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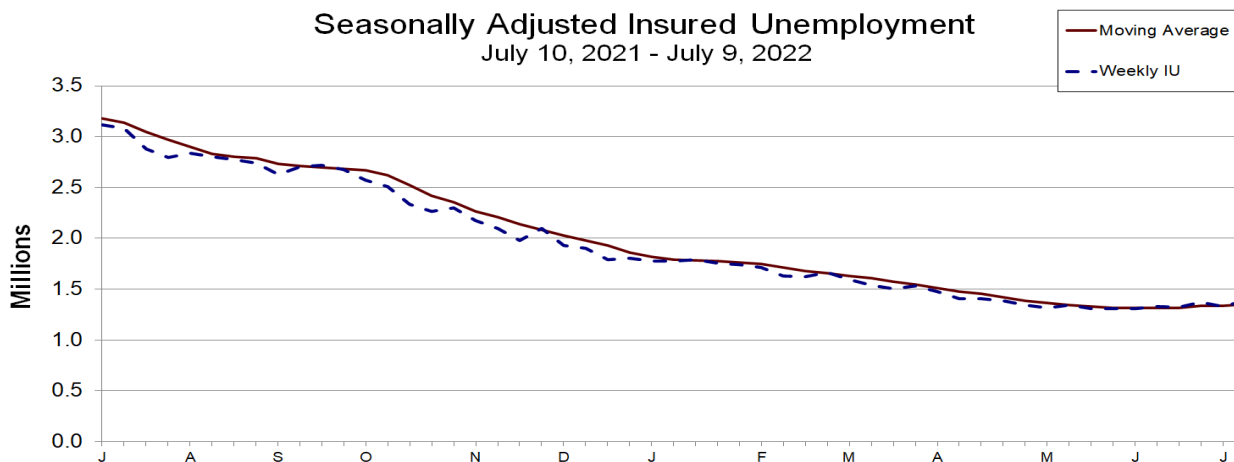
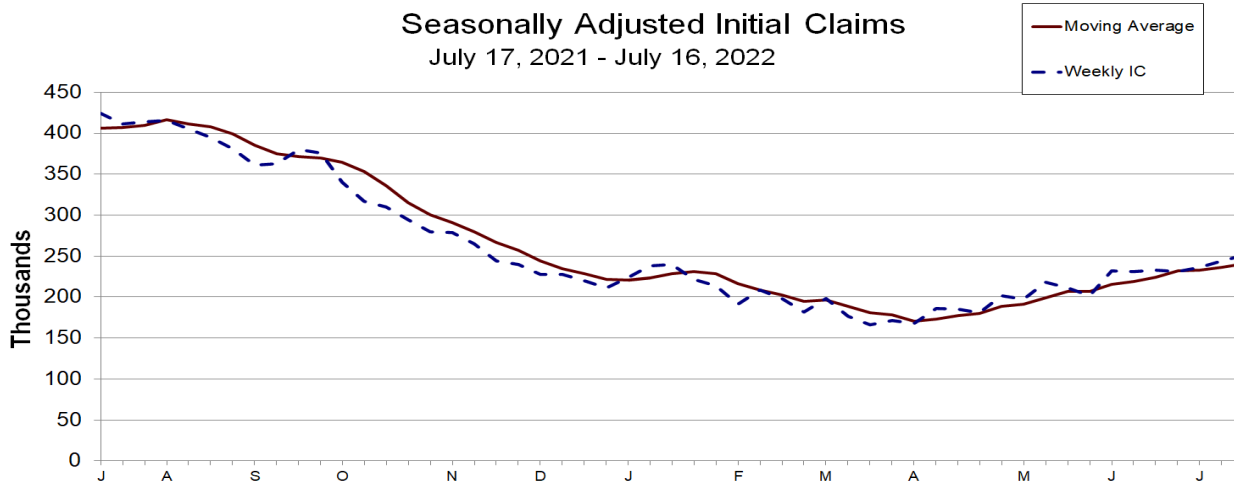
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 251,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 244,000. The 4-week moving average was 240,500, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 235,750 to 236,000.

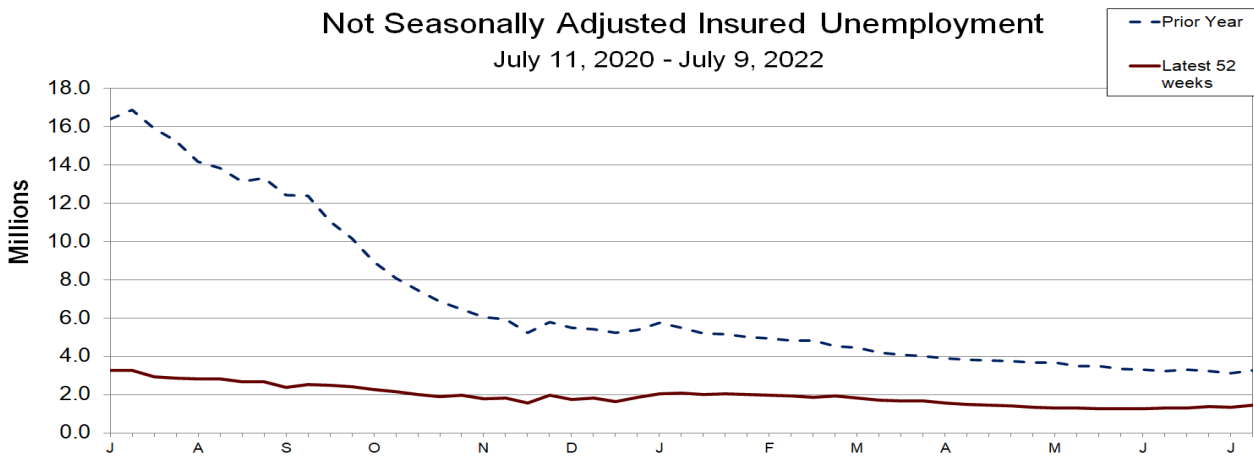
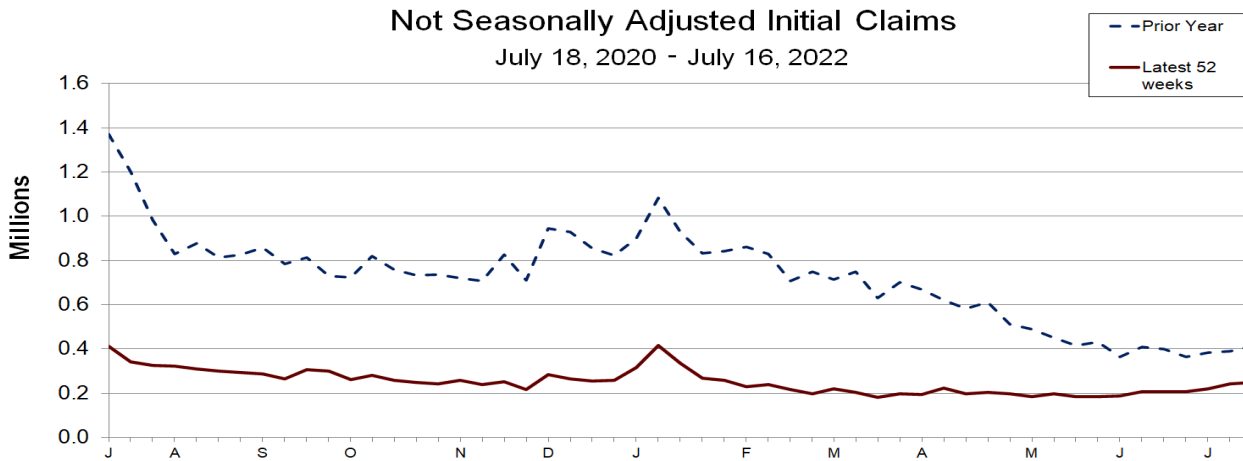
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending July 9, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 9 was 1,384,000, an increase of 51,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,331,000 to 1,333,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,353,250, an increase of 13,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 1,339,500 to 1,340,000.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 248,991 in the week ending July 16, an increase of 7,853 (or 3.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 732 (or 0.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 411,244 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending July 9, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,450,919, an increase of 122,364 (or 9.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 67,960 (or 5.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.4 percent and the volume was 3,262,801.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 2 was 1,353,028, a decrease of 47,842 from the previous week. There were 12,555,535 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 489 in the week ending July 9, an increase of 47 from the prior week. There were 393 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 18 from the preceding week.

There were 6,314 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 2, a decrease of 418 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,901, a decrease of 323 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 2 were in Puerto Rico (2.1), New Jersey (1.9), California (1.7), Rhode Island (1.7), New York (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.5), Massachusetts (1.4), Connecticut (1.3), Alaska (1.2), and Illinois (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 9 were in New York (+10,051), Kentucky (+3,061), Arizona (+2,447), Ohio (+2,274), and Indiana (+2,234), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,801), New Jersey (-3,332), Georgia (-1,859), Mississippi (-678), and Rhode Island (-484).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	251,000	244,000	+7,000	236,000	424,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	248,991	241,138	+7,853	220,438	411,244
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	240,500	236,000	+4,500	232,750	405,750

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,384,000	1,333,000	+51,000	1,372,000	3,116,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,450,919	1,328,555	+122,364	1,374,887	3,262,801
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,353,250	1,340,000	+13,250	1,334,250	3,182,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	0.9%	+0.1	1.0%	2.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	0.9%	+0.1	1.0%	2.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	489	442	+47	869
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	393	411	-18	571

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,325,049	1,372,123	-47,074	3,107,522
Federal Employees	6,314	6,732	-418	9,885
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,901	4,224	-323	5,902
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,811	6,857	-1,046	98,441
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,505	1,949	-444	1,022
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	10,448	8,985	+1,463	64,109
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,353,028</b>	<b>1,400,870</b>	<b>-47,842</b>	<b>12,555,535</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 141,769,719 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,841	3,938	1,903	5,715	5,899	-184
Alaska	696	710	-14	3,555	3,527	28
Arizona	4,056	5,017	-961	20,661	21,244	-583
Arkansas	1,597	2,277	-680	9,133	8,748	385
California	44,328	40,513	3,815	328,062	279,874	48,188
Colorado	2,574	2,457	117	17,450	15,895	1,555
Connecticut*	4,091	4,699	-608	19,611	20,706	-1,095
Delaware	339	371	-32	3,950	3,501	449
District of Columbia	559	324	235	2,856	2,413	443
Florida	7,513	7,267	246	36,179	35,440	739
Georgia	7,918	5,100	2,818	32,363	29,812	2,551
Hawaii	1,275	1,075	200	6,335	6,232	103
Idaho	758	912	-154	3,875	3,842	33
Illinois	6,994	6,932	62	67,710	65,497	2,213
Indiana	5,461	7,148	-1,687	19,447	20,501	-1,054
Iowa	1,558	1,735	-177	8,220	7,265	955
Kansas	1,476	1,159	317	4,455	3,925	530
Kentucky	2,758	4,631	-1,873	9,534	7,860	1,674
Louisiana	2,555	2,098	457	10,875	11,718	-843
Maine	440	638	-198	3,517	3,321	196
Maryland	2,308	2,478	-170	17,990	16,661	1,329
Massachusetts	23,066	8,930	14,136	49,096	48,632	464
Michigan	10,030	11,423	-1,393	37,883	32,138	5,745
Minnesota	3,293	2,842	451	27,625	24,602	3,023
Mississippi	1,602	1,869	-267	7,428	7,648	-220
Missouri	3,464	3,556	-92	17,211	15,876	1,335
Montana	490	603	-113	3,528	3,303	225
Nebraska	747	403	344	3,411	3,617	-206
Nevada	2,335	2,586	-251	14,576	13,851	725
New Hampshire	284	436	-152	2,348	2,367	-19
New Jersey	7,079	9,102	-2,023	83,616	74,120	9,496
New Mexico	675	822	-147	8,257	7,212	1,045
New York	20,292	27,351	-7,059	142,424	133,592	8,832
North Carolina	3,303	2,824	479	15,823	15,343	480
North Dakota	211	248	-37	1,526	1,436	90
Ohio	11,013	14,765	-3,752	37,958	35,108	2,850
Oklahoma	1,895	2,108	-213	10,914	10,759	155
Oregon	3,832	4,032	-200	22,201	20,460	1,741
Pennsylvania	8,412	9,890	-1,478	86,664	82,756	3,908
Puerto Rico	1,987	1,906	81	17,535	17,758	-223
Rhode Island	908	1,052	-144	8,501	7,746	755
South Carolina	5,391	2,399	2,992	13,991	11,424	2,567
South Dakota	98	139	-41	749	719	30
Tennessee	3,776	2,354	1,422	14,384	12,426	1,958
Texas	16,608	15,332	1,276	107,252	95,812	11,440
Utah	1,303	1,229	74	5,939	5,749	190
Vermont	242	263	-21	2,296	2,050	246
Virgin Islands	27	45	-18	452	248	204
Virginia	2,286	1,710	576	11,711	10,108	1,603
Washington	3,865	4,183	-318	33,823	31,293	2,530
West Virginia	738	788	-50	6,989	5,991	998
Wisconsin	4,424	4,181	243	21,874	19,283	2,591
Wyoming	220	288	-68	1,441	1,247	194
US Total	248,991	241,138	7,853	1,450,919	1,328,555	122,364

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 OUI staff 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	
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	251	7	240.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 9						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 2						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					
Alabama	3,938	839	-1,497	17	6	5,899	0.3	552	-6,719	46	22	5,967	
Alaska	710	78	-1,142	1	0	3,527	1.2	-139	-4,192	37	14	3,578	
Arizona	5,017	2,447	1,188	12	1	21,244	0.8	155	-21,181	91	11	21,346	
Arkansas	2,277	863	146	1	2	8,748	0.7	145	-9,657	39	15	8,802	
California	40,513	-3,801	-16,412	66	48	279,874	1.7	-26,717	-338,070	946	845	281,665	
Colorado	2,457	168	-2,576	1	5	15,895	0.6	-671	-20,450	54	108	16,057	
Connecticut	4,699	691	291	3	1	20,706	1.3	1,534	-32,357	13	13	20,732	
Delaware	371	-31	-1,104	4	3	3,501	0.8	-199	-6,406	10	2	3,513	
District of Columbia	324	-6	-2,017	4	0	2,413	0.5	-402	-14,117	91	2	2,506	
Florida	7,267	1,112	-190	21	23	35,440	0.4	-1,938	-64,728	171	87	35,698	
Georgia	5,100	-1,859	-9,375	37	17	29,812	0.7	-27,329	-78,454	413	144	30,369	
Hawaii	1,075	-125	-1,891	1	10	6,232	1.1	-66	-6,944	54	83	6,369	
Idaho	912	57	-592	3	1	3,842	0.5	61	-1,665	10	6	3,858	
Illinois	6,932	816	-15,072	5	2	65,497	1.2	-1,571	-137,800	455	103	66,055	
Indiana	7,148	2,234	540	1	5	20,501	0.8	3,228	-31,376	60	18	20,579	
Iowa	1,735	307	-307	8	0	7,265	0.5	277	-11,356	20	3	7,288	
Kansas	1,159	105	-619	2	1	3,925	0.3	75	-5,223	25	20	3,970	
Kentucky	4,631	3,061	2,133	0	0	7,860	0.4	-1,105	-12,187	36	42	7,938	
Louisiana	2,098	-53	-2,460	4	7	11,718	0.7	37	-37,512	58	13	11,789	
Maine	638	188	-534	1	0	3,321	0.6	-21	-5,734	10	9	3,340	
Maryland	2,478	31	-3,931	14	6	16,661	0.7	160	-25,699	246	45	16,952	
Massachusetts	8,930	981	1,317	14	14	48,632	1.4	2,351	-24,346	111	61	48,804	
Michigan	11,423	-2	3,958	0	0	32,138	0.8	-184	-44,648	33	57	32,228	
Minnesota	2,842	140	-1,194	3	3	24,602	0.9	198	-35,376	60	46	24,708	
Mississippi	1,869	-678	-1,067	2	1	7,648	0.7	914	-15,704	62	10	7,720	
Missouri	3,556	-103	-2,195	3	2	15,876	0.6	-1,094	-28,065	52	20	15,948	
Montana	603	85	-520	5	4	3,303	0.7	-121	-3,651	31	16	3,350	
Nebraska	403	-131	-746	0	0	3,617	0.4	-116	-3,789	6	1	3,624	
Nevada	2,586	539	-1,431	4	4	13,851	1.0	-149	-37,774	76	39	13,966	
New Hampshire	436	46	-328	2	2	2,367	0.4	125	-8,263	0	3	2,370	
New Jersey	9,102	-3,332	-1,850	14	10	74,120	1.9	-242	-61,456	231	181	74,532	
New Mexico	822	376	-4,216	3	0	7,212	0.9	-432	-11,868	66	15	7,293	
New York	27,351	10,051	-5,922	18	27	133,592	1.5	11,011	-168,188	446	206	134,244	
North Carolina	2,824	-241	-2,531	2	1	15,343	0.3	-120	-23,648	44	60	15,447	
North Dakota	248	44	-280	33	0	1,436	0.4	-10	-1,890	128	3	1,567	
Ohio	14,765	2,274	4,794	8	8	35,108	0.7	56	-35,753	79	82	35,269	
Oklahoma	2,108	359	-5,679	4	3	10,759	0.7	-68	-29,556	78	38	10,875	
Oregon	4,032	-229	-1,581	16	4	20,460	1.1	192	-25,493	164	37	20,661	
Pennsylvania	9,890	2,102	-26,365	11	10	82,756	1.5	2,938	-84,442	175	95	83,026	
Puerto Rico	1,906	31	-9,008	2	5	17,758	2.1	1,955	-20,434	235	75	18,068	
Rhode Island	1,052	-484	-3,206	2	0	7,746	1.7	762	-9,318	27	19	7,792	
South Carolina	2,399	612	-119	9	7	11,424	0.6	51	-34,583	46	44	11,514	
South Dakota	139	13	-125	16	1	719	0.2	2	-861	127	1	847	
Tennessee	2,354	-158	-4,391	4	14	12,426	0.4	-109	-35,543	34	16	12,476	
Texas	15,332	308	-18,975	90	97	95,812	0.8	-9,459	-61,231	790	778	97,380	
Utah	1,229	-109	-354	9	1	5,749	0.4	169	-5,220	40	12	5,801	
Vermont	263	-25	-110	0	0	2,050	0.7	-38	-3,548	1	0	2,051	
Virgin Islands	45	2	-160	0	2	248	0.7	-80	-1,458	0	2	250	
Virginia	1,710	883	-4,242	1	3	10,108	0.3	274	-26,229	102	82	10,292	
Washington	4,183	-167	-1,566	2	27	31,293	1.0	-955	-44,039	110	262	31,665	
West Virginia	788	154	-239	0	2	5,991	0.9	-142	-6,162	32	18	6,041	
Wisconsin	4,181	205	-3,650	6	1	19,283	0.7	-72	-31,439	39	13	19,335	
Wyoming	288	32	-122	0	2	1,247	0.5	-5	-1,034	4	4	1,255	
Totals	241,138	20,700	-147,524	489	393	1,328,555	0.9	-46,332	-1,796,836	6,314	3,901	1,338,770	

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 9, 2022**

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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>
NY	+10,051	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and educational services industries.
KY	+3,061	No comment.
AZ	+2,447	No comment.
OH	+2,274	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IN	+2,234	No comment.
PA	+2,102	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, construction, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
FL	+1,112	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-3,801	No comment.
NJ	-3,332	No comment.
GA	-1,859	Fewer layoffs in the trade, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.



## 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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