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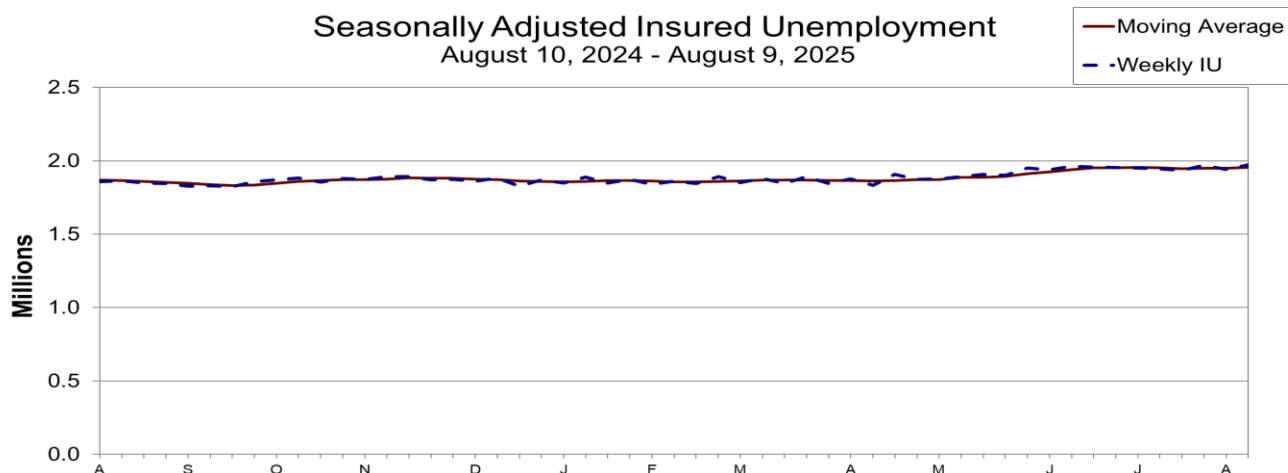
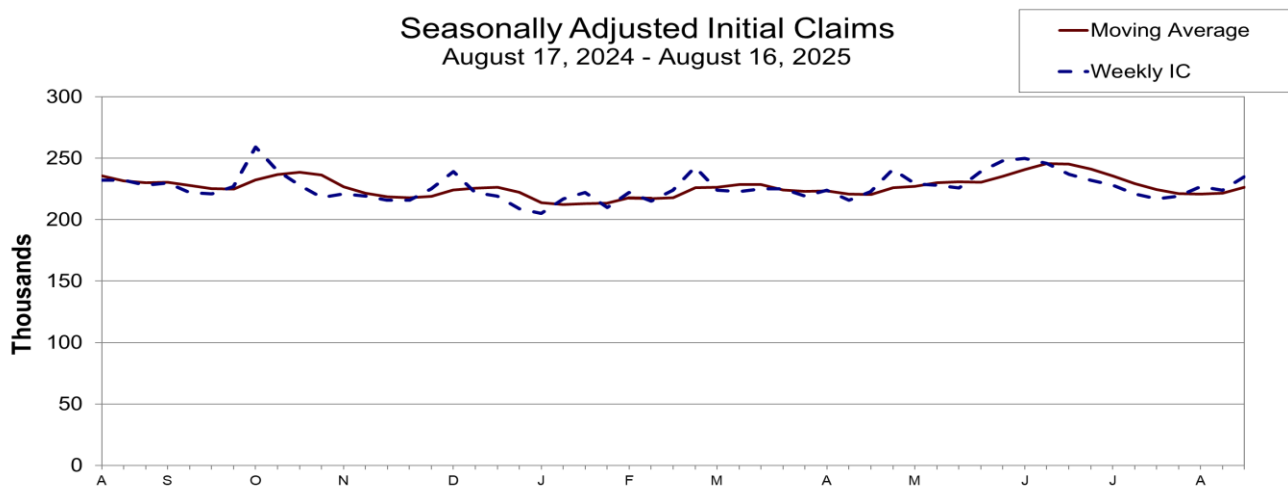
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 235,000, an increase of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 224,000. The 4-week moving average was 226,250, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 221,750.

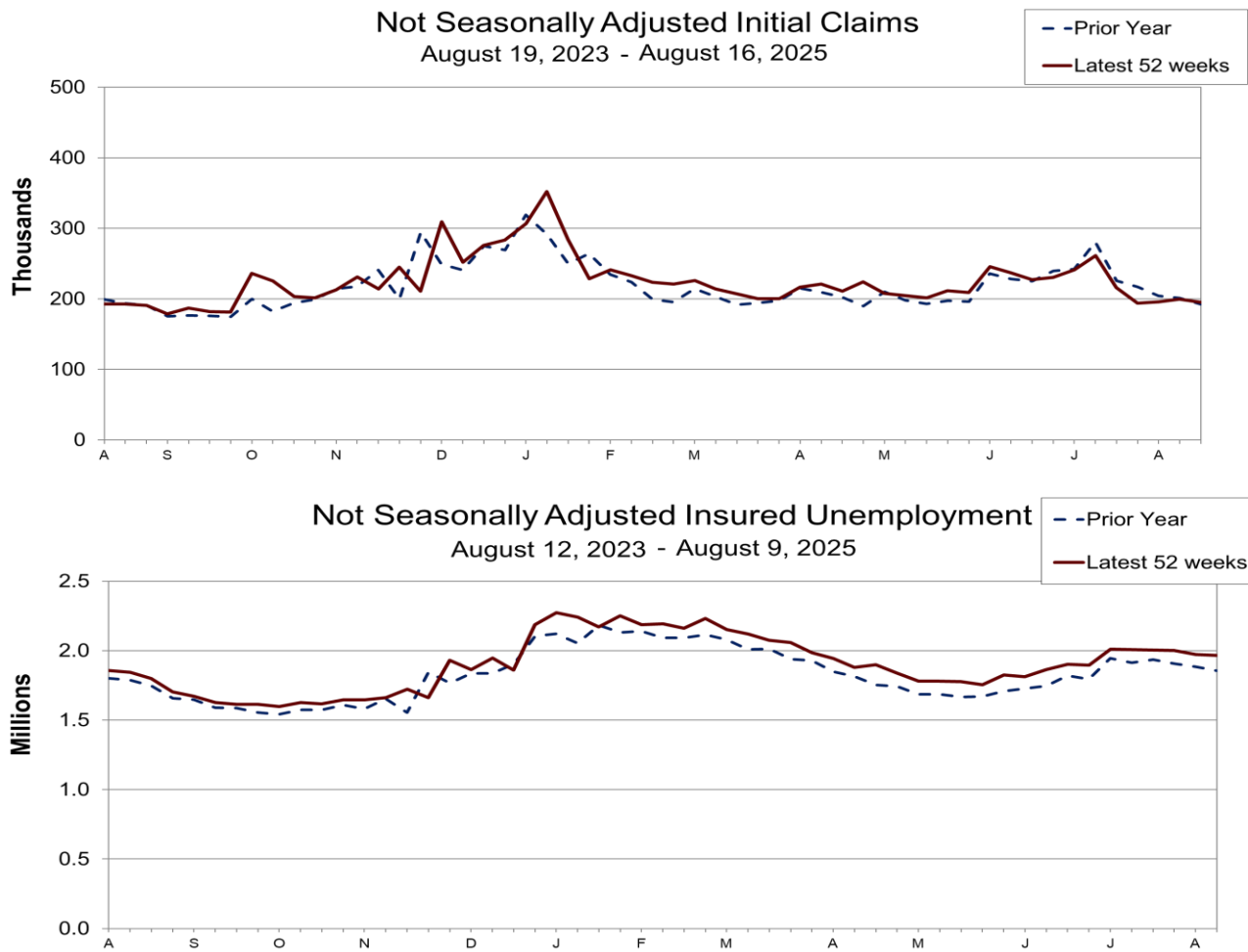
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending August 9, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 9 was 1,972,000, an increase of 30,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 6, 2021 when it was 2,041,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 11,000 from 1,953,000 to 1,942,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,954,500, an increase of 6,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,750 from 1,950,750 to 1,948,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 194,920 in the week ending August 16, a decrease of 4,470 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,875 (or -7.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 192,463 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending August 9, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,965,699, a decrease of 7,819 (or -0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 36,906 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,857,111.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 2 was 2,005,755, a decrease of 26,321 from the previous week. There were 1,907,365 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 August 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 635 in the week ending August 9, a decrease of 2 from the prior week. There were 462 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 23 from the preceding week.

There were 8,237 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 2, an increase of 44 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 6,416, an increase of 1,798 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 2 were in New Jersey (2.7), Puerto Rico (2.6), Rhode Island (2.5), Minnesota (2.2), California (2.1), District of Columbia (2.1), Massachusetts (2.1), Washington (2.1), Oregon (1.9), and Pennsylvania (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 9 were in California (+741), New York (+630), Rhode Island (+570), Michigan (+527), and Maryland (+343), while the largest decreases were in Iowa (-704), Illinois (-334), New Jersey (-251), Pennsylvania (-158), and Oregon (-153).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 16	August 9	Change	August 2	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	235,000	224,000	+11,000	227,000	232,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	194,920	199,390	-4,470	195,492	192,463
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	226,250	221,750	+4,500	221,000	235,500

WEEK ENDING	August 9	August 2	Change	July 26	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,972,000	1,942,000	+30,000	1,968,000	1,859,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,965,699	1,973,518	-7,819	1,999,971	1,857,111
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,954,500	1,948,000	+6,500	1,950,250	1,868,000
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 9	August 2	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	635	637	-2	337
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	462	439	+23	408

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

WEEK ENDING	August 2	July 26	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,966,698	1,992,966	-26,268	1,877,952
Federal Employees	8,237	8,193	+44	4,505
Newly Discharged Veterans	6,416	4,618	+1,798	3,801
Extended Benefits ³	34	61	-27	106
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,470	2,608	-138	2,030
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,900	23,630	-1,730	18,971
TOTAL	2,005,755	2,032,076	-26,321	1,907,365

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 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,866	1,999	-133	8,769	9,877	-1,108
Alaska	508	440	68	3,396	3,550	-154
Arizona	3,277	3,578	-301	32,064	34,059	-1,995
Arkansas	1,159	1,302	-143	7,446	8,493	-1,047
California	38,457	40,405	-1,948	384,148	384,867	-719
Colorado	2,702	2,723	-21	34,112	32,564	1,548
Connecticut	3,976	3,677	299	32,117	30,814	1,303
Delaware	287	285	2	6,314	5,878	436
District of Columbia	784	729	55	13,039	11,789	1,250
Florida	5,941	6,448	-507	36,033	36,820	-787
Georgia	4,501	4,771	-270	27,113	28,099	-986
Hawaii	858	1,050	-192	5,724	5,949	-225
Idaho	809	866	-57	5,069	5,526	-457
Illinois	9,468	9,654	-186	103,634	102,412	1,222
Indiana	2,548	2,607	-59	20,053	20,778	-725
Iowa	2,594	1,577	1,017	8,773	10,617	-1,844
Kansas	1,199	1,175	24	8,979	8,061	918
Kentucky	4,590	1,639	2,951	10,070	10,210	-140
Louisiana	1,542	1,658	-116	9,237	11,440	-2,203
Maine	419	412	7	5,381	5,462	-81
Maryland	2,143	2,881	-738	30,720	30,274	446
Massachusetts	5,701	4,565	1,136	78,101	77,273	828
Michigan	5,440	6,562	-1,122	49,786	50,670	-884
Minnesota	3,311	3,867	-556	65,327	63,439	1,888
Mississippi	849	989	-140	7,064	8,230	-1,166
Missouri	2,206	2,553	-347	20,484	21,671	-1,187
Montana	319	380	-61	4,281	4,459	-178
Nebraska	624	651	-27	5,620	5,944	-324
Nevada	2,663	2,797	-134	26,556	26,554	2
New Hampshire	371	539	-168	3,993	4,530	-537
New Jersey	8,932	9,705	-773	116,066	115,342	724
New Mexico	761	791	-30	10,541	10,566	-25
New York	13,487	13,534	-47	165,159	164,408	751
North Carolina	3,100	3,458	-358	21,412	22,534	-1,122
North Dakota	245	242	3	2,626	2,459	167
Ohio	5,175	5,006	169	47,885	48,783	-898
Oklahoma	1,264	1,338	-74	11,366	12,043	-677
Oregon	4,407	4,411	-4	39,605	37,126	2,479
Pennsylvania	9,637	9,756	-119	112,523	112,526	-3
Puerto Rico	1,226	1,583	-357	18,483	24,231	-5,748
Rhode Island	1,078	1,145	-67	12,439	12,187	252
South Carolina	2,119	2,057	62	16,056	17,074	-1,018
South Dakota	185	153	32	1,222	1,191	31
Tennessee	2,844	2,935	-91	17,166	18,416	-1,250
Texas	15,842	16,861	-1,019	172,882	172,362	520
Utah	1,478	1,393	85	11,983	11,995	-12
Vermont	237	278	-41	2,519	2,624	-105
Virgin Islands	37	37	0	328	244	84
Virginia	3,145	2,624	521	22,906	21,463	1,443
Washington	4,985	5,273	-288	76,865	74,026	2,839
West Virginia	641	710	-69	7,115	6,683	432
Wisconsin	2,772	3,002	-230	23,318	23,233	85
Wyoming	211	319	-108	1,831	1,693	138
US Total	194,920	199,390	-4,470	1,965,699	1,973,518	-7,819

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	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,942	-26	1,948.00	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-3	221.75	1,972	30	1,954.50	1.3
August 16, 2025	235	11	226.25				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 9						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 2						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	1,999	-131	-113	6	6	9,877	0.5	-384	-298	52	14	9,943
Alaska	440	16	-45	0	0	3,550	1.1	36	-3	30	4	3,584
Arizona	3,578	55	-634	4	8	34,059	1.1	-146	928	106	49	34,214
Arkansas	1,302	71	-225	1	0	8,493	0.7	-67	-683	22	9	8,524
California	40,405	741	1,509	85	112	384,867	2.1	-11,276	-6,866	1,010	1,217	387,094
Colorado	2,723	-60	-137	3	8	32,564	1.1	1,418	5,036	143	221	32,928
Connecticut	3,677	273	258	1	1	30,814	1.8	-1,193	490	46	26	30,886
Delaware	285	23	37	3	1	5,878	1.3	-426	198	27	5	5,910
District of Columbia	729	-51	178	60	1	11,789	2.1	-50	5,116	1,566	9	13,364
Florida	6,448	196	886	20	35	36,820	0.4	-1,742	-4,451	149	72	37,041
Georgia	4,771	315	-848	36	20	28,099	0.6	-262	-1,775	260	80	28,439
Hawaii	1,050	88	-17	1	9	5,949	1.0	105	-33	40	38	6,027
Idaho	866	60	74	0	0	5,526	0.7	-27	809	11	10	5,547
Illinois	9,654	-334	1,061	7	9	102,412	1.7	-2,887	6,295	342	104	102,858
Indiana	2,607	57	-224	8	8	20,778	0.7	491	649	39	21	20,838
Iowa	1,577	-704	-253	0	1	10,617	0.7	642	-346	17	7	10,641
Kansas	1,175	87	-76	2	2	8,061	0.6	-876	2,665	23	1,938	10,022
Kentucky	1,639	-37	-172	2	2	10,210	0.5	-490	1,085	40	26	10,276
Louisiana	1,658	85	-188	1	2	11,440	0.6	-424	-2,662	31	6	11,477
Maine	412	-24	-4	0	0	5,462	0.9	-53	924	22	7	5,491
Maryland	2,881	343	231	109	6	30,274	1.2	194	4,367	572	67	30,913
Massachusetts	4,565	151	-810	1	0	77,273	2.1	-215	14,384	105	60	77,438
Michigan	6,562	527	-1,241	5	1	50,670	1.2	-192	6,176	65	32	50,767
Minnesota	3,867	315	360	5	2	63,439	2.2	840	4,992	72	42	63,553
Mississippi	989	69	2	1	2	8,230	0.7	-621	-119	49	14	8,293
Missouri	2,553	12	-19	2	1	21,671	0.8	-923	509	54	14	21,739
Montana	380	32	-3	7	0	4,459	0.9	-29	397	27	13	4,499
Nebraska	651	28	68	1	1	5,944	0.6	-79	672	22	7	5,973
Nevada	2,797	37	-55	0	0	26,554	1.7	-9	974	40	55	26,649
New Hampshire	539	60	80	0	0	4,530	0.7	111	728	2	1	4,533
New Jersey	9,705	-251	-167	21	24	115,342	2.7	86	883	241	253	115,836
New Mexico	791	35	23	2	3	10,566	1.3	-454	62	112	20	10,698
New York	13,534	630	-118	24	11	164,408	1.7	-452	3,165	361	196	164,965
North Carolina	3,458	39	142	2	3	22,534	0.5	-416	801	73	100	22,707
North Dakota	242	19	-29	2	1	2,459	0.6	-368	633	167	5	2,631
Ohio	5,006	64	-450	4	11	48,783	0.9	-998	4,918	112	83	48,978
Oklahoma	1,338	-12	51	2	4	12,043	0.6	-49	1,372	45	28	12,116
Oregon	4,411	-153	854	3	2	37,126	1.9	25	9,041	119	40	37,285
Pennsylvania	9,756	-158	-232	19	11	112,526	1.9	-155	3,777	300	97	112,923
Puerto Rico	1,583	289	-103	9	4	24,231	2.6	47	390	211	26	24,468
Rhode Island	1,145	570	398	1	0	12,187	2.5	0	1,141	38	21	12,246
South Carolina	2,057	61	112	4	7	17,074	0.8	-231	937	44	37	17,155
South Dakota	153	0	-6	2	1	1,191	0.3	-173	36	127	2	1,320
Tennessee	2,935	105	43	4	6	18,416	0.6	-532	-2,707	71	30	18,517
Texas	16,861	-59	-1,599	73	95	172,362	1.3	-3,647	9,305	670	772	173,804
Utah	1,393	52	6	7	1	11,995	0.7	16	1,181	51	17	12,063
Vermont	278	27	15	0	0	2,624	0.9	-239	294	1	0	2,625
Virgin Islands	37	13	14	0	0	244	0.7	-52	-10	2	0	246
Virginia	2,624	9	330	75	7	21,463	0.6	-25	4,788	183	85	21,731
Washington	5,273	159	372	8	28	74,026	2.1	-94	13,264	251	407	74,684
West Virginia	710	42	31	0	1	6,683	1.0	-271	-191	29	12	6,724
Wisconsin	3,002	58	-902	2	4	23,233	0.8	50	-3,330	29	16	23,278
Wyoming	319	59	88	0	0	1,693	0.6	13	238	16	1	1,710
Totals	199,390	3,898	-1,447	635	462	1,973,518	1.3	-26,453	90,146	8,237	6,416	1,988,171

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 9, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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