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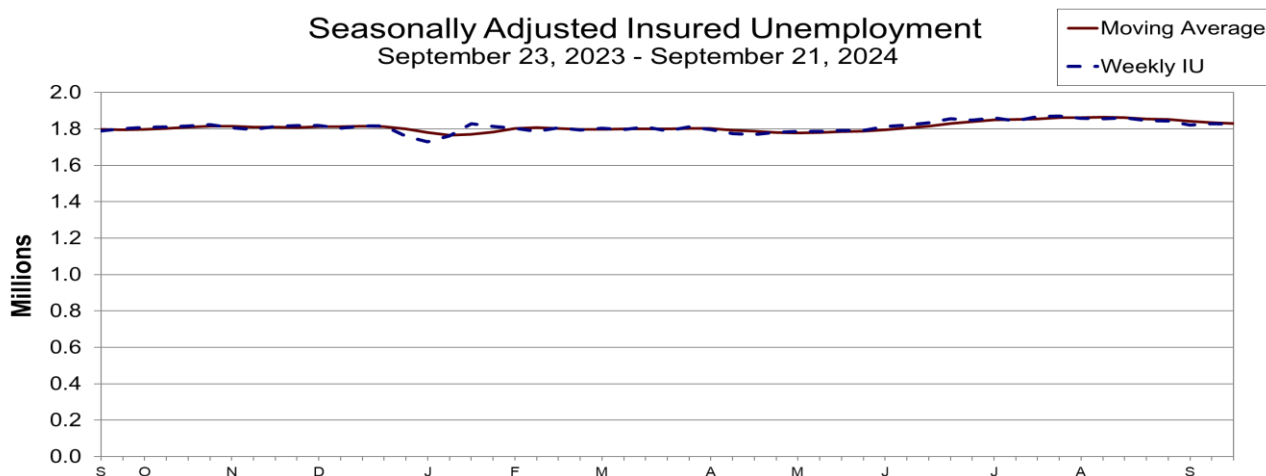
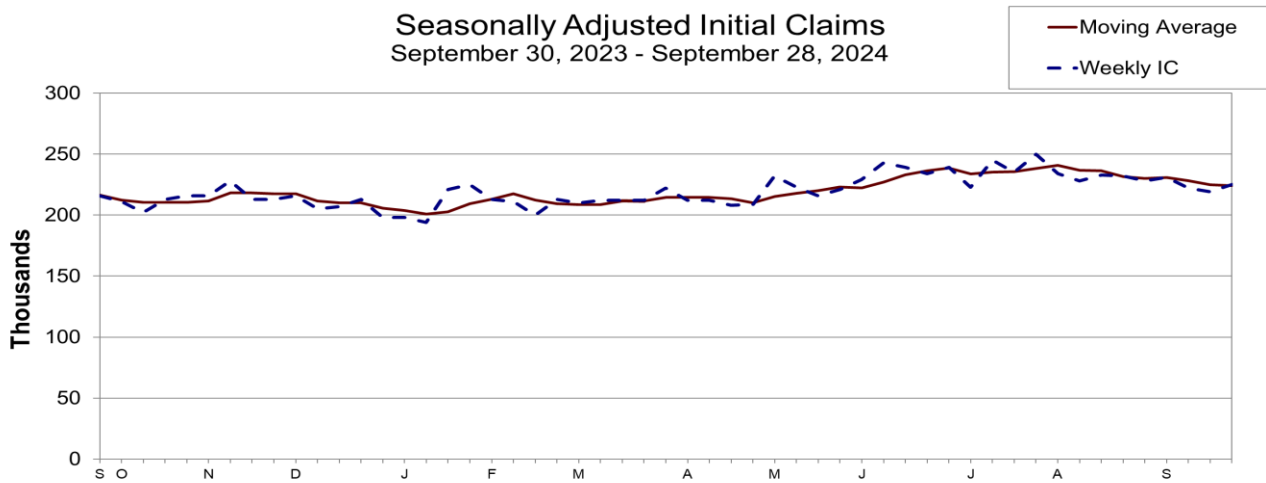
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 225,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 218,000 to 219,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,250, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 224,750 to 225,000.

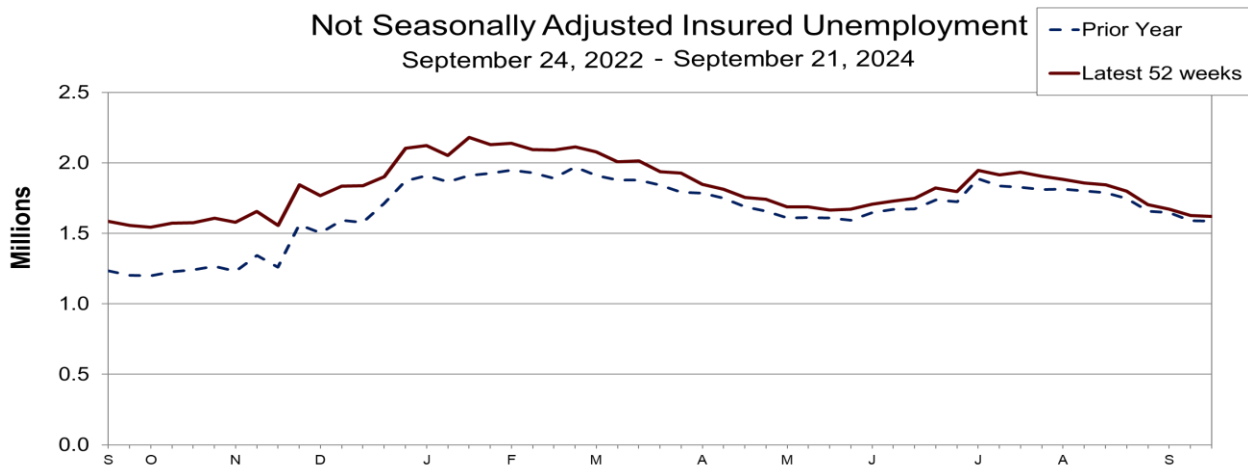
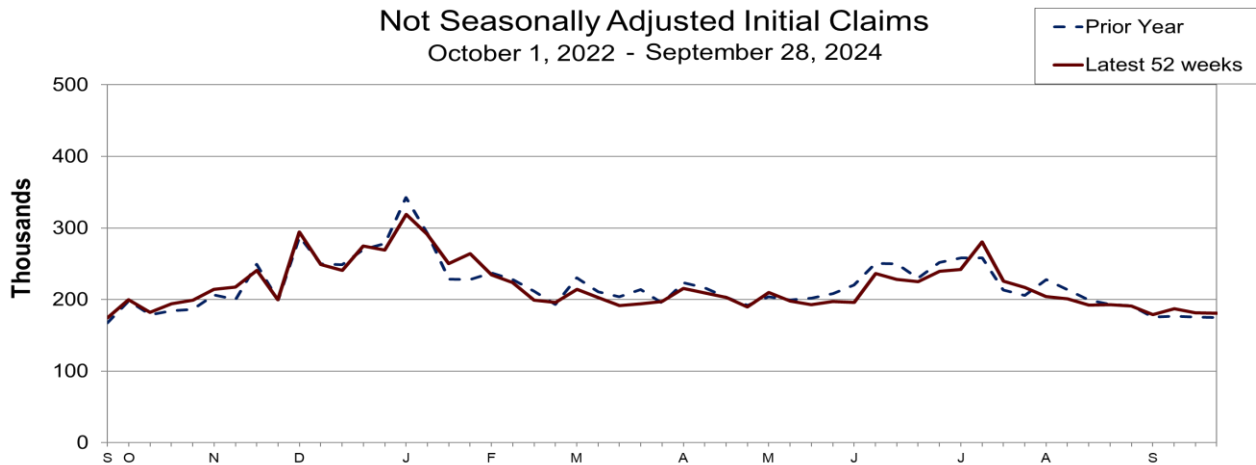
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending September 21, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 21 was 1,826,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,834,000 to 1,827,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,829,250, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,835,750 to 1,834,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 180,647 in the week ending September 28, a decrease of 1,066 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,692 (or -3.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 174,701 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 21, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,620,092, a decrease of 7,908 (or -0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,309 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,585,277.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 14 was 1,651,691, a decrease of 41,454 from the previous week. There were 1,612,148 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 September 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 275 in the week ending September 21, a decrease of 37 from the prior week. There were 398 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 20 from the preceding week.

There were 4,001 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 14, an increase of 103 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,656, an increase of 1,043 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 14 were in New Jersey (2.3), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), Rhode Island (1.8), Washington (1.7), Nevada (1.6), Illinois (1.5), Massachusetts (1.5), New York (1.5), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 21 were in Virginia (+688), Washington (+596), Ohio (+584), Louisiana (+382), and North Carolina (+236), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,510), Texas (-1,450), South Carolina (-641), Wisconsin (-532), and Massachusetts (-531).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 28	September 21	Change	September 14	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	225,000	219,000	+6,000	222,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	180,647	181,713	-1,066	186,835	174,701
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,250	225,000	-750	228,250	216,500

WEEK ENDING	September 21	September 14	Change	September 7	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,826,000	1,827,000	-1,000	1,821,000	1,789,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,620,092	1,628,000	-7,908	1,671,779	1,585,277
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,829,250	1,834,000	-4,750	1,842,250	1,796,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 21	September 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	275	312	-37	363
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	398	418	-20	385

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

WEEK ENDING	September 14	September 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,622,993	1,666,869	-43,876	1,583,814
Federal Employees	4,001	3,898	+103	4,123
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,656	3,613	+1,043	4,206
Extended Benefits ³	252	127	+125	698
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,224	2,295	-71	2,144
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,565	16,343	+1,222	17,163
TOTAL	1,651,691	1,693,145	-41,454	1,612,148

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 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,922	1,950	-28	8,039	8,877	-838
Alaska	743	578	165	3,600	3,575	25
Arizona	3,602	3,629	-27	27,223	29,990	-2,767
Arkansas	891	1,214	-323	6,751	6,960	-209
California	38,904	37,950	954	367,142	358,479	8,663
Colorado	2,661	2,553	108	27,057	25,985	1,072
Connecticut	2,144	2,249	-105	21,687	21,220	467
Delaware	163	192	-29	4,821	4,421	400
District of Columbia	529	498	31	6,258	6,330	-72
Florida	5,367	6,454	-1,087	33,355	37,679	-4,324
Georgia	3,826	5,219	-1,393	27,039	29,436	-2,397
Hawaii	1,256	1,176	80	5,932	5,718	214
Idaho	827	755	72	3,657	3,919	-262
Illinois	7,873	7,545	328	85,375	86,370	-995
Indiana	3,312	2,640	672	20,303	20,311	-8
Iowa	2,351	1,658	693	8,951	9,255	-304
Kansas	1,113	1,239	-126	6,271	6,077	194
Kentucky	1,362	1,557	-195	7,653	8,201	-548
Louisiana	1,535	1,703	-168	10,781	12,115	-1,334
Maine	415	376	39	3,946	3,912	34
Maryland	1,807	2,107	-300	21,874	22,075	-201
Massachusetts	4,864	4,776	88	52,516	54,892	-2,376
Michigan	6,779	5,593	1,186	38,438	38,362	76
Minnesota	3,223	3,015	208	35,388	33,878	1,510
Mississippi	792	885	-93	5,723	6,467	-744
Missouri	2,211	2,160	51	15,075	15,383	-308
Montana	792	738	54	3,519	3,418	101
Nebraska	523	572	-49	4,648	4,840	-192
Nevada	2,061	2,340	-279	23,674	24,576	-902
New Hampshire	252	322	-70	2,771	3,014	-243
New Jersey	7,789	8,352	-563	92,527	93,643	-1,116
New Mexico	723	761	-38	9,768	9,609	159
New York	12,266	12,565	-299	138,709	139,125	-416
North Carolina	2,814	3,263	-449	18,661	19,867	-1,206
North Dakota	228	223	5	1,601	1,528	73
Ohio	5,195	5,622	-427	39,089	38,881	208
Oklahoma	1,349	1,192	157	9,100	9,555	-455
Oregon	3,775	3,289	486	26,105	24,111	1,994
Pennsylvania	8,578	8,083	495	77,235	80,224	-2,989
Puerto Rico	1,229	1,384	-155	17,244	17,468	-224
Rhode Island	631	627	4	7,756	7,677	79
South Carolina	1,265	1,668	-403	12,964	13,638	-674
South Dakota	123	157	-34	984	893	91
Tennessee	2,520	2,748	-228	16,213	16,630	-417
Texas	13,604	14,107	-503	143,219	147,033	-3,814
Utah	1,280	1,250	30	10,345	10,510	-165
Vermont	176	200	-24	1,710	1,572	138
Virgin Islands	31	80	-49	420	400	20
Virginia	2,364	2,852	-488	16,655	14,880	1,775
Washington	6,398	5,510	888	62,708	57,878	4,830
West Virginia	615	755	-140	6,462	5,785	677
Wisconsin	3,295	3,150	145	19,742	20,087	-345
Wyoming	299	232	67	1,408	1,271	137
US Total	180,647	181,713	-1,066	1,620,092	1,628,000	-7,908

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 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	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,821	-22	1,842.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-9	228.25	1,827	6	1,834.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	219	-3	225.00	1,826	-1	1,829.25	1.2
September 28, 2024	225	6	224.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 21

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 14

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	1,950	-92	-930	3	3	8,877	0.4	-268	120	29	21	8,927
Alaska	578	42	-30	2	0	3,575	1.2	222	124	21	4	3,600
Arizona	3,629	-53	408	5	6	29,990	0.9	-847	2,441	77	43	30,110
Arkansas	1,214	43	84	2	1	6,960	0.6	-457	-2,057	20	4	6,984
California	37,950	135	198	74	93	358,479	2.0	-543	-9,882	741	1,262	360,482
Colorado	2,553	-71	194	0	4	25,985	0.9	-278	2,945	66	160	26,211
Connecticut	2,249	-19	-257	0	0	21,220	1.3	-562	274	32	13	21,265
Delaware	192	7	-107	1	4	4,421	1.0	-70	411	7	3	4,431
District of Columbia	498	10	138	6	1	6,330	1.1	-189	940	114	3	6,447
Florida	6,454	-242	1,041	6	31	37,679	0.4	-551	-3,973	89	105	37,873
Georgia	5,219	-88	777	16	30	29,436	0.6	-1,001	-2,700	120	98	29,654
Hawaii	1,176	99	-674	4	7	5,718	1.0	15	-8,590	45	36	5,799
Idaho	755	-31	15	0	1	3,919	0.5	-23	65	9	4	3,932
Illinois	7,545	47	-317	7	1	86,370	1.5	-448	6,653	242	121	86,733
Indiana	2,640	-405	183	4	4	20,311	0.7	-749	1,397	19	27	20,357
Iowa	1,658	-456	0	5	0	9,255	0.6	265	2,926	9	5	9,269
Kansas	1,239	31	128	0	0	6,077	0.4	-130	1,502	15	22	6,114
Kentucky	1,557	16	385	1	0	8,201	0.4	354	2,116	26	42	8,269
Louisiana	1,703	382	-67	1	2	12,115	0.7	-296	-614	21	17	12,153
Maine	376	-21	10	0	0	3,912	0.6	-170	464	11	3	3,926
Maryland	2,107	-123	204	11	12	22,075	0.9	-299	1,860	118	78	22,271
Massachusetts	4,776	-531	2,543	3	10	54,892	1.5	-3,160	-3,241	52	64	55,008
Michigan	5,593	77	-26	1	4	38,362	0.9	-1,165	3,830	48	27	38,437
Minnesota	3,015	-366	402	2	0	33,878	1.2	-4,020	4,137	66	38	33,982
Mississippi	885	-89	-12	2	2	6,467	0.6	1	207	19	9	6,495
Missouri	2,160	-23	-929	2	3	15,383	0.5	35	208	55	18	15,456
Montana	738	157	231	1	0	3,418	0.7	-148	556	17	5	3,440
Nebraska	572	-111	-9	1	1	4,840	0.5	21	1,163	12	10	4,862
Nevada	2,340	-193	236	2	2	24,576	1.6	-932	4,232	37	66	24,679
New Hampshire	322	24	-3	0	0	3,014	0.4	-61	418	1	2	3,017
New Jersey	8,352	-161	969	13	18	93,643	2.3	-8,148	5,321	188	137	93,968
New Mexico	761	41	16	2	1	9,609	1.2	-114	39	54	38	9,701
New York	12,565	-1,510	491	12	18	139,125	1.5	-12,669	-7,965	274	254	139,653
North Carolina	3,263	236	304	4	0	19,867	0.4	-145	-176	40	106	20,013
North Dakota	223	25	48	1	0	1,528	0.4	-1,521	494	13	3	1,544
Ohio	5,622	584	-2,861	2	15	38,881	0.7	-310	5,204	47	67	38,995
Oklahoma	1,192	15	46	5	3	9,555	0.6	-199	378	35	45	9,635
Oregon	3,289	-329	-251	1	5	24,111	1.2	-374	-4,385	44	35	24,190
Pennsylvania	8,083	-361	-817	12	11	80,224	1.4	-2,839	422	222	108	80,554
Puerto Rico	1,384	-52	7	3	2	17,468	1.9	-469	772	117	64	17,649
Rhode Island	627	-153	-62	1	0	7,677	1.8	-684	775	39	14	7,730
South Carolina	1,668	-641	50	3	2	13,638	0.6	-770	580	22	45	13,705
South Dakota	157	27	57	0	0	893	0.2	-173	156	12	1	906
Tennessee	2,748	-170	438	0	6	16,630	0.5	-329	1,493	35	48	16,713
Texas	14,107	-1,450	1,139	33	72	147,033	1.1	3,935	15,388	422	896	148,351
Utah	1,250	-62	-171	8	1	10,510	0.6	-110	916	38	14	10,562
Vermont	200	0	-22	0	0	1,572	0.5	-68	-231	1	0	1,573
Virgin Islands	80	19	12	0	0	400	1.1	56	40	6	0	406
Virginia	2,852	688	1,435	3	3	14,880	0.4	131	2,050	90	85	15,055
Washington	5,510	596	865	4	16	57,878	1.7	-861	7,693	117	363	58,358
West Virginia	755	-70	170	0	1	5,785	0.9	-291	168	17	10	5,812
Wisconsin	3,150	-532	388	6	2	20,087	0.7	-2,342	2,527	25	12	20,124
Wyoming	232	-18	-4	0	0	1,271	0.5	-31	124	5	1	1,277
Totals	181,713	-5,122	6,063	275	398	1,628,000	1.1	-43,779	39,715	4,001	4,656	1,636,657

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 21, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-1,510	Fewer layoffs in construction; professional, scientific, and technical services; and in transportation and warehousing industries.
TX	-1,450	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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