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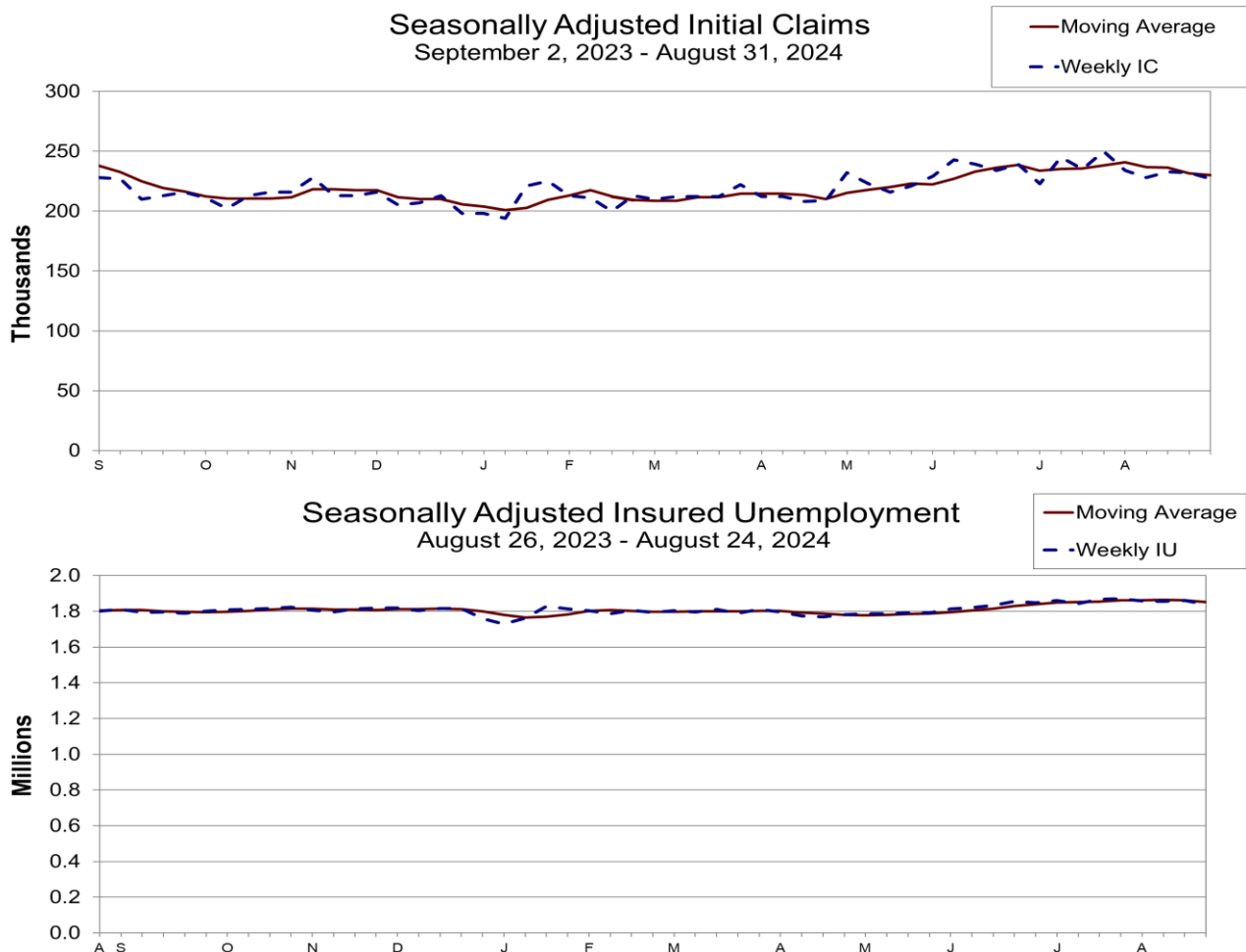
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 31, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000. The 4-week moving average was 230,000, a decrease of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 231,500 to 231,750.

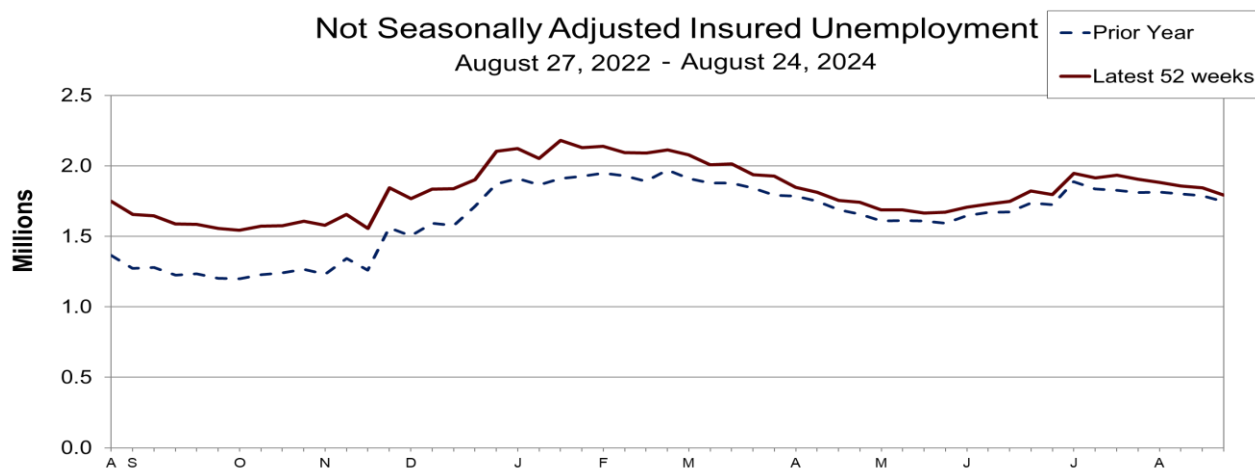
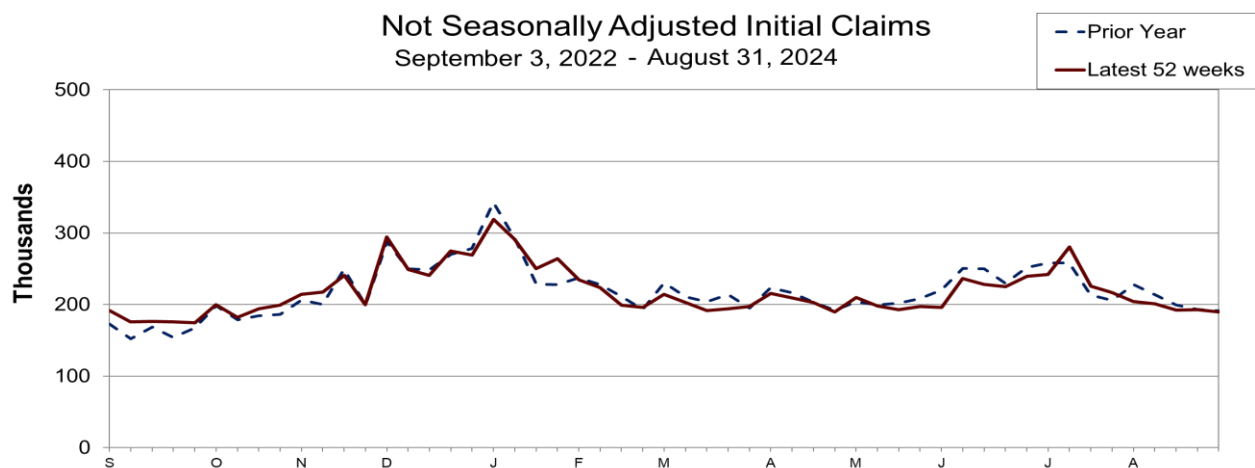
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending August 24, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 24 was 1,838,000, a decrease of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,868,000 to 1,860,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,853,000, a decrease of 8,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,863,250 to 1,861,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 189,389 in the week ending August 31, a decrease of 3,352 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,627 (or 0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 191,353 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 24, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,793,513, a decrease of 49,645 (or -2.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 27,898 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,747,737.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 17 was 1,867,770, a decrease of 15,306 from the previous week. There were 1,814,717 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 17.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 306 in the week ending August 24, an increase of 22 from the prior week. There were 390 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 34 from the preceding week.

There were 4,307 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 17, a decrease of 325 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,538, a decrease of 165 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 17 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.5), Puerto Rico (2.3), California (2.1), Minnesota (2.0), Connecticut (1.8), New York (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), Massachusetts (1.7), and Washington (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 24 were in New York (+2,604), Michigan (+1,322), Georgia (+1,166), North Dakota (+992), and Massachusetts (+748), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-1,515), Florida (-1,313), California (-965), Washington (-522), and Virginia (-517).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 31	August 24	Change	August 17	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	232,000	-5,000	233,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	189,389	192,741	-3,352	192,463	191,353
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	230,000	231,750	-1,750	236,250	237,750

WEEK ENDING	August 24	August 17	Change	August 10	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,838,000	1,860,000	-22,000	1,855,000	1,802,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,793,513	1,843,158	-49,645	1,857,108	1,747,737
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,853,000	1,861,250	-8,250	1,863,500	1,805,250
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	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 24	August 17	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	306	284	+22	371
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	390	356	+34	374

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

WEEK ENDING	August 17	August 10	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,837,267	1,850,393	-13,126	1,784,513
Federal Employees	4,307	4,632	-325	4,469
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,538	4,703	-165	4,152
Extended Benefits ³	208	171	+37	434
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,158	2,257	-99	1,801
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,292	20,920	-1,628	19,348
TOTAL	1,867,770	1,883,076	-15,306	1,814,717

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 31			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 24		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,942	2,132	-190	8,421	10,511	-2,090
Alaska	588	497	91	3,271	3,403	-132
Arizona	3,713	3,846	-133	29,903	32,464	-2,561
Arkansas	1,570	1,306	264	6,974	8,032	-1,058
California *	38,437	38,910	-473	381,888	381,647	241
Colorado	2,645	2,531	114	26,984	26,648	336
Connecticut	3,133	2,753	380	30,414	30,819	-405
Delaware	181	191	-10	5,918	5,662	256
District of Columbia	578	568	10	6,807	6,890	-83
Florida	5,932	6,402	-470	36,855	39,072	-2,217
Georgia	4,987	5,806	-819	29,251	30,166	-915
Hawaii **	945	975	-30	6,039	5,804	235
Idaho	718	749	-31	3,875	4,360	-485
Illinois	8,140	7,970	170	93,114	96,825	-3,711
Indiana	3,094	3,880	-786	21,755	21,156	599
Iowa	1,813	1,931	-118	9,365	10,033	-668
Kansas *	1,211	993	218	5,447	5,072	375
Kentucky	1,587	1,501	86	8,037	8,743	-706
Louisiana	1,570	1,786	-216	11,588	13,247	-1,659
Maine	394	386	8	4,195	4,442	-247
Maryland	1,824	2,201	-377	25,377	25,708	-331
Massachusetts	7,951	5,783	2,168	61,303	62,621	-1,318
Michigan	5,762	6,278	-516	41,373	43,710	-2,337
Minnesota	3,330	3,256	74	56,336	56,193	143
Mississippi	878	1,117	-239	6,314	7,114	-800
Missouri	2,262	2,462	-200	16,112	18,723	-2,611
Montana	364	410	-46	3,707	3,860	-153
Nebraska	563	610	-47	4,273	4,517	-244
Nevada	2,755	2,816	-61	24,968	24,774	194
New Hampshire	301	394	-93	3,653	3,980	-327
New Jersey	8,016	8,814	-798	115,372	115,303	69
New Mexico	683	640	43	9,914	10,010	-96
New York	15,184	16,296	-1,112	166,231	165,008	1,223
North Carolina	2,873	3,079	-206	19,492	20,989	-1,497
North Dakota	409	1,313	-904	3,198	1,811	1,387
Ohio	5,467	4,808	659	39,290	41,656	-2,366
Oklahoma	1,328	1,198	130	9,636	10,168	-532
Oregon	3,561	3,238	323	28,990	27,478	1,512
Pennsylvania	9,507	8,807	700	97,317	105,713	-8,396
Puerto Rico	1,340	1,530	-190	8,990	21,369	-12,379
Rhode Island	867	605	262	10,944	10,824	120
South Carolina	1,835	2,115	-280	13,922	14,902	-980
South Dakota	159	177	-18	1,062	1,081	-19
Tennessee	2,660	2,608	52	17,943	18,598	-655
Texas	13,499	14,993	-1,494	151,364	159,538	-8,174
Utah	1,270	1,310	-40	10,633	10,755	-122
Vermont	194	260	-66	2,355	2,256	99
Virgin Islands	47	73	-26	300	292	8
Virginia	1,830	2,185	-355	16,862	16,311	551
Washington	4,609	4,208	401	63,322	59,887	3,435
West Virginia	699	684	15	6,977	6,288	689
Wisconsin	3,968	3,152	816	24,473	25,348	-875
Wyoming	216	208	8	1,409	1,377	32
US Total	189,389	192,741	-3,352	1,793,513	1,843,158	-49,645

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 estimate.

**Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,860	5	1,861.25	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	-1	231.75	1,838	-22	1,853.00	1.2
August 31, 2024	227	-5	230.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 24						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 17						
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	0	-448	2	9	10,511	0.5	800	898	43	17	10,571
Alaska	497	26	-48	1	0	3,403	1.1	-55	267	33	5	3,441
Arizona	3,846	-101	342	2	2	32,464	1.0	-241	2,304	64	45	32,573
Arkansas	1,306	113	-70	1	1	8,032	0.6	-398	-2,071	20	4	8,056
California	38,910	-965	1,048	60	110	381,647	2.1	-4,680	-8,060	790	1,295	383,732
Colorado	2,531	-135	288	0	13	26,648	0.9	-609	4,893	83	185	26,916
Connecticut	2,753	-172	-81	1	0	30,819	1.8	-30	889	32	18	30,869
Delaware	191	-44	-48	1	5	5,662	1.2	76	720	8	6	5,676
District of Columbia	568	-46	156	11	1	6,890	1.2	33	1,009	177	3	7,070
Florida	6,402	-1,313	1,009	9	31	39,072	0.4	-996	-3,533	80	76	39,228
Georgia	5,806	1,166	807	29	34	30,166	0.6	31	-3,861	97	94	30,357
Hawaii	975	109	-2,913	1	8	5,804	1.0	410	-5,909	41	42	5,887
Idaho	749	-69	-53	0	2	4,360	0.5	-223	94	11	2	4,373
Illinois	7,970	-229	508	8	4	96,825	1.6	134	5,061	256	125	97,206
Indiana	3,880	195	1,277	6	1	21,156	0.7	762	758	38	24	21,218
Iowa	1,931	-205	310	1	1	10,033	0.7	507	2,443	12	3	10,048
Kansas	993	-183	165	1	0	5,072	0.4	-421	424	20	17	5,109
Kentucky	1,501	106	180	1	1	8,743	0.4	215	1,988	28	52	8,823
Louisiana	1,786	25	-44	0	3	13,247	0.7	-420	-773	25	13	13,285
Maine	386	-34	19	0	0	4,442	0.7	-154	377	13	6	4,461
Maryland	2,201	-43	65	12	6	25,708	1.0	-381	2,375	99	62	25,869
Massachusetts	5,783	748	3,565	5	8	62,621	1.7	-316	-6,802	64	51	62,736
Michigan	6,278	1,322	1,334	4	4	43,710	1.0	-2,279	5,054	49	26	43,785
Minnesota	3,256	-116	374	4	3	56,193	2.0	-1,529	9,081	59	33	56,285
Mississippi	1,117	69	113	0	1	7,114	0.6	-501	-73	18	13	7,145
Missouri	2,462	31	-202	4	2	18,723	0.7	-1,547	-2,108	52	23	18,798
Montana	410	-33	0	1	0	3,860	0.8	-145	413	24	5	3,889
Nebraska	610	52	49	2	0	4,517	0.5	-410	602	12	7	4,536
Nevada	2,816	124	441	1	1	24,774	1.6	-617	3,761	50	54	24,878
New Hampshire	394	-47	-8	0	1	3,980	0.6	102	644	1	1	3,982
New Jersey	8,814	-48	853	16	7	115,303	2.8	627	10,391	209	148	115,660
New Mexico	640	-99	-43	1	1	10,010	1.2	-40	243	63	29	10,102
New York	16,296	2,604	-874	9	10	165,008	1.8	2,301	-10,083	258	182	165,448
North Carolina	3,079	-111	-86	2	1	20,989	0.4	-541	-453	49	121	21,159
North Dakota	1,313	992	1,159	1	1	1,811	0.4	-24	441	76	4	1,891
Ohio	4,808	-155	-8,567	7	2	41,656	0.8	-1,569	3,609	57	65	41,778
Oklahoma	1,198	-52	-244	1	6	10,168	0.6	-436	533	39	30	10,237
Oregon	3,238	16	-1,536	2	4	27,478	1.4	-400	-6,937	91	32	27,601
Pennsylvania	8,807	-480	-759	16	8	105,713	1.8	-2,476	3,348	228	120	106,061
Puerto Rico	1,530	623	298	7	0	21,369	2.3	2,278	2,692	102	69	21,540
Rhode Island	605	-20	-151	3	1	10,824	2.5	32	1,040	36	19	10,879
South Carolina	2,115	-475	230	0	5	14,902	0.7	-1,314	962	23	48	14,973
South Dakota	177	22	51	0	0	1,081	0.2	-115	203	24	1	1,106
Tennessee	2,608	-198	340	0	4	18,598	0.6	-1,029	3,232	45	50	18,693
Texas	14,993	-1,515	795	47	68	159,538	1.2	3,530	18,111	386	824	160,748
Utah	1,310	9	-119	9	1	10,755	0.7	-143	912	42	16	10,813
Vermont	260	72	-4	1	0	2,256	0.8	142	-481	1	0	2,257
Virgin Islands	73	52	28	0	0	292	0.8	42	22	0	0	292
Virginia	2,185	-517	-592	6	4	16,311	0.4	21	3,053	88	90	16,489
Washington	4,208	-522	127	6	11	59,887	1.7	-935	8,398	124	356	60,367
West Virginia	684	61	-5	1	1	6,288	0.9	-306	-40	22	13	6,323
Wisconsin	3,152	-332	274	3	3	25,348	0.9	-670	3,101	39	11	25,398
Wyoming	208	0	-10	0	0	1,377	0.5	-43	134	6	3	1,386
Totals	192,741	278	-700	306	390	1,843,158	1.2	-13,950	53,296	4,307	4,538	1,852,003

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 24, 2024

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+2,604	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, educational service, and in management of companies and enterprises industries.
MI	+1,322	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
GA	+1,166	Layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, trade, health care and social assistance, and information industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-1,515	No comment.
FL	-1,313	Fewer layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade 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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