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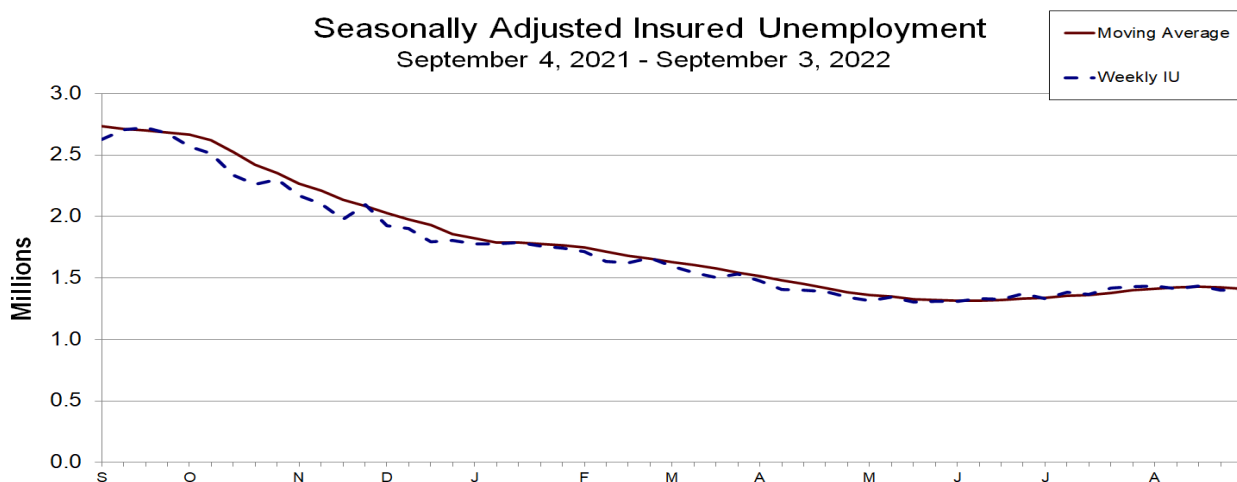
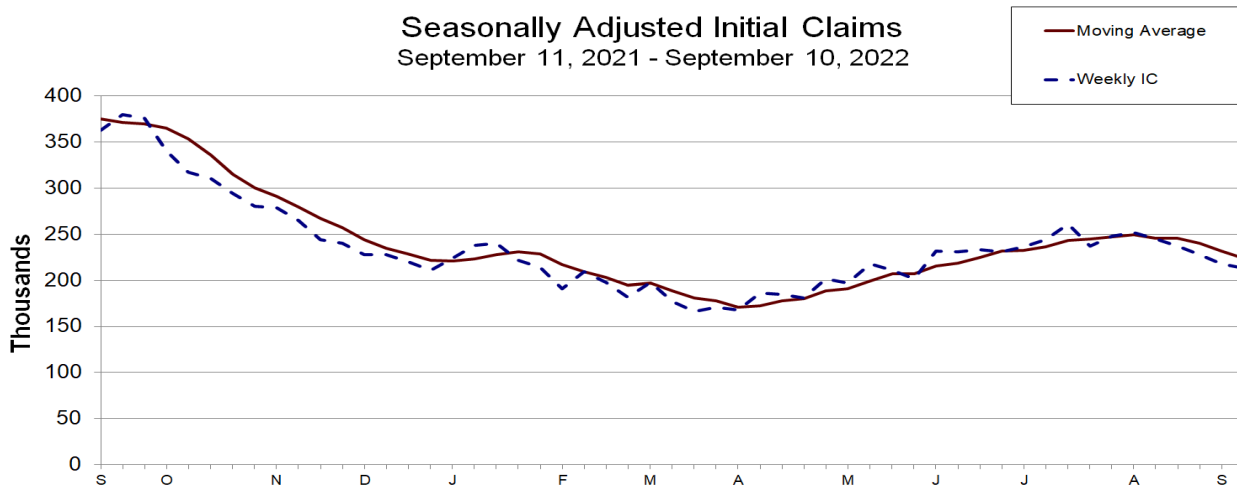
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 10, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 213,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 222,000 to 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 233,000 to 232,000.

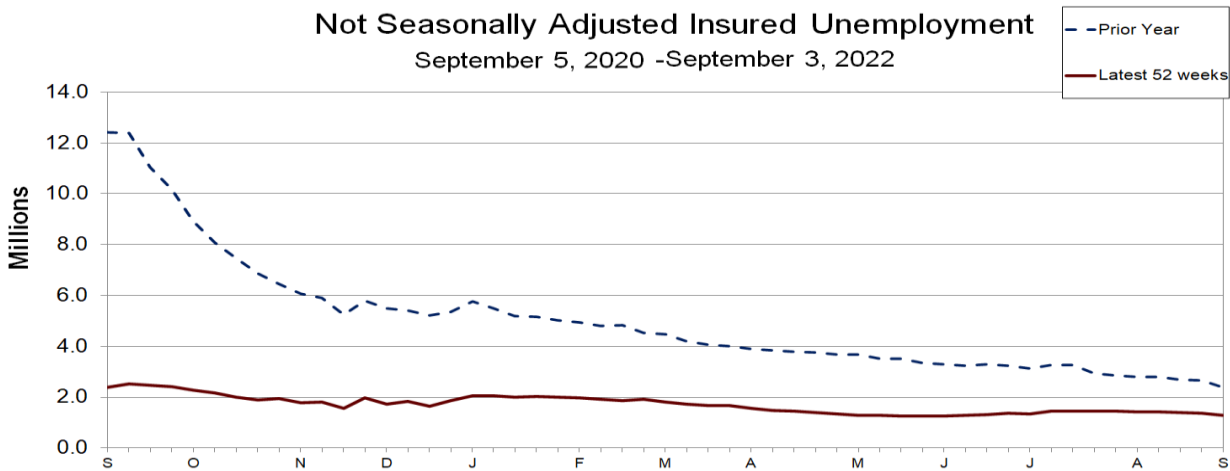
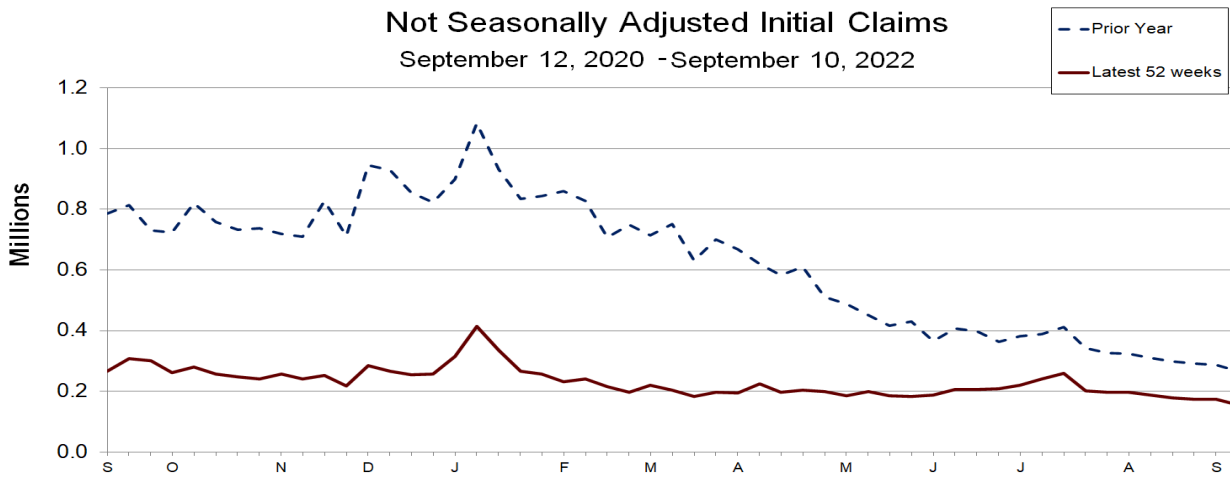
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending September 3, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 3 was 1,403,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 72,000 from 1,473,000 to 1,401,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,413,250, a decrease of 7,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 18,000 from 1,439,000 to 1,421,000.



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 155,961 in the week ending September 10, a decrease of 16,934 (or -9.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,518 (or -7.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 265,902 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending September 3, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,275,704, a decrease of 92,150 (or -6.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 93,900 (or -6.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.7 percent and the volume was 2,377,950.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 27 was 1,391,432, a decrease of 23,420 from the previous week. There were 12,106,755 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 August 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 330 in the week ending September 3, a decrease of 2 from the prior week. There were 417 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 14 from the preceding week.

There were 6,272 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 27, a decrease of 105 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,482, a decrease of 31 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 27 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), New York (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.7), Connecticut (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.3), Nevada (1.2), Alaska (1.1), Illinois (1.1), and Oregon (1.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 3 were in Oklahoma (+1,935), Pennsylvania (+1,069), Kentucky (+824), Ohio (+659), and Indiana (+610), while the largest decreases were in New York (-3,662), Michigan (-2,132), Connecticut (-1,285), Alabama (-314), and Virginia (-310).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	213,000	218,000	-5,000	228,000	363,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	155,961	172,895	-16,934	173,864	265,902
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,000	232,000	-8,000	240,500	375,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,403,000	1,401,000	+2,000	1,437,000	2,628,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,275,704	1,367,854	-92,150	1,390,536	2,377,950
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,413,250	1,421,000	-7,750	1,428,250	2,736,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	1.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	1.0%	-0.1	1.0%	1.7%

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	330	332	-2	543
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	417	403	+14	547

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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>August 27</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,365,003	1,387,536	-22,533	2,656,760
Federal Employees	6,272	6,377	-105	8,723
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,482	4,513	-31	6,054
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	3,798	4,589	-791	98,730
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,919	1,803	+116	1,063
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	9,958	10,034	-76	42,397
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,391,432</b>	<b>1,414,852</b>	<b>-23,420</b>	<b>12,106,755</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 September 10			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 3		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,926	2,294	-368	3,254	4,621	-1,367
Alaska	735	652	83	3,237	3,307	-70
Arizona	2,491	2,905	-414	20,493	23,121	-2,628
Arkansas	1,490	1,355	135	6,564	7,015	-451
California	33,995	36,558	-2,563	289,304	306,151	-16,847
Colorado	1,948	2,047	-99	16,586	16,327	259
Connecticut	3,072	3,078	-6	19,128	26,183	-7,055
Delaware	186	232	-46	3,182	3,595	-413
District of Columbia	241	312	-71	3,504	3,091	413
Florida	4,995	5,472	-477	34,396	39,598	-5,202
Georgia	3,905	5,403	-1,498	30,131	31,722	-1,591
Hawaii	1,038	1,097	-59	5,783	5,730	53
Idaho	624	739	-115	2,859	3,108	-249
Illinois	6,300	6,680	-380	57,389	59,603	-2,214
Indiana	4,732	3,933	799	23,115	24,433	-1,318
Iowa	1,277	1,057	220	5,652	5,788	-136
Kansas	1,044	1,182	-138	3,908	3,847	61
Kentucky	1,402	2,299	-897	9,138	8,148	990
Louisiana	1,374	1,725	-351	10,057	11,589	-1,532
Maine	338	331	7	2,617	3,033	-416
Maryland	1,416	1,849	-433	16,583	18,784	-2,201
Massachusetts	3,676	1,221	2,455	45,111	51,059	-5,948
Michigan	4,085	4,384	-299	29,345	30,349	-1,004
Minnesota	2,356	2,336	20	23,099	22,711	388
Mississippi	651	869	-218	4,373	5,554	-1,181
Missouri	1,873	2,183	-310	11,521	13,099	-1,578
Montana	409	439	-30	2,484	2,817	-333
Nebraska	399	488	-89	2,657	2,646	11
Nevada	1,947	2,094	-147	14,971	15,621	-650
New Hampshire	173	243	-70	1,740	2,460	-720
New Jersey	5,698	6,455	-757	78,939	85,207	-6,268
New Mexico	517	632	-115	7,007	7,203	-196
New York	12,743	14,685	-1,942	142,278	146,526	-4,248
North Carolina	2,531	3,073	-542	14,912	16,453	-1,541
North Dakota	170	126	44	905	1,002	-97
Ohio	5,911	6,684	-773	27,328	28,001	-673
Oklahoma	2,157	3,477	-1,320	9,914	10,166	-252
Oregon	2,652	3,079	-427	19,554	20,320	-766
Pennsylvania	6,023	7,452	-1,429	59,638	70,597	-10,959
Puerto Rico	1,047	1,169	-122	13,348	14,378	-1,030
Rhode Island	618	669	-51	6,621	8,012	-1,391
South Carolina	1,694	1,885	-191	11,265	11,872	-607
South Dakota	86	110	-24	464	551	-87
Tennessee	1,643	2,053	-410	11,546	12,493	-947
Texas	11,960	14,561	-2,601	94,723	102,360	-7,637
Utah	943	1,131	-188	5,731	5,855	-124
Vermont	180	206	-26	1,510	1,816	-306
Virgin Islands	53	61	-8	278	340	-62
Virginia	1,833	1,895	-62	11,294	11,955	-661
Washington	3,635	3,900	-265	33,648	33,256	392
West Virginia	515	658	-143	5,297	5,318	-21
Wisconsin	3,052	3,255	-203	16,131	17,990	-1,859
Wyoming	202	222	-20	1,192	1,073	119
US Total	155,961	172,895	-16,934	1,275,704	1,367,854	-92,150

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 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	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,412	-22	1,424.00	1.0
August 20, 2022	237	-8	245.50	1,437	25	1,428.25	1.0
August 27, 2022	228	-9	240.50	1,401	-36	1,421.00	1.0
September 3, 2022	218	-10	232.00	1,403	2	1,413.25	1.0
September 10, 2022	213	-5	224.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 3

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
AUGUST 27

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2,294	-314	-2,801	11	5	4,621	0.2	-4	-4,582	51	21	4,693
Alaska	652	3	-463	2	2	3,307	1.1	-3	-2,030	35	11	3,353
Arizona	2,905	70	146	4	0	23,121	0.8	-192	-9,781	67	15	23,203
Arkansas	1,355	-95	-327	0	0	7,015	0.6	-1,138	-9,137	3	4	7,022
California	36,558	239	-20,988	89	81	306,151	1.8	-6,685	-284,077	966	891	308,008
Colorado	2,047	-9	-670	1	5	16,327	0.6	-357	-13,581	73	116	16,516
Connecticut	3,078	-1,285	24	1	1	26,183	1.6	-375	-16,373	51	44	26,278
Delaware	232	-19	-198	2	0	3,595	0.8	-153	-3,160	10	7	3,612
District of Columbia	312	11	-629	1	0	3,091	0.6	-706	-14,295	122	16	3,229
Florida	5,472	106	-1,746	10	25	39,598	0.5	-237	-19,974	175	108	39,881
Georgia	5,403	323	-2,632	24	20	31,722	0.7	-1,146	-85,857	331	131	32,184
Hawaii	1,097	-97	-1,293	2	9	5,730	1.0	-179	-8,006	34	66	5,830
Idaho	739	73	-128	1	2	3,108	0.4	-302	-539	14	9	3,131
Illinois	6,680	285	-8,890	8	3	59,603	1.1	-3,009	-112,689	496	136	60,235
Indiana	3,933	610	-1,956	1	5	24,433	0.9	5,666	-14,219	60	42	24,535
Iowa	1,057	-45	-776	2	1	5,788	0.4	-1,005	-5,958	19	2	5,809
Kansas	1,182	37	-614	0	2	3,847	0.3	-15	-5,150	25	23	3,895
Kentucky	2,299	824	297	0	0	8,148	0.4	224	-5,138	22	54	8,224
Louisiana	1,725	-74	-7,999	4	3	11,589	0.7	355	-22,009	69	12	11,670
Maine	331	-24	-349	0	0	3,033	0.5	-119	-3,740	4	7	3,044
Maryland	1,849	-10	-3,570	14	2	18,784	0.8	35	-20,460	188	72	19,044
Massachusetts	1,221	160	-4,740	8	9	51,059	1.5	-544	-22,725	138	58	51,255
Michigan	4,384	-2,132	-7,240	1	2	30,349	0.8	-1,745	-48,335	70	42	30,461
Minnesota	2,336	51	-1,545	0	2	22,711	0.8	-225	-27,087	46	59	22,816
Mississippi	869	-114	-850	0	1	5,554	0.5	5	-5,248	43	8	5,605
Missouri	2,183	-49	-1,844	3	6	13,099	0.5	-1,837	-15,142	67	21	13,187
Montana	439	11	-339	4	3	2,817	0.6	-169	-1,299	34	13	2,864
Nebraska	488	20	-515	2	1	2,646	0.3	-268	-1,863	5	1	2,652
Nevada	2,094	114	-719	5	1	15,621	1.2	7	-15,808	87	36	15,744
New Hampshire	243	-70	-186	1	1	2,460	0.4	-75	-2,168	4	2	2,466
New Jersey	6,455	133	-1,068	13	13	85,207	2.2	-468	-40,744	272	163	85,642
New Mexico	632	22	-3,438	3	0	7,203	0.9	30	-8,244	64	18	7,285
New York	14,685	-3,662	-1,003	16	15	146,526	1.7	1,737	-106,502	484	254	147,264
North Carolina	3,073	-28	-1,977	3	1	16,453	0.4	114	-17,158	52	71	16,576
North Dakota	126	-8	-175	2	0	1,002	0.3	-186	-961	46	4	1,052
Ohio	6,684	659	-6,899	6	10	28,001	0.5	-1,907	-25,607	71	78	28,150
Oklahoma	3,477	1,935	797	8	4	10,166	0.7	-135	-13,713	60	43	10,269
Oregon	3,079	-219	-2,033	11	0	20,320	1.1	-434	-21,126	102	38	20,460
Pennsylvania	7,452	1,069	-2,570	4	10	70,597	1.3	-2,464	-46,299	218	86	70,901
Puerto Rico	1,169	74	-469	1	8	14,378	1.7	-228	-22,075	220	106	14,704
Rhode Island	669	-76	-1,517	1	2	8,012	1.8	-59	-4,541	30	24	8,066
South Carolina	1,885	-262	623	4	9	11,872	0.6	-185	-14,992	47	49	11,968
South Dakota	110	38	-85	0	0	551	0.1	-115	-815	23	1	575
Tennessee	2,053	49	-3,282	1	4	12,493	0.4	51	-25,345	32	47	12,572
Texas	14,561	563	-5,766	34	116	102,360	0.8	-374	-59,374	839	1,061	104,260
Utah	1,131	72	-261	8	3	5,855	0.4	-61	-1,529	39	17	5,911
Vermont	206	-107	-188	0	1	1,816	0.6	-434	-2,165	1	0	1,817
Virgin Islands	61	20	-73	0	0	340	1.0	32	-606	0	4	344
Virginia	1,895	-310	-4,284	2	6	11,955	0.3	-1,531	-32,480	97	105	12,157
Washington	3,900	202	-1,489	4	16	33,256	1.0	-476	-23,392	121	261	33,638
West Virginia	658	-86	-554	0	3	5,318	0.8	-231	-4,467	50	13	5,381
Wisconsin	3,255	338	-3,712	7	4	17,990	0.7	-1,089	-27,722	92	9	18,091
Wyoming	222	15	-92	1	0	1,073	0.4	-73	-519	3	3	1,079
Totals	172,895	-969	-113,055	330	417	1,367,854	1.0	-22,682	-1,300,806	6,272	4,482	1,378,608

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 SEPTEMBER 3, 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>
OK	+1,935	No comment.
PA	+1,069	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and professional, scientific and technical services industries.

**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	-3,662	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
MI	-5,769	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
CT	-3,170	No comment.
MI	-2,006	Fewer layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises 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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