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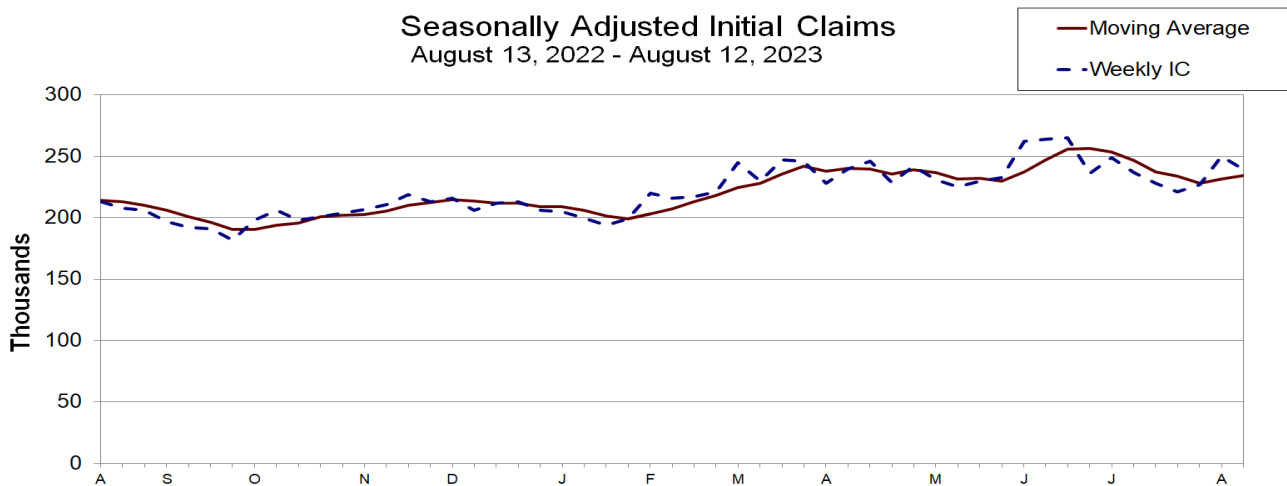
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

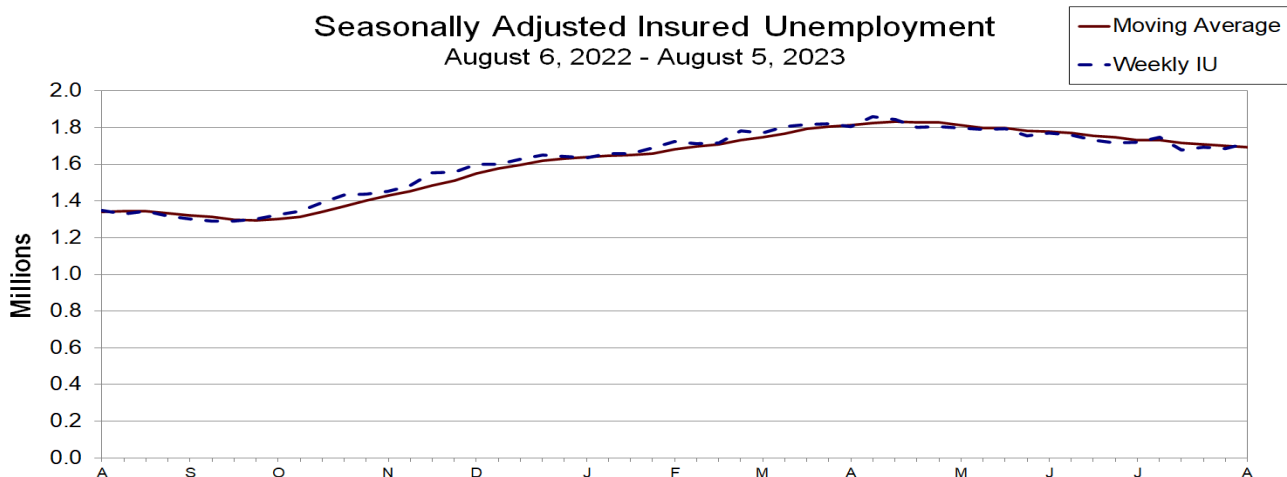
In the week ending August 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 239,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 248,000 to 250,000. The 4-week moving average was 234,250, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 231,000 to 231,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 5, 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 August 5 was 1,716,000, an increase of 32,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,684,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,692,750, a decrease of 8,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,701,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
August 13, 2022 - August 12, 2023



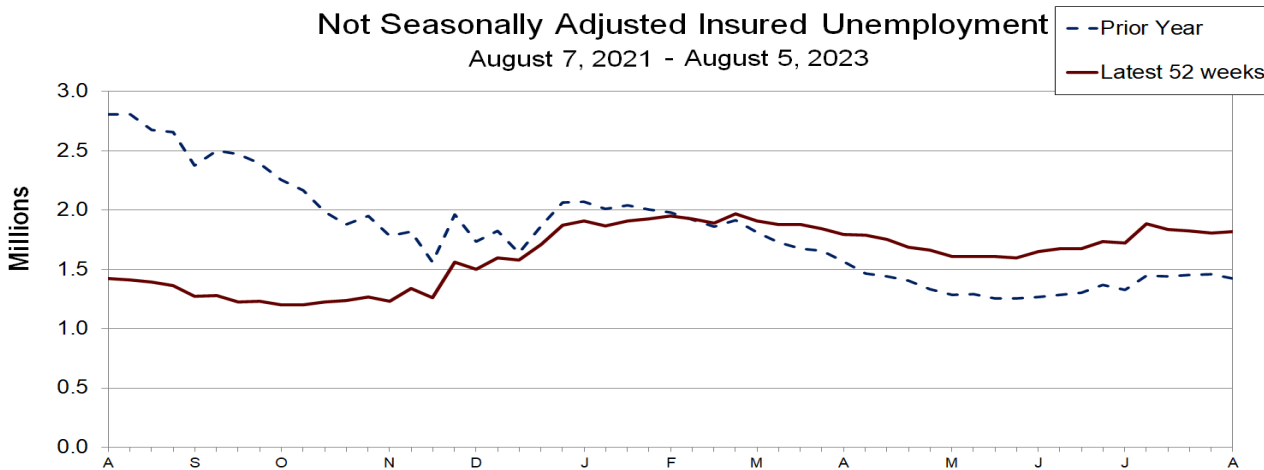
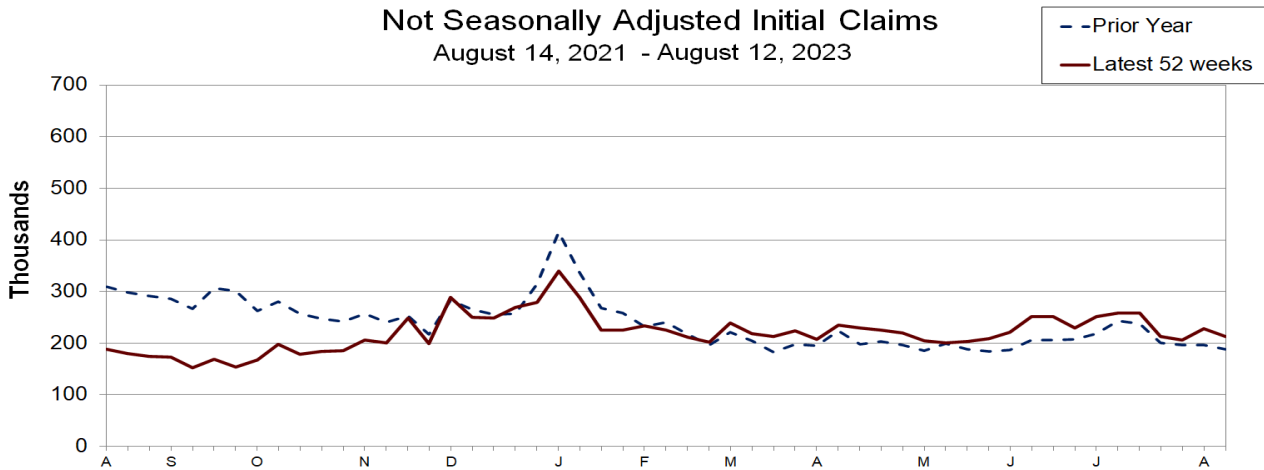
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
August 6, 2022 - August 5, 2023



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 212,850 in the week ending August 12, a decrease of 15,067 (or -6.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,753 (or -2.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 187,391 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 5, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,819,449, an increase of 9,671 (or 0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 25,253 (or -1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,423,854.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 29 was 1,834,497, a decrease of 17,663 from the previous week. There were 1,481,402 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 29.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 377 in the week ending August 5, a decrease of 8 from the prior week. There were 457 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 80 from the preceding week.

There were 5,106 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 29, an increase of 196 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,047, an increase of 31 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 29 were in Puerto Rico (2.6), New Jersey (2.5), California (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), New York (1.9), Oregon (1.9), Pennsylvania (1.8), and Minnesota (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 5 were in Ohio (+5,406), California (+2,363), Texas (+2,237), New Jersey (+1,622), and Connecticut (+1,288), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-781), Florida (-410), Iowa (-335), Arkansas (-198), and Kentucky (-79).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	239,000	250,000	-11,000	227,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	212,850	227,917	-15,067	205,550	187,391
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	234,250	231,500	+2,750	228,250	214,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,716,000	1,684,000	+32,000	1,692,000	1,350,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,819,449	1,809,778	+9,671	1,827,375	1,423,854
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,692,750	1,701,000	-8,250	1,710,250	1,342,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	377	385	-8	404
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	457	377	+80	474

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,804,686	1,822,577	-17,891	1,454,419
Federal Employees	5,106	4,910	+196	7,074
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,047	4,016	+31	4,301
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	605	585	+20	4,676
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	1,771	1,759	+12	1,764
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	18,282	18,313	-31	9,168
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,834,497</b>	<b>1,852,160</b>	<b>-17,663</b>	<b>1,481,402</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 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 12			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,659	2,976	-317	9,598	10,735	-1,137
Alaska	689	579	110	3,301	3,386	-85
Arizona	3,618	3,863	-245	28,848	31,100	-2,252
Arkansas	1,759	1,450	309	10,925	11,488	-563
California	39,463	42,982	-3,519	403,853	395,757	8,096
Colorado	2,461	2,699	-238	21,776	21,472	304
Connecticut	3,584	3,799	-215	30,268	30,918	-650
Delaware	297	317	-20	5,189	5,060	129
District of Columbia	504	479	25	5,737	5,767	-30
Florida	5,545	6,249	-704	39,916	44,119	-4,203
Georgia	5,867	6,530	-663	33,837	34,431	-594
Hawaii	1,796	1,084	712	6,272	6,236	36
Idaho	715	879	-164	4,694	5,020	-326
Illinois	9,158	8,292	866	92,261	86,629	5,632
Indiana	3,200	3,478	-278	20,782	19,459	1,323
Iowa	2,589	1,611	978	7,794	8,374	-580
Kansas	1,162	1,296	-134	5,173	5,130	43
Kentucky	1,369	1,434	-65	7,619	7,755	-136
Louisiana	1,738	2,038	-300	13,918	15,517	-1,599
Maine	376	385	-9	4,348	4,283	65
Maryland	2,101	2,504	-403	22,532	21,543	989
Massachusetts	2,076	2,538	-462	69,361	70,238	-877
Michigan	4,511	5,613	-1,102	38,657	39,383	-726
Minnesota	3,400	3,626	-226	49,757	47,088	2,669
Mississippi	965	1,159	-194	6,922	8,500	-1,578
Missouri	4,340	4,433	-93	20,661	20,473	188
Montana	356	432	-76	3,563	3,775	-212
Nebraska	615	622	-7	4,468	4,642	-174
Nevada	2,294	2,454	-160	20,828	22,098	-1,270
New Hampshire	399	397	2	2,985	3,164	-179
New Jersey	9,106	10,202	-1,096	102,960	100,953	2,007
New Mexico	700	896	-196	10,055	10,211	-156
New York	13,960	14,773	-813	172,505	170,490	2,015
North Carolina	3,515	3,775	-260	21,045	21,693	-648
North Dakota	218	230	-12	1,728	1,643	85
Ohio	23,904	23,912	-8	42,135	42,342	-207
Oklahoma	1,227	1,458	-231	10,067	10,357	-290
Oregon	4,259	5,129	-870	35,742	35,559	183
Pennsylvania	10,600	11,854	-1,254	103,536	103,108	428
Puerto Rico	1,614	1,847	-233	21,697	23,359	-1,662
Rhode Island	844	787	57	9,852	9,521	331
South Carolina	1,741	2,341	-600	14,381	15,477	-1,096
South Dakota	140	232	-92	966	898	68
Tennessee	2,407	2,945	-538	16,190	17,310	-1,120
Texas	14,865	16,633	-1,768	144,569	143,115	1,454
Utah	1,497	1,788	-291	9,910	9,691	219
Vermont	347	430	-83	3,115	2,944	171
Virgin Islands	25	22	3	260	246	14
Virginia	3,575	2,520	1,055	14,768	13,678	1,090
Washington	4,636	5,295	-659	55,155	51,944	3,211
West Virginia	654	784	-130	7,804	6,762	1,042
Wisconsin	3,233	3,636	-403	23,664	23,559	105
Wyoming	177	230	-53	1,502	1,378	124
US Total	212,850	227,917	-15,067	1,819,449	1,809,778	9,671

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	
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	250	23	231.50	1,716	32	1,692.75	1.2
August 12, 2023	239	-11	234.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
AUGUST 5

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JULY 29

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2,976	274	-175	7	6	10,735	0.5	-1	4,683	30	19	10,784
Alaska	579	29	-187	2	0	3,386	1.1	31	-174	23	7	3,416
Arizona	3,863	-70	597	2	1	31,100	1.0	-100	6,774	98	45	31,243
Arkansas	1,450	-198	-93	1	1	11,488	0.9	-582	2,259	36	21	11,545
California	42,982	2,363	546	85	86	395,757	2.2	-8,199	75,208	834	889	397,480
Colorado	2,699	477	296	2	8	21,472	0.8	938	4,015	47	86	21,605
Connecticut	3,799	1,288	-2,643	3	1	30,918	1.9	78	-6,714	30	26	30,974
Delaware	317	23	-285	1	0	5,060	1.1	27	1,332	9	14	5,083
District of Columbia	479	42	-23	8	2	5,767	1.0	-4	2,345	125	5	5,897
Florida	6,249	-410	251	14	37	44,119	0.5	-253	2,729	107	97	44,323
Georgia	6,530	266	-245	30	21	34,431	0.7	43	2,120	138	74	34,643
Hawaii	1,084	22	-100	2	10	6,236	1.1	-41	-12	31	56	6,323
Idaho	879	101	-26	0	1	5,020	0.6	-26	988	10	14	5,044
Illinois	8,292	8	1,354	4	5	86,629	1.5	-4,658	20,470	237	115	86,981
Indiana	3,478	758	-1,140	7	3	19,459	0.6	-99	1,756	76	34	19,569
Iowa	1,611	-335	19	1	0	8,374	0.6	586	871	18	7	8,399
Kansas	1,296	315	309	1	0	5,130	0.4	-649	686	19	9	5,158
Kentucky	1,434	-79	-351	0	1	7,755	0.4	-226	-1,176	10	30	7,795
Louisiana	2,038	4	-92	1	2	15,517	0.9	-233	2,633	31	7	15,555
Maine	385	-14	-57	0	1	4,283	0.7	-201	922	11	5	4,299
Maryland	2,504	282	458	12	9	21,543	0.9	-374	2,367	122	57	21,722
Massachusetts	2,538	28	1,095	6	10	70,238	2.0	105	15,122	86	83	70,407
Michigan	5,613	899	-100	5	10	39,383	0.9	-2,275	4,407	89	44	39,516
Minnesota	3,626	342	1,189	1	2	47,088	1.7	378	23,259	34	54	47,176
Mississippi	1,159	47	-72	0	0	8,500	0.8	-224	1,375	52	9	8,561
Missouri	4,433	-781	1,729	6	1	20,473	0.7	930	3,032	63	22	20,558
Montana	432	18	-12	3	2	3,775	0.8	-54	389	27	8	3,810
Nebraska	622	55	-3	1	0	4,642	0.5	107	1,104	10	4	4,656
Nevada	2,454	95	272	1	1	22,098	1.5	447	6,183	51	57	22,206
New Hampshire	397	17	-18	1	2	3,164	0.5	30	762	1	3	3,168
New Jersey	10,202	1,622	2,543	22	23	100,953	2.5	-3,807	19,599	257	166	101,376
New Mexico	896	120	261	2	2	10,211	1.3	144	2,383	61	25	10,297
New York	14,773	739	1,266	16	23	170,490	1.9	1,674	30,625	390	227	171,107
North Carolina	3,775	401	28	3	1	21,693	0.5	16	5,541	54	69	21,816
North Dakota	230	35	22	4	1	1,643	0.4	26	167	173	4	1,820
Ohio	23,912	5,406	16,005	1	10	42,342	0.8	-1,364	8,760	63	47	42,452
Oklahoma	1,458	118	-1,099	7	7	10,357	0.7	-187	-904	29	23	10,409
Oregon	5,129	897	1,698	15	6	35,559	1.9	822	14,543	146	44	35,749
Pennsylvania	11,854	1,280	4,651	26	12	103,108	1.8	1,910	16,809	259	108	103,475
Puerto Rico	1,847	648	411	6	2	23,359	2.6	3,231	3,943	250	68	23,677
Rhode Island	787	56	-73	0	2	9,521	2.0	-170	1,243	15	13	9,549
South Carolina	2,341	277	-501	2	7	15,477	0.7	192	1,877	42	49	15,568
South Dakota	232	90	92	4	0	898	0.2	-55	109	126	1	1,025
Tennessee	2,945	185	160	1	9	17,310	0.5	465	3,016	43	30	17,383
Texas	16,633	2,237	1,793	39	81	143,115	1.1	-6,491	37,316	461	867	144,443
Utah	1,788	454	525	7	2	9,691	0.6	-113	3,772	31	16	9,738
Vermont	430	28	200	0	0	2,944	1.0	-5	850	0	0	2,944
Virgin Islands	22	1	-11	0	0	246	0.7	-20	-74	4	2	252
Virginia	2,520	251	-59	5	15	13,678	0.4	-49	1,202	87	96	13,861
Washington	5,295	1,189	1,236	2	26	51,944	1.5	624	19,052	79	267	52,290
West Virginia	784	39	-18	2	1	6,762	1.0	-210	-281	28	8	6,798
Wisconsin	3,636	392	-22	6	4	23,559	0.8	311	3,233	50	9	23,618
Wyoming	230	36	8	0	0	1,378	0.5	-42	124	3	7	1,388
Totals	227,917	22,367	31,609	377	457	1,809,778	1.2	-17,597	352,620	5,106	4,047	1,818,931

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 AUGUST 5, 2023**

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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>
OH	+5,406	Layoffs in the manufacturing and automobile industries.
CA	+2,363	No comment.
TX	+2,237	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation, and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
NJ	+1,622	No comment.
CT	+1,288	No comment.
PA	+1,280	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and manufacturing industries.
WA	+1,189	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		



## 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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