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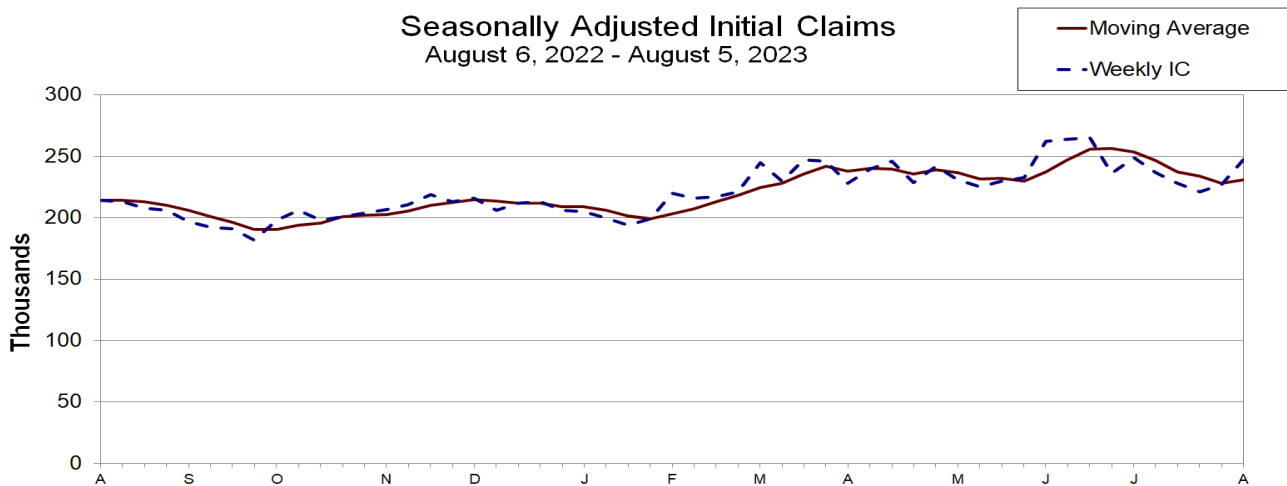
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

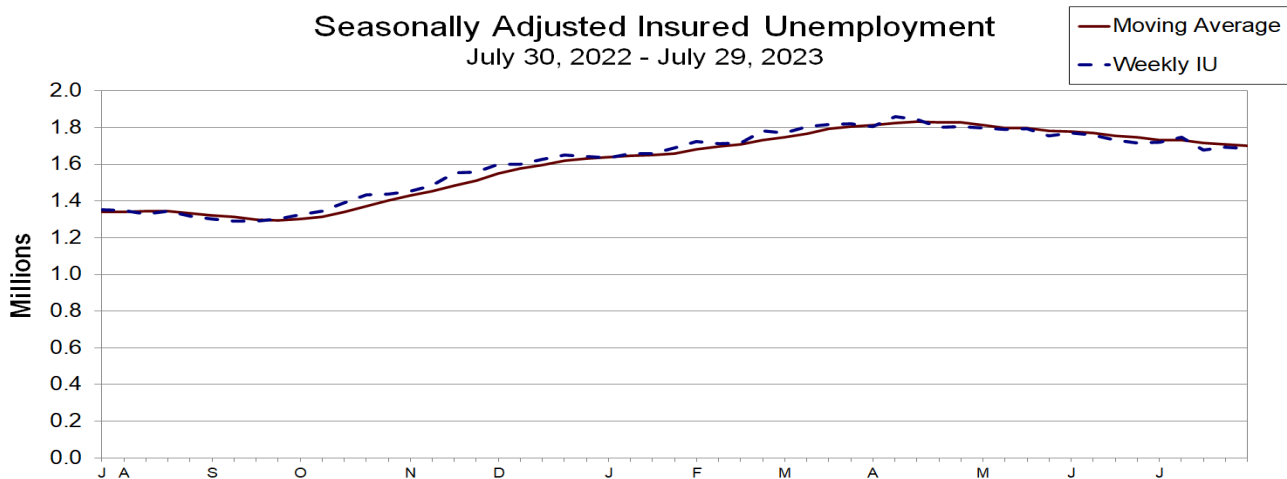
In the week ending August 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 248,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 227,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,000, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 228,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending July 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 29 was 1,684,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,700,000 to 1,692,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,701,000, a decrease of 9,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,712,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 6, 2022 - August 5, 2023



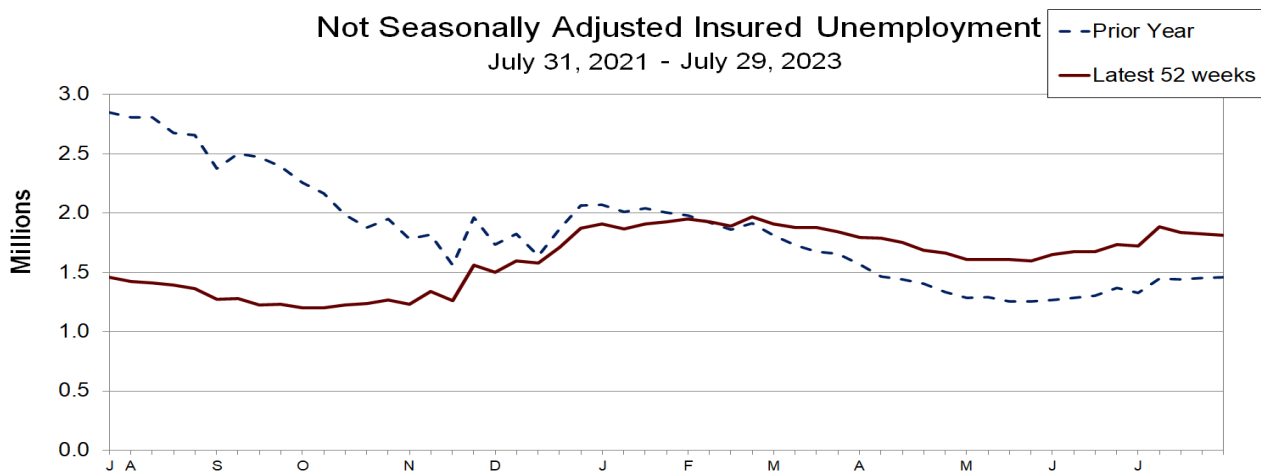
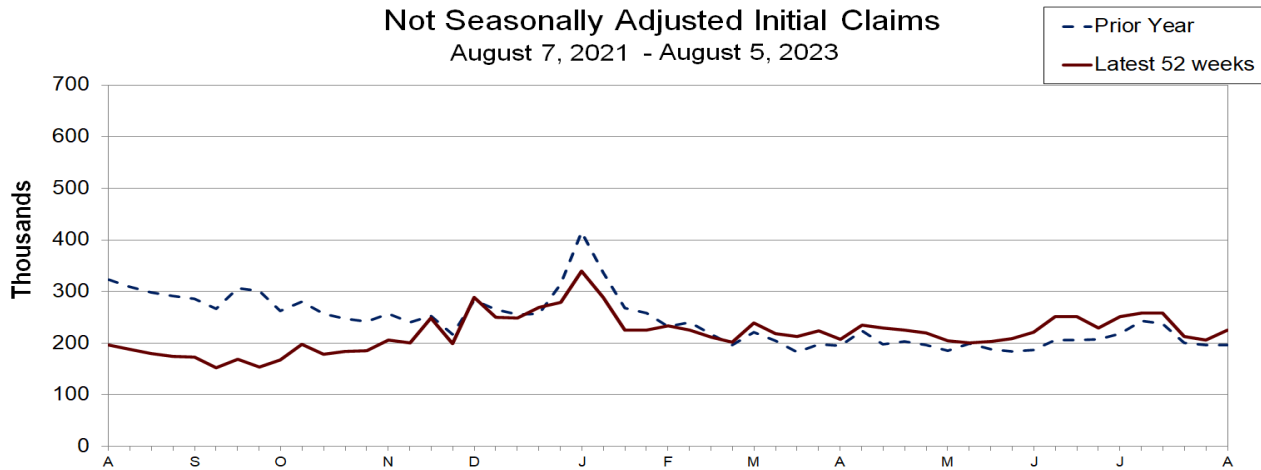
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 30, 2022 - July 29, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 225,581 in the week ending August 5, an increase of 20,032 (or 9.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,363 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 196,308 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 29, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,810,791, a decrease of 16,576 (or -0.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,460 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,457,158.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 22 was 1,852,152, a decrease of 8,484 from the previous week. There were 1,476,365 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 22.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 385 in the week ending July 29, an increase of 14 from the prior week. There were 377 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 1 from the preceding week.

There were 4,910 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 22, an increase of 41 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,016, a decrease of 9 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 22 were in New Jersey (2.6), California (2.3), Puerto Rico (2.2), Rhode Island (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), New York (1.8), Oregon (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), and Minnesota (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 29 were in Missouri (+2,644), New Jersey (+730), Illinois (+723), Florida (+533), and Tennessee (+365), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,108), Ohio (-2,952), Georgia (-1,373), Texas (-1,102), and New York (-1,001).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 5	July 29	Change	July 22	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	248,000	227,000	+21,000	221,000	214,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	225,581	205,549	+20,032	213,497	196,308
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,000	228,250	+2,750	233,750	214,000

WEEK ENDING	July 29	July 22	Change	July 15	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,684,000	1,692,000	-8,000	1,679,000	1,352,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,810,791	1,827,367	-16,576	1,835,613	1,457,158
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,701,000	1,710,250	-9,250	1,716,750	1,340,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 29	July 22	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	385	371	+14	406
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	377	378	-1	379

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

WEEK ENDING	July 22	July 15	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,822,569	1,830,636	-8,067	1,448,798
Federal Employees	4,910	4,869	+41	7,013
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,016	4,025	-9	4,302
Extended Benefits ³	585	628	-43	5,150
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,759	1,650	+109	1,899
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,313	18,828	-515	9,203
TOTAL	1,852,152	1,860,636	-8,484	1,476,365

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 148,060,578 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,855	2,702	153	9,753	10,736	-983
Alaska	662	550	112	3,323	3,355	-32
Arizona	3,813	3,933	-120	29,133	31,200	-2,067
Arkansas	1,354	1,648	-294	10,983	12,070	-1,087
California	43,532	40,619	2,913	403,789	403,956	-167
Colorado	2,792	2,222	570	21,738	20,534	1,204
Connecticut	3,930	2,511	1,419	30,100	30,840	-740
Delaware	302	294	8	5,269	5,033	236
District of Columbia	498	437	61	5,537	5,771	-234
Florida	6,021	6,659	-638	40,835	44,372	-3,537
Georgia	6,323	6,264	59	33,531	34,388	-857
Hawaii	1,114	1,061	53	6,376	6,269	107
Idaho	881	778	103	4,748	5,046	-298
Illinois	8,399	8,284	115	87,648	91,287	-3,639
Indiana	2,741	2,720	21	19,571	19,558	13
Iowa	1,703	1,946	-243	8,470	7,788	682
Kansas	1,249	981	268	5,366	5,779	-413
Kentucky	1,418	1,513	-95	7,832	7,981	-149
Louisiana	1,879	2,034	-155	14,194	15,750	-1,556
Maine	399	399	0	4,270	4,484	-214
Maryland	2,221	2,222	-1	21,825	21,917	-92
Massachusetts	2,481	2,510	-29	68,935	70,133	-1,198
Michigan	5,544	4,714	830	37,437	41,658	-4,221
Minnesota	3,685	3,284	401	48,650	46,710	1,940
Mississippi	1,065	1,112	-47	7,598	8,724	-1,126
Missouri	4,226	5,214	-988	19,258	19,543	-285
Montana	424	414	10	3,718	3,829	-111
Nebraska	598	567	31	4,565	4,535	30
Nevada	2,430	2,359	71	21,476	21,651	-175
New Hampshire	362	380	-18	2,978	3,134	-156
New Jersey	9,897	8,580	1,317	101,013	104,760	-3,747
New Mexico	867	776	91	10,184	10,067	117
New York	14,863	14,034	829	172,140	168,816	3,324
North Carolina	3,677	3,374	303	20,767	21,677	-910
North Dakota	243	195	48	1,720	1,617	103
Ohio	23,852	18,506	5,346	41,962	43,706	-1,744
Oklahoma	1,375	1,340	35	10,146	10,544	-398
Oregon	5,114	4,232	882	35,831	34,737	1,094
Pennsylvania	11,664	10,574	1,090	102,547	101,198	1,349
Puerto Rico	1,806	1,199	607	23,004	20,128	2,876
Rhode Island	768	731	37	9,707	9,691	16
South Carolina	2,215	2,064	151	15,065	15,285	-220
South Dakota	223	142	81	903	953	-50
Tennessee	2,864	2,760	104	16,645	16,845	-200
Texas	16,565	14,396	2,169	144,642	149,606	-4,964
Utah	1,788	1,334	454	9,672	9,804	-132
Vermont	425	402	23	3,090	2,949	141
Virgin Islands	15	21	-6	250	266	-16
Virginia	2,612	2,269	343	14,763	13,727	1,036
Washington	5,305	4,106	1,199	55,041	51,320	3,721
West Virginia	672	745	-73	7,387	6,972	415
Wisconsin	3,661	3,244	417	23,882	23,248	634
Wyoming	209	194	15	1,524	1,420	104
US Total	225,581	205,549	20,032	1,810,791	1,827,367	-16,576

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 30, 2022	218	7	215.75	1,352	2	1,340.00	1.0
August 6, 2022	214	-4	214.00	1,350	-2	1,342.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	248	21	231.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 29					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 22						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
		LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			
Alabama	2,702	57	-454	5	10	10,736	0.5	-384	4,694	27	15	10,778	
Alaska	550	36	-94	2	0	3,355	1.1	71	-185	24	7	3,386	
Arizona	3,933	-373	753	4	2	31,200	1.0	185	7,030	111	39	31,350	
Arkansas	1,648	257	157	2	1	12,070	1.0	-152	2,619	22	8	12,100	
California	40,619	-3,108	942	80	54	403,956	2.3	2,446	89,971	781	824	405,561	
Colorado	2,222	-69	-39	2	2	20,534	0.7	-463	3,316	62	114	20,710	
Connecticut	2,511	-204	-11,272	1	3	30,840	1.9	-3,625	-5,431	25	24	30,889	
Delaware	294	-19	-9	1	2	5,033	1.1	-7	1,308	0	0	5,033	
District of Columbia	437	-35	-11	5	0	5,771	1.0	598	2,462	154	6	5,931	
Florida	6,659	533	519	7	19	44,372	0.5	-756	3,534	63	119	44,554	
Georgia	6,264	-1,373	-1,033	22	18	34,388	0.7	-5,230	1,875	166	78	34,632	
Hawaii	1,061	-20	-210	2	2	6,269	1.1	146	-1	34	53	6,356	
Idaho	778	34	-146	1	1	5,046	0.6	-491	1,071	6	13	5,065	
Illinois	8,284	723	1,920	1	4	91,287	1.6	-366	24,935	290	95	91,672	
Indiana	2,720	-361	-1,316	2	2	19,558	0.6	-1,633	70	49	18	19,625	
Iowa	1,946	250	481	4	3	7,788	0.5	-218	373	20	6	7,814	
Kansas	981	-64	-9	0	0	5,779	0.4	246	1,560	15	12	5,806	
Kentucky	1,513	66	-83	1	0	7,981	0.4	-689	-1,485	35	36	8,052	
Louisiana	2,034	-78	-40	3	3	15,750	0.9	-59	2,655	33	8	15,791	
Maine	399	6	9	0	0	4,484	0.7	-179	1,204	11	4	4,499	
Maryland	2,222	117	-8	10	7	21,917	0.9	283	3,253	111	71	22,099	
Massachusetts	2,510	-416	1,184	7	10	70,133	2.0	635	11,701	84	69	70,286	
Michigan	4,714	-588	-2,074	2	5	41,658	1.0	-903	2,266	52	46	41,756	
Minnesota	3,284	52	961	1	4	46,710	1.7	-29	22,805	51	48	46,809	
Mississippi	1,112	81	-47	2	1	8,724	0.8	-192	1,281	52	10	8,786	
Missouri	5,214	2,644	2,409	6	1	19,543	0.7	51	1,976	59	23	19,625	
Montana	414	43	-71	3	0	3,829	0.8	-54	453	25	9	3,863	
Nebraska	567	-41	-1	1	0	4,535	0.5	-147	1,207	6	3	4,544	
Nevada	2,359	163	169	4	1	21,651	1.5	1,073	6,208	83	52	21,786	
New Hampshire	380	-14	117	1	0	3,134	0.5	-39	822	2	4	3,140	
New Jersey	8,580	730	1,886	20	21	104,760	2.6	1,096	22,358	226	148	105,134	
New Mexico	776	-41	125	4	1	10,067	1.3	103	2,105	66	31	10,164	
New York	14,034	-1,001	623	20	17	168,816	1.8	-296	28,774	365	246	169,427	
North Carolina	3,374	35	-184	1	1	21,677	0.5	220	5,151	49	74	21,800	
North Dakota	195	17	-41	6	1	1,617	0.4	25	140	158	4	1,779	
Ohio	18,506	-2,952	10,885	2	8	43,706	0.8	2,293	10,328	54	49	43,809	
Oklahoma	1,340	-89	-2,138	2	5	10,544	0.7	119	-911	27	23	10,594	
Oregon	4,232	-314	900	11	8	34,737	1.8	-16	13,746	116	51	34,904	
Pennsylvania	10,574	-298	3,843	19	10	101,198	1.8	266	19,550	235	114	101,547	
Puerto Rico	1,199	-753	244	1	1	20,128	2.2	-3,787	2,912	203	86	20,417	
Rhode Island	731	46	-24	2	3	9,691	2.1	-456	1,607	15	13	9,719	
South Carolina	2,064	-241	-99	3	4	15,285	0.7	-132	2,287	40	47	15,372	
South Dakota	142	5	16	8	0	953	0.2	30	164	128	2	1,083	
Tennessee	2,760	365	62	7	5	16,845	0.5	-524	2,169	36	26	16,907	
Texas	14,396	-1,102	279	51	96	149,606	1.1	3,256	40,702	476	893	150,975	
Utah	1,334	-226	107	17	2	9,804	0.6	-4	3,848	26	16	9,846	
Vermont	402	-194	163	0	0	2,949	1.0	282	933	0	0	2,949	
Virgin Islands	21	-36	-18	0	0	266	0.8	42	-98	0	2	268	
Virginia	2,269	-24	-94	21	17	13,727	0.4	13	1,885	78	92	13,897	
Washington	4,106	-3	320	2	18	51,320	1.5	-664	18,387	99	262	51,681	
West Virginia	745	-216	90	1	1	6,972	1.1	-196	2,654	24	8	7,004	
Wisconsin	3,244	89	-207	3	2	23,248	0.8	-77	3,361	33	9	23,290	
Wyoming	194	-44	-9	2	1	1,420	0.5	43	176	3	6	1,429	
Totals	205,549	-7,948	9,433	385	377	1,827,367	1.2	-8,246	375,775	4,910	4,016	1,836,293	

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 JULY 29, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+2,644	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,108	No comment.
OH	-2,952	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and automobile industries.
GA	-1,373	Fewer layoffs in the information, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and trade industries.
TX	-1,102	No comment.
NY	-1,001	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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