



News Release

Connect with DOL at <https://blog.dol.gov>



TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL
8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, August 24, 2023

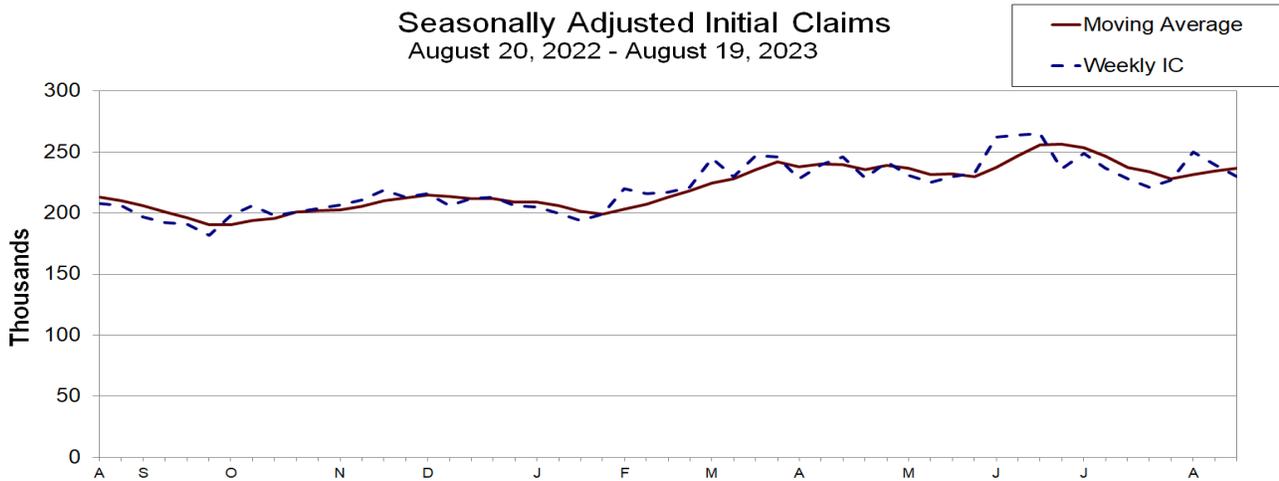
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

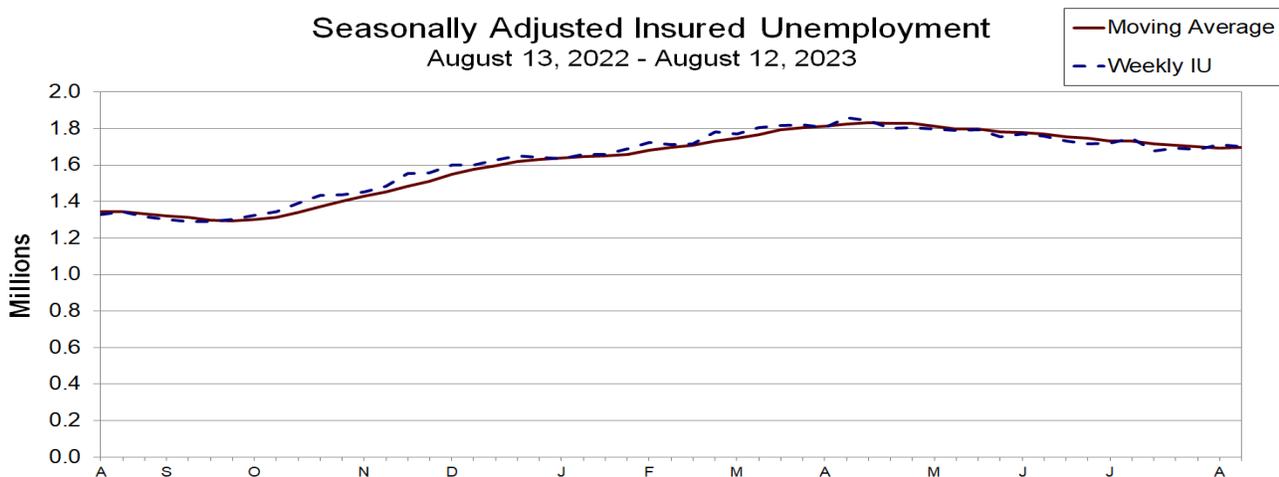
In the week ending August 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 230,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 239,000 to 240,000. The 4-week moving average was 236,750, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 234,250 to 234,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending August 12, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 12 was 1,702,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,716,000 to 1,711,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,697,250, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,692,750 to 1,691,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 20, 2022 - August 19, 2023



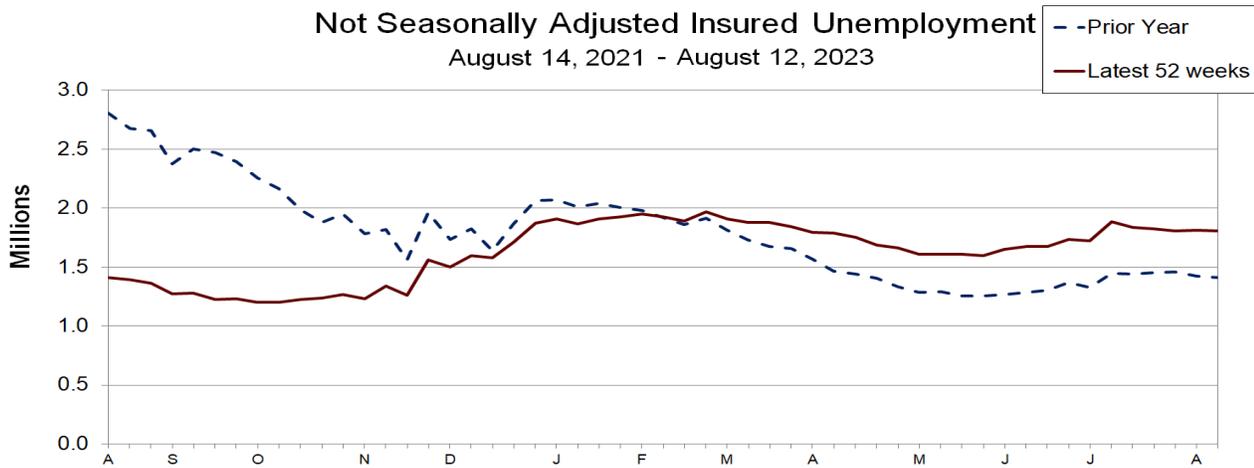
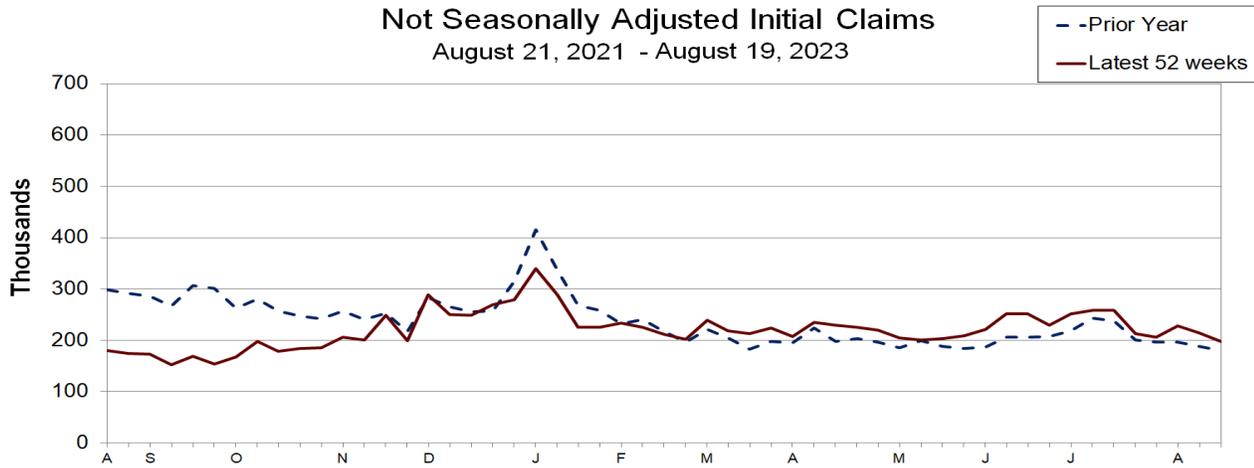
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 13, 2022 - August 12, 2023



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,357 in the week ending August 19, a decrease of 15,446 (or -7.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,430 (or -3.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 179,220 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,807,509, a decrease of 6,625 (or -0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,423 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,414,317.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 5 was 1,839,165, an increase of 4,659 from the previous week. There were 1,448,618 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending August 5.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 348 in the week ending August 12, a decrease of 29 from the prior week. There were 356 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 101 from the preceding week.

There were 4,912 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 5, a decrease of 194 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,056, an increase of 9 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 5 were in New Jersey (2.5), Puerto Rico (2.4), California (2.2), Rhode Island (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), New York (1.9), Oregon (1.9), Connecticut (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), and Minnesota (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 12 were in Virginia (+940), Iowa (+860), Illinois (+769), Hawaii (+664), and Arkansas (+388), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,959), Texas (-1,641), Pennsylvania (-1,155), Michigan (-1,129), and New York (-963).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 19	August 12	Change	August 5	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	230,000	240,000	-10,000	250,000	208,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,357	213,803	-15,446	227,917	179,220
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	236,750	234,500	+2,250	231,500	213,250

WEEK ENDING	August 12	August 5	Change	July 29	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,702,000	1,711,000	-9,000	1,684,000	1,329,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,807,509	1,814,134	-6,625	1,809,787	1,414,317
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,697,250	1,691,500	+5,750	1,701,000	1,345,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.1%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 12	August 5	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	348	377	-29	382
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	356	457	-101	401

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

WEEK ENDING	August 5	July 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,808,328	1,804,695	+3,633	1,420,913
Federal Employees	4,912	5,106	-194	6,673
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,056	4,047	+9	4,375
Extended Benefits ³	636	605	+31	5,130
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,860	1,771	+89	1,929
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,373	18,282	+1,091	9,598
TOTAL	1,839,165	1,834,506	+4,659	1,448,618

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 148,060,578 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 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,296	2,763	-467	9,179	10,456	-1,277
Alaska	640	624	16	3,230	3,353	-123
Arizona	3,562	3,691	-129	28,560	30,865	-2,305
Arkansas	1,224	1,838	-614	10,697	11,279	-582
California	38,349	39,023	-674	402,595	395,743	6,852
Colorado	2,418	2,428	-10	22,095	21,581	514
Connecticut	3,409	3,467	-58	30,460	29,248	1,212
Delaware	322	304	18	5,360	4,911	449
District of Columbia	461	502	-41	5,640	5,960	-320
Florida	5,492	5,754	-262	40,822	43,162	-2,340
Georgia	5,148	6,069	-921	33,016	34,864	-1,848
Hawaii	5,427	1,748	3,679	7,361	6,163	1,198
Idaho	788	725	63	4,499	4,888	-389
Illinois	7,843	9,061	-1,218	90,232	91,102	-870
Indiana	2,744	3,216	-472	20,312	20,709	-397
Iowa	1,798	2,471	-673	8,676	7,792	884
Kansas	969	1,111	-142	5,170	5,019	151
Kentucky	1,239	1,292	-53	7,249	7,507	-258
Louisiana	1,732	1,897	-165	13,486	15,168	-1,682
Maine	436	383	53	4,187	4,363	-176
Maryland	2,009	2,341	-332	23,512	22,225	1,287
Massachusetts	1,915	2,129	-214	68,416	69,811	-1,395
Michigan	4,188	4,484	-296	36,585	39,985	-3,400
Minnesota	3,179	3,299	-120	49,698	48,447	1,251
Mississippi	927	1,087	-160	6,475	7,729	-1,254
Missouri	4,055	4,480	-425	21,251	21,005	246
Montana	323	376	-53	3,598	3,618	-20
Nebraska	585	638	-53	4,172	4,564	-392
Nevada	2,190	2,284	-94	20,423	21,551	-1,128
New Hampshire	430	479	-49	3,080	3,140	-60
New Jersey	7,950	9,258	-1,308	103,123	102,858	265
New Mexico	751	710	41	9,806	10,003	-197
New York	13,765	13,810	-45	173,130	170,848	2,282
North Carolina	3,242	3,623	-381	21,101	21,726	-625
North Dakota	193	198	-5	1,654	1,629	25
Ohio	18,013	23,912	-5,899	41,806	42,606	-800
Oklahoma	1,078	1,360	-282	9,613	10,306	-693
Oregon	3,877	4,270	-393	33,811	35,632	-1,821
Pennsylvania	9,901	10,699	-798	102,763	104,156	-1,393
Puerto Rico	1,359	1,654	-295	19,526	22,098	-2,572
Rhode Island	693	829	-136	9,791	9,756	35
South Carolina	1,838	1,842	-4	14,167	14,802	-635
South Dakota	106	157	-51	981	963	18
Tennessee	2,326	2,479	-153	15,223	16,762	-1,539
Texas	14,808	14,992	-184	146,377	142,944	3,433
Utah	1,529	1,497	32	9,891	9,934	-43
Vermont	448	352	96	3,099	3,021	78
Virgin Islands	33	37	-4	278	244	34
Virginia	2,410	3,460	-1,050	14,763	13,710	1,053
Washington	4,325	4,636	-311	54,649	52,165	2,484
West Virginia	571	690	-119	7,191	6,993	198
Wisconsin	2,852	3,189	-337	23,301	23,426	-125
Wyoming	191	185	6	1,429	1,344	85
US Total	198,357	213,803	-15,446	1,807,509	1,814,134	-6,625

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 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
September 24, 2022	182	-9	190.50	1,302	12	1,295.75	0.9
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.2
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25	1,723	35	1,682.25	1.2
February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,761	-11	1,770.50	1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	1.2
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,679	-70	1,716.75	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75	1,692	13	1,710.25	1.1
July 29, 2023	227	6	228.25	1,684	-8	1,701.00	1.1
August 5, 2023	250	23	231.50	1,711	27	1,691.50	1.2
August 12, 2023	240	-10	234.50	1,702	-9	1,697.25	1.1
August 19, 2023	230	-10	236.75				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 12

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 5

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	2,763	-213	-49	10	1	10,456	0.5	-279	4,991	30	18	10,504
Alaska	624	45	-63	1	2	3,353	1.1	-33	-164	22	6	3,381
Arizona	3,691	-172	597	1	0	30,865	1.0	-235	7,206	64	34	30,963
Arkansas	1,838	388	316	1	2	11,279	0.9	-209	2,471	34	21	11,334
California	39,023	-3,959	-228	59	62	395,743	2.2	-14	84,247	765	777	397,285
Colorado	2,428	-271	318	2	5	21,581	0.8	109	4,526	50	113	21,744
Connecticut	3,467	-332	-3,141	1	1	29,248	1.8	-1,670	-191	30	26	29,304
Delaware	304	-13	-21	2	1	4,911	1.1	-149	954	9	9	4,929
District of Columbia	502	23	220	4	0	5,960	1.1	193	2,563	118	6	6,084
Florida	5,754	-495	-320	13	19	43,162	0.5	-957	1,595	81	87	43,330
Georgia	6,069	-461	240	28	20	34,864	0.8	433	3,898	164	68	35,096
Hawaii	1,748	664	707	0	7	6,163	1.1	-82	201	34	62	6,259
Idaho	725	-154	2	0	2	4,888	0.6	-132	749	8	12	4,908
Illinois	9,061	769	2,605	7	4	91,102	1.6	4,473	26,280	280	100	91,482
Indiana	3,216	-262	-2,093	5	4	20,709	0.7	1,250	48	56	24	20,789
Iowa	2,471	860	1,290	1	0	7,792	0.5	-582	38	19	5	7,816
Kansas	1,111	-185	-110	2	2	5,019	0.4	-111	932	16	9	5,044
Kentucky	1,292	-142	-326	0	0	7,507	0.4	-248	-1,375	47	45	7,599
Louisiana	1,897	-141	-65	3	2	15,168	0.8	-349	2,747	29	6	15,203
Maine	383	-2	-11	0	1	4,363	0.7	80	1,058	11	6	4,380
Maryland	2,341	-163	387	10	3	22,225	0.9	682	3,781	118	64	22,407
Massachusetts	2,129	-409	877	7	3	69,811	2.0	-427	16,569	110	70	69,991
Michigan	4,484	-1,129	-1,547	3	0	39,985	0.9	602	6,936	50	49	40,084
Minnesota	3,299	-327	800	5	1	48,447	1.7	1,359	24,657	53	46	48,546
Mississippi	1,087	-72	-48	1	1	7,729	0.7	-771	1,493	50	9	7,788
Missouri	4,480	47	762	5	2	21,005	0.8	532	4,297	70	20	21,095
Montana	376	-56	-78	5	1	3,618	0.7	-157	334	28	9	3,655
Nebraska	638	16	107	2	0	4,564	0.5	-78	1,070	9	5	4,578
Nevada	2,284	-170	323	3	3	21,551	1.5	-547	5,445	52	56	21,659
New Hampshire	479	82	71	1	0	3,140	0.5	-24	637	0	2	3,142
New Jersey	9,258	-944	1,792	16	12	102,858	2.5	1,905	18,724	263	157	103,278
New Mexico	710	-186	91	0	1	10,003	1.2	-208	2,388	60	26	10,089
New York	13,810	-963	429	11	10	170,848	1.9	358	31,060	359	244	171,451
North Carolina	3,623	-152	111	3	2	21,726	0.5	33	5,018	63	76	21,865
North Dakota	198	-32	22	2	3	1,629	0.4	-14	165	171	4	1,804
Ohio	23,912	0	17,664	4	12	42,606	0.8	264	9,777	75	49	42,730
Oklahoma	1,360	-98	-2,616	4	5	10,306	0.7	-51	-1,069	28	30	10,364
Oregon	4,270	-859	885	5	5	35,632	1.9	73	14,361	142	58	35,832
Pennsylvania	10,699	-1,155	4,106	12	11	104,156	1.8	1,048	23,716	234	115	104,505
Puerto Rico	1,654	-193	248	3	2	22,098	2.4	-1,261	3,593	224	89	22,411
Rhode Island	829	42	308	1	1	9,756	2.1	235	1,489	9	15	9,780
South Carolina	1,842	-499	-153	0	4	14,802	0.7	-675	2,084	36	47	14,885
South Dakota	157	-75	27	1	0	963	0.2	65	181	128	2	1,093
Tennessee	2,479	-466	104	4	7	16,762	0.5	-548	3,064	38	37	16,837
Texas	14,992	-1,641	769	41	87	142,944	1.1	-171	38,740	405	927	144,276
Utah	1,497	-291	281	9	2	9,934	0.6	243	3,988	25	16	9,975
Vermont	352	-78	97	0	0	3,021	1.0	77	960	0	0	3,021
Virgin Islands	37	15	5	0	0	244	0.7	-2	-108	0	0	244
Virginia	3,460	940	477	41	18	13,710	0.4	32	1,211	86	96	13,892
Washington	4,636	-659	735	3	20	52,165	1.5	221	18,781	82	280	52,527
West Virginia	690	-94	-227	0	1	6,993	1.1	231	847	32	8	7,033
Wisconsin	3,189	-447	-165	5	3	23,426	0.8	-133	3,191	41	8	23,475
Wyoming	185	-45	-100	1	1	1,344	0.5	-34	126	4	8	1,356
Totals	213,803	-14,114	26,412	348	356	1,814,134	1.2	4,347	390,280	4,912	4,056	1,823,102

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 12, 2023

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
CA	-3,959	No comment.
TX	-1,641	No comment.
PA	-1,155	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, professional, scientific and technical services, and manufacturing industries.
MI	-1,129	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](#).

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)
[Weekly Claims Data](#)

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The Department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts Departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Washington, D.C. 20210
Release Number: USDL 23-1886-NAT

Program Contacts:
Lawrence Essien: (202) 693-3087
Media Contact: (202) 693-4676