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TECHNICAL NOTE: In response to recommendations resulting from an internal review of state operations, the state of California has announced a two week pause in its processing of initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits. The state will use this time to reduce its claims processing backlog and implement fraud prevention technology. Recognizing that the pause will likely result in significant week to week swings in initial claims for California and the nation unrelated to any changes in economic conditions, California's initial claims published in the UI Claims News Release will reflect the level reported during the last week prior to the pause. Upon completion of the pause and the post-pause processing, the state will submit revised reports to reflect claims in the week during which they were filed.

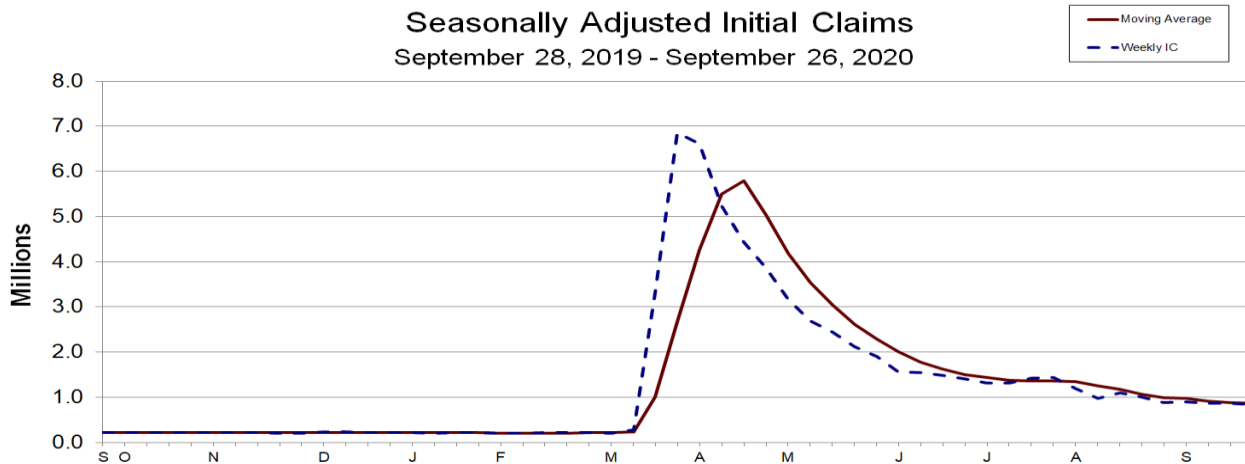
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

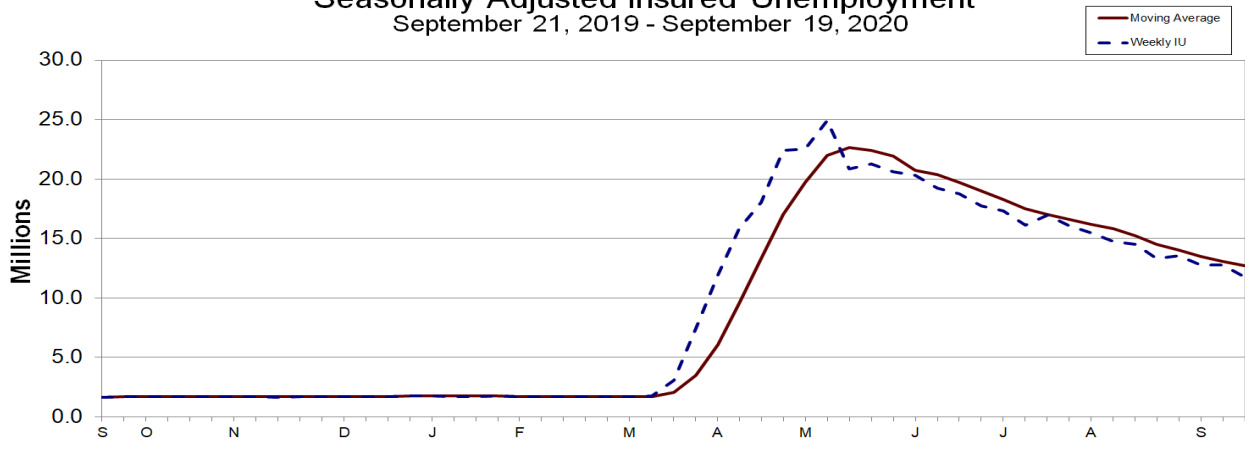
In the week ending September 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 837,000, a decrease of 36,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 870,000 to 873,000. The 4-week moving average was 867,250, a decrease of 11,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 878,250 to 879,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 8.1 percent for the week ending September 19, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 8.6 to 8.7 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 19 was 11,767,000, a decrease of 980,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 167,000 from 12,580,000 to 12,747,000. The 4-week moving average was 12,701,250, a decrease of 381,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 41,750 from 13,040,750 to 13,082,500.



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

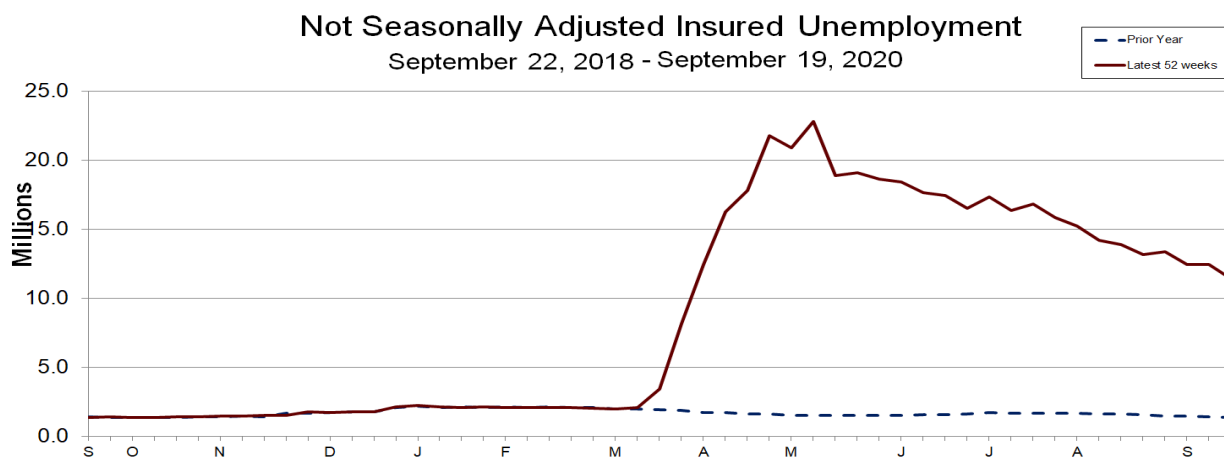
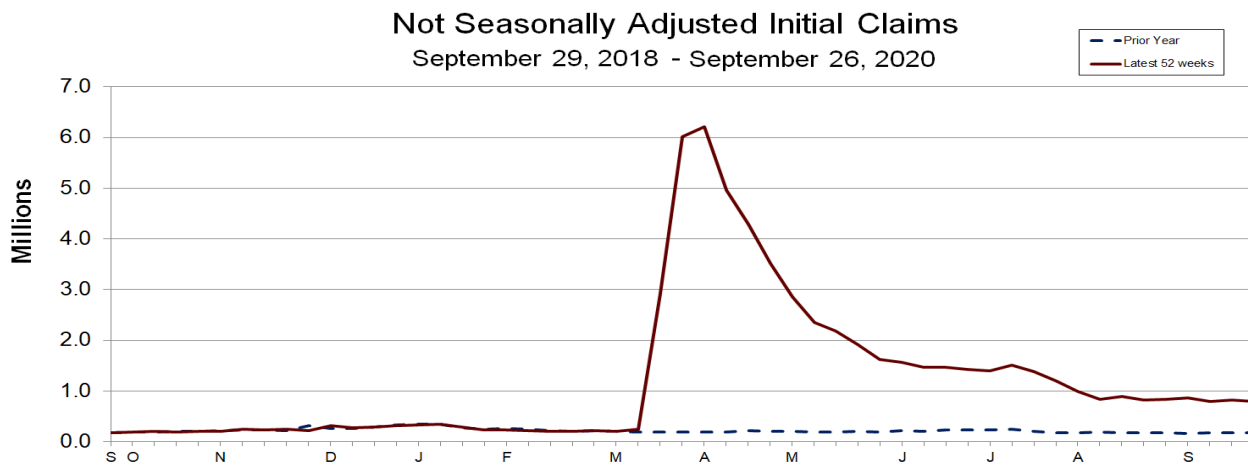
September 21, 2019 - September 19, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 786,942 in the week ending September 26, a decrease of 40,263 (or -4.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 4,251 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 172,968 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending September 26, 52 states reported 650,120 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 7.8 percent during the week ending September 19, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 11,410,703, a decrease of 1,020,192 (or -8.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 40,431 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,383,346.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 12 was 26,529,810, an increase of 484,856 from the previous week. There were 1,423,884 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending September 12, Extended Benefits were available in the following 47 states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,089 in the week ending September 19, an increase of 135 from the prior week. There were 829 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 35 from the preceding week.

There were 13,307 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 12, an increase of 282 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 14,412, an increase of 889 from the prior week.

During the week ending Sep 12, 50 states reported 11,828,338 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 50 states reported 1,828,370 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 12 were in Hawaii (21.3), California (16.1), Nevada (14.7), New York (13.7), Puerto Rico (12.8), Louisiana (12.6), Georgia (12.2), the Virgin Islands (11.9), District of Columbia (11.2), and Connecticut (10.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 19 were in New York (+7,893), Georgia (+7,336), Massachusetts (+5,186), New Jersey (+5,038), and Oregon (+3,251), while the largest decreases were in Maryland (-2,197), Michigan (-2,169), Indiana (-1,543), Illinois (-1,408), and Louisiana (-1,340).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 26	September 19	Change	September 12	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	837,000	873,000	-36,000	866,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	786,942	827,205	-40,263	796,015	172,968
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	867,250	879,000	-11,750	913,500	213,000

WEEK ENDING	September 19	September 12	Change	September 5	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	11,767,000	12,747,000	-980,000	12,747,000	1,667,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	11,410,703	12,430,895	-1,020,192	12,440,863	1,383,346
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	12,701,250	13,082,500	-381,250	13,518,750	1,674,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	8.1%	8.7%	-0.6	8.7%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	7.8%	8.5%	-0.7	8.5%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 26	September 19	Change	September 12
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	650,120	615,599	+34,521	675,154

WEEK ENDING	September 19	September 12	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,089	954	+135	570
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	829	794	+35	499

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 12	September 5	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	12,363,352	12,373,201	-9,849	1,397,264
Federal Employees	13,307	13,025	+282	6,561
Newly Discharged Veterans	14,412	13,523	+889	5,721
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	11,828,338	11,510,888	+317,450	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,828,370	1,631,645	+196,725	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	267,490	279,839	-12,349	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,343	2,295	+48	5,076
STC / Workshare ⁷	212,198	220,538	-8,340	9,262
TOTAL ⁸	26,529,810	26,044,954	+484,856	1,423,884

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 146,125,989 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 26			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 19		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	8,202	8,679	-477	28,676	37,431	-8,755
Alaska	3,937	3,631	306	22,060	24,089	-2,029
Arizona	10,410	9,065	1,345	170,699	190,507	-19,808
Arkansas	5,524	5,778	-254	31,846	40,856	-9,010
California*	226,179	226,179	0	2,802,145	2,802,145	0
Colorado	4,973	5,115	-142	145,528	151,250	-5,722
Connecticut	5,046	5,141	-95	161,387	175,902	-14,515
Delaware	1,688	1,775	-87	29,325	28,983	342
District of Columbia	1,734	1,549	185	58,505	64,903	-6,398
Florida	29,360	39,028	-9,668	317,726	374,181	-56,455
Georgia	43,072	49,421	-6,349	482,075	536,886	-54,811
Hawaii	6,102	6,750	-648	125,835	132,467	-6,632
Idaho	2,826	3,437	-611	8,911	10,708	-1,797
Illinois	27,903	25,976	1,927	488,098	536,818	-48,720
Indiana	10,742	11,702	-960	147,559	161,143	-13,584
Iowa	5,018	6,117	-1,099	58,744	62,938	-4,194
Kansas	15,071	17,474	-2,403	58,249	52,959	5,290
Kentucky	7,254	8,413	-1,159	100,034	113,140	-13,106
Louisiana	15,401	14,842	559	204,213	238,724	-34,511
Maine	1,465	1,431	34	23,736	28,071	-4,335
Maryland	8,459	5,661	2,798	109,342	161,421	-52,079
Massachusetts	24,631	23,574	1,057	321,471	361,495	-40,024
Michigan	18,040	17,402	638	401,381	441,816	-40,435
Minnesota	9,581	10,901	-1,320	179,700	192,217	-12,517
Mississippi	4,157	5,180	-1,023	70,203	84,253	-14,050
Missouri	6,503	8,153	-1,650	67,879	77,725	-9,846
Montana	3,084	3,221	-137	19,400	22,380	-2,980
Nebraska	2,926	3,132	-206	18,798	21,588	-2,790
Nevada	9,347	8,198	1,149	180,469	203,408	-22,939
New Hampshire	2,005	2,118	-113	34,335	37,241	-2,906
New Jersey	26,317	24,680	1,637	321,153	353,590	-32,437
New Mexico	3,496	3,637	-141	77,671	82,386	-4,715
New York	66,568	69,790	-3,222	1,051,205	1,294,494	-243,289
North Carolina	11,899	13,406	-1,507	126,566	145,078	-18,512
North Dakota	928	792	136	13,353	12,120	1,233
Ohio	17,152	17,618	-466	250,127	323,572	-73,445
Oklahoma	4,512	5,434	-922	87,556	104,908	-17,352
Oregon*	5,293	8,055	-2,762	167,871	154,948	12,923
Pennsylvania	22,407	22,762	-355	484,830	541,280	-56,450
Puerto Rico	684	1,149	-465	103,851	110,490	-6,639
Rhode Island	3,041	2,830	211	32,312	38,774	-6,462
South Carolina	5,132	4,906	226	80,594	94,304	-13,710
South Dakota	233	551	-318	5,987	6,950	-963
Tennessee	9,802	11,793	-1,991	145,441	167,778	-22,337
Texas	40,073	48,426	-8,353	904,615	953,168	-48,553
Utah	2,469	2,545	-76	25,775	28,362	-2,587
Vermont	570	644	-74	21,439	22,541	-1,102
Virgin Islands	12	309	-297	4,464	4,358	106
Virginia	11,263	10,582	681	172,144	188,195	-16,051
Washington	21,024	23,105	-2,081	294,415	254,002	40,413
West Virginia	1,776	2,224	-448	44,594	45,429	-835
Wisconsin	10,923	12,178	-1,255	118,660	128,663	-10,003
Wyoming	728	746	-18	7,751	7,860	-109
US Total	786,942	827,205	-40,263	11,410,703	12,430,895	-1,020,192

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 state 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	
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,767	-980	12,701.25	8.1
September 26, 2020	837	-36	867.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 26			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 12	Sep 5	Change
Alabama	1,361	1,815	-454	36,793	31,852	4,941
Alaska	272	301	-29	10,397	10,721	-324
Arizona	220,156	204,498	15,658	415,732	372,461	43,271
Arkansas	4,670	6,068	-1,398	67,705	70,300	-2,595
California*	99,824	99,824	0	3,493,940	3,375,498	118,442
Colorado	2,413	1,899	514	64,066	59,912	4,154
Connecticut	766	908	-142	53,597	53,152	445
Delaware	127	122	5	7,705	6,776	929
District of Columbia	186	217	-31	14,649	14,546	103
Florida	19,734	9,789	9,945	0	0	0
Georgia	5,458	6,822	-1,364	270,771	240,294	30,477
Hawaii	4,402	3,148	1,254	104,010	94,867	9,143
Idaho	21	56	-35	11,417	11,506	-89
Illinois	5,360	4,214	1,146	118,875	116,305	2,570
Indiana	11,675	11,987	-312	261,488	285,110	-23,622
Iowa	857	920	-63	12,960	12,530	430
Kansas	10,159	13,042	-2,883	255,416	246,275	9,141
Kentucky	2,262	2,396	-134	51,478	41,525	9,953
Louisiana	12,700	10,256	2,444	134,309	135,451	-1,142
Maine	4,062	1,230	2,832	17,721	18,162	-441
Maryland	3,752	4,574	-822	247,123	258,048	-10,925
Massachusetts	10,925	11,313	-388	472,752	457,050	15,702
Michigan	14,655	24,181	-9,526	779,433	773,160	6,273
Minnesota	285	338	-53	47,752	48,793	-1,041
Mississippi	2,128	1,784	344	32,735	35,274	-2,539
Missouri	702	860	-158	58,978	57,053	1,925
Montana	1,660	1,991	-331	47,244	55,497	-8,253
Nebraska	1,774	1,725	49	31,360	24,705	6,655
Nevada	11,202	11,438	-236	95,681	94,736	945
New Hampshire	380	424	-44	16,416	14,377	2,039
New Jersey	17,238	12,298	4,940	399,889	380,682	19,207
New Mexico	1,291	1,400	-109	40,434	39,131	1,303
New York	33,141	41,016	-7,875	1,482,560	1,250,872	231,688
North Carolina	11,024	9,669	1,355	172,114	158,721	13,393
North Dakota	887	897	-10	6,078	5,770	308
Ohio	18,461	15,397	3,064	396,985	365,553	31,432
Oklahoma	780	789	-9	13,978	13,123	855
Oregon	4,701	6,545	-1,844	118,349	85,443	32,906
Pennsylvania	46,789	40,572	6,217	834,218	824,805	9,413
Puerto Rico	26,969	11,419	15,550	182,280	441,260	-258,980
Rhode Island	6,820	9,385	-2,565	50,468	62,009	-11,541
South Carolina	3,822	3,470	352	62,824	63,200	-376
South Dakota	49	51	-2	2,360	2,623	-263
Tennessee	7,157	5,142	2,015	153,889	152,239	1,650
Texas	6,822	7,667	-845	290,944	269,640	21,304
Utah	676	738	-62	6,165	6,522	-357
Vermont	52	50	2	9,327	9,559	-232
Virgin Islands	76	114	-38	0	0	0
Virginia	3,106	3,397	-291	205,981	201,749	4,232
Washington	4,088	5,293	-1,205	114,600	114,730	-130
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,131	2,011	120	50,097	45,154	4,943
Wyoming	112	139	-27	2,295	2,167	128
US Total	650,120	615,599	34,521	11,828,338	11,510,888	317,450

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)

*Denotes state estimate.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	September 12	September 5	Change	August 29	August 22
Alabama	76,596	77,955	-1,359	78,755	79,413
Alaska	6,832	5,890	942	5,597	4,878
Arizona	20,204	19,164	1,040	18,228	16,536
Arkansas	21,969	20,826	1,143	21,596	21,825
California	446,281	400,546	45,735	369,443	355,514
Colorado	31,083	21,097	9,986	25,732	16,593
Connecticut	12,811	11,549	1,262	12,575	12,288
Delaware	2,685	2,329	356	2,010	2,172
District of Columbia	2,126	2,093	33	2,107	2,148
Florida	22,129	24,620	-2,491	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	6,962	7,144	-182	7,154	6,985
Illinois	33,923	32,208	1,715	32,489	32,692
Indiana	8,591	7,752	839	7,393	7,339
Iowa	22,817	20,898	1,919	16,670	18,683
Kansas	10,990	10,678	312	9,903	8,468
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	2,871	2,943	-72	3,049	3,065
Maine	8,649	7,869	780	7,714	7,076
Maryland	12,762	12,204	558	11,381	10,829
Massachusetts	55,764	46,320	9,444	44,668	43,141
Michigan	64,447	52,289	12,158	55,402	44,737
Minnesota	36,733	34,455	2,278	32,149	29,916
Mississippi	12,231	10,275	1,956	11,045	7,730
Missouri	41,710	38,192	3,518	34,654	28,791
Montana	4,706	4,387	319	4,369	4,079
Nebraska	2,565	2,474	91	2,538	2,704
Nevada	31,382	28,121	3,261	25,898	23,760
New Hampshire	832	1,024	-192	1,041	956
New Jersey	60,121	55,989	4,132	55,831	54,589
New Mexico	6,942	6,424	518	6,223	5,522
New York	161,243	96,852	64,391	83,372	75,994
North Carolina	214,315	220,959	-6,644	226,731	214,678
North Dakota	4,633	4,372	261	4,332	4,221
Ohio	21,001	19,190	1,811	18,374	17,570
Oklahoma	13,653	11,085	2,568	8,912	5,561
Oregon	19,113	17,616	1,497	18,250	16,712
Pennsylvania	50,699	49,564	1,135	46,375	44,477
Puerto Rico	5,461	0	5,461	4,780	4,927
Rhode Island	7,959	7,748	211	6,571	6,008
South Carolina	60,082	54,415	5,667	48,193	39,692
South Dakota	513	545	-32	394	442
Tennessee	52,333	48,091	4,242	26,798	19,075
Texas	30,830	23,506	7,324	29,051	29,168
Utah	8,605	8,583	22	8,318	8,377
Vermont	2,348	2,060	288	1,895	1,589
Virgin Islands	103	143	-40	5	16
Virginia	65,574	58,726	6,848	52,800	47,405
Washington	8,299	10,289	-1,990	6,414	5,222
West Virginia	5,053	4,651	402	4,808	4,789
Wisconsin	26,744	23,595	3,149	23,216	22,312
Wyoming	2,095	1,940	155	1,963	1,819
US Total	1,828,370	1,631,645	196,725	1,527,166	1,422,483

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	September 12	September 5	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,154	1,035	119
Arizona	1,042	644	398
Arkansas	1,380	1,171	209
California	59,154	90,396	-31,242
Colorado	60	62	-2
Connecticut	5,699	5,105	594
Delaware	120	142	-22
District of Columbia	2	3	-1
Florida	475	433	42
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	10	14	-4
Idaho	26	30	-4
Illinois	19,534	19,186	348
Indiana	3,080	2,865	215
Iowa	3,064	2,818	246
Kansas	991	975	16
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1,556	1,329	227
Maine	901	840	61
Maryland	3,961	3,528	433
Massachusetts	12,174	10,511	1,663
Michigan	1	0	1
Minnesota	6,146	5,954	192
Mississippi	1,762	1,478	284
Missouri	4,275	4,219	56
Montana	628	621	7
Nebraska	231	211	20
Nevada	3,767	3,529	238
New Hampshire	417	384	33
New Jersey	25,030	23,015	2,015
New Mexico	1,687	1,584	103
New York	36,274	33,832	2,442
North Carolina	17,376	10,523	6,853
North Dakota	332	347	-15
Ohio	9,360	8,431	929
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	3,794	3,350	444
Pennsylvania	18,279	21,800	-3,521
Puerto Rico	492	448	44
Rhode Island	1,412	1,222	190
South Carolina	5,213	4,721	492
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	2,105	1,892	213
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	906	766	140
Vermont	522	496	26
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	2,537	0	2,537
Washington	10,185	9,488	697
West Virginia	22	27	-5
Wisconsin	17	16	1
Wyoming	337	437	-100
US Total	267,490	279,878	-12,388

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 19

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 12

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	8,679	-169	6,680	21	10	37,431	1.9	-2,767	22,371	73	55	37,559
Alaska	3,631	38	2,823	14	2	24,089	7.8	-1,673	19,369	107	52	24,248
Arizona	9,065	-950	5,384	6	7	190,507	6.6	-3,972	166,145	269	261	191,037
Arkansas	5,778	1,193	4,482	2	2	40,856	3.4	1,930	30,655	91	33	40,980
California	226,179	175	191,018	229	144	2,802,145	16.1	77,814	2,522,969	2,012	3,198	2,807,355
Colorado	5,115	-56	3,697	13	16	151,250	5.6	-5,841	135,871	151	386	151,787
Connecticut	5,141	-34	2,893	21	1	175,902	10.6	8,563	149,779	581	354	176,837
Delaware	1,775	177	1,337	2	2	28,983	6.5	-551	25,249	16	21	29,020
District of Columbia	1,549	89	1,142	24	1	64,903	11.2	-768	58,459	782	18	65,703
Florida	39,028	1,763	33,056	20	14	374,181	4.3	-39,993	335,030	234	269	374,684
Georgia	49,421	7,336	45,159	61	48	536,886	12.2	38,073	512,634	635	660	538,181
Hawaii	6,750	-557	5,814	6	14	132,467	21.3	9,494	126,149	296	227	132,990
Idaho	3,437	-235	2,776	1	2	10,708	1.4	-802	7,276	10	20	10,738
Illinois	25,976	-1,408	19,438	15	9	536,818	9.1	28,938	460,469	647	258	537,723
Indiana	11,702	-1,543	8,905	10	6	161,143	5.3	-3,472	148,317	117	126	161,386
Iowa	6,117	1,465	4,379	6	4	62,938	4.1	-2,484	50,835	123	48	63,109
Kansas	17,474	2,452	14,872	4	3	52,959	3.9	-2,446	46,116	83	60	53,102
Kentucky	8,413	-259	6,177	0	11	113,140	6.0	5,990	97,125	141	256	113,537
Louisiana	14,842	-1,340	13,189	17	20	238,724	12.6	-11,520	224,209	160	59	238,943
Maine	1,431	-4	1,049	0	0	28,071	4.6	-2,541	25,106	32	26	28,129
Maryland	5,661	-2,197	3,192	7	8	161,421	6.3	-3,447	138,337	275	204	161,900
Massachusetts	23,574	5,186	19,800	21	24	361,495	10.1	-13,697	316,674	262	170	361,927
Michigan	17,402	-2,169	9,571	18	8	441,816	10.3	48,111	408,017	172	170	442,158
Minnesota	10,901	-280	8,251	17	6	192,217	6.7	-15,428	169,890	167	142	192,526
Mississippi	5,180	645	4,313	8	1	84,253	7.6	-2,854	76,900	111	44	84,408
Missouri	8,153	-783	4,507	4	2	77,725	2.8	-9,107	62,006	93	62	77,880
Montana	3,221	236	2,604	3	2	22,380	4.9	-596	18,823	73	46	22,499
Nebraska	3,132	405	2,691	6	3	21,588	2.2	-756	19,002	21	10	21,619
Nevada	8,198	-134	6,311	5	3	203,408	14.7	-2,758	187,081	115	148	203,671
New Hampshire	2,118	-158	1,762	4	2	37,241	5.7	-2,697	34,587	10	14	37,265
New Jersey	24,680	5,038	17,962	31	26	353,590	8.8	-13,083	280,173	231	436	354,257
New Mexico	3,637	200	2,956	14	3	82,386	10.2	-2,157	75,030	368	111	82,865
New York	69,790	7,893	58,950	11	43	1,294,494	13.7	2,542	1,189,818	362	670	1,295,526
North Carolina	13,406	-31	10,302	33	54	145,078	3.3	-6,240	126,489	286	489	145,853
North Dakota	792	73	587	5	2	12,120	2.9	-678	10,592	35	13	12,168
Ohio	17,618	1,233	12,731	6	22	323,572	6.0	247	286,694	166	335	324,073
Oklahoma	5,434	-162	3,774	14	7	104,908	6.7	-5,999	90,513	113	126	105,147
Oregon	8,055	3,251	4,418	20	13	154,948	8.1	15,636	132,426	218	147	155,313
Pennsylvania	22,762	1,015	13,241	145	42	541,280	9.3	-848	455,623	1,079	534	542,893
Puerto Rico	1,149	-36	118	1	1	110,490	12.8	-10,712	93,417	155	51	110,696
Rhode Island	2,830	-196	2,168	3	1	38,774	8.2	-7,067	33,200	34	22	38,830
South Carolina	4,906	645	2,990	4	18	94,304	4.5	-7,152	81,039	42	95	94,441
South Dakota	551	175	427	6	1	6,950	1.7	277	6,104	154	4	7,108
Tennessee	11,793	477	8,498	21	22	167,778	5.1	-11,174	151,947	121	127	168,026
Texas	48,426	-960	35,986	151	153	953,168	7.7	-23,420	837,671	1,003	2,515	956,686
Utah	2,545	262	1,689	21	3	28,362	1.9	-2,496	22,494	44	26	28,432
Vermont	644	32	408	0	0	22,541	7.4	-1,420	20,742	4	2	22,547
Virgin Islands	309	117	275	0	0	4,358	11.9	228	3,886	2	4	4,364
Virginia	10,582	482	8,424	6	6	188,195	5.0	-13,421	170,944	408	465	189,068
Washington	23,105	1,937	17,786	17	25	254,002	7.5	-9,243	213,172	382	698	255,082
West Virginia	2,224	343	1,359	2	2	45,429	6.8	-462	37,606	75	55	45,559
Wisconsin	12,178	469	9,027	13	8	128,663	4.5	-2,009	109,708	150	85	128,898
Wyoming	746	49	463	0	2	7,860	2.9	-60	6,556	16	5	7,881
Totals	827,205	31,190	651,811	1,089	829	12,430,895	8.5	-9,968	11,031,294	13,307	14,412	12,458,614

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 19, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+7,893	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
GA	+7,336	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
MA	+5,186	No comment.
NJ	+5,038	No comment.
OR	+3,251	No comment.
KS	+2,452	No comment.
WA	+1,937	No comment.
FL	+1,763	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
IA	+1,465	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
OH	+1,233	No comment.
AR	+1,193	No comment.
PA	+1,015	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and other services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MD	-2,197	No comment.
MI	-2,169	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
IN	-1,543	No comment.
IL	-1,408	No comment.
LA	-1,340	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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)

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