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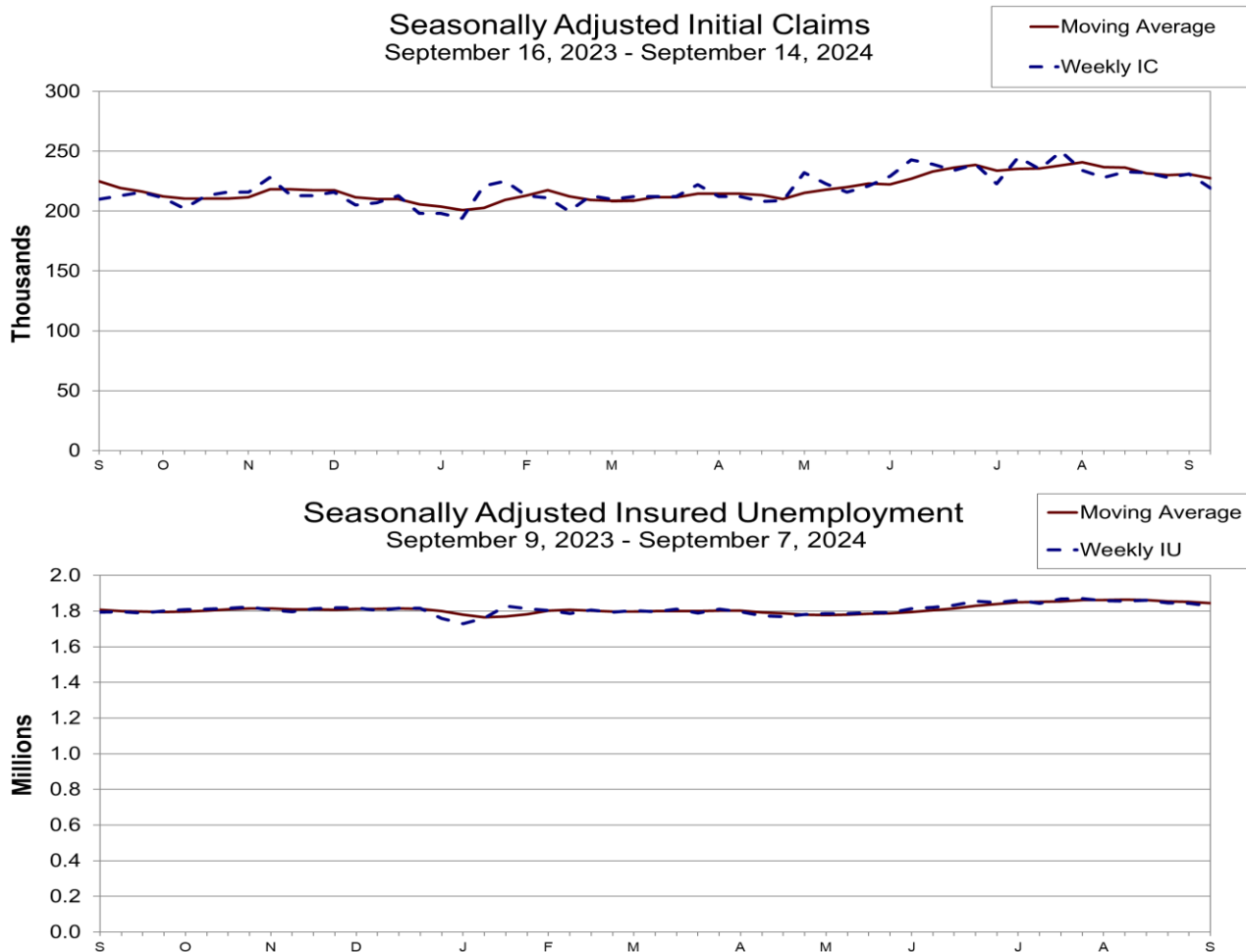
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 219,000, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 230,000 to 231,000. The 4-week moving average was 227,500, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 230,750 to 231,000.

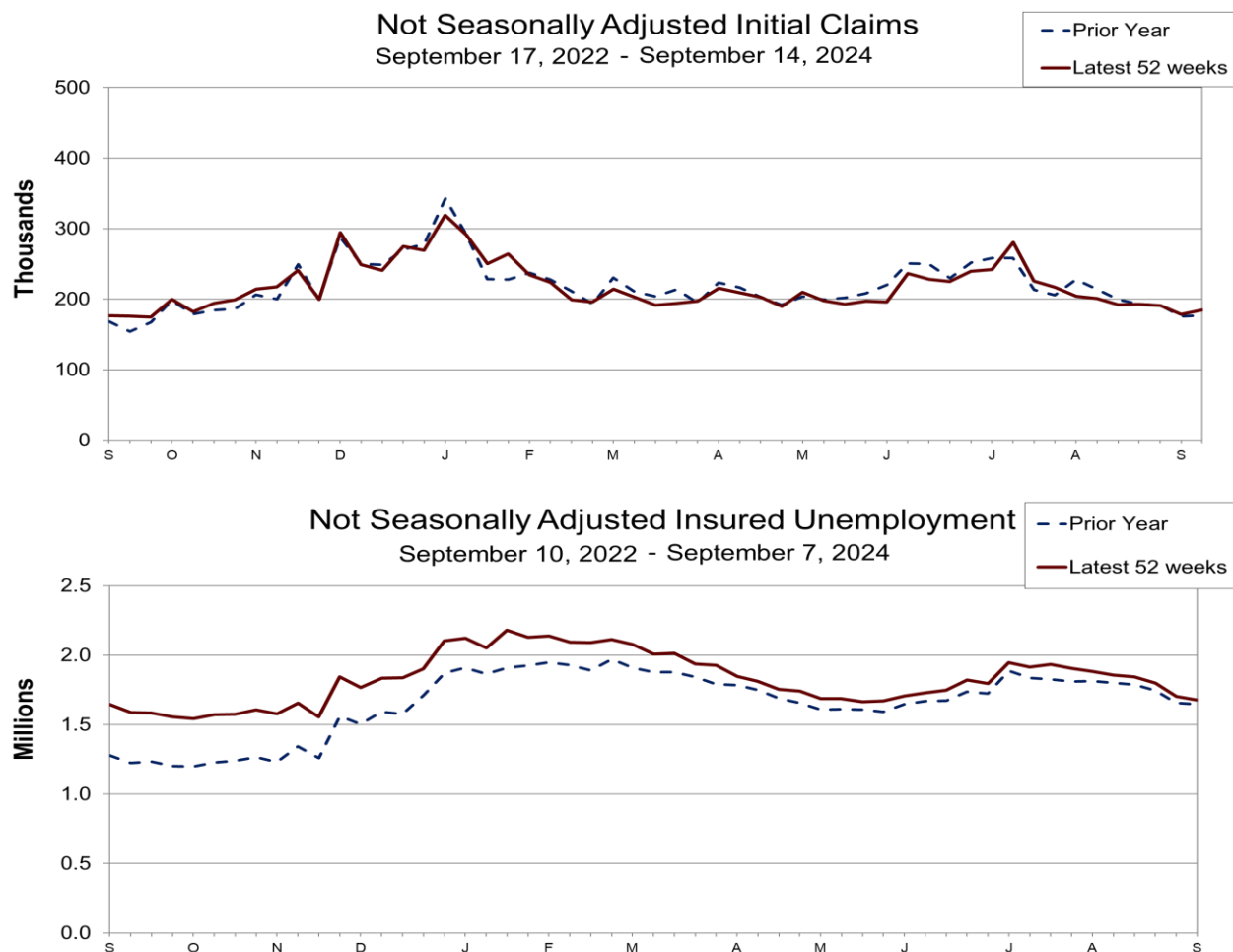
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending September 7, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 7 was 1,829,000, a decrease of 14,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,850,000 to 1,843,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,844,250, a decrease of 6,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,852,500 to 1,850,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 184,845 in the week ending September 14, an increase of 6,436 (or 3.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,156 (or 9.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 176,586 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,679,294, a decrease of 25,267 (or -1.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 12,899 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,645,927.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 31 was 1,727,368, a decrease of 97,315 from the previous week. There were 1,678,889 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 31.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 263 in the week ending September 7, a decrease of 6 from the prior week. There were 432 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 50 from the preceding week.

There were 3,858 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 31, a decrease of 333 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,354, a decrease of 218 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 31 were in New Jersey (2.7), Rhode Island (2.2), California (2.0), Puerto Rico (1.9), Minnesota (1.7), New York (1.7), Washington (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), Nevada (1.6), Connecticut (1.5), Illinois (1.5), and Pennsylvania (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 7 were in Nebraska (+628), Wisconsin (+504), Iowa (+403), Virginia (+303), and Minnesota (+248), while the largest decreases were in New York (-2,878), California (-1,370), Ohio (-1,086), Michigan (-1,042), and Georgia (-891).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 14	September 7	Change	August 31	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	219,000	231,000	-12,000	228,000	210,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	184,845	178,409	+6,436	190,631	176,586
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	227,500	231,000	-3,500	230,250	224,750

WEEK ENDING	September 7	August 31	Change	August 24	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,829,000	1,843,000	-14,000	1,845,000	1,793,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,679,294	1,704,561	-25,267	1,800,473	1,645,927
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,844,250	1,850,750	-6,500	1,854,750	1,806,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 7	August 31	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	263	269	-6	272
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	432	382	+50	319

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

WEEK ENDING	August 31	August 24	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,699,504	1,794,248	-94,744	1,650,969
Federal Employees	3,858	4,191	-333	4,164
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,354	4,572	-218	3,881
Extended Benefits ³	135	190	-55	377
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,987	2,129	-142	1,942
STC / Workshare ⁵	17,530	19,353	-1,823	17,556
TOTAL	1,727,368	1,824,683	-97,315	1,678,889

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 September 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,964	1,805	159	8,500	8,917	-417
Alaska	659	451	208	3,268	3,315	-47
Arizona	3,561	3,445	116	28,688	31,399	-2,711
Arkansas	1,099	1,031	68	7,072	7,400	-328
California	38,181	36,707	1,474	365,013	350,057	14,956
Colorado	2,672	2,566	106	27,014	26,016	998
Connecticut	2,304	2,837	-533	22,480	24,272	-1,792
Delaware	183	171	12	4,936	4,882	54
District of Columbia	488	481	7	6,541	6,412	129
Florida	6,491	6,005	486	35,185	37,480	-2,295
Georgia	5,125	4,293	832	29,406	28,819	587
Hawaii	1,080	1,022	58	5,826	5,859	-33
Idaho	787	761	26	3,702	4,028	-326
Illinois	7,506	7,342	164	87,857	88,247	-390
Indiana	3,056	3,195	-139	21,005	21,967	-962
Iowa	2,216	2,087	129	8,848	8,540	308
Kansas	1,237	1,011	226	6,559	6,424	135
Kentucky	1,544	1,318	226	8,086	3,658	4,428
Louisiana	1,228	1,545	-317	11,186	12,654	-1,468
Maine	393	381	12	4,169	4,016	153
Maryland	1,975	2,104	-129	22,605	22,759	-154
Massachusetts	5,221	7,276	-2,055	57,659	59,256	-1,597
Michigan	5,496	4,729	767	38,292	40,290	-1,998
Minnesota	3,411	3,555	-144	40,150	48,385	-8,235
Mississippi	787	852	-65	6,029	6,604	-575
Missouri	2,047	2,094	-47	15,209	15,965	-756
Montana	568	490	78	3,495	3,558	-63
Nebraska	669	1,200	-531	4,707	4,342	365
Nevada	2,524	2,539	-15	24,944	25,265	-321
New Hampshire *	245	330	-85	2,928	3,255	-327
New Jersey	8,385	8,058	327	102,358	111,736	-9,378
New Mexico	684	739	-55	9,880	9,719	161
New York	14,210	12,233	1,977	152,865	161,166	-8,301
North Carolina	2,919	2,888	31	19,138	19,859	-721
North Dakota	214	246	-32	3,186	3,075	111
Ohio	5,005	4,528	477	38,546	38,979	-433
Oklahoma	1,097	1,109	-12	9,447	9,697	-250
Oregon	3,924	3,199	725	27,064	25,259	1,805
Pennsylvania	8,407	8,648	-241	81,957	86,841	-4,884
Puerto Rico	1,382	1,282	100	17,584	17,472	112
Rhode Island	778	751	27	8,474	9,583	-1,109
South Carolina	1,165	1,323	-158	13,975	14,114	-139
South Dakota	119	150	-31	1,070	1,002	68
Tennessee	2,925	2,532	393	16,982	17,348	-366
Texas	15,509	13,341	2,168	143,855	146,906	-3,051
Utah	1,313	1,268	45	10,575	10,592	-17
Vermont	196	187	9	1,781	1,697	84
Virgin Islands	43	68	-25	352	344	8
Virginia	2,193	2,129	64	15,982	15,006	976
Washington	4,935	4,770	165	62,119	58,719	3,400
West Virginia	796	656	140	6,841	5,883	958
Wisconsin	3,696	4,476	-780	22,493	24,235	-1,742
Wyoming	233	205	28	1,411	1,288	123
US Total	184,845	178,409	6,436	1,679,294	1,704,561	-25,267

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	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,845	-15	1,854.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.25	1,843	-2	1,850.75	1.2
September 7, 2024	231	3	231.00	1,829	-14	1,844.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	219	-12	227.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 7						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 31						
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	1,805	-211	-313	7	8	8,917	0.4	-306	-243	27	16	8,960
Alaska	451	-31	-73	1	0	3,315	1.1	-28	179	23	6	3,344
Arizona	3,445	-322	411	0	3	31,399	1.0	-633	2,530	63	47	31,509
Arkansas	1,031	-603	-294	2	1	7,400	0.6	-3	-2,234	16	7	7,423
California	36,707	-1,370	169	57	83	350,057	2.0	-25,457	-10,350	665	1,236	351,958
Colorado	2,566	-20	290	0	15	26,016	0.9	-357	4,512	50	143	26,209
Connecticut	2,837	-242	48	3	0	24,272	1.5	-7,061	1,484	34	21	24,327
Delaware	171	-16	-66	1	3	4,882	1.1	-992	459	7	4	4,893
District of Columbia	481	-102	108	1	2	6,412	1.1	-377	864	119	3	6,534
Florida	6,005	-76	410	13	36	37,480	0.4	-2,804	-3,990	97	76	37,653
Georgia	4,293	-891	-463	16	16	28,819	0.6	-1,483	-4,118	77	93	28,989
Hawaii	1,022	90	-1,400	5	9	5,859	1.0	35	-7,753	32	40	5,931
Idaho	761	23	-74	1	1	4,028	0.5	-115	-23	10	2	4,040
Illinois	7,342	-750	-311	3	4	88,247	1.5	-3,857	6,906	267	137	88,651
Indiana	3,195	111	-2,728	2	3	21,967	0.7	139	-1,229	19	29	22,015
Iowa	2,087	403	79	1	1	8,540	0.6	-988	1,623	8	2	8,550
Kansas	1,011	-356	76	0	0	6,424	0.5	1,573	1,978	14	16	6,454
Kentucky	1,318	-267	-279	2	1	3,658	0.2	-4,309	-2,705	8	16	3,682
Louisiana	1,545	-136	161	2	2	12,654	0.7	-276	-462	24	14	12,692
Maine	381	-10	21	0	0	4,016	0.6	-350	395	12	3	4,031
Maryland	2,104	99	204	22	13	22,759	0.9	-2,415	2,710	94	63	22,916
Massachusetts	7,276	-737	5,051	6	11	59,256	1.6	-3,714	-1,814	51	70	59,377
Michigan	4,729	-1,042	275	6	5	40,290	0.9	-2,869	3,592	48	36	40,374
Minnesota	3,555	248	719	4	6	48,385	1.7	-5,601	8,085	73	31	48,489
Mississippi	852	-108	56	0	2	6,604	0.6	-380	111	20	12	6,636
Missouri	2,094	-261	-589	6	2	15,965	0.6	-1,326	-1,943	57	23	16,045
Montana	490	111	79	0	0	3,558	0.7	-220	634	22	5	3,585
Nebraska	1,200	628	368	1	0	4,342	0.4	-57	595	9	9	4,360
Nevada	2,539	-228	377	0	2	25,265	1.6	-396	4,366	39	65	25,369
New Hampshire	330	-10	16	0	2	3,255	0.5	-601	558	1	1	3,257
New Jersey	8,058	-248	613	9	14	111,736	2.7	-3,134	11,000	194	136	112,066
New Mexico	739	29	141	0	1	9,719	1.2	-136	228	50	28	9,797
New York	12,233	-2,878	342	12	9	161,166	1.7	-4,118	-9,333	302	162	161,630
North Carolina	2,888	-227	-109	3	0	19,859	0.4	-614	-693	45	96	20,000
North Dakota	246	-148	99	0	1	3,075	0.7	30	1,937	10	2	3,087
Ohio	4,528	-1,086	-2,663	2	13	38,979	0.7	-929	3,764	50	56	39,085
Oklahoma	1,109	-274	-82	4	5	9,697	0.6	-193	167	35	33	9,765
Oregon	3,199	-50	-265	1	4	25,259	1.3	-1,573	-4,869	54	32	25,345
Pennsylvania	8,648	-883	-202	9	7	86,841	1.5	-11,454	2,681	208	113	87,162
Puerto Rico	1,282	-93	-154	5	2	17,472	1.9	-767	539	118	71	17,661
Rhode Island	751	-97	260	1	0	9,583	2.2	-1,328	1,016	39	20	9,642
South Carolina	1,323	-594	-391	1	7	14,114	0.6	-281	691	21	49	14,184
South Dakota	150	-20	21	3	0	1,002	0.2	-62	287	14	1	1,017
Tennessee	2,532	-137	375	2	6	17,348	0.6	-604	2,008	37	44	17,429
Texas	13,341	-256	876	27	86	146,906	1.1	-2,858	18,308	377	784	148,067
Utah	1,268	-1	-28	4	4	10,592	0.6	-84	873	38	15	10,645
Vermont	187	-33	35	0	0	1,697	0.6	-460	-323	1	0	1,698
Virgin Islands	68	-10	-14	0	0	344	1.0	50	42	10	0	354
Virginia	2,129	303	11	9	8	15,006	0.4	-583	1,979	89	77	15,172
Washington	4,770	163	107	3	31	58,719	1.7	-1,113	8,978	116	383	59,218
West Virginia	656	-79	89	1	1	5,883	0.9	-298	20	22	12	5,917
Wisconsin	4,476	504	1,416	5	1	24,235	0.8	-140	4,586	36	13	24,284
Wyoming	205	-31	10	0	1	1,288	0.5	-35	118	6	1	1,295
Totals	178,409	-12,222	2,815	263	432	1,704,561	1.1	-95,912	48,721	3,858	4,354	1,712,773

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 SEPTEMBER 7, 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
NY	-2,878	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, educational services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
CA	-1,370	No comment.
OH	-1,086	No comment.
MI	-1,042	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing 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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