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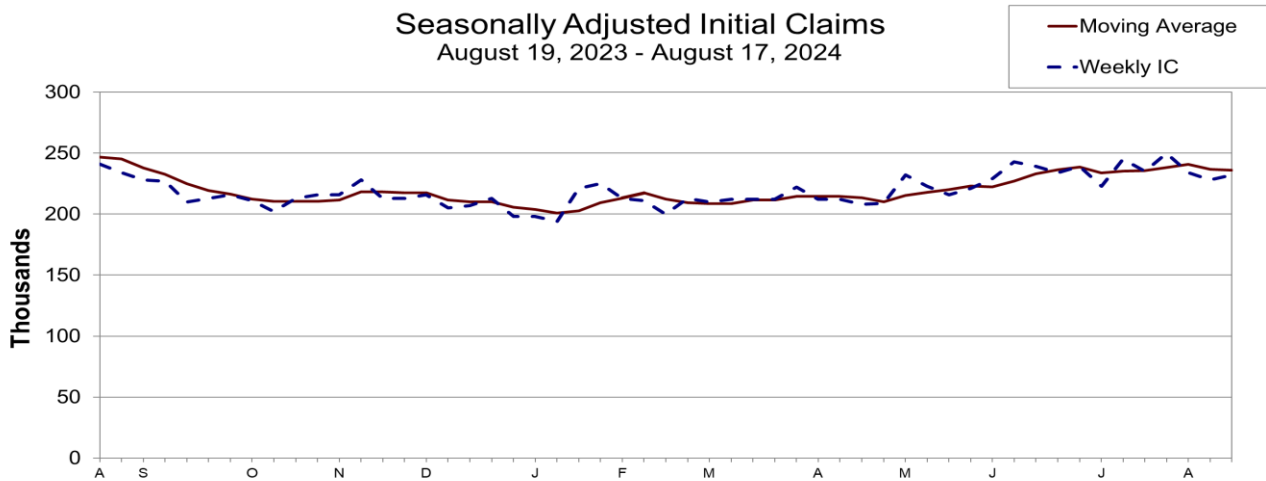
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

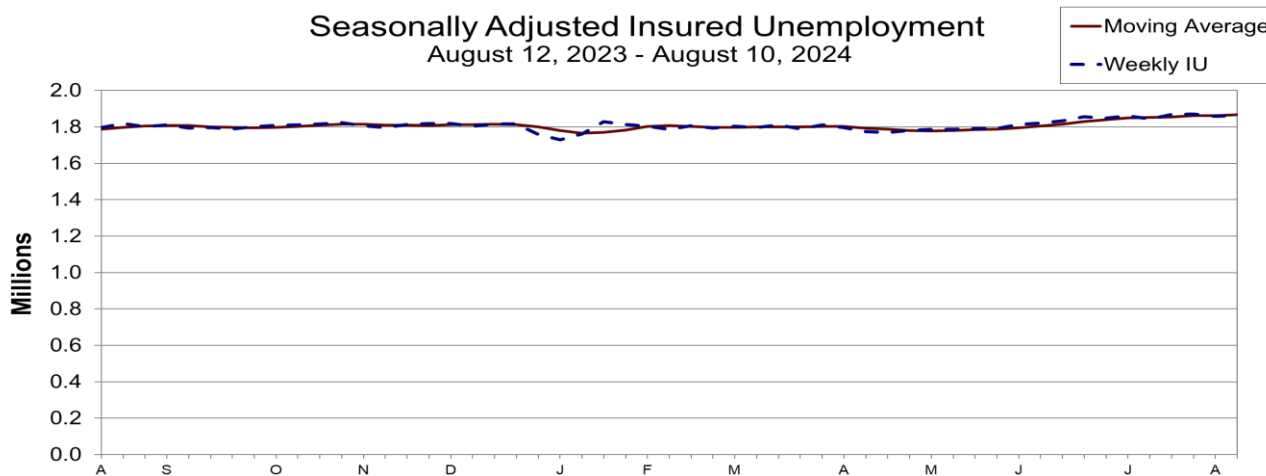
In the week ending August 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 232,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 227,000 to 228,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,000, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 236,500 to 236,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 10 was 1,863,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,878,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,864,000 to 1,859,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,865,500, an increase of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 27, 2021 when it was 1,928,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,862,000 to 1,860,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 19, 2023 - August 17, 2024



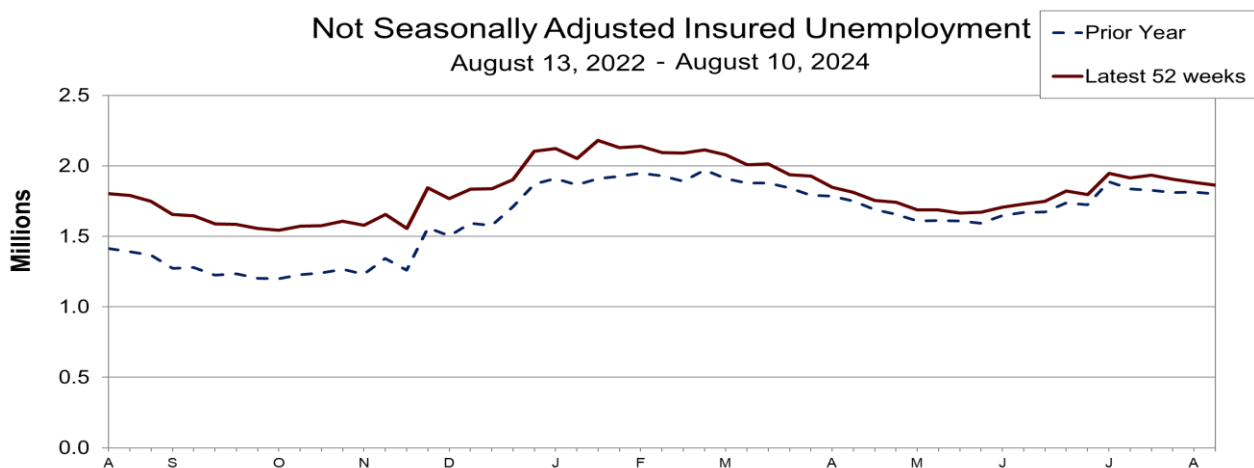
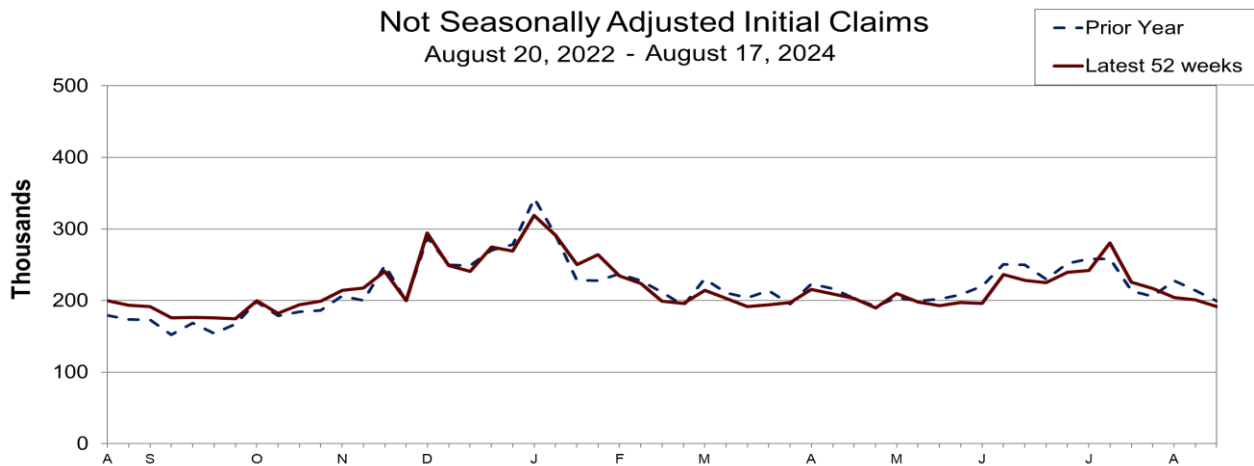
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 12, 2023 - August 10, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 191,576 in the week ending August 17, a decrease of 9,270 (or -4.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,882 (or -5.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,517 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,864,872, a decrease of 18,435 (or -1.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 22,310 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,802,463.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 3 was 1,907,356, a decrease of 24,772 from the previous week. There were 1,839,165 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending August 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 337 in the week ending August 10, an increase of 5 from the prior week. There were 408 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 24 from the preceding week.

There were 4,505 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 3, a decrease of 347 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 3,801, a decrease of 868 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 3 were in New Jersey (2.8), Puerto Rico (2.6), Rhode Island (2.6), California (2.2), Minnesota (2.0), Pennsylvania (1.9), Connecticut (1.8), Massachusetts (1.7), Nevada (1.7), New York (1.7), and Washington (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 10 were in Georgia (+693), Michigan (+584), Virginia (+357), New Jersey (+339), and Kansas (+233), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,585), Texas (-1,438), Massachusetts (-972), Pennsylvania (-604), and Iowa (-508).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 17	August 10	Change	August 3	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	232,000	228,000	+4,000	234,000	241,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	191,576	200,846	-9,270	204,030	199,517
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,000	236,750	-750	241,000	246,750

WEEK ENDING	August 10	August 3	Change	July 27	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,863,000	1,859,000	+4,000	1,871,000	1,797,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,864,872	1,883,307	-18,435	1,906,471	1,802,463
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,865,500	1,860,750	+4,750	1,861,000	1,787,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 10	August 3	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	337	332	+5	348
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	408	432	-24	356

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

WEEK ENDING	August 3	July 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,877,942	1,901,137	-23,195	1,808,328
Federal Employees	4,505	4,852	-347	4,912
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,801	4,669	-868	4,056
Extended Benefits ³	107	274	-167	636
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,030	2,265	-235	1,860
STC / Workshare ⁵	18,971	18,931	+40	19,373
TOTAL	1,907,356	1,932,128	-24,772	1,839,165

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 151,110,325 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 August 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,023	2,112	-89	8,986	10,175	-1,189
Alaska	547	485	62	3,378	3,553	-175
Arizona	3,851	4,212	-361	30,704	33,132	-2,428
Arkansas	1,127	1,527	-400	7,928	9,176	-1,248
California	40,251	38,896	1,355	392,558	391,733	825
Colorado	2,750	2,860	-110	28,082	27,528	554
Connecticut	2,952	3,419	-467	31,646	30,324	1,322
Delaware	222	248	-26	6,079	5,680	399
District of Columbia	614	551	63	6,910	6,673	237
Florida	7,549	5,562	1,987	36,890	41,271	-4,381
Georgia	4,438	5,619	-1,181	29,117	29,874	-757
Hawaii	879	1,067	-188	5,524	5,972	-448
Idaho	801	792	9	4,322	4,717	-395
Illinois	8,211	8,593	-382	97,766	96,117	1,649
Indiana	3,687	2,831	856	20,360	20,129	231
Iowa	2,223	1,830	393	9,426	10,963	-1,537
Kansas	1,191	1,251	-60	5,836	5,396	440
Kentucky	1,392	1,811	-419	8,577	9,125	-548
Louisiana	1,615	1,846	-231	12,283	14,102	-1,819
Maine	425	416	9	4,599	4,538	61
Maryland	1,970	2,650	-680	26,271	25,907	364
Massachusetts	4,984	5,375	-391	62,505	62,889	-384
Michigan	5,020	7,803	-2,783	45,466	44,494	972
Minnesota	3,394	3,507	-113	59,980	58,447	1,533
Mississippi	984	987	-3	6,900	8,349	-1,449
Missouri	2,321	2,572	-251	19,996	21,162	-1,166
Montana	429	383	46	3,960	4,062	-102
Nebraska	544	583	-39	4,790	5,272	-482
Nevada	2,722	2,852	-130	24,705	25,580	-875
New Hampshire	383	459	-76	3,696	3,802	-106
New Jersey	8,750	9,872	-1,122	115,338	114,459	879
New Mexico	696	776	-80	10,283	10,448	-165
New York	13,773	13,652	121	163,736	161,243	2,493
North Carolina	3,033	3,316	-283	20,697	21,733	-1,036
North Dakota	333	271	62	2,012	1,826	186
Ohio	4,960	5,456	-496	42,332	43,865	-1,533
Oklahoma	1,188	1,287	-99	10,299	10,671	-372
Oregon	3,472	3,557	-85	30,021	28,085	1,936
Pennsylvania	9,258	9,988	-730	107,086	108,749	-1,663
Puerto Rico	872	1,686	-814	18,740	23,841	-5,101
Rhode Island	617	747	-130	10,894	11,046	-152
South Carolina	2,512	1,945	567	15,826	16,137	-311
South Dakota	134	159	-25	1,216	1,155	61
Tennessee	2,840	2,892	-52	19,631	21,123	-1,492
Texas	16,383	18,460	-2,077	157,094	163,057	-5,963
Utah	1,301	1,387	-86	10,863	10,814	49
Vermont	183	263	-80	2,259	2,330	-71
Virgin Islands	19	23	-4	266	254	12
Virginia	2,731	2,294	437	17,509	16,675	834
Washington	4,738	4,902	-164	64,367	60,762	3,605
West Virginia	588	679	-91	7,459	6,874	585
Wisconsin	3,500	3,904	-404	26,177	26,563	-386
Wyoming	196	231	-35	1,527	1,455	72
US Total	191,576	200,846	-9,270	1,864,872	1,883,307	-18,435

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	
August 12, 2023	248	-10	244.25	1,797	-6	1,787.25	1.2
August 19, 2023	241	-7	246.75	1,819	22	1,798.00	1.2
August 26, 2023	234	-7	245.25	1,802	-17	1,805.25	1.2
September 2, 2023	228	-6	237.75	1,810	8	1,807.00	1.2
September 9, 2023	227	-1	232.50	1,793	-17	1,806.00	1.2
September 16, 2023	210	-17	224.75	1,795	2	1,800.00	1.2
September 23, 2023	213	3	219.50	1,789	-6	1,796.75	1.2
September 30, 2023	216	3	216.50	1,800	11	1,794.25	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
October 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
November 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,844	-16	1,851.75	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50	1,869	25	1,855.00	1.2
July 27, 2024	250	15	238.25	1,871	2	1,861.00	1.2
August 3, 2024	234	-16	241.00	1,859	-12	1,860.75	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.75	1,863	4	1,865.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	232	4	236.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 10					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 3						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,112	-14	-651	10	5	10,175	0.5	-289	-281	28	19	10,222
Alaska	485	19	-139	2	0	3,553	1.2	7	200	29	3	3,585
Arizona	4,212	198	521	1	2	33,132	1.0	-211	2,267	75	47	33,254
Arkansas	1,527	230	-311	2	3	9,176	0.7	56	-2,103	20	4	9,200
California	38,896	-2,585	-127	77	103	391,733	2.2	-10,731	-4,010	771	1,231	393,735
Colorado	2,860	115	432	1	10	27,528	1.0	-79	5,947	49	158	27,735
Connecticut	3,419	97	-48	0	0	30,324	1.8	-1,295	1,076	26	17	30,367
Delaware	248	60	-56	3	5	5,680	1.2	-333	769	7	12	5,699
District of Columbia	551	-90	49	8	1	6,673	1.2	108	713	124	3	6,800
Florida	5,562	224	-192	15	34	41,271	0.4	-1,281	-1,891	91	101	41,463
Georgia	5,619	693	-450	25	21	29,874	0.6	-526	-4,990	126	80	30,080
Hawaii	1,067	109	-681	2	8	5,972	1.0	0	-199	47	43	6,062
Idaho	792	-26	67	0	0	4,717	0.6	-65	-171	7	5	4,729
Illinois	8,593	197	-468	5	6	96,117	1.6	-1,743	5,015	241	148	96,506
Indiana	2,831	80	-385	3	6	20,129	0.6	309	-580	20	25	20,174
Iowa	1,830	-508	-641	3	0	10,963	0.7	288	3,171	15	3	10,981
Kansas	1,251	233	140	3	1	5,396	0.4	-444	377	19	18	5,433
Kentucky	1,811	107	519	2	0	9,125	0.5	292	1,618	46	43	9,214
Louisiana	1,846	13	-51	3	4	14,102	0.8	-338	-1,066	31	14	14,147
Maine	416	22	33	1	0	4,538	0.7	-121	175	9	5	4,552
Maryland	2,650	-35	309	9	5	25,907	1.0	32	3,682	102	67	26,076
Massachusetts	5,375	-972	3,246	4	7	62,889	1.7	-372	-6,922	79	53	63,021
Michigan	7,803	584	3,319	1	0	44,494	1.0	-6,186	4,509	48	29	44,571
Minnesota	3,507	-270	208	2	2	58,447	2.0	1,036	10,000	61	41	58,549
Mississippi	987	-142	-100	1	0	8,349	0.7	-781	620	14	11	8,374
Missouri	2,572	0	-1,908	7	2	21,162	0.8	-951	157	63	23	21,248
Montana	383	-31	7	1	0	4,062	0.8	-124	444	25	7	4,094
Nebraska	583	30	-55	2	3	5,272	0.5	-25	708	17	7	5,296
Nevada	2,852	99	568	4	2	25,580	1.7	-136	4,029	37	70	25,687
New Hampshire	459	80	-20	1	1	3,802	0.6	47	662	2	1	3,805
New Jersey	9,872	339	614	9	12	114,459	2.8	-60	11,601	194	148	114,801
New Mexico	776	8	66	3	2	10,448	1.3	148	445	79	32	10,559
New York	13,652	-104	-158	15	10	161,243	1.7	-215	-9,605	293	192	161,728
North Carolina	3,316	-9	-307	3	2	21,733	0.5	-221	7	47	115	21,895
North Dakota	271	63	73	3	1	1,826	0.4	-81	197	181	4	2,011
Ohio	5,456	-31	-18,456	5	11	43,865	0.8	-509	1,259	53	69	43,987
Oklahoma	1,287	-42	-73	4	3	10,671	0.7	-146	365	32	38	10,741
Oregon	3,557	163	-713	2	1	28,085	1.4	-252	-7,547	96	31	28,212
Pennsylvania	9,988	-604	-711	10	15	108,749	1.9	-208	4,602	212	120	109,081
Puerto Rico	1,686	-62	32	5	5	23,841	2.6	693	1,743	125	71	24,037
Rhode Island	747	-163	-82	1	1	11,046	2.6	50	1,290	39	17	11,102
South Carolina	1,945	-141	103	3	2	16,137	0.7	-435	1,335	32	66	16,235
South Dakota	159	19	2	2	0	1,155	0.3	-82	192	133	1	1,289
Tennessee	2,892	135	413	2	4	21,123	0.7	-950	4,361	44	48	21,215
Texas	18,460	-1,438	3,468	44	70	163,057	1.2	2,470	20,113	391	15	163,463
Utah	1,387	39	-110	11	4	10,814	0.7	-103	880	44	16	10,874
Vermont	263	-25	-89	0	0	2,330	0.8	-26	-691	1	0	2,331
Virgin Islands	23	-10	-14	0	0	254	0.7	-12	10	2	0	256
Virginia	2,294	357	-1,166	8	6	16,675	0.4	-218	2,965	99	89	16,863
Washington	4,902	52	266	2	25	60,762	1.7	647	8,597	114	410	61,286
West Virginia	679	-58	-11	0	0	6,874	1.0	-361	-119	22	18	6,914
Wisconsin	3,904	-204	715	6	3	26,563	0.9	630	3,137	36	11	26,610
Wyoming	231	15	46	1	0	1,455	0.5	-67	111	7	2	1,464
Totals	200,846	-3,184	-12,957	337	408	1,883,307	1.2	-23,164	69,174	4,505	3,801	1,891,613

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 AUGUST 10, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,585	No comment.
TX	-1,438	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. 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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