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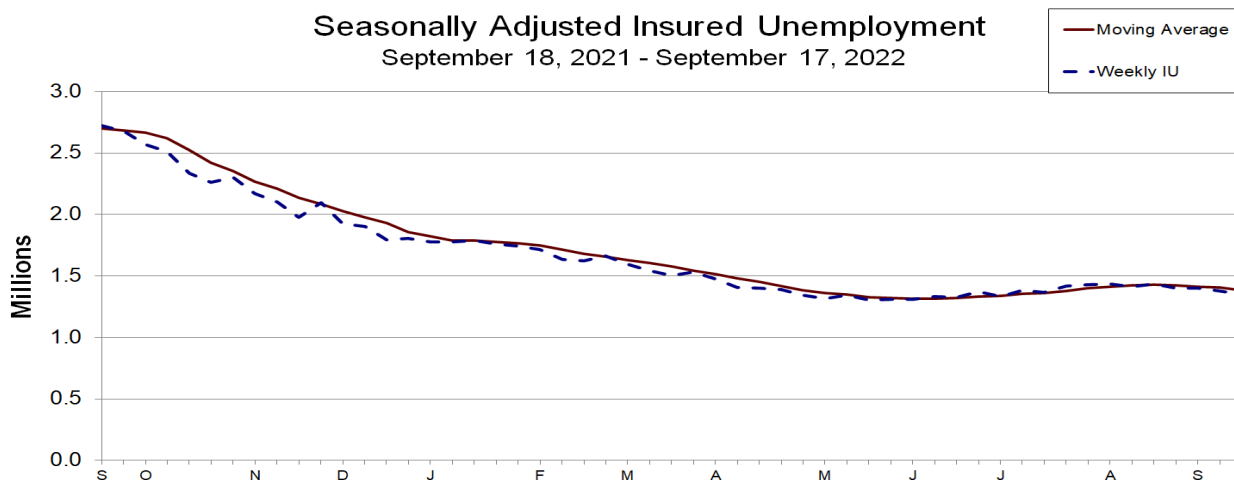
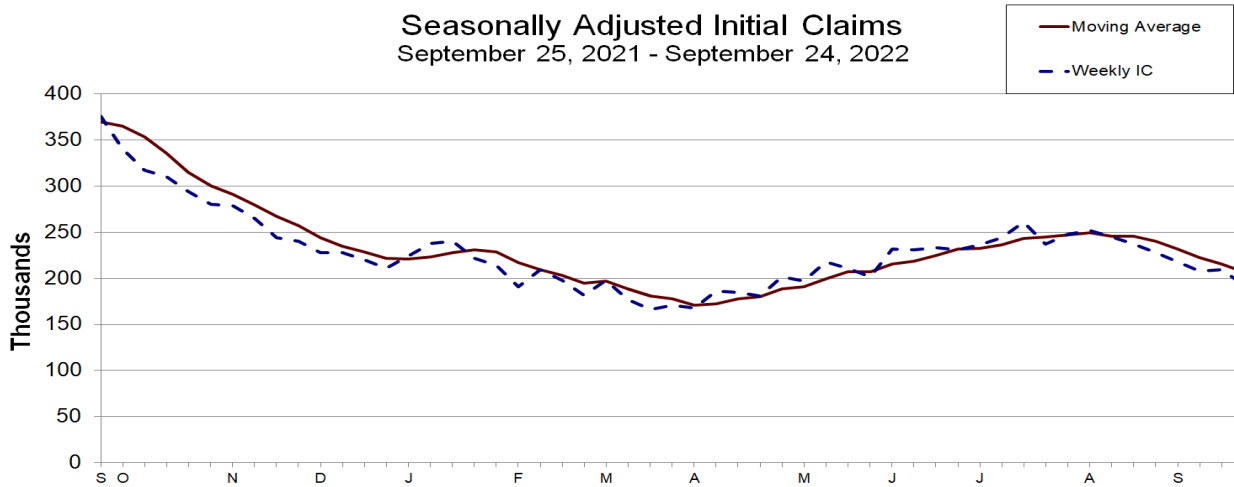
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 193,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 213,000 to 209,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,000, a decrease of 8,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 216,750 to 215,750.

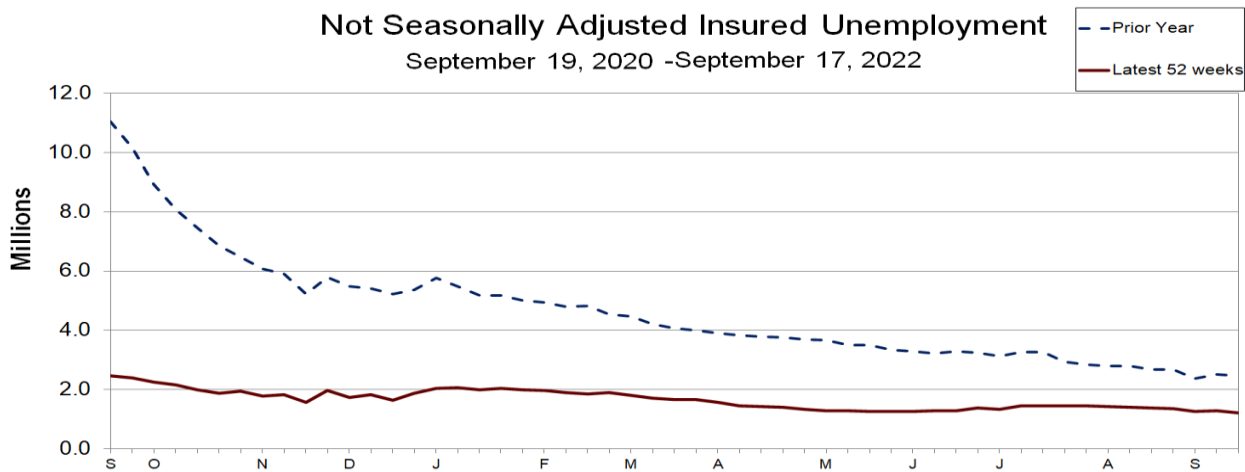
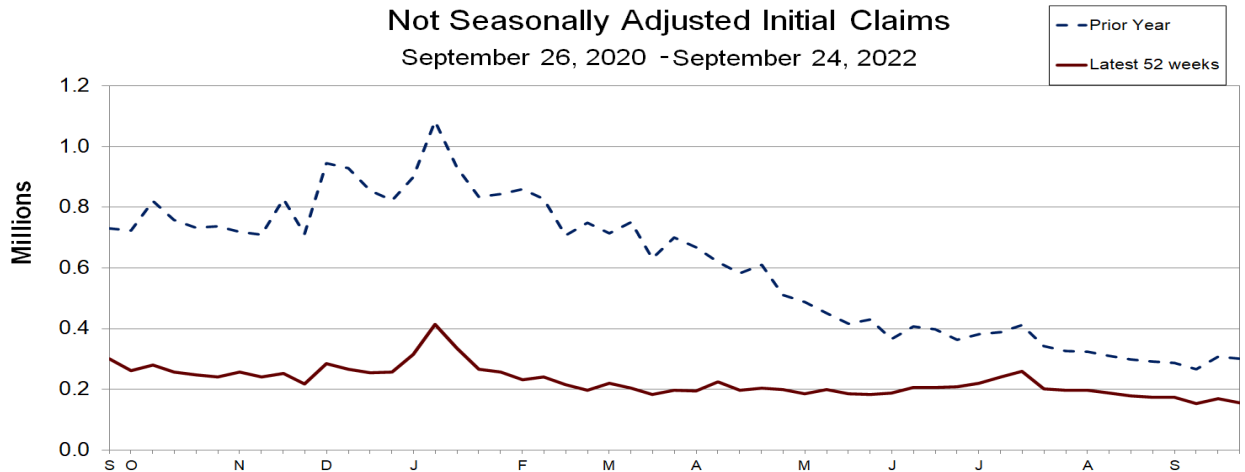
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending September 17, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 17 was 1,347,000, a decrease of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,379,000 to 1,376,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,381,250, a decrease of 22,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,404,750 to 1,403,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 156,060 in the week ending September 24, a decrease of 12,642 (or -7.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 419 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 301,143 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending September 17, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,226,160, a decrease of 52,596 (or -4.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 26,153 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,472,303.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 10 was 1,302,353, an increase of 6,855 from the previous week. There were 5,027,611 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 September 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 375 in the week ending September 17, an increase of 66 from the prior week. There were 340 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 28 from the preceding week.

There were 6,216 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 10, an increase of 97 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,393, an increase of 323 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 10 were in New Jersey (1.9), California (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.6), New York (1.5), Alaska (1.2), Massachusetts (1.2), Nevada (1.2), Pennsylvania (1.2), Rhode Island (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 17 were in Michigan (+6,102), Georgia (+1,837), New York (+1,709), New Jersey (+1,164), and California (+1,130), while the largest decreases were in Indiana (-1,103), Arkansas (-386), Kentucky (-295), Virginia (-288), and Oklahoma (-264).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 24	September 17	Change	September 10	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	193,000	209,000	-16,000	208,000	376,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	156,060	168,702	-12,642	152,177	301,143
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	207,000	215,750	-8,750	222,750	370,000

WEEK ENDING	September 17	September 10	Change	September 3	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,347,000	1,376,000	-29,000	1,400,000	2,720,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,226,160	1,278,756	-52,596	1,272,948	2,472,303
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,381,250	1,403,750	-22,500	1,412,750	2,698,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	September 17	September 10	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	375	309	+66	758
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	340	368	-28	454

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	September 10	September 3	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,275,744	1,269,715	+6,029	2,500,953
Federal Employees	6,216	6,119	+97	8,481
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,393	4,070	+323	5,651
Extended Benefits ⁴	4,141	3,237	+904	431,340
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,691	1,569	+122	1,359
STC / Workshare ⁶	10,168	10,788	-620	28,766
TOTAL⁷	1,302,353	1,295,498	+6,855	5,027,611

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 September 24			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,035	2,138	-103	3,103	5,175	-2,072
Alaska	699	642	57	3,355	3,416	-61
Arizona	2,591	2,638	-47	19,735	22,122	-2,387
Arkansas	1,144	1,186	-42	6,755	7,892	-1,137
California	34,886	34,624	262	299,562	306,065	-6,503
Colorado	1,976	2,031	-55	17,169	16,527	642
Connecticut	2,420	2,450	-30	17,010	16,281	729
Delaware	283	266	17	2,960	2,856	104
District of Columbia	73	266	-193	2,959	3,257	-298
Florida	5,277	5,833	-556	34,554	38,790	-4,236
Georgia	4,918	5,903	-985	27,851	29,796	-1,945
Hawaii	947	1,055	-108	5,494	5,766	-272
Idaho	618	631	-13	2,662	3,011	-349
Illinois	6,233	6,998	-765	57,111	56,137	974
Indiana	3,147	3,568	-421	17,453	18,866	-1,413
Iowa	1,262	1,272	-10	5,729	5,585	144
Kansas	782	878	-96	3,844	3,720	124
Kentucky	1,041	1,104	-63	8,345	8,004	341
Louisiana	1,434	1,526	-92	9,620	10,806	-1,186
Maine	317	360	-43	2,487	2,671	-184
Maryland	1,476	1,835	-359	16,025	16,779	-754
Massachusetts	3,677	1,180	2,497	40,181	42,110	-1,929
Michigan	4,468	10,142	-5,674	27,854	28,080	-226
Minnesota	2,271	2,528	-257	22,285	21,882	403
Mississippi	739	891	-152	4,227	4,957	-730
Missouri	2,015	3,086	-1,071	11,601	11,584	17
Montana	479	510	-31	2,570	2,679	-109
Nebraska	439	496	-57	2,551	2,611	-60
Nevada	1,801	1,709	92	14,367	15,698	-1,331
New Hampshire	230	244	-14	1,615	1,841	-226
New Jersey	5,443	6,964	-1,521	69,617	72,303	-2,686
New Mexico	551	650	-99	7,087	7,214	-127
New York	12,223	13,489	-1,266	119,804	128,742	-8,938
North Carolina	3,166	2,981	185	14,640	15,736	-1,096
North Dakota	152	134	18	842	879	-37
Ohio	7,974	6,424	1,550	27,061	28,050	-989
Oklahoma	1,151	1,484	-333	9,009	9,957	-948
Oregon	3,054	3,519	-465	19,610	19,265	345
Pennsylvania	5,803	6,072	-269	55,040	65,999	-10,959
Puerto Rico *	866	1,086	-220	13,089	13,629	-540
Rhode Island	651	712	-61	5,514	5,609	-95
South Carolina	1,612	2,404	-792	10,907	12,024	-1,117
South Dakota	103	103	0	635	510	125
Tennessee	2,134	1,910	224	11,226	12,009	-783
Texas	12,255	12,518	-263	98,317	101,390	-3,073
Utah	1,033	1,109	-76	5,746	5,741	5
Vermont	193	201	-8	1,442	1,380	62
Virgin Islands	35	58	-23	294	282	12
Virginia	1,104	1,382	-278	10,520	9,494	1,026
Washington	3,520	3,875	-355	34,269	32,628	1,641
West Virginia	502	566	-64	5,094	5,041	53
Wisconsin	2,668	2,890	-222	14,247	14,908	-661
Wyoming	189	181	8	1,116	1,002	114
US Total	156,060	168,702	-12,642	1,226,160	1,278,756	-52,596

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 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 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	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,402	-35	1,421.25	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,400	-2	1,412.75	1.0
September 10, 2022	208	-10	222.75	1,376	-24	1,403.75	1.0
September 17, 2022	209	1	215.75	1,347	-29	1,381.25	1.0
September 24, 2022	193	-16	207.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 17

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 10

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	2,138	136	-2,096	6	4	5,175	0.3	883	-1,902	75	22	5,272
Alaska	642	59	-595	0	0	3,416	1.2	102	-5,348	32	10	3,458
Arizona	2,638	106	-5,642	3	1	22,122	0.8	-269	-6,658	55	25	22,202
Arkansas	1,186	-386	-369	0	2	7,892	0.7	837	-6,694	20	18	7,930
California	34,624	1,130	-34,190	94	64	306,065	1.8	23,471	-235,605	966	845	307,876
Colorado	2,031	131	-697	1	3	16,527	0.6	600	-15,246	128	119	16,774
Connecticut	2,450	-149	-9	0	0	16,281	1.0	-2,458	-18,596	41	39	16,361
Delaware	266	72	-450	3	3	2,856	0.7	-153	-2,361	10	6	2,872
District of Columbia	266	23	-5,372	6	0	3,257	0.6	-351	-13,809	168	4	3,429
Florida	5,833	618	-3,483	10	21	38,790	0.4	1,570	-11,648	200	115	39,105
Georgia	5,903	1,837	-661	21	10	29,796	0.7	-1,110	-36,728	307	209	30,312
Hawaii	1,055	21	-2,471	4	3	5,766	1.0	104	-8,510	33	81	5,880
Idaho	631	0	-223	0	2	3,011	0.4	-44	-131	14	9	3,034
Illinois	6,998	696	-2,368	8	6	56,137	1.0	-218	-91,204	504	127	56,768
Indiana	3,568	-1,103	-299	4	1	18,866	0.7	-4,251	-23,924	52	22	18,940
Iowa	1,272	66	-472	2	0	5,585	0.4	75	-4,863	20	1	5,606
Kansas	878	-130	-327	0	1	3,720	0.3	-43	-3,269	23	25	3,768
Kentucky	1,104	-295	-3,167	0	0	8,004	0.4	-1,030	-5,430	60	52	8,116
Louisiana	1,526	37	-5,581	3	3	10,806	0.6	-187	-32,228	58	10	10,874
Maine	360	22	-198	0	1	2,671	0.5	-37	-5,435	7	7	2,685
Maryland	1,835	207	-8,054	20	2	16,779	0.7	-402	-28,425	173	66	17,018
Massachusetts	1,180	95	-5,952	8	7	42,110	1.2	-3,321	-17,942	141	61	42,312
Michigan	10,142	6,102	-2,153	4	2	28,080	0.7	-1,811	-43,041	60	27	28,167
Minnesota	2,528	280	-1,132	2	4	21,882	0.8	-105	-30,987	60	48	21,990
Mississippi	891	179	-707	4	5	4,957	0.5	-11	-5,866	52	10	5,019
Missouri	3,086	1,034	-1,031	5	5	11,584	0.4	307	-12,658	73	22	11,679
Montana	510	73	-240	6	1	2,679	0.6	107	-1,100	41	15	2,735
Nebraska	496	97	-821	2	1	2,611	0.3	-36	-1,608	8	1	2,620
Nevada	1,709	-111	-684	3	1	15,698	1.2	264	-22,725	70	31	15,799
New Hampshire	244	13	-192	0	1	1,841	0.3	-54	-1,650	2	1	1,844
New Jersey	6,964	1,164	-1,499	14	8	72,303	1.9	-5,639	-43,660	289	160	72,752
New Mexico	650	120	-1,322	10	1	7,214	0.9	180	-8,126	63	21	7,298
New York	13,489	1,709	-1,012	18	26	128,742	1.5	-12,004	-95,088	447	263	129,452
North Carolina	2,981	326	-629	4	1	15,736	0.4	-15	-21,754	43	97	15,876
North Dakota	134	-20	-91	0	0	879	0.2	37	-818	13	3	895
Ohio	6,424	464	-6,641	4	17	28,050	0.5	315	-73,694	66	91	28,207
Oklahoma	1,484	-264	-687	4	3	9,957	0.7	10	-11,363	58	37	10,052
Oregon	3,519	867	-4,417	7	8	19,265	1.0	-317	-39,055	85	30	19,380
Pennsylvania	6,072	-25	-5,067	10	10	65,999	1.2	5,956	-40,377	168	94	66,261
Puerto Rico	1,086	0	45	4	6	13,629	1.6	0	-24,382	265	80	13,974
Rhode Island	712	100	-114	2	1	5,609	1.2	-907	-4,599	28	19	5,656
South Carolina	2,404	632	779	2	6	12,024	0.6	457	-12,450	48	59	12,131
South Dakota	103	9	-67	0	0	510	0.1	-3	-493	17	1	528
Tennessee	1,910	203	-2,407	6	10	12,009	0.4	-117	-20,865	36	38	12,083
Texas	12,518	450	-4,343	51	62	101,390	0.8	6,821	-37,817	837	1,000	103,227
Utah	1,109	167	-51	6	3	5,741	0.4	-8	-909	31	16	5,788
Vermont	201	12	-147	0	0	1,380	0.5	-53	-1,977	0	1	1,381
Virgin Islands	58	-12	-58	1	0	282	0.8	20	-814	2	0	284
Virginia	1,382	-288	-14,580	0	5	9,494	0.3	-802	-28,075	96	94	9,684
Washington	3,875	232	-1,137	5	12	32,628	1.0	674	-44,821	105	236	32,969
West Virginia	566	29	-310	0	1	5,041	0.8	-8	-3,186	28	11	5,080
Wisconsin	2,890	-173	-4,375	6	6	14,908	0.5	-1,176	-20,843	34	10	14,952
Wyoming	181	-37	-113	2	0	1,002	0.4	-42	-432	4	4	1,010
Totals	168,702	16,525	-137,879	375	340	1,278,756	0.9	5,808	-1,231,189	6,216	4,393	1,289,365

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 17, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+6,102	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.
GA	+1,837	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
NY	+1,709	Layoffs in the construction, public administration, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	+1,164	No comment.
CA	+1,130	No comment.
MO	+1,034	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IN	-1,103	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. 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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