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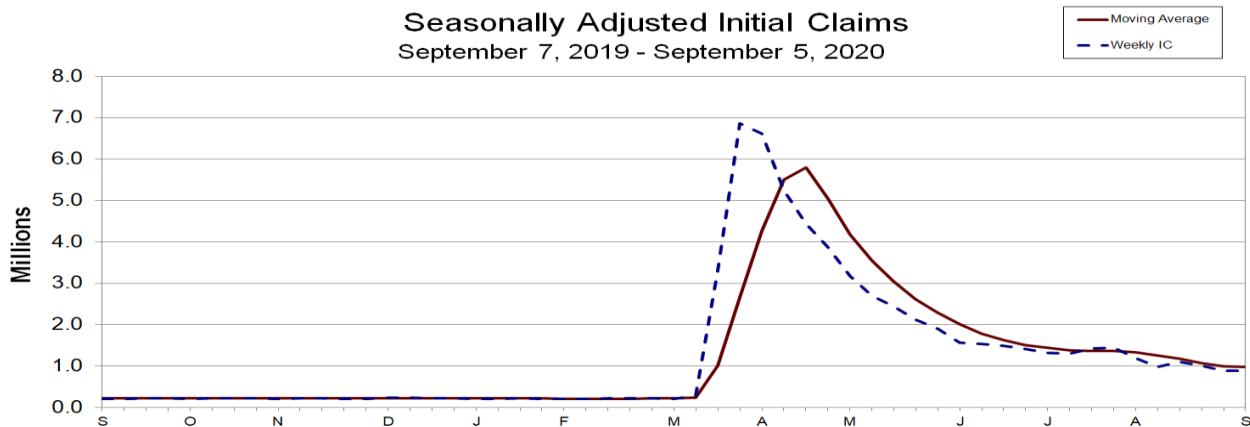
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

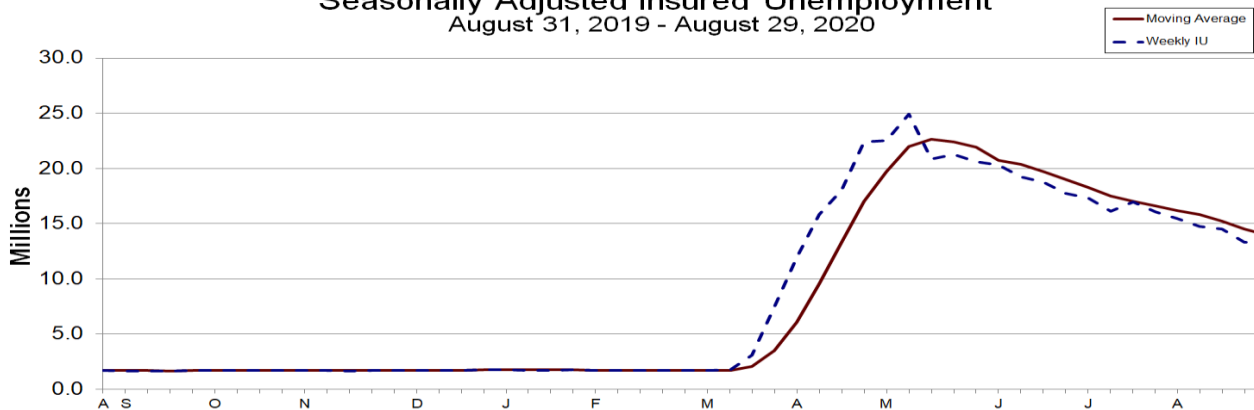
In the week ending September 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 884,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 881,000 to 884,000. The 4-week moving average was 970,750, a decrease of 21,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 991,750 to 992,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 9.2 percent for the week ending August 29, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 29 was 13,385,000, an increase of 93,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 38,000 from 13,254,000 to 13,292,000. The 4-week moving average was 13,982,000, a decrease of 523,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 9,500 from 14,496,250 to 14,505,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
September 7, 2019 - September 5, 2020



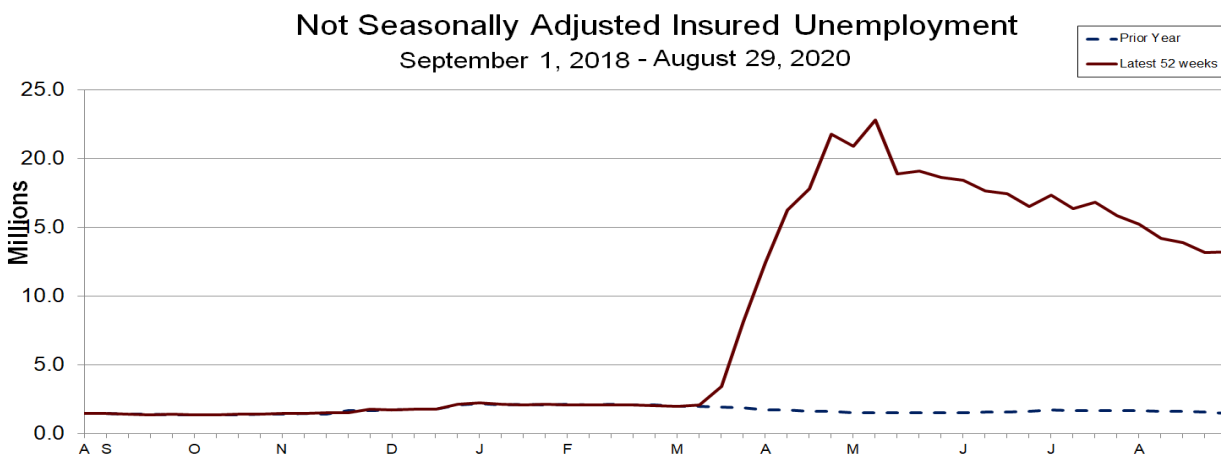
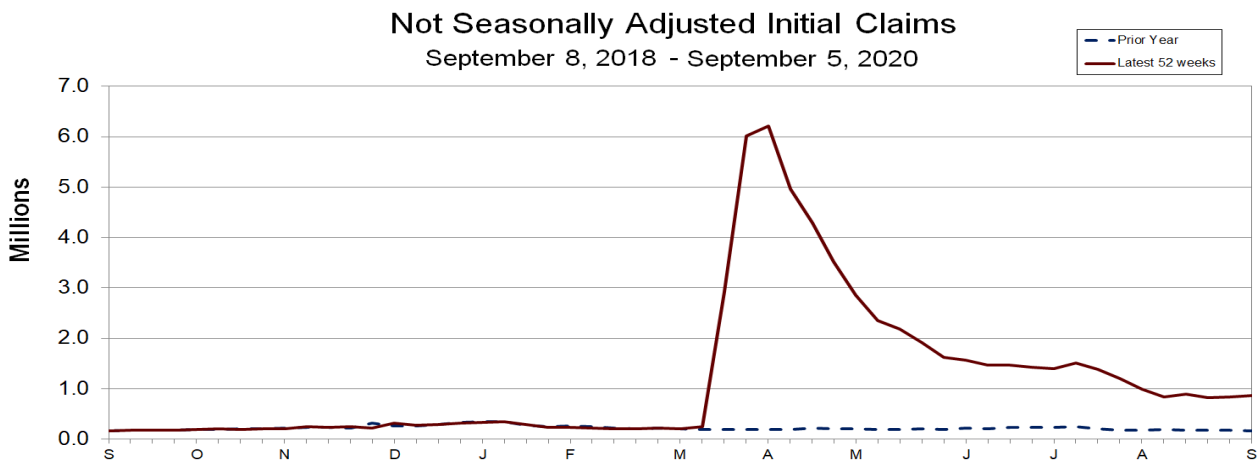
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 31, 2019 - August 29, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 857,148 in the week ending September 5, an increase of 20,140 (or 2.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 160,342 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending September 5, 48 states reported 838,916 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 9.0 percent during the week ending August 29, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 13,197,059, an increase of 54,472 (or 0.4 percent) from the preceding week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,476,199.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 22 was 29,605,064, an increase of 380,379 from the previous week. There were 1,591,456 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending August 22, Extended Benefits were available in the following 52 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,038 in the week ending August 29, a decrease of 13 from the prior week. There were 914 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 112 from the preceding week.

There were 13,641 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 22, a decrease of 524 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,013, a decrease of 671 from the prior week.

During the week ending August 22, 48 states reported 14,591,621 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 49 states reported 1,422,483 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 22 were in Hawaii (20.3), Puerto Rico (16.7), Nevada (16.0), New York (14.9), California (14.8), Connecticut (14.7), Louisiana (13.2), the Virgin Islands (12.6), Georgia (12.2), and District of Columbia (11.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 29 were in California (+22,647), Texas (+4,521), Louisiana (+3,662), Tennessee (+1,288), and Missouri (+1,226), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-6,057), Georgia (-5,485), Pennsylvania (-2,627), Wisconsin (-1,422), and Michigan (-1,159).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 5	August 29	Change	August 22	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	884,000	884,000	0	1,011,000	208,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	857,148	837,008	+20,140	825,761	160,342
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	970,750	992,500	-21,750	1,069,250	214,250

WEEK ENDING	August 29	August 22	Change	August 15	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	13,385,000	13,292,000	+93,000	14,492,000	1,683,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	13,197,059	13,142,587	+54,472	13,869,218	1,476,199
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	13,982,000	14,505,750	-523,750	15,205,250	1,688,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	9.2%	9.1%	+0.1	9.9%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	9.0%	9.0%	0.0	9.5%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 5	August 29	Change	August 22
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	838,916	747,993	+90,923	607,808

WEEK ENDING	August 29	August 22	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,038	1,051	-13	567
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	914	802	+112	478

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 22	August 15	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	13,067,530	13,792,016	-724,486	1,564,203
Federal Employees	13,641	14,165	-524	6,620
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,013	13,684	-671	5,863
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	14,591,621	13,570,327	+1,021,294	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,422,483	1,393,314	+29,169	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	241,008	168,620	+72,388	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,337	2,327	+10	4,704
STC / Workshare ⁷	253,431	270,232	-16,801	10,066
TOTAL⁸	29,605,064	29,224,685	+380,379	1,591,456

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 146,125,989 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	8,285	8,511	-226	38,204	48,797	-10,593
Alaska	4,071	4,057	14	27,244	29,524	-2,280
Arizona	13,591	11,705	1,886	194,287	202,716	-8,429
Arkansas	5,022	5,337	-315	37,788	44,564	-6,776
California **	237,516	219,563	17,953	2,925,688	2,570,005	355,683
Colorado	5,900	5,863	37	163,063	177,822	-14,759
Connecticut	4,682	5,404	-722	196,397	242,193	-45,796
Delaware **	1,468	1,577	-109	33,578	31,974	1,604
District of Columbia	1,385	1,468	-83	63,645	66,870	-3,225
Florida **	36,541	45,590	-9,049	368,466	455,587	-87,121
Georgia	50,072	51,283	-1,211	525,959	535,406	-9,447
Hawaii	7,648	6,748	900	127,301	125,970	1,331
Idaho	3,588	3,686	-98	11,637	14,423	-2,786
Illinois	23,305	26,194	-2,889	548,749	558,651	-9,902
Indiana	11,556	10,779	777	157,564	164,569	-7,005
Iowa	5,689	5,914	-225	71,644	75,877	-4,233
Kansas	13,632	15,009	-1,377	67,304	59,081	8,223
Kentucky	9,018	16,504	-7,486	119,337	116,600	2,737
Louisiana	23,390	16,191	7,199	232,619	249,610	-16,991
Maine	1,156	1,248	-92	34,848	38,919	-4,071
Maryland	6,450	7,271	-821	157,790	175,969	-18,179
Massachusetts	18,151	18,568	-417	389,361	407,376	-18,015
Michigan	13,229	18,838	-5,609	408,575	401,800	6,775
Minnesota	11,255	10,295	960	220,308	219,557	751
Mississippi	3,980	4,465	-485	96,491	84,480	12,011
Missouri	9,903	10,509	-606	90,909	105,318	-14,409
Montana	2,758	2,532	226	23,220	25,236	-2,016
Nebraska	2,460	2,461	-1	23,305	26,257	-2,952
Nevada	10,004	8,032	1,972	202,385	221,599	-19,214
New Hampshire	2,398	2,501	-103	41,982	44,578	-2,596
New Jersey	21,991	20,348	1,643	386,937	410,830	-23,893
New Mexico	3,929	3,874	55	86,226	88,125	-1,899
New York	65,273	63,366	1,907	1,424,743	1,406,935	17,808
North Carolina	13,287	13,297	-10	160,482	178,019	-17,537
North Dakota	1,035	804	231	16,340	14,910	1,430
Ohio	16,912	18,786	-1,874	293,912	343,050	-49,138
Oklahoma	5,251	6,019	-768	103,903	119,571	-15,668
Oregon	5,061	5,114	-53	168,941	158,480	10,461
Pennsylvania **	22,048	24,883	-2,835	585,713	561,665	24,048
Puerto Rico **	11,270	1,825	9,445	110,842	143,792	-32,950
Rhode Island	3,163	3,680	-517	44,034	47,405	-3,371
South Carolina	5,113	5,000	113	109,898	128,226	-18,328
South Dakota	536	630	-94	9,272	10,778	-1,506
Tennessee	11,706	12,876	-1,170	184,347	199,408	-15,061
Texas	66,330	56,673	9,657	1,057,110	1,017,360	39,750
Utah *	2,353	2,587	-234	39,530	40,081	-551
Vermont	691	749	-58	26,552	26,970	-418
Virgin Islands	27	363	-336	3,750	4,618	-868
Virginia **	14,009	10,305	3,704	252,948	233,467	19,481
Washington	23,850	22,286	1,564	328,254	277,631	50,623
West Virginia	1,958	2,026	-68	51,882	49,892	1,990
Wisconsin	12,505	12,457	48	142,416	150,900	-8,484
Wyoming	747	957	-210	9,379	9,146	233
US Total	857,148	837,008	20,140	13,197,059	13,142,587	54,472

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 OUI estimate.

**Denotes 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	
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,385	93	13,982.00	9.2
September 5, 2020	884	0	970.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 5			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 22		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 22	Aug 15	Change
Alabama	1,261	1,911	-650	32,578	31,846	732
Alaska	347	315	32	12,056	11,375	681
Arizona	101,239	64,177	37,062	311,234	296,582	14,652
Arkansas	8,173	10,912	-2,739	96,643	102,407	-5,764
California	433,020	405,878	27,142	6,979,456	5,424,687	1,554,769
Colorado	2,216	0	2,216	0	83,926	-83,926
Connecticut	1,739	1,437	302	58,854	56,929	1,925
Delaware	0	160	-160	7,614	7,797	-183
District of Columbia	2,720	176	2,544	14,233	13,434	799
Florida	8,331	0	8,331	0	0	0
Georgia	5,474	6,034	-560	259,734	250,784	8,950
Hawaii	2,776	2,927	-151	89,425	78,557	10,868
Idaho	42	85	-43	13,041	14,737	-1,696
Illinois	4,186	4,433	-247	117,624	118,968	-1,344
Indiana	9,722	7,643	2,079	169,475	141,404	28,071
Iowa	933	1,137	-204	13,254	13,593	-339
Kansas	12,362	13,580	-1,218	155,973	225,271	-69,298
Kentucky	2,312	2,619	-307	41,340	54,400	-13,060
Louisiana	7,663	6,807	856	133,263	132,988	275
Maine	1,731	2,021	-290	21,999	23,246	-1,247
Maryland	3,008	0	3,008	0	229,071	-229,071
Massachusetts	11,424	11,032	392	459,204	479,294	-20,090
Michigan	11,627	14,194	-2,567	716,758	815,217	-98,459
Minnesota	0	10	-10	45,055	46,470	-1,415
Mississippi	1,603	2,039	-436	32,181	30,791	1,390
Missouri	972	1,445	-473	59,318	59,261	57
Montana	2,679	2,948	-269	60,773	46,527	14,246
Nebraska	1,081	1,035	46	21,572	23,949	-2,377
Nevada	9,832	10,411	-579	104,592	107,334	-2,742
New Hampshire	373	744	-371	18,927	19,895	-968
New Jersey	18,408	10,451	7,957	395,276	404,661	-9,385
New Mexico	1,300	1,464	-164	37,276	35,703	1,573
New York	33,438	30,859	2,579	1,539,835	1,473,822	66,013
North Carolina	8,068	7,338	730	154,015	155,254	-1,239
North Dakota	784	713	71	5,512	6,220	-708
Ohio	14,050	15,231	-1,181	392,638	386,218	6,420
Oklahoma	1,080	896	184	6,945	0	6,945
Oregon	6,167	2,500	3,667	86,965	88,031	-1,066
Pennsylvania	33,472	35,340	-1,868	817,299	845,542	-28,243
Puerto Rico	0	4,480	-4,480	186,879	263,590	-76,711
Rhode Island	28,962	21,584	7,378	62,402	55,720	6,682
South Carolina	4,142	4,963	-821	65,558	66,565	-1,007
South Dakota	70	89	-19	2,997	6,421	-3,424
Tennessee	4,625	4,704	-79	143,407	137,508	5,899
Texas	24,380	20,109	4,271	250,946	279,245	-28,299
Utah	0	755	-755	7,718	8,311	-593
Vermont	52	60	-8	10,173	10,453	-280
Virgin Islands	103	204	-101	0	0	0
Virginia	3,998	3,499	499	207,470	206,968	502
Washington	4,979	4,609	370	122,143	145,469	-23,326
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	1,782	1,871	-89	47,747	51,689	-3,942
Wyoming	210	164	46	2,244	2,197	47
US Total	838,916	747,993	90,923	14,591,621	13,570,327	1,021,294

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#) . Backdated claims data may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	August 22	August 15	Change	August 8	August 1
Alabama	79,413	79,702	-289	78,944	77,381
Alaska	4,878	4,783	95	4,244	4,066
Arizona	16,536	15,531	1,005	13,951	13,287
Arkansas	21,825	21,879	-54	20,251	17,975
California	355,514	344,378	11,136	394,359	290,941
Colorado	16,593	20,793	-4,200	11,128	17,003
Connecticut	12,288	12,559	-271	12,512	11,870
Delaware	2,172	2,147	25	2,231	2,509
District of Columbia	2,148	2,114	34	2,167	2,208
Florida	0	34,703	-34,703	51,568	47,118
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	6,985	6,448	537	6,132	5,639
Illinois	32,692	32,245	447	33,974	31,896
Indiana	7,339	7,084	255	7,025	7,311
Iowa	18,683	17,132	1,551	14,520	14,797
Kansas	8,468	6,819	1,649	5,143	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,065	3,116	-51	3,040	3,179
Maine	7,076	6,205	871	5,804	5,253
Maryland	10,829	10,567	262	10,294	10,185
Massachusetts	43,141	43,071	70	44,618	42,630
Michigan	44,737	51,511	-6,774	42,520	42,575
Minnesota	29,916	28,211	1,705	26,649	24,636
Mississippi	7,730	6,776	954	7,324	8,753
Missouri	28,791	22,113	6,678	16,832	12,429
Montana	4,079	3,843	236	3,464	3,232
Nebraska	2,704	2,702	2	2,692	2,362
Nevada	23,760	21,635	2,125	19,798	18,018
New Hampshire	956	962	-6	957	7,365
New Jersey	54,589	52,895	1,694	52,722	52,447
New Mexico	5,522	5,285	237	4,864	5,096
New York	75,994	71,910	4,084	70,896	93,823
North Carolina	214,678	210,657	4,021	208,596	201,964
North Dakota	4,221	4,198	23	4,139	3,882
Ohio	17,570	17,191	379	17,181	17,981
Oklahoma	5,561	0	5,561	0	0
Oregon	16,712	15,962	750	15,300	14,274
Pennsylvania	44,477	42,210	2,267	42,023	37,975
Puerto Rico	4,927	4,712	215	5,089	5,409
Rhode Island	6,008	5,409	599	4,989	4,446
South Carolina	39,692	30,639	9,053	23,612	19,827
South Dakota	442	355	87	320	363
Tennessee	19,075	15,486	3,589	12,146	9,539
Texas	29,168	21,001	8,167	17,924	18,850
Utah	8,377	8,105	272	7,934	7,186
Vermont	1,589	1,324	265	1,254	1,240
Virgin Islands	16	79	-63	56	89
Virginia	47,405	43,794	3,611	42,600	37,666
Washington	5,222	5,064	158	5,442	5,353
West Virginia	4,789	4,819	-30	4,758	4,892
Wisconsin	22,312	21,502	810	22,182	20,559
Wyoming	1,819	1,688	131	1,634	1,646
US Total	1,422,483	1,393,314	29,169	1,407,802	1,289,125

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		Change
	August 22	August 15	
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	895	782	113
Arizona	356	314	42
Arkansas	1,613	1,425	188
California	82,722	34,340	48,382
Colorado	51	38	13
Connecticut	4,880	4,699	181
Delaware	178	210	-32
District of Columbia	11	0	11
Florida	393	319	74
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	8	6	2
Idaho	232	226	6
Illinois	17,055	16,168	887
Indiana	2,440	2,178	262
Iowa	2,475	2,390	85
Kansas	501	445	56
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	1,015	951	64
Maine	556	42	514
Maryland	2,848	2,427	421
Massachusetts	4,220	0	4,220
Michigan	12	14	-2
Minnesota	5,378	5,077	301
Mississippi	1,308	1,153	155
Missouri	3,740	3,357	383
Montana	504	395	109
Nebraska	122	117	5
Nevada	2,889	2,338	551
New Hampshire	332	280	52
New Jersey	19,141	16,644	2,497
New Mexico	1,333	1,163	170
New York	30,662	28,283	2,379
North Carolina	8,090	7,076	1,014
North Dakota	346	285	61
Ohio	7,039	6,148	891
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	2,667	2,332	335
Pennsylvania	19,418	12,817	6,601
Puerto Rico	408	373	35
Rhode Island	1,065	905	160
South Carolina	3,410	3,216	194
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	1,643	1,363	280
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	475	321	154
Vermont	396	329	67
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	8,017	7,623	394
West Virginia	16	5	11
Wisconsin	22	28	-6
Wyoming	126	18	108
US Total	241,008	168,620	72,388

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 29

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 22

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	8,511	-165	6,376	11	122	48,797	2.5	-3,194	33,090	95	65	48,957
Alaska	4,057	-287	3,375	15	0	29,524	9.6	-2,149	24,908	123	58	29,705
Arizona	11,705	-782	8,083	4	8	202,716	7.0	-3,262	175,453	352	233	203,301
Arkansas	5,337	-323	3,883	4	1	44,564	3.7	-3,505	33,790	79	49	44,692
California	219,563	22,647	185,205	217	172	2,570,005	14.8	-267,986	2,279,350	1,962	2,166	2,574,133
Colorado	5,863	-620	4,353	18	28	177,822	6.6	-2,568	161,875	170	345	178,337
Connecticut	5,404	-865	3,198	8	1	242,193	14.7	11,551	206,730	161	110	242,464
Delaware	1,577	-101	1,132	3	0	31,974	7.2	-1,197	26,334	24	45	32,043
District of Columbia	1,468	-177	1,077	29	2	66,870	11.5	-1,378	59,729	834	9	67,713
Florida	45,590	-6,057	39,944	14	15	455,587	5.2	-3,367	414,567	220	218	456,025
Georgia	51,283	-5,485	46,486	52	23	535,406	12.2	-18,307	510,584	622	444	536,472
Hawaii	6,748	973	5,690	13	21	125,970	20.3	10,551	119,651	351	171	126,492
Idaho	3,686	-108	2,986	2	1	14,423	1.9	-1,991	10,178	8	19	14,450
Illinois	26,194	-68	15,090	5	6	558,651	9.4	-34,654	474,754	526	310	559,487
Indiana	10,779	182	8,800	17	6	164,569	5.4	-5,772	151,362	124	143	164,836
Iowa	5,914	-470	4,145	5	5	75,877	5.0	-7,435	61,869	124	62	76,063
Kansas	15,009	-400	12,843	0	2	59,081	4.3	-2,721	51,608	89	72	59,242
Kentucky	16,504	183	14,662	2	13	116,600	6.1	-11,211	99,880	94	194	116,888
Louisiana	16,191	3,662	14,310	21	9	249,610	13.2	-1,110	233,932	192	77	249,879
Maine	1,248	128	860	2	1	38,919	6.4	-2,540	35,514	45	43	39,007
Maryland	7,271	-373	4,758	33	20	175,969	6.9	-826	147,474	340	228	176,537
Massachusetts	18,568	974	14,543	27	23	407,376	11.4	-11,637	351,246	300	201	407,877
Michigan	18,838	-1,159	14,485	17	5	401,800	9.3	-60,383	364,050	119	145	402,064
Minnesota	10,295	-522	8,079	10	7	219,557	7.7	-12,432	196,145	145	164	219,866
Mississippi	4,465	-31	3,413	2	0	84,480	7.6	-5,978	76,263	169	54	84,703
Missouri	10,509	1,226	8,030	4	2	105,318	3.8	-13,395	87,367	118	73	105,509
Montana	2,532	212	2,051	7	3	25,236	5.5	-1,082	21,210	51	33	25,320
Nebraska	2,461	-341	1,575	3	4	26,257	2.7	-3,903	23,501	21	10	26,288
Nevada	8,032	-826	5,594	5	4	221,599	16.0	-6,604	204,211	131	139	221,869
New Hampshire	2,501	-77	2,127	0	0	44,578	6.8	-3,180	41,138	9	14	44,601
New Jersey	20,348	166	13,245	44	16	410,830	10.2	-189	316,041	299	486	411,615
New Mexico	3,874	-438	3,222	3	3	88,125	10.9	-1,815	80,613	378	99	88,602
New York	63,366	683	48,250	14	40	1,406,935	14.9	-21,678	1,270,119	410	741	1,408,086
North Carolina	13,297	-383	10,256	27	56	178,019	4.0	-13,803	158,658	340	555	178,914
North Dakota	804	84	565	3	1	14,910	3.6	-1,417	12,896	209	15	15,134
Ohio	18,786	-316	14,071	14	28	343,050	6.4	-4,475	303,735	179	355	343,584
Oklahoma	6,019	-45	4,595	21	3	119,571	7.6	-2,942	105,288	136	156	119,863
Oregon	5,114	-38	1,923	10	9	158,480	8.2	-5,623	134,989	312	151	158,943
Pennsylvania	24,883	-2,627	13,697	161	30	561,665	9.6	-68,216	453,872	1,025	480	563,170
Puerto Rico	1,825	-531	864	0	1	143,792	16.7	5,650	126,990	190	44	144,026
Rhode Island	3,680	494	3,063	0	1	47,405	10.0	-2,018	39,042	39	22	47,466
South Carolina	5,000	-496	3,131	10	13	128,226	6.1	-15,575	113,946	60	112	128,398
South Dakota	630	-172	508	9	1	10,778	2.6	1,661	9,902	239	5	11,022
Tennessee	12,876	1,288	10,655	26	18	199,408	6.0	-5,544	182,811	134	128	199,670
Texas	56,673	4,521	43,625	86	160	1,017,360	8.2	-74,601	898,459	1,001	2,318	1,020,679
Utah	2,587	-393	1,766	28	1	40,081	2.7	-6,725	34,116	48	34	40,163
Vermont	749	63	544	0	0	26,970	8.9	-1,420	24,407	8	3	26,981
Virgin Islands	363	170	324	0	2	4,618	12.6	300	4,166	2	0	4,620
Virginia	10,305	-1,131	8,088	3	4	233,467	6.2	-16,278	215,203	416	490	234,373
Washington	22,286	882	17,342	14	18	277,631	8.2	-6,593	235,109	392	750	278,773
West Virginia	2,026	-56	1,210	4	1	49,892	7.5	-2,187	42,222	77	63	50,032
Wisconsin	12,457	-1,422	8,670	8	4	150,900	5.3	-10,797	127,621	137	106	151,143
Wyoming	957	-6	725	3	0	9,146	3.4	-681	7,685	12	6	9,164
Totals	837,008	11,247	657,492	1,038	914	13,142,587	9.0	-726,631	11,575,653	13,641	13,013	13,169,241

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 29, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+22,647	Layoffs in the service industry.
TX	+4,521	Layoffs in the manufacturing and information industries.
LA	+3,662	No comment.
TN	+1,288	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, retail trade, health care and social assistance, and other services industries.
MO	+1,226	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	-6,057	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
GA	-5,485	Fewer layoffs in the trade, accommodation and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
PA	-2,627	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
WI	-1,422	No comment.
MI	-1,159	No comment.
VA	-1,131	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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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