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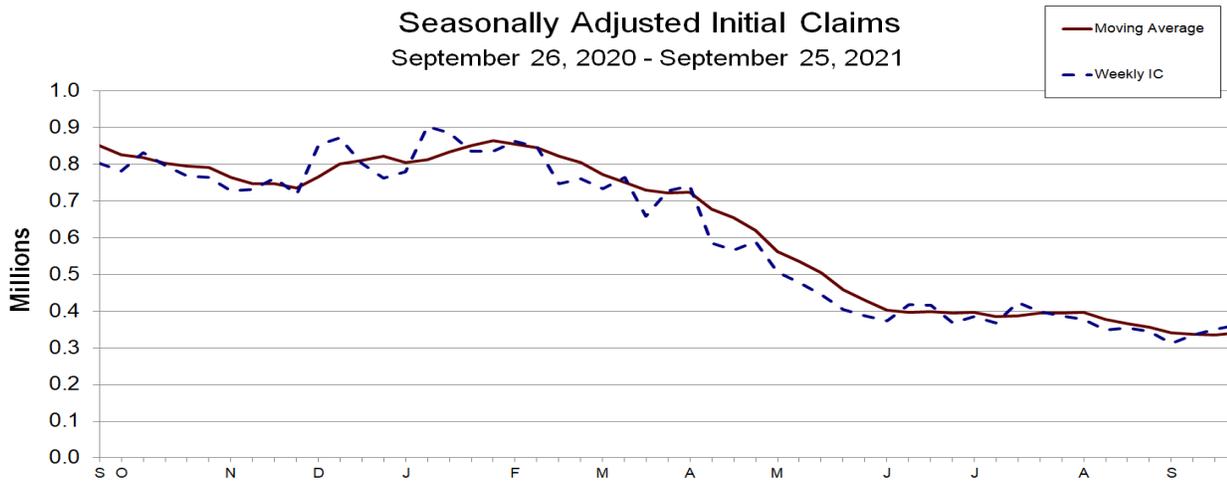
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

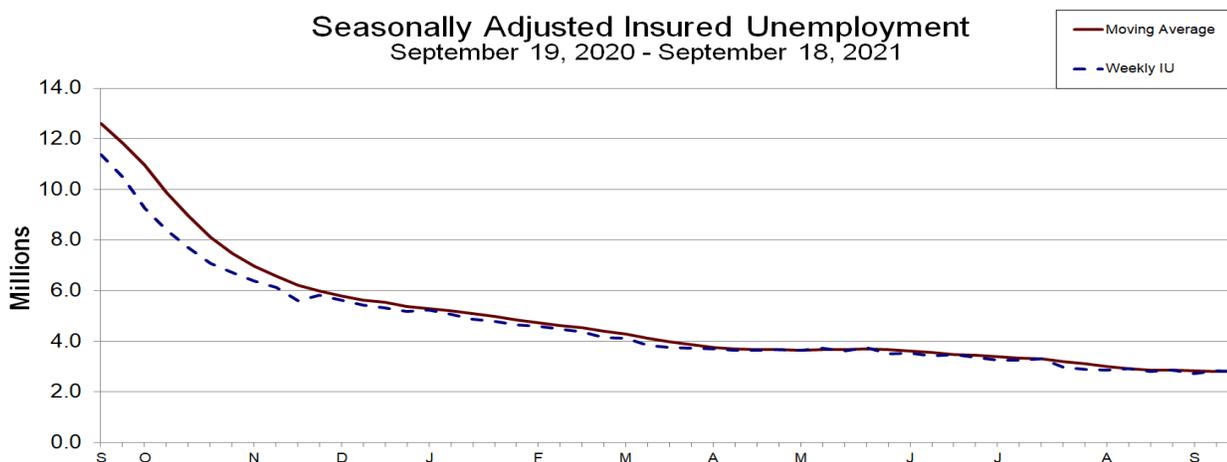
In the week ending September 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 362,000, an increase of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 351,000. The 4-week moving average was 340,000, an increase of 4,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 335,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.0 percent for the week ending September 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 18 was 2,802,000, a decrease of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 25,000 from 2,845,000 to 2,820,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,797,250, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since March 21, 2020 when it was 2,071,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 6,000 from 2,804,000 to 2,798,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
September 26, 2020 - September 25, 2021



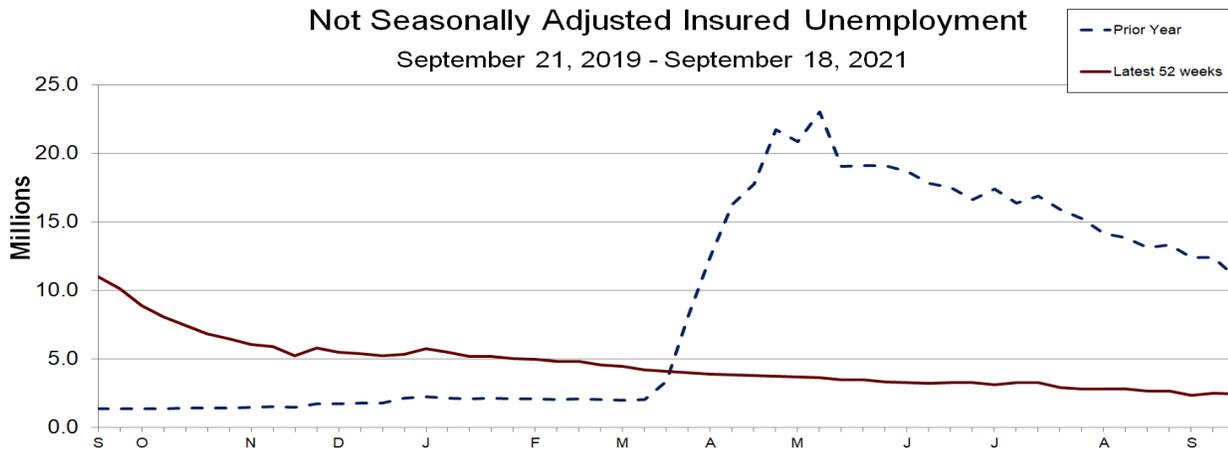
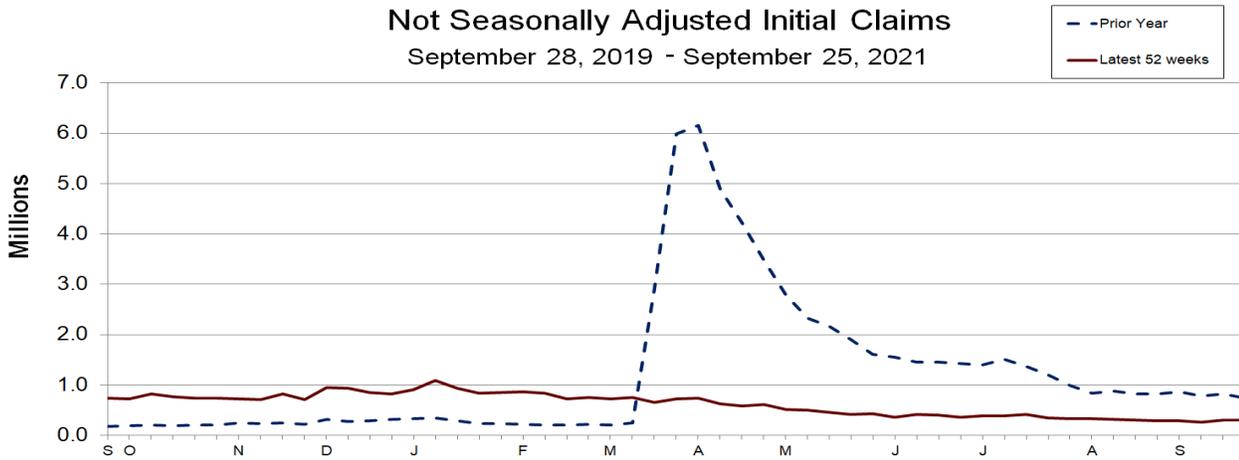
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
September 19, 2020 - September 18, 2021



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 298,255 in the week ending September 25, a decrease of 8,326 (or -2.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,940 (or -6.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 732,912 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. In addition, for the week ending September 25, 39 states reported 16,752 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.8 percent during the week ending September 18, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 2,460,965, a decrease of 48,954 (or -2.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 30,979 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 7.6 percent and the volume was 11,037,718.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 11 was 5,027,581, a decrease of 6,222,725 from the previous week. There were 27,205,974 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2020.

During the week ending September 11, Extended Benefits were available in the following 9 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Texas.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 758 in the week ending September 18, an increase of 22 from the prior week. There were 454 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 2 from the preceding week.

There were 8,481 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 11, an increase of 665 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,651, an increase of 194 from the prior week.

During the week ending September 11, 44 states reported 1,059,248 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 46 states reported 991,813 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 11 were in Puerto Rico (4.7), California (3.4), District of Columbia (3.2), Oregon (3.2), Alaska (3.1), Nevada (3.1), New Jersey (3.1), the Virgin Islands (3.1), Hawaii (2.7), and Illinois (2.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 18 were in California (+17,218), Virginia (+12,140), Ohio (+4,147), Oregon (+3,413), and Maryland (+2,452), while the largest decreases were in Louisiana (-6,935), New York (-2,275), Missouri (-1,568), Oklahoma (-1,264), and New Mexico (-1,055).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 25</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	362,000	351,000	+11,000	335,000	803,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	298,255	306,581	-8,326	265,902	732,912
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	340,000	335,750	+4,250	336,500	851,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 4</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,802,000	2,820,000	-18,000	2,715,000	11,381,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,460,965	2,509,919	-48,954	2,377,945	11,037,718
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,797,250	2,798,000	-750	2,820,000	12,592,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.0%	2.1%	-0.1	2.0%	7.8%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.7%	7.6%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 25</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	16,752	14,793	+1,959	23,037	450,768

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	758	736	+22	1,093
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	454	452	+2	831

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>September 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,500,927	2,366,632	+134,295	12,324,348
Federal Employees	8,481	7,816	+665	13,242
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,651	5,457	+194	14,142
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance <sup>3</sup>	1,059,248	4,896,125	-3,836,877	12,273,350
Pandemic Emergency UC <sup>4</sup>	991,813	3,644,555	-2,652,742	2,078,381
Extended Benefits <sup>5</sup>	431,340	287,704	+143,636	287,970
State Additional Benefits <sup>6</sup>	1,359	1,157	+202	2,343
STC / Workshare <sup>7</sup>	28,762	40,860	-12,098	212,198
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>5,027,581</b>	<b>11,250,306</b>	<b>-6,222,725</b>	<b>27,205,974</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 137,027,194 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 9-10 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 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,515	4,234	-719	5,064	7,077	-2,013
Alaska	1,400	1,237	163	7,529	8,764	-1,235
Arizona	3,875	8,280	-4,405	23,625	28,780	-5,155
Arkansas	984	1,555	-571	12,176	14,586	-2,410
California	86,792	68,814	17,978	503,379	541,670	-38,291
Colorado	1,880	2,728	-848	32,295	31,773	522
Connecticut	2,301	2,459	-158	32,602	34,877	-2,275
Delaware	589	716	-127	5,408	5,217	191
District of Columbia	7,401	5,638	1,763	11,224	17,066	-5,842
Florida	6,502	9,316	-2,814	48,717	50,438	-1,721
Georgia	5,123	6,564	-1,441	55,096	66,524	-11,428
Hawaii	4,066	3,526	540	16,054	14,250	1,804
Idaho	711	854	-143	2,689	3,142	-453
Illinois	8,063	9,366	-1,303	231,842	147,341	84,501
Indiana	3,440	3,867	-427	39,522	42,790	-3,268
Iowa	1,719	1,744	-25	10,156	10,448	-292
Kansas	1,179	1,205	-26	6,915	6,989	-74
Kentucky	3,584	4,271	-687	13,244	13,434	-190
Louisiana	3,510	7,107	-3,597	41,713	43,034	-1,321
Maine	489	558	-69	6,693	8,106	-1,413
Maryland	3,556	9,889	-6,333	40,163	45,206	-5,043
Massachusetts	4,599	7,132	-2,533	57,560	60,052	-2,492
Michigan	18,727	12,295	6,432	59,609	71,121	-11,512
Minnesota	5,778	3,660	2,118	53,589	52,869	720
Mississippi	1,142	1,598	-456	8,671	10,823	-2,152
Missouri	5,135	4,117	1,018	27,017	24,242	2,775
Montana	639	750	-111	3,335	3,779	-444
Nebraska	1,064	1,317	-253	4,202	4,219	-17
Nevada	4,152	2,393	1,759	33,664	38,423	-4,759
New Hampshire	363	436	-73	2,989	3,491	-502
New Jersey	7,012	8,463	-1,451	107,452	115,963	-8,511
New Mexico	1,705	1,972	-267	14,710	15,340	-630
New York	14,643	14,501	142	214,152	223,830	-9,678
North Carolina	3,557	3,610	-53	33,324	37,490	-4,166
North Dakota	253	225	28	1,634	1,697	-63
Ohio	9,622	13,065	-3,443	77,797	101,744	-23,947
Oklahoma	1,715	2,171	-456	17,807	21,320	-3,513
Oregon	6,122	7,936	-1,814	51,324	58,320	-6,996
Pennsylvania	11,235	11,139	96	121,064	106,374	14,690
Puerto Rico	921	1,041	-120	36,493	38,011	-1,518
Rhode Island	888	826	62	9,483	10,208	-725
South Carolina	1,133	1,625	-492	21,093	24,474	-3,381
South Dakota	100	170	-70	789	1,003	-214
Tennessee	3,836	4,317	-481	30,272	32,874	-2,602
Texas	20,206	16,861	3,345	149,742	139,207	10,535
Utah	1,223	1,160	63	6,457	6,650	-193
Vermont	347	348	-1	3,282	3,357	-75
Virgin Islands	99	116	-17	798	1,096	-298
Virginia	9,244	15,962	-6,718	48,965	37,569	11,396
Washington	5,076	5,012	64	74,889	77,449	-2,560
West Virginia	725	876	-151	8,092	8,227	-135
Wisconsin	6,013	7,265	-1,252	33,207	35,751	-2,544
Wyoming	302	294	8	1,397	1,434	-37
US Total	298,255	306,581	-8,326	2,460,965	2,509,919	-48,954

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

## Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
September 19, 2020	860	0	869.00	11,381	-1,325	12,592.50	7.8
September 26, 2020	803	-57	851.00	10,477	-904	11,829.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	782	-21	826.25	9,259	-1,218	10,955.75	6.3
October 10, 2020	833	51	819.50	8,384	-875	9,875.25	5.7
October 17, 2020	798	-35	804.00	7,699	-685	8,954.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	768	-30	795.25	7,076	-623	8,104.50	4.8
October 31, 2020	765	-3	791.00	6,724	-352	7,470.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	728	-37	764.75	6,389	-335	6,972.00	4.4
November 14, 2020	732	4	748.25	6,138	-251	6,581.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	762	30	746.75	5,606	-532	6,214.25	3.8
November 28, 2020	719	-43	735.25	5,829	223	5,990.50	4.0
December 5, 2020	853	134	766.50	5,614	-215	5,796.75	3.8
December 12, 2020	873	20	801.75	5,433	-181	5,620.50	3.7
December 19, 2020	803	-70	812.00	5,311	-122	5,546.75	3.6
December 26, 2020	763	-40	823.00	5,180	-131	5,384.50	3.5
January 2, 2021	781	18	805.00	5,240	60	5,291.00	3.7
January 9, 2021	904	123	812.75	5,061	-179	5,198.00	3.6
January 16, 2021	886	-18	833.50	4,878	-183	5,089.75	3.4
January 23, 2021	836	-50	851.75	4,791	-87	4,992.50	3.4
January 30, 2021	837	1	865.75	4,655	-136	4,846.25	3.3
February 6, 2021	863	26	855.50	4,592	-63	4,729.00	3.2
February 13, 2021	847	-16	845.75	4,469	-123	4,626.75	3.1
February 20, 2021	747	-100	823.50	4,383	-86	4,524.75	3.1
February 27, 2021	761	14	804.50	4,157	-226	4,400.25	2.9
March 6, 2021	734	-27	772.25	4,123	-34	4,283.00	2.9
March 13, 2021	765	31	751.75	3,841	-282	4,126.00	2.7
March 20, 2021	658	-107	729.50	3,753	-88	3,968.50	2.6
March 27, 2021	729	71	721.50	3,717	-36	3,858.50	2.6
April 3, 2021	742	13	723.50	3,708	-9	3,754.75	2.7
April 10, 2021	586	-156	678.75	3,652	-56	3,707.50	2.6
April 17, 2021	566	-20	655.75	3,653	1	3,682.50	2.6
April 24, 2021	590	24	621.00	3,680	27	3,673.25	2.6
May 1, 2021	507	-83	562.25	3,640	-40	3,656.25	2.6
May 8, 2021	478	-29	535.25	3,738	98	3,677.75	2.7
May 15, 2021	444	-34	504.75	3,611	-127	3,667.25	2.6
May 22, 2021	405	-39	458.50	3,769	158	3,689.50	2.7
May 29, 2021	388	-17	428.75	3,517	-252	3,658.75	2.5
June 5, 2021	374	-14	402.75	3,528	11	3,606.25	2.5
June 12, 2021	418	44	396.25	3,412	-116	3,556.50	2.5
June 19, 2021	416	-2	399.00	3,484	72	3,485.25	2.5
June 26, 2021	368	-48	394.00	3,367	-117	3,447.75	2.4
July 3, 2021	386	18	397.00	3,265	-102	3,382.00	2.4
July 10, 2021	368	-18	384.50	3,262	-3	3,344.50	2.4
July 17, 2021	424	56	386.50	3,296	34	3,297.50	2.4
July 24, 2021	399	-25	394.25	2,980	-316	3,200.75	2.2
July 31, 2021	387	-12	394.50	2,899	-81	3,109.25	2.1
August 7, 2021	377	-10	396.75	2,865	-34	3,010.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	349	-28	378.00	2,908	43	2,913.00	2.1
August 21, 2021	354	5	366.75	2,805	-103	2,869.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	345	-9	356.25	2,852	47	2,857.50	2.1
September 4, 2021	312	-33	340.00	2,715	-137	2,820.00	2.0
September 11, 2021	335	23	336.50	2,820	105	2,798.00	2.1
September 18, 2021	351	16	335.75	2,802	-18	2,797.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	362	11	340.00				

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 25			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Sep 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Sep 11	Sep 4	Change
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	19	48	-29	3,506	4,430	-924
Arizona	50	90	-40	1,203	35,767	-34,564
Arkansas	25	28	-3	553	371	182
California	7,530	3,789	3,741	513,583	1,903,983	-1,390,400
Colorado	0	0	0	136	19,102	-18,966
Connecticut	36	50	-14	980	18,132	-17,152
Delaware	16	17	-1	160	1,542	-1,382
District of Columbia	11	22	-11	3,113	9,488	-6,375
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	251	247	4	4,237	5,230	-993
Hawaii	161	190	-29	8,012	27,322	-19,310
Idaho	11	12	-1	29	66	-37
Illinois	237	215	22	36,993	165,654	-128,661
Indiana	784	992	-208	5,582	72,280	-66,698
Iowa	49	35	14	37	25	12
Kansas	436	108	328	831	4,679	-3,848
Kentucky	0	34	-34	0	10,573	-10,573
Louisiana	5	6	-1	1,203	16,282	-15,079
Maine	80	102	-22	362	7,713	-7,351
Maryland	20	12	8	14,682	103,633	-88,951
Massachusetts	811	1,209	-398	42,410	183,720	-141,310
Michigan	1,758	1,610	148	82,785	88,932	-6,147
Minnesota	0	0	0	2,062	31,014	-28,952
Mississippi	0	0	0	5	6	-1
Missouri	55	41	14	1,326	982	344
Montana	5	3	2	483	428	55
Nebraska	1	0	1	24	58	-34
Nevada	0	0	0	0	39,289	-39,289
New Hampshire	14	14	0	32	27	5
New Jersey	229	522	-293	58,040	240,636	-182,596
New Mexico	509	637	-128	4,698	37,446	-32,748
New York	367	482	-115	79,116	864,883	-785,767
North Carolina	4	9	-5	2,576	42,363	-39,787
North Dakota	2	0	2	12	144	-132
Ohio	184	202	-18	60,271	186,873	-126,602
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	599	790	-191	33,197	83,695	-50,498
Pennsylvania	0	1	-1	19,779	369,069	-349,290
Puerto Rico	437	539	-102	52,458	145,746	-93,288
Rhode Island	57	82	-25	575	30,109	-29,534
South Carolina	3	12	-9	91	227	-136
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	28	29	-1	10,055	5,989	4,066
Texas	54	69	-15	776	725	51
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	1	-1	0	5,499	-5,499
Virgin Islands	1	12	-11	0	0	0
Virginia	520	826	-306	1	46,082	-46,081
Washington	841	1,125	-284	7,717	67,325	-59,608
West Virginia	0	0	0	130	190	-60
Wisconsin	552	581	-29	5,424	18,391	-12,967
Wyoming	0	0	0	3	5	-2
US Total	16,752	14,793	1,959	1,059,248	4,896,125	-3,836,877

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

## Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	September 11	September 4	Change	August 28	August 21
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	518	8,558	-8,040	9,450	9,648
Arizona	1,483	11,423	-9,940	13,236	14,148
Arkansas	499	781	-282	354	921
California	501,493	1,277,140	-775,647	1,093,677	1,039,988
Colorado	1,686	70,923	-69,237	78,421	77,221
Connecticut	1,634	48,841	-47,207	56,980	57,734
Delaware	410	3,387	-2,977	7,039	7,406
District of Columbia	95	199	-104	1,626	2,684
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	4,244	3,018	1,226	3,239	23,134
Idaho	45	150	-105	250	228
Illinois	128,389	245,219	-116,830	256,819	263,540
Indiana	2,292	46,804	-44,512	50,008	50,505
Iowa	1,116	1,408	-292	1,737	2,261
Kansas	1,951	9,398	-7,447	9,471	9,811
Kentucky	12,139	22,570	-10,431	23,298	24,914
Louisiana	1,042	13,999	-12,957	22,161	30,561
Maine	614	13,338	-12,724	14,452	14,375
Maryland	6,405	47,022	-40,617	58,023	55,633
Massachusetts	5,904	172,123	-166,219	183,527	184,612
Michigan	62,813	121,837	-59,024	181,145	172,120
Minnesota	5,514	101,127	-95,613	109,988	109,360
Mississippi	0	1	-1	2	1
Missouri	855	975	-120	2,252	1,027
Montana	42	159	-117	211	198
Nebraska	84	63	21	98	195
Nevada	1,918	37,472	-35,554	75,919	74,589
New Hampshire	74	717	-643	735	788
New Jersey	61,426	183,539	-122,113	232,590	237,818
New Mexico	286	22,575	-22,289	28,860	29,429
New York	57,805	687,442	-629,637	715,299	722,546
North Carolina	16	111,593	-111,577	124,002	123,673
North Dakota	5	35	-30	13	46
Ohio	58,349	72,255	-13,906	77,194	78,944
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	4,307	61,018	-56,711	63,738	64,045
Pennsylvania	22,368	163,035	-140,667	202,563	212,119
Puerto Rico	18,205	31,560	-13,355	47,155	45,822
Rhode Island	268	16,580	-16,312	17,203	17,312
South Carolina	24	119	-95	74	1
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	153	140	13	83	247
Texas	865	614	251	1,086	1,190
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	861	2,608	-1,747	3,291	3,263
Virgin Islands	54	29	25	47	30
Virginia	5,584	8,265	-2,681	13,255	15,432
Washington	525	559	-34	576	611
West Virginia	27	114	-87	140	232
Wisconsin	17,421	23,817	-6,396	24,503	24,643
Wyoming	5	6	-1	5	3
US Total	991,813	3,644,555	-2,652,742	3,805,795	3,805,008

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) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	September 11	September 4	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	1,619	5	1,614
Arizona	177	85	92
Arkansas	18	9	9
California	236,507	8,299	228,208
Colorado	45	13	32
Connecticut	15,658	35	15,623
Delaware	2	4	-2
District of Columbia	10	1	9
Florida	356	63	293
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	14	13	1
Idaho	24	10	14
Illinois	1,485	2,453	-968
Indiana	13	11	2
Iowa	11	7	4
Kansas	8	4	4
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	22	6	16
Maine	6	0	6
Maryland	64	27	37
Massachusetts	5	39	-34
Michigan	36	41	-5
Minnesota	9	10	-1
Mississippi	12	4	8
Missouri	23	8	15
Montana	7	6	1
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	29,909	26,869	3,040
New Hampshire	13	2	11
New Jersey	73,267	2,807	70,460
New Mexico	4,265	29	4,236
New York	700	2,608	-1,908
North Carolina	107	21	86
North Dakota	2	0	2
Ohio	142	22	120
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	30	21	9
Pennsylvania	101	89	12
Puerto Rico	1,060	3,124	-2,064
Rhode Island	66	5	61
South Carolina	57	10	47
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	43	5	38
Texas	65,040	240,828	-175,788
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	7	0	7
Virgin Islands	10	1	9
Virginia	87	60	27
Washington	102	8	94
West Virginia	1	0	1
Wisconsin	199	41	158
Wyoming	1	1	0
US Total	431,340	287,704	143,636

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 18

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 11

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	4,234	518	-4,445	12	13	7,077	0.4	-3,489	-30,354	39	17	7,133
Alaska	1,237	97	-2,394	8	2	8,764	3.1	3,732	-15,325	87	10	8,861
Arizona	8,280	1,782	-785	8	2	28,780	1.0	261	-161,727	60	35	28,875
Arkansas	1,555	317	-4,223	2	1	14,586	1.3	-953	-26,270	68	122	14,776
California	68,814	17,218	-157,365	146	67	541,670	3.4	48,976	-2,260,475	1,603	1,242	544,515
Colorado	2,728	915	-2,387	5	8	31,773	1.2	5,427	-119,477	229	104	32,106
Connecticut	2,459	-133	-2,682	6	3	34,877	2.3	2,003	-141,025	122	59	35,058
Delaware	716	-331	-1,059	1	4	5,217	1.2	-525	-23,766	21	11	5,249
District of Columbia	5,638	914	4,089	50	0	17,066	3.2	-5,125	-47,837	291	5	17,362
Florida	9,316	1,555	-29,712	43	31	50,438	0.6	1,855	-323,743	200	204	50,842
Georgia	6,564	-287	-42,857	23	13	66,524	1.6	-5,995	-470,362	441	146	67,111
Hawaii	3,526	1,475	-3,231	9	4	14,250	2.7	1,260	-118,364	122	71	14,443
Idaho	854	49	-2,583	0	0	3,142	0.4	-186	-7,566	13	8	3,163
Illinois	9,366	1,277	-16,610	20	6	147,341	2.7	-4,535	-389,477	518	163	148,022
Indiana	3,867	-90	-7,835	5	7	42,790	1.5	9,083	-118,353	165	67	43,022
Iowa	1,744	314	-4,373	4	3	10,448	0.7	-383	-52,490	44	19	10,511
Kansas	1,205	128	-5,289	2	1	6,989	0.5	-808	-38,121	50	18	7,057
Kentucky	4,271	1,688	-4,142	1	2	13,434	0.7	1,638	-99,450	95	49	13,578
Louisiana	7,107	-6,935	-7,735	5	2	43,034	2.5	5,670	-195,690	73	15	43,122
Maine	558	-7	-873	0	0	8,106	1.4	2,260	-19,965	26	13	8,145
Maryland	9,889	2,452	4,228	26	9	45,206	2.0	966	-116,215	357	114	45,677
Massachusetts	7,132	-380	-16,442	22	17	60,052	1.8	2,966	-301,443	110	106	60,268
Michigan	12,295	1,328	-5,107	3	6	71,121	1.8	-1,131	-370,695	54	33	71,208
Minnesota	3,660	673	-7,241	7	4	52,869	2.0	7,554	-139,348	130	69	53,068
Mississippi	1,598	80	-3,582	4	1	10,823	1.0	-2,054	-73,430	55	9	10,887
Missouri	4,117	-1,568	-4,036	1	2	24,242	0.9	-745	-53,483	84	20	24,346
Montana	750	52	-2,471	9	2	3,779	0.9	-62	-18,601	45	9	3,833
Nebraska	1,317	-137	-1,815	2	1	4,219	0.5	-93	-17,369	17	4	4,240
Nevada	2,393	177	-5,805	6	2	38,423	3.1	3,005	-164,985	74	53	38,550
New Hampshire	436	-42	-1,682	0	1	3,491	0.6	-299	-33,750	6	2	3,499
New Jersey	8,463	1,197	-16,217	33	14	115,963	3.1	3,211	-237,627	312	223	116,498
New Mexico	1,972	-1,055	-1,342	12	1	15,340	2.0	997	-66,471	66	37	15,443
New York	14,501	-2,275	-55,289	15	22	223,830	2.6	-16,253	-1,070,664	220	274	224,324
North Carolina	3,610	-600	-9,796	2	11	37,490	0.9	7,350	-107,588	92	100	37,682
North Dakota	225	42	-567	0	0	1,697	0.4	-129	-10,423	19	1	1,717
Ohio	13,065	4,147	-4,536	12	15	101,744	2.0	49,186	-191,357	188	150	102,082
Oklahoma	2,171	-1,264	-3,263	12	6	21,320	1.4	-757	-83,588	107	51	21,478
Oregon	7,936	3,413	-119	33	6	58,320	3.2	21,142	-96,628	255	85	58,660
Pennsylvania	11,139	1,227	-11,623	45	14	106,374	2.0	5,827	-434,906	246	110	106,730
Puerto Rico	1,041	124	-108	3	3	38,011	4.7	2,376	-72,479	318	40	38,369
Rhode Island	826	-11	-2,004	2	0	10,208	2.4	-1,363	-28,566	34	19	10,261
South Carolina	1,625	-831	-3,281	5	5	24,474	1.2	-1,671	-69,830	65	69	24,608
South Dakota	170	3	-381	3	0	1,003	0.2	-101	-5,947	21	2	1,026
Tennessee	4,317	-173	-7,476	11	4	32,874	1.0	-3,265	-134,904	51	26	32,951
Texas	16,861	169	-31,565	81	102	139,207	1.2	-20,809	-813,961	593	1,030	140,830
Utah	1,160	70	-1,385	13	2	6,650	0.5	-311	-21,712	46	11	6,707
Vermont	348	33	-296	0	0	3,357	1.2	-196	-19,184	0	0	3,357
Virgin Islands	116	0	-193	1	0	1,096	3.1	304	-3,262	0	0	1,096
Virginia	15,962	12,140	5,380	7	11	37,569	1.0	-3,055	-150,626	247	178	37,994
Washington	5,012	-88	-18,093	16	23	77,449	2.4	24,940	-176,553	239	410	78,098
West Virginia	876	-27	-1,348	0	1	8,227	1.3	-144	-37,202	59	16	8,302
Wisconsin	7,265	1,305	-4,913	22	0	35,751	1.3	-5,480	-92,912	93	20	35,864
Wyoming	294	34	-452	0	0	1,434	0.6	-98	-6,426	11	2	1,447
Totals	306,581	40,679	-509,311	758	454	2,509,919	1.8	131,974	-9,881,972	8,481	5,651	2,524,051

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

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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>
CA	+17,218	No comment.
VA	+12,140	Layoffs in the retail trade industry.
OH	+4,147	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
OR	+3,413	No comment.
MD	+2,452	No comment.
AZ	+1,782	No comment.
KY	+1,688	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
FL	+1,555	No comment.
HI	+1,475	No comment.
MI	+1,328	Layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
WI	+1,305	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, other service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
IL	+1,277	Layoffs in the other services, manufacturing, and construction industries.
PA	+1,227	No comment.
NJ	+1,197	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
LA	-6,935	No comment.
NY	-2,275	No comment.
MO	-1,568	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and accommodation and food services industries.
OK	-1,264	No comment.
NM	-1,055	No comment.

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## 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.

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