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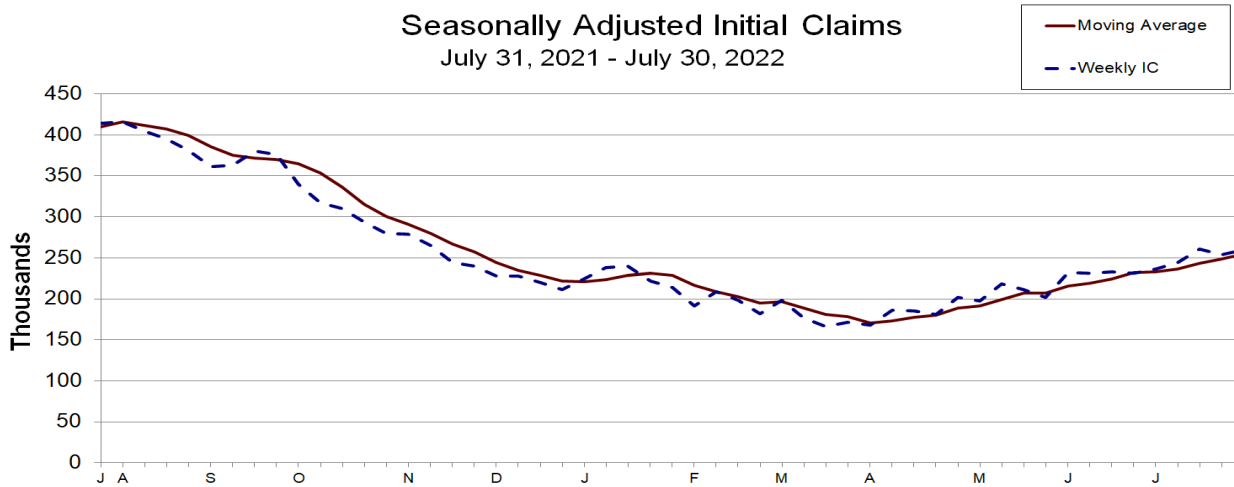
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

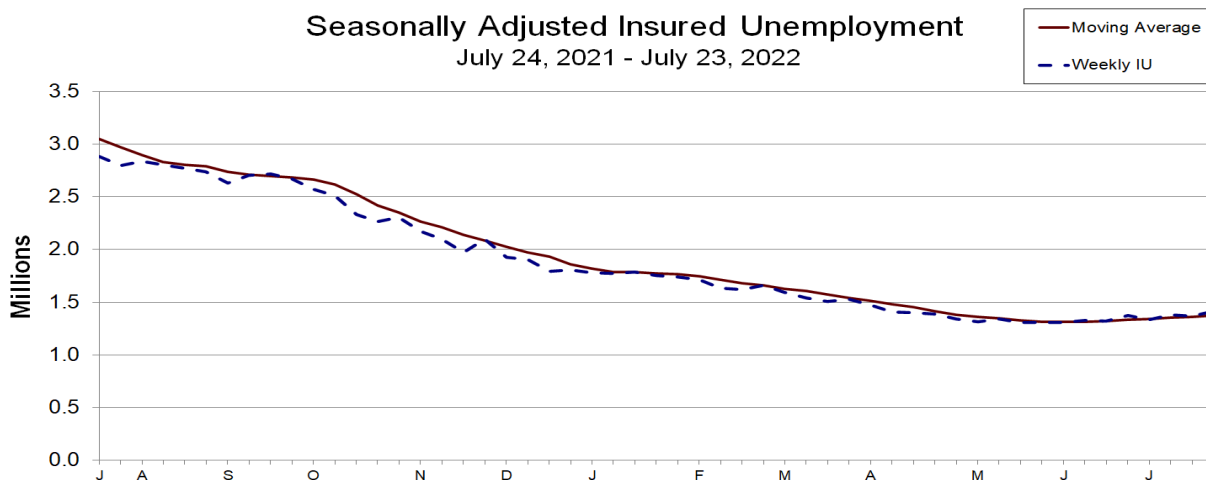
In the week ending July 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 260,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 256,000 to 254,000. The 4-week moving average was 254,750, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 249,250 to 248,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending July 23, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 23 was 1,416,000, an increase of 48,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 9,000 from 1,359,000 to 1,368,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,375,250, an increase of 11,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 1,362,000 to 1,364,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
July 31, 2021 - July 30, 2022



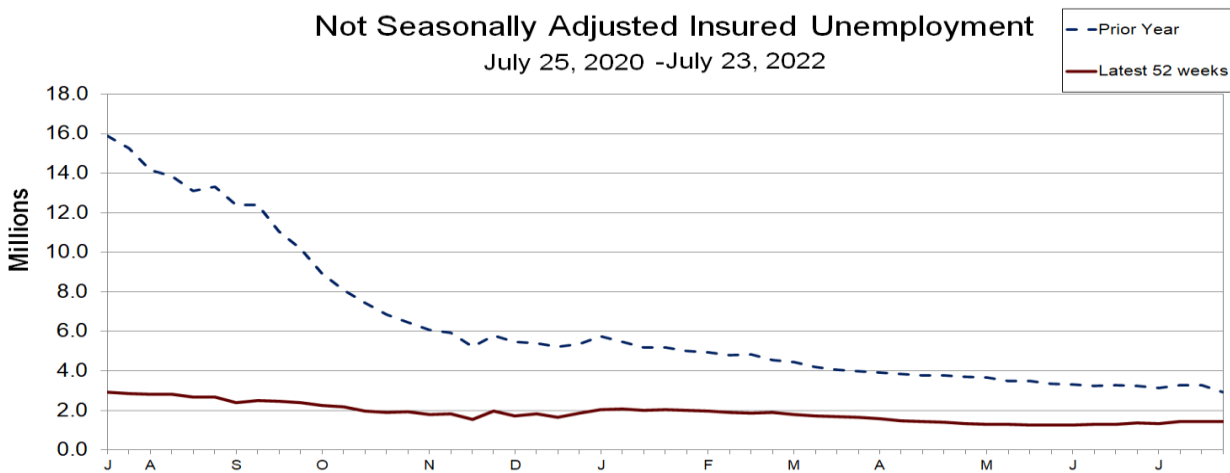
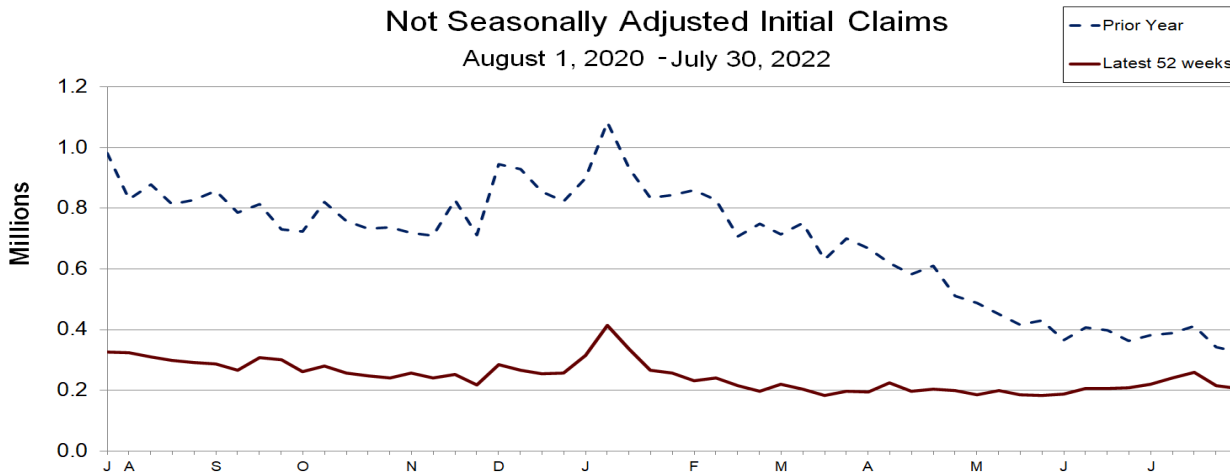
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
July 24, 2021 - July 23, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 205,587 in the week ending July 30, a decrease of 9,825 (or -4.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,242 (or -6.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 325,715 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending July 23, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,450,213, an increase of 2,943 (or 0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 46,510 (or -3.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.1 percent and the volume was 2,930,342.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 16 was 1,472,578, a decrease of 3,890 from the previous week. There were 12,964,897 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 471 in the week ending July 23, a decrease of 46 from the prior week. There were 381 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 39 from the preceding week.

There were 6,908 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 16, a decrease of 276 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,162, a decrease of 133 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 16 were in Puerto Rico (2.2), New Jersey (2.1), California (1.9), Connecticut (1.9), Rhode Island (1.8), New York (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), Pennsylvania (1.5), Alaska (1.2), Illinois (1.2), and Nevada (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 23 were in Kentucky (+1,051), Virginia (+283), New Mexico (+51), the Virgin Islands (+21), and South Dakota (+7), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-7,490), New York (-5,769), South Carolina (-3,170), California (-3,122), and Alabama (-2,125).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	260,000	254,000	+6,000	261,000	414,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	205,587	215,412	-9,825	258,913	325,715
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	254,750	248,750	+6,000	243,000	410,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,416,000	1,368,000	+48,000	1,384,000	2,881,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,450,213	1,447,270	+2,943	1,450,355	2,930,342
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,375,250	1,364,250	+11,000	1,353,250	3,048,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.1%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.1%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	471	517	-46	703
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	381	420	-39	492

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,444,112	1,447,524	-3,412	3,248,299
Federal Employees	6,908	7,184	-276	10,139
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,162	4,295	-133	6,890
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	5,772	6,334	-562	239,625
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,697	1,699	-2	1,379
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	9,927	9,432	+495	55,376
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,472,578</b>	<b>1,476,468</b>	<b>-3,890</b>	<b>12,964,897</b>

**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 141,769,719 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 30			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 23		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,014	3,923	-909	4,829	6,683	-1,854
Alaska	690	640	50	3,466	3,547	-81
Arizona	3,105	3,548	-443	21,966	23,841	-1,875
Arkansas	1,339	1,665	-326	8,904	9,965	-1,061
California	40,602	40,072	530	321,880	315,075	6,805
Colorado	2,298	2,272	26	18,153	17,487	666
Connecticut	16,088	8,993	7,095	35,234	30,301	4,933
Delaware	299	316	-17	3,951	3,803	148
District of Columbia	435	392	43	3,215	3,273	-58
Florida	5,841	6,901	-1,060	37,815	40,240	-2,425
Georgia	7,040	7,182	-142	31,814	31,017	797
Hawaii	1,306	1,127	179	6,421	6,284	137
Idaho	918	765	153	3,749	3,809	-60
Illinois	6,267	7,397	-1,130	67,548	67,179	369
Indiana	4,235	4,013	222	19,850	18,113	1,737
Iowa	1,565	1,297	268	7,480	7,592	-112
Kansas	1,010	1,470	-460	4,478	4,100	378
Kentucky	1,605	3,775	-2,170	9,605	11,046	-1,441
Louisiana	1,890	2,370	-480	11,763	12,594	-831
Maine	385	379	6	3,213	3,444	-231
Maryland	2,108	2,107	1	17,984	18,922	-938
Massachusetts	8,648	15,582	-6,934	51,543	50,580	963
Michigan	6,698	8,213	-1,515	37,832	39,425	-1,593
Minnesota	2,408	2,375	33	25,196	24,419	777
Mississippi	1,067	1,355	-288	6,609	7,825	-1,216
Missouri	2,668	2,807	-139	16,725	17,815	-1,090
Montana	440	488	-48	3,352	3,389	-37
Nebraska	521	601	-80	3,587	3,708	-121
Nevada	2,386	2,013	373	14,798	15,255	-457
New Hampshire	225	299	-74	2,262	2,421	-159
New Jersey	6,459	6,549	-90	83,297	82,369	928
New Mexico	635	729	-94	7,904	7,808	96
New York	13,492	14,394	-902	141,242	139,981	1,261
North Carolina	3,423	3,011	412	15,621	16,774	-1,153
North Dakota	242	182	60	1,526	1,498	28
Ohio	7,460	9,261	-1,801	33,225	35,676	-2,451
Oklahoma	4,130	2,481	1,649	11,530	11,443	87
Oregon	3,333	3,167	166	21,000	21,153	-153
Pennsylvania	6,710	7,193	-483	81,205	83,206	-2,001
Puerto Rico	924	1,338	-414	16,784	19,261	-2,477
Rhode Island	742	634	108	8,140	8,210	-70
South Carolina	2,034	2,378	-344	12,629	12,755	-126
South Dakota	118	120	-2	769	765	4
Tennessee	2,610	2,826	-216	13,824	14,717	-893
Texas	14,007	15,002	-995	109,519	107,676	1,843
Utah	1,227	1,282	-55	5,935	5,997	-62
Vermont	236	214	22	2,170	2,086	84
Virgin Islands	24	60	-36	374	292	82
Virginia	2,554	2,349	205	12,991	10,914	2,077
Washington *	3,204	3,414	-210	34,811	32,789	2,022
West Virginia	1,275	762	513	9,122	7,299	1,823
Wisconsin	3,465	3,509	-44	19,970	20,141	-171
Wyoming	182	220	-38	1,403	1,308	95
US Total	205,587	215,412	-9,825	1,450,213	1,447,270	2,943

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 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,368	-16	1,364.25	1.0
July 23, 2022	254	-7	248.75	1,416	48	1,375.25	1.0
July 30, 2022	260	6	254.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
JULY 23

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
JULY 16

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	3,923	-2,125	-54	13	7	6,683	0.4	-319	-3,025	45	25	6,753
Alaska	640	-27	-880	2	1	3,547	1.2	-85	-3,435	32	12	3,591
Arizona	3,548	-670	247	5	1	23,841	0.9	1,077	-17,587	88	20	23,949
Arkansas	1,665	-156	7	1	0	9,965	0.8	196	-9,692	38	17	10,020
California	40,072	-3,122	-24,419	101	70	315,075	1.9	-5,354	-518,351	1,029	913	317,017
Colorado	2,272	-233	-1,050	0	9	17,487	0.7	1,015	-18,962	89	100	17,676
Connecticut	8,993	-1,706	5,699	2	2	30,301	1.9	6,122	-19,522	48	62	30,411
Delaware	316	-71	-300	1	4	3,803	0.9	29	-6,582	11	3	3,817
District of Columbia	392	-188	-1,890	5	0	3,273	0.6	331	-13,156	169	1	3,443
Florida	6,901	-957	-3,209	20	21	40,240	0.5	1,422	-40,454	256	89	40,585
Georgia	7,182	-1,084	-4,803	36	26	31,017	0.7	-1,996	-66,883	389	144	31,550
Hawaii	1,127	-113	-1,512	4	2	6,284	1.1	45	-8,115	58	78	6,420
Idaho	765	-7	-292	1	0	3,809	0.5	-240	-1,141	5	7	3,821
Illinois	7,397	-170	-11,462	10	3	67,179	1.2	820	-134,814	482	108	67,769
Indiana	4,013	-1,270	-2,093	8	4	18,113	0.7	-1,298	-27,090	57	19	18,189
Iowa	1,297	-141	-246	5	0	7,592	0.5	-557	-10,047	19	2	7,613
Kansas	1,470	-96	-17	0	0	4,100	0.3	-43	-5,238	23	19	4,142
Kentucky	3,775	1,051	-450	1	0	11,046	0.6	1,837	-12,813	40	58	11,144
Louisiana	2,370	-505	-752	2	8	12,594	0.7	781	-32,402	67	9	12,670
Maine	379	-61	-537	1	0	3,444	0.6	-122	-4,795	9	7	3,460
Maryland	2,107	-367	-1,695	10	6	18,922	0.8	320	-16,543	164	44	19,130
Massachusetts	15,582	-7,490	9,049	12	16	50,580	1.5	1,150	-20,304	108	67	50,755
Michigan	8,213	-2,006	-13,248	6	6	39,425	1.0	185	-39,530	47	42	39,514
Minnesota	2,375	-804	-951	0	1	24,419	0.9	-1,574	-31,956	48	34	24,501
Mississippi	1,355	-580	-895	1	0	7,825	0.7	-256	-12,628	51	10	7,886
Missouri	2,807	-891	-3,649	0	0	17,815	0.7	475	-24,633	64	24	17,903
Montana	488	-20	-228	9	2	3,389	0.7	-180	-2,906	45	13	3,447
Nebraska	601	-145	-830	3	0	3,708	0.4	295	-3,178	18	0	3,726
Nevada	2,013	-284	-802	2	2	15,255	1.2	137	-36,254	73	42	15,370
New Hampshire	299	4	-277	3	1	2,421	0.4	38	-5,181	0	3	2,424
New Jersey	6,549	-681	-4,980	16	11	82,369	2.1	825	-55,467	298	211	82,878
New Mexico	729	51	-2,479	0	1	7,808	1.0	-416	-10,985	51	17	7,876
New York	14,394	-5,769	-4,447	33	18	139,981	1.6	-842	-140,715	526	232	140,739
North Carolina	3,011	-447	-1,865	1	0	16,774	0.4	167	-22,743	54	49	16,877
North Dakota	182	-23	-99	3	0	1,498	0.4	-20	-1,347	104	1	1,603
Ohio	9,261	-1,871	-1,384	4	8	35,676	0.7	-2,751	-32,334	71	67	35,814
Oklahoma	2,481	-198	-1,242	6	3	11,443	0.8	258	-20,911	62	49	11,554
Oregon	3,167	-668	-1,149	14	4	21,153	1.1	-768	-21,730	147	33	21,333
Pennsylvania	7,193	-1,329	-10,180	10	9	83,206	1.5	-3,972	-79,301	221	111	83,538
Puerto Rico	1,338	-674	-4,029	4	8	19,261	2.2	1,191	-21,991	276	54	19,591
Rhode Island	634	-278	-1,670	1	1	8,210	1.8	-165	-8,928	28	16	8,254
South Carolina	2,378	-3,170	875	3	3	12,755	0.6	-1,520	-24,268	50	42	12,847
South Dakota	120	7	-41	12	0	765	0.2	-21	-613	147	1	913
Tennessee	2,826	-1,272	-5,015	10	6	14,717	0.4	-334	-38,103	25	33	14,775
Texas	15,002	-1,744	-18,881	66	91	107,676	0.9	1,180	-86,418	925	854	109,455
Utah	1,282	-21	-127	9	6	5,997	0.4	37	-3,174	47	11	6,055
Vermont	214	-37	-84	0	0	2,086	0.7	-66	-3,100	1	0	2,087
Virgin Islands	60	21	-172	0	0	292	0.8	-152	-760	0	4	296
Virginia	2,349	283	-3,829	3	2	10,914	0.3	278	-22,689	105	91	11,110
Washington	3,414	-470	-1,362	4	15	32,789	1.0	575	-36,170	116	277	33,182
West Virginia	762	-13	-112	0	2	7,299	1.2	654	-4,082	38	24	7,361
Wisconsin	3,509	-949	-3,297	7	1	20,141	0.7	-1,516	-32,530	41	8	20,190
Wyoming	220	-15	-84	1	0	1,308	0.5	42	-814	3	5	1,316
Totals	215,412	-43,501	-127,192	471	381	1,447,270	1.0	-3,085	-1,816,390	6,908	4,162	1,458,340

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 23, 2022**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
KY	+1,051	Layoffs in the automobile industry.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MA	-7,490	No comment.
NY	-5,769	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and health care and social assistance industries.
SC	-3,170	No comment.
CA	-3,122	No comment.
AL	-2,125	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, retail trade, accommodation and food services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MI	-2,006	Fewer layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
OH	-1,871	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	-1,744	No comment.
CT	-1,706	No comment.
PA	-1,329	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
TN	-1,272	No comment.
IN	-1,270	No comment.
GA	-1,084	Fewer layoffs in the 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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