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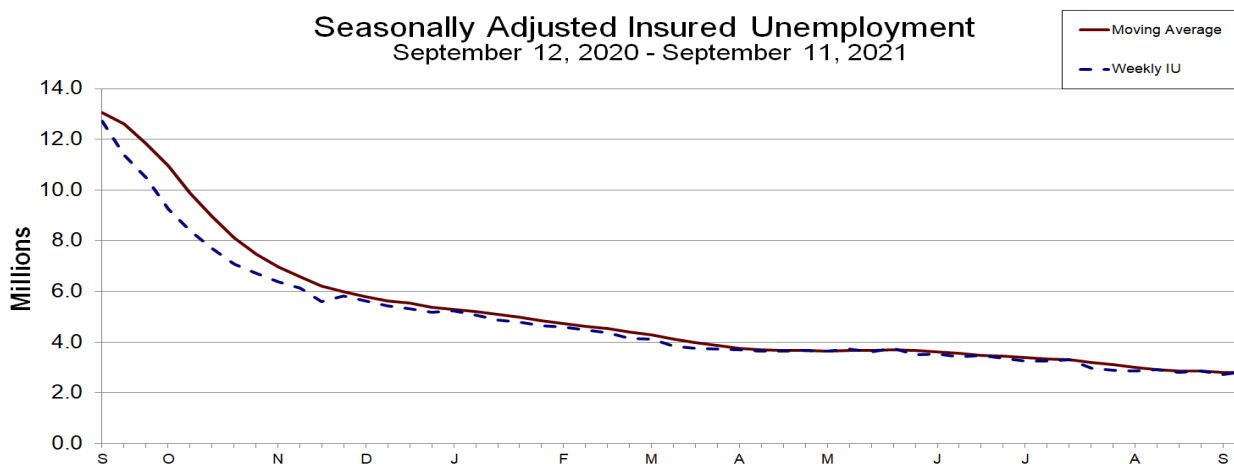
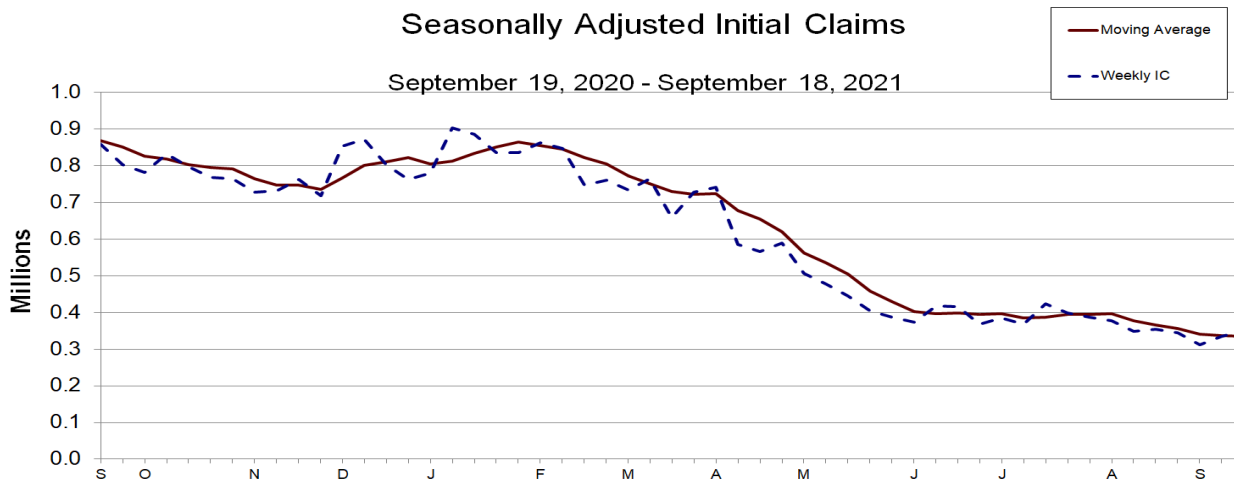
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 351,000, an increase of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 332,000 to 335,000. The 4-week moving average was 335,750, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 335,750 to 336,500.

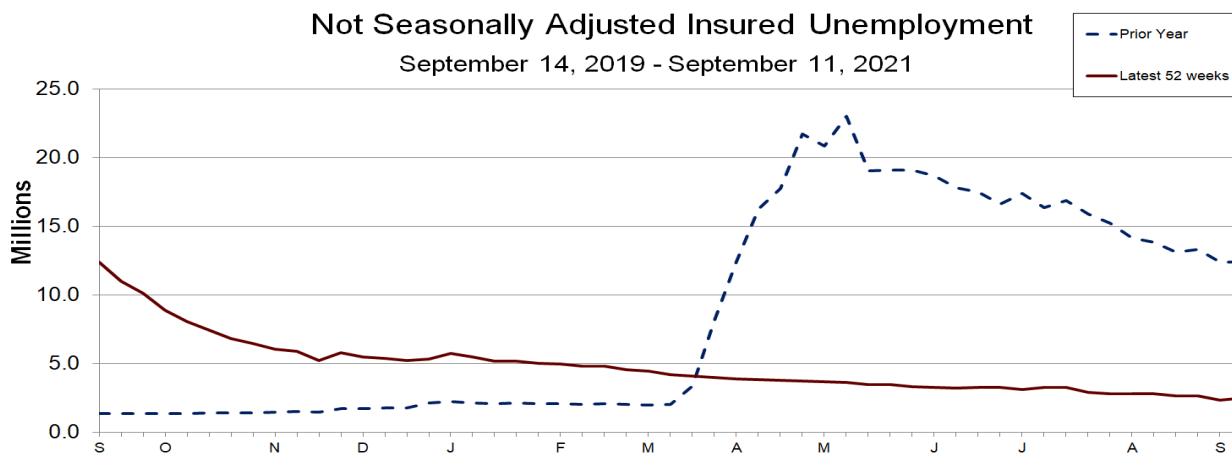
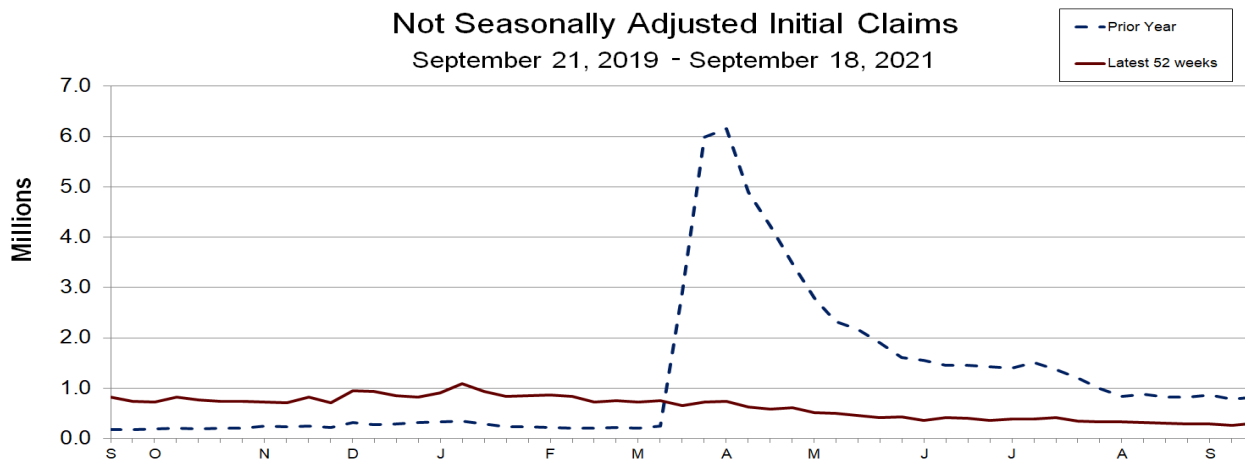
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.1 percent for the week ending September 11, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 1.9 to 2.0 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 11 was 2,845,000, an increase of 131,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 49,000 from 2,665,000 to 2,714,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,804,000, a decrease of 15,750 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 12,250 from 2,807,500 to 2,819,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 306,209 in the week ending September 18, an increase of 40,307 (or 15.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,527 (or 9.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 815,892 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending September 18, 38 states reported 15,162 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.8 percent during the week ending September 11, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,534,759, an increase of 156,833 (or 6.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 26,597 (or 1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 8.5 percent and the volume was 12,391,891.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 4 was 11,250,287, a decrease of 856,440 from the previous week. There were 26,644,091 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending September 4, 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 736 in the week ending September 11, an increase of 193 from the prior week. There were 452 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 95 from the preceding week.

There were 7,816 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 4, a decrease of 907 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,457, a decrease of 597 from the prior week.

During the week ending September 4, 47 states reported 4,896,125 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 47 states reported 3,644,555 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 4 were in Puerto Rico (4.4), District of Columbia (4.2), California (3.1), New Jersey (3.0), Illinois (2.8), Nevada (2.8), New York (2.8), Rhode Island (2.7), Hawaii (2.5), and Connecticut (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 11 were in Louisiana (+4,318), District of Columbia (+3,783), Arizona (+3,739), Maryland (+2,018), and Missouri (+1,658), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-7,481), California (-5,950), Ohio (-4,665), Texas (-3,635), and Virginia (-2,357).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 18	September 11	Change	September 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	351,000	335,000	+16,000	312,000	860,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	306,209	265,902	+40,307	285,950	815,892
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	335,750	336,500	-750	340,000	869,000

WEEK ENDING	September 11	September 4	Change	August 28	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,845,000	2,714,000	+131,000	2,852,000	12,706,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,534,759	2,377,926	+156,833	2,668,643	12,391,891
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,804,000	2,819,750	-15,750	2,857,500	13,058,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.1%	2.0%	+0.1	2.1%	8.7%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.8%	1.7%	+0.1	1.9%	8.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 18	September 11	Change	September 4	Prior Year¹
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	15,162	23,037	-7,875	94,638	615,681

WEEK ENDING	September 11	September 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	736	543	+193	957
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	452	547	-95	794

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

WEEK ENDING	September 4	August 28	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,366,613	2,656,747	-290,134	12,340,114
Federal Employees	7,816	8,723	-907	12,961
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,457	6,054	-597	13,463
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	4,896,125	5,487,233	-591,108	11,942,891
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	3,644,555	3,805,795	-161,240	1,815,558
Extended Benefits ⁵	287,704	98,730	+188,974	296,271
State Additional Benefits ⁶	1,157	1,063	+94	2,295
STC / Workshare ⁷	40,860	42,382	-1,522	220,538
TOTAL⁸	11,250,287	12,106,727	-856,440	26,644,091

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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,629	3,716	-87	5,018	10,566	-5,548
Alaska	1,415	1,140	275	8,653	5,032	3,621
Arizona	8,191	6,498	1,693	25,858	28,519	-2,661
Arkansas	1,057	1,238	-181	12,971	15,539	-2,568
California	75,817	51,596	24,221	553,641	492,694	60,947
Colorado	2,291	1,813	478	32,686	26,346	6,340
Connecticut	2,459	2,592	-133	36,088	32,874	3,214
Delaware	1,142	1,047	95	5,755	5,742	13
District of Columbia	5,416	4,724	692	16,990	22,191	-5,201
Florida	6,845	7,761	-916	43,398	48,583	-5,185
Georgia	5,539	6,851	-1,312	63,582	72,519	-8,937
Hawaii	3,587	2,051	1,536	14,419	12,971	1,448
Idaho	711	805	-94	2,849	3,328	-479
Illinois	9,053	8,089	964	147,752	151,876	-4,124
Indiana	4,065	3,957	108	43,676	33,707	9,969
Iowa	1,793	1,430	363	10,544	10,831	-287
Kansas	1,112	1,077	35	7,749	7,797	-48
Kentucky	4,238	2,583	1,655	13,231	11,796	1,435
Louisiana	6,734	14,042	-7,308	41,330	37,364	3,966
Maine	530	565	-35	8,005	5,846	2,159
Maryland	9,024	7,437	1,587	43,761	44,240	-479
Massachusetts *	7,349	7,512	-163	58,794	57,086	1,708
Michigan	11,714	10,967	747	68,009	72,252	-4,243
Minnesota	3,787	2,987	800	54,545	45,315	9,230
Mississippi	1,114	1,518	-404	9,611	12,877	-3,266
Missouri	3,846	5,685	-1,839	22,807	24,987	-2,180
Montana	664	698	-34	3,579	3,841	-262
Nebraska	1,319	1,454	-135	4,236	4,312	-76
Nevada	2,543	2,216	327	36,756	35,418	1,338
New Hampshire	329	478	-149	3,160	3,790	-630
New Jersey	7,946	7,266	680	116,884	112,752	4,132
New Mexico	1,980	3,027	-1,047	15,089	14,343	746
New York	13,831	16,776	-2,945	223,656	240,083	-16,427
North Carolina	7,110	4,210	2,900	75,616	30,140	45,476
North Dakota	232	183	49	1,732	1,826	-94
Ohio	12,400	8,918	3,482	100,959	52,558	48,401
Oklahoma	1,843	3,435	-1,592	19,255	22,077	-2,822
Oregon	7,854	4,523	3,331	60,807	37,178	23,629
Pennsylvania	10,824	9,912	912	102,127	100,547	1,580
Puerto Rico	980	917	63	37,781	35,635	2,146
Rhode Island	967	837	130	10,345	11,571	-1,226
South Carolina	1,597	2,456	-859	23,030	26,145	-3,115
South Dakota	143	167	-24	970	1,104	-134
Tennessee	4,087	4,490	-403	31,323	36,139	-4,816
Texas	15,528	16,692	-1,164	137,228	160,016	-22,788
Utah	1,162	1,090	72	6,639	6,961	-322
Vermont	336	315	21	3,546	3,553	-7
Virgin Islands	69	116	-47	1,170	792	378
Virginia	16,701	3,822	12,879	38,845	40,624	-1,779
Washington	5,090	5,100	-10	82,607	52,509	30,098
West Virginia	787	903	-116	8,624	8,371	253
Wisconsin	7,160	5,960	1,200	35,568	41,231	-5,663
Wyoming	269	260	9	1,505	1,532	-27
US Total	306,209	265,902	40,307	2,534,759	2,377,926	156,833

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

*Denotes state estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
September 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	2,714	-138	2,819.75	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,845	131	2,804.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 18			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 4	Aug 28	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	48	52	-4	4,430	4,153	277
Arizona	83	54	29	35,767	42,584	-6,817
Arkansas	28	30	-2	371	443	-72
California	3,789	6,717	-2,928	1,903,983	1,653,293	250,690
Colorado	0	11	-11	19,102	23,543	-4,441
Connecticut	0	59	-59	18,132	21,519	-3,387
Delaware	0	3	-3	1,542	2,953	-1,411
District of Columbia	22	13	9	9,488	12,242	-2,754
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	247	209	38	5,230	6,886	-1,656
Hawaii	190	212	-22	27,322	46,681	-19,359
Idaho	12	8	4	66	4	62
Illinois	215	209	6	165,654	229,272	-63,618
Indiana	992	1,017	-25	72,280	99,259	-26,979
Iowa	35	30	5	25	38	-13
Kansas	108	110	-2	4,679	1,985	2,694
Kentucky	34	15	19	10,573	12,122	-1,549
Louisiana	6	9	-3	16,282	31,687	-15,405
Maine	102	104	-2	7,713	8,244	-531
Maryland	17	8	9	103,633	125,332	-21,699
Massachusetts	1,209	1,234	-25	183,720	281,833	-98,113
Michigan	1,609	1,594	15	88,932	295,915	-206,983
Minnesota	0	1	-1	31,014	33,776	-2,762
Mississippi	0	0	0	6	2	4
Missouri	41	43	-2	982	1,611	-629
Montana	3	3	0	428	809	-381
Nebraska	0	0	0	58	70	-12
Nevada	0	248	-248	39,289	40,967	-1,678
New Hampshire	13	16	-3	27	28	-1
New Jersey	522	487	35	240,636	294,670	-54,034
New Mexico	634	5,179	-4,545	37,446	41,152	-3,706
New York	482	790	-308	864,883	899,666	-34,783
North Carolina	453	93	360	42,363	49,518	-7,155
North Dakota	0	1	-1	144	130	14
Ohio	202	164	38	186,873	234,918	-48,045
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	790	1,178	-388	83,695	84,439	-744
Pennsylvania	1	4	-3	369,069	467,151	-98,082
Puerto Rico	539	575	-36	145,746	250,632	-104,886
Rhode Island	82	511	-429	30,109	30,390	-281
South Carolina	12	8	4	227	157	70
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	28	32	-4	5,989	3,604	2,385
Texas	69	70	-1	725	1,137	-412
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	1	0	1	5,499	5,931	-432
Virgin Islands	12	1	11	0	0	0
Virginia	826	395	431	46,082	50,788	-4,706
Washington	1,125	1,223	-98	67,325	76,428	-9,103
West Virginia	0	1	-1	190	89	101
Wisconsin	581	315	266	18,391	19,177	-786
Wyoming	0	1	-1	5	5	0
US Total	15,162	23,037	-7,875	4,896,125	5,487,233	-591,108

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:				
	September 4	August 28	Change	August 21	August 14
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	8,558	9,450	-892	9,648	9,687
Arizona	11,423	13,236	-1,813	14,148	14,545
Arkansas	781	354	427	921	998
California	1,277,140	1,093,677	183,463	1,039,988	1,069,245
Colorado	70,923	78,421	-7,498	77,221	76,977
Connecticut	48,841	56,980	-8,139	57,734	58,750
Delaware	3,387	7,039	-3,652	7,406	7,403
District of Columbia	199	1,626	-1,427	2,684	2,611
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	3,018	3,239	-221	23,134	23,701
Idaho	150	250	-100	228	244
Illinois	245,219	256,819	-11,600	263,540	266,178
Indiana	46,804	50,008	-3,204	50,505	51,016
Iowa	1,408	1,737	-329	2,261	2,513
Kansas	9,398	9,471	-73	9,811	9,794
Kentucky	22,570	23,298	-728	24,914	24,434
Louisiana	13,999	22,161	-8,162	30,561	41,607
Maine	13,338	14,452	-1,114	14,375	14,307
Maryland	47,022	58,023	-11,001	55,633	67,933
Massachusetts	172,123	183,527	-11,404	184,612	183,464
Michigan	121,837	181,145	-59,308	172,120	184,012
Minnesota	101,127	109,988	-8,861	109,360	109,802
Mississippi	1	2	-1	1	2
Missouri	975	2,252	-1,277	1,027	977
Montana	159	211	-52	198	194
Nebraska	63	98	-35	195	227
Nevada	37,472	75,919	-38,447	74,589	75,683
New Hampshire	717	735	-18	788	782
New Jersey	183,539	232,590	-49,051	237,818	234,631
New Mexico	22,575	28,860	-6,285	29,429	29,476
New York	687,442	715,299	-27,857	722,546	665,913
North Carolina	111,593	124,002	-12,409	123,673	122,628
North Dakota	35	13	22	46	7
Ohio	72,255	77,194	-4,939	78,944	79,770
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	61,018	63,738	-2,720	64,045	64,652
Pennsylvania	163,035	202,563	-39,528	212,119	201,629
Puerto Rico	31,560	47,155	-15,595	45,822	45,005
Rhode Island	16,580	17,203	-623	17,312	17,280
South Carolina	119	74	45	1	38
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	140	83	57	247	189
Texas	614	1,086	-472	1,190	1,504
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	2,608	3,291	-683	3,263	3,314
Virgin Islands	29	47	-18	30	5
Virginia	8,265	13,255	-4,990	15,432	11,374
Washington	559	576	-17	611	551
West Virginia	114	140	-26	232	332
Wisconsin	23,817	24,503	-686	24,643	24,608
Wyoming	6	5	1	3	8
US Total	3,644,555	3,805,795	-161,240	3,805,008	3,800,000

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:		
	September 4	August 28	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	5	0	5
Arizona	85	0	85
Arkansas	9	0	9
California	8,299	12,221	-3,922
Colorado	13	0	13
Connecticut	35	51	-16
Delaware	4	2	2
District of Columbia	1	2	-1
Florida	63	9	54
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	13	0	13
Idaho	10	0	10
Illinois	2,453	3,768	-1,315
Indiana	11	0	11
Iowa	7	0	7
Kansas	4	4	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	6	7	-1
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	27	4	23
Massachusetts	39	59	-20
Michigan	41	19	22
Minnesota	10	0	10
Mississippi	4	0	4
Missouri	8	17	-9
Montana	6	0	6
Nebraska	0	1	-1
Nevada	26,869	58	26,811
New Hampshire	2	0	2
New Jersey	2,807	3,502	-695
New Mexico	29	19	10
New York	2,608	1,854	754
North Carolina	21	2	19
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	22	75	-53
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	21	65	-44
Pennsylvania	89	117	-28
Puerto Rico	3,124	250	2,874
Rhode Island	5	2	3
South Carolina	10	0	10
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	5	0	5
Texas	240,828	76,429	164,399
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1	9	-8
Virginia	60	85	-25
Washington	8	8	0
West Virginia	0	1	-1
Wisconsin	41	89	-48
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	287,704	98,730	188,974

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 11

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 4

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	3,716	-1,379	-5,132	9	12	10,566	0.6	1,363	-29,632	63	13	10,642
Alaska	1,140	25	-2,453	5	2	5,032	1.8	-305	-20,730	73	11	5,116
Arizona	6,498	3,739	-3,517	8	2	28,519	1.0	-4,383	-165,960	45	40	28,604
Arkansas	1,238	-444	-3,347	2	0	15,539	1.3	-613	-23,387	41	22	15,602
California	51,596	-5,950	-174,408	148	82	492,694	3.1	-97,534	-2,231,637	1,592	1,220	495,506
Colorado	1,813	-904	-3,358	1	5	26,346	1.0	-3,562	-130,745	182	101	26,629
Connecticut	2,592	-462	-2,583	6	5	32,874	2.2	-9,682	-134,465	97	40	33,011
Delaware	1,047	617	-551	2	3	5,742	1.3	-1,013	-23,792	26	15	5,783
District of Columbia	4,724	3,783	3,264	43	0	22,191	4.2	4,805	-43,480	427	8	22,626
Florida	7,761	543	-29,504	19	20	48,583	0.6	-10,989	-365,591	175	181	48,939
Georgia	6,851	-1,184	-35,234	27	14	72,519	1.7	-45,060	-426,294	377	136	73,032
Hawaii	2,051	-339	-5,256	3	16	12,971	2.5	-752	-110,146	103	69	13,143
Idaho	805	-62	-2,867	2	3	3,328	0.5	-319	-8,182	16	10	3,354
Illinois	8,089	-7,481	-19,295	4	5	151,876	2.8	-20,416	-356,004	417	127	152,420
Indiana	3,957	-1,932	-9,288	7	1	33,707	1.2	-4,945	-130,908	167	53	33,927
Iowa	1,430	-403	-3,222	4	5	10,831	0.7	-915	-54,591	36	23	10,890
Kansas	1,077	-719	-4,171	2	1	7,797	0.6	-1,200	-42,700	39	16	7,852
Kentucky	2,583	581	-6,089	1	3	11,796	0.6	-1,490	-95,039	118	32	11,946
Louisiana	14,042	4,318	-2,140	13	1	37,364	2.1	3,766	-212,880	62	12	37,438
Maine	565	-115	-870	1	1	5,846	1.0	-927	-24,766	24	11	5,881
Maryland	7,437	2,018	-421	28	10	44,240	1.9	4,995	-120,628	322	196	44,758
Massachusetts	7,512	1,551	-10,876	13	4	57,086	1.7	-16,698	-318,106	135	95	57,316
Michigan	10,967	-657	-8,604	10	3	72,252	1.8	-6,432	-321,453	87	32	72,371
Minnesota	2,987	-894	-8,194	3	3	45,315	1.7	-4,483	-162,330	82	63	45,460
Mississippi	1,518	-201	-3,017	2	0	12,877	1.2	2,075	-74,230	68	7	12,952
Missouri	5,685	1,658	-3,251	4	1	24,987	1.0	-3,254	-61,845	87	16	25,090
Montana	698	-80	-2,287	7	0	3,841	0.9	-275	-19,135	27	8	3,876
Nebraska	1,454	451	-1,273	2	0	4,312	0.5	-197	-18,032	15	4	4,331
Nevada	2,216	-597	-6,116	2	4	35,418	2.8	3,989	-170,748	42	57	35,517
New Hampshire	478	49	-1,798	1	0	3,790	0.6	-838	-36,148	8	4	3,802
New Jersey	7,266	-257	-12,376	20	15	112,752	3.0	-13,199	-253,921	199	237	113,188
New Mexico	3,027	-1,043	-21	3	2	14,343	1.9	-1,104	-69,703	64	41	14,448
New York	16,776	1,088	-45,121	15	29	240,083	2.8	-12,945	-1,051,869	216	285	240,584
North Carolina	4,210	-840	-9,227	6	3	30,140	0.7	-3,471	-121,178	120	153	30,413
North Dakota	183	-118	-536	0	0	1,826	0.5	-137	-10,972	28	1	1,855
Ohio	8,918	-4,665	-7,457	13	18	52,558	1.0	-1,050	-243,256	137	86	52,781
Oklahoma	3,435	755	-2,161	17	4	22,077	1.5	-1,802	-88,830	112	55	22,244
Oregon	4,523	-589	-281	31	11	37,178	2.1	-4,268	-102,134	130	106	37,414
Pennsylvania	9,912	-110	-11,835	39	19	100,547	1.9	-16,344	-441,581	273	94	100,914
Puerto Rico	917	-721	-268	0	1	35,635	4.4	-818	-85,567	210	57	35,902
Rhode Island	837	-1,349	-2,189	6	0	11,571	2.7	-982	-34,270	50	36	11,657
South Carolina	2,456	1,194	-1,805	9	5	26,145	1.3	-719	-75,311	33	93	26,271
South Dakota	167	-28	-209	5	0	1,104	0.3	-262	-5,569	25	1	1,130
Tennessee	4,490	-845	-6,826	5	10	36,139	1.1	-1,699	-142,813	50	20	36,209
Texas	16,692	-3,635	-32,694	54	84	160,016	1.4	-1,718	-816,572	682	1,029	161,727
Utah	1,090	-302	-1,193	92	1	6,961	0.5	-423	-23,897	51	10	7,022
Vermont	315	-79	-297	0	0	3,553	1.3	-428	-20,408	0	0	3,553
Virgin Islands	116	-18	-76	0	0	792	2.2	-154	-3,338	0	0	792
Virginia	3,822	-2,357	-6,278	4	9	40,624	1.1	-3,811	-160,992	164	167	40,955
Washington	5,100	-289	-16,068	27	33	52,509	1.6	-4,139	-210,736	136	308	52,953
West Virginia	903	-309	-978	3	0	8,371	1.4	-1,414	-37,520	82	20	8,473
Wisconsin	5,960	-1,007	-5,749	8	2	41,231	1.5	-4,481	-89,441	93	34	41,358
Wyoming	260	-54	-437	0	0	1,532	0.6	-60	-6,388	8	2	1,542
Totals	265,902	-20,048	-519,940	736	452	2,377,926	1.7	-290,717	-10,029,850	7,816	5,457	2,391,199

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 11, 2021

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
LA	+4,318	No comment.
DC	+3,783	No comment.
AZ	+3,739	No comment.
MD	+2,018	No comment.
MO	+1,658	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
MA	+1,551	Layoffs in the food and accommodation services, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
SC	+1,194	No comment.
NY	+1,088	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade, and art, entertainment, and recreation industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-7,481	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, other services, and construction industries.
CA	-5,950	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
OH	-4,665	No comment.
TX	-3,635	No comment.
VA	-2,357	No comment.
IN	-1,932	No comment.
AL	-1,379	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and retail trade industries.
RI	-1,349	No comment.
GA	-1,184	No comment.
NM	-1,043	No comment.
WI	-1,007	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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