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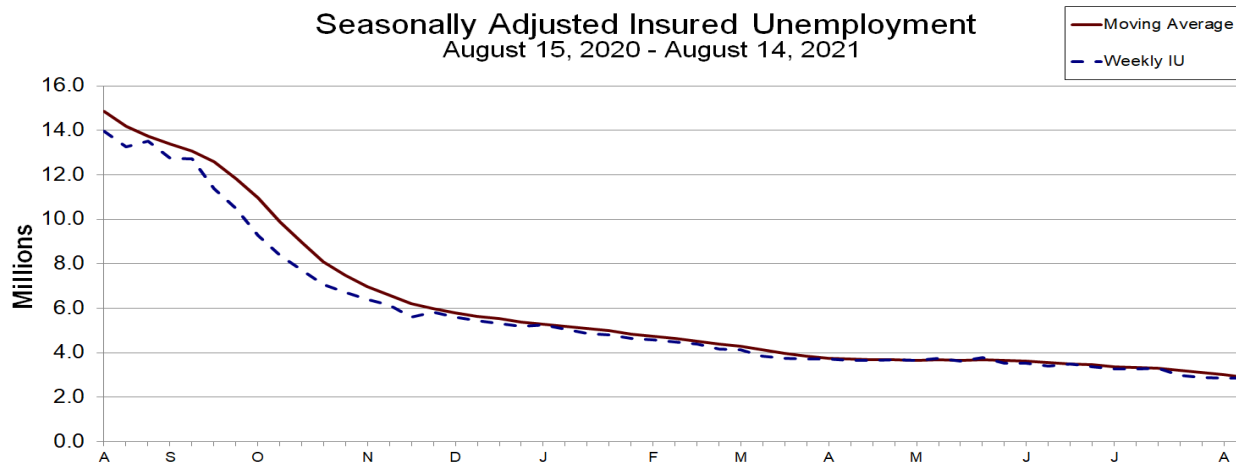
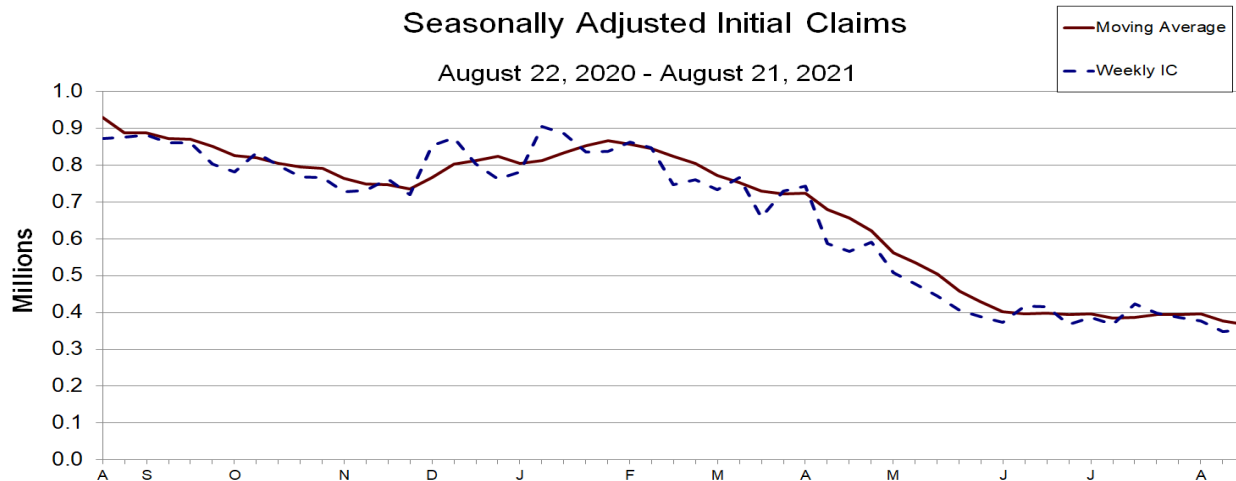
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 353,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 348,000 to 349,000. The 4-week moving average was 366,500, a decrease of 11,500 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 250 from 377,750 to 378,000.

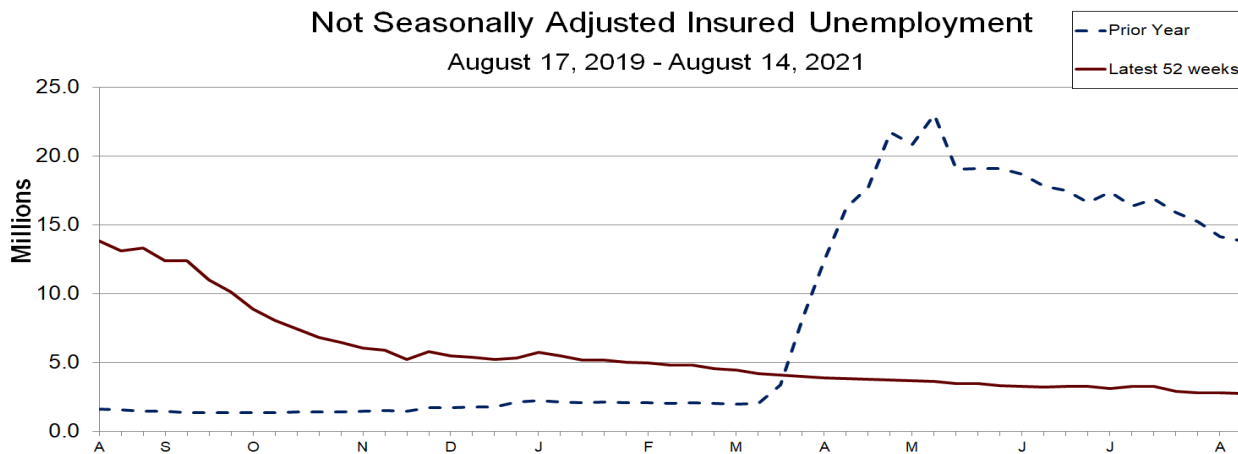
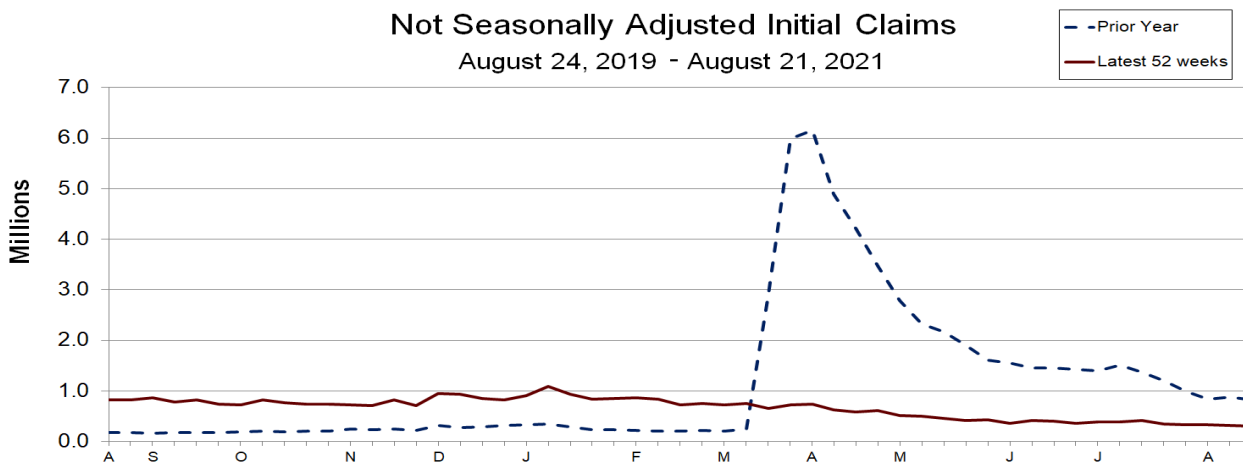
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.1 percent for the week ending August 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 14 was 2,862,000, a decrease of 3,000 from 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 45,000 from 2,820,000 to 2,865,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,901,500, a decrease of 108,500 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 11,250 from 2,998,750 to 3,010,000.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 297,765 in the week ending August 21, a decrease of 11,699 (or -3.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,864 (or -5.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 814,639 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending August 21, 43 states reported 117,709 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.0 percent during the week ending August 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,763,176, a decrease of 44,930 (or -1.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 42,151 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 9.5 percent and the volume was 13,839,980.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 7 was 12,007,632, an increase of 182,165 from the previous week. There were 27,476,415 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending August 7, 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 592 in the week ending August 14, a decrease of 77 from the prior week. There were 562 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 63 from the preceding week.

There were 9,355 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 7, a decrease of 123 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,963, an increase of 28 from the prior week.

During the week ending August 7, 46 states reported 5,004,753 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 3,793,956 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 7 were in Puerto Rico (4.9), Illinois (3.7), New Jersey (3.7), California (3.4), District of Columbia (3.2), Connecticut (3.1), New York (3.1), Rhode Island (3.0), Nevada (2.7), and the Virgin Islands (2.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 14 were in Virginia (+6,367), New Mexico (+2,872), District of Columbia (+757), Georgia (+374), and Nevada (+288), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-7,667), Illinois (-3,023), Kentucky (-2,236), Michigan (-2,026), and Massachusetts (-1,146).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 21</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	353,000	349,000	+4,000	377,000	872,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	297,765	309,464	-11,699	323,043	814,639
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	366,500	378,000	-11,500	396,750	929,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,862,000	2,865,000	-3,000	2,899,000	13,948,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,763,176	2,808,106	-44,930	2,850,397	13,839,980
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,901,500	3,010,000	-108,500	3,109,250	14,858,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.1%	2.1%	0.0	2.1%	9.5%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	2.0%	2.0%	0.0	2.1%	9.5%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 21</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	117,709	108,081	+9,628	103,995	592,618

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	592	669	-77	1,163
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	562	625	-63	1,030

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,795,245	2,836,917	-41,672	14,071,142
Federal Employees	9,355	9,478	-123	13,914
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,963	5,935	+28	13,503
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	5,004,753	4,900,047	+104,706	11,348,092
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	3,793,956	3,846,045	-52,089	1,497,806
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	351,427	177,916	+173,511	224,423
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,090	1,316	-226	2,674
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	45,843	47,813	-1,970	304,861
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>12,007,632</b>	<b>11,825,467</b>	<b>+182,165</b>	<b>27,476,415</b>

**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 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,043	5,469	-426	7,623	15,071	-7,448
Alaska	1,893	1,362	531	5,784	6,145	-361
Arizona	2,707	2,871	-164	31,859	36,247	-4,388
Arkansas	1,263	1,737	-474	14,337	19,429	-5,092
California	67,224	64,714	2,510	651,714	555,967	95,747
Colorado	3,936	3,259	677	33,333	33,246	87
Connecticut	3,323	3,695	-372	47,129	47,177	-48
Delaware	503	343	160	7,543	7,565	-22
District of Columbia	2,510	2,139	371	18,185	17,164	1,021
Florida	6,494	5,432	1,062	67,998	65,976	2,022
Georgia	8,936	11,157	-2,221	74,675	86,248	-11,573
Hawaii	2,156	2,092	64	12,915	13,129	-214
Idaho	867	1,033	-166	3,930	4,304	-374
Illinois	21,941	18,426	3,515	185,350	204,418	-19,068
Indiana	6,676	6,531	145	42,665	42,628	37
Iowa	1,820	1,614	206	14,961	16,230	-1,269
Kansas	1,411	1,315	96	9,318	9,020	298
Kentucky	1,803	1,770	33	14,661	17,013	-2,352
Louisiana	1,885	2,332	-447	34,768	40,433	-5,665
Maine	739	821	-82	7,355	7,938	-583
Maryland	9,130	5,512	3,618	43,050	39,941	3,109
Massachusetts	6,440	6,406	34	62,471	68,220	-5,749
Michigan	5,226	12,282	-7,056	81,546	93,958	-12,412
Minnesota	4,022	3,789	233	54,706	53,038	1,668
Mississippi	1,869	2,283	-414	12,933	16,574	-3,641
Missouri	3,501	4,285	-784	29,163	33,379	-4,216
Montana	690	690	0	4,635	5,170	-535
Nebraska	915	957	-42	5,282	5,838	-556
Nevada	2,468	2,574	-106	30,350	33,028	-2,678
New Hampshire	462	583	-121	4,919	5,379	-460
New Jersey	10,506	9,938	568	129,358	138,066	-8,708
New Mexico	5,150	4,961	189	16,272	17,381	-1,109
New York	14,639	14,722	-83	255,742	259,049	-3,307
North Carolina	4,971	5,045	-74	32,483	36,703	-4,220
North Dakota	256	275	-19	2,424	2,563	-139
Ohio	7,800	9,701	-1,901	53,010	61,559	-8,549
Oklahoma	2,577	3,986	-1,409	25,067	29,345	-4,278
Oregon	6,759	5,616	1,143	47,074	41,242	5,832
Pennsylvania	9,109	9,661	-552	115,680	125,031	-9,351
Puerto Rico	2,056	2,132	-76	38,515	39,749	-1,234
Rhode Island	1,847	3,062	-1,215	13,305	13,022	283
South Carolina	1,548	1,439	109	29,129	32,394	-3,265
South Dakota	156	174	-18	1,468	1,491	-23
Tennessee	5,118	4,678	440	36,648	45,129	-8,481
Texas	19,472	23,375	-3,903	173,971	191,169	-17,198
Utah	1,592	1,857	-265	7,998	8,449	-451
Vermont	231	344	-113	4,706	4,900	-194
Virgin Islands	72	134	-62	1,002	978	24
Virginia	12,697	16,593	-3,896	37,012	35,081	1,931
Washington	5,545	5,716	-171	66,837	62,683	4,154
West Virginia	866	986	-120	10,063	10,257	-194
Wisconsin	6,669	7,318	-649	48,322	50,105	-1,783
Wyoming	276	278	-2	1,932	1,887	45
US Total	297,765	309,464	-11,699	2,763,176	2,808,106	-44,930

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 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	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,862	-3	2,901.50	2.1
August 21, 2021	353	4	366.50				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 21			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 7	Jul 31	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	80	102	-22	4,073	4,891	-818
Arizona	476	511	-35	48,226	51,621	-3,395
Arkansas	13	18	-5	1,461	1,397	64
California	52,305	53,498	-1,193	1,491,286	1,307,999	183,287
Colorado	1,359	1,408	-49	23,914	25,399	-1,485
Connecticut	120	137	-17	22,174	22,379	-205
Delaware	30	28	2	3,247	3,167	80
District of Columbia	19	21	-2	12,761	13,395	-634
Florida	393	281	112	0	0	0
Georgia	331	400	-69	11,274	12,565	-1,291
Hawaii	786	582	204	32,502	31,325	1,177
Idaho	2	2	0	12	54	-42
Illinois	1,042	1,140	-98	188,565	189,103	-538
Indiana	2,803	3,532	-729	108,457	114,488	-6,031
Iowa	53	81	-28	131	107	24
Kansas	197	181	16	5,113	4,971	142
Kentucky	775	698	77	12,513	12,307	206
Louisiana	274	262	12	74,818	88,769	-13,951
Maine	104	134	-30	7,664	9,456	-1,792
Maryland	4,229	2,009	2,220	96,396	86,294	10,102
Massachusetts	3,360	2,825	535	234,800	255,371	-20,571
Michigan	4,281	4,841	-560	160,681	312,191	-151,510
Minnesota	0	1	-1	32,804	34,025	-1,221
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	2	-2
Missouri	2	2	0	1,754	2,117	-363
Montana	7	8	-1	690	1,010	-320
Nebraska	3	3	0	30	89	-59
Nevada	1,049	929	120	40,062	39,908	154
New Hampshire	18	22	-4	59	62	-3
New Jersey	1,064	814	250	322,619	225,831	96,788
New Mexico	6,233	4,292	1,941	35,874	35,385	489
New York	1,199	1,185	14	916,564	916,219	345
North Carolina	1,722	1,568	154	51,308	51,876	-568
North Dakota	0	0	0	37	175	-138
Ohio	13,755	11,113	2,642	212,837	194,627	18,210
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2,130	2,757	-627	68,371	61,749	6,622
Pennsylvania	4,016	4,708	-692	446,658	446,758	-100
Puerto Rico	3,694	827	2,867	142,707	154,108	-11,401
Rhode Island	4,703	3,617	1,086	30,498	30,606	-108
South Carolina	14	15	-1	159	150	9
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	58	-58
Tennessee	43	29	14	5,107	4,727	380
Texas	47	51	-4	676	1,196	-520
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	1	11	-10	5,923	5,801	122
Virgin Islands	0	7	-7	0	0	0
Virginia	3,036	1,329	1,707	52,470	42,162	10,308
Washington	1,378	1,517	-139	79,238	85,466	-6,228
West Virginia	0	0	0	44	49	-5
Wisconsin	563	585	-22	18,189	18,624	-435
Wyoming	0	0	0	7	18	-11
US Total	117,709	108,081	9,628	5,004,753	4,900,047	104,706

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:				
	August 7	July 31	Change	July 24	July 17
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	9,900	9,987	-87	10,261	10,533
Arizona	15,274	15,996	-722	17,042	18,049
Arkansas	1,110	1,109	1	1,245	1,481
California	999,697	1,069,216	-69,519	1,046,154	1,362,890
Colorado	75,766	76,026	-260	76,382	72,889
Connecticut	59,560	59,557	3	60,894	61,543
Delaware	7,786	7,750	36	7,919	7,998
District of Columbia	2,886	2,935	-49	3,010	13,741
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	22,635	24,925	-2,290	22,366	25,150
Idaho	236	223	13	292	251
Illinois	267,637	268,916	-1,279	270,950	272,601
Indiana	51,803	53,446	-1,643	58,834	79,108
Iowa	2,878	3,558	-680	4,027	4,602
Kansas	9,703	11,290	-1,587	9,685	11,550
Kentucky	27,395	24,359	3,036	26,452	24,508
Louisiana	60,088	65,265	-5,177	66,877	66,703
Maine	14,322	14,388	-66	14,323	14,484
Maryland	52,139	49,555	2,584	46,205	48,255
Massachusetts	184,590	188,207	-3,617	188,381	188,814
Michigan	172,723	185,345	-12,622	177,657	199,624
Minnesota	108,129	112,799	-4,670	114,010	112,268
Mississippi	0	1	-1	11	0
Missouri	651	1,093	-442	2,148	1,139
Montana	171	160	11	211	259
Nebraska	227	156	71	139	148
Nevada	74,463	77,597	-3,134	69,146	86,064
New Hampshire	770	1,959	-1,189	825	866
New Jersey	244,215	188,286	55,929	226,410	227,270
New Mexico	29,807	29,987	-180	30,356	30,132
New York	713,292	725,389	-12,097	706,598	711,365
North Carolina	124,944	125,264	-320	126,261	125,847
North Dakota	59	52	7	50	62
Ohio	81,425	82,636	-1,211	85,865	88,234
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	64,969	66,873	-1,904	70,296	71,939
Pennsylvania	211,291	199,845	11,446	213,899	199,926
Puerto Rico	43,729	44,621	-892	41,017	45,244
Rhode Island	17,288	17,083	205	17,185	17,211
South Carolina	20	63	-43	77	306
South Dakota	237	120	117	316	153
Tennessee	124	404	-280	517	855
Texas	1,453	2,110	-657	2,647	6,698
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	3,696	3,593	103	3,701	3,922
Virgin Islands	20	14	6	5	7
Virginia	9,344	8,620	724	7,120	7,322
Washington	423	460	-37	447	476
West Virginia	255	272	-17	271	284
Wisconsin	24,813	24,517	296	24,069	23,418
Wyoming	13	18	-5	16	18
US Total	3,793,956	3,846,045	-52,089	3,852,569	4,246,207

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:		
	August 7	July 31	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	1	-1
Arizona	32	40	-8
Arkansas	2	0	2
California	19,654	26,847	-7,193
Colorado	1	1	0
Connecticut	67	88	-21
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	3	3	0
Florida	1	4	-3
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	1	0	1
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	4,411	3,930	481
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	5	12	-7
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	4	-4
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	79	105	-26
Massachusetts	43	86	-43
Michigan	40	4	36
Minnesota	20	82	-62
Mississippi	0	3	-3
Missouri	8	6	2
Montana	4	2	2
Nebraska	1	2	-1
Nevada	254	316	-62
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	4,292	3,327	965
New Mexico	11	7	4
New York	7,340	10,441	-3,101
North Carolina	10	5	5
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	202	139	63
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	14	44	-30
Pennsylvania	154	159	-5
Puerto Rico	257	281	-24
Rhode Island	0	22	-22
South Carolina	1	2	-1
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	3	-3
Texas	314,328	131,710	182,618
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	18	20	-2
Virginia	42	69	-27
Washington	10	23	-13
West Virginia	1	1	0
Wisconsin	121	117	4
Wyoming	0	10	-10
US Total	351,427	177,916	173,511

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
AUGUST 14

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
AUGUST 7

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	5,469	-727	-5,578	10	8	15,071	0.8	-1,662	-43,204	57	15	15,143
Alaska	1,362	40	-3,369	4	1	6,145	2.2	-260	-26,754	95	8	6,248
Arizona	2,871	-301	-9,904	2	0	36,247	1.3	-2,187	-174,965	92	39	36,378
Arkansas	1,737	-366	-4,614	1	1	19,429	1.7	281	-33,517	56	23	19,508
California	64,714	-762	-125,640	163	144	555,967	3.4	-53,127	-2,250,873	2,036	1,233	559,236
Colorado	3,259	-616	-3,712	2	7	33,246	1.3	-1,203	-164,050	114	89	33,449
Connecticut	3,695	154	-5,737	7	2	47,177	3.1	412	-177,344	142	53	47,372
Delaware	343	-316	-1,584	4	3	7,565	1.7	-171	-27,621	47	16	7,628
District of Columbia	2,139	757	160	8	0	17,164	3.2	-26	-52,476	507	4	17,675
Florida	5,432	-473	-67,342	9	35	65,976	0.8	6,097	-446,551	250	205	66,431
Georgia	11,157	374	-46,942	35	17	86,248	2.1	-4,642	-469,231	397	178	86,823
Hawaii	2,092	-58	-3,401	2	8	13,129	2.5	-380	-110,153	116	84	13,329
Idaho	1,033	-6	-2,611	2	2	4,304	0.6	-149	-14,468	13	12	4,329
Illinois	18,426	-3,023	-3,980	11	5	204,418	3.7	8,168	-399,870	538	174	205,130
Indiana	6,531	-570	-5,038	13	5	42,628	1.5	-3,530	-140,455	161	89	42,878
Iowa	1,614	-535	-4,383	2	2	16,230	1.1	-203	-66,212	60	19	16,309
Kansas	1,315	26	-3,707	2	1	9,020	0.7	-1,099	-51,728	37	15	9,072
Kentucky	1,770	-2,236	-16,496	2	2	17,013	0.9	662	-111,174	62	43	17,118
Louisiana	2,332	-79	-12,033	5	2	40,433	2.3	-3,559	-214,635	75	10	40,518
Maine	821	52	-511	1	1	7,938	1.4	6	-38,667	24	10	7,972
Maryland	5,512	172	-3,541	14	4	39,941	1.7	2,822	-140,627	205	162	40,308
Massachusetts	6,406	-1,146	-10,778	12	12	68,220	2.1	-1,087	-367,522	179	126	68,525
Michigan	12,282	-2,026	-7,906	6	2	93,958	2.4	-1,372	-334,070	56	52	94,066
Minnesota	3,789	153	-8,292	4	3	53,038	2.0	-1,878	-191,380	104	87	53,229
Mississippi	2,283	5	-4,213	3	0	16,574	1.6	-1,445	-79,339	63	12	16,649
Missouri	4,285	-121	-6,369	1	2	33,379	1.3	-2,169	-99,351	102	29	33,510
Montana	690	-23	-1,270	0	1	5,170	1.2	-384	-22,670	38	13	5,221
Nebraska	957	-92	-2,311	4	0	5,838	0.6	-361	-26,257	14	5	5,857
Nevada	2,574	288	-8,364	5	3	33,028	2.7	-1,881	-207,318	52	53	33,133
New Hampshire	583	-30	-2,249	0	5	5,379	0.9	-501	-44,457	8	1	5,388
New Jersey	9,938	-691	-15,479	19	19	138,066	3.7	28,281	-281,996	341	245	138,652
New Mexico	4,961	2,872	786	5	0	17,381	2.3	-435	-75,411	142	43	17,566
New York	14,722	174	-47,976	19	27	259,049	3.1	-9,398	-1,196,989	237	316	259,602
North Carolina	5,045	-517	-12,343	6	7	36,703	0.9	-1,057	-181,562	121	158	36,982
North Dakota	275	-43	-580	0	1	2,563	0.7	-59	-15,509	184	2	2,749
Ohio	9,701	-913	-12,046	4	21	61,559	1.2	56	-279,256	69	119	61,747
Oklahoma	3,986	148	-2,575	17	6	29,345	2.0	-762	-93,960	145	48	29,538
Oregon	5,616	-405	383	12	12	41,242	2.3	-652	-128,663	200	133	41,575
Pennsylvania	9,661	-231	-15,923	27	20	125,031	2.3	13,098	-467,985	347	120	125,498
Puerto Rico	2,132	-327	-858	1	4	39,749	4.9	-150	-125,092	164	69	39,982
Rhode Island	3,062	-8	379	1	0	13,022	3.0	-620	-38,073	32	21	13,075
South Carolina	1,439	-6	-5,792	8	9	32,394	1.6	-2,278	-128,618	56	93	32,543
South Dakota	174	-20	-610	4	0	1,491	0.4	-74	-7,458	177	1	1,669
Tennessee	4,678	-311	-9,735	8	4	45,129	1.4	-2,120	-173,894	68	19	45,216
Texas	23,375	-7,667	-38,025	76	114	191,169	1.6	937	-910,539	739	1,077	192,985
Utah	1,857	-443	-1,126	12	0	8,449	0.6	-18	-43,461	54	18	8,521
Vermont	344	32	-379	0	0	4,900	1.8	-91	-25,062	0	0	4,900
Virgin Islands	134	-27	-93	0	0	978	2.7	-90	-3,732	0	0	978
Virginia	16,593	6,367	1,442	22	17	35,081	1.0	3,342	-230,144	215	178	35,474
Washington	5,716	102	-18,289	7	18	62,683	2.0	-4,550	-236,989	184	386	63,253
West Virginia	986	-422	-1,428	1	1	10,257	1.7	-48	-44,268	53	33	10,343
Wisconsin	7,318	266	-7,516	7	4	50,105	1.9	-708	-123,165	118	24	50,247
Wyoming	278	-24	-583	2	0	1,887	0.8	-67	-8,681	9	1	1,897
Totals	309,464	-13,579	-570,081	592	562	2,808,106	2.0	-42,291	-11,347,446	9,355	5,963	2,823,424

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 14, 2021**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
VA	+6,367	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
NM	+2,872	No comment.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
TX	-7,667	No comment.
IL	-3,023	No comment.
KY	-2,236	No comment.
MI	-2,026	Fewer layoff in the wholesale trade and management of companies and enterprises industries.
MA	-1,146	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.

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