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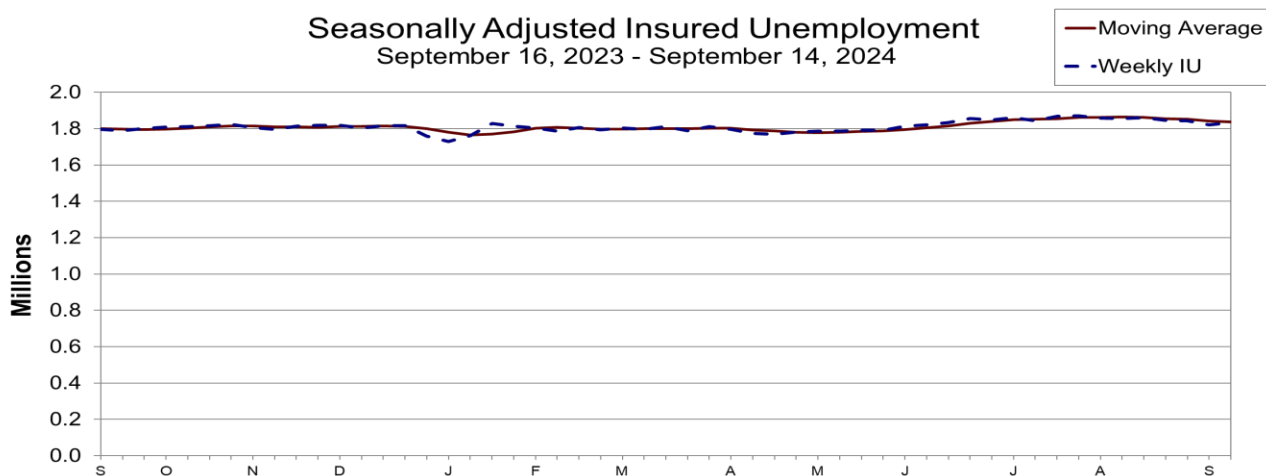
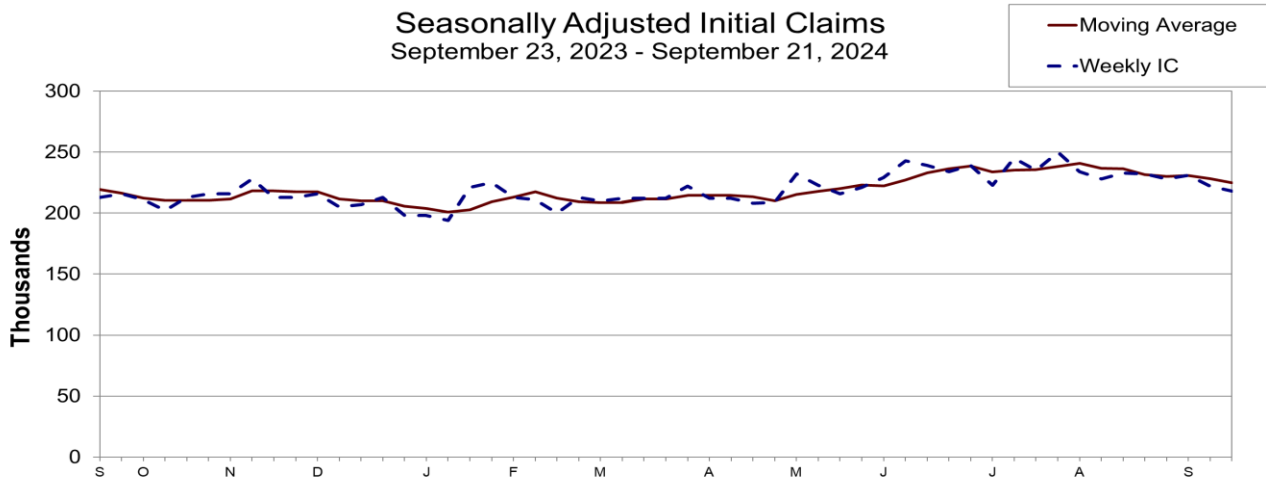
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 219,000 to 222,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,750, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 227,500 to 228,250.

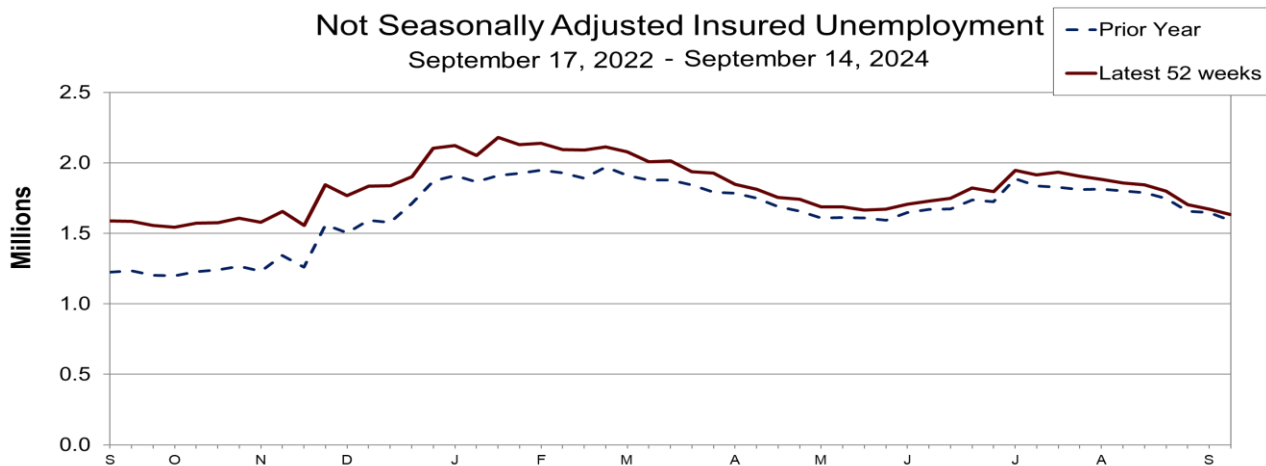
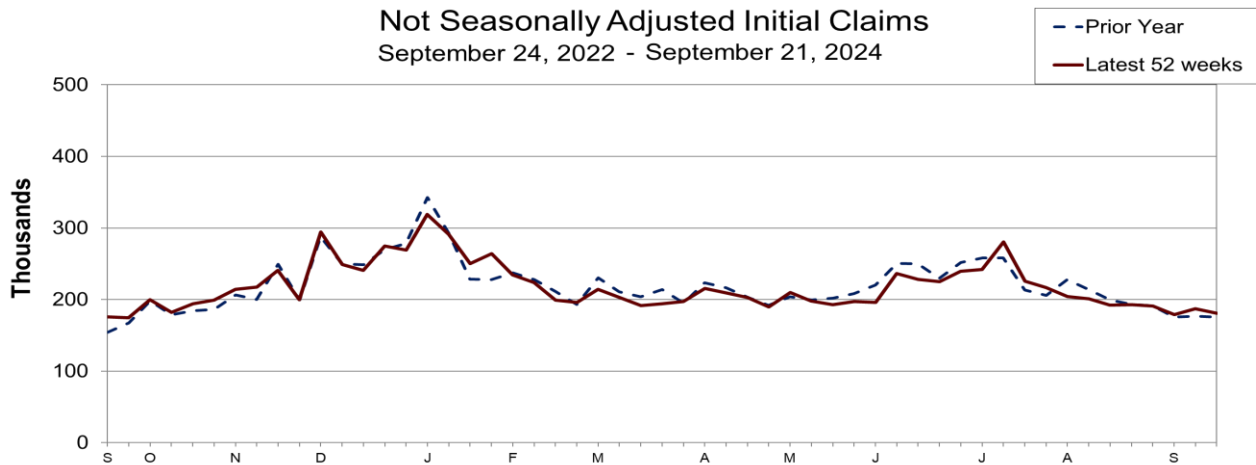
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending September 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 14 was 1,834,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,829,000 to 1,821,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,835,750, a decrease of 6,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,844,250 to 1,842,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 180,878 in the week ending September 21, a decrease of 5,957 (or -3.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,881 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 175,650 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,634,391, a decrease of 37,378 (or -2.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 49,170 (or -2.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,588,285.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 7 was 1,693,135, a decrease of 34,244 from the previous week. There were 1,669,558 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 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 312 in the week ending September 14, an increase of 49 from the prior week. There were 418 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 13 from the preceding week.

There were 3,898 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 7, an increase of 40 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,613, a decrease of 741 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 7 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Nevada (1.7), Washington (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), Illinois (1.5), and Pennsylvania (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 14 were in Texas (+2,216), New York (+1,842), California (+1,108), Georgia (+1,014), and Michigan (+787), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-1,969), Wisconsin (-794), Connecticut (-569), Nebraska (-517), and Louisiana (-224).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 21	September 14	Change	September 7	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	222,000	-4,000	231,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	180,878	186,835	-5,957	178,687	175,650
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,750	228,250	-3,500	231,000	219,500

WEEK ENDING	September 14	September 7	Change	August 31	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,834,000	1,821,000	+13,000	1,843,000	1,795,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,634,391	1,671,769	-37,378	1,704,572	1,588,285
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,835,750	1,842,250	-6,500	1,850,750	1,800,000
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 14	September 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	312	263	+49	363
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	418	431	-13	362

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

WEEK ENDING	September 7	August 31	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,666,859	1,699,515	-32,656	1,641,455
Federal Employees	3,898	3,858	+40	4,295
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,613	4,354	-741	4,175
Extended Benefits ³	127	135	-8	528
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,295	1,987	+308	2,363
STC / Workshare ⁵	16,343	17,530	-1,187	16,742
TOTAL	1,693,135	1,727,379	-34,244	1,669,558

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 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,863	2,042	-179	8,182	9,145	-963
Alaska	738	536	202	3,476	3,353	123
Arizona	3,591	3,682	-91	28,118	30,837	-2,719
Arkansas	1,143	1,171	-28	6,539	7,417	-878
California	38,331	37,815	516	364,652	359,022	5,630
Colorado	2,638	2,624	14	26,490	26,263	227
Connecticut	2,324	2,268	56	21,979	21,782	197
Delaware	189	185	4	4,821	4,491	330
District of Columbia	492	488	4	6,344	6,519	-175
Florida	6,280	6,696	-416	34,580	38,230	-3,650
Georgia	5,023	5,307	-284	28,435	30,437	-2,002
Hawaii	1,195	1,077	118	5,800	5,693	107
Idaho	739	786	-47	3,680	3,942	-262
Illinois	7,539	7,498	41	87,155	86,818	337
Indiana	2,663	3,045	-382	20,236	21,060	-824
Iowa	1,695	2,114	-419	9,039	8,990	49
Kansas	1,176	1,208	-32	6,406	6,207	199
Kentucky	1,522	1,541	-19	8,263	7,847	416
Louisiana	1,595	1,321	274	10,978	12,411	-1,433
Maine	382	397	-15	3,935	4,082	-147
Maryland	1,857	2,230	-373	22,346	22,374	-28
Massachusetts	4,713	5,307	-594	54,383	58,052	-3,669
Michigan	5,594	5,516	78	37,285	39,527	-2,242
Minnesota	3,007	3,381	-374	36,017	37,898	-1,881
Mississippi	832	974	-142	5,875	6,466	-591
Missouri	2,026	2,183	-157	14,950	15,348	-398
Montana	726	581	145	3,355	3,566	-211
Nebraska	558	683	-125	4,713	4,819	-106
Nevada	2,342	2,533	-191	23,922	25,508	-1,586
New Hampshire	267	298	-31	2,777	3,075	-298
New Jersey	8,239	8,513	-274	94,266	101,791	-7,525
New Mexico	724	720	4	9,710	9,723	-13
New York	12,660	14,075	-1,415	139,948	151,794	-11,846
North Carolina	3,145	3,027	118	19,011	20,012	-1,001
North Dakota	241	198	43	1,662	3,049	-1,387
Ohio	5,529	5,038	491	38,342	39,191	-849
Oklahoma	1,140	1,177	-37	9,269	9,754	-485
Oregon	3,630	3,618	12	26,153	24,485	1,668
Pennsylvania	8,034	8,444	-410	79,139	83,063	-3,924
Puerto Rico	1,336	1,436	-100	17,096	17,937	-841
Rhode Island	602	780	-178	7,823	8,361	-538
South Carolina	1,569	2,309	-740	13,189	14,408	-1,219
South Dakota	140	130	10	1,032	1,066	-34
Tennessee	2,816	2,918	-102	16,624	16,959	-335
Texas	14,055	15,557	-1,502	147,960	143,098	4,862
Utah	1,250	1,312	-62	10,469	10,620	-151
Vermont	196	200	-4	1,722	1,640	82
Virgin Islands	55	61	-6	416	344	72
Virginia	2,888	2,164	724	16,127	14,749	1,378
Washington	5,473	4,914	559	61,593	58,739	2,854
West Virginia	731	825	-94	6,537	6,076	461
Wisconsin	3,172	3,682	-510	20,194	22,429	-2,235
Wyoming	213	250	-37	1,378	1,302	76
US Total	180,878	186,835	-5,957	1,634,391	1,671,769	-37,378

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 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	1,843	-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	1,834	13	1,835.75	1.2
September 21, 2024	218	-4	224.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 14

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 7

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	2,042	237	32	5	4	9,145	0.5	228	121	26	22	9,193
Alaska	536	85	-54	0	0	3,353	1.1	38	19	22	6	3,381
Arizona	3,682	237	427	2	9	30,837	1.0	-562	2,351	50	45	30,932
Arkansas	1,171	140	-38	2	0	7,417	0.6	17	-1,955	20	3	7,440
California	37,815	1,108	2,775	78	110	359,022	2.0	8,965	-20,521	660	1,152	360,834
Colorado	2,624	58	202	0	6	26,263	0.9	247	3,772	60	156	26,479
Connecticut	2,268	-569	-278	1	0	21,782	1.3	-2,490	653	36	18	21,836
Delaware	185	14	-93	2	5	4,491	1.0	-391	429	7	3	4,501
District of Columbia	488	7	90	5	2	6,519	1.1	107	1,290	129	2	6,650
Florida	6,696	691	798	15	22	38,230	0.4	750	-2,716	66	72	38,368
Georgia	5,307	1,014	-988	19	15	30,437	0.6	1,618	-3,000	115	90	30,642
Hawaii	1,077	55	-1,070	2	5	5,693	1.0	-177	-8,680	37	57	5,787
Idaho	786	25	53	0	1	3,942	0.5	-86	-103	8	3	3,953
Illinois	7,498	156	-565	7	2	86,818	1.5	-1,429	7,114	269	110	87,197
Indiana	3,045	-150	-117	3	6	21,060	0.7	-907	-2,498	22	37	21,119
Iowa	2,114	27	664	5	3	8,990	0.6	450	1,325	7	3	9,000
Kansas	1,208	197	160	0	0	6,207	0.4	-217	1,793	18	16	6,241
Kentucky	1,541	223	319	1	0	7,847	0.4	4,189	1,470	21	40	7,908
Louisiana	1,321	-224	-309	2	0	12,411	0.7	-243	-739	23	16	12,450
Maine	397	16	60	0	1	4,082	0.7	66	460	11	3	4,096
Maryland	2,230	126	204	6	10	22,374	0.9	-385	2,210	111	66	22,551
Massachusetts	5,307	-1,969	3,125	6	18	58,052	1.6	-1,204	590	71	58	58,181
Michigan	5,516	787	1,179	1	7	39,527	0.9	-763	4,397	51	40	39,618
Minnesota	3,381	-174	501	1	6	37,898	1.3	-10,487	5,292	61	39	37,998
Mississippi	974	122	72	0	1	6,466	0.6	-138	-27	38	15	6,519
Missouri	2,183	89	-374	3	2	15,348	0.5	-617	-768	53	21	15,422
Montana	581	91	121	1	0	3,566	0.7	8	567	19	3	3,588
Nebraska	683	-517	78	2	0	4,819	0.5	477	811	6	7	4,832
Nevada	2,533	-6	498	0	2	25,508	1.7	243	4,446	31	54	25,593
New Hampshire	298	-32	-30	2	1	3,075	0.5	-180	491	1	1	3,077
New Jersey	8,513	455	842	22	17	101,791	2.4	-9,945	6,720	228	139	102,158
New Mexico	720	-19	-9	3	3	9,723	1.2	4	220	56	30	9,809
New York	14,075	1,842	852	12	13	151,794	1.6	-9,372	-8,326	263	205	152,262
North Carolina	3,027	139	-60	1	2	20,012	0.4	153	-502	53	106	20,171
North Dakota	198	-48	49	2	0	3,049	0.7	-26	1,919	6	5	3,060
Ohio	5,038	510	-2,023	7	15	39,191	0.7	212	4,467	44	66	39,301
Oklahoma	1,177	68	122	1	5	9,754	0.6	57	515	32	41	9,827
Oregon	3,618	419	-403	2	1	24,485	1.3	-774	-4,752	52	36	24,573
Pennsylvania	8,444	-204	-541	15	14	83,063	1.4	-3,778	1,074	211	115	83,389
Puerto Rico	1,436	154	-55	3	0	17,937	2.0	465	1,290	102	36	18,075
Rhode Island	780	29	-9	1	0	8,361	2.0	-1,222	769	37	18	8,416
South Carolina	2,309	708	-508	0	2	14,408	0.7	294	155	27	51	14,486
South Dakota	130	-20	12	4	0	1,066	0.2	64	264	14	2	1,082
Tennessee	2,918	386	707	1	5	16,959	0.5	-389	1,268	36	47	17,042
Texas	15,557	2,216	2,105	46	71	143,098	1.1	-3,808	7,816	382	62	143,542
Utah	1,312	44	-42	6	3	10,620	0.6	28	1,058	39	12	10,671
Vermont	200	13	16	1	0	1,640	0.5	-57	-225	0	0	1,640
Virgin Islands	61	-7	-16	1	0	344	1.0	0	104	6	0	350
Virginia	2,164	35	677	3	6	14,749	0.4	-257	1,463	88	78	14,915
Washington	4,914	144	7	3	23	58,739	1.7	20	7,673	118	379	59,236
West Virginia	825	169	206	0	0	6,076	0.9	193	187	18	11	6,105
Wisconsin	3,682	-794	857	5	0	22,429	0.8	-1,806	3,977	31	15	22,475
Wyoming	250	45	21	2	0	1,302	0.5	14	114	6	1	1,309
Totals	186,835	8,148	10,249	312	418	1,671,769	1.1	-32,803	25,842	3,898	3,613	1,679,280

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 14, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+2,216	Layoffs in manufacturing and retail trade industries.
NY	+1,842	Layoffs in construction; health care and social assistance; and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
CA	+1,108	No comment.
GA	+1,014	Layoffs in manufacturing, in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in health care and social assistance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	-1,969	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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