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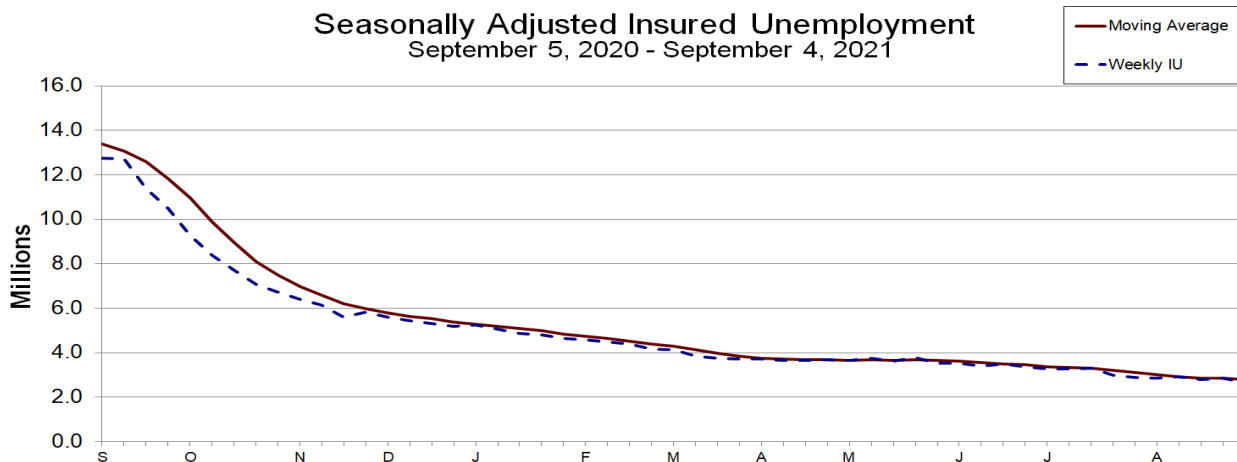
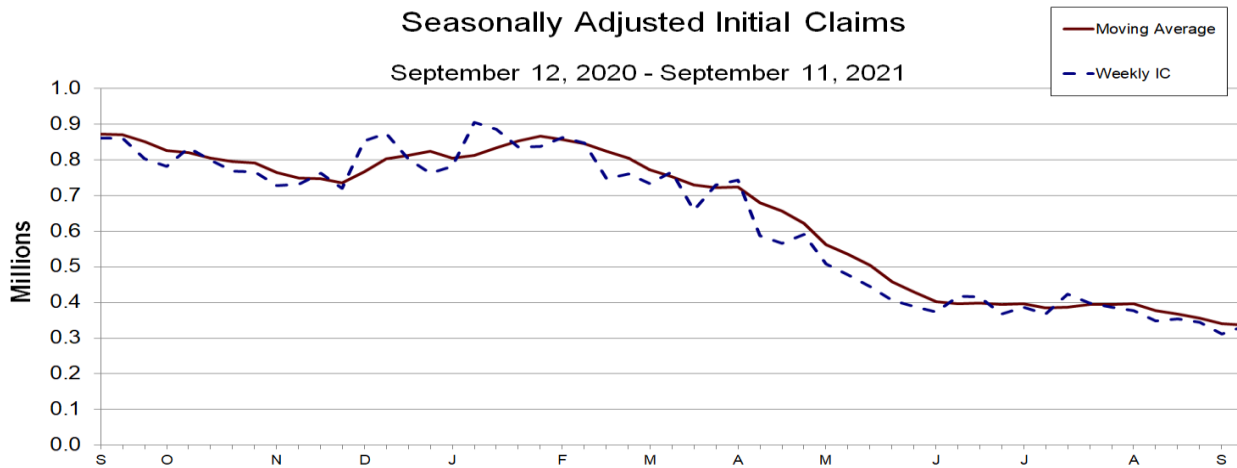
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 332,000, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 310,000 to 312,000. The 4-week moving average was 335,750, a decrease of 4,250 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 339,500 to 340,000.

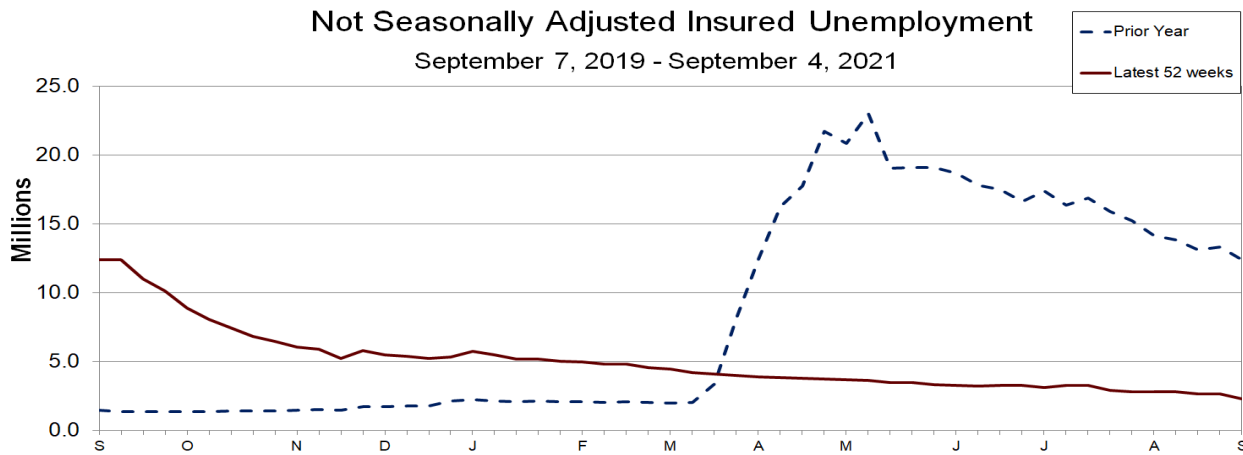
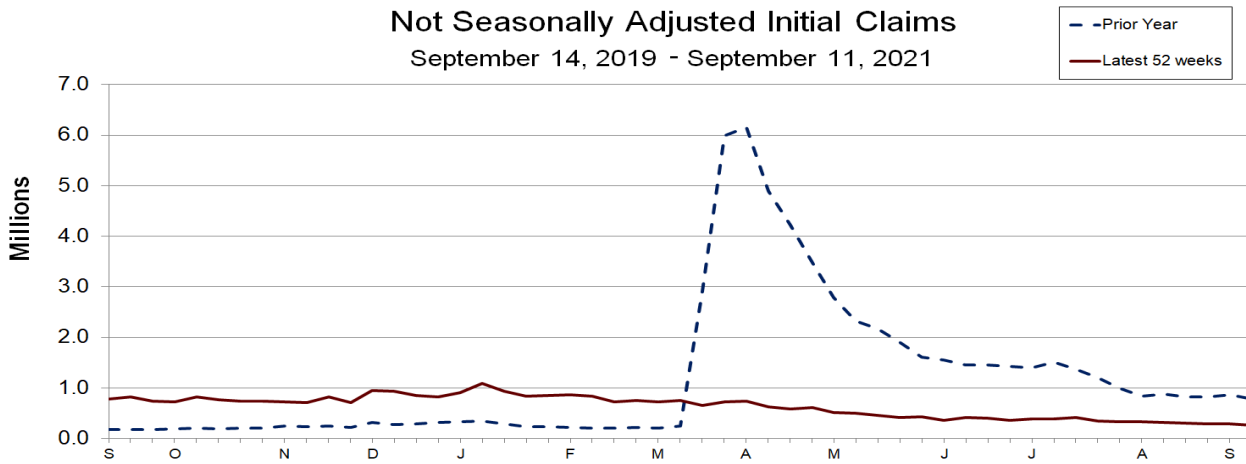
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.9 percent for the week ending September 4, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 2.0 to 2.1 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 4 was 2,665,000, a decrease of 187,000 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 69,000 from 2,783,000 to 2,852,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,807,500, a decrease of 50,000 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 17,250 from 2,840,250 to 2,857,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 262,619 in the week ending September 11, a decrease of 23,331 (or -8.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 43,520 (or -15.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 785,842 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending September 11, 45 states reported 28,456 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending September 4, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,328,822, a decrease of 339,821 (or -12.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 153,177 (or -5.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 8.5 percent and the volume was 12,407,776.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 28 was 12,106,727, an increase of 178,937 from the previous week. There were 30,383,772 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending August 28, 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 543 in the week ending September 4, an increase of 1 from the prior week. There were 547 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 59 from the preceding week.

There were 8,723 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 28, an increase of 425 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,054, an increase of 67 from the prior week.

During the week ending August 28, 47 states reported 5,487,233 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 3,805,795 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 28 were in Puerto Rico (4.5), California (3.7), New Jersey (3.4), District of Columbia (3.3), Illinois (3.1), New York (3.0), Rhode Island (2.9), Connecticut (2.8), Georgia (2.8), and Hawaii (2.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 4 were in Louisiana (+7,664), Michigan (+5,318), California (+1,209), Kansas (+528), and Nevada (+420), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-6,949), New York (-3,020), Florida (-2,482), Tennessee (-1,923), and Georgia (-1,814).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 11	September 4	Change	August 28	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	332,000	312,000	+20,000	345,000	860,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	262,619	285,950	-23,331	292,292	785,842
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	335,750	340,000	-4,250	356,250	872,000

WEEK ENDING	September 4	August 28	Change	August 21	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,665,000	2,852,000	-187,000	2,805,000	12,755,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,328,822	2,668,643	-339,821	2,674,766	12,407,776
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,807,500	2,857,500	-50,000	2,869,250	13,369,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.9%	2.1%	-0.2	2.0%	8.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.7%	1.9%	-0.2	2.0%	8.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 11	September 4	Change	August 28	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	28,456	94,638	-66,182	102,521	675,632

WEEK ENDING	September 4	August 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	543	542	+1	960
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	547	488	+59	885

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

WEEK ENDING	August 28	August 21	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,656,747	2,662,844	-6,097	13,254,107
Federal Employees	8,723	8,298	+425	13,491
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,054	5,987	+67	13,913
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	5,487,233	5,090,524	+396,709	14,883,873
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	3,805,795	3,805,008	+787	1,739,553
Extended Benefits ⁵	98,730	311,337	-212,607	236,347
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,063	1,098	-35	2,405
STC / Workshare ⁷	42,382	42,694	-312	240,083
TOTAL⁸	12,106,727	11,927,790	+178,937	30,383,772

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 September 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,429	5,095	-1,666	7,647	9,203	-1,556
Alaska	1,281	1,115	166	4,913	5,337	-424
Arizona	6,448	2,759	3,689	25,130	32,902	-7,772
Arkansas	981	1,682	-701	12,198	16,152	-3,954
California	55,029	57,546	-2,517	503,339	590,228	-86,889
Colorado	1,790	2,717	-927	27,110	29,908	-2,798
Connecticut	2,591	3,054	-463	33,664	42,556	-8,892
Delaware	936	430	506	5,964	6,755	-791
District of Columbia	4,386	941	3,445	21,377	17,386	3,991
Florida	6,817	7,218	-401	38,619	59,572	-20,953
Georgia	6,144	8,035	-1,891	66,775	117,579	-50,804
Hawaii	2,088	2,390	-302	13,165	13,723	-558
Idaho	690	867	-177	2,970	3,647	-677
Illinois	8,009	15,570	-7,561	148,639	172,292	-23,653
Indiana	4,020	5,889	-1,869	32,510	38,652	-6,142
Iowa	1,514	1,833	-319	10,613	11,746	-1,133
Kansas	989	1,796	-807	8,390	8,997	-607
Kentucky	2,534	2,002	532	11,618	13,286	-1,668
Louisiana	13,782	9,724	4,058	35,005	33,598	1,407
Maine	557	680	-123	5,687	6,773	-1,086
Maryland	6,892	5,419	1,473	41,670	39,245	2,425
Massachusetts	7,296	5,961	1,335	52,234	73,784	-21,550
Michigan	10,775	11,624	-849	65,580	78,684	-13,104
Minnesota	2,990	3,881	-891	46,022	49,798	-3,776
Mississippi	1,287	1,719	-432	10,603	10,802	-199
Missouri	5,439	4,027	1,412	22,733	28,241	-5,508
Montana	625	778	-153	3,640	4,116	-476
Nebraska	1,456	1,003	453	4,332	4,509	-177
Nevada	2,319	2,813	-494	33,515	31,429	2,086
New Hampshire	360	429	-69	3,551	4,628	-1,077
New Jersey	7,009	7,523	-514	112,505	125,951	-13,446
New Mexico	3,074	4,070	-996	14,032	15,447	-1,415
New York	16,456	15,688	768	237,627	253,028	-15,401
North Carolina	4,013	5,050	-1,037	27,583	33,611	-6,028
North Dakota	202	301	-99	1,832	1,963	-131
Ohio	8,518	13,583	-5,065	48,270	53,608	-5,338
Oklahoma	2,941	2,680	261	19,799	23,879	-4,080
Oregon	4,179	5,112	-933	50,267	41,446	8,821
Pennsylvania	9,664	10,022	-358	98,162	116,891	-18,729
Puerto Rico	883	1,638	-755	35,348	36,453	-1,105
Rhode Island	1,659	2,186	-527	11,470	12,553	-1,083
South Carolina	2,393	1,262	1,131	24,545	26,864	-2,319
South Dakota	143	195	-52	1,021	1,366	-345
Tennessee	4,236	5,335	-1,099	33,417	37,838	-4,421
Texas	15,891	20,327	-4,436	152,907	161,734	-8,827
Utah	1,091	1,392	-301	6,953	7,384	-431
Vermont	291	394	-103	3,650	3,981	-331
Virgin Islands	62	134	-72	840	946	-106
Virginia	4,465	6,179	-1,714	40,794	44,435	-3,641
Washington	5,044	5,389	-345	58,456	56,648	1,808
West Virginia	801	1,212	-411	8,250	9,785	-1,535
Wisconsin	5,924	6,967	-1,043	40,265	45,712	-5,447
Wyoming	226	314	-88	1,616	1,592	24
US Total	262,619	285,950	-23,331	2,328,822	2,668,643	-339,821

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
September 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	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,665	-187	2,807.50	1.9
September 11, 2021	332	20	335.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 11			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 28	Aug 21	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	52	80	-28	4,153	4,079	74
Arizona	55	308	-253	42,584	44,513	-1,929
Arkansas	30	47	-17	443	855	-412
California	6,717	39,531	-32,814	1,653,293	1,572,600	80,693
Colorado	11	953	-942	23,543	23,848	-305
Connecticut	59	113	-54	21,519	21,640	-121
Delaware	3	28	-25	2,953	2,981	-28
District of Columbia	13	31	-18	12,242	12,379	-137
Florida	0	440	-440	0	0	0
Georgia	209	269	-60	6,886	6,866	20
Hawaii	212	897	-685	46,681	41,895	4,786
Idaho	8	1	7	4	28	-24
Illinois	209	751	-542	229,272	189,283	39,989
Indiana	1,017	1,660	-643	99,259	97,830	1,429
Iowa	30	55	-25	38	71	-33
Kansas	110	182	-72	1,985	5,276	-3,291
Kentucky	15	584	-569	12,122	12,323	-201
Louisiana	9	241	-232	31,687	42,348	-10,661
Maine	104	136	-32	8,244	8,034	210
Maryland	8	2,026	-2,018	125,332	115,329	10,003
Massachusetts	1,234	6,140	-4,906	281,833	246,363	35,470
Michigan	1,593	4,534	-2,941	295,915	156,967	138,948
Minnesota	1	2	-1	33,776	33,050	726
Mississippi	0	0	0	2	2	0
Missouri	43	52	-9	1,611	1,354	257
Montana	3	8	-5	809	472	337
Nebraska	0	2	-2	70	6	64
Nevada	248	841	-593	40,967	36,266	4,701
New Hampshire	15	15	0	28	88	-60
New Jersey	487	1,153	-666	294,670	323,559	-28,889
New Mexico	5,173	9,944	-4,771	41,152	36,786	4,366
New York	790	1,129	-339	899,666	890,699	8,967
North Carolina	93	1,603	-1,510	49,518	50,156	-638
North Dakota	1	0	1	130	114	16
Ohio	164	5,355	-5,191	234,918	203,209	31,709
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,178	1,837	-659	84,439	70,535	13,904
Pennsylvania	4	3,212	-3,208	467,151	456,403	10,748
Puerto Rico	575	1,780	-1,205	250,632	195,674	54,958
Rhode Island	5,937	5,000	937	30,390	30,125	265
South Carolina	8	7	1	157	152	5
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	32	47	-15	3,604	3,891	-287
Texas	70	81	-11	1,137	798	339
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	6	-6	5,931	5,844	87
Virgin Islands	1	34	-33	0	0	0
Virginia	395	1,549	-1,154	50,788	54,278	-3,490
Washington	1,223	1,418	-195	76,428	72,773	3,655
West Virginia	1	0	1	89	1	88
Wisconsin	315	556	-241	19,177	18,777	400
Wyoming	1	0	1	5	4	1
US Total	28,456	94,638	-66,182	5,487,233	5,090,524	396,709

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 28	August 21	Change	August 14	August 7
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	9,450	9,648	-198	9,687	9,900
Arizona	13,236	14,148	-912	14,545	15,274
Arkansas	354	921	-567	998	1,110
California	1,093,677	1,039,988	53,689	1,069,245	999,697
Colorado	78,421	77,221	1,200	76,977	75,766
Connecticut	56,980	57,734	-754	58,750	59,560
Delaware	7,039	7,406	-367	7,403	7,786
District of Columbia	1,626	2,684	-1,058	2,611	2,886
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	3,239	23,134	-19,895	23,701	22,635
Idaho	250	228	22	244	236
Illinois	256,819	263,540	-6,721	266,178	267,637
Indiana	50,008	50,505	-497	51,016	51,803
Iowa	1,737	2,261	-524	2,513	2,878
Kansas	9,471	9,811	-340	9,794	9,703
Kentucky	23,298	24,914	-1,616	24,434	27,395
Louisiana	22,161	30,561	-8,400	41,607	60,088
Maine	14,452	14,375	77	14,307	14,322
Maryland	58,023	55,633	2,390	67,933	52,139
Massachusetts	183,527	184,612	-1,085	183,464	184,590
Michigan	181,145	172,120	9,025	184,012	172,723
Minnesota	109,988	109,360	628	109,802	108,129
Mississippi	2	1	1	2	0
Missouri	2,252	1,027	1,225	977	651
Montana	211	198	13	194	171
Nebraska	98	195	-97	227	227
Nevada	75,919	74,589	1,330	75,683	74,463
New Hampshire	735	788	-53	782	770
New Jersey	232,590	237,818	-5,228	234,631	244,215
New Mexico	28,860	29,429	-569	29,476	29,807
New York	715,299	722,546	-7,247	665,913	713,292
North Carolina	124,002	123,673	329	122,628	124,944
North Dakota	13	46	-33	7	59
Ohio	77,194	78,944	-1,750	79,770	81,425
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	63,738	64,045	-307	64,652	64,969
Pennsylvania	202,563	212,119	-9,556	201,629	211,291
Puerto Rico	47,155	45,822	1,333	45,005	43,729
Rhode Island	17,203	17,312	-109	17,280	17,288
South Carolina	74	1	73	38	20
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	237
Tennessee	83	247	-164	189	124
Texas	1,086	1,190	-104	1,504	1,453
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	3,291	3,263	28	3,314	3,696
Virgin Islands	47	30	17	5	20
Virginia	13,255	15,432	-2,177	11,374	9,344
Washington	576	611	-35	551	423
West Virginia	140	232	-92	332	255
Wisconsin	24,503	24,643	-140	24,608	24,813
Wyoming	5	3	2	8	13
US Total	3,805,795	3,805,008	787	3,800,000	3,793,956

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 28	August 21	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	0	32	-32
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	12,221	14,157	-1,936
Colorado	0	0	0
Connecticut	51	56	-5
Delaware	2	1	1
District of Columbia	2	2	0
Florida	9	2	7
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	3,768	3,685	83
Indiana	0	3	-3
Iowa	0	1	-1
Kansas	4	4	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	7	10	-3
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	4	58	-54
Massachusetts	59	44	15
Michigan	19	4	15
Minnesota	0	12	-12
Mississippi	0	0	0
Missouri	17	0	17
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	0	1
Nevada	58	78	-20
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	3,502	4,308	-806
New Mexico	19	5	14
New York	1,854	1,476	378
North Carolina	2	2	0
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	75	194	-119
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	65	40	25
Pennsylvania	117	196	-79
Puerto Rico	250	293	-43
Rhode Island	2	0	2
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	2	-2
Texas	76,429	286,363	-209,934
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	2	-2
Virgin Islands	9	8	1
Virginia	85	122	-37
Washington	8	21	-13
West Virginia	1	1	0
Wisconsin	89	154	-65
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	98,730	311,337	-212,607

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 4

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 28

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	5,095	-336	-3,806	20	14	9,203	0.5	-2,526	-35,343	60	16	9,279
Alaska	1,115	-2	-2,702	3	2	5,337	1.9	-336	-22,199	72	6	5,415
Arizona	2,759	-198	-8,584	2	0	32,902	1.2	-1,353	-167,282	82	73	33,057
Arkansas	1,682	201	-3,942	2	1	16,152	1.4	-887	-26,643	55	32	16,239
California	57,546	1,209	-185,858	141	88	590,228	3.7	43,618	-2,422,359	2,016	1,368	593,612
Colorado	2,717	-516	-3,314	1	10	29,908	1.2	-244	-132,353	159	139	30,206
Connecticut	3,054	-15	-1,687	7	6	42,556	2.8	-2,287	-154,121	137	48	42,741
Delaware	430	-97	-1,199	3	3	6,755	1.6	-75	-25,572	18	16	6,789
District of Columbia	941	-976	-552	15	0	17,386	3.3	-3,939	-48,070	351	4	17,741
Florida	7,218	-2,482	-33,038	18	36	59,572	0.7	-11,188	-350,834	329	157	60,058
Georgia	8,035	-1,814	-42,285	15	14	117,579	2.8	26,858	-405,564	407	184	118,170
Hawaii	2,390	184	-5,074	2	9	13,723	2.6	79	-112,683	71	87	13,881
Idaho	867	1	-2,937	4	1	3,647	0.5	-254	-9,374	15	10	3,672
Illinois	15,570	24	-9,908	5	8	172,292	3.1	-6,779	-380,144	584	148	173,024
Indiana	5,889	315	-5,366	7	5	38,652	1.3	523	-120,090	194	57	38,903
Iowa	1,833	155	-3,419	4	4	11,746	0.8	-1,773	-59,207	36	20	11,802
Kansas	1,796	528	-3,649	2	1	8,997	0.7	517	-43,807	40	17	9,054
Kentucky	2,002	287	-7,283	2	0	13,286	0.7	-119	-106,353	96	69	13,451
Louisiana	9,724	7,664	-14,842	8	1	33,598	1.9	-2,061	-222,586	56	10	33,664
Maine	680	-39	-470	0	2	6,773	1.2	-292	-29,427	17	9	6,799
Maryland	5,419	-958	-1,771	5	12	39,245	1.7	-2,959	-126,359	147	133	39,525
Massachusetts	5,961	214	-12,695	6	13	73,784	2.3	6,880	-321,064	174	101	74,059
Michigan	11,624	5,318	-6,220	4	3	78,684	2.0	-3,964	-360,560	105	34	78,823
Minnesota	3,881	218	-7,157	4	4	49,798	1.9	-1,213	-163,195	116	68	49,982
Mississippi	1,719	-329	-2,644	1	0	10,802	1.0	-3,079	-84,210	72	9	10,883
Missouri	4,027	-6,949	-6,864	4	1	28,241	1.1	-33	-68,841	90	20	28,351
Montana	778	35	-2,133	5	2	4,116	0.9	-387	-20,061	37	9	4,162
Nebraska	1,003	25	-1,549	5	2	4,509	0.5	-244	-21,636	14	4	4,527
Nevada	2,813	420	-5,138	4	3	31,429	2.5	-199	-184,758	81	59	31,569
New Hampshire	429	-137	-2,053	4	1	4,628	0.8	-306	-38,328	7	3	4,638
New Jersey	7,523	-756	-15,227	16	20	125,951	3.4	-5,947	-262,282	289	218	126,458
New Mexico	4,070	-819	713	2	2	15,447	2.1	-296	-72,407	94	33	15,574
New York	15,688	-3,020	-49,046	12	24	253,028	3.0	-4,554	-1,158,159	193	338	253,559
North Carolina	5,050	100	-9,097	5	7	33,611	0.8	-698	-136,143	110	171	33,892
North Dakota	301	25	-646	2	0	1,963	0.5	-266	-11,760	50	2	2,015
Ohio	13,583	-166	-4,501	8	20	53,608	1.0	-1,676	-251,634	69	89	53,766
Oklahoma	2,680	4	-3,922	14	2	23,879	1.6	-1,396	-94,840	108	72	24,059
Oregon	5,112	-195	-116	15	10	41,446	2.3	-266	-112,967	221	94	41,761
Pennsylvania	10,022	-705	-12,604	34	18	116,891	2.2	600	-465,930	296	144	117,331
Puerto Rico	1,638	1	264	1	3	36,453	4.5	-2,724	-84,828	198	74	36,725
Rhode Island	2,186	295	-1,065	2	3	12,553	2.9	-582	-32,276	32	17	12,602
South Carolina	1,262	-59	-3,823	0	12	26,864	1.3	-3,757	-88,564	42	70	26,976
South Dakota	195	55	-390	1	0	1,366	0.3	-59	-7,799	24	1	1,391
Tennessee	5,335	-1,923	-6,975	6	7	37,838	1.2	727	-155,073	55	29	37,922
Texas	20,327	87	-44,964	73	147	161,734	1.4	-11,192	-881,383	668	1,194	163,596
Utah	1,392	-55	-1,201	14	3	7,384	0.5	-315	-27,394	52	13	7,449
Vermont	394	53	-337	0	0	3,981	1.4	-689	-21,594	0	0	3,981
Virgin Islands	134	-8	-193	0	0	946	2.6	12	-2,800	0	8	954
Virginia	6,179	-1,598	-4,956	5	5	44,435	1.2	-2,036	-173,050	245	163	44,843
Washington	5,389	143	-19,070	13	13	56,648	1.8	-453	-215,269	151	372	57,171
West Virginia	1,212	122	-901	1	2	9,785	1.6	-201	-37,957	55	15	9,855
Wisconsin	6,967	154	-5,271	15	3	45,712	1.7	-2,278	-92,909	125	26	45,863
Wyoming	314	-27	-479	1	0	1,592	0.6	-55	-7,288	8	1	1,601
Totals	285,950	-6,342	-571,946	543	547	2,668,643	1.9	-6,123	-10,657,329	8,723	6,054	2,683,420

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 4, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
LA	+7,664	No comment.
MI	+5,318	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+1,209	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	-6,949	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
NY	-3,020	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and educational services industries.
FL	-2,482	No comment.
TN	-1,923	No comment.
GA	-1,814	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, trade, and construction industries.
VA	-1,598	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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