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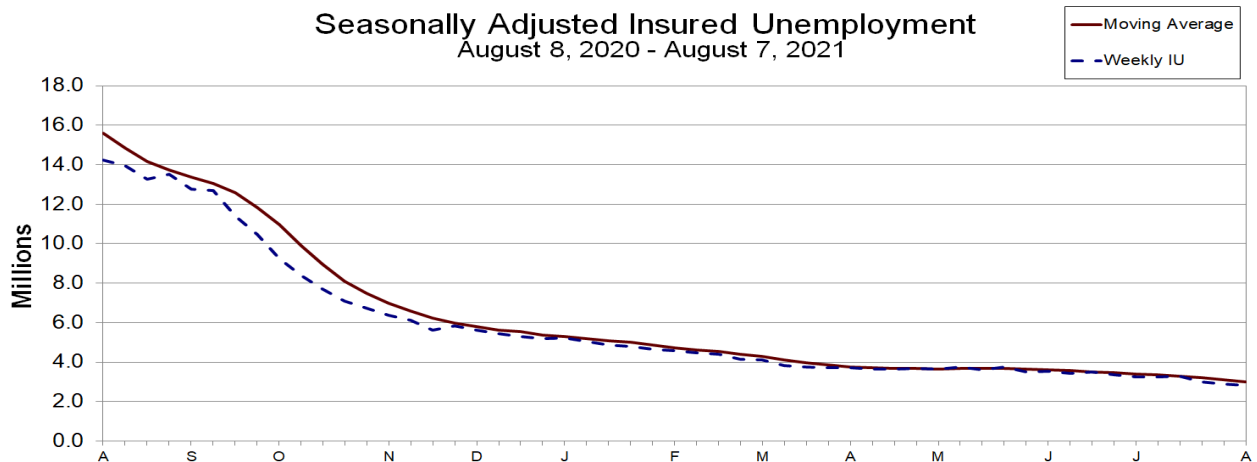
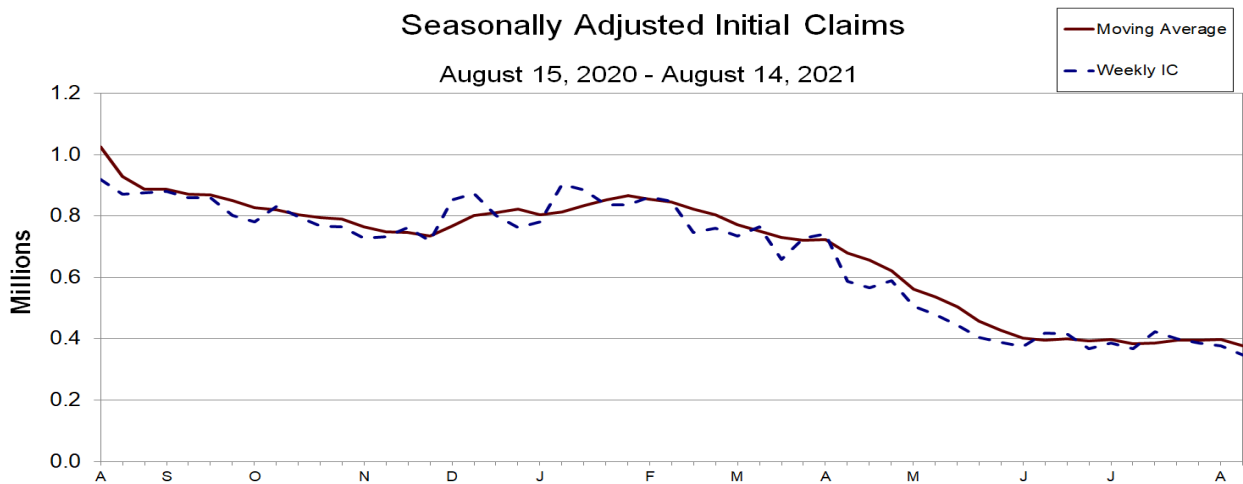
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 348,000, a decrease of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020 when it was 256,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 375,000 to 377,000. The 4-week moving average was 377,750, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 14, 2020 when it was 225,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 396,250 to 396,750.

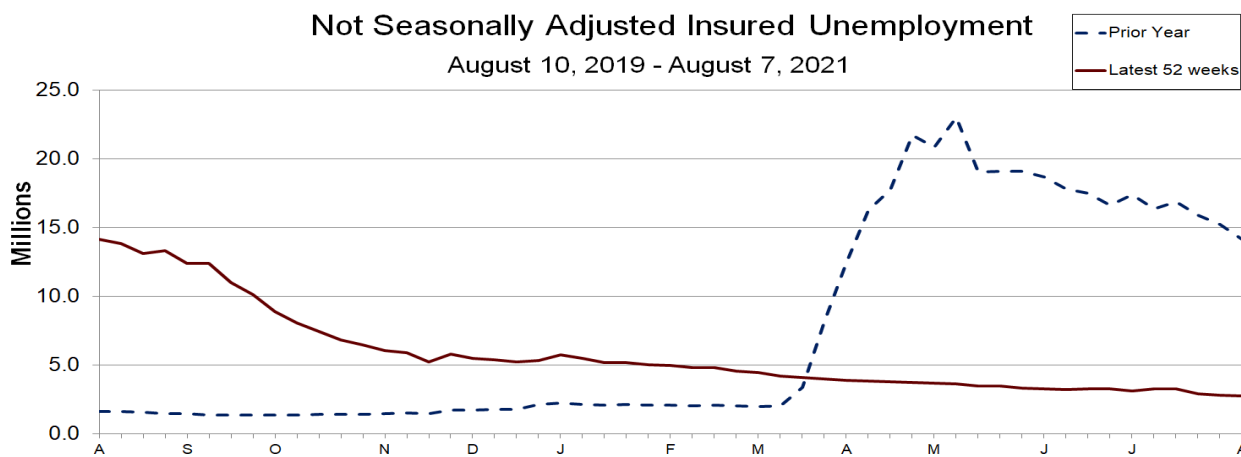
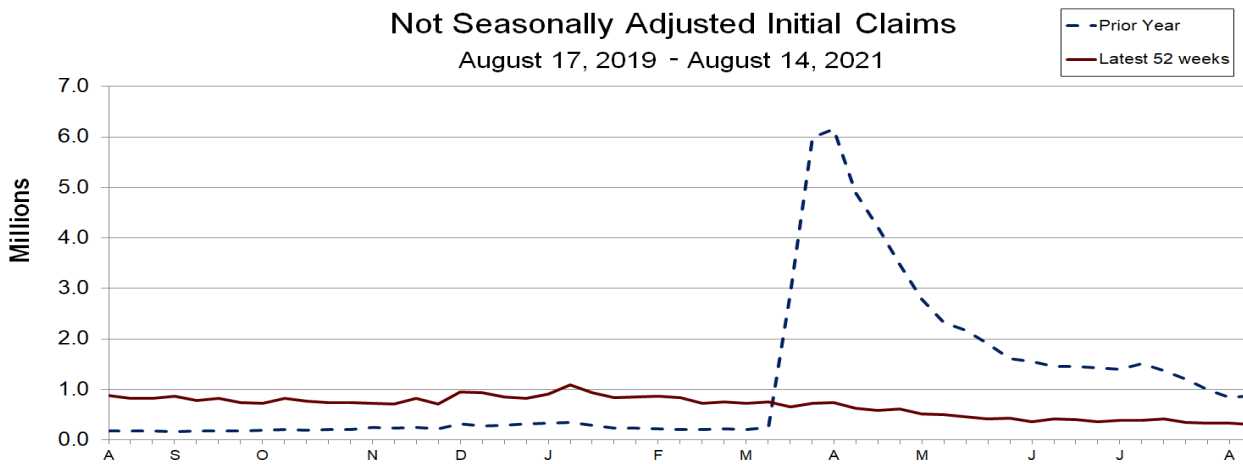
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.1 percent for the week ending August 7, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 7 was 2,820,000, a decrease of 79,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since March 14, 2020 when it was 1,770,000. The previous week's level was revised up 33,000 from 2,866,000 to 2,899,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,998,750, a decrease of 110,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 21, 2020 when it was 2,071,750. The previous week's average was revised up by 8,250 from 3,101,000 to 3,109,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 308,574 in the week ending August 14, a decrease of 14,469 (or -4.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 14,901 (or 4.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 879,545 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending August 14, 44 states reported 109,379 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.0 percent during the week ending August 7, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,763,782, a decrease of 86,599 (or -3.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,229 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 9.7 percent and the volume was 14,155,552.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 31 was 11,743,515, a decrease of 311,787 from the previous week. There were 28,676,558 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending July 31, Extended Benefits were available in the following 10 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Texas.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 669 in the week ending August 7, an increase of 22 from the prior week. There were 625 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 127 from the preceding week.

There were 9,478 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 31, an increase of 205 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,935, a decrease of 242 from the prior week.

During the week ending July 31, 47 states reported 4,877,668 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 3,786,488 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 31 were in Puerto Rico (4.9), California (3.8), Illinois (3.6), District of Columbia (3.2), New York (3.2), Connecticut (3.1), Rhode Island (3.1), New Jersey (3.0), the Virgin Islands (3.0), and Nevada (2.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 7 were in Virginia (+4,197), California (+3,267), Maryland (+1,738), Oregon (+1,602), and Illinois (+1,430), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-4,093), New York (-2,921), Georgia (-2,623), Indiana (-2,577), and Missouri (-2,401).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 14	August 7	Change	July 31	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	348,000	377,000	-29,000	387,000	920,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	308,574	323,043	-14,469	325,715	879,545
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	377,750	396,750	-19,000	394,500	1,027,000

WEEK ENDING	August 7	July 31	Change	July 24	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,820,000	2,899,000	-79,000	2,980,000	14,217,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,763,782	2,850,381	-86,599	2,930,341	14,155,552
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,998,750	3,109,250	-110,500	3,200,750	15,599,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.1%	2.1%	0.0	2.2%	9.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.0%	2.1%	-0.1	2.1%	9.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 14	August 7	Change	July 31	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	109,379	103,847	+5,532	94,427	514,747

WEEK ENDING	August 7	July 31	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	669	647	+22	1,234
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	625	498	+127	1,033

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

WEEK ENDING	July 31	July 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,836,901	2,915,638	-78,737	15,163,834
Federal Employees	9,478	9,273	+205	14,627
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,935	6,177	-242	13,917
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	4,877,668	4,820,787	+56,881	11,648,026
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	3,786,488	3,852,569	-66,081	1,381,093
Extended Benefits ⁵	177,916	398,829	-220,913	136,208
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,316	1,348	-32	2,610
STC / Workshare ⁷	47,813	50,681	-2,868	316,243
TOTAL⁸	11,743,515	12,055,302	-311,787	28,676,558

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 137,027,194 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 9-10 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 August 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,122	6,196	-1,074	12,227	16,733	-4,506
Alaska	1,481	1,322	159	5,993	6,405	-412
Arizona	2,736	3,172	-436	33,206	38,434	-5,228
Arkansas	1,456	2,103	-647	16,339	19,148	-2,809
California	68,079	65,476	2,603	567,572	609,094	-41,522
Colorado	3,932	3,875	57	34,340	34,449	-109
Connecticut	3,702	3,541	161	48,355	46,765	1,590
Delaware	338	659	-321	7,847	7,736	111
District of Columbia	2,065	1,382	683	16,976	17,190	-214
Florida	4,092	5,905	-1,813	55,904	59,879	-3,975
Georgia	10,441	10,783	-342	82,425	90,890	-8,465
Hawaii	2,239	2,150	89	13,444	13,493	-49
Idaho	931	1,039	-108	3,996	4,453	-457
Illinois	17,872	21,449	-3,577	203,580	196,250	7,330
Indiana	7,049	7,101	-52	41,387	46,158	-4,771
Iowa	1,744	2,149	-405	16,285	16,433	-148
Kansas	1,245	1,289	-44	9,592	10,119	-527
Kentucky	1,747	4,006	-2,259	16,783	16,351	432
Louisiana	1,977	2,411	-434	38,022	43,992	-5,970
Maine	809	769	40	7,796	7,932	-136
Maryland	7,087	5,340	1,747	36,079	37,119	-1,040
Massachusetts	6,152	7,552	-1,400	63,262	69,307	-6,045
Michigan	12,120	14,308	-2,188	88,732	95,330	-6,598
Minnesota	3,974	3,636	338	56,209	54,916	1,293
Mississippi	1,978	2,278	-300	14,513	18,019	-3,506
Missouri	4,010	4,406	-396	31,411	35,548	-4,137
Montana	649	713	-64	5,003	5,554	-551
Nebraska	960	1,049	-89	5,860	6,199	-339
Nevada	2,758	2,286	472	30,877	34,909	-4,032
New Hampshire	525	613	-88	5,098	5,880	-782
New Jersey	9,679	10,629	-950	136,120	109,785	26,335
New Mexico	5,007	2,089	2,918	16,887	17,816	-929
New York	14,400	14,548	-148	257,354	268,447	-11,093
North Carolina	4,727	5,562	-835	33,452	37,760	-4,308
North Dakota	289	318	-29	2,574	2,622	-48
Ohio	9,436	10,614	-1,178	58,195	61,503	-3,308
Oklahoma	3,521	3,838	-317	26,908	30,107	-3,199
Oregon	5,229	6,021	-792	44,410	41,894	2,516
Pennsylvania	9,414	9,892	-478	122,806	111,933	10,873
Puerto Rico	2,085	2,459	-374	39,175	39,899	-724
Rhode Island	3,060	3,070	-10	12,886	13,642	-756
South Carolina	1,436	1,445	-9	31,365	34,672	-3,307
South Dakota	158	194	-36	1,345	1,565	-220
Tennessee	4,365	4,989	-624	42,854	47,249	-4,395
Texas	22,731	31,042	-8,311	186,823	190,232	-3,409
Utah	1,858	2,300	-442	8,431	8,467	-36
Vermont	326	312	14	5,052	4,991	61
Virgin Islands	95	161	-66	1,036	1,068	-32
Virginia	17,277	10,226	7,051	35,247	31,739	3,508
Washington	5,722	5,614	108	69,894	67,233	2,661
West Virginia	919	1,408	-489	10,309	10,305	4
Wisconsin	7,323	7,052	271	49,501	50,813	-1,312
Wyoming	247	302	-55	2,045	1,954	91
US Total	308,574	323,043	-14,469	2,763,782	2,850,381	-86,599

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	
August 8, 2020	883	-160	1,146.50	14,217	-1,086	15,599.25	9.7
August 15, 2020	920	37	1,027.00	13,948	-269	14,858.00	9.5
August 22, 2020	872	-48	929.50	13,246	-702	14,178.50	9.1
August 29, 2020	875	3	887.50	13,528	282	13,734.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	881	6	887.00	12,755	-773	13,369.25	8.7
September 12, 2020	860	-21	872.00	12,706	-49	13,058.75	8.7
September 19, 2020	860	0	869.00	11,381	-1,325	12,592.50	7.8
September 26, 2020	803	-57	851.00	10,477	-904	11,829.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,820	-79	2,998.75	2.1
August 14, 2021	348	-29	377.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 14			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jul 31		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jul 31	Jul 24	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	102	78	24	4,891	5,590	-699
Arizona	506	562	-56	51,621	55,337	-3,716
Arkansas	18	19	-1	1,397	1,352	45
California	53,498	51,812	1,686	1,307,999	1,308,325	-326
Colorado	1,408	1,692	-284	25,399	26,003	-604
Connecticut	137	0	137	0	23,059	-23,059
Delaware	28	38	-10	3,167	3,276	-109
District of Columbia	21	47	-26	13,395	12,698	697
Florida	281	562	-281	0	0	0
Georgia	400	372	28	12,565	13,331	-766
Hawaii	582	409	173	31,325	33,392	-2,067
Idaho	2	10	-8	54	8	46
Illinois	1,140	1,172	-32	189,103	182,980	6,123
Indiana	3,532	4,050	-518	114,488	113,755	733
Iowa	81	83	-2	107	99	8
Kansas	181	196	-15	4,971	5,652	-681
Kentucky	698	712	-14	12,307	12,296	11
Louisiana	267	305	-38	88,769	91,312	-2,543
Maine	134	125	9	9,456	9,688	-232
Maryland	3,324	1,382	1,942	86,294	83,641	2,653
Massachusetts	2,825	2,803	22	255,371	207,275	48,096
Michigan	4,835	7,917	-3,082	312,191	183,633	128,558
Minnesota	0	0	0	34,025	33,979	46
Mississippi	0	0	0	2	2	0
Missouri	2	15	-13	2,117	1,596	521
Montana	8	4	4	1,010	2,346	-1,336
Nebraska	3	1	2	89	63	26
Nevada	929	656	273	39,908	38,772	1,136
New Hampshire	22	13	9	62	161	-99
New Jersey	814	649	165	225,831	294,157	-68,326
New Mexico	4,286	7,337	-3,051	35,385	34,472	913
New York	1,185	1,227	-42	916,219	929,092	-12,873
North Carolina	1,564	1,667	-103	51,876	52,910	-1,034
North Dakota	0	1	-1	175	71	104
Ohio	11,113	4,458	6,655	194,627	206,645	-12,018
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2,757	1,062	1,695	61,749	65,978	-4,229
Pennsylvania	4,708	5,056	-348	446,758	446,851	-93
Puerto Rico	827	873	-46	154,108	147,583	6,525
Rhode Island	3,617	3,070	547	30,606	30,596	10
South Carolina	15	8	7	150	234	-84
South Dakota	0	0	0	58	110	-52
Tennessee	29	29	0	4,727	6,592	-1,865
Texas	51	61	-10	1,196	3,794	-2,598
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	11	10	1	5,801	5,866	-65
Virgin Islands	7	13	-6	0	0	0
Virginia	1,329	1,017	312	42,162	41,701	461
Washington	1,517	1,615	-98	85,466	86,593	-1,127
West Virginia	0	0	0	49	117	-68
Wisconsin	585	659	-74	18,624	17,778	846
Wyoming	0	0	0	18	26	-8
US Total	109,379	103,847	5,532	4,877,668	4,820,787	56,881

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	July 31	July 24	Change	July 17	July 10
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	9,987	10,261	-274	10,533	11,379
Arizona	15,996	17,042	-1,046	18,049	19,691
Arkansas	1,109	1,245	-136	1,481	1,626
California	1,069,216	1,046,154	23,062	1,362,890	1,293,511
Colorado	76,026	76,382	-356	72,889	70,810
Connecticut	0	60,894	-60,894	61,543	63,715
Delaware	7,750	7,919	-169	7,998	7,693
District of Columbia	2,935	3,010	-75	13,741	3,246
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	24,925	22,366	2,559	25,150	22,570
Idaho	223	292	-69	251	245
Illinois	268,916	270,950	-2,034	272,601	271,383
Indiana	53,446	58,834	-5,388	79,108	83,820
Iowa	3,558	4,027	-469	4,602	5,870
Kansas	11,290	9,685	1,605	11,550	12,420
Kentucky	24,359	26,452	-2,093	24,508	30,764
Louisiana	65,265	66,877	-1,612	66,703	66,668
Maine	14,388	14,323	65	14,484	14,621
Maryland	49,555	46,205	3,350	48,255	52,319
Massachusetts	188,207	188,381	-174	188,814	188,819
Michigan	185,345	177,657	7,688	199,624	193,431
Minnesota	112,799	114,010	-1,211	112,268	112,938
Mississippi	1	11	-10	0	0
Missouri	1,093	2,148	-1,055	1,139	3,012
Montana	160	211	-51	259	302
Nebraska	156	139	17	148	97
Nevada	77,597	69,146	8,451	86,064	88,306
New Hampshire	1,959	825	1,134	866	822
New Jersey	188,286	226,410	-38,124	227,270	232,577
New Mexico	29,987	30,356	-369	30,132	29,805
New York	725,389	706,598	18,791	711,365	723,405
North Carolina	125,264	126,261	-997	125,847	126,921
North Dakota	52	50	2	62	52
Ohio	82,636	85,865	-3,229	88,234	91,095
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	66,873	70,296	-3,423	71,939	73,812
Pennsylvania	199,845	213,899	-14,054	199,926	230,056
Puerto Rico	44,621	41,017	3,604	45,244	43,755
Rhode Island	17,083	17,185	-102	17,211	15,870
South Carolina	63	77	-14	306	701
South Dakota	120	316	-196	153	195
Tennessee	404	517	-113	855	2,293
Texas	2,110	2,647	-537	6,698	11,163
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	3,593	3,701	-108	3,922	4,056
Virgin Islands	14	5	9	7	19
Virginia	8,620	7,120	1,500	7,322	6,930
Washington	460	447	13	476	543
West Virginia	272	271	1	284	694
Wisconsin	24,517	24,069	448	23,418	19,863
Wyoming	18	16	2	18	0
US Total	3,786,488	3,852,569	-66,081	4,246,207	4,233,883

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) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	July 31	July 24	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1	1	0
Arizona	40	17	23
Arkansas	0	1	-1
California	26,847	26,810	37
Colorado	1	0	1
Connecticut	88	135	-47
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	3	4	-1
Florida	4	3	1
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	2	-2
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	3,930	3,637	293
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	12	19	-7
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	4	0	4
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	105	5	100
Massachusetts	86	91	-5
Michigan	4	18	-14
Minnesota	82	57	25
Mississippi	3	0	3
Missouri	6	27	-21
Montana	2	0	2
Nebraska	2	2	0
Nevada	316	281	35
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	3,327	4,198	-871
New Mexico	7	11	-4
New York	10,441	32,732	-22,291
North Carolina	5	3	2
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	139	155	-16
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	44	50	-6
Pennsylvania	159	172	-13
Puerto Rico	281	292	-11
Rhode Island	22	12	10
South Carolina	2	1	1
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	3	4	-1
Texas	131,710	329,902	-198,192
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	20	6	14
Virginia	69	55	14
Washington	23	7	16
West Virginia	1	1	0
Wisconsin	117	117	0
Wyoming	10	1	9
US Total	177,916	398,829	-220,913

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 7

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JULY 31

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	6,196	993	-3,271	15	7	16,733	0.9	-777	-53,679	60	20	16,813
Alaska	1,322	-236	-3,297	4	0	6,405	2.3	-282	-28,037	70	7	6,482
Arizona	3,172	19	-8,483	4	0	38,434	1.4	-1,485	-181,025	123	52	38,609
Arkansas	2,103	362	-3,805	4	1	19,148	1.7	532	-43,254	80	47	19,275
California	65,476	3,267	-137,033	133	115	609,094	3.8	43,841	-2,352,094	1,687	1,246	612,027
Colorado	3,875	90	-2,356	4	12	34,449	1.4	-844	-164,253	190	89	34,728
Connecticut	3,541	147	-3,890	7	8	46,765	3.1	-1,560	-184,442	125	45	46,935
Delaware	659	125	-1,101	4	1	7,736	1.8	-1,237	-28,290	46	17	7,799
District of Columbia	1,382	-954	-415	15	0	17,190	3.2	752	-53,697	554	5	17,749
Florida	5,905	-1,813	-55,679	13	22	59,879	0.7	-19,326	-508,108	217	108	60,204
Georgia	10,783	-2,623	-51,552	36	21	90,890	2.2	162	-481,565	401	183	91,474
Hawaii	2,150	205	-3,146	5	7	13,493	2.6	-83	-110,431	103	109	13,705
Idaho	1,039	103	-2,211	3	0	4,453	0.6	-328	-15,810	14	12	4,479
Illinois	21,449	1,430	-1,485	16	12	196,250	3.6	-13,328	-420,881	597	156	197,003
Indiana	7,101	-2,577	-3,523	39	7	46,158	1.6	3,179	-153,178	209	56	46,423
Iowa	2,149	265	-2,739	5	1	16,433	1.1	-354	-75,667	50	24	16,507
Kansas	1,289	-89	-3,467	3	1	10,119	0.8	2,002	-56,512	38	15	10,172
Kentucky	4,006	-30	-13,459	2	0	16,351	0.9	-1,693	-125,232	71	65	16,487
Louisiana	2,411	-817	-8,720	4	2	43,992	2.5	-3,238	-255,982	73	12	44,077
Maine	769	-40	-965	0	0	7,932	1.4	-307	-42,953	20	9	7,961
Maryland	5,340	1,738	-3,552	22	5	37,119	1.6	5,957	-157,272	215	86	37,420
Massachusetts	7,552	721	-7,177	18	41	69,307	2.1	-10,153	-387,241	177	194	69,678
Michigan	14,308	-4,093	-4,689	3	8	95,330	2.4	-4,339	-439,888	76	49	95,455
Minnesota	3,636	319	-5,451	3	10	54,916	2.1	5	-204,609	101	97	55,114
Mississippi	2,278	-93	-3,174	1	1	18,019	1.7	-1,517	-120,743	97	21	18,137
Missouri	4,406	-2,401	-4,609	1	1	35,548	1.4	-8,320	-111,469	120	31	35,699
Montana	713	-14	-929	2	2	5,554	1.3	-286	-22,029	59	13	5,626
Nebraska	1,049	-219	-1,675	2	1	6,199	0.7	-570	-32,945	10	4	6,213
Nevada	2,286	341	-15,469	3	1	34,909	2.8	1,178	-301,059	100	57	35,066
New Hampshire	613	64	-2,111	0	3	5,880	1.0	-625	-49,359	9	1	5,890
New Jersey	10,629	-852	-3,208	11	20	109,785	3.0	-25,279	-316,734	259	170	110,214
New Mexico	2,089	-346	-2,270	5	1	17,816	2.4	-528	-75,521	90	49	17,955
New York	14,548	-2,921	-38,246	13	23	268,447	3.2	-6,770	-1,250,986	252	343	269,042
North Carolina	5,562	138	-8,766	3	8	37,760	0.9	-1,496	-205,053	129	172	38,061
North Dakota	318	44	-458	1	2	2,622	0.7	-151	-17,861	186	3	2,811
Ohio	10,614	-150	-10,460	15	18	61,503	1.2	-1,493	-294,862	72	103	61,678
Oklahoma	3,838	305	-1,849	13	7	30,107	2.0	417	-99,864	107	42	30,256
Oregon	6,021	1,602	-484	17	6	41,894	2.3	-1,540	-133,259	299	77	42,270
Pennsylvania	9,892	-1,368	-17,202	34	19	111,933	2.1	759	-561,160	356	121	112,410
Puerto Rico	2,459	71	-3,395	4	5	39,899	4.9	1,850	-146,340	226	147	40,272
Rhode Island	3,070	-519	-254	2	2	13,642	3.1	-170	-42,323	37	28	13,707
South Carolina	1,445	82	-4,451	9	10	34,672	1.7	-1,344	-136,311	59	70	34,801
South Dakota	194	41	-779	3	0	1,565	0.4	-2,732	-13,150	227	2	1,794
Tennessee	4,989	148	-5,631	10	10	47,249	1.4	-5,438	-177,501	70	12	47,331
Texas	31,042	904	-21,262	93	144	190,232	1.6	-20,190	-1,031,308	811	1,115	192,158
Utah	2,300	728	-581	19	10	8,467	0.6	-303	-49,401	58	14	8,539
Vermont	312	55	-592	0	0	4,991	1.8	-105	-26,792	0	0	4,991
Virgin Islands	161	-14	120	0	0	1,068	3.0	224	-3,980	0	0	1,068
Virginia	10,226	4,197	-3,039	16	6	31,739	0.9	-221	-232,671	147	153	32,039
Washington	5,614	533	-17,377	13	37	67,233	2.1	-939	-241,335	191	433	67,857
West Virginia	1,408	572	-573	1	1	10,305	1.7	-478	-47,458	65	15	10,385
Wisconsin	7,052	-112	-7,205	16	6	50,813	1.9	-880	-129,333	122	35	50,970
Wyoming	302	0	-813	0	0	1,954	0.8	-109	-9,366	23	1	1,978
Totals	323,043	-2,672	-508,208	669	625	2,850,381	2.1	-79,960	-12,404,273	9,478	5,935	2,865,794

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 7, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
VA	+4,197	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance.
CA	+3,267	No comment.
MD	+1,738	No comment.
OR	+1,602	No comment.
IL	+1,430	Layoffs in the wholesale trade, retail trade, and health care and social assistance, educational services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-4,093	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
NY	-2,921	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, retail trade, and accommodation and food services industries.
GA	-2,623	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IN	-2,577	No comment.
MO	-2,401	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
FL	-1,813	No comment.
PA	-1,368	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, transportation and warehousing services, construction, and health care and social assistance 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.

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