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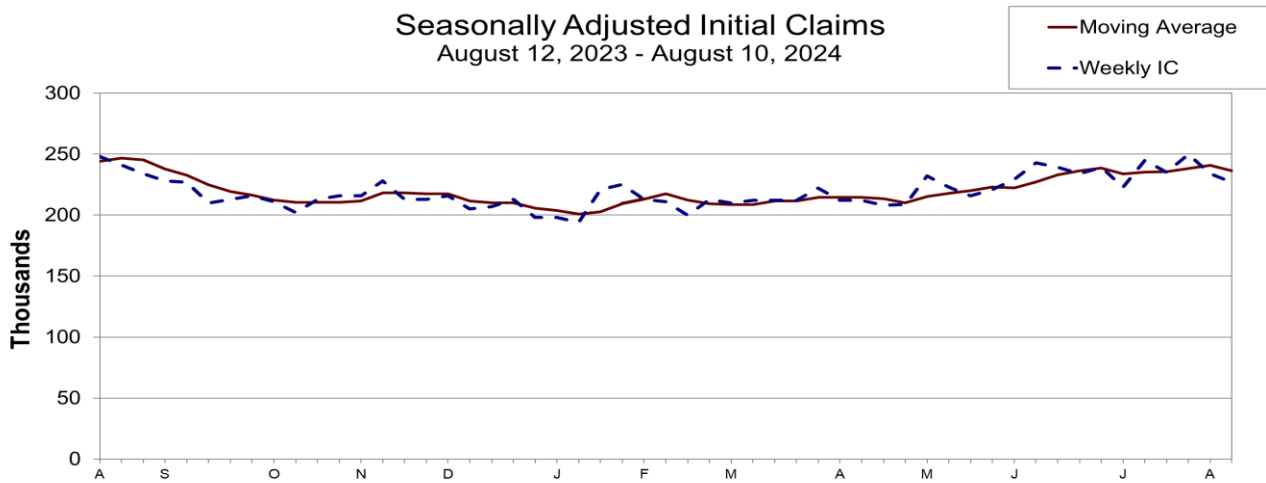
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

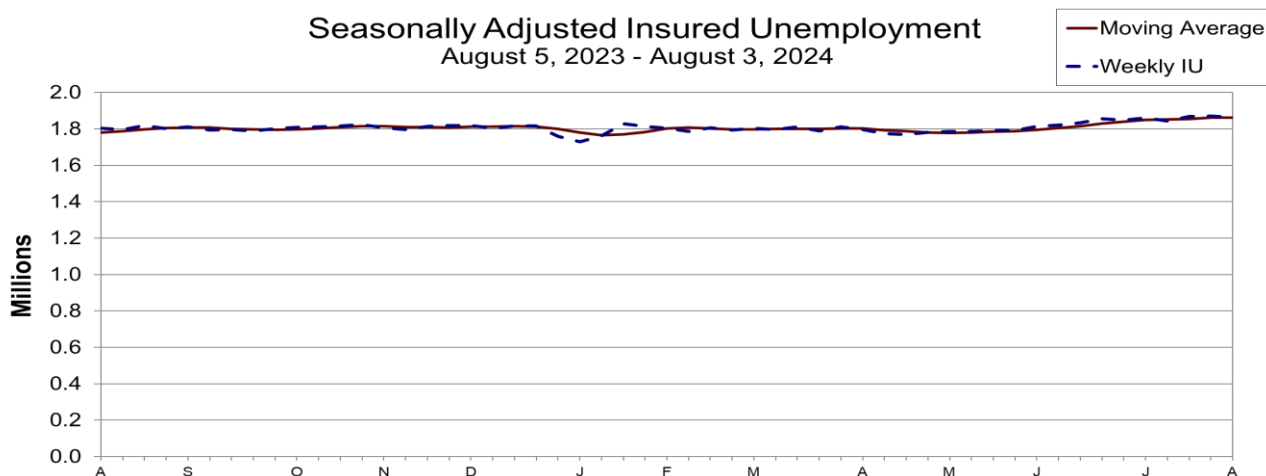
In the week ending August 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 233,000 to 234,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,500, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 240,750 to 241,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 3, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 3 was 1,864,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,875,000 to 1,871,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,862,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,928,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,862,000 to 1,861,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 12, 2023 - August 10, 2024



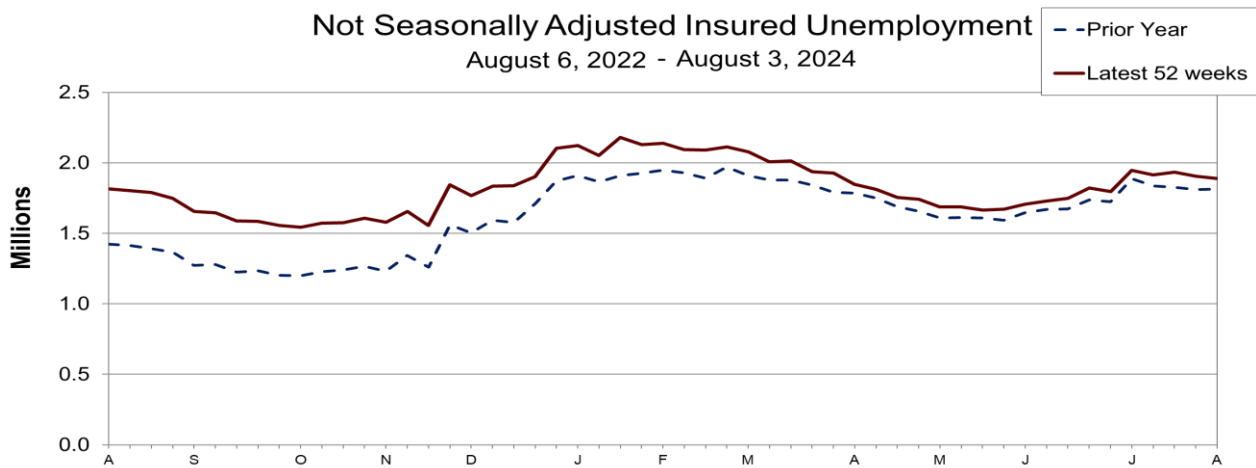
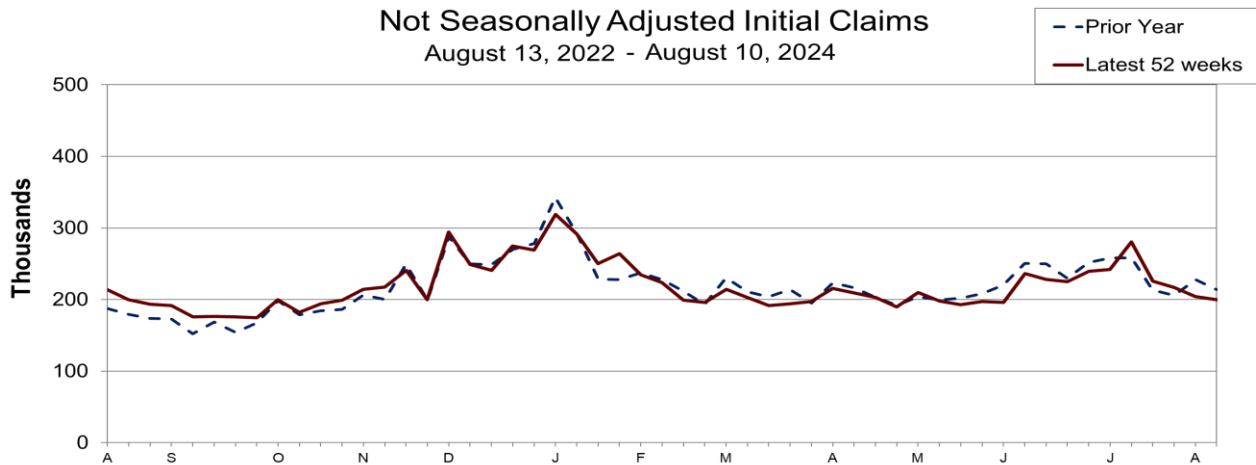
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 5, 2023 - August 3, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 199,530 in the week ending August 10, a decrease of 4,500 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,874 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 213,803 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 3, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,888,540, a decrease of 17,920 (or -0.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,225 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,814,133.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 27 was 1,932,117, a decrease of 28,380 from the previous week. There were 1,834,506 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 332 in the week ending August 3, an increase of 20 from the prior week. There were 432 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 41 from the preceding week.

There were 4,852 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 27, an increase of 83 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,669, an increase of 148 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 27 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.5), California (2.3), Minnesota (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), Pennsylvania (1.9), Massachusetts (1.8), Illinois (1.7), Nevada (1.7), New York (1.7), and Washington (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 3 were in New Jersey (+1,080), California (+694), Wisconsin (+672), New York (+607), and Illinois (+579), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-7,430), Texas (-5,180), Missouri (-3,716), Virginia (-745), and Georgia (-493).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 10	August 3	Change	July 27	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	234,000	-7,000	250,000	248,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	199,530	204,030	-4,500	216,643	213,803
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,500	241,000	-4,500	238,250	244,250

WEEK ENDING	August 3	July 27	Change	July 20	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,864,000	1,871,000	-7,000	1,869,000	1,803,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,888,540	1,906,460	-17,920	1,934,414	1,814,133
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,862,000	1,861,000	+1,000	1,855,000	1,779,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 3	July 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	332	312	+20	377
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	432	391	+41	457

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

WEEK ENDING	July 27	July 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,901,126	1,928,469	-27,343	1,804,695
Federal Employees	4,852	4,769	+83	5,106
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,669	4,521	+148	4,047
Extended Benefits ³	274	191	+83	605
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,265	2,336	-71	1,771
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,931	20,211	-1,280	18,282
TOTAL	1,932,117	1,960,497	-28,380	1,834,506

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 151,110,325 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 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,006	2,126	-120	9,385	10,464	-1,079
Alaska	574	466	108	3,461	3,546	-85
Arizona	4,082	4,014	68	30,916	33,343	-2,427
Arkansas	1,443	1,297	146	8,673	9,120	-447
California	39,252	41,481	-2,229	398,387	402,464	-4,077
Colorado	2,920	2,745	175	27,997	27,607	390
Connecticut	3,450	3,322	128	31,153	31,619	-466
Delaware	238	188	50	6,149	6,013	136
District of Columbia	561	641	-80	6,800	6,565	235
Florida	5,350	5,338	12	38,078	42,552	-4,474
Georgia	5,398	4,926	472	28,789	30,400	-1,611
Hawaii	1,099	958	141	6,116	5,961	155
Idaho	787	818	-31	4,439	4,782	-343
Illinois	8,587	8,396	191	96,961	97,860	-899
Indiana	2,861	2,751	110	20,110	19,820	290
Iowa	1,953	2,338	-385	10,866	10,675	191
Kansas	1,277	1,018	259	5,449	5,840	-391
Kentucky	1,808	1,704	104	9,211	8,833	378
Louisiana	1,670	1,833	-163	12,752	14,440	-1,688
Maine	419	394	25	4,534	4,659	-125
Maryland	2,333	2,685	-352	26,157	25,875	282
Massachusetts	5,323	6,347	-1,024	62,627	63,261	-634
Michigan	7,880	7,219	661	43,100	50,680	-7,580
Minnesota	3,551	3,777	-226	60,297	57,411	2,886
Mississippi	894	1,129	-235	7,578	9,130	-1,552
Missouri	2,410	2,572	-162	20,530	22,113	-1,583
Montana	378	414	-36	4,012	4,186	-174
Nebraska	569	553	16	5,133	5,297	-164
Nevada	2,830	2,753	77	24,992	25,716	-724
New Hampshire	399	379	20	3,609	3,755	-146
New Jersey	9,738	9,533	205	115,140	114,519	621
New Mexico	730	768	-38	10,602	10,300	302
New York	13,771	13,756	15	162,329	161,458	871
North Carolina	3,231	3,325	-94	20,897	21,954	-1,057
North Dakota	289	208	81	2,008	1,907	101
Ohio	5,309	5,487	-178	43,201	44,374	-1,173
Oklahoma	1,232	1,329	-97	10,423	10,817	-394
Oregon	3,807	3,394	413	30,424	28,337	2,087
Pennsylvania	9,977	10,592	-615	107,627	108,957	-1,330
Puerto Rico*	1,597	1,748	-151	22,340	23,148	-808
Rhode Island	750	910	-160	11,165	10,996	169
South Carolina	1,824	2,086	-262	15,725	16,572	-847
South Dakota	132	140	-8	1,249	1,237	12
Tennessee	2,894	2,757	137	21,113	22,073	-960
Texas	18,523	19,898	-1,375	164,430	160,587	3,843
Utah	1,387	1,348	39	10,775	10,917	-142
Vermont	254	288	-34	2,492	2,356	136
Virgin Islands	14	33	-19	266	266	0
Virginia	2,069	1,937	132	17,902	16,893	1,009
Washington	4,890	4,850	40	64,161	60,115	4,046
West Virginia	651	737	-86	7,758	7,235	523
Wisconsin	3,944	4,108	-164	26,687	25,933	754
Wyoming	215	216	-1	1,565	1,522	43
US Total	199,530	204,030	-4,500	1,888,540	1,906,460	-17,920

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	
August 5, 2023	258	18	240.00	1,803	30	1,779.25	1.2
August 12, 2023	248	-10	244.25	1,797	-6	1,787.25	1.2
August 19, 2023	241	-7	246.75	1,819	22	1,798.00	1.2
August 26, 2023	234	-7	245.25	1,802	-17	1,805.25	1.2
September 2, 2023	228	-6	237.75	1,810	8	1,807.00	1.2
September 9, 2023	227	-1	232.50	1,793	-17	1,806.00	1.2
September 16, 2023	210	-17	224.75	1,795	2	1,800.00	1.2
September 23, 2023	213	3	219.50	1,789	-6	1,796.75	1.2
September 30, 2023	216	3	216.50	1,800	11	1,794.25	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
October 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
November 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,864	-7	1,862.00	1.2
August 10, 2024	227	-7	236.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 3

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JULY 27

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,126	-12	-850	3	4	10,464	0.5	-95	-271	29	20	10,513
Alaska	466	-8	-113	0	0	3,546	1.2	-45	160	23	5	3,574
Arizona	4,014	125	151	2	1	33,343	1.1	363	2,243	136	44	33,523
Arkansas	1,297	-204	-153	0	0	9,120	0.7	-206	-2,368	13	3	9,136
California	41,481	694	-1,501	89	117	402,464	2.3	744	6,707	867	1,341	404,672
Colorado	2,745	20	46	3	10	27,607	1.0	450	6,135	90	156	27,853
Connecticut	3,322	277	-477	2	0	31,619	1.9	2,116	701	30	19	31,668
Delaware	188	-339	-129	2	2	6,013	1.3	431	953	14	5	6,032
District of Columbia	641	99	162	2	1	6,565	1.2	7	798	109	4	6,678
Florida	5,338	-134	-911	12	26	42,552	0.4	-738	-1,567	64	82	42,698
Georgia	4,926	-493	-1,604	23	15	30,400	0.6	-860	-4,031	107	71	30,578
Hawaii	958	55	-126	4	11	5,961	1.0	47	-284	31	75	6,067
Idaho	818	104	-61	0	1	4,782	0.6	-166	-238	8	5	4,795
Illinois	8,396	579	104	5	3	97,860	1.7	-1,531	11,231	291	114	98,265
Indiana	2,751	18	-727	3	6	19,820	0.6	-455	361	23	25	19,868
Iowa	2,338	67	727	4	1	10,675	0.7	442	2,301	11	2	10,688
Kansas	1,018	-195	-278	1	1	5,840	0.4	-871	710	21	17	5,878
Kentucky	1,704	21	270	0	0	8,833	0.4	-384	1,078	37	25	8,895
Louisiana	1,833	-5	-205	2	1	14,440	0.8	-156	-1,077	29	10	14,479
Maine	394	58	9	2	0	4,659	0.7	-27	376	5	6	4,670
Maryland	2,685	192	181	10	7	25,875	1.0	261	4,332	122	64	26,061
Massachusetts	6,347	-382	3,809	5	12	63,261	1.8	516	-6,977	72	49	63,382
Michigan	7,219	-7,430	1,606	1	1	50,680	1.2	-9,194	11,297	46	44	50,770
Minnesota	3,777	96	151	6	3	57,411	2.0	8	10,323	74	34	57,519
Mississippi	1,129	-16	-30	0	1	9,130	0.8	-229	630	17	9	9,156
Missouri	2,572	-3,716	-1,861	5	2	22,113	0.8	-1,492	1,640	60	27	22,200
Montana	414	65	-18	0	0	4,186	0.8	-29	411	30	10	4,226
Nebraska	553	-36	-69	1	0	5,297	0.5	-124	655	20	9	5,326
Nevada	2,753	-98	299	0	0	25,716	1.7	472	3,618	47	69	25,832
New Hampshire	379	13	-18	2	0	3,755	0.6	287	591	0	1	3,756
New Jersey	9,533	1,080	-669	23	19	114,519	2.8	27	13,566	197	159	114,875
New Mexico	768	-42	-128	3	4	10,300	1.2	-418	89	55	37	10,392
New York	13,756	607	-1,017	16	19	161,458	1.7	3,911	-9,032	296	198	161,952
North Carolina	3,325	156	-450	4	3	21,954	0.5	-240	261	62	121	22,137
North Dakota	208	-2	-22	0	1	1,907	0.5	-190	264	183	6	2,096
Ohio	5,487	95	-18,425	7	12	44,374	0.8	-3,677	2,032	53	81	44,508
Oklahoma	1,329	148	-129	4	1	10,817	0.7	-127	460	33	39	10,889
Oregon	3,394	-176	-1,735	2	1	28,337	1.4	66	-7,222	98	32	28,467
Pennsylvania	10,592	258	-1,262	8	10	108,957	1.9	528	5,860	226	115	109,298
Puerto Rico	1,748	93	-99	4	2	23,148	2.5	892	-211	159	49	23,356
Rhode Island	910	248	123	1	1	10,996	2.6	-185	1,475	36	20	11,052
South Carolina	2,086	-12	-255	0	8	16,572	0.8	-580	1,095	30	44	16,646
South Dakota	140	-20	-92	2	0	1,237	0.3	0	339	136	1	1,374
Tennessee	2,757	-7	-188	2	5	22,073	0.7	-1,181	4,763	43	55	22,171
Texas	19,898	-5,180	3,265	40	91	160,587	1.2	-16,331	17,472	479	861	161,927
Utah	1,348	412	-440	8	0	10,917	0.7	-85	1,226	48	18	10,983
Vermont	288	56	-142	1	0	2,356	0.8	-102	-588	0	0	2,356
Virgin Islands	33	-249	11	0	0	266	0.7	-58	20	6	0	272
Virginia	1,937	-745	-583	3	1	16,893	0.4	35	3,215	101	91	17,085
Washington	4,850	552	-445	4	24	60,115	1.7	-83	8,171	114	359	60,588
West Virginia	737	6	-47	1	2	7,235	1.1	-50	473	24	22	7,281
Wisconsin	4,108	672	472	9	2	25,933	0.9	310	2,374	38	13	25,984
Wyoming	216	22	-14	1	0	1,522	0.6	42	144	9	3	1,534
Totals	204,030	-12,613	-23,887	332	432	1,906,460	1.3	-27,954	96,684	4,852	4,669	1,915,981

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 3, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+1,080	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-7,430	Fewer layoffs in management of companies and enterprises industry.
TX	-5,180	No comment.
MO	-3,716	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing and retail trade 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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