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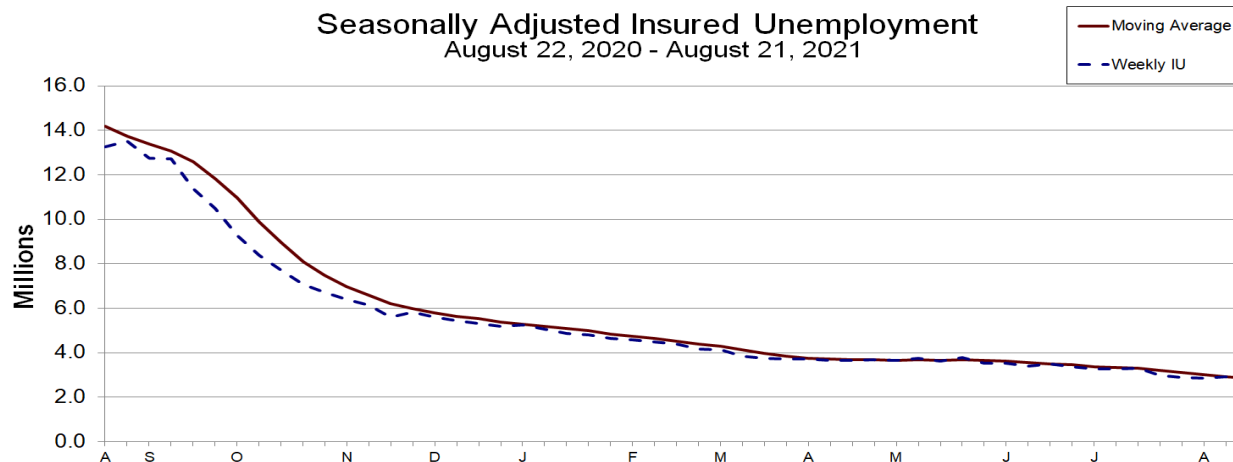
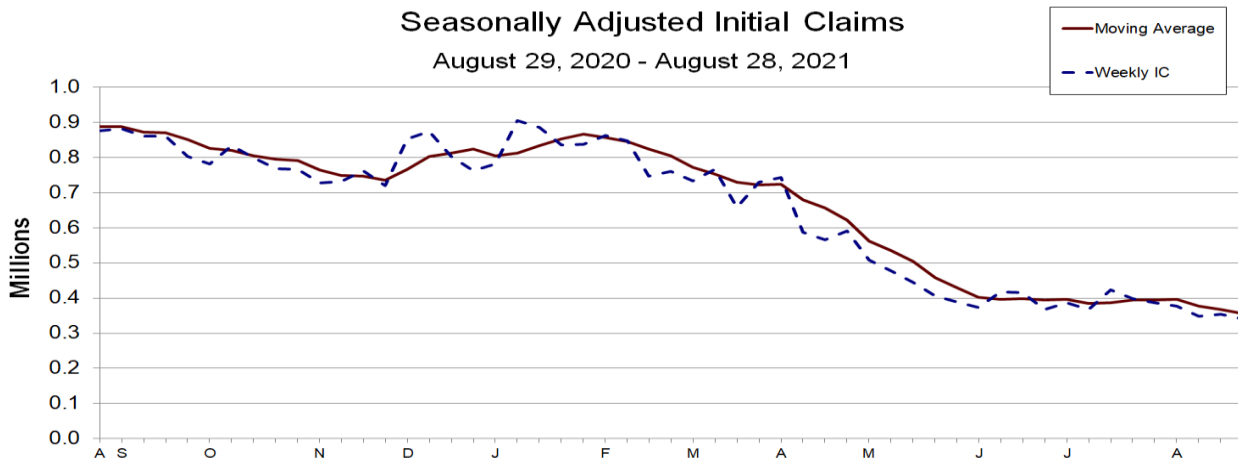
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 340,000, a decrease of 14,000 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 1,000 from 353,000 to 354,000. The 4-week moving average was 355,000, a decrease of 11,750 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 366,500 to 366,750.

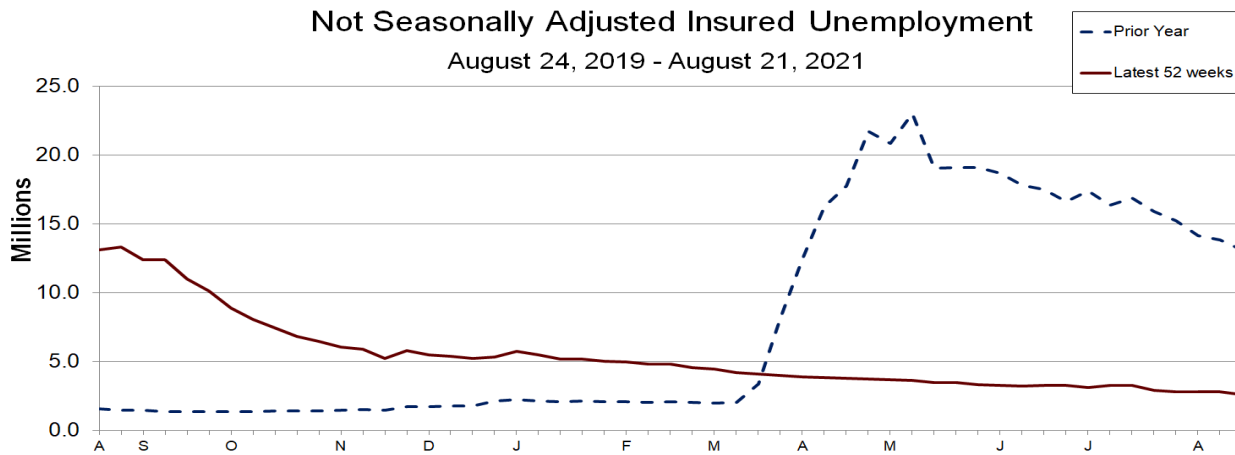
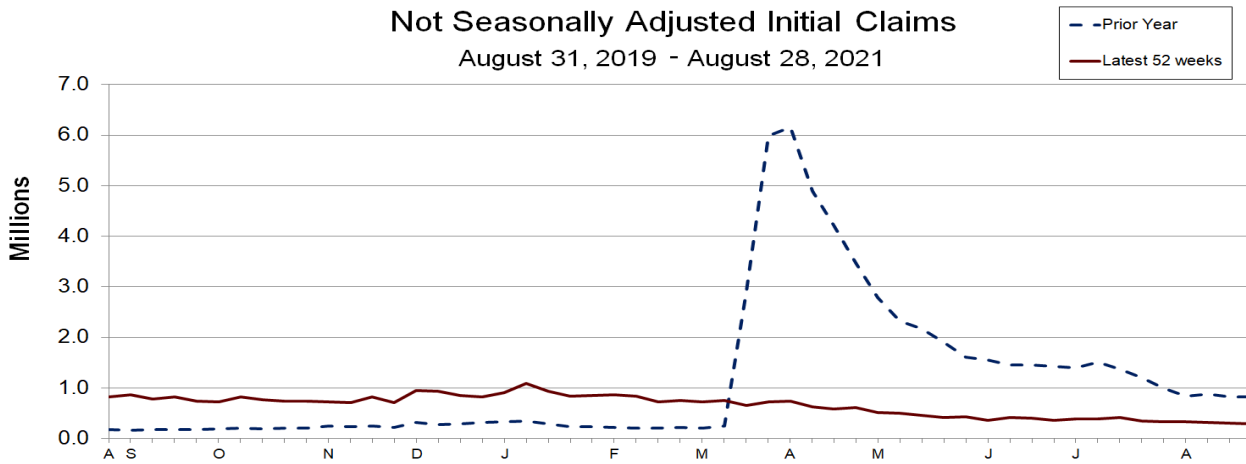
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.0 percent for the week ending August 21, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 21 was 2,748,000, a decrease of 160,000 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 46,000 from 2,862,000 to 2,908,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,855,000, a decrease of 58,000 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 11,500 from 2,901,500 to 2,913,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 287,751 in the week ending August 28, a decrease of 11,040 (or -3.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,793 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 827,261 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending August 28, 44 states reported 102,405 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending August 21, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,617,062, a decrease of 192,687 (or -6.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 31,769 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 9.0 percent and the volume was 13,111,418.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 14 was 12,186,158, an increase of 178,526 from the previous week. There were 29,747,649 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending August 14, 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 618 in the week ending August 21, an increase of 26 from the prior week. There were 533 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 29 from the preceding week.

There were 8,977 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 14, a decrease of 378 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,024, an increase of 61 from the prior week.

During the week ending August 14, 47 states reported 5,413,238 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 3,800,000 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 14 were in Puerto Rico (4.8), California (4.0), District of Columbia (3.6), New Jersey (3.5), Illinois (3.4), Rhode Island (3.1), Connecticut (3.0), New York (3.0), the Virgin Islands (2.7), and Nevada (2.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 21 were in Illinois (+3,832), Florida (+2,545), Maryland (+1,723), Oregon (+1,377), and New Jersey (+837), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-6,757), Virginia (-4,670), Texas (-3,040), Ohio (-1,515), and Georgia (-1,407).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 28	August 21	Change	August 14	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	340,000	354,000	-14,000	349,000	875,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	287,751	298,791	-11,040	309,464	827,261
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	355,000	366,750	-11,750	378,000	887,500

WEEK ENDING	August 21	August 14	Change	August 7	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,748,000	2,908,000	-160,000	2,865,000	13,246,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,617,062	2,809,749	-192,687	2,808,106	13,111,418
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,855,000	2,913,000	-58,000	3,010,000	14,178,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.0%	2.1%	-0.1	2.1%	9.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.9%	2.1%	-0.2	2.0%	9.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 28	August 21	Change	August 14	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	102,405	116,425	-14,020	108,081	753,524

WEEK ENDING	August 21	August 14	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	618	592	+26	1,060
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	533	562	-29	803

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

WEEK ENDING	August 14	August 7	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,796,767	2,795,245	+1,522	13,762,778
Federal Employees	8,977	9,355	-378	14,108
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,024	5,963	+61	13,629
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	5,413,238	5,004,753	+408,485	13,964,384
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	3,800,000	3,793,956	+6,044	1,538,663
Extended Benefits ⁵	114,357	351,427	-237,070	181,528
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,030	1,090	-60	2,327
STC / Workshare ⁷	45,765	45,843	-78	270,232
TOTAL⁸	12,186,158	12,007,632	+178,526	29,747,649

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 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,076	5,407	-331	8,921	10,282	-1,361
Alaska	1,189	1,787	-598	5,511	5,920	-409
Arizona	2,687	3,019	-332	30,307	35,753	-5,446
Arkansas	1,331	1,610	-279	13,999	17,083	-3,084
California	59,755	63,346	-3,591	558,991	637,805	-78,814
Colorado	3,772	3,368	404	31,116	32,553	-1,437
Connecticut	3,089	3,329	-240	45,939	46,118	-179
Delaware	502	563	-61	7,039	7,260	-221
District of Columbia	2,031	2,568	-537	20,133	19,293	840
Florida	8,270	7,977	293	60,361	78,144	-17,783
Georgia	9,008	9,750	-742	85,582	79,177	6,405
Hawaii	2,370	2,018	352	13,918	12,713	1,205
Idaho	780	980	-200	3,565	4,246	-681
Illinois	15,404	22,258	-6,854	177,334	187,107	-9,773
Indiana	5,775	6,254	-479	37,056	43,282	-6,226
Iowa	1,751	1,677	74	13,501	14,928	-1,427
Kansas	1,204	1,508	-304	8,940	8,668	272
Kentucky	1,690	1,828	-138	13,169	14,877	-1,708
Louisiana	1,712	2,217	-505	33,132	37,315	-4,183
Maine	700	755	-55	6,842	7,548	-706
Maryland	5,129	7,235	-2,106	38,229	46,439	-8,210
Massachusetts	5,494	6,684	-1,190	61,691	67,333	-5,642
Michigan	5,877	5,525	352	76,664	87,127	-10,463
Minnesota	3,808	3,803	5	53,060	52,425	635
Mississippi	1,761	2,170	-409	12,245	14,817	-2,572
Missouri	10,631	3,794	6,837	26,083	31,217	-5,134
Montana	685	730	-45	4,292	4,846	-554
Nebraska	981	913	68	4,770	5,267	-497
Nevada	2,508	2,395	113	29,290	32,660	-3,370
New Hampshire	478	554	-76	4,661	5,174	-513
New Jersey	8,013	10,775	-2,762	129,827	131,426	-1,599
New Mexico	4,863	5,117	-254	15,278	16,551	-1,273
New York	18,313	14,932	3,381	254,900	257,915	-3,015
North Carolina	4,698	5,206	-508	31,148	35,531	-4,383
North Dakota	281	259	22	2,215	2,432	-217
Ohio	13,403	8,186	5,217	51,431	56,625	-5,194
Oklahoma	2,253	3,146	-893	22,947	27,549	-4,602
Oregon	5,092	6,993	-1,901	45,435	42,454	2,981
Pennsylvania	10,445	9,355	1,090	114,032	118,143	-4,111
Puerto Rico	1,600	2,095	-495	38,816	38,962	-146
Rhode Island	1,884	1,834	50	13,057	13,363	-306
South Carolina	1,315	1,576	-261	26,738	30,621	-3,883
South Dakota	121	176	-55	1,298	1,580	-282
Tennessee	6,936	5,404	1,532	34,869	38,821	-3,952
Texas	19,274	20,335	-1,061	166,925	179,271	-12,346
Utah	1,449	1,590	-141	7,684	8,013	-329
Vermont	315	249	66	4,900	4,547	353
Virgin Islands	97	152	-55	1,008	960	48
Virginia	8,665	11,923	-3,258	46,207	37,075	9,132
Washington	5,256	5,540	-284	63,530	59,962	3,568
West Virginia	974	938	36	9,872	10,014	-142
Wisconsin	6,747	6,704	43	46,843	48,921	-2,078
Wyoming	309	284	25	1,761	1,636	125
US Total	287,751	298,791	-11,040	2,617,062	2,809,749	-192,687

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 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	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,748	-160	2,855.00	2.0
August 28, 2021	340	-14	355.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 28			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 14	Aug 7	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	88	80	8	4,264	4,073	191
Arizona	459	479	-20	46,226	48,226	-2,000
Arkansas	77	13	64	1,063	1,461	-398
California	42,631	52,305	-9,674	1,743,490	1,491,286	252,204
Colorado	1,439	1,359	80	23,814	23,914	-100
Connecticut	116	120	-4	21,301	22,174	-873
Delaware	15	30	-15	3,156	3,247	-91
District of Columbia	27	19	8	12,326	12,761	-435
Florida	522	393	129	0	0	0
Georgia	316	331	-15	9,556	11,274	-1,718
Hawaii	865	786	79	36,967	32,502	4,465
Idaho	8	2	6	3	12	-9
Illinois	820	1,042	-222	187,468	188,565	-1,097
Indiana	2,458	2,803	-345	100,898	108,457	-7,559
Iowa	63	53	10	141	131	10
Kansas	219	197	22	5,320	5,113	207
Kentucky	638	775	-137	12,114	12,513	-399
Louisiana	279	277	2	53,810	74,818	-21,008
Maine	95	104	-9	7,879	7,664	215
Maryland	2,117	2,924	-807	140,208	96,396	43,812
Massachusetts	3,575	3,360	215	239,958	234,800	5,158
Michigan	3,982	4,288	-306	279,797	160,681	119,116
Minnesota	0	0	0	32,741	32,804	-63
Mississippi	0	0	0	2	0	2
Missouri	46	2	44	1,548	1,754	-206
Montana	7	7	0	689	690	-1
Nebraska	0	3	-3	18	30	-12
Nevada	1,347	1,049	298	39,878	40,062	-184
New Hampshire	15	18	-3	8	59	-51
New Jersey	1,081	1,064	17	327,743	322,619	5,124
New Mexico	8,789	6,241	2,548	34,342	35,874	-1,532
New York	1,238	1,199	39	900,415	916,564	-16,149
North Carolina	1,726	1,722	4	50,768	51,308	-540
North Dakota	1	0	1	117	37	80
Ohio	11,442	13,755	-2,313	204,354	212,837	-8,483
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,388	2,130	-742	68,476	68,371	105
Pennsylvania	3,617	4,016	-399	446,478	446,658	-180
Puerto Rico	2,334	3,694	-1,360	187,911	142,707	45,204
Rhode Island	5,613	4,703	910	30,529	30,498	31
South Carolina	7	14	-7	14	159	-145
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	39	43	-4	4,538	5,107	-569
Texas	85	47	38	984	676	308
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	7	1	6	5,817	5,923	-106
Virgin Islands	2	0	2	0	0	0
Virginia	813	3,036	-2,223	54,241	52,470	1,771
Washington	1,507	1,378	129	73,882	79,238	-5,356
West Virginia	0	0	0	127	44	83
Wisconsin	492	563	-71	17,850	18,189	-339
Wyoming	0	0	0	9	7	2
US Total	102,405	116,425	-14,020	5,413,238	5,004,753	408,485

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 14	August 7	Change	July 31	July 24
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	9,687	9,900	-213	9,987	10,261
Arizona	14,545	15,274	-729	15,996	17,042
Arkansas	998	1,110	-112	1,109	1,245
California	1,069,245	999,697	69,548	1,069,216	1,046,154
Colorado	76,977	75,766	1,211	76,026	76,382
Connecticut	58,750	59,560	-810	59,557	60,894
Delaware	7,403	7,786	-383	7,750	7,919
District of Columbia	2,611	2,886	-275	2,935	3,010
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	23,701	22,635	1,066	24,925	22,366
Idaho	244	236	8	223	292
Illinois	266,178	267,637	-1,459	268,916	270,950
Indiana	51,016	51,803	-787	53,446	58,834
Iowa	2,513	2,878	-365	3,558	4,027
Kansas	9,794	9,703	91	11,290	9,685
Kentucky	24,434	27,395	-2,961	24,359	26,452
Louisiana	41,607	60,088	-18,481	65,265	66,877
Maine	14,307	14,322	-15	14,388	14,323
Maryland	67,933	52,139	15,794	49,555	46,205
Massachusetts	183,464	184,590	-1,126	188,207	188,381
Michigan	184,012	172,723	11,289	185,345	177,657
Minnesota	109,802	108,129	1,673	112,799	114,010
Mississippi	2	0	2	1	11
Missouri	977	651	326	1,093	2,148
Montana	194	171	23	160	211
Nebraska	227	227	0	156	139
Nevada	75,683	74,463	1,220	77,597	69,146
New Hampshire	782	770	12	1,959	825
New Jersey	234,631	244,215	-9,584	188,286	226,410
New Mexico	29,476	29,807	-331	29,987	30,356
New York	665,913	713,292	-47,379	725,389	706,598
North Carolina	122,628	124,944	-2,316	125,264	126,261
North Dakota	7	59	-52	52	50
Ohio	79,770	81,425	-1,655	82,636	85,865
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	64,652	64,969	-317	66,873	70,296
Pennsylvania	201,629	211,291	-9,662	199,845	213,899
Puerto Rico	45,005	43,729	1,276	44,621	41,017
Rhode Island	17,280	17,288	-8	17,083	17,185
South Carolina	38	20	18	63	77
South Dakota	0	237	-237	120	316
Tennessee	189	124	65	404	517
Texas	1,504	1,453	51	2,110	2,647
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	3,314	3,696	-382	3,593	3,701
Virgin Islands	5	20	-15	14	5
Virginia	11,374	9,344	2,030	8,620	7,120
Washington	551	423	128	460	447
West Virginia	332	255	77	272	271
Wisconsin	24,608	24,813	-205	24,517	24,069
Wyoming	8	13	-5	18	16
US Total	3,800,000	3,793,956	6,044	3,846,045	3,852,569

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 14	August 7	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	52	32	20
Arkansas	0	2	-2
California	15,805	19,654	-3,849
Colorado	0	1	-1
Connecticut	54	67	-13
Delaware	0	0	0
District of Columbia	3	3	0
Florida	23	1	22
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	1	-1
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	3,775	4,411	-636
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	1	0	1
Kansas	27	5	22
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	41	79	-38
Massachusetts	43	43	0
Michigan	14	40	-26
Minnesota	75	20	55
Mississippi	10	0	10
Missouri	0	8	-8
Montana	0	4	-4
Nebraska	1	1	0
Nevada	82	254	-172
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	3,935	4,292	-357
New Mexico	6	11	-5
New York	1,862	7,340	-5,478
North Carolina	19	10	9
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	90	202	-112
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	10	14	-4
Pennsylvania	59	154	-95
Puerto Rico	252	257	-5
Rhode Island	25	0	25
South Carolina	0	1	-1
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0
Texas	87,919	314,328	-226,409
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	14	18	-4
Virginia	104	42	62
Washington	15	10	5
West Virginia	1	1	0
Wisconsin	40	121	-81
Wyoming	0	0	0
US Total	114,357	351,427	-237,070

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 21

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 14

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	5,407	-62	-3,269	21	7	10,282	0.6	-4,789	-41,709	45	11	10,338
Alaska	1,787	425	-2,557	5	0	5,920	2.1	-225	-25,753	71	5	5,996
Arizona	3,019	148	-9,468	4	0	35,753	1.3	-494	-170,225	84	46	35,883
Arkansas	1,610	-127	-4,050	1	0	17,083	1.5	-2,346	-30,986	59	23	17,165
California	63,346	-1,368	-133,570	147	127	637,805	4.0	81,838	-2,200,186	1,954	1,451	641,210
Colorado	3,368	109	-3,115	3	2	32,553	1.3	-693	-147,837	109	117	32,779
Connecticut	3,329	-366	-2,940	4	7	46,118	3.0	-1,059	-184,524	100	40	46,258
Delaware	563	220	-1,115	1	1	7,260	1.7	-305	-25,911	23	16	7,299
District of Columbia	2,568	429	923	8	0	19,293	3.6	2,129	-48,955	398	4	19,695
Florida	7,977	2,545	-43,670	23	34	78,144	0.9	12,168	-380,810	211	185	78,540
Georgia	9,750	-1,407	-47,018	26	22	79,177	1.9	-7,071	-474,536	379	164	79,720
Hawaii	2,018	-74	-3,757	2	10	12,713	2.4	-416	-102,717	137	119	12,969
Idaho	980	-53	-2,814	1	1	4,246	0.6	-58	-12,168	12	10	4,268
Illinois	22,258	3,832	-4,004	17	2	187,107	3.4	-17,311	-406,198	607	156	187,870
Indiana	6,254	-277	-4,343	9	6	43,282	1.5	654	-127,059	196	54	43,532
Iowa	1,677	63	-4,707	5	4	14,928	1.0	-1,302	-68,384	47	22	14,997
Kansas	1,508	193	-3,378	3	1	8,668	0.7	-352	-47,811	34	10	8,712
Kentucky	1,828	58	-14,493	2	0	14,877	0.8	-2,136	-112,726	36	62	14,975
Louisiana	2,217	-115	-10,312	4	2	37,315	2.1	-3,118	-213,405	59	14	37,388
Maine	755	-66	-365	1	0	7,548	1.3	-390	-33,911	14	8	7,570
Maryland	7,235	1,723	-409	16	7	46,439	2.0	6,498	-130,356	317	102	46,858
Massachusetts	6,684	278	-10,910	18	10	67,333	2.1	-887	-351,680	145	109	67,587
Michigan	5,525	-6,757	-14,472	7	1	87,127	2.2	-6,831	-375,056	34	42	87,203
Minnesota	3,803	14	-7,014	8	1	52,425	2.0	-613	-179,564	117	85	52,627
Mississippi	2,170	-113	-2,326	4	2	14,817	1.4	-1,757	-75,641	75	11	14,903
Missouri	3,794	-491	-5,489	1	0	31,217	1.2	-2,162	-87,496	100	25	31,342
Montana	730	40	-1,590	3	6	4,846	1.1	-324	-21,472	45	14	4,905
Nebraska	913	-44	-1,889	2	0	5,267	0.6	-571	-24,893	13	5	5,285
Nevada	2,395	-179	-6,463	9	2	32,660	2.6	-368	-195,543	57	53	32,770
New Hampshire	554	-29	-2,024	5	4	5,174	0.8	-205	-42,584	10	5	5,189
New Jersey	10,775	837	-9,407	14	13	131,426	3.5	-6,640	-279,593	249	200	131,875
New Mexico	5,117	156	1,392	3	2	16,551	2.2	-830	-72,952	86	36	16,673
New York	14,932	210	-47,751	10	25	257,915	3.0	-1,134	-1,170,698	197	344	258,456
North Carolina	5,206	161	-8,474	5	5	35,531	0.8	-1,172	-156,291	147	180	35,858
North Dakota	259	-16	-461	3	1	2,432	0.6	-131	-13,895	160	1	2,593
Ohio	8,186	-1,515	-10,904	9	15	56,625	1.1	-4,934	-267,619	66	111	56,802
Oklahoma	3,146	-840	-2,918	17	4	27,549	1.8	-1,796	-94,964	115	43	27,707
Oregon	6,993	1,377	1,841	30	10	42,454	2.4	1,212	-121,649	233	97	42,784
Pennsylvania	9,355	-306	-18,155	27	16	118,143	2.2	-6,888	-511,738	297	115	118,555
Puerto Rico	2,095	-37	-261	2	1	38,962	4.8	-787	-99,180	268	89	39,319
Rhode Island	1,834	-1,228	-1,352	2	3	13,363	3.1	341	-36,060	27	23	13,413
South Carolina	1,576	137	-3,920	8	9	30,621	1.5	-1,773	-113,180	61	68	30,750
South Dakota	176	2	-626	1	0	1,580	0.4	89	-7,537	167	5	1,752
Tennessee	5,404	726	-6,184	4	5	38,821	1.2	-6,308	-166,131	75	15	38,911
Texas	20,335	-3,040	-31,817	72	112	179,271	1.5	-11,898	-912,690	740	1,100	181,111
Utah	1,590	-267	-1,390	11	3	8,013	0.5	-436	-38,793	51	17	8,081
Vermont	249	-95	-437	0	0	4,547	1.7	-353	-23,843	0	0	4,547
Virgin Islands	152	18	-41	0	0	960	2.7	-18	-3,358	0	0	960
Virginia	11,923	-4,670	487	15	12	37,075	1.0	1,994	-212,670	217	179	37,471
Washington	5,540	-176	-15,864	11	34	59,962	1.9	-2,721	-224,262	166	390	60,518
West Virginia	938	-48	-1,144	2	2	10,014	1.6	-243	-42,065	60	16	10,090
Wisconsin	6,704	-614	-7,175	10	2	48,921	1.8	-1,184	-112,776	100	26	49,047
Wyoming	284	6	-679	2	0	1,636	0.7	-251	-8,191	7	1	1,644
Totals	298,791	-10,673	-515,848	618	533	2,809,749	2.0	1,643	-11,030,231	8,977	6,024	2,824,750

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 21, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+3,832	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, wholesale trade, retail trade, and manufacturing industries.
FL	+2,545	No comment.
MD	+1,723	No comment.
OR	+1,377	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-6,757	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
VA	-4,670	No comment.
TX	-3,040	No comment.
OH	-1,515	No comment.
GA	-1,407	Fewer layoffs in the art, entertainment, and recreation, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
CA	-1,368	No comment.
RI	-1,228	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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