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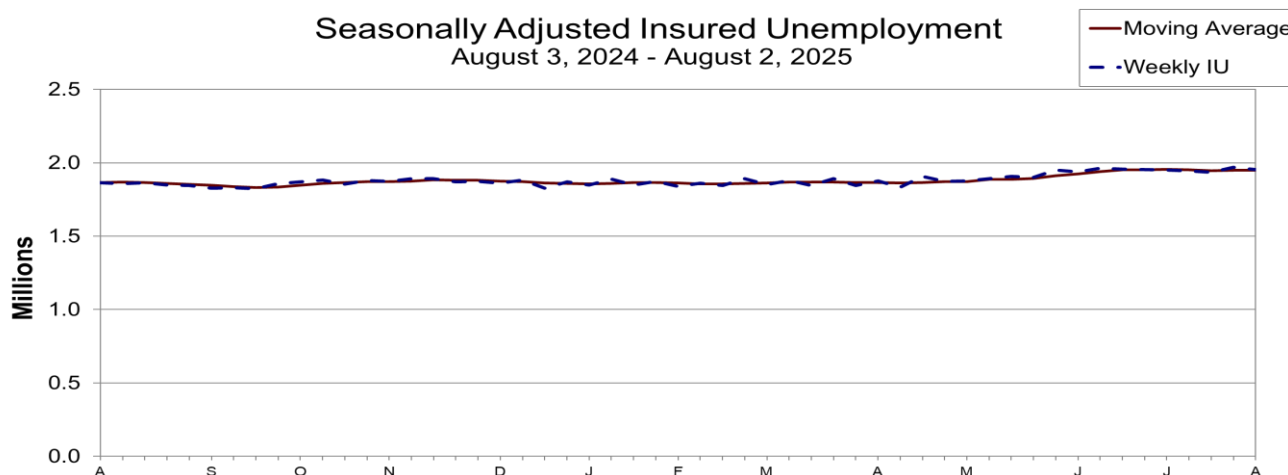
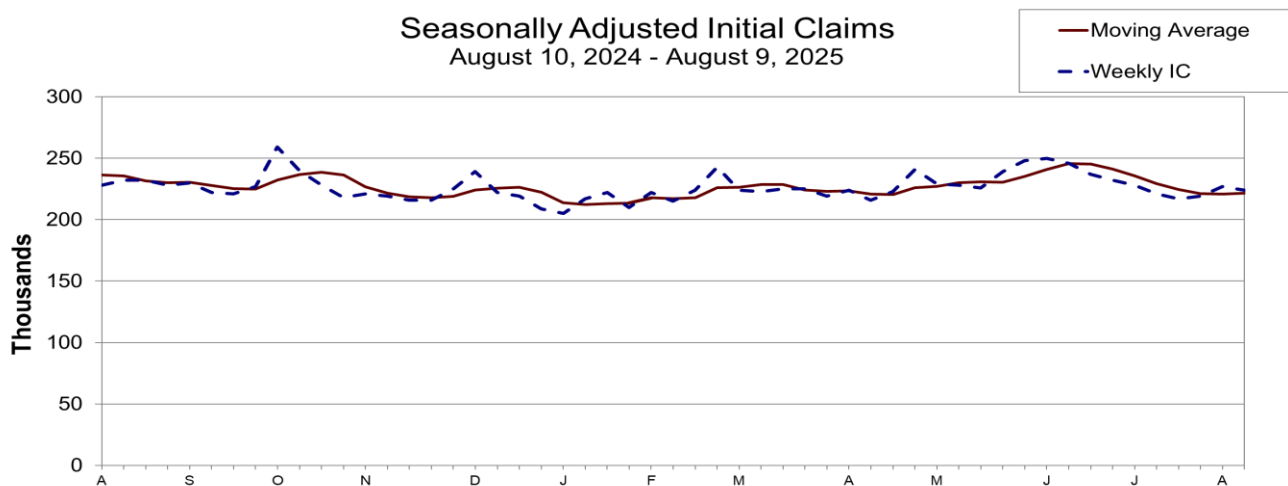
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 224,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 226,000 to 227,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,750, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 220,750 to 221,000.

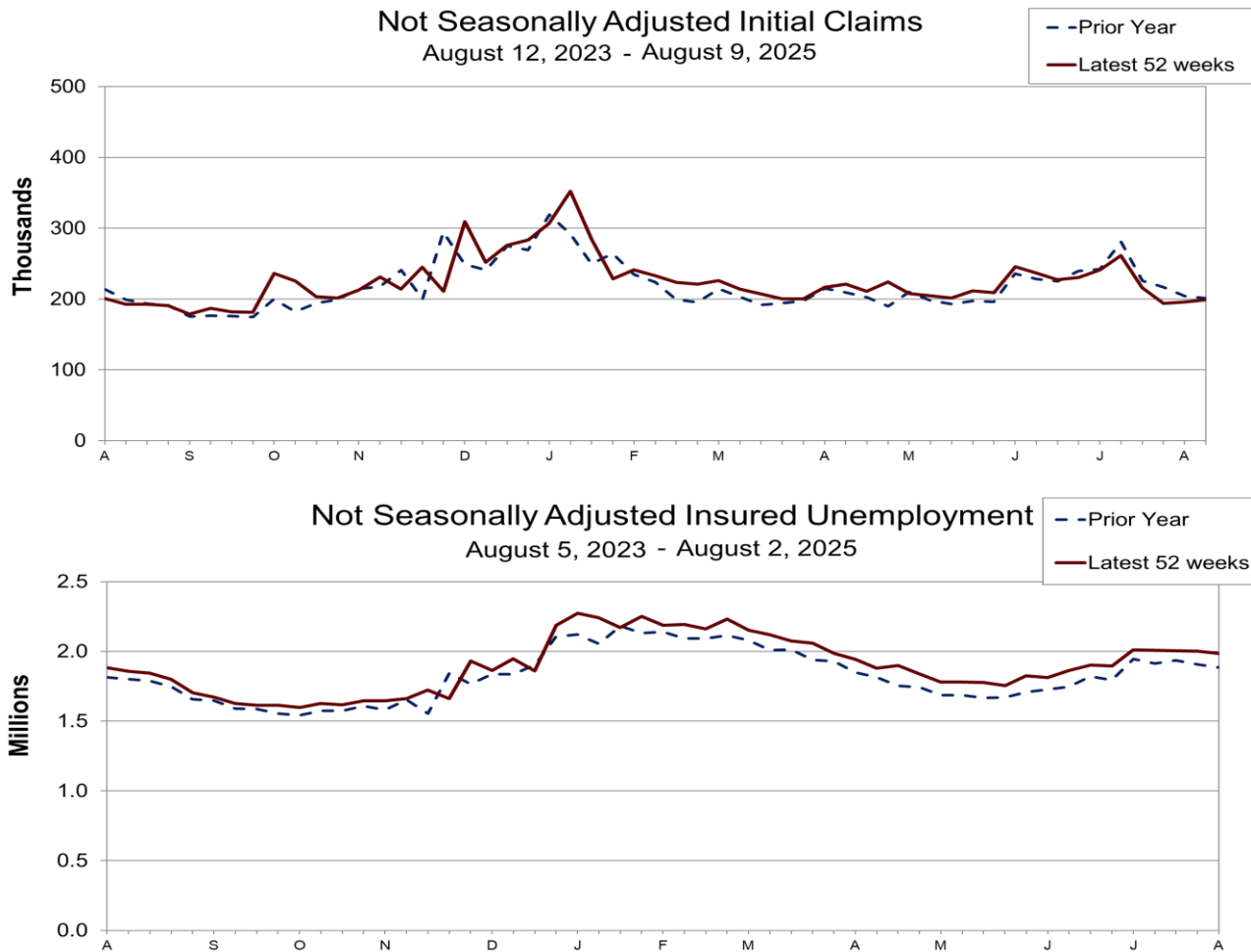
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending August 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 2 was 1,953,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,974,000 to 1,968,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,950,750, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,951,750 to 1,950,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 199,186 in the week ending August 9, an increase of 3,694 (or 1.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,577 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 200,845 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending August 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,984,496, a decrease of 15,465 (or -0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected no change in the unadjusted data from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,883,316.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 26 was 2,032,066, a decrease of 4,157 from the previous week. There were 1,932,129 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 637 in the week ending August 2, a decrease of 71 from the prior week. There were 439 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 46 from the preceding week.

There were 8,193 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 26, an increase of 362 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,618, a decrease of 19 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 26 were in New Jersey (2.7), Puerto Rico (2.6), Rhode Island (2.5), California (2.2), Massachusetts (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), District of Columbia (2.1), Washington (2.1), Connecticut (1.9), Oregon, (1.0), and Pennsylvania (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 2 were in Texas (+1,002), New Jersey (+942), Connecticut (+555), Oregon (+488), and Pennsylvania (+445), while the largest decreases were in New York (-1,017), California (-924), Kansas (-506), Georgia (-375), and Louisiana (-341).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 9	August 2	Change	July 26	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	224,000	227,000	-3,000	219,000	228,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	199,186	195,492	+3,694	193,790	200,845
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,750	221,000	+750	221,250	236,500

WEEK ENDING	August 2	July 26	Change	July 19	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,953,000	1,968,000	-15,000	1,936,000	1,863,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,984,496	1,999,961	-15,465	2,005,921	1,883,316
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,950,750	1,950,250	+500	1,946,750	1,866,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 2	July 26	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	637	708	-71	332
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	439	393	+46	432

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

WEEK ENDING	July 26	July 19	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,992,956	1,999,164	-6,208	1,901,138
Federal Employees	8,193	7,831	+362	4,852
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,618	4,637	-19	4,669
Extended Benefits ³	61	10	+51	274
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,608	2,563	+45	2,265
STC / Workshare ⁵	23,630	22,018	+1,612	18,931
TOTAL	2,032,066	2,036,223	-4,157	1,932,129

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 152,830,813 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,905	2,130	-225	9,032	10,261	-1,229
Alaska	514	424	90	3,485	3,514	-29
Arizona	3,564	3,523	41	32,028	34,205	-2,177
Arkansas	1,168	1,231	-63	8,122	8,560	-438
California	40,775	39,664	1,111	390,828	396,143	-5,315
Colorado	2,791	2,783	8	33,555	31,146	2,409
Connecticut	3,823	3,404	419	31,495	32,007	-512
Delaware	280	262	18	6,345	6,304	41
District of Columbia	774	780	-6	13,206	11,839	1,367
Florida	6,230	6,252	-22	33,503	38,562	-5,059
Georgia	4,571	4,456	115	26,749	28,361	-1,612
Hawaii	1,072	962	110	6,208	5,834	374
Idaho	843	806	37	5,189	5,553	-364
Illinois	9,690	9,988	-298	103,315	105,299	-1,984
Indiana	2,596	2,550	46	20,798	20,287	511
Iowa	1,540	2,281	-741	10,310	9,975	335
Kansas	1,144	1,088	56	10,136	8,937	1,199
Kentucky	1,638	1,676	-38	10,278	10,700	-422
Louisiana	1,497	1,573	-76	9,943	11,864	-1,921
Maine	406	436	-30	5,396	5,515	-119
Maryland	2,518	2,538	-20	30,307	30,080	227
Massachusetts	5,697	4,414	1,283	76,853	77,488	-635
Michigan	6,569	6,035	534	49,382	50,862	-1,480
Minnesota	3,899	3,552	347	65,549	62,599	2,950
Mississippi	910	920	-10	7,488	8,851	-1,363
Missouri	2,422	2,541	-119	21,264	22,594	-1,330
Montana	348	348	0	4,391	4,488	-97
Nebraska	638	623	15	5,827	6,023	-196
Nevada	2,692	2,760	-68	26,649	26,563	86
New Hampshire	439	479	-40	3,929	4,419	-490
New Jersey	9,576	9,956	-380	116,116	115,256	860
New Mexico	758	756	2	10,703	11,020	-317
New York	13,643	12,904	739	165,473	164,860	613
North Carolina	3,396	3,419	-23	21,664	22,950	-1,286
North Dakota	257	223	34	2,691	2,827	-136
Ohio	4,958	4,942	16	48,634	49,781	-1,147
Oklahoma	1,291	1,350	-59	11,797	12,092	-295
Oregon	4,776	4,564	212	39,414	37,101	2,313
Pennsylvania	9,654	9,914	-260	111,460	112,681	-1,221
Puerto Rico	1,546	1,294	252	24,037	24,184	-147
Rhode Island	1,146	575	571	12,319	12,187	132
South Carolina	1,957	1,996	-39	16,664	17,305	-641
South Dakota	165	153	12	1,280	1,364	-84
Tennessee	2,960	2,830	130	18,382	18,948	-566
Texas	16,788	16,920	-132	174,098	176,009	-1,911
Utah	1,393	1,341	52	11,946	11,979	-33
Vermont	272	251	21	2,780	2,863	-83
Virgin Islands	37	24	13	254	296	-42
Virginia	2,385	2,615	-230	23,134	21,488	1,646
Washington	5,267	5,114	153	77,628	74,120	3,508
West Virginia	687	668	19	7,126	6,954	172
Wisconsin	3,024	2,944	80	23,379	23,183	196
Wyoming	297	260	37	1,957	1,680	277
US Total	199,186	195,492	3,694	1,984,496	1,999,961	-15,465

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	
August 3, 2024	234	-14	239.50	1,863	-13	1,866.50	1.2
August 10, 2024	228	-6	236.50	1,859	-4	1,868.00	1.2
August 17, 2024	232	4	235.50	1,864	5	1,865.50	1.2
August 24, 2024	232	0	231.50	1,849	-15	1,858.75	1.2
August 31, 2024	228	-4	230.00	1,845	-4	1,854.25	1.2
September 7, 2024	230	2	230.50	1,827	-18	1,846.25	1.2
September 14, 2024	222	-8	228.00	1,831	4	1,838.00	1.2
September 21, 2024	221	-1	225.25	1,825	-6	1,832.00	1.2
September 28, 2024	227	6	225.00	1,858	33	1,835.25	1.2
October 5, 2024	259	32	232.25	1,869	11	1,845.75	1.2
October 12, 2024	240	-19	236.75	1,884	15	1,859.00	1.2
October 19, 2024	228	-12	238.50	1,855	-29	1,866.50	1.2
October 26, 2024	218	-10	236.25	1,880	25	1,872.00	1.2
November 2, 2024	221	3	226.75	1,872	-8	1,872.75	1.2
November 9, 2024	219	-2	221.50	1,892	20	1,874.75	1.2
November 16, 2024	216	-3	218.50	1,892	0	1,884.00	1.2
November 23, 2024	216	0	218.00	1,871	-21	1,881.75	1.2
November 30, 2024	225	9	219.00	1,873	2	1,882.00	1.2
December 7, 2024	239	14	224.00	1,862	-11	1,874.50	1.2
December 14, 2024	222	-17	225.50	1,882	20	1,872.00	1.2
December 21, 2024	219	-3	226.25	1,828	-54	1,861.25	1.2
December 28, 2024	209	-10	222.25	1,871	43	1,860.75	1.2
January 4, 2025	205	-4	213.75	1,850	-21	1,857.75	1.2
January 11, 2025	217	12	212.50	1,888	38	1,859.25	1.2
January 18, 2025	222	5	213.25	1,849	-39	1,864.50	1.2
January 25, 2025	210	-12	213.50	1,874	25	1,865.25	1.2
February 1, 2025	222	12	217.75	1,839	-35	1,862.50	1.2
February 8, 2025	215	-7	217.25	1,861	22	1,855.75	1.2
February 15, 2025	224	9	217.75	1,847	-14	1,855.25	1.2
February 22, 2025	243	19	226.00	1,892	45	1,859.75	1.2
March 1, 2025	224	-19	226.50	1,851	-41	1,862.75	1.2
March 8, 2025	223	-1	228.50	1,881	30	1,867.75	1.2
March 15, 2025	225	2	228.75	1,847	-34	1,867.75	1.2
March 22, 2025	225	0	224.25	1,893	46	1,868.00	1.2
March 29, 2025	219	-6	223.00	1,844	-49	1,866.25	1.2
April 5, 2025	224	5	223.25	1,878	34	1,865.50	1.2
April 12, 2025	216	-8	221.00	1,833	-45	1,862.00	1.2
April 19, 2025	223	7	220.50	1,908	75	1,865.75	1.3
April 26, 2025	241	18	226.00	1,872	-36	1,872.75	1.2
May 3, 2025	229	-12	227.25	1,877	5	1,872.50	1.2
May 10, 2025	228	-1	230.25	1,893	16	1,887.50	1.2
May 17, 2025	226	-2	231.00	1,907	14	1,887.25	1.3
May 24, 2025	239	13	230.50	1,902	-5	1,894.75	1.2
May 31, 2025	248	9	235.25	1,951	49	1,913.25	1.3
June 7, 2025	250	2	240.75	1,937	-14	1,924.25	1.3
June 14, 2025	246	-4	245.75	1,964	27	1,938.50	1.3
June 21, 2025	237	-9	245.25	1,956	-8	1,952.00	1.3
June 28, 2025	232	-5	241.25	1,954	-2	1,952.75	1.3
July 5, 2025	228	-4	235.75	1,951	-3	1,956.25	1.3
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.50	1,946	-5	1,951.75	1.3
July 19, 2025	217	-4	224.50	1,936	-10	1,946.75	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	2	221.25	1,968	32	1,950.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	227	8	221.00	1,953	-15	1,950.75	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 2						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 26						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO						LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,130	108	4	11	6		10,261	0.5	-43	-203	60	12	10,333
Alaska	424	0	-42	0	0		3,514	1.1	18	-32	31	3	3,548
Arizona	3,523	9	-491	4	5		34,205	1.1	219	862	159	42	34,406
Arkansas	1,231	-25	-66	0	0		8,560	0.7	30	-560	20	13	8,593
California	39,664	-924	-1,817	99	93		396,143	2.2	1,910	-6,321	964	1,148	398,255
Colorado	2,783	222	38	0	21		31,146	1.1	-124	3,539	119	186	31,451
Connecticut	3,404	555	82	2	1		32,007	1.9	1,906	388	44	27	32,078
Delaware	262	19	74	0	2		6,304	1.3	447	291	11	8	6,323
District of Columbia	780	45	139	47	3		11,839	2.1	40	5,274	1,502	7	13,348
Florida	6,252	-95	914	17	26		38,562	0.4	-13	-3,990	139	86	38,787
Georgia	4,456	-375	-470	36	14		28,361	0.6	-600	-2,039	248	74	28,683
Hawaii	962	95	4	2	4		5,834	1.0	-23	-139	47	44	5,925
Idaho	806	0	-12	1	3		5,553	0.7	-55	771	11	8	5,572
Illinois	9,988	-128	1,592	10	8		105,299	1.8	31	7,439	378	116	105,793
Indiana	2,550	191	-201	7	6		20,287	0.6	-59	467	34	39	20,360
Iowa	2,281	213	-57	4	1		9,975	0.6	-14	-700	23	6	10,004
Kansas	1,088	-506	70	2	0		8,937	0.6	-661	3,097	25	19	8,981
Kentucky	1,676	20	-28	1	0		10,700	0.5	-1,547	1,867	44	28	10,772
Louisiana	1,573	-341	-260	1	1		11,864	0.6	-150	-2,576	36	6	11,906
Maine	436	62	42	0	1		5,515	0.9	-193	856	22	10	5,547
Maryland	2,538	131	-147	121	6		30,080	1.2	358	4,205	550	72	30,702
Massachusetts	4,414	263	-1,933	4	1		77,488	2.2	1,104	14,227	133	55	77,676
Michigan	6,035	275	-1,184	5	3		50,862	1.2	-2,908	182	105	41	51,008
Minnesota	3,552	-76	-225	4	4		62,599	2.2	-453	5,188	57	48	62,704
Mississippi	920	-33	-209	0	3		8,851	0.8	-287	-279	50	12	8,913
Missouri	2,541	26	-31	2	3		22,594	0.8	633	481	63	20	22,677
Montana	348	-12	-66	6	0		4,488	0.9	19	302	28	13	4,529
Nebraska	623	32	70	1	2		6,023	0.6	-67	726	24	8	6,055
Nevada	2,760	-298	7	4	5		26,563	1.7	593	847	39	51	26,653
New Hampshire	479	53	100	0	0		4,419	0.7	-59	664	2	2	4,423
New Jersey	9,956	942	423	24	15		115,256	2.7	-897	737	234	264	115,754
New Mexico	756	-10	-48	0	1		11,020	1.3	114	151	123	22	11,165
New York	12,904	-1,017	-852	33	15		164,860	1.7	-644	3,402	355	205	165,420
North Carolina	3,419	160	94	6	0		22,950	0.5	10	996	68	88	23,106
North Dakota	223	-41	15	2	0		2,827	0.7	88	920	179	4	3,010
Ohio	4,942	-219	-545	15	10		49,781	0.9	157	5,407	118	78	49,977
Oklahoma	1,350	-77	21	7	8		12,092	0.6	-46	1,275	38	34	12,164
Oregon	4,564	488	1,170	0	3		37,101	1.9	-24	8,764	121	39	37,261
Pennsylvania	9,914	445	-678	15	11		112,681	1.9	206	3,724	298	102	113,081
Puerto Rico	1,294	-108	-454	9	2		24,184	2.6	-557	1,036	153	26	24,363
Rhode Island	575	-236	-335	3	0		12,187	2.5	-148	1,191	31	20	12,238
South Carolina	1,996	60	-90	7	7		17,305	0.8	-277	733	48	37	17,390
South Dakota	153	-15	13	7	0		1,364	0.3	43	127	141	4	1,509
Tennessee	2,830	125	73	1	4		18,948	0.6	-923	-3,125	68	32	19,048
Texas	16,920	1,002	-2,978	71	110		176,009	1.3	-4,219	15,422	688	925	177,622
Utah	1,341	208	-7	7	4		11,979	0.7	45	1,062	53	20	12,052
Vermont	251	-221	-37	0	0		2,863	0.9	264	507	0	0	2,863
Virgin Islands	24	-1	-9	0	0		296	0.8	-6	30	4	0	300
Virginia	2,615	125	678	22	6		21,488	0.6	31	4,595	183	78	21,749
Washington	5,114	329	264	9	20		74,120	2.1	495	14,005	239	410	74,769
West Virginia	668	-18	-69	0	0		6,954	1.0	76	-281	27	13	6,994
Wisconsin	2,944	253	-1,164	7	1		23,183	0.8	187	-2,750	47	12	23,242
Wyoming	260	22	44	1	0		1,680	0.6	13	158	9	1	1,690
Totals	195,492	1,702	-8,574	637	439		1,999,961	1.3	-5,960	92,920	8,193	4,618	2,012,772

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 2, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+1,002	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-1,017	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. 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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