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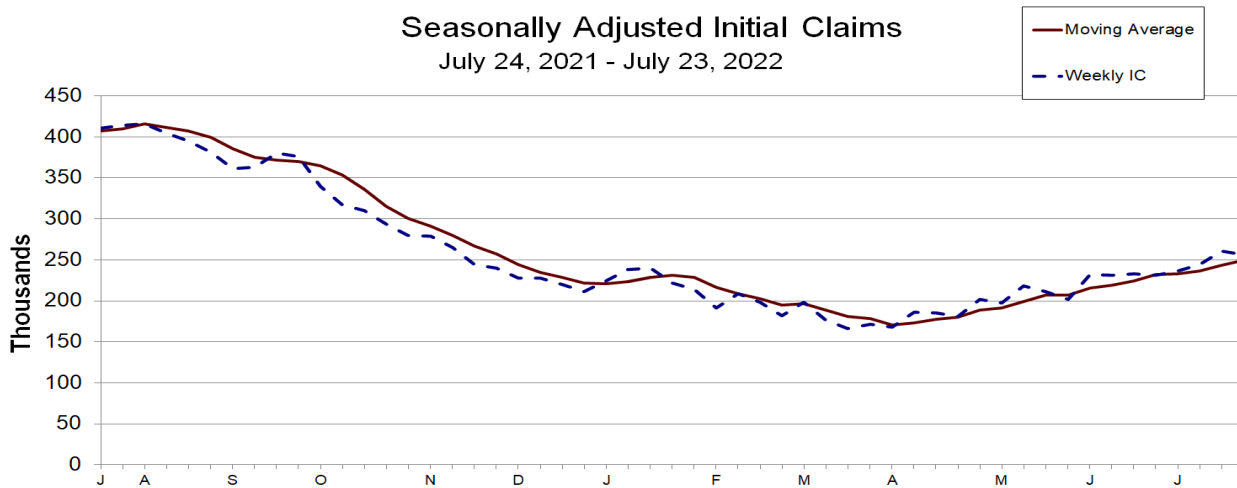
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

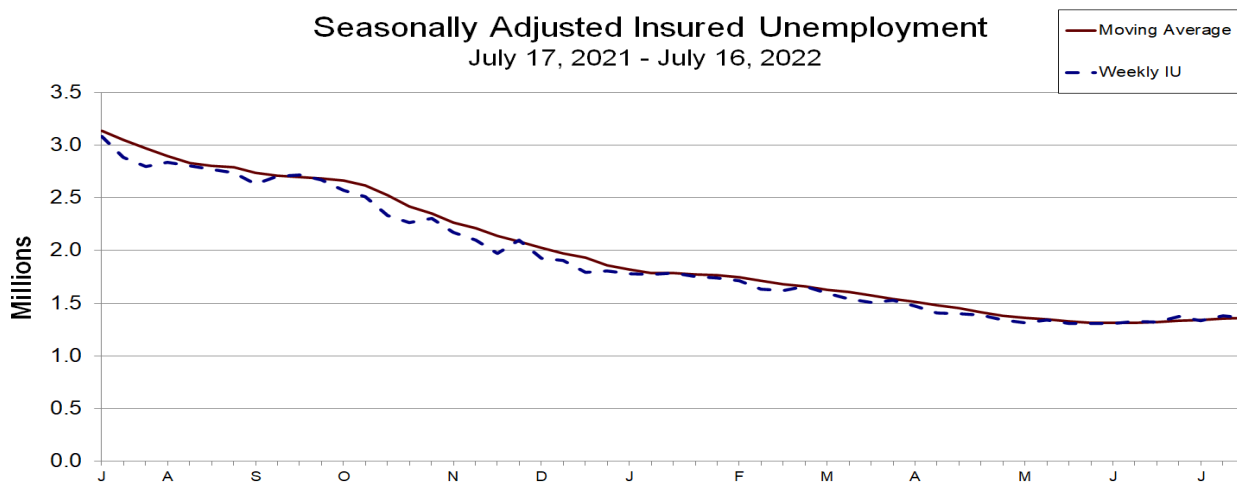
In the week ending July 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 256,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 10,000 from 251,000 to 261,000. The 4-week moving average was 249,250, an increase of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,500 from 240,500 to 243,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending July 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 16 was 1,359,000, a decrease of 25,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,384,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,362,000, an increase of 8,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,353,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
July 24, 2021 - July 23, 2022



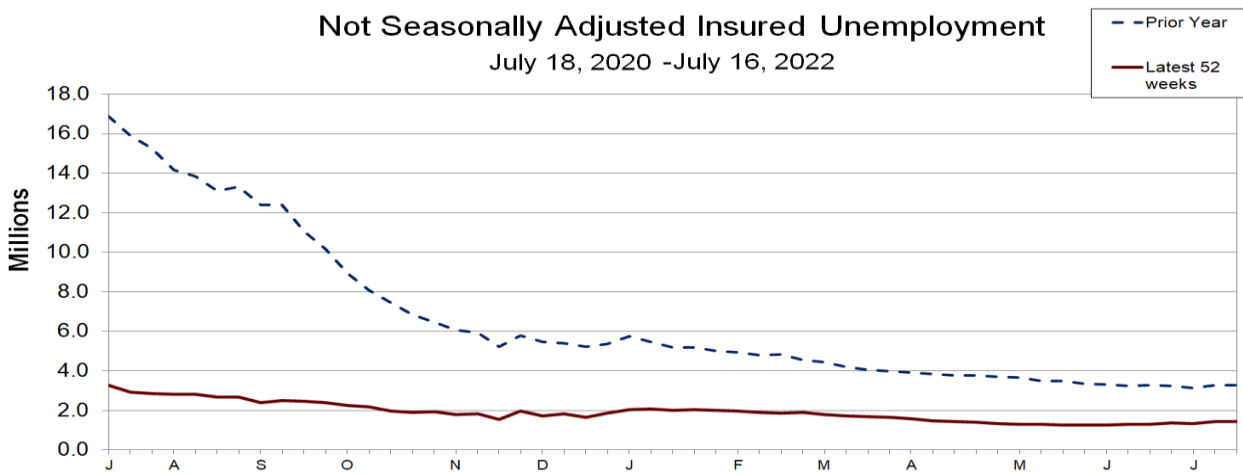
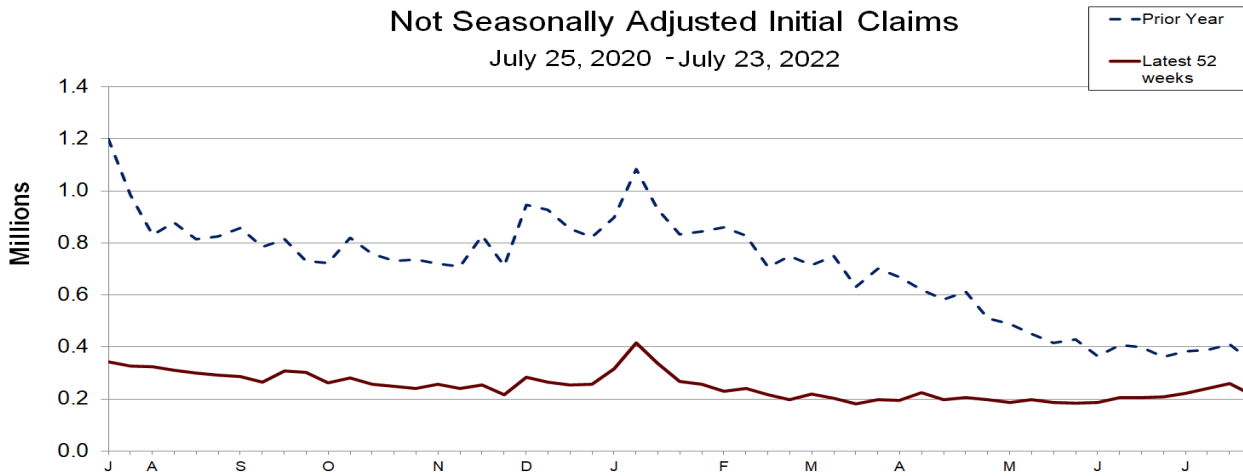
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
July 17, 2021 - July 16, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 216,496 in the week ending July 23, a decrease of 42,417 (or -16.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 37,622 (or -14.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 342,604 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending July 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,437,546, a decrease of 12,805 (or -0.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 13,839 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.4 percent and the volume was 3,263,660.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 9 was 1,476,464, an increase of 123,430 from the previous week. There were 13,143,564 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 517 in the week ending July 16, an increase of 28 from the prior week. There were 420 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 27 from the preceding week.

There were 7,184 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 9, an increase of 870 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,295, an increase of 394 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 9 were in New Jersey (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.1), California (1.9), Rhode Island (1.9), New York (1.6), Pennsylvania (1.6), Connecticut (1.5), Massachusetts (1.4), Alaska (1.3), and the Virgin Islands (1.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 16 were in Massachusetts (+14,142), Connecticut (+6,000), Georgia (+3,166), South Carolina (+3,149), and California (+2,681), while the largest decreases were in New York (-7,188), Ohio (-3,633), Kentucky (-1,907), New Jersey (-1,872), and Indiana (-1,865).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	256,000	261,000	-5,000	244,000	411,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	216,496	258,913	-42,417	241,139	342,604
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	249,250	243,000	+6,250	236,000	407,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,359,000	1,384,000	-25,000	1,333,000	3,082,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,437,546	1,450,351	-12,805	1,328,561	3,263,660
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,362,000	1,353,250	+8,750	1,340,000	3,136,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	0.9%	2.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	0.9%	2.4%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	517	489	+28	1,080
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	420	393	+27	661

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,447,520	1,325,055	+122,465	3,246,357
Federal Employees	7,184	6,314	+870	10,568
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,295	3,901	+394	6,758
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	6,334	5,811	+523	343,475
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,699	1,505	+194	1,199
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	9,432	10,448	-1,016	55,162
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,476,464</b>	<b>1,353,034</b>	<b>+123,430</b>	<b>13,143,564</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 141,769,719 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,716	6,048	-2,332	5,211	7,002	-1,791
Alaska	660	667	-7	3,468	3,632	-164
Arizona	3,500	4,218	-718	21,755	22,764	-1,009
Arkansas	1,354	1,821	-467	9,266	9,769	-503
California	41,091	43,194	-2,103	322,787	320,429	2,358
Colorado	2,329	2,505	-176	18,676	16,472	2,204
Connecticut	10,642	10,699	-57	27,361	24,179	3,182
Delaware	288	387	-99	4,022	3,774	248
District of Columbia	386	580	-194	3,169	2,942	227
Florida	6,511	7,858	-1,347	37,270	38,818	-1,548
Georgia	6,785	8,266	-1,481	30,294	33,013	-2,719
Hawaii	1,163	1,240	-77	6,472	6,235	237
Idaho	739	772	-33	3,637	4,049	-412
Illinois	7,174	7,567	-393	68,214	66,359	1,855
Indiana	4,173	5,283	-1,110	18,272	19,411	-1,139
Iowa	1,430	1,438	-8	7,683	8,149	-466
Kansas	1,567	1,566	1	4,160	4,143	17
Kentucky	3,807	2,724	1,083	11,388	9,209	2,179
Louisiana	2,095	2,875	-780	11,556	11,813	-257
Maine	379	440	-61	3,361	3,566	-205
Maryland	1,921	2,474	-553	18,271	18,602	-331
Massachusetts	15,509	23,072	-7,563	50,203	49,430	773
Michigan	8,065	10,219	-2,154	38,020	39,240	-1,220
Minnesota	2,450	3,179	-729	25,859	25,993	-134
Mississippi	1,196	1,935	-739	7,006	8,081	-1,075
Missouri	2,687	3,698	-1,011	17,492	17,340	152
Montana	456	508	-52	3,355	3,569	-214
Nebraska	577	746	-169	3,617	3,413	204
Nevada	2,084	2,297	-213	14,613	15,118	-505
New Hampshire	240	295	-55	2,252	2,383	-131
New Jersey	6,386	7,230	-844	84,085	81,544	2,541
New Mexico	712	678	34	7,830	8,224	-394
New York	14,427	20,163	-5,736	141,189	140,823	366
North Carolina	2,856	3,458	-602	15,880	16,607	-727
North Dakota	195	205	-10	1,522	1,518	4
Ohio	9,096	11,132	-2,036	35,308	38,427	-3,119
Oklahoma	3,469	2,679	790	11,478	11,185	293
Oregon	3,172	3,835	-663	21,540	21,921	-381
Pennsylvania	7,089	8,522	-1,433	82,780	87,178	-4,398
Puerto Rico	1,338	2,012	-674	8,982	18,070	-9,088
Rhode Island	632	912	-280	8,362	8,375	-13
South Carolina	2,228	5,548	-3,320	12,435	14,275	-1,840
South Dakota	103	113	-10	726	786	-60
Tennessee	2,692	4,098	-1,406	14,097	15,051	-954
Texas	14,714	16,746	-2,032	107,917	106,496	1,421
Utah	1,282	1,303	-21	5,976	5,960	16
Vermont	207	251	-44	2,217	2,152	65
Virgin Islands	54	39	15	304	444	-140
Virginia	2,544	2,066	478	12,043	10,636	1,407
Washington *	3,888	3,884	4	34,776	32,214	2,562
West Virginia	741	775	-34	7,705	6,645	1,060
Wisconsin	3,495	4,458	-963	20,223	21,657	-1,434
Wyoming	202	235	-33	1,461	1,266	195
US Total	216,496	258,913	-42,417	1,437,546	1,450,351	-12,805

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 estimates.

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	
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,359	-25	1,362.00	1.0
July 23, 2022	256	-5	249.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JULY 16

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JULY 9

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	6,048	2,110	1,794	13	10	7,002	0.4	1,103	-4,905	46	21	7,069
Alaska	667	-43	-964	0	0	3,632	1.3	105	-3,716	36	12	3,680
Arizona	4,218	-799	640	9	2	22,764	0.8	1,520	-19,433	83	22	22,869
Arkansas	1,821	-457	-96	1	1	9,769	0.8	1,021	-9,782	34	7	9,810
California	43,194	2,681	-13,287	107	54	320,429	1.9	40,555	-396,057	1,112	843	322,384
Colorado	2,505	48	-1,951	1	3	16,472	0.6	577	-20,220	109	127	16,708
Connecticut	10,699	6,000	6,982	4	3	24,179	1.5	3,474	-28,432	41	44	24,264
Delaware	387	16	-479	1	1	3,774	0.9	273	-7,443	9	2	3,785
District of Columbia	580	256	-2,150	0	0	2,942	0.6	529	-14,025	134	2	3,078
Florida	7,858	591	-2,112	21	17	38,818	0.4	3,378	-56,612	233	148	39,199
Georgia	8,266	3,166	-4,339	35	27	33,013	0.8	3,201	-67,246	437	164	33,614
Hawaii	1,240	165	-1,498	2	7	6,235	1.1	-4	-7,710	46	68	6,349
Idaho	772	-140	-391	2	0	4,049	0.5	207	-1,161	7	6	4,062
Illinois	7,567	635	-18,352	9	7	66,359	1.2	862	-137,673	404	122	66,885
Indiana	5,283	-1,865	-1,087	11	5	19,411	0.7	-1,090	-34,738	46	18	19,475
Iowa	1,438	-297	-233	4	1	8,149	0.5	884	-10,602	21	2	8,172
Kansas	1,566	407	3	0	1	4,143	0.3	218	-4,908	25	18	4,186
Kentucky	2,724	-1,907	-8,719	0	0	9,209	0.5	1,349	-8,544	58	31	9,298
Louisiana	2,875	777	-2,617	1	3	11,813	0.7	95	-36,232	77	11	11,901
Maine	440	-198	-761	0	0	3,566	0.6	245	-5,883	13	8	3,587
Maryland	2,474	-4	-3,058	13	6	18,602	0.7	1,941	-24,285	206	68	18,876
Massachusetts	23,072	14,142	15,886	36	16	49,430	1.4	798	-23,302	114	73	49,617
Michigan	10,219	-1,204	-10,793	2	2	39,240	1.0	7,102	-36,027	68	30	39,338
Minnesota	3,179	337	-1,160	2	5	25,993	1.0	1,391	-34,015	55	48	26,096
Mississippi	1,935	66	-659	2	1	8,081	0.7	433	-14,652	67	9	8,157
Missouri	3,698	142	-8,109	5	2	17,340	0.6	1,464	-26,088	58	20	17,418
Montana	508	-95	-267	5	2	3,569	0.8	266	-3,246	39	15	3,623
Nebraska	746	343	-616	1	0	3,413	0.4	-204	-4,738	5	2	3,420
Nevada	2,297	-289	-1,316	2	4	15,118	1.1	1,267	-38,756	64	38	15,220
New Hampshire	295	-141	-321	6	2	2,383	0.4	16	-6,568	0	1	2,384
New Jersey	7,230	-1,872	-3,879	14	13	81,544	2.1	7,424	-58,521	444	264	82,252
New Mexico	678	-144	-3,772	2	0	8,224	1.1	1,012	-11,146	63	18	8,305
New York	20,163	-7,188	-2,383	38	24	140,823	1.6	7,231	-151,358	528	237	141,588
North Carolina	3,458	634	-1,711	1	0	16,607	0.4	1,264	-23,356	52	54	16,713
North Dakota	205	-43	-127	17	0	1,518	0.4	82	-1,685	82	1	1,601
Ohio	11,132	-3,633	-1,510	5	9	38,427	0.7	3,319	-31,513	78	86	38,591
Oklahoma	2,679	571	-1,715	4	3	11,185	0.7	426	-26,100	60	54	11,299
Oregon	3,835	-197	-892	10	6	21,921	1.2	1,461	-22,781	190	42	22,153
Pennsylvania	8,522	-1,368	-30,069	10	5	87,178	1.6	4,422	-99,155	178	97	87,453
Puerto Rico	2,012	106	-4,998	4	11	18,070	2.1	312	-23,882	273	80	18,423
Rhode Island	912	-140	-3,059	4	0	8,375	1.9	629	-7,983	28	15	8,418
South Carolina	5,548	3,149	3,052	7	4	14,275	0.7	2,851	-28,439	41	40	14,356
South Dakota	113	-26	-82	5	0	786	0.2	67	-809	137	1	924
Tennessee	4,098	1,744	-2,049	7	10	15,051	0.5	2,625	-33,311	24	25	15,100
Texas	16,746	1,414	-28,291	62	134	106,496	0.9	10,684	-93,432	1,004	896	108,396
Utah	1,303	74	-209	15	1	5,960	0.4	211	-3,895	42	11	6,013
Vermont	251	-12	-68	0	0	2,152	0.8	102	-3,318	1	0	2,153
Virgin Islands	39	-6	-143	0	0	444	1.3	196	-174	0	2	446
Virginia	2,066	356	-4,238	5	4	10,636	0.3	528	-24,566	103	83	10,822
Washington	3,884	-299	-1,472	5	12	32,214	1.0	921	-38,925	119	266	32,599
West Virginia	775	-13	-206	1	2	6,645	1.1	654	-5,568	35	21	6,701
Wisconsin	4,458	277	-4,385	4	0	21,657	0.8	2,374	-34,581	54	12	21,723
Wyoming	235	-53	-95	2	0	1,266	0.5	19	-953	1	10	1,277
Totals	258,913	17,774	-152,331	517	420	1,450,351	1.0	121,790	-1,812,450	7,184	4,295	1,461,830

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 JULY 16, 2022**

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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>
MA	+14,142	No comment.
CT	+6,000	No comment.
GA	+3,166	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
SC	+3,149	No comment.
CA	+2,681	No comment.
AL	+2,110	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
TN	+1,744	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, retail trade, accommodation and food services, transportation and food services, and other services industries.
TX	+1,414	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>
NY	-7,188	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and educational services industries.
OH	-3,633	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing industry.
KY	-1,907	No comment.
NJ	-1,872	No comment.
IN	-1,865	No comment.
PA	-1,368	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MI	-1,204	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.



## 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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