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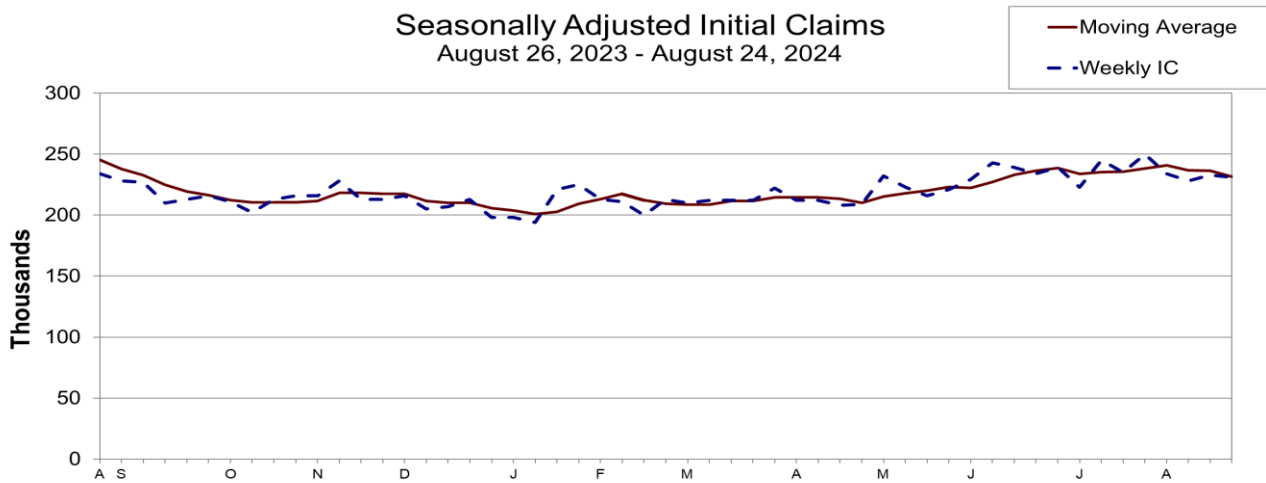
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

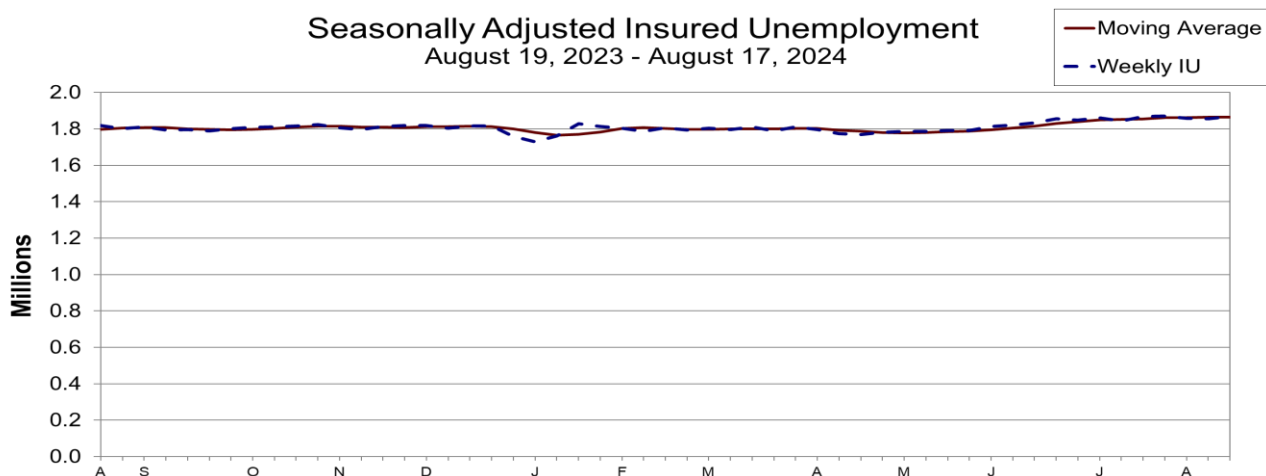
In the week ending August 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 231,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 232,000 to 233,000. The 4-week moving average was 231,500, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 236,000 to 236,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 17, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 17 was 1,868,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,863,000 to 1,855,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,863,250, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,865,500 to 1,863,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 26, 2023 - August 24, 2024



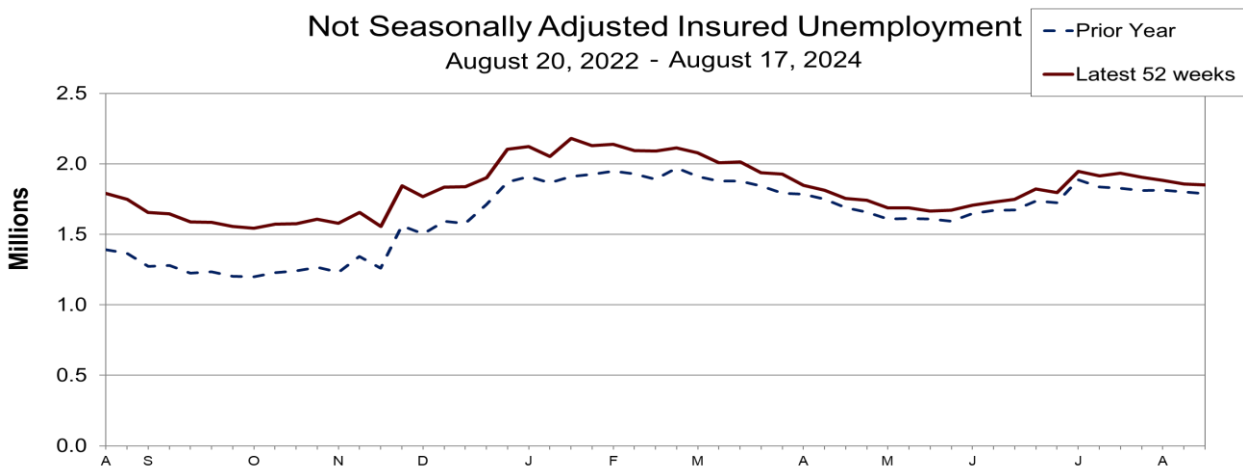
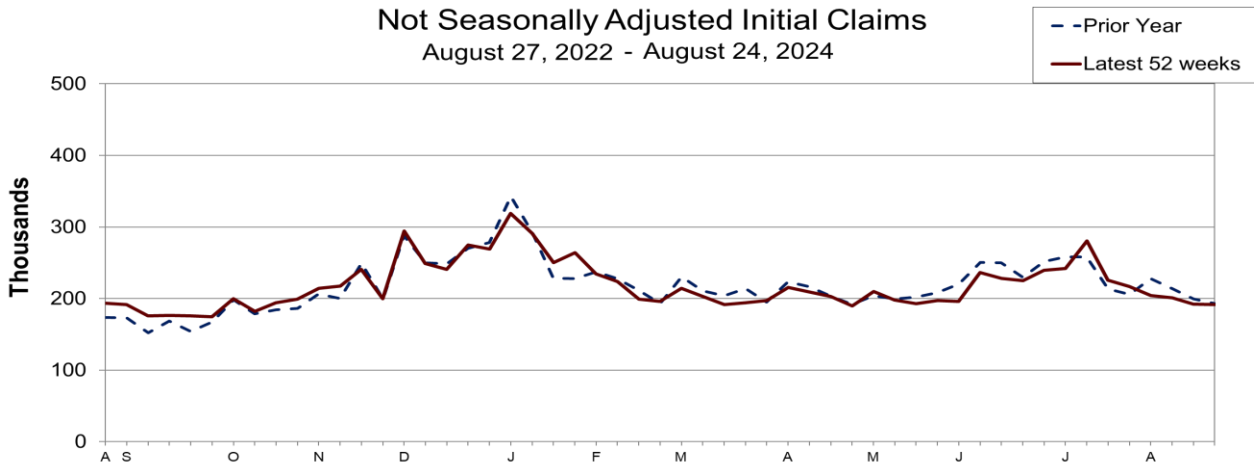
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 19, 2023 - August 17, 2024



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 191,835 in the week ending August 24, a decrease of 628 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 465 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 193,441 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 17, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,851,434, a decrease of 5,667 (or -0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,552 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,789,862.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 10 was 1,883,069, a decrease of 24,295 from the previous week. There were 1,827,732 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 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 284 in the week ending August 17, a decrease of 53 from the prior week. There were 356 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 52 from the preceding week.

There were 4,632 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 10, an increase of 127 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,703, an increase of 902 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 10 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.5), California (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.1), Minnesota (2.0), Connecticut (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), Nevada (1.7), New York (1.7), and Washington (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 17 were in Florida (+2,153), California (+979), Indiana (+854), South Carolina (+645), and Virginia (+408), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,847), Texas (-1,952), New Jersey (-1,010), Georgia (-979), and Puerto Rico (-779).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 24	August 17	Change	August 10	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	231,000	233,000	-2,000	228,000	234,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	191,835	192,463	-628	200,845	193,441
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	231,500	236,250	-4,750	236,750	245,250

WEEK ENDING	August 17	August 10	Change	August 3	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,868,000	1,855,000	+13,000	1,859,000	1,819,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,851,434	1,857,101	-5,667	1,883,315	1,789,862
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,863,250	1,863,500	-250	1,860,750	1,798,000
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	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 17	August 10	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	284	337	-53	343
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	356	408	-52	379

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

WEEK ENDING	August 10	August 3	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,850,386	1,877,951	-27,565	1,796,370
Federal Employees	4,632	4,505	+127	4,831
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,703	3,801	+902	4,154
Extended Benefits ³	171	106	+65	615
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,257	2,030	+227	1,763
STC / Workshare ⁵	20,920	18,971	+1,949	19,999
TOTAL	1,883,069	1,907,364	-24,295	1,827,732

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 24			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,941	2,132	-191	8,856	9,711	-855
Alaska	591	471	120	3,315	3,458	-143
Arizona	3,760	3,947	-187	30,327	32,705	-2,378
Arkansas	1,220	1,193	27	7,545	8,430	-885
California	39,240	39,875	-635	388,248	386,327	1,921
Colorado	2,588	2,666	-78	27,231	27,257	-26
Connecticut	2,798	2,925	-127	31,504	30,849	655
Delaware	186	235	-49	6,094	5,586	508
District of Columbia	570	614	-44	6,966	6,857	109
Florida	6,219	7,715	-1,496	35,939	40,068	-4,129
Georgia	5,614	4,640	974	29,091	30,135	-1,044
Hawaii	985	866	119	5,943	5,387	556
Idaho	746	818	-72	4,097	4,583	-486
Illinois	7,996	8,199	-203	97,682	96,691	991
Indiana	3,902	3,685	217	21,037	20,394	643
Iowa	1,959	2,136	-177	9,887	9,526	361
Kansas	995	1,176	-181	5,337	5,493	-156
Kentucky	1,493	1,395	98	8,816	8,528	288
Louisiana	1,640	1,761	-121	11,906	13,667	-1,761
Maine	390	420	-30	4,456	4,596	-140
Maryland	1,981	2,244	-263	25,923	26,089	-166
Massachusetts	5,729	5,035	694	62,206	62,937	-731
Michigan	6,289	4,956	1,333	43,376	45,989	-2,613
Minnesota	3,304	3,372	-68	58,515	57,722	793
Mississippi	1,029	1,048	-19	6,460	7,615	-1,155
Missouri	2,347	2,431	-84	18,347	20,270	-1,923
Montana	389	443	-54	3,812	4,005	-193
Nebraska	595	558	37	4,387	4,927	-540
Nevada	2,852	2,692	160	24,155	25,391	-1,236
New Hampshire	335	441	-106	3,764	3,878	-114
New Jersey	8,684	8,862	-178	116,076	114,676	1,400
New Mexico	591	739	-148	10,158	10,050	108
New York	16,387	13,692	2,695	166,074	162,707	3,367
North Carolina	2,983	3,190	-207	20,055	21,530	-1,475
North Dakota	1,328	321	1,007	1,959	1,835	124
Ohio	4,765	4,963	-198	41,100	43,225	-2,125
Oklahoma	1,150	1,250	-100	9,909	10,604	-695
Oregon	3,478	3,222	256	29,779	27,878	1,901
Pennsylvania	8,775	9,287	-512	104,656	108,189	-3,533
Puerto Rico	1,491	907	584	21,035	19,091	1,944
Rhode Island	596	625	-29	10,938	10,792	146
South Carolina	2,005	2,590	-585	14,418	16,216	-1,798
South Dakota	165	155	10	1,096	1,196	-100
Tennessee	2,602	2,806	-204	18,586	19,627	-1,041
Texas	15,114	16,508	-1,394	161,980	156,008	5,972
Utah	1,309	1,301	8	10,715	10,898	-183
Vermont	253	188	65	2,431	2,114	317
Virgin Islands	46	21	25	304	250	54
Virginia	2,210	2,702	-492	17,570	16,290	1,280
Washington	4,204	4,730	-526	63,389	60,822	2,567
West Virginia	653	623	30	7,093	6,594	499
Wisconsin	3,171	3,484	-313	25,383	26,018	-635
Wyoming	192	208	-16	1,508	1,420	88
US Total	191,835	192,463	-628	1,851,434	1,857,101	-5,667

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 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	1,855	-4	1,863.50	1.2
August 17, 2024	233	5	236.25	1,868	13	1,863.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	231	-2	231.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 17

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 10

STATE NAME	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	2,132	20	-260	9	5	9,711	0.5	-464	-306	28	14	9,753
Alaska	471	-14	-104	1	1	3,458	1.1	-95	165	25	4	3,487
Arizona	3,947	-265	320	1	2	32,705	1.0	-426	2,022	74	43	32,822
Arkansas	1,193	-334	-129	1	0	8,430	0.7	-746	-2,787	21	6	8,457
California	39,875	979	1,935	73	81	386,327	2.2	-5,406	-8,303	717	1,317	388,361
Colorado	2,666	-194	317	2	11	27,257	1.0	-271	5,431	41	192	27,490
Connecticut	2,925	-494	-373	0	0	30,849	1.8	525	1,338	43	15	30,907
Delaware	235	-13	-97	2	1	5,586	1.2	-94	500	24	6	5,616
District of Columbia	614	63	164	7	0	6,857	1.2	184	1,014	152	3	7,012
Florida	7,715	2,153	2,004	16	22	40,068	0.4	-1,203	-3,940	72	110	40,250
Georgia	4,640	-979	-684	11	21	30,135	0.6	261	-3,800	141	84	30,360
Hawaii	866	-201	-4,435	4	0	5,387	0.9	-594	-1,789	31	63	5,481
Idaho	818	26	42	3	1	4,583	0.6	-134	-117	6	2	4,591
Illinois	8,199	-394	404	1	1	96,691	1.6	574	7,664	286	111	97,088
Indiana	3,685	854	954	2	5	20,394	0.7	265	10	20	23	20,437
Iowa	2,136	306	465	1	1	9,526	0.6	-1,437	844	14	3	9,543
Kansas	1,176	-75	235	0	0	5,493	0.4	97	494	22	18	5,533
Kentucky	1,395	-416	169	0	1	8,528	0.4	-597	1,304	11	37	8,576
Louisiana	1,761	-85	-116	0	1	13,667	0.7	-435	-1,182	28	15	13,710
Maine	420	4	4	0	0	4,596	0.7	58	385	7	3	4,606
Maryland	2,244	-406	-63	6	7	26,089	1.0	182	2,870	109	58	26,256
Massachusetts	5,035	-340	2,891	5	10	62,937	1.8	48	-5,918	57	49	63,043
Michigan	4,956	-2,847	734	2	5	45,989	1.1	1,495	7,968	59	49	46,097
Minnesota	3,372	-135	280	4	1	57,722	2.0	-725	9,559	61	33	57,816
Mississippi	1,048	61	10	3	3	7,615	0.7	-734	251	21	6	7,642
Missouri	2,431	-141	-1,816	2	1	20,270	0.7	-892	-1,280	53	22	20,345
Montana	443	60	91	1	0	4,005	0.8	-57	337	24	8	4,037
Nebraska	558	-25	-45	0	2	4,927	0.5	-345	656	18	7	4,952
Nevada	2,692	-160	408	2	3	25,391	1.7	-189	3,840	38	66	25,495
New Hampshire	441	-18	-67	0	0	3,878	0.6	76	579	4	1	3,883
New Jersey	8,862	-1,010	786	16	9	114,676	2.8	217	11,619	201	149	115,026
New Mexico	739	-37	-33	3	0	10,050	1.2	-398	346	57	32	10,139
New York	13,692	40	103	13	17	162,707	1.7	1,464	-8,793	337	219	163,263
North Carolina	3,190	-126	-119	0	2	21,530	0.5	-203	-360	54	118	21,702
North Dakota	321	50	150	2	1	1,835	0.4	9	288	176	2	2,013
Ohio	4,963	-493	-13,044	12	6	43,225	0.8	-640	1,119	54	64	43,343
Oklahoma	1,250	-37	92	1	1	10,604	0.7	-67	819	33	44	10,681
Oregon	3,222	-335	-662	1	5	27,878	1.4	-207	-6,101	93	29	28,000
Pennsylvania	9,287	-701	-668	12	3	108,189	1.8	-560	4,909	213	121	108,523
Puerto Rico	907	-779	-503	1	1	19,091	2.1	-4,750	-727	150	53	19,294
Rhode Island	625	-122	-68	3	3	10,792	2.5	-254	1,160	38	16	10,846
South Carolina	2,590	645	635	2	4	16,216	0.7	79	1,601	29	45	16,290
South Dakota	155	-4	37	1	0	1,196	0.3	41	229	113	1	1,310
Tennessee	2,806	-86	410	0	7	19,627	0.6	-1,496	3,770	44	51	19,722
Texas	16,508	-1,952	1,644	38	80	156,008	1.2	-7,049	12,073	495	879	157,382
Utah	1,301	-86	-228	4	4	10,898	0.7	84	986	53	20	10,971
Vermont	188	-75	-269	0	0	2,114	0.7	-216	-834	1	0	2,115
Virgin Islands	21	-2	-23	0	0	250	0.7	-4	-24	2	0	252
Virginia	2,702	408	391	8	3	16,290	0.4	-385	2,575	94	94	16,478
Washington	4,730	-171	403	6	19	60,822	1.7	60	9,129	127	369	61,318
West Virginia	623	-56	22	0	2	6,594	1.0	-280	-70	20	17	6,631
Wisconsin	3,484	-420	661	2	3	26,018	0.9	-545	2,964	36	11	26,065
Wyoming	208	-23	-9	0	0	1,420	0.5	-35	151	5	1	1,426
Totals	192,463	-8,382	-7,054	284	356	1,857,101	1.2	-26,214	54,638	4,632	4,703	1,866,436

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 17, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	+2,153	Layoffs in construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,847	Fewer layoffs across all industries.
TX	-1,952	No comment.
NJ	-1,010	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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