151	-54	7,721	52,154	-44,433
Utah	34	82	-48	0	0	0
Vermont	13	8	5	5,874	5,963	-89
Virgin Islands	15	11	4	0	0	0
Virginia	1,230	803	427	44,490	47,139	-2,649
Washington	1,354	1,371	-17	117,665	86,828	30,837
West Virginia	0	0	0	152	152	0
Wisconsin	632	686	-54	17,544	18,470	-926
Wyoming	0	0	0	15	13	2
US Total	94,476	93,060	1,416	5,156,982	5,246,162	-89,180

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

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	July 17	July 10	Change	July 3	June 26
Alabama	0	0	0	111	334
Alaska	10,533	11,379	-846	11,849	12,640
Arizona	18,049	19,691	-1,642	20,336	22,595
Arkansas	1,481	1,626	-145	2,261	19,755
California	1,362,890	1,293,511	69,379	1,076,363	1,064,258
Colorado	72,889	70,810	2,079	67,100	77,602
Connecticut	61,543	63,715	-2,172	64,762	74,445
Delaware	7,998	7,693	305	7,534	11,455
District of Columbia	13,741	3,246	10,495	3,285	3,343
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	25,150	22,570	2,580	26,673	26,620
Idaho	251	245	6	256	373
Illinois	272,601	271,383	1,218	267,821	279,440
Indiana	79,108	83,820	-4,712	674	584
Iowa	4,602	5,870	-1,268	6,910	9,887
Kansas	11,550	12,420	-870	12,669	14,948
Kentucky	24,508	30,764	-6,256	25,392	27,108
Louisiana	66,703	66,668	35	66,469	66,841
Maine	14,484	14,621	-137	14,499	15,024
Maryland	48,255	52,319	-4,064	51,409	57,061
Massachusetts	188,814	188,819	-5	187,765	192,915
Michigan	199,624	193,431	6,193	210,348	202,219
Minnesota	112,268	112,938	-670	111,967	112,459
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	1,139	3,012	-1,873	1,114	3,011
Montana	259	302	-43	608	5,731
Nebraska	148	97	51	148	254
Nevada	86,064	88,306	-2,242	88,975	91,532
New Hampshire	866	822	44	858	888
New Jersey	227,270	232,577	-5,307	225,677	226,282
New Mexico	30,132	29,805	327	28,904	34,235
New York	711,365	723,405	-12,040	723,533	727,216
North Carolina	125,847	126,921	-1,074	126,494	134,523
North Dakota	62	52	10	87	221
Ohio	88,234	91,095	-2,861	92,395	98,475
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	71,939	73,812	-1,873	75,179	80,096
Pennsylvania	199,926	230,056	-30,130	212,236	243,131
Puerto Rico	45,244	43,755	1,489	41,882	44,451
Rhode Island	17,211	15,870	1,341	15,971	16,165
South Carolina	306	701	-395	1,946	53,568
South Dakota	153	195	-42	265	940
Tennessee	855	2,293	-1,438	45,716	49,393
Texas	6,698	11,163	-4,465	176,213	552,877
Utah	0	0	0	0	11,735
Vermont	3,922	4,056	-134	4,212	4,891
Virgin Islands	7	19	-12	20	26
Virginia	7,322	6,930	392	6,772	7,165
Washington	476	543	-67	463	449
West Virginia	284	694	-410	860	2,381
Wisconsin	23,418	19,863	3,555	27,691	28,609
Wyoming	18	0	18	44	208
US Total	4,246,207	4,233,883	12,324	4,134,716	4,710,359

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) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	July 17	July 10	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1	1	0
Arizona	21	33	-12
Arkansas	4	15	-11
California	79,824	111,654	-31,830
Colorado	0	2	-2
Connecticut	194	162	32
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	4	4	0
Florida	15	23	-8
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	3	3	0
Idaho	1	0	1
Illinois	2,087	5,680	-3,593
Indiana	3	15	-12
Iowa	7	21	-14
Kansas	82	82	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	12	-12
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	73	96	-23
Massachusetts	973	1,275	-302
Michigan	22	4	18
Minnesota	18	79	-61
Mississippi	5	8	-3
Missouri	22	17	5
Montana	2	0	2
Nebraska	8	2	6
Nevada	419	448	-29
New Hampshire	0	4	-4
New Jersey	4,247	4,595	-348
New Mexico	8	7	1
New York	34,916	36,273	-1,357
North Carolina	4	9	-5
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	91	94	-3
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	29	33	-4
Pennsylvania	63	119	-56
Puerto Rico	300	427	-127
Rhode Island	27	34	-7
South Carolina	1	1	0
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	1	-1
Texas	112,945	181,932	-68,987
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	2	-2
Virgin Islands	14	0	14
Virginia	34	81	-47
Washington	5	8	-3
West Virginia	1	0	1
Wisconsin	167	218	-51
Wyoming	2,985	1	2,984
US Total	239,625	343,475	-103,850

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JULY 24

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JULY 17

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	3,977	-277	-13,460	17	9	19,691	1.1	-4,926	-74,378	62	21	19,774
Alaska	1,520	-111	-4,549	5	2	6,982	2.5	-366	-33,614	90	13	7,085
Arizona	3,301	-277	-15,762	4	2	41,429	1.5	-768	-189,393	96	48	41,573
Arkansas	1,658	-259	-13,599	2	0	19,657	1.7	106	-74,456	66	30	19,753
California	64,491	8,010	-180,162	162	79	833,426	5.2	116,940	-2,307,193	2,027	1,827	837,280
Colorado	3,322	-1,134	-4,715	3	7	36,449	1.4	-243	-187,755	119	165	36,733
Connecticut	3,294	-423	-7,887	12	5	49,823	3.3	-2,788	-201,937	109	42	49,974
Delaware	616	-250	-1,947	3	3	10,385	2.4	-832	-30,538	26	18	10,429
District of Columbia	2,282	-448	-430	18	0	16,429	3.1	-538	-56,281	658	8	17,095
Florida	10,110	140	-81,352	24	38	80,694	1.0	-14,736	-610,376	272	159	81,125
Georgia	11,985	-620	-72,999	25	24	97,900	2.3	-2,359	-539,012	425	215	98,540
Hawaii	2,639	-99	-3,246	10	14	14,386	2.7	441	-115,823	106	80	14,572
Idaho	1,057	-106	-3,646	4	2	4,950	0.7	-260	-21,495	17	9	4,976
Illinois	18,859	-7,060	-14,371	21	7	201,993	3.7	-2,039	-446,734	603	171	202,767
Indiana	6,106	-264	-14,023	3	6	45,203	1.6	-8,946	-183,023	180	60	45,443
Iowa	1,543	-128	-5,427	3	1	17,639	1.2	-1,112	-92,403	57	21	17,717
Kansas	1,487	-76	-4,826	1	0	9,338	0.7	287	-62,850	46	16	9,400
Kentucky	4,258	-7,185	-16,783	2	1	23,999	1.3	6,246	-117,056	93	65	24,157
Louisiana	3,122	-2,370	-15,389	4	5	44,996	2.6	-3,049	-279,361	77	15	45,088
Maine	916	-285	-1,098	0	0	8,239	1.5	-1,210	-54,138	17	10	8,266
Maryland	5,530	-2	-7,508	9	0	35,499	1.5	-7,388	-183,530	188	64	35,751
Massachusetts	6,533	-653	-13,113	21	14	70,884	2.2	-1,848	-440,593	200	106	71,190
Michigan	21,461	449	-1,758	1	6	78,955	2.0	3,688	-513,752	98	95	79,148
Minnesota	3,326	-1,013	-11,985	6	2	56,375	2.1	-3,633	-249,155	118	74	56,567
Mississippi	2,250	-344	-6,919	2	1	20,453	1.9	-2,280	-83,656	98	23	20,574
Missouri	6,456	-5,351	-8,482	5	1	42,448	1.6	-980	-139,696	162	37	42,647
Montana	716	-59	-1,672	7	2	6,295	1.4	-520	-28,407	49	9	6,353
Nebraska	1,431	69	-2,225	3	0	6,886	0.7	-1,265	-40,425	13	5	6,904
Nevada	2,815	-798	-15,575	2	2	51,509	4.1	-2,365	-294,629	114	70	51,693
New Hampshire	576	-40	-2,700	5	2	7,602	1.2	-1,349	-58,794	17	3	7,622
New Jersey	11,529	420	-16,544	14	14	137,836	3.7	-2,229	-347,973	435	274	138,545
New Mexico	3,208	-1,242	-3,194	7	1	18,793	2.5	-577	-78,398	106	40	18,939
New York	18,841	-3,705	-66,453	16	29	280,696	3.3	-11,485	-1,353,953	279	374	281,349
North Carolina	4,876	-293	-22,119	2	7	39,517	0.9	-446	-275,599	135	176	39,828
North Dakota	281	-51	-922	6	1	2,845	0.7	-358	-22,143	224	5	3,074
Ohio	10,645	-1,997	-17,377	9	17	68,010	1.3	-1,930	-338,138	91	125	68,226
Oklahoma	3,723	-671	-5,204	7	5	32,354	2.2	-4,931	-95,263	157	49	32,560
Oregon	4,316	-411	-5,101	13	3	42,883	2.4	-1,819	-148,110	213	91	43,187
Pennsylvania	17,373	-21,218	-18,435	40	10	162,503	3.0	-23,832	-590,850	334	150	162,987
Puerto Rico	5,367	-1,643	-1,348	5	4	41,252	5.1	-700	-161,069	302	32	41,586
Rhode Island	2,304	-1,667	-1,331	2	1	17,138	4.0	780	-46,147	40	17	17,195
South Carolina	1,503	-993	-10,692	5	15	37,023	1.9	-5,691	-160,863	88	99	37,210
South Dakota	161	-34	-647	20	0	1,378	0.3	-217	-14,265	183	3	1,564
Tennessee	7,841	1,694	-12,250	7	4	52,820	1.6	4,458	-205,649	74	18	52,912
Texas	33,883	-11,154	-42,921	119	105	194,094	1.6	-5,834	-1,144,806	691	1,265	196,050
Utah	1,409	-103	-2,300	14	3	9,171	0.6	-684	-57,180	57	14	9,242
Vermont	298	-21	-1,221	0	0	5,186	1.9	-284	-32,611	0	6	5,192
Virgin Islands	232	50	184	0	0	1,052	2.9	434	-3,790	0	0	1,052
Virginia	6,178	-126	-36,788	10	11	33,603	0.9	-1,599	-311,223	147	185	33,935
Washington	4,776	-580	-25,877	10	19	68,959	2.2	-2,180	-287,190	187	439	69,585
West Virginia	874	-107	-2,249	2	1	11,381	1.8	-832	-52,984	65	19	11,465
Wisconsin	6,806	-2,037	-16,220	10	7	52,671	2.0	-3,567	-159,273	121	32	52,824
Wyoming	304	-26	-1,296	1	0	2,122	0.8	-97	-10,901	10	1	2,133
Totals	344,365	-66,879	-857,913	703	492	3,273,801	2.4	-1,712	13,608,831	10,142	6,893	3,290,836

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 24, 2021**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+8,010	Layoffs in the service industry.
TN	+1,694	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
PA	-21,218	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, educational services, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
TX	-11,154	No comment.
KY	-7,185	No comment.
IL	-7,060	No comment.
MO	-5,351	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and accommodation and food services industries.
NY	-3,705	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
LA	-2,370	No comment.
WI	-2,037	No comment.
OH	-1,997	No comment.
PR	-1,643	No comment.
NM	-1,242	No comment.
CO	-1,134	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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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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