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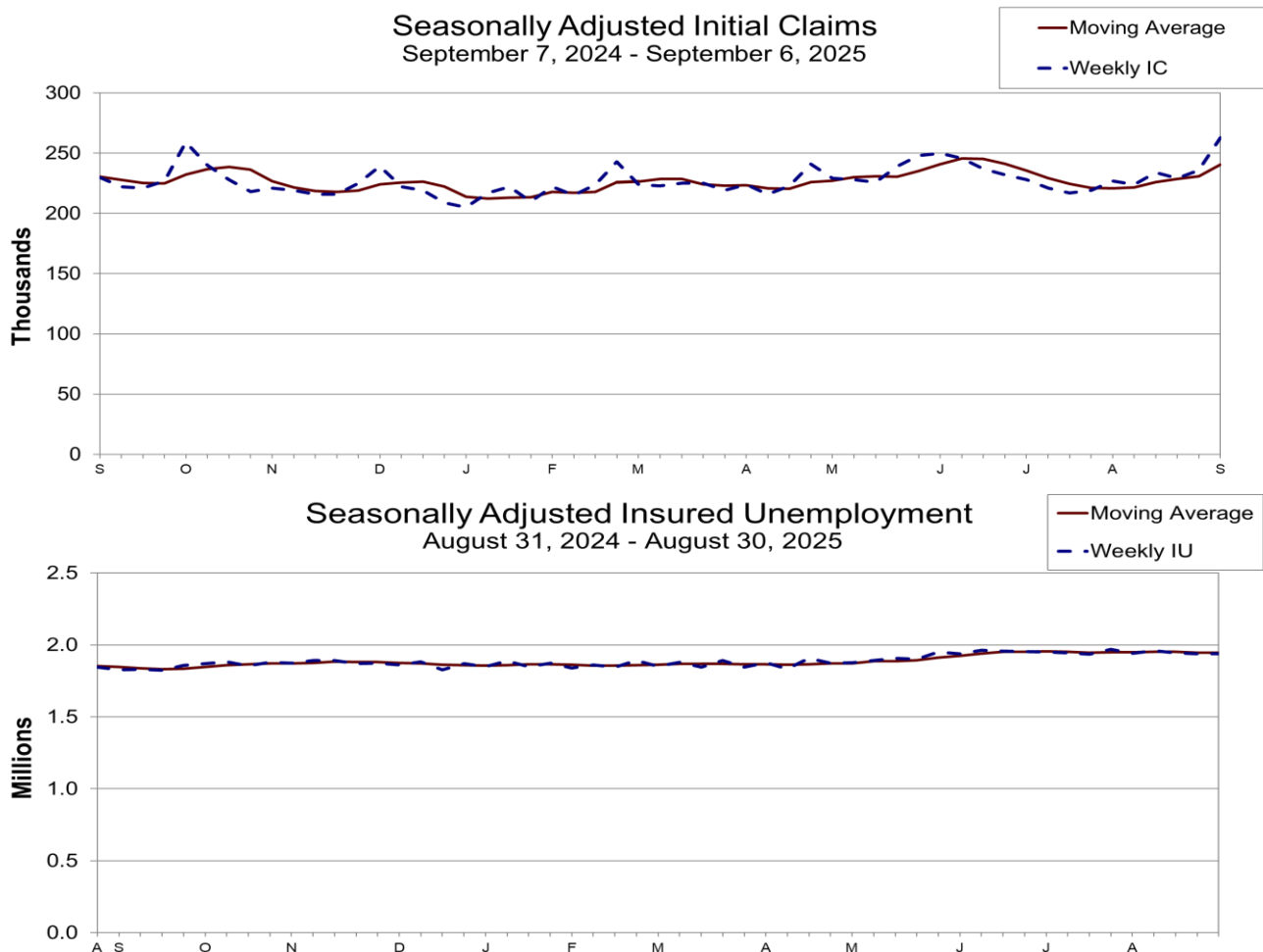
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 263,000, an increase of 27,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for initial claims since October 23, 2021 when it was 268,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 237,000 to 236,000. The 4-week moving average was 240,500, an increase of 9,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 231,000 to 230,750.

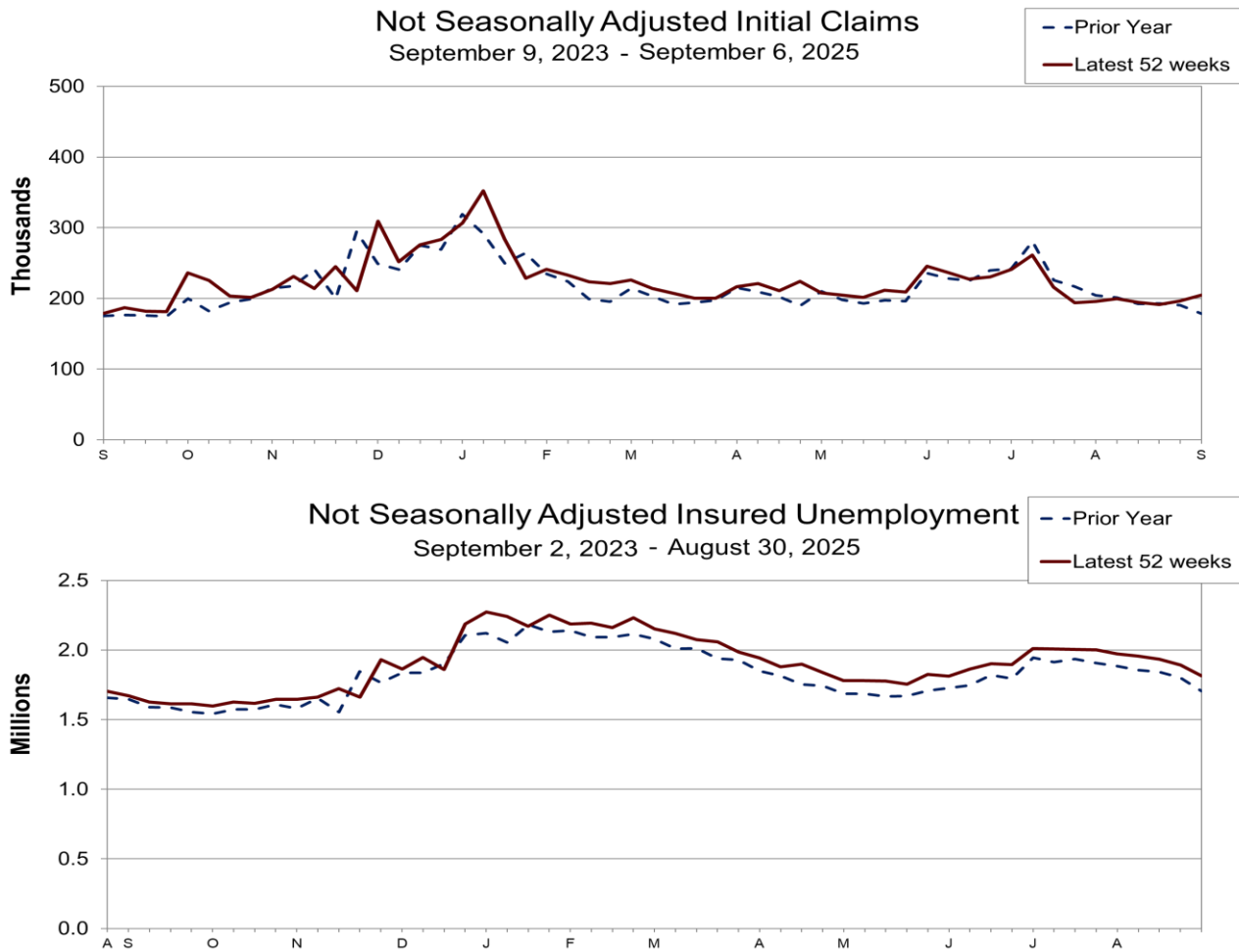
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending August 30, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 30 was 1,939,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,940,000 to 1,939,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,945,750, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,946,750 to 1,946,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 204,581 in the week ending September 6, an increase of 7,869 (or 4.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 13,004 (or -6.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 178,687 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending August 30, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,814,469, a decrease of 77,729 (or -4.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 77,549 (or -4.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,704,574.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 23 was 1,925,324, a decrease of 40,823 from the previous week. There were 1,824,685 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 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 527 in the week ending August 30, an increase of 12 from the prior week. There were 317 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 42 from the preceding week.

There were 8,211 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 23, an increase of 83 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,667, a decrease of 51 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 23 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.5), Massachusetts (2.2), Washington (2.1), California (2.0), Connecticut (2.0), Minnesota (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), District of Columbia (1.9), New York (1.8), Oregon (1.8), and Pennsylvania (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 30 were in Tennessee (+2,870), Connecticut (+2,270), New York (+1,683), Illinois (+1,331), and California (+982), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-2,833), Pennsylvania (-504), Florida (-456), Texas (-402), and Arizona (-329).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 6	August 30	Change	August 23	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	263,000	236,000	+27,000	229,000	230,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	204,581	196,712	+7,869	191,208	178,687
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	240,500	230,750	+9,750	228,500	230,500

WEEK ENDING	August 30	August 23	Change	August 16	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,939,000	1,939,000	0	1,944,000	1,845,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,814,469	1,892,198	-77,729	1,934,364	1,704,574
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,945,750	1,946,500	-750	1,953,750	1,854,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.3%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 30	August 23	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	527	515	+12	269
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	317	359	-42	382

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

WEEK ENDING	August 23	August 16	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,884,063	1,926,592	-42,529	1,794,233
Federal Employees	8,211	8,128	+83	4,191
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,667	4,718	-51	4,572
Extended Benefits ³	82	40	+42	190
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,389	2,443	-54	2,129
STC / Workshare ⁵	25,912	24,226	+1,686	19,370
TOTAL	1,925,324	1,966,147	-40,823	1,824,685

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 September 6			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,695	1,921	-226	8,283	9,151	-868
Alaska	485	443	42	3,276	3,314	-38
Arizona *	2,670	2,980	-310	30,474	31,134	-660
Arkansas	1,079	1,225	-146	6,129	7,087	-958
California	37,470	38,816	-1,346	357,255	366,663	-9,408
Colorado	2,840	2,658	182	30,335	29,706	629
Connecticut	7,031	5,574	1,457	27,047	32,946	-5,899
Delaware	259	267	-8	5,655	6,266	-611
District of Columbia	751	642	109	11,747	10,891	856
Florida	5,624	5,721	-97	31,632	37,879	-6,247
Georgia	4,030	4,352	-322	25,925	27,649	-1,724
Hawaii	927	883	44	5,603	5,649	-46
Idaho	761	809	-48	4,526	4,899	-373
Illinois	10,193	11,242	-1,049	94,102	97,314	-3,212
Indiana	2,346	2,361	-15	19,393	19,843	-450
Iowa	1,564	1,525	39	7,614	8,652	-1,038
Kansas	874	1,297	-423	9,256	8,010	1,246
Kentucky	1,613	1,654	-41	9,664	10,521	-857
Louisiana	1,259	1,762	-503	7,886	9,508	-1,622
Maine *	480	485	-5	4,696	5,112	-416
Maryland	1,880	2,203	-323	28,311	29,632	-1,321
Massachusetts	4,305	4,422	-117	72,240	78,116	-5,876
Michigan	8,403	5,423	2,980	45,732	49,847	-4,115
Minnesota	3,401	3,099	302	53,325	57,981	-4,656
Mississippi	791	1,325	-534	6,209	7,051	-842
Missouri	1,835	2,308	-473	15,937	17,912	-1,975
Montana	386	392	-6	3,754	3,951	-197
Nebraska	568	961	-393	4,764	4,795	-31
Nevada	2,348	2,692	-344	26,802	26,449	353
New Hampshire	244	355	-111	3,322	4,546	-1,224
New Jersey	8,753	8,900	-147	112,953	116,281	-3,328
New Mexico	628	747	-119	10,017	10,116	-99
New York	12,961	16,473	-3,512	165,141	167,571	-2,430
North Carolina	3,174	2,964	210	19,667	21,282	-1,615
North Dakota	960	260	700	2,051	1,995	56
Ohio	4,713	5,033	-320	43,837	45,063	-1,226
Oklahoma	1,116	1,383	-267	10,665	10,957	-292
Oregon	4,439	3,868	571	35,529	35,501	28
Pennsylvania	8,712	8,697	15	90,776	104,573	-13,797
Puerto Rico	1,163	1,280	-117	17,410	18,083	-673
Rhode Island	741	725	16	10,501	12,102	-1,601
South Carolina	1,795	1,862	-67	14,362	15,046	-684
South Dakota	154	154	0	1,028	1,136	-108
Tennessee	2,726	5,689	-2,963	18,053	16,477	1,576
Texas	31,908	16,604	15,304	163,876	167,024	-3,148
Utah	1,251	1,332	-81	11,702	11,862	-160
Vermont	221	189	32	2,049	2,370	-321
Virgin Islands *	57	52	5	284	284	0
Virginia	2,399	2,372	27	21,141	19,900	1,241
Washington	5,240	4,908	332	74,482	73,154	1,328
West Virginia	578	703	-125	6,386	6,071	315
Wisconsin	2,554	2,464	90	19,991	21,345	-1,354
Wyoming	226	256	-30	1,674	1,531	143
US Total	204,581	196,712	7,869	1,814,469	1,892,198	-77,729

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.

*Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,961	19	1,951.75	1.3
August 16, 2025	234	10	226.00	1,944	-17	1,953.75	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-5	228.50	1,939	-5	1,946.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.75	1,939	0	1,945.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	263	27	240.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED AUGUST 30						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 23						
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	1,921	-14	-95	5	3	9,151	0.4	-311	-72	45	23	9,219
Alaska	443	19	-39	0	1	3,314	1.1	-75	-29	32	2	3,348
Arizona	2,980	-329	-787	1	3	31,134	1.0	-3,096	-898	73	50	31,257
Arkansas	1,225	103	-409	1	0	7,087	0.6	-420	-316	18	3	7,108
California	38,816	982	739	76	44	366,663	2.0	507	-8,851	1,064	1,190	368,917
Colorado	2,658	-29	72	1	12	29,706	1.0	-819	3,333	150	180	30,036
Connecticut	5,574	2,270	2,495	2	3	32,946	2.0	1,027	1,613	43	24	33,013
Delaware	267	24	80	3	2	6,266	1.3	414	392	14	21	6,301
District of Columbia	642	-1	59	42	1	10,891	1.9	-503	4,102	1,583	6	12,480
Florida	5,721	-456	-360	29	23	37,879	0.4	815	-2,405	128	90	38,097
Georgia	4,352	-264	-832	81	13	27,649	0.6	-498	-2,653	279	88	28,016
Hawaii	883	-73	-49	3	1	5,649	0.9	-174	-177	42	41	5,732
Idaho	809	13	71	2	2	4,899	0.6	-247	756	10	6	4,915
Illinois	11,242	1,331	3,150	16	4	97,314	1.6	-4,460	5,210	446	108	97,868
Indiana	2,361	-292	-723	6	2	19,843	0.6	-250	-1,985	39	27	19,909
Iowa	1,525	135	-159	3	0	8,652	0.6	-1,643	-876	19	6	8,677
Kansas	1,297	252	-70	0	0	8,010	0.6	380	3,159	21	21	8,052
Kentucky	1,654	-2,833	69	3	1	10,521	0.5	-247	2,554	36	32	10,589
Louisiana	1,762	127	81	2	0	9,508	0.5	-508	-3,422	36	5	9,549
Maine	485	57	94	1	0	5,112	0.8	-236	746	20	8	5,140
Maryland	2,203	301	198	65	9	29,632	1.1	-814	4,458	620	66	30,318
Massachusetts	4,422	113	-3,591	1	1	78,116	2.2	-1,649	15,146	109	48	78,273
Michigan	5,423	350	-348	2	3	49,847	1.1	-1,582	6,688	94	34	49,975
Minnesota	3,099	-75	-208	2	4	57,981	2.0	-3,119	3,995	64	37	58,082
Mississippi	1,325	400	365	4	0	7,051	0.6	-327	67	51	13	7,115
Missouri	2,308	-210	-47	0	3	17,912	0.6	-1,642	621	64	15	17,991
Montana	392	-26	13	4	3	3,951	0.8	-225	173	22	14	3,987
Nebraska	961	382	389	1	0	4,795	0.5	-214	396	17	7	4,819
Nevada	2,692	-73	-75	0	4	26,449	1.7	103	788	42	62	26,553
New Hampshire	355	-75	15	0	0	4,546	0.7	-132	690	4	0	4,550
New Jersey	8,900	-137	594	15	19	116,281	2.8	166	1,411	253	250	116,784
New Mexico	747	-5	45	0	0	10,116	1.2	-35	208	14	5	10,135
New York	16,473	1,683	1,362	12	13	167,571	1.8	2,902	2,287	376	186	168,133
North Carolina	2,964	-190	-151	2	1	21,282	0.4	-716	809	84	92	21,458
North Dakota	260	38	-134	2	1	1,995	0.5	-156	-1,050	45	4	2,044
Ohio	5,033	26	-581	12	6	45,063	0.8	-1,310	5,155	119	85	45,267
Oklahoma	1,383	15	0	6	5	10,957	0.7	-266	1,067	42	25	11,024
Oregon	3,868	80	619	3	6	35,501	1.8	-1,320	8,669	83	39	35,623
Pennsylvania	8,697	-504	-834	11	12	104,573	1.8	-8,000	6,291	328	116	105,017
Puerto Rico	1,280	67	-95	6	6	18,083	2.0	-3,075	-156	187	40	18,310
Rhode Island	725	-9	-123	2	3	12,102	2.5	-436	1,191	33	21	12,156
South Carolina	1,862	-58	-55	1	2	15,046	0.7	-475	651	48	48	15,142
South Dakota	154	15	-16	1	2	1,136	0.3	-43	72	20	2	1,158
Tennessee	5,689	2,870	3,020	1	0	16,477	0.5	-238	-1,475	72	28	16,577
Texas	16,604	-402	3,007	61	70	167,024	1.2	-5,335	17,260	740	979	168,743
Utah	1,332	-92	63	6	1	11,862	0.7	-132	1,186	45	18	11,925
Vermont	189	-72	-31	0	0	2,370	0.8	-215	213	1	0	2,371
Virgin Islands	52	-16	-26	0	0	284	0.8	38	-10	6	0	290
Virginia	2,372	83	546	20	5	19,900	0.5	-1,659	4,311	191	83	20,174
Washington	4,908	73	301	2	21	73,154	2.1	-87	13,322	267	391	73,812
West Virginia	703	52	-32	0	1	6,071	0.9	-387	-110	34	15	6,120
Wisconsin	2,464	-134	-1,508	5	1	21,345	0.7	-1,363	-3,030	31	12	21,388
Wyoming	256	12	20	3	0	1,531	0.6	-79	208	7	1	1,539
Totals	196,712	5,504	6,089	527	317	1,892,198	1.2	-42,166	91,683	8,211	4,667	1,905,076

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 30, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	+2,870	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CT	+2,270	No comment.
NY	+1,683	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, construction, and in arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.
IL	+1,331	Layoffs in manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and construction industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KY	-2,833	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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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