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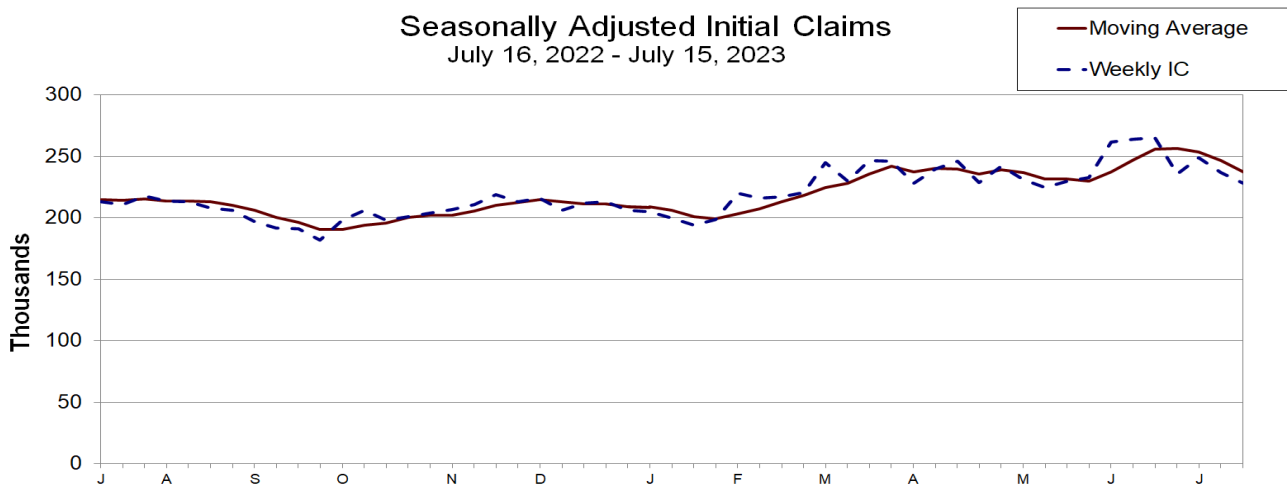
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

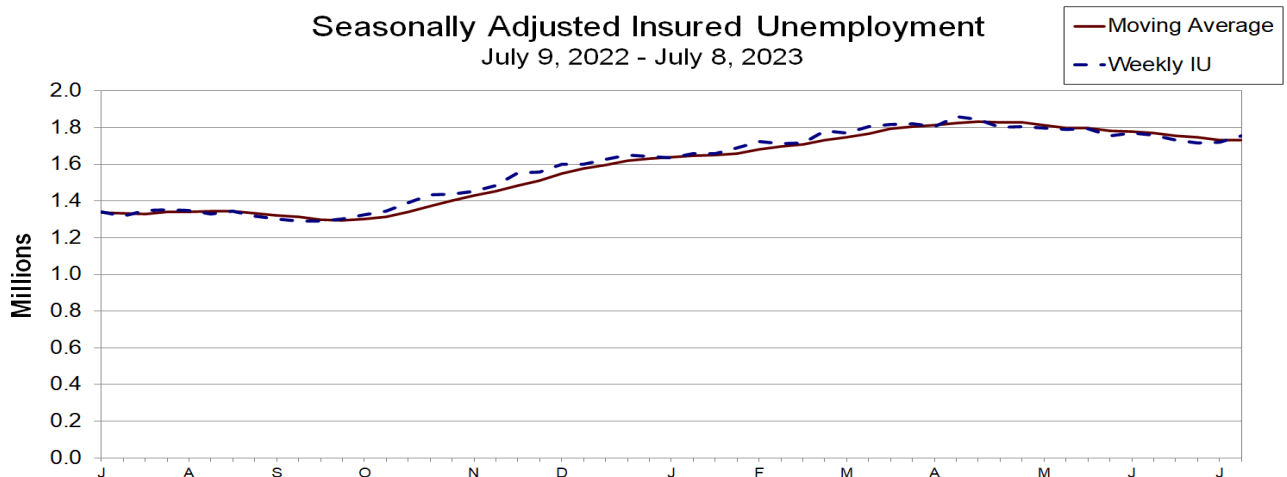
In the week ending July 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 228,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 237,000. The 4-week moving average was 237,500, a decrease of 9,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 246,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 8, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 8 was 1,754,000, an increase of 33,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,729,000 to 1,721,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,731,500, a decrease of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,735,250 to 1,733,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 16, 2022 - July 15, 2023



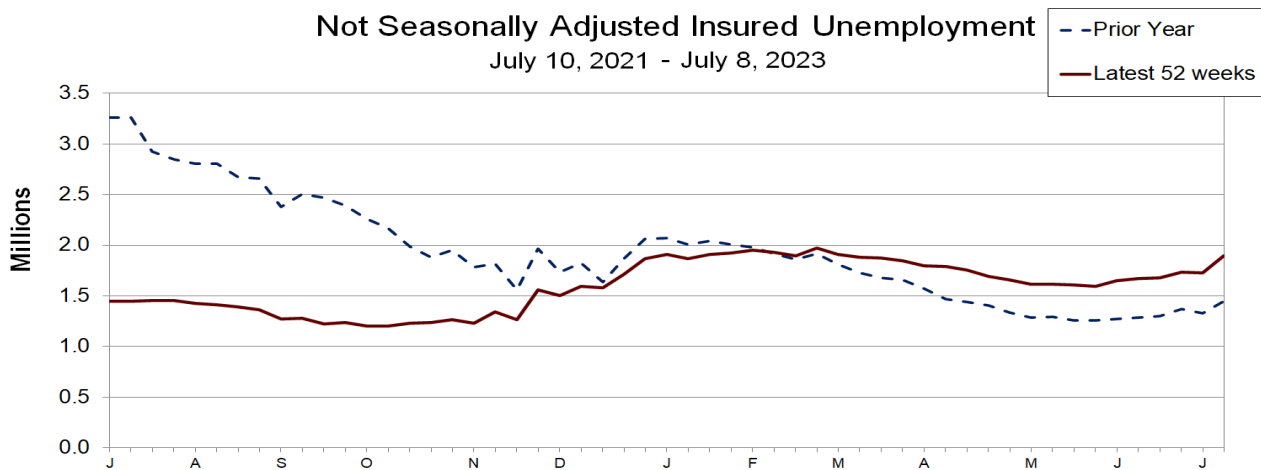
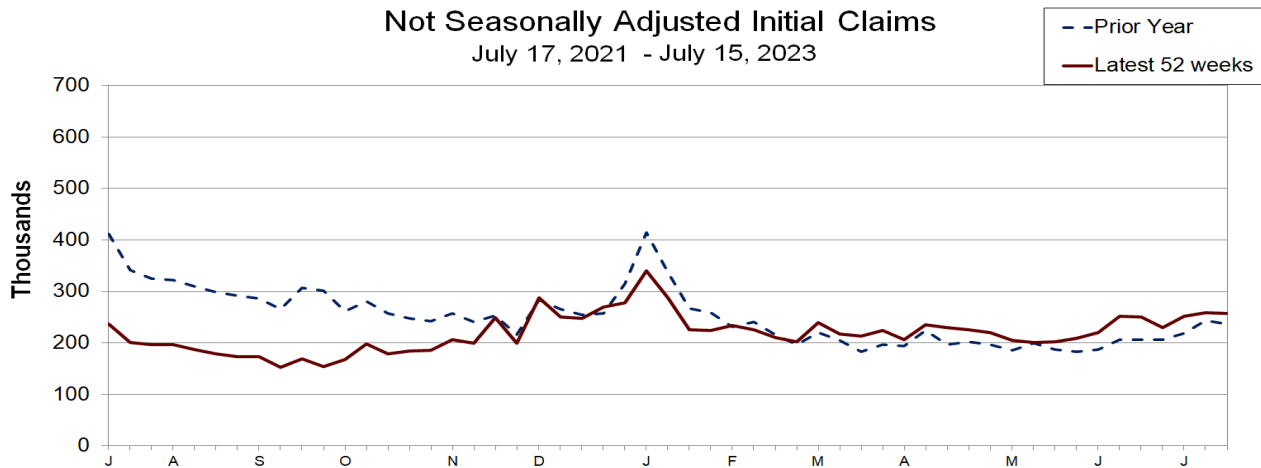
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 9, 2022 - July 8, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 257,976 in the week ending July 15, a decrease of 326 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 9,953 (or 3.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 237,092 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending July 8, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,892,799, an increase of 168,296 (or 9.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 132,522 (or 7.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,450,142.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 1 was 1,748,212, a decrease of 15,800 from the previous week. There were 1,351,663 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 405 in the week ending July 8, a decrease of 2 from the prior week. There were 358 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 12 from the preceding week.

There were 4,739 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 1, a decrease of 17 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,861, a decrease of 106 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 1 were in Puerto Rico (2.4), New Jersey (2.3), California (2.1), Connecticut (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), New York (1.8), Oregon (1.7), Minnesota (1.6), and Pennsylvania (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 8 were in New York (+8,043), Ohio (+1,783), Pennsylvania (+1,413), Iowa (+1,368), and Arizona (+1,118), while the largest decreases were in Connecticut (-3,538), New Jersey (-3,290), Michigan (-1,434), Minnesota (-758), and Rhode Island (-751).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	July 1	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	228,000	237,000	-9,000	249,000	213,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	257,976	258,302	-326	251,686	237,092
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	237,500	246,750	-9,250	253,500	214,750

WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	June 24	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,754,000	1,721,000	+33,000	1,718,000	1,341,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,892,799	1,724,503	+168,296	1,737,349	1,450,142
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,731,500	1,733,250	-1,750	1,746,000	1,337,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.2%	+0.1	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	405	407	-2	491
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	358	346	+12	381

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

WEEK ENDING	July 1	June 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,719,457	1,731,286	-11,829	1,323,692
Federal Employees	4,739	4,756	-17	6,297
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,861	3,967	-106	3,908
Extended Benefits ³	398	935	-537	5,811
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,737	1,868	-131	1,505
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,020	21,200	-3,180	10,450
TOTAL	1,748,212	1,764,012	-15,800	1,351,663

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 148,060,578 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. 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](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,424	2,911	513	11,051	10,363	688
Alaska *	626	588	38	3,356	3,369	-13
Arizona	4,646	4,783	-137	28,204	28,660	-456
Arkansas	1,890	2,532	-642	11,255	10,901	354
California	50,221	45,162	5,059	430,170	374,522	55,648
Colorado	2,529	2,244	285	19,869	18,807	1,062
Connecticut	5,199	4,381	818	41,099	32,994	8,105
Delaware	338	383	-45	5,332	4,727	605
District of Columbia	515	578	-63	5,221	5,140	81
Florida	6,197	5,431	766	39,665	38,593	1,072
Georgia	10,227	5,611	4,616	32,530	29,535	2,995
Hawaii	1,210	1,023	187	6,441	5,962	479
Idaho	824	1,168	-344	5,773	5,455	318
Illinois	8,157	9,180	-1,023	93,796	87,152	6,644
Indiana	3,687	5,033	-1,346	22,677	24,820	-2,143
Iowa	2,271	3,305	-1,034	10,123	8,166	1,957
Kansas	1,279	1,365	-86	5,572	5,317	255
Kentucky	1,948	4,677	-2,729	8,991	7,569	1,422
Louisiana	2,195	1,916	279	13,904	15,239	-1,335
Maine	560	558	2	4,855	4,443	412
Maryland	2,032	2,244	-212	22,318	20,688	1,630
Massachusetts	3,009	3,560	-551	70,028	68,590	1,438
Michigan	7,057	10,822	-3,765	46,256	37,465	8,791
Minnesota	4,887	4,103	784	52,697	45,355	7,342
Mississippi	1,272	1,555	-283	8,034	8,002	32
Missouri	3,320	3,725	-405	20,171	18,757	1,414
Montana	433	602	-169	4,105	3,757	348
Nebraska	643	611	32	4,843	4,744	99
Nevada	2,579	2,821	-242	21,189	19,145	2,044
New Hampshire	343	440	-97	3,197	3,324	-127
New Jersey	8,537	10,747	-2,210	102,336	95,300	7,036
New Mexico	904	712	192	9,713	9,478	235
New York	24,772	26,478	-1,706	174,483	161,362	13,121
North Carolina	3,507	3,185	322	20,667	20,631	36
North Dakota	248	277	-29	1,824	1,594	230
Ohio	22,387	23,130	-743	44,044	43,028	1,016
Oklahoma	1,264	2,147	-883	10,675	10,355	320
Oregon	6,088	4,729	1,359	35,777	31,781	3,996
Pennsylvania	13,712	13,047	665	102,776	93,489	9,287
Puerto Rico	1,914	2,272	-358	20,927	21,203	-276
Rhode Island	947	1,200	-253	10,433	9,441	992
South Carolina	4,709	2,474	2,235	17,704	14,715	2,989
South Dakota	112	133	-21	962	884	78
Tennessee	3,082	3,500	-418	17,537	16,842	695
Texas	16,644	15,719	925	150,669	139,003	11,666
Utah	1,747	1,598	149	9,794	9,453	341
Vermont	351	251	100	2,604	2,375	229
Virgin Islands	32	23	9	230	240	-10
Virginia	2,537	2,816	-279	14,756	13,296	1,460
Washington	5,484	5,671	-187	56,774	48,608	8,166
West Virginia	872	705	167	8,191	6,600	1,591
Wisconsin	4,380	3,924	456	25,657	21,932	3,725
Wyoming	228	252	-24	1,544	1,332	212
US Total	257,976	258,302	-326	1,892,799	1,724,503	168,296

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.

*Denote 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	
July 9, 2022	221	9	215.50	1,341	27	1,337.25	0.9
July 16, 2022	213	-8	214.75	1,317	-24	1,331.50	0.9
July 23, 2022	211	-2	214.25	1,350	33	1,330.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	218	7	215.75	1,352	2	1,340.00	1.0
August 6, 2022	214	-4	214.00	1,350	-2	1,342.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,754	33	1,731.50	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JULY 8

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JULY 1

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,911	121	-1,027	10	5	10,363	0.5	133	4,464	28	14	10,405
Alaska	588	-10	-122	0	1	3,369	1.1	-102	-158	20	10	3,399
Arizona	4,783	1,118	-234	21	2	28,660	0.9	-233	7,416	94	30	28,784
Arkansas	2,532	-92	254	0	32	10,901	0.9	58	2,153	0	14	10,915
California	45,162	443	4,649	62	53	374,522	2.1	-9,610	94,648	829	821	376,172
Colorado	2,244	518	-213	4	8	18,807	0.7	-1,127	2,912	31	117	18,955
Connecticut	4,381	-3,538	-318	1	2	32,994	2.0	3,559	12,289	21	25	33,040
Delaware	383	14	12	0	2	4,727	1.1	-615	1,226	13	7	4,747
District of Columbia	578	-38	254	2	1	5,140	0.9	148	2,727	185	4	5,329
Florida	5,431	-499	-1,836	12	17	38,593	0.4	-2,289	3,153	84	110	38,787
Georgia	5,611	285	511	22	18	29,535	0.6	-406	-277	121	83	29,739
Hawaii	1,023	-26	-52	2	5	5,962	1.0	-20	-278	28	52	6,042
Idaho	1,168	-91	256	1	0	5,455	0.7	250	1,613	6	9	5,470
Illinois	9,180	-171	2,248	3	1	87,152	1.5	-2,482	21,655	230	117	87,499
Indiana	5,033	529	-2,115	6	5	24,820	0.8	2,560	4,319	42	18	24,880
Iowa	3,305	1,368	1,570	5	2	8,166	0.5	456	901	25	7	8,198
Kansas	1,365	-12	206	0	0	5,317	0.4	276	1,392	21	10	5,348
Kentucky	4,677	884	46	1	0	7,569	0.4	-901	-291	26	33	7,628
Louisiana	1,916	-241	-182	1	1	15,239	0.8	268	3,521	26	8	15,273
Maine	558	-50	-80	1	0	4,443	0.7	-116	1,122	9	5	4,457
Maryland	2,244	-153	-234	12	3	20,688	0.8	-539	4,027	143	57	20,888
Massachusetts	3,560	115	-5,370	5	7	68,590	1.9	-110	19,958	80	65	68,735
Michigan	10,822	-1,434	-601	2	5	37,465	0.9	-1,025	5,327	54	30	37,549
Minnesota	4,103	-758	1,261	2	2	45,355	1.6	113	20,753	31	44	45,430
Mississippi	1,555	263	-314	2	0	8,002	0.7	-30	354	47	12	8,061
Missouri	3,725	506	169	0	2	18,757	0.7	-69	2,881	65	27	18,849
Montana	602	95	-1	1	2	3,757	0.8	-149	454	31	9	3,797
Nebraska	611	-224	158	0	1	4,744	0.5	428	1,684	9	1	4,754
Nevada	2,821	261	235	1	2	19,145	1.3	-940	5,294	44	49	19,238
New Hampshire	440	-118	4	2	0	3,324	0.5	224	957	0	1	3,325
New Jersey	10,747	-3,290	1,645	8	6	95,300	2.3	4,430	21,180	238	168	95,706
New Mexico	712	-3	-110	1	1	9,478	1.2	-165	2,266	58	22	9,558
New York	26,478	8,043	-873	17	10	161,362	1.8	10,745	27,770	354	244	161,960
North Carolina	3,185	-251	361	2	1	20,631	0.5	-410	5,288	58	90	20,779
North Dakota	277	52	29	39	0	1,594	0.4	26	158	136	5	1,735
Ohio	23,130	1,783	8,365	3	6	43,028	0.8	-3,293	7,920	49	53	43,130
Oklahoma	2,147	720	39	3	2	10,355	0.7	-155	-404	23	26	10,404
Oregon	4,729	-451	697	8	5	31,781	1.7	-12	11,321	103	46	31,930
Pennsylvania	13,047	1,413	3,241	15	12	93,489	1.6	-2,708	10,991	250	97	93,836
Puerto Rico	2,272	94	366	10	5	21,203	2.4	1,779	3,445	196	90	21,489
Rhode Island	1,200	-751	148	1	1	9,441	2.0	956	1,695	17	15	9,473
South Carolina	2,474	366	75	5	3	14,715	0.7	100	3,291	35	5	14,755
South Dakota	133	-42	-6	14	0	884	0.2	-54	165	129	1	1,014
Tennessee	3,500	-135	-1,234	1	1	16,842	0.5	820	4,964	37	31	16,910
Texas	15,719	-669	387	47	77	139,003	1.1	-9,860	43,191	463	792	140,258
Utah	1,598	99	369	8	6	9,453	0.6	-63	3,704	29	14	9,496
Vermont	251	-70	-12	0	0	2,375	0.8	67	325	0	0	2,375
Virgin Islands	23	-16	-22	0	0	240	0.7	-18	-8	0	0	240
Virginia	2,816	329	1,106	36	19	13,296	0.4	-17	3,188	70	93	13,459
Washington	5,671	195	1,488	4	22	48,608	1.4	-1,281	17,315	82	248	48,938
West Virginia	705	4	-83	2	1	6,600	1.0	-451	609	27	10	6,637
Wisconsin	3,924	120	-257	0	0	21,932	0.8	-957	2,649	40	18	21,990
Wyoming	252	11	-36	0	1	1,332	0.5	-35	85	2	4	1,338
Totals	258,302	6,616	14,817	405	358	1,724,503	1.2	-12,846	397,304	4,739	3,861	1,733,103

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 JULY 8, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+8,043	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and health care and social assistance industries.
OH	+1,783	No comment.
PA	+1,413	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.
IA	+1,368	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AZ	+1,118	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CT	-3,538	No comment.
NJ	-3,290	No comment.
MI	-1,434	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and management of companies and enterprises industries.

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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