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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

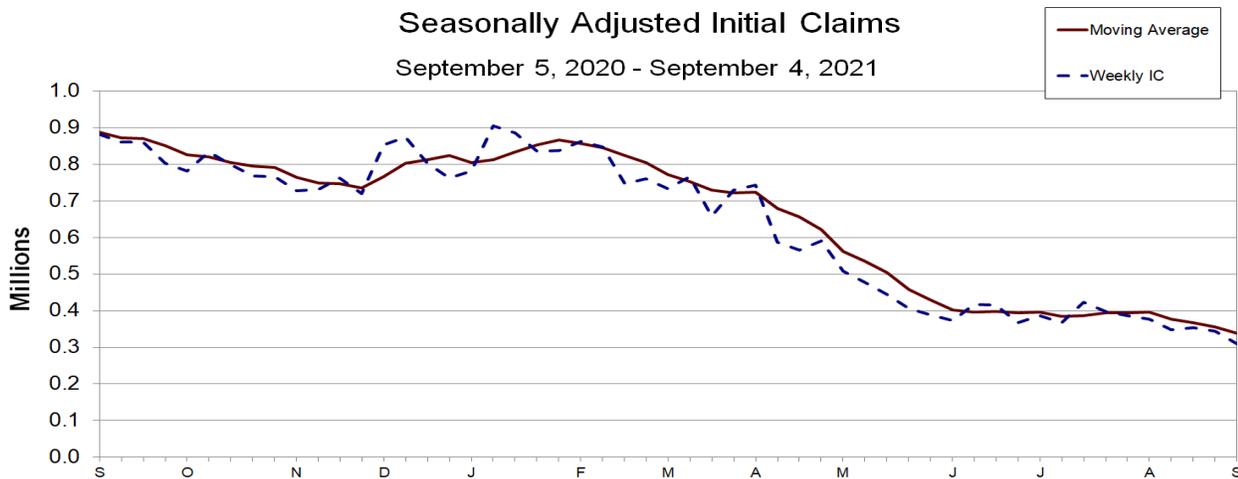
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 310,000, a decrease of 35,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020 when it was 256,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 5,000 from 340,000 to 345,000. The 4-week moving average was 339,500, a decrease of 16,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 355,000 to 356,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.0 percent for the week ending August 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 28 was 2,783,000, a decrease of 22,000 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 57,000 from 2,748,000 to 2,805,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,840,250, a decrease of 29,000 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 14,250 from 2,855,000 to 2,869,250.

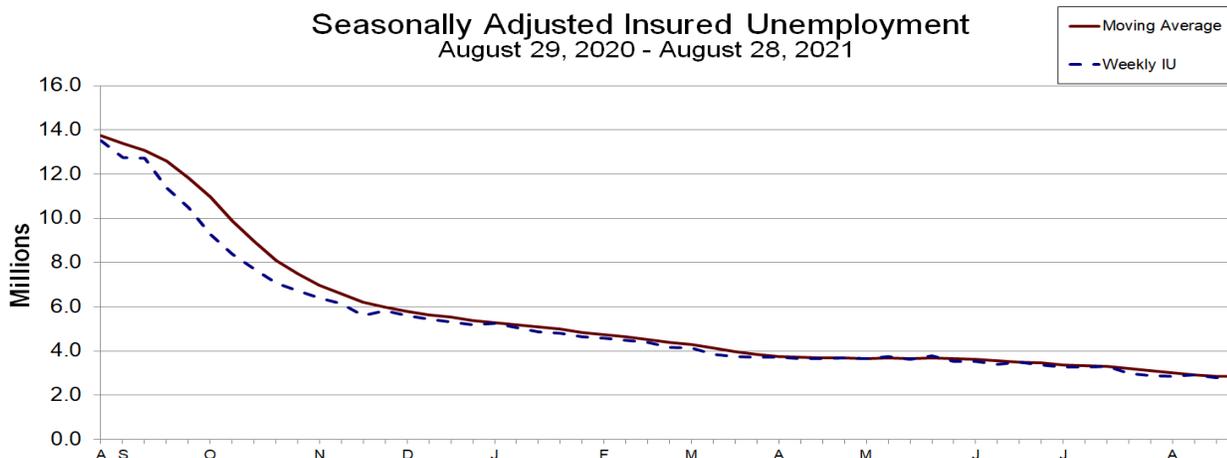
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

September 5, 2020 - September 4, 2021



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

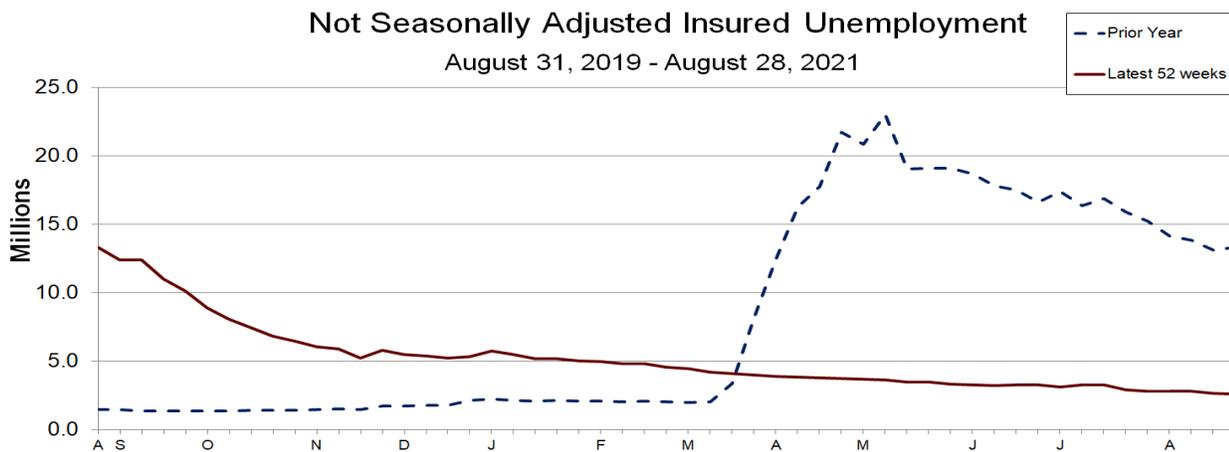
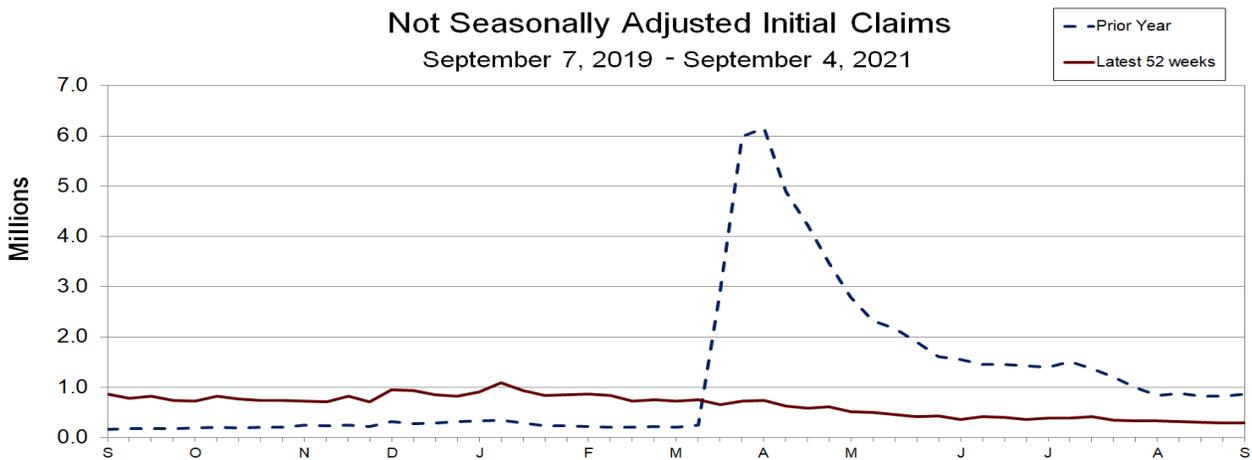
August 29, 2020 - August 28, 2021



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 284,287 in the week ending September 4, a decrease of 8,005 (or -2.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 26,906 (or 9.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 857,896 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending September 4, 44 states reported 96,198 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending August 28, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,600,083, a decrease of 74,670 (or -2.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 52,914 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 9.1 percent and the volume was 13,325,972.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 21 was 11,930,415, a decrease of 255,757 from the previous week. There were 30,427,090 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending August 21, Extended Benefits were available in the following 10 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Texas.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 542 in the week ending August 28, a decrease of 76 from the prior week. There were 488 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 45 from the preceding week.

There were 8,298 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 21, a decrease of 679 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,987, a decrease of 37 from the prior week.

During the week ending August 21, 47 states reported 5,090,524 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 3,807,646 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 21 were in Puerto Rico (4.8), District of Columbia (4.0), New Jersey (3.6), California (3.4), Illinois (3.3), New York (3.0), Rhode Island (3.0), Connecticut (2.9), Hawaii (2.6), and the Virgin Islands (2.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 28 were in Missouri (+7,182), Ohio (+5,563), New York (+3,776), Tennessee (+1,854), and Florida (+1,723), while the largest decreases were in California (-7,009), Illinois (-6,712), Virginia (-4,146), New Jersey (-2,496), and Oregon (-1,686).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 4	August 28	Change	August 21	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	310,000	345,000	-35,000	354,000	881,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	284,287	292,292	-8,005	298,791	857,896
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	339,500	356,250	-16,750	366,750	887,000

WEEK ENDING	August 28	August 21	Change	August 14	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,783,000	2,805,000	-22,000	2,908,000	13,528,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,600,083	2,674,753	-74,670	2,809,763	13,325,972
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,840,250	2,869,250	-29,000	2,913,000	13,734,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.0%	2.0%	0.0	2.1%	9.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.9%	2.0%	-0.1	2.1%	9.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 4	August 28	Change	August 21	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	96,198	102,521	-6,323	116,425	867,631

WEEK ENDING	August 28	August 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	542	618	-76	1,044
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	488	533	-45	918

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

WEEK ENDING	August 21	August 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,662,831	2,796,781	-133,950	13,036,361
Federal Employees	8,298	8,977	-679	13,588
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,987	6,024	-37	12,936
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	5,090,524	5,413,238	-322,714	15,265,660
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	3,807,646	3,800,000	+7,646	1,588,668
Extended Benefits ⁵	311,337	114,357	+196,980	254,109
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,098	1,030	+68	2,337
STC / Workshare ⁷	42,694	45,765	-3,071	253,431
TOTAL⁸	11,930,415	12,186,172	-255,757	30,427,090

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 September 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	4,585	5,431	-846	6,018	11,729	-5,711
Alaska	1,183	1,117	66	5,361	5,673	-312
Arizona	2,439	2,957	-518	29,200	34,255	-5,055
Arkansas	1,268	1,481	-213	12,687	17,039	-4,352
California *	61,941	56,337	5,604	608,972	546,610	62,362
Colorado	2,978	3,233	-255	30,657	30,152	505
Connecticut	3,055	3,069	-14	43,509	44,843	-1,334
Delaware	400	527	-127	6,679	6,830	-151
District of Columbia	925	1,917	-992	16,836	21,325	-4,489
Florida	5,814	9,700	-3,886	47,952	70,760	-22,808
Georgia	6,957	9,849	-2,892	112,883	90,721	22,162
Hawaii	2,520	2,206	314	13,955	13,631	324
Idaho	735	866	-131	3,219	3,901	-682
Illinois	15,232	15,546	-314	170,150	179,071	-8,921
Indiana	6,002	5,574	428	37,664	38,129	-465
Iowa	1,859	1,678	181	11,562	13,519	-1,957
Kansas	1,615	1,268	347	9,299	8,480	819
Kentucky	1,977	1,715	262	13,088	13,405	-317
Louisiana	9,319	2,060	7,259	30,571	35,659	-5,088
Maine	649	719	-70	6,599	7,065	-466
Maryland	5,637	6,377	-740	39,723	42,204	-2,481
Massachusetts	5,715	5,747	-32	59,035	66,904	-7,869
Michigan	11,129	6,306	4,823	71,577	82,648	-11,071
Minnesota	3,830	3,663	167	51,553	51,011	542
Mississippi	1,744	2,048	-304	11,421	13,881	-2,460
Missouri	3,300	10,976	-7,676	24,681	28,274	-3,593
Montana	710	743	-33	3,865	4,503	-638
Nebraska	1,009	978	31	4,534	4,753	-219
Nevada	2,822	2,393	429	28,946	31,628	-2,682
New Hampshire	439	566	-127	4,276	4,934	-658
New Jersey	6,835	8,279	-1,444	123,788	131,898	-8,110
New Mexico	3,856	4,889	-1,033	14,828	15,743	-915
New York	15,147	18,708	-3,561	249,978	257,582	-7,604
North Carolina	4,660	4,950	-290	30,000	34,309	-4,309
North Dakota	301	276	25	1,976	2,229	-253
Ohio	12,830	13,749	-919	49,565	55,284	-5,719
Oklahoma	2,162	2,676	-514	21,594	25,275	-3,681
Oregon	4,882	5,307	-425	44,280	41,712	2,568
Pennsylvania	9,687	10,727	-1,040	107,766	116,291	-8,525
Puerto Rico *	2,633	1,637	996	38,176	39,177	-1,001
Rhode Island	2,224	1,891	333	12,606	13,135	-529
South Carolina	1,265	1,321	-56	25,254	30,621	-5,367
South Dakota	159	140	19	1,160	1,425	-265
Tennessee	4,830	7,258	-2,428	35,197	37,111	-1,914
Texas	18,873	20,240	-1,367	154,621	172,926	-18,305
Utah	1,393	1,447	-54	7,371	7,699	-328
Vermont	376	341	35	4,211	4,670	-459
Virgin Islands *	96	142	-46	968	934	34
Virginia	10,681	7,777	2,904	41,610	46,471	-4,861
Washington	5,378	5,246	132	63,242	57,101	6,141
West Virginia	1,079	1,090	-11	8,820	9,986	-1,166
Wisconsin	6,879	6,813	66	44,919	47,990	-3,071
Wyoming	273	341	-68	1,681	1,647	34
US Total	284,287	292,292	-8,005	2,600,083	2,674,753	-74,670

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

*Denotes state estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
August 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	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,783	-22	2,840.25	2.0
September 4, 2021	310	-35	339.50				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 4			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 21	Aug 14	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	80	88	-8	4,079	4,264	-185
Arizona	306	460	-154	44,513	46,226	-1,713
Arkansas	47	77	-30	855	1,063	-208
California	40,823	42,631	-1,808	1,572,600	1,743,490	-170,890
Colorado	953	1,439	-486	23,848	23,814	34
Connecticut	113	116	-3	21,640	21,301	339
Delaware	28	15	13	2,981	3,156	-175
District of Columbia	31	27	4	12,379	12,326	53
Florida	440	522	-82	0	0	0
Georgia	269	316	-47	6,866	9,556	-2,690
Hawaii	897	865	32	41,895	36,967	4,928
Idaho	1	8	-7	28	3	25
Illinois	751	820	-69	189,283	187,468	1,815
Indiana	1,660	2,458	-798	97,830	100,898	-3,068
Iowa	55	63	-8	71	141	-70
Kansas	182	219	-37	5,276	5,320	-44
Kentucky	584	628	-44	12,323	12,114	209
Louisiana	258	278	-20	42,348	53,810	-11,462
Maine	137	94	43	8,034	7,879	155
Maryland	2,295	2,227	68	115,329	140,208	-24,879
Massachusetts	6,140	3,575	2,565	246,363	239,958	6,405
Michigan	4,530	3,983	547	156,967	279,797	-122,830
Minnesota	0	0	0	33,050	32,741	309
Mississippi	0	0	0	2	2	0
Missouri	52	46	6	1,354	1,548	-194
Montana	8	7	1	472	689	-217
Nebraska	2	0	2	6	18	-12
Nevada	841	1,347	-506	36,266	39,878	-3,612
New Hampshire	15	15	0	88	8	80
New Jersey	1,153	1,081	72	323,559	327,743	-4,184
New Mexico	9,933	8,801	1,132	36,786	34,342	2,444
New York	1,129	1,238	-109	890,699	900,415	-9,716
North Carolina	1,602	1,730	-128	50,156	50,768	-612
North Dakota	0	1	-1	114	117	-3
Ohio	5,355	11,442	-6,087	203,209	204,354	-1,145
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,837	1,388	449	70,535	68,476	2,059
Pennsylvania	3,212	3,617	-405	456,403	446,478	9,925
Puerto Rico	1,780	2,334	-554	195,674	187,911	7,763
Rhode Island	5,000	5,613	-613	30,125	30,529	-404
South Carolina	7	7	0	152	14	138
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	48	39	9	3,891	4,538	-647
Texas	81	85	-4	798	984	-186
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	6	7	-1	5,844	5,817	27
Virgin Islands	34	2	32	0	0	0
Virginia	1,549	813	736	54,278	54,241	37
Washington	1,418	1,507	-89	72,773	73,882	-1,109
West Virginia	0	0	0	1	127	-126
Wisconsin	556	492	64	18,777	17,850	927
Wyoming	0	0	0	4	9	-5
US Total	96,198	102,521	-6,323	5,090,524	5,413,238	-322,714

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:				
	August 21	August 14	Change	August 7	July 31
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	9,648	9,687	-39	9,900	9,987
Arizona	14,148	14,545	-397	15,274	15,996
Arkansas	921	998	-77	1,110	1,109
California	1,039,988	1,069,245	-29,257	999,697	1,069,216
Colorado	77,221	76,977	244	75,766	76,026
Connecticut	57,734	58,750	-1,016	59,560	59,557
Delaware	7,406	7,403	3	7,786	7,750
District of Columbia	2,684	2,611	73	2,886	2,935
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	23,134	23,701	-567	22,635	24,925
Idaho	228	244	-16	236	223
Illinois	266,178	266,178	0	267,637	268,916
Indiana	50,505	51,016	-511	51,803	53,446
Iowa	2,261	2,513	-252	2,878	3,558
Kansas	9,811	9,794	17	9,703	11,290
Kentucky	24,914	24,434	480	27,395	24,359
Louisiana	30,561	41,607	-11,046	60,088	65,265
Maine	14,375	14,307	68	14,322	14,388
Maryland	55,633	67,933	-12,300	52,139	49,555
Massachusetts	184,612	183,464	1,148	184,590	188,207
Michigan	172,120	184,012	-11,892	172,723	185,345
Minnesota	109,360	109,802	-442	108,129	112,799
Mississippi	1	2	-1	0	1
Missouri	1,027	977	50	651	1,093
Montana	198	194	4	171	160
Nebraska	195	227	-32	227	156
Nevada	74,589	75,683	-1,094	74,463	77,597
New Hampshire	788	782	6	770	1,959
New Jersey	237,818	234,631	3,187	244,215	188,286
New Mexico	29,429	29,476	-47	29,807	29,987
New York	722,546	665,913	56,633	713,292	725,389
North Carolina	123,673	122,628	1,045	124,944	125,264
North Dakota	46	7	39	59	52
Ohio	78,944	79,770	-826	81,425	82,636
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	64,045	64,652	-607	64,969	66,873
Pennsylvania	212,119	201,629	10,490	211,291	199,845
Puerto Rico	45,822	45,005	817	43,729	44,621
Rhode Island	17,312	17,280	32	17,288	17,083
South Carolina	1	38	-37	20	63
South Dakota	0	0	0	237	120
Tennessee	247	189	58	124	404
Texas	1,190	1,504	-314	1,453	2,110
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	3,263	3,314	-51	3,696	3,593
Virgin Islands	30	5	25	20	14
Virginia	15,432	11,374	4,058	9,344	8,620
Washington	611	551	60	423	460
West Virginia	232	332	-100	255	272
Wisconsin	24,643	24,608	35	24,813	24,517
Wyoming	3	8	-5	13	18
US Total	3,807,646	3,800,000	7,646	3,793,956	3,846,045

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:		
	August 21	August 14	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	32	52	-20
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	14,157	15,805	-1,648
Colorado	0	0	0
Connecticut	56	54	2
Delaware	1	0	1
District of Columbia	2	3	-1
Florida	2	23	-21
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	3,685	3,775	-90
Indiana	3	0	3
Iowa	1	1	0
Kansas	4	27	-23
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	10	0	10
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	58	41	17
Massachusetts	44	43	1
Michigan	4	14	-10
Minnesota	12	75	-63
Mississippi	0	10	-10
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	1	-1
Nevada	78	82	-4
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	4,308	3,935	373
New Mexico	5	6	-1
New York	1,476	1,862	-386
North Carolina	2	19	-17
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	194	90	104
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	40	10	30
Pennsylvania	196	59	137
Puerto Rico	293	252	41
Rhode Island	0	25	-25
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2	0	2
Texas	286,363	87,919	198,444
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	2	0	2
Virgin Islands	8	14	-6
Virginia	122	104	18
Washington	21	15	6
West Virginia	1	1	0
Wisconsin	154	40	114
Wyoming	1	0	1
US Total	311,337	114,357	196,980

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 28

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 21

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	5,431	24	-3,080	14	7	11,729	0.6	1,447	-37,068	50	7	11,786
Alaska	1,117	-670	-2,940	4	2	5,673	2.0	-247	-23,851	73	7	5,753
Arizona	2,957	-62	-8,748	2	0	34,255	1.2	-1,498	-168,461	68	45	34,368
Arkansas	1,481	-129	-3,856	2	0	17,039	1.5	-44	-27,525	70	29	17,138
California	56,337	-7,009	-163,226	141	112	546,610	3.4	-91,195	-2,023,395	1,635	1,334	549,579
Colorado	3,233	-135	-2,630	3	4	30,152	1.2	-2,401	-147,670	140	112	30,404
Connecticut	3,069	-260	-2,335	8	6	44,843	2.9	-1,275	-197,350	103	45	44,991
Delaware	527	-36	-1,050	1	0	6,830	1.6	-430	-25,144	18	20	6,868
District of Columbia	1,917	-651	449	9	0	21,325	4.0	2,032	-45,545	378	10	21,713
Florida	9,700	1,723	-35,890	25	31	70,760	0.9	-7,384	-384,827	188	181	71,129
Georgia	9,849	99	-41,434	26	20	90,721	2.2	11,544	-444,685	333	279	91,333
Hawaii	2,206	188	-4,542	6	6	13,631	2.6	904	-112,481	138	55	13,824
Idaho	866	-114	-2,820	4	2	3,901	0.5	-345	-10,522	20	9	3,930
Illinois	15,546	-6,712	-10,648	7	9	179,071	3.3	-8,036	-379,580	482	165	179,718
Indiana	5,574	-680	-5,205	6	8	38,129	1.3	-5,153	-126,440	198	59	38,386
Iowa	1,678	1	-4,236	3	5	13,519	0.9	-1,409	-62,358	34	19	13,572
Kansas	1,268	-240	-4,466	0	1	8,480	0.6	-188	-44,463	33	13	8,526
Kentucky	1,715	-113	-14,789	2	0	13,405	0.7	-1,472	-102,978	102	50	13,557
Louisiana	2,060	-157	-14,131	1	0	35,659	2.0	-1,656	-213,951	63	12	35,734
Maine	719	-36	-529	0	0	7,065	1.2	-483	-31,854	23	12	7,100
Maryland	6,377	-858	-894	7	4	42,204	1.8	-4,235	-133,765	181	137	42,522
Massachusetts	5,747	-937	-12,821	11	15	66,904	2.0	-429	-340,472	146	116	67,166
Michigan	6,306	781	-12,532	3	5	82,648	2.1	-4,479	-319,152	44	39	82,731
Minnesota	3,663	-140	-6,632	4	1	51,011	1.9	-1,414	-168,546	105	111	51,227
Mississippi	2,048	-122	-2,417	3	1	13,881	1.3	-936	-70,599	68	9	13,958
Missouri	10,976	7,182	467	1	2	28,274	1.1	-2,943	-77,044	119	25	28,418
Montana	743	13	-1,789	5	1	4,503	1.0	-343	-20,733	32	10	4,545
Nebraska	978	65	-1,483	2	0	4,753	0.5	-514	-21,504	14	5	4,772
Nevada	2,393	-2	-5,639	9	2	31,628	2.5	-1,032	-189,971	68	58	31,754
New Hampshire	566	12	-1,935	1	3	4,934	0.8	-240	-39,644	10	4	4,948
New Jersey	8,279	-2,496	-12,069	16	14	131,898	3.6	472	-278,932	285	224	132,407
New Mexico	4,889	-228	1,479	3	1	15,743	2.1	-808	-71,932	62	71	15,876
New York	18,708	3,776	-44,658	8	20	257,582	3.0	-333	-1,149,353	218	347	258,147
North Carolina	4,950	-256	-8,347	5	4	34,309	0.8	-1,222	-143,710	132	159	34,600
North Dakota	276	17	-528	1	0	2,229	0.6	-203	-12,681	99	2	2,330
Ohio	13,749	5,563	-5,029	7	17	55,284	1.1	-1,341	-263,260	89	106	55,479
Oklahoma	2,676	-470	-3,343	8	4	25,275	1.7	-2,274	-94,296	123	47	25,445
Oregon	5,307	-1,686	193	17	8	41,712	2.3	-742	-116,768	270	65	42,047
Pennsylvania	10,727	1,372	-14,156	32	19	116,291	2.2	-1,852	-445,374	287	94	116,672
Puerto Rico	1,637	-458	-188	3	6	39,177	4.8	215	-104,615	218	46	39,441
Rhode Island	1,891	57	-1,789	1	3	13,135	3.0	-228	-34,270	28	17	13,180
South Carolina	1,321	-255	-3,679	8	9	30,621	1.5	0	-97,605	61	68	30,750
South Dakota	140	-36	-490	3	0	1,425	0.4	-155	-9,353	104	5	1,534
Tennessee	7,258	1,854	-5,618	4	5	37,111	1.1	-1,710	-162,297	80	17	37,208
Texas	20,240	-95	-36,433	69	88	172,926	1.5	-6,345	-844,434	750	1,150	174,826
Utah	1,447	-143	-1,140	9	5	7,699	0.5	-314	-32,382	51	14	7,764
Vermont	341	92	-408	0	0	4,670	1.7	123	-22,300	0	0	4,670
Virgin Islands	142	-10	-221	0	1	934	2.6	-26	-3,684	0	4	938
Virginia	7,777	-4,146	-2,528	15	14	46,471	1.3	9,396	-186,996	172	157	46,800
Washington	5,246	-294	-17,040	8	18	57,101	1.8	-2,861	-220,530	140	370	57,611
West Virginia	1,090	152	-936	0	1	9,986	1.6	-28	-39,906	53	17	10,056
Wisconsin	6,813	109	-5,644	12	3	47,990	1.8	-931	-102,910	132	30	48,152
Wyoming	341	57	-616	3	1	1,647	0.7	11	-7,499	8	0	1,655
Totals	292,292	-6,499	-534,969	542	488	2,674,753	1.9	-135,010	-10,436,665	8,298	5,987	2,689,038

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 28, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+7,182	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
OH	+5,563	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
NY	+3,776	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and educational services industries.
TN	+1,854	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
FL	+1,723	No comment.
PA	+1,372	Layoffs in the construction, retail trade, accommodation and food services, and other services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-6,757	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
IL	-4,670	No comment.
VA	-3,040	No comment.
NJ	-1,515	No comment.
OR	-1,407	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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