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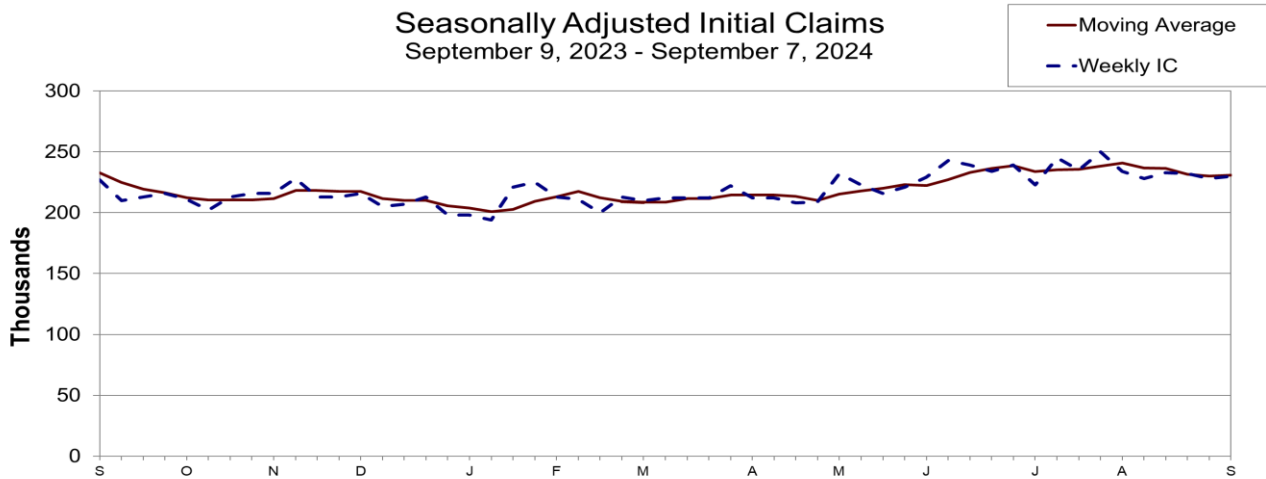
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

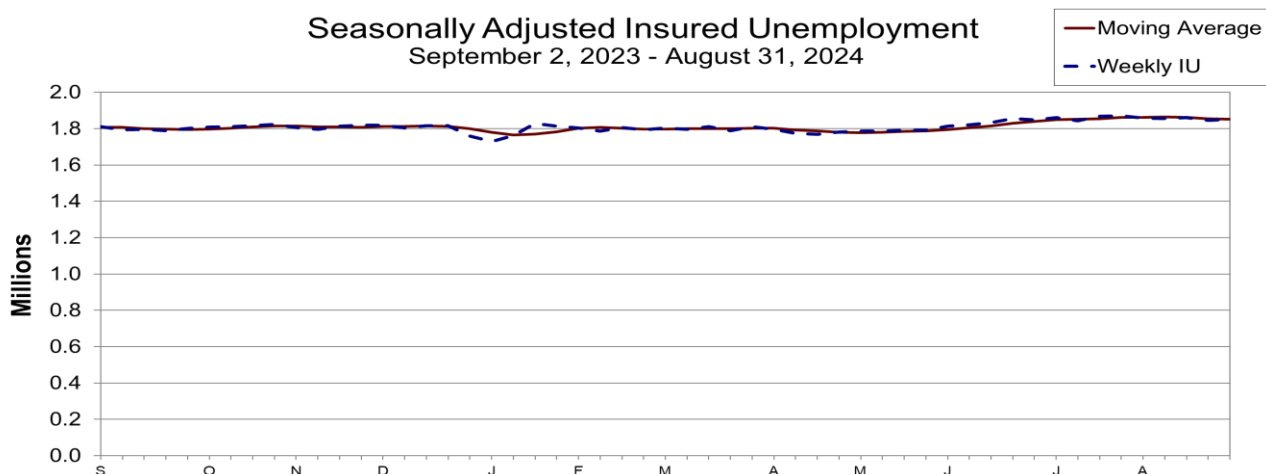
In the week ending September 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 230,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 227,000 to 228,000. The 4-week moving average was 230,750, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 230,000 to 230,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 31, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 31 was 1,850,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 1,838,000 to 1,845,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,852,500, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 1,853,000 to 1,854,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
September 9, 2023 - September 7, 2024



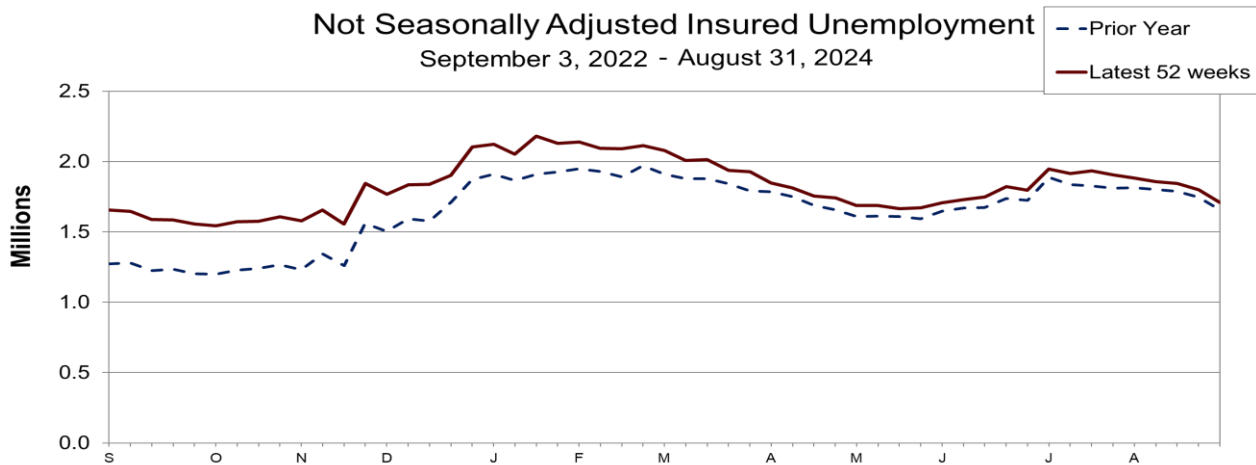
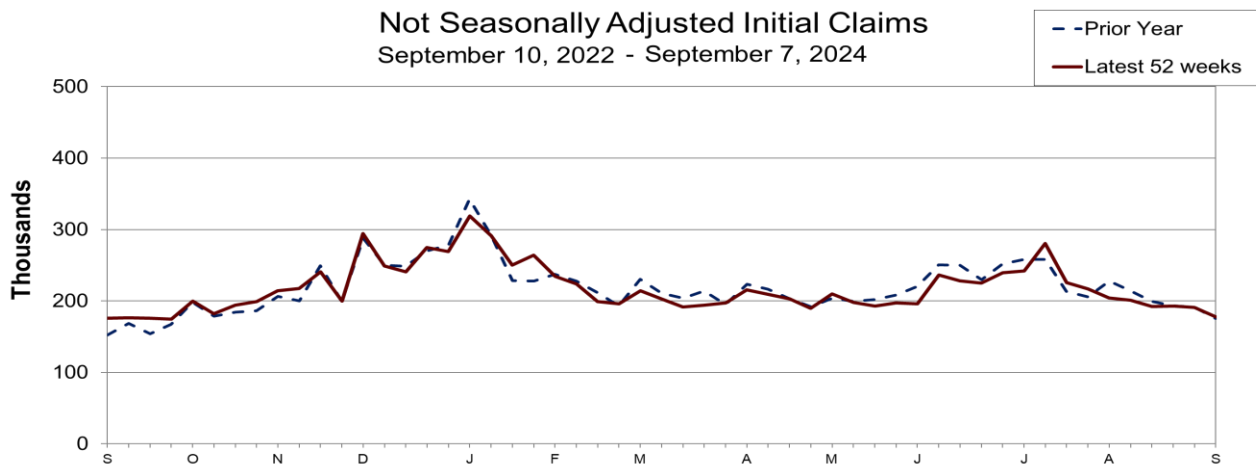
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
September 2, 2023 - August 31, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 177,663 in the week ending September 7, a decrease of 12,968 (or -6.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,366 (or -7.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 175,594 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending August 31, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,710,975, a decrease of 89,483 (or -5.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 94,081 (or -5.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,655,840.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 24 was 1,824,657, a decrease of 43,120 from the previous week. There were 1,772,148 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 August 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 269 in the week ending August 31, a decrease of 37 from the prior week. There were 382 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 8 from the preceding week.

There were 4,191 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 24, a decrease of 116 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,572, an increase of 34 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 24 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.6), California (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), Minnesota (1.9), Massachusetts (1.8), New York (1.8), Nevada (1.7), Pennsylvania (1.7), and Washington (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 31 were in Massachusetts (+2,230), Wisconsin (+820), Ohio (+806), Pennsylvania (+724), and Washington (+399), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-1,396), New York (-1,185), North Dakota (-919), California (-833), and Indiana (-796).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 7	August 31	Change	August 24	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	230,000	228,000	+2,000	232,000	227,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	177,663	190,631	-12,968	192,741	175,594
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	230,750	230,250	+500	231,750	232,500

WEEK ENDING	August 31	August 24	Change	August 17	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,850,000	1,845,000	+5,000	1,860,000	1,810,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,710,975	1,800,458	-89,483	1,843,165	1,655,840
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,852,500	1,854,750	-2,250	1,861,250	1,807,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 31	August 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	269	306	-37	314
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	382	390	-8	354

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

WEEK ENDING	August 24	August 17	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,794,238	1,837,274	-43,036	1,742,542
Federal Employees	4,191	4,307	-116	4,552
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,572	4,538	+34	3,937
Extended Benefits ³	190	208	-18	522
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,129	2,158	-29	1,854
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,337	19,292	+45	18,741
TOTAL	1,824,657	1,867,777	-43,120	1,772,148

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 September 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 31		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,719	2,016	-297	8,246	9,223	-977
Alaska	578	482	96	3,224	3,343	-119
Arizona	3,325	3,767	-442	29,286	32,032	-2,746
Arkansas	962	1,634	-672	7,029	7,403	-374
California	37,017	38,077	-1,060	356,140	375,514	-19,374
Colorado	2,624	2,586	38	26,553	26,373	180
Connecticut	2,928	3,079	-151	24,883	31,333	-6,450
Delaware	168	187	-19	5,275	5,874	-599
District of Columbia	474	583	-109	6,431	6,789	-358
Florida	5,838	6,081	-243	34,445	40,284	-5,839
Georgia	4,119	5,184	-1,065	27,833	30,302	-2,469
Hawaii	1,035	932	103	5,993	5,814	179
Idaho	772	738	34	3,791	4,143	-352
Illinois	7,327	8,092	-765	89,064	92,104	-3,040
Indiana	3,223	3,084	139	21,902	21,828	74
Iowa	2,182	1,684	498	8,351	9,528	-1,177
Kansas	1,154	1,367	-213	6,714	4,851	1,863
Kentucky	1,313	1,585	-272	3,683	7,967	-4,284
Louisiana	1,432	1,681	-249	11,399	12,930	-1,531
Maine	382	391	-9	4,046	4,361	-315
Maryland	1,882	2,005	-123	22,957	25,174	-2,217
Massachusetts	7,211	8,013	-802	58,818	62,970	-4,152
Michigan	4,726	5,771	-1,045	39,011	43,159	-4,148
Minnesota	3,592	3,307	285	50,143	53,986	-3,843
Mississippi	787	960	-173	6,029	6,984	-955
Missouri	1,985	2,355	-370	15,409	17,291	-1,882
Montana	476	379	97	3,491	3,778	-287
Nebraska	1,167	572	595	4,189	4,399	-210
Nevada	2,531	2,767	-236	24,647	25,661	-1,014
New Hampshire	260	340	-80	3,044	3,856	-812
New Jersey	7,955	8,306	-351	112,302	114,870	-2,568
New Mexico	695	710	-15	9,832	9,855	-23
New York	12,333	15,111	-2,778	162,213	165,284	-3,071
North Carolina	2,826	3,115	-289	19,037	20,473	-1,436
North Dakota	272	394	-122	3,207	3,045	162
Ohio	4,466	5,614	-1,148	38,356	39,908	-1,552
Oklahoma	1,046	1,383	-337	9,433	9,890	-457
Oregon	3,503	3,249	254	27,414	26,832	582
Pennsylvania	8,586	9,531	-945	85,759	98,295	-12,536
Puerto Rico	1,247	1,375	-128	17,117	18,239	-1,122
Rhode Island	731	848	-117	9,682	10,911	-1,229
South Carolina	1,237	1,917	-680	13,671	14,395	-724
South Dakota	135	170	-35	1,029	1,064	-35
Tennessee	2,588	2,669	-81	17,364	17,952	-588
Texas	13,309	13,597	-288	148,959	149,764	-805
Utah	1,267	1,269	-2	10,547	10,676	-129
Vermont	183	220	-37	1,869	2,157	-288
Virgin Islands	39	78	-39	354	294	60
Virginia	2,012	1,826	186	16,255	15,589	666
Washington	4,731	4,607	124	62,190	59,832	2,358
West Virginia	638	735	-97	6,655	6,181	474
Wisconsin	4,487	3,972	515	24,305	24,375	-70
Wyoming	188	236	-48	1,399	1,323	76
US Total	177,663	190,631	-12,968	1,710,975	1,800,458	-89,483

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 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	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,850	5	1,852.50	1.2
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 31

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 24

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,016	-116	-154	4	4	9,223	0.5	-1,288	-427	27	17	9,267
Alaska	482	-15	-80	0	1	3,343	1.1	-60	248	25	5	3,373
Arizona	3,767	-79	390	4	7	32,032	1.0	-432	2,231	63	43	32,138
Arkansas	1,634	328	330	0	0	7,403	0.6	-629	-2,509	20	9	7,432
California	38,077	-833	-341	73	99	375,514	2.1	-6,133	-7,814	792	1,281	377,587
Colorado	2,586	55	201	0	6	26,373	0.9	-275	4,822	94	163	26,630
Connecticut	3,079	326	-220	0	0	31,333	1.9	514	550	33	23	31,389
Delaware	187	-4	-86	0	3	5,874	1.3	212	871	11	4	5,889
District of Columbia	583	15	182	5	0	6,789	1.2	-101	629	122	4	6,915
Florida	6,081	-321	1,269	6	29	40,284	0.4	1,212	-432	77	81	40,442
Georgia	5,184	-622	343	23	13	30,302	0.6	136	-2,497	121	87	30,510
Hawaii	932	-43	-2,584	1	1	5,814	1.0	3	-7,590	52	71	5,937
Idaho	738	-11	-9	2	0	4,143	0.5	-217	-13	8	2	4,153
Illinois	8,092	122	571	7	3	92,104	1.6	-4,721	6,988	269	96	92,469
Indiana	3,084	-796	-212	3	4	21,828	0.7	672	2,433	21	26	21,875
Iowa	1,684	-247	-162	3	1	9,528	0.6	-505	2,567	9	5	9,542
Kansas	1,367	374	400	1	1	4,851	0.3	-221	303	13	16	4,880
Kentucky	1,585	84	296	2	1	7,967	0.4	-776	1,153	12	51	8,030
Louisiana	1,681	-105	258	2	2	12,930	0.7	-317	-727	27	14	12,971
Maine	391	5	11	0	0	4,361	0.7	-81	491	9	2	4,372
Maryland	2,005	-196	-129	17	7	25,174	1.0	-534	2,214	104	66	25,344
Massachusetts	8,013	2,230	5,449	1	8	62,970	1.8	349	-5,204	55	55	63,080
Michigan	5,771	-507	1,359	1	0	43,159	1.0	-551	6,268	58	44	43,261
Minnesota	3,307	51	343	3	1	53,986	1.9	-2,207	8,887	55	36	54,077
Mississippi	960	-157	-14	3	0	6,984	0.6	-130	158	26	11	7,021
Missouri	2,355	-107	-3,524	1	5	17,291	0.6	-1,432	30	52	26	17,369
Montana	379	-31	-23	2	0	3,778	0.8	-82	569	16	4	3,798
Nebraska	572	-38	13	0	0	4,399	0.4	-118	671	9	8	4,416
Nevada	2,767	-49	509	1	1	25,661	1.7	887	4,407	35	61	25,757
New Hampshire	340	-54	6	1	1	3,856	0.6	-124	567	1	1	3,858
New Jersey	8,306	-508	484	6	6	114,870	2.8	-433	9,564	201	157	115,228
New Mexico	710	70	-16	1	2	9,855	1.2	-155	123	65	33	9,953
New York	15,111	-1,185	169	12	11	165,284	1.8	276	-10,965	265	175	165,724
North Carolina	3,115	36	-344	2	3	20,473	0.4	-516	-677	52	99	20,624
North Dakota	394	-919	229	3	1	3,045	0.7	1,234	1,820	35	3	3,083
Ohio	5,614	806	-5,002	5	13	39,908	0.7	-1,748	3,499	45	61	40,014
Oklahoma	1,383	185	68	6	5	9,890	0.6	-278	381	32	37	9,959
Oregon	3,249	11	-721	0	1	26,832	1.4	-646	-5,904	63	33	26,928
Pennsylvania	9,531	724	-128	11	13	98,295	1.7	-7,418	3,805	222	113	98,630
Puerto Rico	1,375	-155	-46	4	5	18,239	2.0	-3,130	987	133	54	18,426
Rhode Island	848	243	137	2	2	10,911	2.6	87	1,032	39	20	10,970
South Carolina	1,917	-198	-39	2	7	14,395	0.7	-507	946	20	45	14,460
South Dakota	170	-7	39	0	1	1,064	0.2	-17	259	16	2	1,082
Tennessee	2,669	61	218	2	7	17,952	0.6	-646	2,704	40	46	18,038
Texas	13,597	-1,396	-261	33	69	149,764	1.1	-9,774	10,377	446	878	151,088
Utah	1,269	-41	-284	6	5	10,676	0.6	-79	903	41	16	10,733
Vermont	220	-40	9	0	0	2,157	0.7	-99	-352	0	0	2,157
Virgin Islands	78	5	13	1	0	294	0.8	2	50	0	0	294
Virginia	1,826	-359	-742	1	3	15,589	0.4	-722	2,497	85	82	15,756
Washington	4,607	399	80	2	21	59,832	1.7	-55	8,384	114	380	60,326
West Virginia	735	51	54	0	3	6,181	0.9	-107	316	20	13	6,214
Wisconsin	3,972	820	953	3	6	24,375	0.8	-973	3,062	35	12	24,422
Wyoming	236	28	16	1	0	1,323	0.5	-54	66	6	1	1,330
Totals	190,631	-2,110	-722	269	382	1,800,458	1.2	-42,707	52,721	4,191	4,572	1,809,221

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 31, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+2,230	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-1,396	No comment.
NY	-1,185	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and in accommodations and food 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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