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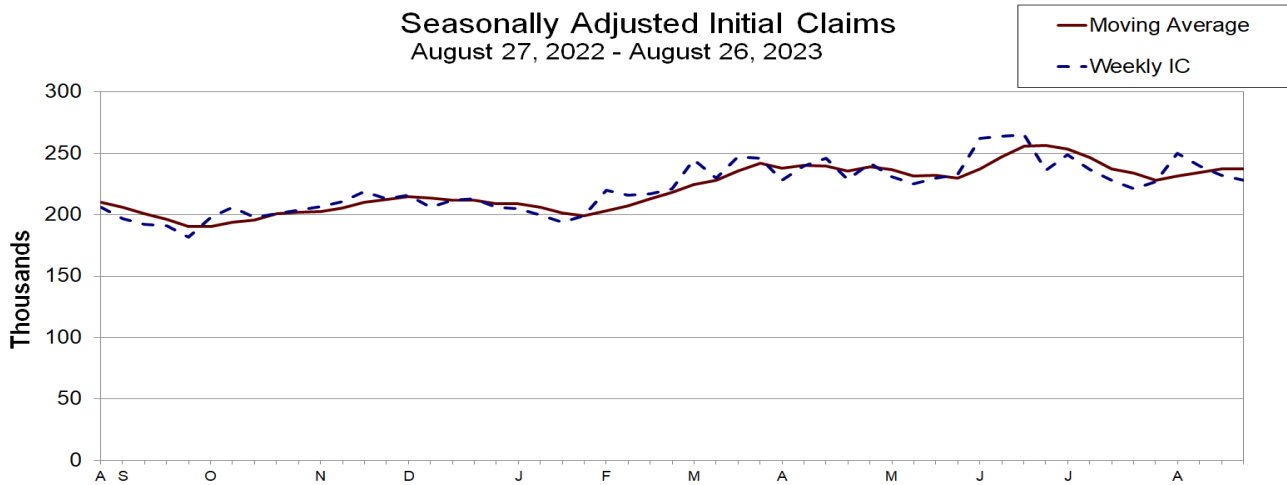
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

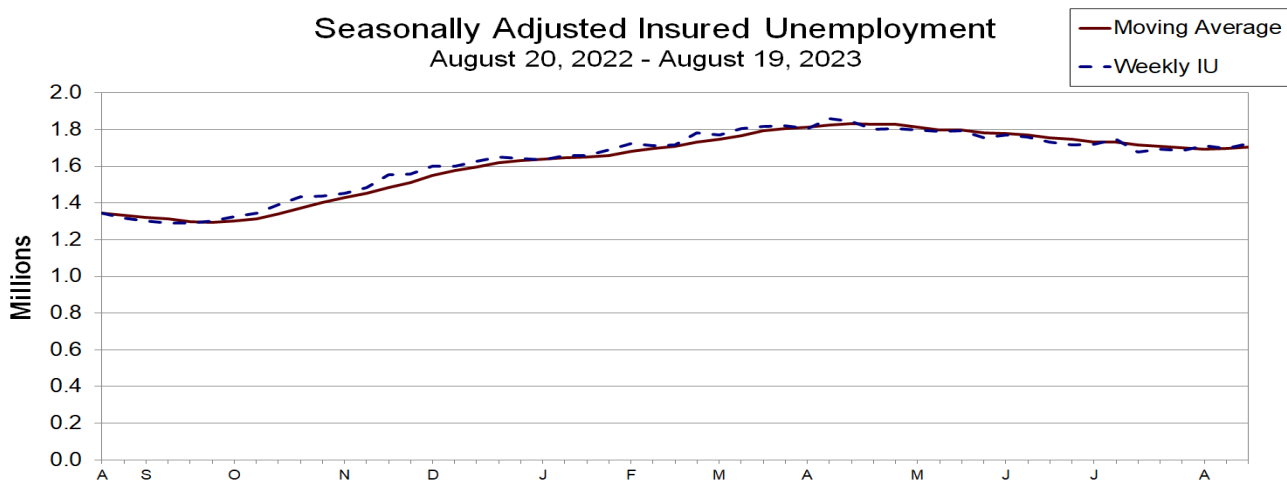
In the week ending August 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 228,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 230,000 to 232,000. The 4-week moving average was 237,500, an increase of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 236,750 to 237,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 19, 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 19 was 1,725,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,702,000 to 1,697,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,704,250, an increase of 8,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,697,250 to 1,696,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 27, 2022 - August 26, 2023



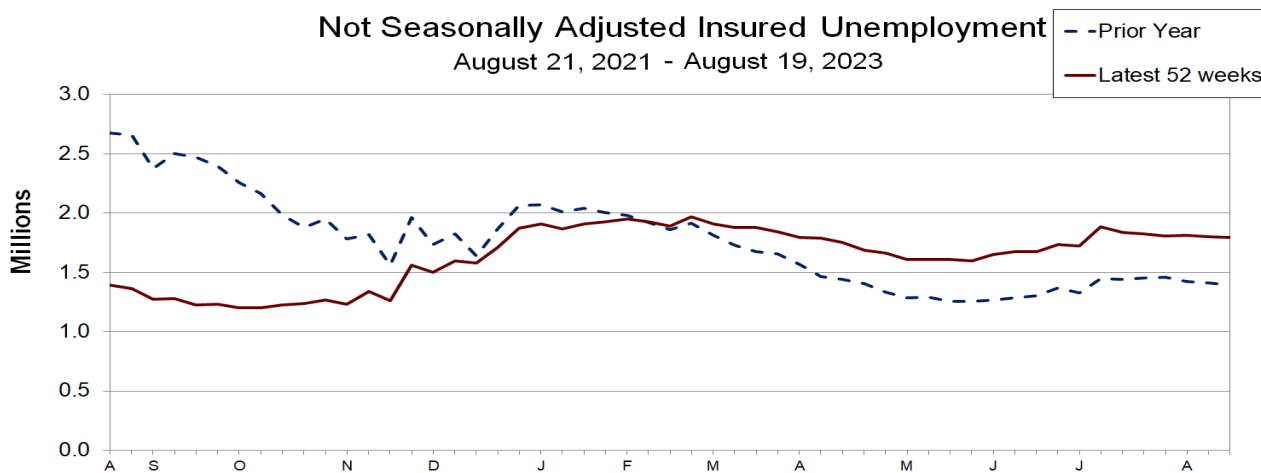
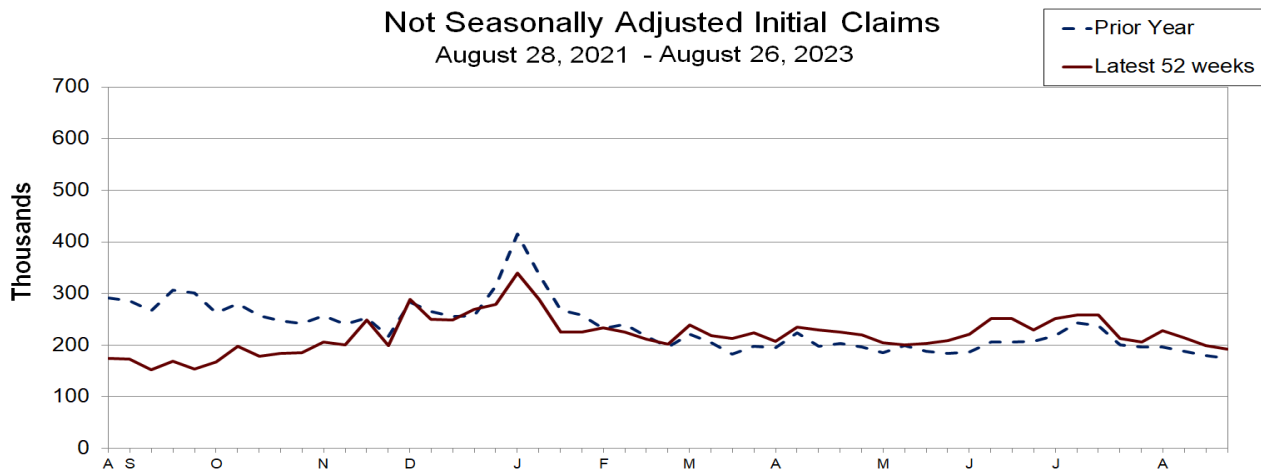
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 20, 2022 - August 19, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 192,467 in the week ending August 26, a decrease of 6,970 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,938 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 173,867 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 19, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,795,415, a decrease of 6,578 (or -0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 35,633 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,390,837.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 12 was 1,827,732, a decrease of 11,433 from the previous week. There were 1,438,098 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 August 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 343 in the week ending August 19, a decrease of 5 from the prior week. There were 379 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 23 from the preceding week.

There were 4,831 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 12, a decrease of 81 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,154, an increase of 98 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 12 were in New Jersey (2.5), California (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), New York (1.9), Connecticut (1.8), Oregon (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), and Minnesota (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 19 were in Hawaii (+3,553), South Carolina (+113), Vermont (+105), New Mexico (+62), and Idaho (+51), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-5,905), Illinois (-1,266), New Jersey (-1,182), Virginia (-1,149), and California (-1,083).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 26	August 19	Change	August 12	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	228,000	232,000	-4,000	240,000	206,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	192,467	199,437	-6,970	213,803	173,867
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	237,500	237,250	+250	234,500	210,250

WEEK ENDING	August 19	August 12	Change	August 5	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,725,000	1,697,000	+28,000	1,711,000	1,343,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,795,415	1,801,993	-6,578	1,814,134	1,390,837
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,704,250	1,696,000	+8,250	1,691,500	1,343,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.2%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 19	August 12	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	343	348	-5	376
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	379	356	+23	381

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

WEEK ENDING	August 12	August 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,796,370	1,808,328	-11,958	1,411,488
Federal Employees	4,831	4,912	-81	6,657
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,154	4,056	+98	4,370
Extended Benefits ³	615	636	-21	4,244
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,763	1,860	-97	1,655
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,999	19,373	+626	9,684
TOTAL	1,827,732	1,839,165	-11,433	1,438,098

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 26			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,472	2,392	80	8,816	10,017	-1,201
Alaska	623	575	48	3,075	3,293	-218
Arizona	3,464	3,627	-163	28,164	30,683	-2,519
Arkansas	1,293	1,322	-29	9,692	11,217	-1,525
California	38,305	37,940	365	397,724	394,630	3,094
Colorado	2,278	2,349	-71	22,038	21,826	212
Connecticut	2,913	3,298	-385	30,855	29,511	1,344
Delaware	230	332	-102	5,216	5,086	130
District of Columbia	429	450	-21	5,767	5,843	-76
Florida	5,149	5,711	-562	39,382	44,008	-4,626
Georgia	4,807	5,324	-517	33,154	33,935	-781
Hawaii	3,996	5,301	-1,305	12,011	7,167	4,844
Idaho	784	776	8	4,076	4,700	-624
Illinois	7,504	7,795	-291	93,015	89,027	3,988
Indiana	2,599	2,731	-132	20,241	20,384	-143
Iowa	1,742	1,671	71	7,611	8,682	-1,071
Kansas	822	941	-119	4,821	4,999	-178
Kentucky	1,323	1,226	97	6,830	7,224	-394
Louisiana	1,687	1,877	-190	12,856	14,849	-1,993
Maine	372	416	-44	4,046	4,211	-165
Maryland	1,864	2,307	-443	23,610	23,219	391
Massachusetts	2,175	2,144	31	69,013	68,855	158
Michigan	5,005	4,222	783	37,215	38,021	-806
Minnesota	2,896	3,092	-196	48,613	48,163	450
Mississippi	921	1,038	-117	6,305	7,364	-1,059
Missouri	2,535	4,247	-1,712	20,319	21,550	-1,231
Montana	387	352	35	3,357	3,668	-311
Nebraska	563	603	-40	3,809	4,271	-462
Nevada	2,374	2,204	170	20,485	21,008	-523
New Hampshire	312	508	-196	3,113	3,299	-186
New Jersey	7,813	8,076	-263	104,964	103,057	1,907
New Mexico	662	772	-110	9,766	9,704	62
New York	17,266	13,589	3,677	176,700	171,500	5,200
North Carolina	3,095	3,309	-214	20,605	21,890	-1,285
North Dakota	168	171	-3	1,473	1,547	-74
Ohio	13,312	18,007	-4,695	37,694	42,106	-4,412
Oklahoma	1,386	1,158	228	9,460	9,785	-325
Oregon	4,792	3,884	908	34,305	33,979	326
Pennsylvania	9,512	9,955	-443	101,789	103,362	-1,573
Puerto Rico	1,190	1,410	-220	18,314	19,818	-1,504
Rhode Island	745	693	52	9,955	9,632	323
South Carolina	1,749	1,955	-206	13,579	14,615	-1,036
South Dakota	114	118	-4	891	967	-76
Tennessee	2,207	2,396	-189	14,782	15,857	-1,075
Texas	14,135	14,864	-729	143,349	143,935	-586
Utah	1,430	1,529	-99	9,827	9,912	-85
Vermont	255	457	-202	2,879	2,948	-69
Virgin Islands	44	44	0	276	274	2
Virginia	2,907	2,311	596	14,278	13,715	563
Washington	4,096	4,327	-231	54,416	51,693	2,723
West Virginia	670	601	69	7,024	6,664	360
Wisconsin	2,890	2,823	67	22,458	23,054	-596
Wyoming	205	217	-12	1,402	1,269	133
US Total	192,467	199,437	-6,970	1,795,415	1,801,993	-6,578

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 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	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,725	28	1,704.25	1.2
August 26, 2023	228	-4	237.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 19

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 12

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,392	-371	-137	7	5	10,017	0.5	-439	4,958	25	20	10,062
Alaska	575	-49	-105	3	1	3,293	1.1	-60	-90	24	8	3,325
Arizona	3,627	-64	720	1	0	30,683	1.0	-182	6,823	73	42	30,798
Arkansas	1,322	-516	-651	2	1	11,217	0.9	-62	2,704	41	15	11,273
California	37,940	-1,083	819	73	61	394,630	2.2	-1,113	85,410	749	948	396,327
Colorado	2,349	-79	235	2	6	21,826	0.8	245	4,443	53	104	21,983
Connecticut	3,298	-169	-3,700	1	0	29,511	1.8	263	-404	38	36	29,585
Delaware	332	28	65	1	1	5,086	1.1	175	1,191	9	8	5,103
District of Columbia	450	-52	145	7	1	5,843	1.1	-117	2,522	114	11	5,968
Florida	5,711	-43	-98	12	29	44,008	0.5	846	3,479	102	116	44,226
Georgia	5,324	-745	-609	23	25	33,935	0.7	-929	540	138	70	34,143
Hawaii	5,301	3,553	4,370	0	3	7,167	1.2	1,004	1,437	34	53	7,254
Idaho	776	51	65	0	0	4,700	0.6	-188	909	9	11	4,720
Illinois	7,795	-1,266	911	5	4	89,027	1.5	-2,075	24,003	231	130	89,388
Indiana	2,731	-485	-1,315	3	1	20,384	0.7	-325	1,690	57	22	20,463
Iowa	1,671	-800	402	1	4	8,682	0.6	890	1,583	17	7	8,706
Kansas	941	-170	-222	0	0	4,999	0.4	-20	944	17	11	5,027
Kentucky	1,226	-66	-242	0	0	7,224	0.4	-283	-1,486	20	20	7,264
Louisiana	1,877	-20	78	2	5	14,849	0.8	-319	2,828	37	9	14,895
Maine	416	33	44	1	0	4,211	0.7	-152	872	15	6	4,232
Maryland	2,307	-34	398	14	5	23,219	0.9	994	4,498	132	64	23,415
Massachusetts	2,144	15	992	4	12	68,855	2.0	-956	17,535	87	73	69,015
Michigan	4,222	-262	-1,095	7	4	38,021	0.9	-1,964	5,583	69	34	38,124
Minnesota	3,092	-207	601	4	1	48,163	1.7	-284	24,568	39	53	48,255
Mississippi	1,038	-49	-102	1	0	7,364	0.7	-365	1,622	54	12	7,430
Missouri	4,247	-233	765	2	5	21,550	0.8	545	5,012	71	23	21,644
Montana	352	-24	-76	0	1	3,668	0.8	50	489	25	8	3,701
Nebraska	603	-35	95	1	2	4,271	0.4	-293	1,135	8	5	4,284
Nevada	2,204	-80	122	3	1	21,008	1.4	-543	5,449	43	59	21,110
New Hampshire	508	29	174	1	0	3,299	0.5	159	722	0	4	3,303
New Jersey	8,076	-1,182	2,010	13	9	103,057	2.5	199	19,054	250	183	103,490
New Mexico	772	62	221	0	1	9,704	1.2	-299	2,296	61	30	9,795
New York	13,589	-221	-128	20	13	171,500	1.9	652	31,494	363	211	172,074
North Carolina	3,309	-314	35	1	1	21,890	0.5	164	5,088	53	67	22,010
North Dakota	171	-27	33	3	0	1,547	0.4	-82	209	153	6	1,706
Ohio	18,007	-5,905	11,691	3	12	42,106	0.8	-500	10,711	50	59	42,215
Oklahoma	1,158	-202	-1,644	3	5	9,785	0.6	-521	-1,066	20	32	9,837
Oregon	3,884	-386	708	15	6	33,979	1.8	-1,653	12,420	134	46	34,159
Pennsylvania	9,955	-744	3,654	14	10	103,362	1.8	-794	17,646	237	102	103,701
Puerto Rico	1,410	-244	312	4	3	19,818	2.2	-2,280	2,916	242	72	20,132
Rhode Island	693	-136	-47	1	0	9,632	2.0	-124	1,559	16	12	9,660
South Carolina	1,955	113	98	4	5	14,615	0.7	-187	2,216	34	42	14,691
South Dakota	118	-39	18	1	1	967	0.2	4	294	93	1	1,061
Tennessee	2,396	-83	208	6	8	15,857	0.5	-905	3,149	48	33	15,938
Texas	14,864	-128	636	51	77	143,935	1.1	991	39,982	489	856	145,280
Utah	1,529	32	426	3	2	9,912	0.6	-22	3,955	27	20	9,959
Vermont	457	105	16	0	0	2,948	1.0	-73	920	0	0	2,948
Virgin Islands	44	7	-15	0	0	274	0.8	30	-104	0	2	276
Virginia	2,311	-1,149	-503	11	23	13,715	0.4	5	1,172	81	102	13,898
Washington	4,327	-309	451	2	22	51,693	1.5	-472	18,351	79	274	52,046
West Virginia	601	-89	-370	1	1	6,664	1.0	-329	943	30	8	6,702
Wisconsin	2,823	-366	-220	5	2	23,054	0.8	-372	3,462	37	6	23,097
Wyoming	217	32	-22	1	0	1,269	0.5	-75	40	3	8	1,280
Totals	199,437	-14,366	20,217	343	379	1,801,993	1.2	-12,141	387,676	4,831	4,154	1,810,978

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 19, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
HI	+3,553	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-5,905	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IL	-1,266	No comment.
NJ	-1,182	No comment.
VA	-1,149	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	-1,083	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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