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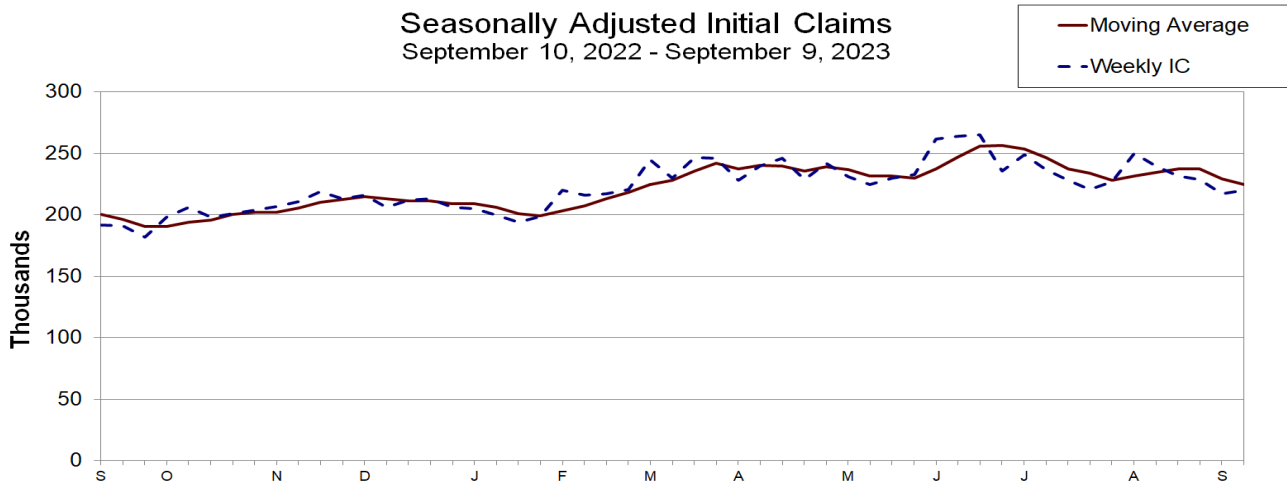
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

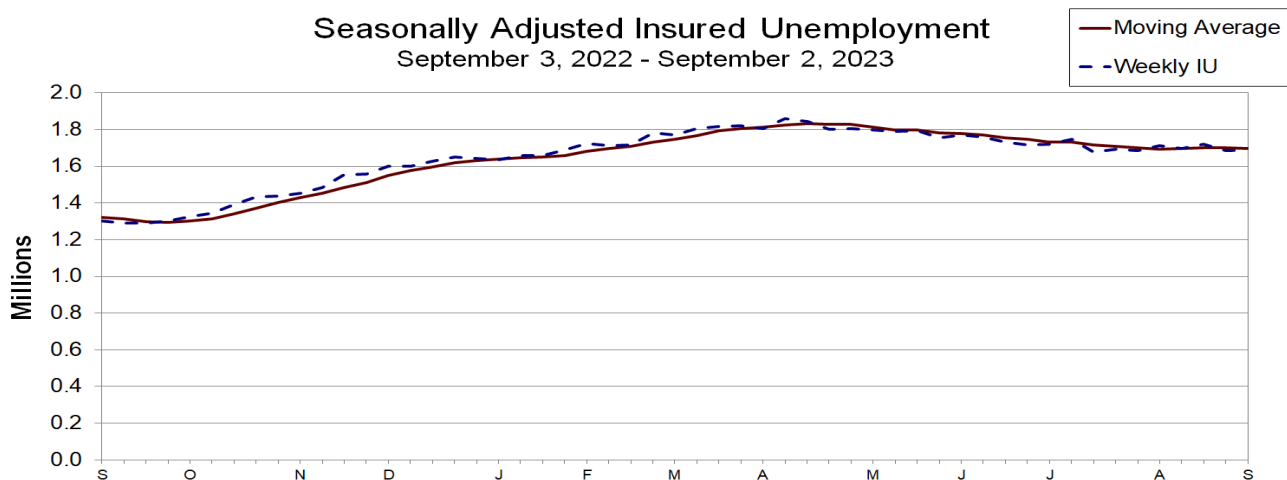
In the week ending September 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 220,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 216,000 to 217,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,500, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 229,250 to 229,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending September 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 2 was 1,688,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,679,000 to 1,684,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,697,000, a decrease of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,701,500 to 1,702,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
September 10, 2022 - September 9, 2023



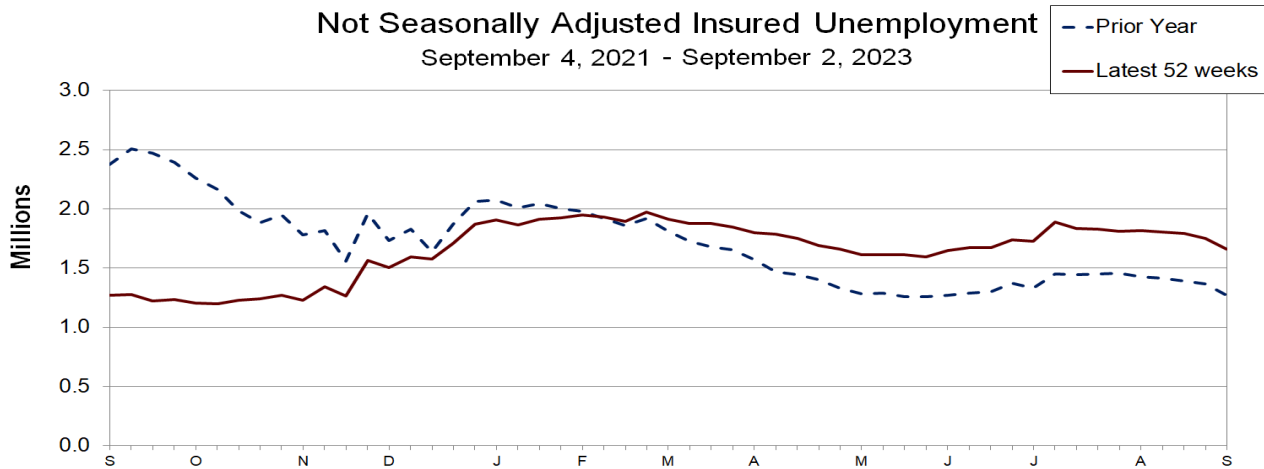
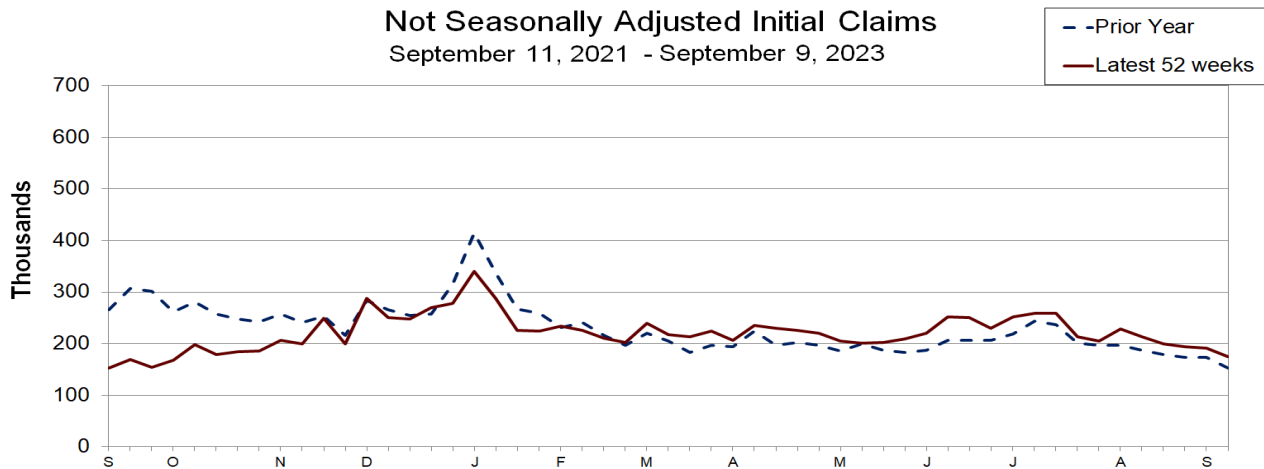
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
September 3, 2022 - September 2, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 174,499 in the week ending September 9, a decrease of 16,854 (or -8.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,114 (or -10.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 152,144 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 2, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,660,815, a decrease of 86,918 (or -5.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 90,923 (or -5.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,273,057.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 26 was 1,772,148, a decrease of 42,569 from the previous week. There were 1,389,366 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 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 314 in the week ending September 2, a decrease of 57 from the prior week. There were 354 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 20 from the preceding week.

There were 4,552 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 26, an increase of 83 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,937, a decrease of 215 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 26 were in New Jersey (2.6), Hawaii (2.3), California (2.2), Rhode Island (2.1), Connecticut (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), New York (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Oregon (1.7), Minnesota (1.6), and Pennsylvania (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 2 were in Missouri (+3,215), Indiana (+693), California (+556), Connecticut (+465), and Washington (+446), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-2,759), New York (-2,228), Oregon (-804), Florida (-581), and Michigan (-532).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 9	September 2	Change	August 26	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	220,000	217,000	+3,000	229,000	192,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	174,499	191,353	-16,854	193,441	152,144
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,500	229,500	-5,000	237,750	200,750

WEEK ENDING	September 2	August 26	Change	August 19	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,688,000	1,684,000	+4,000	1,719,000	1,302,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,660,815	1,747,733	-86,918	1,789,881	1,273,057
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,697,000	1,702,750	-5,750	1,702,750	1,322,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 2	August 26	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	314	371	-57	330
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	354	374	-20	417

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

WEEK ENDING	August 26	August 19	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,742,542	1,784,513	-41,971	1,362,900
Federal Employees	4,552	4,469	+83	6,293
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,937	4,152	-215	4,497
Extended Benefits ³	522	434	+88	3,798
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,854	1,801	+53	1,919
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,741	19,348	-607	9,959
TOTAL	1,772,148	1,814,717	-42,569	1,389,366

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 September 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,037	2,170	-133	8,426	9,650	-1,224
Alaska	661	562	99	3,083	3,095	-12
Arizona	2,969	3,377	-408	26,961	29,801	-2,840
Arkansas	1,265	1,304	-39	9,240	9,912	-672
California	36,990	38,418	-1,428	367,815	383,328	-15,513
Colorado	2,330	2,385	-55	21,812	21,551	261
Connecticut	2,938	3,299	-361	23,751	30,783	-7,032
Delaware	227	273	-46	4,706	5,003	-297
District of Columbia	376	401	-25	5,324	6,160	-836
Florida	5,418	4,812	606	38,348	40,716	-2,368
Georgia	4,567	4,841	-274	32,061	32,799	-738
Hawaii	2,537	3,516	-979	13,919	13,394	525
Idaho	810	747	63	3,858	4,156	-298
Illinois	7,637	7,521	116	82,392	85,116	-2,724
Indiana	5,999	3,296	2,703	23,182	19,395	3,787
Iowa	2,108	1,846	262	6,941	6,961	-20
Kansas	919	967	-48	4,653	4,548	105
Kentucky	1,610	1,289	321	6,446	6,814	-368
Louisiana	1,240	1,423	-183	12,024	13,657	-1,633
Maine	362	380	-18	3,631	3,870	-239
Maryland	1,687	2,134	-447	20,348	22,960	-2,612
Massachusetts	2,182	2,564	-382	60,653	68,174	-7,521
Michigan	4,350	4,412	-62	35,583	36,891	-1,308
Minnesota	2,922	2,964	-42	41,574	45,099	-3,525
Mississippi	705	974	-269	5,700	6,826	-1,126
Missouri	2,577	5,879	-3,302	17,495	17,261	234
Montana	384	402	-18	2,845	3,209	-364
Nebraska	808	559	249	3,645	3,728	-83
Nevada	2,123	2,258	-135	20,391	21,254	-863
New Hampshire	215	334	-119	2,513	3,289	-776
New Jersey	7,318	7,822	-504	100,630	105,306	-4,676
New Mexico	580	726	-146	9,539	9,732	-193
New York	11,983	14,942	-2,959	172,111	176,249	-4,138
North Carolina	2,897	3,459	-562	19,738	21,150	-1,412
North Dakota	167	165	2	1,234	1,225	9
Ohio	7,089	10,616	-3,527	34,552	36,409	-1,857
Oklahoma	1,199	1,315	-116	9,319	9,509	-190
Oregon	3,470	3,970	-500	30,438	32,736	-2,298
Pennsylvania	8,820	9,659	-839	83,579	94,496	-10,917
Puerto Rico	1,400	1,421	-21	16,579	17,252	-673
Rhode Island	484	711	-227	8,767	9,879	-1,112
South Carolina	1,601	1,956	-355	13,063	13,449	-386
South Dakota	114	131	-17	710	805	-95
Tennessee	2,100	2,451	-351	14,692	15,248	-556
Texas	12,415	13,858	-1,443	130,115	139,387	-9,272
Utah	1,296	1,553	-257	9,709	9,773	-64
Vermont	144	211	-67	2,144	2,509	-365
Virgin Islands	66	65	1	316	244	72
Virginia	1,949	2,568	-619	14,051	13,092	959
Washington	4,646	4,527	119	52,445	51,448	997
West Virginia	549	681	-132	6,479	5,865	614
Wisconsin	3,075	3,019	56	19,842	21,313	-1,471
Wyoming	184	220	-36	1,443	1,257	186
US Total	174,499	191,353	-16,854	1,660,815	1,747,733	-86,918

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	
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	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,688	4	1,697.00	1.1
September 9, 2023	220	3	224.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 2

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 26

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	2,170	-410	-124	11	7	9,650	0.5	37	5,029	24	15	9,689
Alaska	562	17	-90	5	0	3,095	1.0	-41	-212	30	8	3,133
Arizona	3,377	-127	472	3	0	29,801	1.0	-359	6,680	52	38	29,891
Arkansas	1,304	-72	-51	0	2	9,912	0.8	-191	2,257	22	7	9,941
California	38,418	556	1,860	98	61	383,328	2.2	-6,379	77,177	797	825	384,950
Colorado	2,385	142	338	4	4	21,551	0.8	-204	5,224	52	100	21,703
Connecticut	3,299	465	221	1	4	30,783	1.9	853	4,600	29	37	30,849
Delaware	273	34	41	2	0	5,003	1.1	61	1,408	7	9	5,019
District of Columbia	401	-11	89	5	0	6,160	1.1	279	3,069	141	7	6,308
Florida	4,812	-581	-660	10	29	40,716	0.4	-1,889	1,118	73	104	40,893
Georgia	4,841	-158	-562	19	21	32,799	0.7	-1,228	1,077	156	76	33,031
Hawaii	3,516	-372	2,419	4	9	13,394	2.3	1,681	7,659	41	62	13,497
Idaho	747	-55	8	1	0	4,156	0.5	-110	1,048	7	10	4,173
Illinois	7,521	59	841	7	7	85,116	1.5	-6,648	25,513	232	111	85,459
Indiana	3,296	693	-637	1	5	19,395	0.6	-1,003	-5,038	46	19	19,460
Iowa	1,846	225	789	1	0	6,961	0.5	-629	1,173	12	7	6,980
Kansas	967	139	-215	1	0	4,548	0.3	-100	701	22	16	4,586
Kentucky	1,289	-32	-995	0	0	6,814	0.4	59	-1,310	24	23	6,861
Louisiana	1,423	-407	-302	2	3	13,657	0.8	-363	2,068	27	7	13,691
Maine	380	13	57	0	2	3,870	0.6	-195	837	12	8	3,890
Maryland	2,134	-2	285	8	5	22,960	0.9	-373	4,176	128	70	23,158
Massachusetts	2,564	346	1,343	2	5	68,174	1.9	-1,249	17,115	92	79	68,345
Michigan	4,412	-532	28	1	1	36,891	0.9	-1,765	6,542	61	48	37,000
Minnesota	2,964	82	628	1	1	45,099	1.6	-2,013	22,388	32	45	45,176
Mississippi	974	-30	105	1	1	6,826	0.6	-361	1,272	65	9	6,900
Missouri	5,879	3,215	3,696	4	6	17,261	0.6	-3,570	4,162	60	20	17,341
Montana	402	-8	-37	3	0	3,209	0.7	-238	392	20	8	3,237
Nebraska	559	-2	71	1	1	3,728	0.4	-187	1,082	2	5	3,735
Nevada	2,258	-117	164	2	1	21,254	1.5	241	5,633	42	57	21,353
New Hampshire	334	-68	91	0	2	3,289	0.5	-47	829	0	1	3,290
New Jersey	7,822	-139	1,367	10	9	105,306	2.6	394	20,099	226	149	105,681
New Mexico	726	43	94	2	0	9,732	1.2	-35	2,529	49	23	9,804
New York	14,942	-2,228	257	18	8	176,249	1.9	1,158	29,723	371	220	176,840
North Carolina	3,459	294	386	3	0	21,150	0.5	-292	4,697	50	75	21,275
North Dakota	165	11	39	2	0	1,225	0.3	-145	223	48	4	1,277
Ohio	10,616	-2,759	3,932	2	10	36,409	0.7	-1,638	8,408	40	52	36,501
Oklahoma	1,315	-127	-2,162	8	4	9,509	0.6	-126	-657	17	40	9,566
Oregon	3,970	-804	891	8	15	32,736	1.7	-1,679	12,416	80	50	32,866
Pennsylvania	9,659	93	2,244	16	13	94,496	1.6	-7,888	26,623	257	104	94,857
Puerto Rico	1,421	189	252	2	5	17,252	1.9	-1,425	2,874	210	83	17,545
Rhode Island	711	-45	42	0	2	9,879	2.1	95	1,867	19	11	9,909
South Carolina	1,956	71	71	1	3	13,449	0.6	-491	1,577	31	44	13,524
South Dakota	131	5	21	4	0	805	0.2	-73	254	25	1	831
Tennessee	2,451	183	398	1	4	15,248	0.4	-118	2,755	45	42	15,335
Texas	13,858	-340	-703	24	85	139,387	1.1	-2,040	37,027	508	799	140,694
Utah	1,553	124	422	4	2	9,773	0.6	-70	3,918	23	17	9,813
Vermont	211	-53	5	0	0	2,509	0.9	-228	693	0	0	2,509
Virgin Islands	65	20	4	0	0	244	0.7	-26	-96	0	2	246
Virginia	2,568	-209	673	2	5	13,092	0.4	-166	1,137	88	93	13,273
Washington	4,527	446	627	2	8	51,448	1.5	-41	18,192	92	274	51,814
West Virginia	681	-8	23	0	3	5,865	0.9	-463	547	31	7	5,903
Wisconsin	3,019	141	-236	6	1	21,313	0.7	-934	3,323	30	8	21,351
Wyoming	220	2	-2	1	0	1,257	0.5	14	184	4	8	1,269
Totals	191,353	-2,088	18,518	314	354	1,747,733	1.2	-42,148	381,982	4,552	3,937	1,756,222

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 2, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+3,215	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-2,759	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NY	-2,228	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and in professional, scientific, and technical 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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