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COVID-19 Impact

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

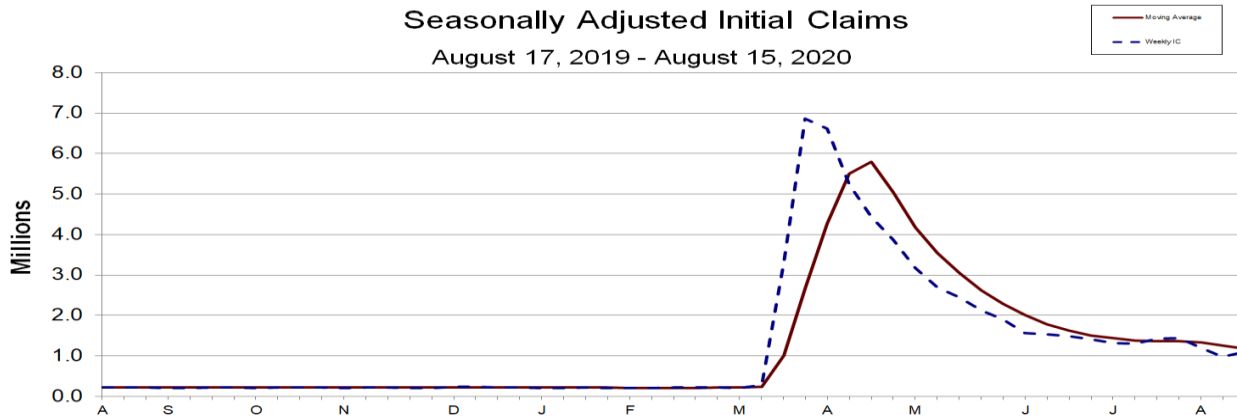
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,106,000, an increase of 135,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 8,000 from 963,000 to 971,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,175,750, a decrease of 79,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 1,252,750 to 1,254,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 10.2 percent for the week ending August 8, a decrease of 0.4 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 8 was 14,844,000, a decrease of 636,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 15,486,000 to 15,480,000. The 4-week moving average was 15,841,250, a decrease of 326,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 16,169,500 to 16,168,000.

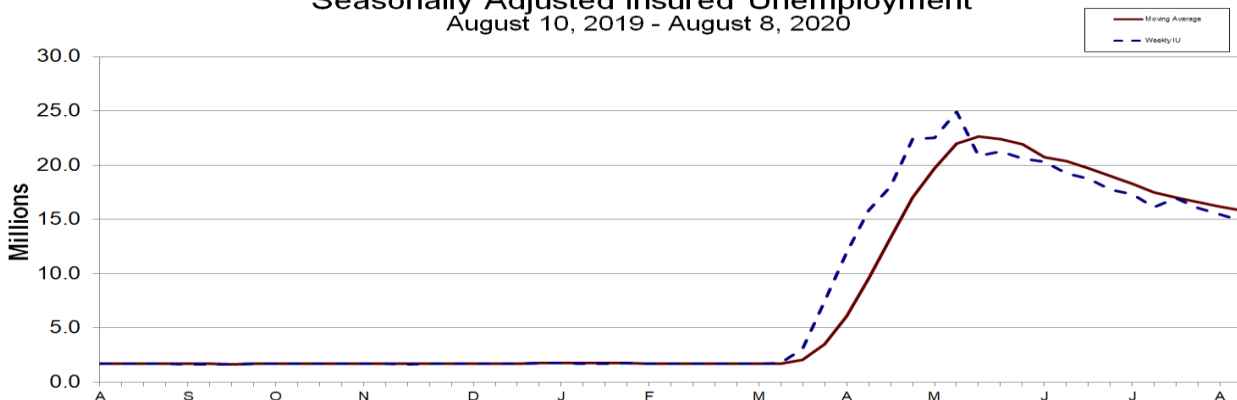
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

August 17, 2019 - August 15, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

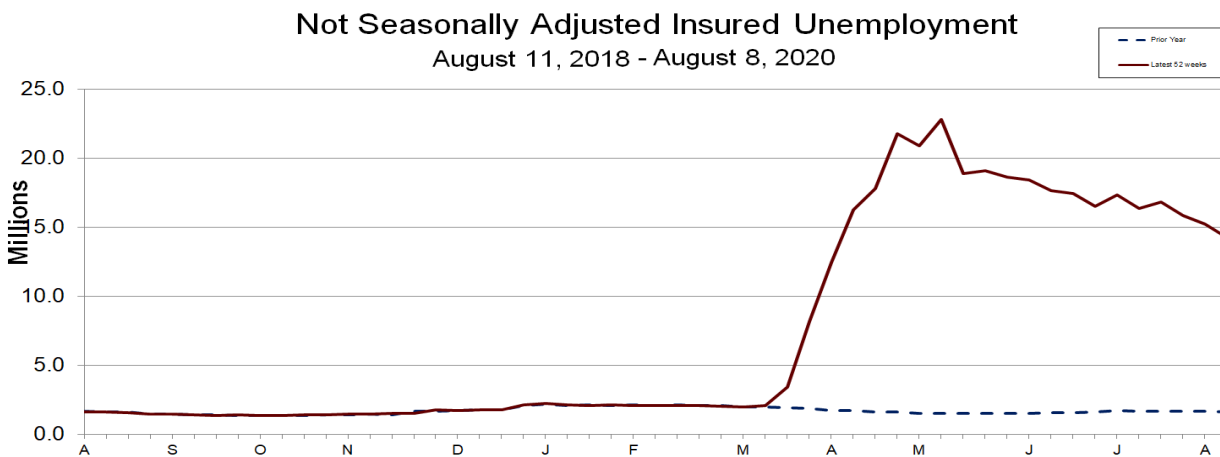
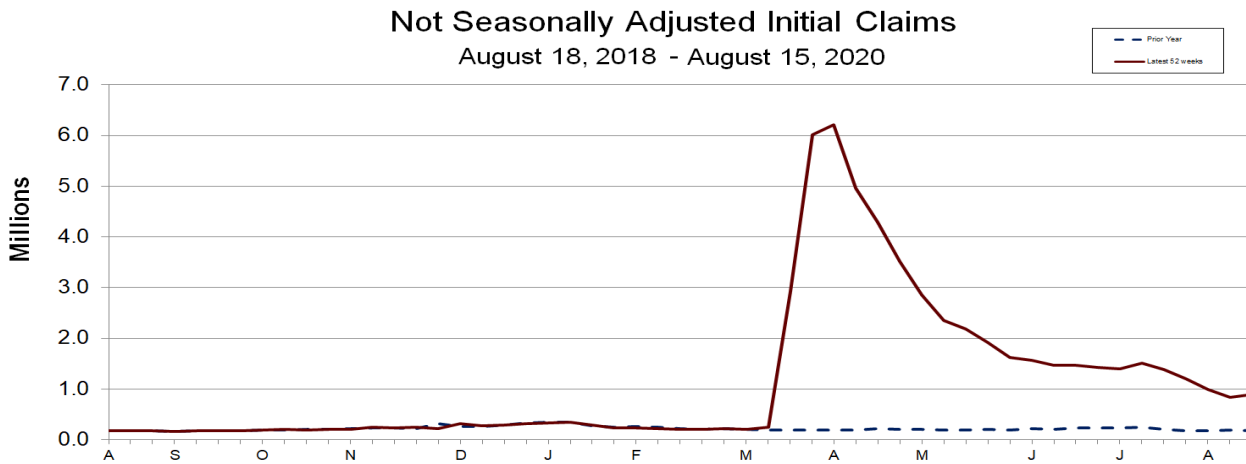
August 10, 2019 - August 8, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 891,510 in the week ending August 15, an increase of 52,776 (or 6.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 56,304 (or -6.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 171,386 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending August 15, 51 states reported 542,797 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 9.8 percent during the week ending August 8, a decrease of 0.6 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 14,265,344, a decrease of 935,998 (or -6.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 325,080 (or -2.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,619,391.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 1 was 28,059,349, a decrease of 197,601 from the previous week. There were 1,704,382 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending August 1, Extended Benefits were available in the following 52 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,177 in the week ending August 8, an increase of 59 from the prior week. There were 1,031 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 129 from the preceding week.

There were 14,614 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 1, a decrease of 447 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,912, a decrease of 313 from the prior week.

During the week ending Aug 1, 49 states reported 11,224,774 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 48 states reported 1,289,125 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 1 were in Nevada (24.2), Puerto Rico (21.7), Hawaii (19.9), California (17.0), Louisiana (15.9), New York (15.3), Connecticut (14.0), the Virgin Islands (13.8), Georgia (13.0), and Massachusetts (12.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 8 were in Nevada (+4,028), Puerto Rico (+3,601), Kansas (+2,248), Hawaii (+247), and South Dakota (+198), while the largest decreases were in New York (-21,366), California (-19,534), Florida (-16,702), Georgia (-11,596), and Virginia (-10,653).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 15	August 8	Change	August 1	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,106,000	971,000	+135,000	1,191,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	891,510	838,734	+52,776	988,309	171,386
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,175,750	1,254,750	-79,000	1,339,000	215,750

WEEK ENDING	August 8	August 1	Change	July 25	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	14,844,000	15,480,000	-636,000	16,090,000	1,687,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	14,265,344	15,201,342	-935,998	15,832,498	1,619,391
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	15,841,250	16,168,000	-326,750	16,624,000	1,699,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	10.2%	10.6%	-0.4	11.0%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	9.8%	10.4%	-0.6	10.8%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 15	August 8	Change	August 1
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	542,797	489,639	+53,158	655,999

WEEK ENDING	August 8	August 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,177	1,118	+59	578
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,031	902	+129	565

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 1	July 25	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	15,112,091	15,700,971	-588,880	1,676,979
Federal Employees	14,614	15,061	-447	7,201
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,912	14,225	-313	5,599
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	11,224,774	10,723,396	+501,378	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,289,125	1,223,255	+65,870	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	92,826	125,659	-32,833	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,610	2,898	-288	4,864
STC / Workshare ⁷	309,397	451,485	-142,088	9,739
TOTAL ⁸	28,059,349	28,256,950	-197,601	1,704,382

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 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	10,532	9,467	1,065	52,651	70,412	-17,761
Alaska	5,051	4,619	432	32,481	34,442	-1,961
Arizona	13,515	11,655	1,860	204,810	219,459	-14,649
Arkansas	5,826	5,908	-82	49,275	62,402	-13,127
California	201,640	202,509	-869	2,842,699	2,961,188	-118,489
Colorado	6,865	6,231	634	198,966	198,702	264
Connecticut	9,327	7,431	1,896	223,207	231,207	-8,000
Delaware	1,809	1,760	49	38,846	36,026	2,820
District of Columbia	1,995	1,797	198	68,144	70,887	-2,743
Florida	66,322	61,584	4,738	487,104	567,987	-80,883
Georgia	58,089	62,335	-4,246	561,503	572,455	-10,952
Hawaii	5,724	5,296	428	124,353	123,765	588
Idaho	3,438	3,250	188	17,369	20,263	-2,894
Illinois	21,956	22,934	-978	605,509	617,131	-11,622
Indiana	11,750	10,624	1,126	182,356	199,336	-16,980
Iowa	6,544	4,891	1,653	83,610	92,100	-8,490
Kansas	14,603	11,209	3,394	76,154	70,475	5,679
Kentucky	18,004	17,465	539	128,155	141,811	-13,656
Louisiana	13,170	11,131	2,039	246,636	299,974	-53,338
Maine	1,430	1,734	-304	45,015	50,885	-5,870
Maryland	8,301	8,892	-591	174,049	194,391	-20,342
Massachusetts	16,709	14,729	1,980	430,783	456,548	-25,765
Michigan	16,938	18,997	-2,059	420,594	535,218	-114,624
Minnesota	11,958	9,087	2,871	252,316	259,525	-7,209
Mississippi	6,096	5,452	644	126,517	138,762	-12,245
Missouri	9,700	9,015	685	130,952	147,017	-16,065
Montana	1,830	1,642	188	26,691	27,583	-892
Nebraska	3,196	2,724	472	31,427	39,144	-7,717
Nevada	13,549	17,755	-4,206	232,543	335,968	-103,425
New Hampshire	2,918	2,724	194	48,917	55,239	-6,322
New Jersey	24,646	13,837	10,809	419,173	426,519	-7,346
New Mexico	5,553	5,541	12	93,397	93,826	-429
New York	62,397	52,631	9,766	1,468,857	1,439,927	28,930
North Carolina	16,607	14,328	2,279	211,677	242,813	-31,136
North Dakota	983	776	207	21,335	20,483	852
Ohio	20,920	21,082	-162	336,065	378,157	-42,092
Oklahoma	6,009	5,687	322	117,141	129,971	-12,830
Oregon	5,722	6,505	-783	178,274	175,153	3,121
Pennsylvania	24,977	27,094	-2,117	596,617	673,093	-76,476
Puerto Rico	2,893	5,854	-2,961	164,049	186,239	-22,190
Rhode Island	2,663	3,324	-661	52,168	55,965	-3,797
South Carolina	7,255	5,896	1,359	159,214	170,983	-11,769
South Dakota	741	973	-232	8,817	14,715	-5,898
Tennessee	13,806	10,620	3,186	213,640	224,750	-11,110
Texas	61,416	52,304	9,112	1,125,531	1,221,540	-96,009
Utah	3,004	2,881	123	51,873	57,868	-5,995
Vermont	674	904	-230	31,065	31,783	-718
Virgin Islands	13	41	-28	4,720	5,048	-328
Virginia	16,771	13,265	3,506	265,220	264,410	810
Washington	27,972	22,991	4,981	358,209	308,568	49,641
West Virginia	2,248	1,981	267	59,089	57,763	1,326
Wisconsin	14,676	14,257	419	174,378	180,146	-5,768
Wyoming	779	1,115	-336	11,203	11,320	-117
US Total	891,510	838,734	52,776	14,265,344	15,201,342	-935,998

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 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	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,844	-636	15,841.25	10.2
August 15, 2020	1,106	135	1,175.75				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 15			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Aug 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Aug 1	Jul 25	Change
Alabama	2,040	2,122	-82	45,214	40,802	4,412
Alaska	269	394	-125	13,256	17,051	-3,795
Arizona	19,228	17,845	1,383	284,043	317,680	-33,637
Arkansas	13,336	10,160	3,176	127,158	119,977	7,181
California	173,424	163,805	9,619	3,071,115	2,543,133	527,982
Colorado	11,809	9,048	2,761	74,592	75,616	-1,024
Connecticut	1,388	1,435	-47	57,864	67,122	-9,258
Delaware	225	258	-33	8,416	9,251	-835
District of Columbia	252	293	-41	13,778	13,953	-175
Florida	10,212	10,160	52	0	0	0
Georgia	6,813	7,166	-353	261,104	336,623	-75,519
Hawaii	3,241	2,543	698	76,557	87,688	-11,131
Idaho	217	211	6	13,726	16,372	-2,646
Illinois	3,477	3,704	-227	138,422	136,738	1,684
Indiana	6,755	7,373	-618	129,766	141,990	-12,224
Iowa	1,016	1,176	-160	14,292	14,833	-541
Kansas	13,625	8,683	4,942	147,456	100,634	46,822
Kentucky	2,454	1,928	526	51,597	20,425	31,172
Louisiana	5,420	4,201	1,219	152,053	159,251	-7,198
Maine	1,154	276	878	26,792	26,417	375
Maryland	3,876	3,941	-65	230,961	253,450	-22,489
Massachusetts	12,282	8,750	3,532	399,830	438,596	-38,766
Michigan	13,373	12,760	613	845,286	778,032	67,254
Minnesota	0	290	-290	55,042	61,289	-6,247
Mississippi	2,743	3,019	-276	51,467	52,950	-1,483
Missouri	1,561	1,447	114	55,471	64,063	-8,592
Montana	1,349	1,431	-82	36,153	43,087	-6,934
Nebraska	1,179	1,097	82	24,211	23,437	774
Nevada	12,356	12,606	-250	117,349	128,190	-10,841
New Hampshire	1,478	588	890	19,321	19,626	-305
New Jersey	18,555	10,565	7,990	396,687	422,417	-25,730
New Mexico	1,686	1,640	46	44,620	79,140	-34,520
New York	31,846	26,515	5,331	1,178,112	1,297,114	-118,952
North Carolina	10,360	8,620	1,740	169,926	192,247	-22,321
North Dakota	780	3,054	-2,274	3,547	4,796	-1,249
Ohio	14,963	12,719	2,244	410,831	319,350	91,481
Oklahoma	985	928	57	0	0	0
Oregon	3,066	8,858	-5,792	116,739	93,206	23,533
Pennsylvania	41,264	49,221	-7,957	961,675	954,372	7,303
Puerto Rico	24,974	24,969	5	448,143	236,487	211,656
Rhode Island	24,574	7,068	17,506	56,264	61,456	-5,192
South Carolina	6,308	5,060	1,248	67,987	72,208	-4,221
South Dakota	105	218	-113	5,134	4,081	1,053
Tennessee	4,866	3,699	1,167	127,072	146,232	-19,160
Texas	19,711	13,898	5,813	276,247	248,901	27,346
Utah	817	831	-14	7,276	7,670	-394
Vermont	73	313	-240	11,270	9,115	2,155
Virgin Islands	154	395	-241	0	0	0
Virginia	3,729	5,025	-1,296	197,841	244,324	-46,483
Washington	4,747	4,556	191	134,974	141,092	-6,118
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,520	2,511	9	65,862	77,901	-12,039
Wyoming	162	266	-104	2,225	3,011	-786
US Total	542,797	489,639	53,158	11,224,774	10,723,396	501,378

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

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	August 1	July 25	Change	July 18	July 11
Alabama	77,381	74,759	2,622	67,880	56,759
Alaska	4,066	4,158	-92	3,419	3,330
Arizona	13,287	13,541	-254	12,904	11,945
Arkansas	17,975	14,907	3,068	10,525	7,070
California	290,941	270,747	20,194	248,098	215,671
Colorado	17,003	7,262	9,741	12,910	1,353
Connecticut	11,870	0	11,870	8,969	11,296
Delaware	2,509	2,458	51	2,310	1,672
District of Columbia	2,208	2,204	4	2,178	1,990
Florida	47,118	50,374	-3,256	53,423	64,346
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	5,639	5,679	-40	5,442	5,195
Illinois	31,896	34,499	-2,603	30,690	33,607
Indiana	7,311	7,372	-61	7,525	7,926
Iowa	14,797	12,903	1,894	13,876	10,786
Kansas	0	2,497	-2,497	2,421	2,170
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,179	3,399	-220	3,340	3,488
Maine	5,253	4,656	597	4,012	2,543
Maryland	10,185	11,282	-1,097	10,984	11,374
Massachusetts	42,630	40,762	1,868	38,508	36,432
Michigan	42,575	39,866	2,709	31,283	32,139
Minnesota	24,636	24,110	526	23,053	21,778
Mississippi	8,753	7,689	1,064	6,873	5,992
Missouri	12,429	13,114	-685	12,768	11,449
Montana	3,232	3,268	-36	3,048	2,832
Nebraska	2,362	2,219	143	2,173	1,979
Nevada	18,018	15,617	2,401	14,855	11,963
New Hampshire	7,365	318	7,047	278	0
New Jersey	52,447	54,847	-2,400	57,651	55,682
New Mexico	5,096	5,171	-75	4,941	4,605
New York	93,823	89,643	4,180	84,708	79,753
North Carolina	201,964	199,881	2,083	189,498	168,679
North Dakota	3,882	3,967	-85	3,776	3,276
Ohio	17,981	18,753	-772	18,749	17,338
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	14,274	13,477	797	12,249	11,562
Pennsylvania	37,975	42,208	-4,233	37,497	44,151
Puerto Rico	5,409	5,381	28	5,884	6,903
Rhode Island	4,446	3,969	477	3,404	3,259
South Carolina	19,827	18,505	1,322	15,803	14,608
South Dakota	363	338	25	311	311
Tennessee	9,539	6,872	2,667	6,216	5,702
Texas	18,850	15,922	2,928	16,318	7,359
Utah	7,186	6,580	606	6,121	5,581
Vermont	1,240	1,234	6	1,264	1,239
Virgin Islands	89	96	-7	0	0
Virginia	37,666	42,350	-4,684	37,841	30,899
Washington	5,353	5,252	101	6,081	5,921
West Virginia	4,892	1,230	3,662	4,435	4,173
Wisconsin	20,559	16,425	4,134	7,724	7,692
Wyoming	1,646	1,494	152	1,476	0
US Total	1,289,125	1,223,255	65,870	1,155,692	1,055,778

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

EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:			
STATE	August 1	July 25	Change
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	622	591	31
Arizona	186	231	-45
Arkansas	1,023	881	142
California	22,372	61,859	-39,487
Colorado	33	47	-14
Connecticut	26	34	-8
Delaware	434	358	76
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	55	58	-3
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	3	11	-8
Idaho	149	155	-6
Illinois	13,461	9,566	3,895
Indiana	1,725	1,531	194
Iowa	2,055	1,392	663
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	594	539	55
Maine	7	15	-8
Maryland	1,275	589	686
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	0	3	-3
Minnesota	4,049	3,563	486
Mississippi	987	757	230
Missouri	2,443	2,012	431
Montana	256	229	27
Nebraska	78	72	6
Nevada	1,104	898	206
New Hampshire	240	793	-553
New Jersey	14,128	14,925	-797
New Mexico	603	466	137
New York	0	0	0
North Carolina	5,545	4,816	729
North Dakota	194	172	22
Ohio	3,861	2,429	1,432
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	1,661	1,395	266
Pennsylvania	9,245	11,080	-1,835
Puerto Rico	341	508	-167
Rhode Island	489	521	-32
South Carolina	2,590	2,340	250
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	918	788	130
Texas	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	55	5	50
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	7	6	1
Wisconsin	8	19	-11
Wyoming	4	5	-1
US Total	92,826	125,659	-32,833

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

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 8					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 1					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM						
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	9,467	-2,223	7,272	22	17	70,412	3.6	-13,658	53,040	125	81	70,618
Alaska	4,619	-576	3,926	17	2	34,442	11.2	-4,560	29,423	165	63	34,670
Arizona	11,655	-3,906	7,798	12	1	219,459	7.6	-13,038	190,588	370	251	220,080
Arkansas	5,908	-6,842	4,322	2	1	62,402	5.2	-17,162	50,063	122	54	62,578
California	202,509	-19,534	161,105	242	215	2,961,188	17.0	171,706	2,632,131	2,164	2,200	2,965,552
Colorado	6,231	-936	4,689	16	23	198,702	7.4	-25,428	181,840	189	394	199,285
Connecticut	7,431	-3,106	4,368	18	8	231,207	14.0	-21,090	195,794	172	113	231,492
Delaware	1,760	-373	1,279	0	3	36,026	8.1	-6,326	30,773	28	39	36,093
District of Columbia	1,797	-453	1,317	26	0	70,887	12.2	-2,044	63,614	840	7	71,734
Florida	61,584	-16,702	55,075	31	33	567,987	6.5	-63,176	525,359	332	260	568,579
Georgia	62,335	-11,596	57,940	76	43	572,455	13.0	-61,533	547,136	662	535	573,652
Hawaii	5,296	247	4,079	7	11	123,765	19.9	-7,562	117,067	345	207	124,317
Idaho	3,250	-357	2,508	5	3	20,263	2.7	-5,106	15,592	17	21	20,301
Illinois	22,934	-2,340	15,725	8	17	617,131	10.4	-13,901	523,071	482	300	617,913
Indiana	10,624	-1,927	8,106	14	9	199,336	6.5	-24,559	185,513	137	142	199,615
Iowa	4,891	-1,426	2,542	18	5	92,100	6.0	-12,216	76,791	121	62	92,283
Kansas	11,209	2,248	9,884	0	2	70,475	5.2	-7,045	61,975	90	74	70,639
Kentucky	17,465	-3,555	15,008	2	4	141,811	7.5	5,032	124,414	135	267	142,213
Louisiana	11,131	-2,271	9,050	13	18	299,974	15.9	-27,493	282,461	174	71	300,219
Maine	1,734	12	1,287	0	2	50,885	8.4	-2,595	47,106	28	31	50,944
Maryland	8,892	-1,943	5,791	29	24	194,391	7.6	-9,054	165,404	277	226	194,894
Massachusetts	14,729	-908	10,193	36	19	456,548	12.8	-55,697	399,591	297	211	457,056
Michigan	18,997	-845	14,725	18	7	535,218	12.4	20,382	492,172	185	161	535,564
Minnesota	9,087	-3,228	6,790	11	5	259,525	9.0	-28,690	233,485	179	152	259,856
Mississippi	5,452	-1,325	4,413	5	0	138,762	12.5	17,594	127,769	177	70	139,009
Missouri	9,015	-1,885	6,359	5	3	147,017	5.4	-28,857	124,684	94	93	147,204
Montana	1,642	-233	1,151	4	3	27,583	6.0	-5,867	22,931	71	38	27,692
Nebraska	2,724	-222	2,003	3	3	39,144	4.1	-7,217	35,276	14	24	39,182
Nevada	17,755	4,028	15,541	3	3	335,968	24.2	8,014	318,351	117	208	336,293
New Hampshire	2,724	73	2,257	3	2	55,239	8.4	-6,257	51,802	16	14	55,269
New Jersey	13,837	-2,747	5,613	54	43	426,519	10.6	-40,851	331,426	321	519	427,359
New Mexico	5,541	-256	4,854	3	0	93,826	11.6	-5,532	85,212	224	95	94,145
New York	52,631	-21,366	40,478	21	32	1,439,927	15.3	-117,537	1,308,595	535	753	1,441,215
North Carolina	14,328	-2,175	11,170	48	73	242,813	5.5	-41,094	221,943	447	654	243,914
North Dakota	776	-203	547	3	2	20,483	5.0	-3,256	18,508	214	22	20,719
Ohio	21,082	-4,971	16,268	9	23	378,157	7.1	-31,166	334,609	187	361	378,705
Oklahoma	5,687	-922	4,076	20	6	129,971	8.3	6,850	114,783	173	157	130,301
Oregon	6,505	-770	3,147	19	6	175,153	9.1	-13,983	150,685	310	148	175,611
Pennsylvania	27,094	-2,277	15,762	109	48	673,093	11.6	40,036	558,842	1,257	645	674,995
Puerto Rico	5,854	3,601	4,509	2	2	186,239	21.7	21,739	166,020	227	70	186,536
Rhode Island	3,324	-398	2,594	2	2	55,965	11.8	-4,505	47,548	45	29	56,039
South Carolina	5,896	-3,013	3,838	12	16	170,983	8.2	-20,081	155,240	63	103	171,149
South Dakota	973	198	839	23	1	14,715	3.5	-749	13,631	248	10	14,973
Tennessee	10,620	-1,588	8,623	25	20	224,750	6.8	-17,635	204,574	124	160	225,034
Texas	52,304	-10,405	39,488	114	208	1,221,540	9.9	-6,710	1,097,306	1,023	2,383	1,224,946
Utah	2,881	-217	1,999	20	2	57,868	3.9	-6,147	51,379	64	43	57,975
Vermont	904	-356	615	1	0	31,783	10.5	-4,064	28,702	2	3	31,788
Virgin Islands	41	21	2	0	0	5,048	13.8	1,530	4,592	2	4	5,054
Virginia	13,265	-10,653	10,883	9	11	264,410	7.0	-66,991	244,425	444	439	265,293
Washington	22,991	-3,495	17,501	16	40	308,568	9.1	-38,637	265,284	375	783	309,726
West Virginia	1,981	-525	1,187	1	1	57,763	8.7	-4,933	49,347	76	68	57,907
Wisconsin	14,257	-4,939	10,424	15	9	180,146	6.3	-28,503	154,347	117	89	180,352
Wyoming	1,115	-15	900	5	0	11,320	4.2	-1,534	9,657	11	5	11,336
Totals	838,734	-149,575	651,820	1,177	1,031	15,201,342	10.4	-631,156	13,521,871	14,614	13,912	15,229,868

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 8, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NV	+4,028	No comment.
PR	+3,601	No comment.
KS	+2,248	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-21,366	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, accommodations and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
CA	-19,534	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
FL	-16,702	No comment.
GA	-11,596	Fewer layoffs in the trade, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
VA	-10,653	No comment.
TX	-10,405	No comment.
AR	-6,842	No comment.
OH	-4,971	No comment.
WI	-4,939	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
AZ	-3,906	No comment.
KY	-3,555	No comment.
WA	-3,495	No comment.
MN	-3,228	No comment.
CT	-3,106	No comment.
SC	-3,013	No comment.
NJ	-2,747	No comment.
IL	-2,340	No comment.
PA	-2,277	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
LA	-2,271	No comment.
AL	-2,223	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, retail trade, health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, transportation and warehousing, construction, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-2,175	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services and accommodation and food services industries.
MD	-1,943	No comment.
IN	-1,927	No comment.
MO	-1,885	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
TN	-1,588	No comment.
IA	-1,426	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and construction industries.
MS	-1,325	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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