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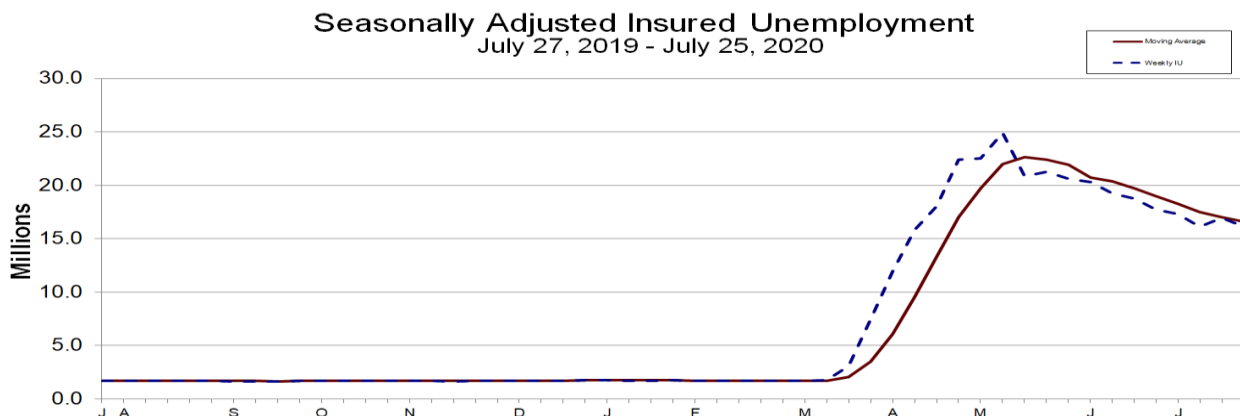
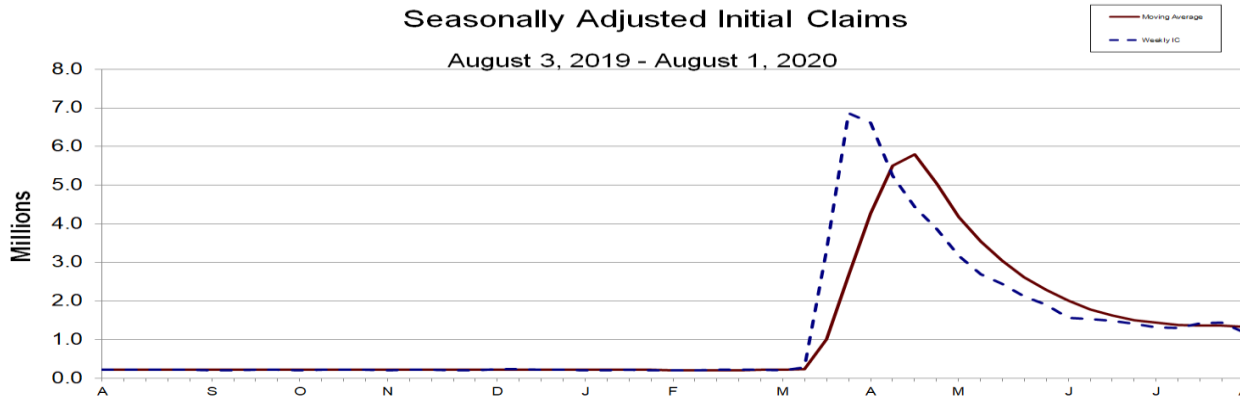
The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,186,000, a decrease of 249,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 1,434,000 to 1,435,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,337,750, a decrease of 31,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,368,500 to 1,368,750.

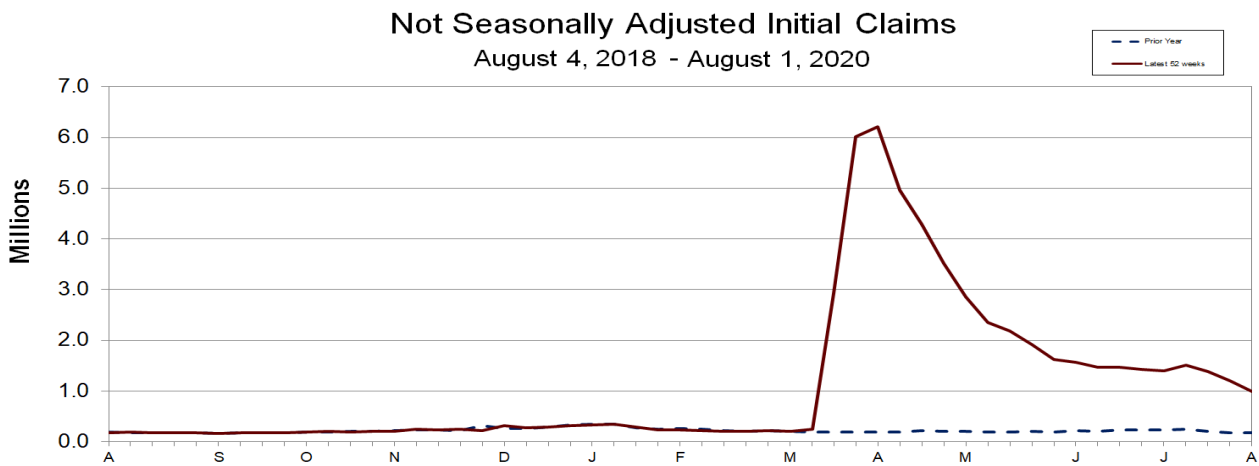
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 11.0 percent for the week ending July 25, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 25 was 16,107,000, a decrease of 844,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 67,000 from 17,018,000 to 16,951,000. The 4-week moving average was 16,628,250, a decrease of 413,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 16,750 from 17,058,250 to 17,041,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 984,192 in the week ending August 1, a decrease of 222,852 (or -18.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 15,788 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 179,879 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending August 1, 51 states reported 655,707 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 10.8 percent during the week ending July 25, a decrease of 0.7 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 15,849,488, a decrease of 965,711 (or -5.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 135,606 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,665,287.



Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,403 in the week ending July 25, an increase of 10 from the prior week. There were 1,029 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 101 from the preceding week.

There were 16,170 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 18, an increase of 1,745 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 16,271, an increase of 2,564 from the prior week.

During the week ending Jul 18, 49 states reported 12,956,478 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 48 states reported 1,144,429 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 18 were in Nevada (24.9), Puerto Rico (23.5), Hawaii (21.0), California (18.1), Louisiana (17.2), New York (16.3), Connecticut (15.2), Georgia (14.5), Massachusetts (14.3), and Michigan (13.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 25 were in Virginia (+5,020), Nevada (+2,842), Missouri (+2,606), Indiana (+2,218), and New Jersey (+2,141), while the largest decreases were in California (-44,941), Georgia (-37,329), Florida (-17,514), Louisiana (-13,568), and Texas (-11,104).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 1	July 25	Change	July 18	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,186,000	1,435,000	-249,000	1,422,000	214,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	984,192	1,207,044	-222,852	1,376,925	179,879
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,337,750	1,368,750	-31,000	1,362,000	214,500

WEEK ENDING	July 25	July 18	Change	July 11	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	16,107,000	16,951,000	-844,000	16,151,000	1,692,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	15,849,488	16,815,199	-965,711	16,344,839	1,665,287
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	16,628,250	17,041,500	-413,250	17,493,750	1,691,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	11.0%	11.6%	-0.6	11.1%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	10.8%	11.5%	-0.7	11.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 1	July 25	Change	July 18
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	655,707	908,800	-253,093	960,229

WEEK ENDING	July 25	July 18	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,403	1,393	+10	579
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,029	1,130	-101	513

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 18	July 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	16,691,063	16,221,070	+469,993	1,676,882
Federal Employees	16,170	14,425	+1,745	7,208
Newly Discharged Veterans	16,271	13,707	+2,564	5,447
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	12,956,478	13,026,553	-70,075	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,144,429	1,055,098	+89,331	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	67,909	83,293	-15,384	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,973	2,808	+165	4,920
STC / Workshare ⁷	413,385	398,908	+14,477	12,810
TOTAL ⁸	31,308,678	30,815,862	+492,816	1,707,267

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 August 1			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	11,148	17,437	-6,289	74,859	94,069	-19,210
Alaska	5,407	6,069	-662	38,444	40,596	-2,152
Arizona	16,351	19,063	-2,712	224,592	230,822	-6,230
Arkansas	12,267	15,257	-2,990	74,893	94,113	-19,220
California	228,530	244,653	-16,123	2,817,289	3,140,619	-323,330
Colorado	7,037	8,037	-1,000	224,612	224,204	408
Connecticut	10,572	11,181	-609	250,787	251,760	-973
Delaware	1,998	2,563	-565	43,771	40,923	2,848
District of Columbia	2,090	2,712	-622	70,757	72,710	-1,953
Florida	73,955	91,462	-17,507	591,417	691,070	-99,653
Georgia	72,695	84,984	-12,289	629,739	636,912	-7,173
Hawaii	5,195	5,884	-689	132,387	130,048	2,339
Idaho	3,402	4,703	-1,301	23,641	26,445	-2,804
Illinois	24,712	33,230	-8,518	629,814	648,727	-18,913
Indiana	12,533	20,129	-7,596	218,351	228,226	-9,875
Iowa	6,765	6,970	-205	104,970	110,042	-5,072
Kansas	9,319	10,462	-1,143	94,640	78,979	15,661
Kentucky	20,813	21,041	-228	136,457	141,290	-4,833
Louisiana	12,490	18,511	-6,021	311,660	324,357	-12,697
Maine	1,602	2,014	-412	52,787	62,377	-9,590
Maryland	9,762	13,038	-3,276	191,577	219,029	-27,452
Massachusetts	15,218	19,646	-4,428	493,642	511,477	-17,835
Michigan	17,029	23,219	-6,190	495,387	592,707	-97,320
Minnesota	12,659	15,311	-2,652	301,819	305,530	-3,711
Mississippi	6,897	9,169	-2,272	148,268	104,109	44,159
Missouri	9,884	14,938	-5,054	169,002	182,144	-13,142
Montana	1,854	2,388	-534	33,798	34,702	-904
Nebraska	2,847	3,656	-809	42,478	47,311	-4,833
Nevada	16,708	18,390	-1,682	326,226	346,138	-19,912
New Hampshire	2,545	3,276	-731	60,470	66,396	-5,926
New Jersey	15,845	28,073	-12,228	465,040	485,809	-20,769
New Mexico	5,997	7,254	-1,257	98,070	97,432	638
New York	73,740	85,049	-11,309	1,561,879	1,539,400	22,479
North Carolina	17,402	26,995	-9,593	273,519	315,116	-41,597
North Dakota	1,061	1,203	-142	27,482	24,988	2,494
Ohio	25,279	28,033	-2,754	379,609	426,858	-47,249
Oklahoma	5,720	8,927	-3,207	114,130	127,617	-13,487
Oregon	7,175	9,417	-2,242	238,097	190,993	47,104
Pennsylvania	28,671	35,808	-7,137	635,333	753,353	-118,020
Puerto Rico	2,168	6,715	-4,547	163,151	202,321	-39,170
Rhode Island	3,642	3,635	7	61,485	63,285	-1,800
South Carolina	8,909	12,195	-3,286	188,292	197,886	-9,594
South Dakota	731	808	-77	15,477	15,643	-166
Tennessee	11,690	20,091	-8,401	233,824	258,469	-24,645
Texas	61,940	76,804	-14,864	1,247,674	1,338,900	-91,226
Utah	3,137	3,709	-572	63,983	66,351	-2,368
Vermont	1,220	1,519	-299	37,337	37,797	-460
Virgin Islands	8	48	-40	3,520	4,842	-1,322
Virginia	25,990	42,966	-16,976	327,020	344,826	-17,806
Washington	26,965	30,653	-3,688	414,902	356,149	58,753
West Virginia	2,333	3,123	-790	67,650	64,365	3,285
Wisconsin	19,302	23,026	-3,724	209,854	211,944	-2,090
Wyoming	983	1,600	-617	13,626	13,023	603
US Total	984,192	1,207,044	-222,852	15,849,488	16,815,199	-965,711

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	
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
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	16,107	-844	16,628.25	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,186	-249	1,337.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 1			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jul 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jul 18	Jul 11	Change
Alabama	2,642	1,307	1,335	35,512	37,496	-1,984
Alaska	730	566	164	14,432	15,230	-798
Arizona	23,904	58,604	-34,700	762,148	0	762,148
Arkansas	11,041	11,156	-115	108,137	113,867	-5,730
California	203,894	224,679	-20,785	3,192,349	2,414,077	778,272
Colorado	7,585	9,727	-2,142	74,905	90,490	-15,585
Connecticut	2,171	2,716	-545	66,765	62,215	4,550
Delaware	292	427	-135	10,906	9,760	1,146
District of Columbia	446	450	-4	13,937	13,981	-44
Florida	13,344	15,969	-2,625	0	0	0
Georgia	9,765	17,625	-7,860	377,945	220,676	157,269
Hawaii	3,120	3,798	-678	89,846	80,182	9,664
Idaho	160	447	-287	670	670	0
Illinois	4,515	6,458	-1,943	136,646	158,762	-22,116
Indiana	6,648	7,330	-682	143,026	161,862	-18,836
Iowa	1,602	1,840	-238	16,382	9,496	6,886
Kansas	6,016	6,301	-285	101,762	153,097	-51,335
Kentucky	2,964	2,936	28	57,783	32,478	25,305
Louisiana	5,760	13,127	-7,367	155,670	151,757	3,913
Maine	572	591	-19	26,004	24,959	1,045
Maryland	6,741	10,725	-3,984	275,252	454,835	-179,583
Massachusetts	9,765	14,850	-5,085	486,182	456,228	29,954
Michigan	14,856	19,794	-4,938	952,595	860,073	92,522
Minnesota	0	573	-573	63,221	63,813	-592
Mississippi	3,108	3,861	-753	56,451	60,537	-4,086
Missouri	1,797	1,837	-40	63,701	71,628	-7,927
Montana	1,913	2,956	-1,043	56,475	44,420	12,055
Nebraska	1,210	1,613	-403	26,700	26,597	103
Nevada	18,495	34,072	-15,577	139,060	132,955	6,105
New Hampshire	563	5,456	-4,893	18,803	8,220	10,583
New Jersey	20,127	24,821	-4,694	399,590	396,540	3,050
New Mexico	2,719	3,768	-1,049	83,986	73,421	10,565
New York	44,627	48,316	-3,689	1,194,448	1,129,638	64,810
North Carolina	12,205	18,790	-6,585	220,671	209,510	11,161
North Dakota	106	102	4	5,253	6,190	-937
Ohio	42,249	56,600	-14,351	365,235	414,213	-48,978
Oklahoma	1,443	2,039	-596	0	0	0
Oregon	20,781	21,622	-841	75,874	35,569	40,305
Pennsylvania	78,713	134,826	-56,113	1,237,142	3,154,311	-1,917,169
Puerto Rico	4,025	24,111	-20,086	526,850	470,044	56,806
Rhode Island	11,858	13,596	-1,738	56,127	51,802	4,325
South Carolina	7,183	9,533	-2,350	72,907	73,418	-511
South Dakota	119	138	-19	4,266	4,069	197
Tennessee	4,583	8,901	-4,318	213,951	190,929	23,022
Texas	18,418	22,988	-4,570	281,329	184,291	97,038
Utah	831	1,310	-479	10,674	10,880	-206
Vermont	899	581	318	9,637	9,703	-66
Virgin Islands	48	0	48	0	0	0
Virginia	11,390	25,049	-13,659	430,148	460,134	-29,986
Washington	4,641	6,162	-1,521	146,114	151,366	-5,252
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,845	3,206	-361	96,251	66,793	29,458
Wyoming	278	550	-272	2,760	3,371	-611
US Total	655,707	908,800	-253,093	12,956,478	13,026,553	-70,075

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:				
	July 18	July 11	Change	July 4	June 27
Alabama	67,880	56,759	11,121	43,666	31,334
Alaska	3,419	3,330	89	2,945	3,478
Arizona	12,904	11,945	959	11,296	9,583
Arkansas	10,525	7,070	3,455	5,712	7,483
California	248,098	215,671	32,427	228,541	228,594
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	8,969	11,296	-2,327	10,882	15,499
Delaware	2,310	1,672	638	1,780	2,046
District of Columbia	2,178	1,990	188	1,881	1,919
Florida	53,423	64,346	-10,923	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	5,442	5,195	247	5,004	4,787
Illinois	30,690	33,607	-2,917	35,951	36,561
Indiana	7,525	7,926	-401	7,671	10,893
Iowa	13,876	10,786	3,090	9,356	9,572
Kansas	2,421	2,170	251	2,030	1,905
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,340	3,488	-148	3,453	3,609
Maine	4,012	2,543	1,469	1,979	1,603
Maryland	10,984	11,374	-390	11,347	11,781
Massachusetts	38,508	36,432	2,076	36,640	35,765
Michigan	31,283	32,139	-856	25,180	39,067
Minnesota	23,053	21,778	1,275	21,396	21,558
Mississippi	6,873	5,992	881	4,571	4,123
Missouri	12,768	11,449	1,319	11,346	19,842
Montana	3,048	2,832	216	2,685	2,345
Nebraska	2,173	1,979	194	1,830	1,644
Nevada	14,855	11,963	2,892	10,457	9,405
New Hampshire	278	0	278	0	0
New Jersey	57,651	55,682	1,969	60,125	68,872
New Mexico	4,941	4,605	336	4,506	4,400
New York	84,708	79,753	4,955	78,651	75,980
North Carolina	189,498	168,679	20,819	144,716	115,952
North Dakota	3,776	3,276	500	3,168	2,572
Ohio	18,749	17,338	1,411	17,331	17,113
Oklahoma	1,647	673	974	648	564
Oregon	12,249	11,562	687	10,954	9,486
Pennsylvania	37,497	44,151	-6,654	38,418	61,587
Puerto Rico	5,884	6,903	-1,019	7,722	8,151
Rhode Island	3,404	3,259	145	3,144	3,377
South Carolina	15,803	14,608	1,195	15,399	13,181
South Dakota	311	311	0	327	294
Tennessee	6,216	5,702	514	5,088	4,843
Texas	16,318	7,359	8,959	7,304	7,242
Utah	6,121	5,581	540	4,680	4,031
Vermont	1,264	1,239	25	1,319	1,173
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	37,841	30,899	6,942	17,445	0
Washington	6,081	5,921	160	7,058	8,114
West Virginia	4,435	4,173	262	4,641	4,641
Wisconsin	7,724	7,692	32	9,870	10,462
Wyoming	1,476	0	1,476	0	0
US Total	1,144,429	1,055,098	89,331	940,113	936,431

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:		
	July 18	July 11	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	730	678	52
Arizona	122	149	-27
Arkansas	785	210	575
California	15,142	45,452	-30,310
Colorado	49	56	-7
Connecticut	34	12	22
Delaware	314	121	193
District of Columbia	0	2	-2
Florida	271	250	21
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	4	10	-6
Idaho	100	54	46
Illinois	11,392	6,042	5,350
Indiana	1,277	1,168	109
Iowa	8	8	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	409	266	143
Maine	14	9	5
Maryland	183	0	183
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	0	8	-8
Minnesota	2,999	2,072	927
Mississippi	798	285	513
Missouri	1,535	1,076	459
Montana	186	147	39
Nebraska	55	52	3
Nevada	392	308	84
New Hampshire	747	708	39
New Jersey	13,091	10,892	2,199
New Mexico	348	227	121
New York	0	0	0
North Carolina	4,124	3,211	913
North Dakota	54	44	10
Ohio	1,941	1,255	686
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	930	314	616
Pennsylvania	6,893	5,930	963
Puerto Rico	201	156	45
Rhode Island	132	9	123
South Carolina	2,027	1,646	381
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	572	433	139
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	10	10	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	8	3	5
Wisconsin	27	20	7
Wyoming	5	0	5
US Total	67,909	83,293	-15,384

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JULY 25

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JULY 18

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	17,437	-6,239	15,145	42	19	94,069	4.9	-11,575	76,108	122	79	94,270
Alaska	6,069	-537	5,450	16	4	40,596	13.2	-1,089	35,568	147	67	40,810
Arizona	19,063	-2,378	15,044	19	2	230,822	7.9	1,470	201,586	369	249	231,440
Arkansas	15,257	-675	13,820	2	3	94,113	7.9	-5,913	81,109	125	44	94,282
California	244,653	-44,941	206,215	239	162	3,140,619	18.1	435,715	2,828,933	2,948	4,014	3,147,581
Colorado	8,037	-494	6,577	14	23	224,204	8.4	-14,894	207,210	197	382	224,783
Connecticut	11,181	-486	8,992	26	3	251,760	15.2	2,028	216,057	213	173	252,146
Delaware	2,563	-157	2,072	1	4	40,923	9.2	-649	35,699	57	32	41,012
District of Columbia	2,712	-341	2,221	34	0	72,710	12.5	-405	65,568	861	8	73,579
Florida	91,462	-17,514	84,971	45	34	691,070	7.9	-56,934	648,979	379	394	691,843
Georgia	84,984	-37,329	80,709	80	59	636,912	14.5	-66,241	610,835	668	610	638,190
Hawaii	5,884	-1,697	4,822	16	19	130,048	21.0	-703	123,213	362	205	130,615
Idaho	4,703	-984	4,054	2	1	26,445	3.6	-1,177	21,342	19	27	26,491
Illinois	33,230	-3,205	22,875	9	3	648,727	11.0	-7,224	560,125	516	325	649,568
Indiana	20,129	2,218	18,078	29	16	228,226	7.5	37,372	214,833	132	144	228,502
Iowa	6,970	-1,841	4,590	11	6	110,042	7.2	-5,888	95,573	125	54	110,221
Kansas	10,462	1,073	9,102	5	1	78,979	5.8	-6,755	69,671	90	81	79,150
Kentucky	21,041	-3,447	18,999	1	1	141,290	7.4	-4,801	123,305	137	195	141,622
Louisiana	18,511	-13,568	16,489	28	20	324,357	17.2	11,240	306,617	136	69	324,562
Maine	2,014	-262	1,449	0	2	62,377	10.3	1,763	58,305	35	26	62,438
Maryland	13,038	-4,204	10,281	42	34	219,029	8.6	-13,276	190,135	348	226	219,603
Massachusetts	19,646	1,008	15,743	19	32	511,477	14.3	-7,734	454,230	301	215	511,993
Michigan	23,219	-1,377	18,100	20	17	592,707	13.8	73,052	545,585	237	176	593,120
Minnesota	15,311	-2,395	13,212	12	5	305,530	10.7	-9,407	279,359	182	158	305,870
Mississippi	9,169	-2,925	8,120	7	2	104,109	9.4	-18,577	92,424	239	97	104,445
Missouri	14,938	2,606	12,212	5	3	182,144	6.6	4,994	159,676	116	93	182,353
Montana	2,388	-347	1,893	7	5	34,702	7.6	-2,013	29,916	79	45	34,826
Nebraska	3,656	-333	3,133	10	2	47,311	4.9	-5,840	43,316	36	52	47,399
Nevada	18,390	2,842	16,486	2	1	346,138	24.9	40,061	328,431	134	223	346,495
New Hampshire	3,276	-243	2,851	6	2	66,396	10.1	-5,428	62,955	23	21	66,440
New Jersey	28,073	2,141	20,808	46	39	485,809	12.0	9,270	389,008	391	563	486,763
New Mexico	7,254	-414	6,620	3	4	97,432	12.1	-508	88,600	209	102	97,743
New York	85,049	-3,127	73,389	20	42	1,539,400	16.3	3,821	1,406,927	496	726	1,540,622
North Carolina	26,995	-2,209	23,890	43	84	315,116	7.1	-12,247	294,370	456	699	316,271
North Dakota	1,203	-712	989	4	5	24,988	6.0	-986	22,789	233	23	25,244
Ohio	28,033	-2,292	23,084	11	17	426,858	8.0	-2,022	381,563	194	401	427,453
Oklahoma	8,927	-952	7,420	22	16	127,617	8.1	483	112,545	105	146	127,868
Oregon	9,417	-735	6,269	25	10	190,993	9.9	-5,422	165,998	370	158	191,521
Pennsylvania	35,808	-2,178	25,785	201	49	753,353	12.9	82,452	637,299	1,499	632	755,484
Puerto Rico	6,715	-302	5,559	1	1	202,321	23.5	-9,037	181,614	232	65	202,618
Rhode Island	3,635	377	2,989	1	2	63,285	13.3	108	54,556	47	36	63,368
South Carolina	12,195	-2,112	10,328	19	18	197,886	9.5	-2,454	181,882	66	109	198,061
South Dakota	808	36	658	18	1	15,643	3.7	-957	14,469	235	19	15,897
Tennessee	20,091	-5,682	17,893	34	18	258,469	7.8	-1,540	237,955	133	168	258,770
Texas	76,804	-11,104	64,539	132	183	1,338,900	10.8	91,631	1,209,343	1,037	2,359	1,342,296
Utah	3,709	-774	2,951	22	4	66,351	4.5	-1,746	59,702	61	43	66,455
Vermont	1,519	-118	1,230	0	0	37,797	12.5	-608	34,640	3	3	37,803
Virgin Islands	48	-62	12	0	0	4,842	13.2	-488	4,346	4	4	4,850
Virginia	42,966	5,020	40,781	6	4	344,826	9.2	-12,272	324,629	455	555	345,836
Washington	30,653	-2,708	25,997	23	37	356,149	10.5	-19,839	313,385	385	796	357,330
West Virginia	3,123	-635	2,230	6	2	64,365	9.7	-1,315	55,376	77	76	64,518
Wisconsin	23,026	-2,103	19,599	16	8	211,944	7.4	-6,662	186,309	131	97	212,172
Wyoming	1,600	-1,064	1,422	1	0	13,023	4.8	-474	11,202	18	7	13,048
Totals	1,207,044	-169,881	1,028,147	1,403	1,029	16,815,199	11.5	470,360	15,135,170	16,170	16,271	16,847,640

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 July 25, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
VA	+5,020	Layoffs in the professional, scientific, and technical services industry.
NV	+2,842	No comment.
MO	+2,606	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IN	+2,218	No comment.
NJ	+2,141	No comment.
KS	+1,073	No comment.
MA	+1,008	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-44,941	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
GA	-37,329	Fewer layoffs in the trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and educational services industries.
FL	-17,514	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
LA	-13,568	No comment.
TX	-11,104	No comment.
AL	-6,239	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, retail trade, and manufacturing industries.
TN	-5,682	No comment.
MD	-4,204	No comment.
KY	-3,447	No comment.
IL	-3,205	No comment.
NY	-3,127	Fewer layoffs in the educational services, manufacturing, and health care and social assistance industries.
MS	-2,925	No comment.
WA	-2,708	No comment.
MN	-2,395	No comment.
AZ	-2,378	No comment.
OH	-2,292	No comment.
NC	-2,209	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
PA	-2,178	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
SC	-2,112	No comment.
WI	-2,103	No comment.
IA	-1,841	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
HI	-1,697	No comment.
MI	-1,377	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WY	-1,064	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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