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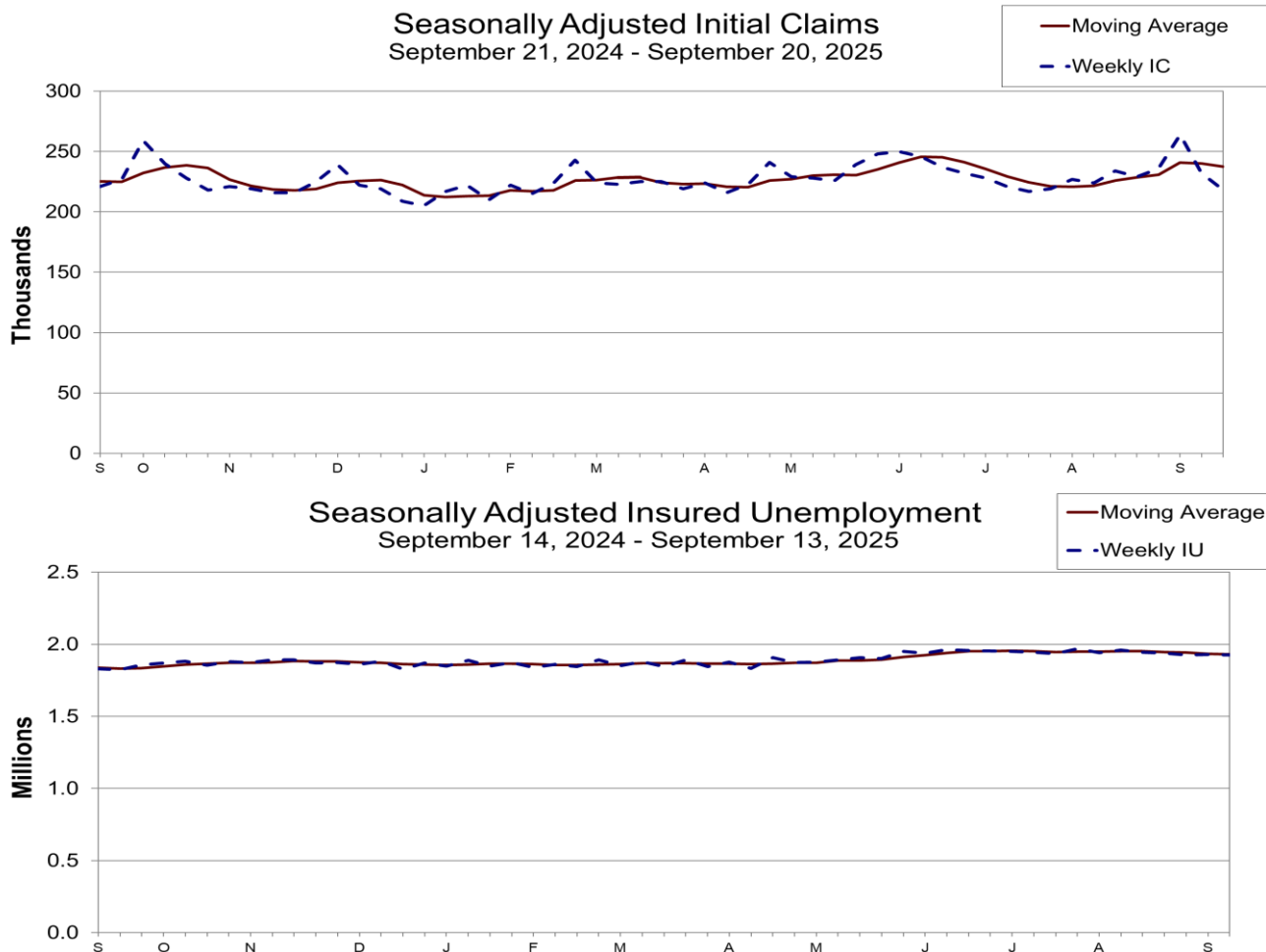
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, a decrease of 14,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000. The 4-week moving average was 237,500, a decrease of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 240,000 to 240,250.

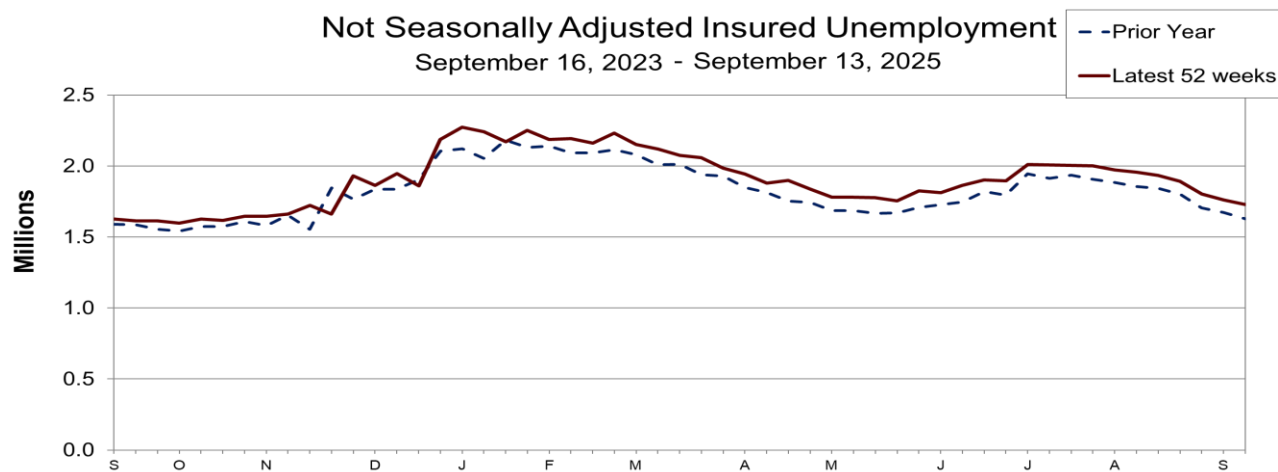
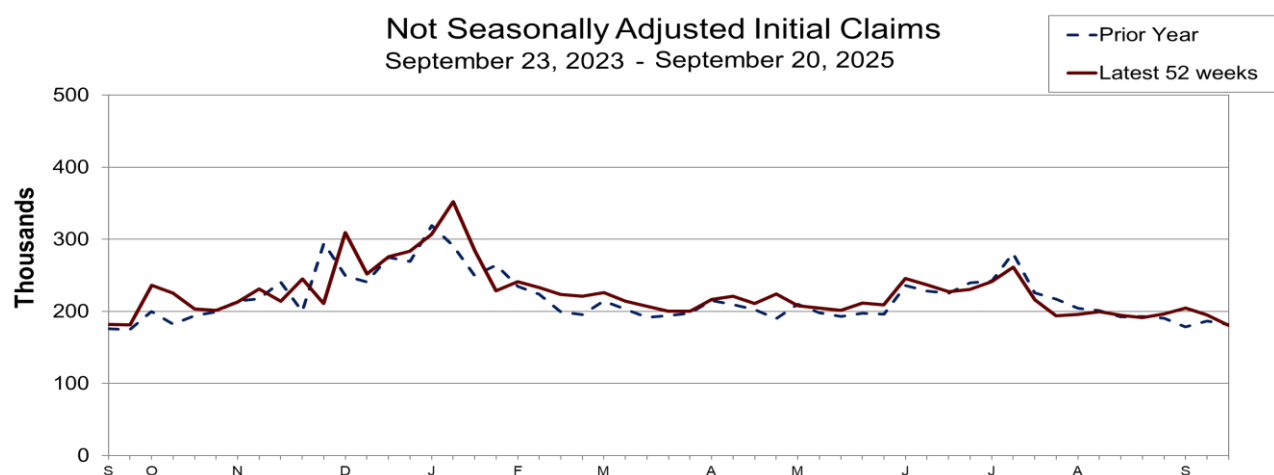
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending September 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 13 was 1,926,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 8,000 from 1,920,000 to 1,928,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,930,000, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 1,932,500 to 1,934,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 180,611 in the week ending September 20, a decrease of 14,822 (or -7.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,477 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 181,713 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,727,777, a decrease of 32,092 (or -1.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 30,841 (or -1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,628,013.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 6 was 1,790,449, a decrease of 44,009 from the previous week. There were 1,693,148 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 September 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 635 in the week ending September 13, an increase of 63 from the prior week. There were 420 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 20 from the preceding week.

There were 8,168 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 6, an increase of 305 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,495, an increase of 13 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 6 were in New Jersey (2.4), California (2.0), Connecticut (2.0), Washington (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Rhode Island (1.9), District of Columbia (1.7), Nevada (1.7), Illinois (1.6), New York (1.6), and Oregon (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 13 were in New York (+1,482), South Carolina (+1,220), Virginia (+920), Massachusetts (+869), and Arizona (+812), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-4,917), Connecticut (-4,540), Michigan (-3,944), Illinois (-1,153), and California (-1,139).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 20	September 13	Change	September 6	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	232,000	-14,000	264,000	221,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	180,611	195,433	-14,822	204,862	181,713
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	237,500	240,250	-2,750	240,750	225,250

WEEK ENDING	September 13	September 6	Change	August 30	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,926,000	1,928,000	-2,000	1,927,000	1,831,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,727,777	1,759,869	-32,092	1,803,344	1,628,013
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,930,000	1,934,500	-4,500	1,942,750	1,838,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 13	September 6	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	635	572	+63	312
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	420	400	+20	418

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

WEEK ENDING	September 6	August 30	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,753,135	1,796,527	-43,392	1,666,872
Federal Employees	8,168	7,863	+305	3,898
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,495	4,482	+13	3,613
Extended Benefits ³	14	38	-24	127
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,593	2,333	+260	2,295
STC / Workshare ⁵	22,044	23,215	-1,171	16,343
TOTAL	1,790,449	1,834,458	-44,009	1,693,148

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 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	1,807	1,909	-102	8,246	9,186	-940
Alaska	583	463	120	3,383	3,353	30
Arizona	2,492	3,792	-1,300	25,166	31,589	-6,423
Arkansas	1,115	1,163	-48	6,537	6,750	-213
California	37,689	35,975	1,714	364,066	352,718	11,348
Colorado	2,760	2,679	81	30,632	29,417	1,215
Connecticut	2,775	2,488	287	32,002	33,849	-1,847
Delaware	237	232	5	5,127	4,942	185
District of Columbia	781	831	-50	11,198	9,842	1,356
Florida	5,590	6,075	-485	31,531	36,011	-4,480
Georgia	3,940	4,682	-742	25,767	28,020	-2,253
Hawaii	963	941	22	5,770	5,654	116
Idaho	672	651	21	4,391	4,760	-369
Illinois	9,659	9,026	633	91,239	94,031	-2,792
Indiana	2,456	2,652	-196	19,658	20,005	-347
Iowa	1,171	1,338	-167	6,756	7,605	-849
Kansas	984	1,044	-60	8,630	7,401	1,229
Kentucky	1,337	1,407	-70	9,792	3,717	6,075
Louisiana	1,364	1,586	-222	7,298	8,838	-1,540
Maine	418	450	-32	4,658	4,842	-184
Maryland	1,941	2,426	-485	27,584	27,651	-67
Massachusetts	4,484	4,461	23	67,309	68,788	-1,479
Michigan	4,217	4,497	-280	44,614	48,705	-4,091
Minnesota	3,009	3,388	-379	37,497	39,709	-2,212
Mississippi	755	883	-128	5,843	6,444	-601
Missouri	2,009	2,198	-189	15,575	16,161	-586
Montana	465	404	61	3,525	3,771	-246
Nebraska	551	598	-47	4,574	4,664	-90
Nevada	2,419	2,668	-249	25,764	26,633	-869
New Hampshire	244	352	-108	3,066	3,730	-664
New Jersey	8,587	7,788	799	93,856	102,769	-8,913
New Mexico	638	725	-87	9,863	9,811	52
New York	12,452	14,332	-1,880	142,084	153,701	-11,617
North Carolina	3,197	3,591	-394	19,731	20,319	-588
North Dakota	251	243	8	1,946	2,686	-740
Ohio	4,341	4,686	-345	42,673	43,760	-1,087
Oklahoma	1,273	1,288	-15	10,585	10,905	-320
Oregon	4,005	3,895	110	33,073	31,466	1,607
Pennsylvania	7,800	8,582	-782	84,058	87,311	-3,253
Puerto Rico	1,241	1,377	-136	17,219	17,313	-94
Rhode Island	670	859	-189	8,590	8,993	-403
South Carolina	1,923	3,085	-1,162	13,928	15,504	-1,576
South Dakota	167	163	4	1,057	1,027	30
Tennessee	3,011	2,657	354	15,730	16,096	-366
Texas	20,132	27,033	-6,901	162,196	159,889	2,307
Utah	1,161	1,287	-126	11,479	11,616	-137
Vermont	174	217	-43	1,887	1,846	41
Virgin Islands	69	55	14	350	362	-12
Virginia	2,289	3,509	-1,220	22,107	19,390	2,717
Washington	5,038	5,360	-322	73,105	71,025	2,080
West Virginia	617	646	-29	6,314	6,002	312
Wisconsin	2,460	2,550	-90	17,115	17,828	-713
Wyoming	228	246	-18	1,633	1,464	169
US Total	180,611	195,433	-14,822	1,727,777	1,759,869	-32,092

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,927	-12	1,942.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	264	28	240.75	1,928	1	1,934.50	1.3
September 13, 2025	232	-32	240.25	1,926	-2	1,930.00	1.3
September 20, 2025	218	-14	237.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 13						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 6						
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	1,909	142	-133	8	3	9,186	0.4	123	41	44	19	9,249
Alaska	463	77	-73	0	0	3,353	1.1	-9	0	27	3	3,383
Arizona	3,792	812	110	3	10	31,589	1.0	455	752	98	55	31,742
Arkansas	1,163	36	-8	0	3	6,750	0.5	155	-667	14	8	6,772
California	35,975	-1,139	-1,840	133	108	352,718	2.0	1,134	-6,304	946	1,127	354,791
Colorado	2,679	-72	55	1	9	29,417	1.0	-9	3,154	126	166	29,709
Connecticut	2,488	-4,540	220	2	2	33,849	2.0	7,483	12,067	50	23	33,922
Delaware	232	-35	47	7	3	4,942	1.1	-258	451	25	7	4,974
District of Columbia	831	124	343	80	2	9,842	1.7	-471	3,323	1,524	8	11,374
Florida	6,075	272	-621	21	32	36,011	0.4	1,048	-2,219	142	75	36,228
Georgia	4,682	486	-625	50	18	28,020	0.6	961	-2,417	328	99	28,447
Hawaii	941	39	-136	3	2	5,654	0.9	224	-52	31	36	5,721
Idaho	651	28	-135	0	2	4,760	0.6	-114	818	14	6	4,780
Illinois	9,026	-1,153	1,528	4	5	94,031	1.6	933	7,213	442	131	94,604
Indiana	2,652	304	-393	5	2	20,005	0.6	511	-1,055	46	22	20,073
Iowa	1,338	-266	-776	2	0	7,605	0.5	-334	-1,385	17	5	7,627
Kansas	1,044	141	-164	0	0	7,401	0.5	-44	1,194	34	23	7,458
Kentucky	1,407	-91	-134	1	0	3,717	0.2	-5,896	-4,130	22	14	3,753
Louisiana	1,586	227	265	2	4	8,838	0.5	-480	-3,573	30	4	8,872
Maine	450	76	53	2	0	4,842	0.8	-227	760	19	7	4,868
Maryland	2,426	208	196	90	13	27,651	1.1	-604	5,277	708	66	28,425
Massachusetts	4,461	869	-846	1	1	68,788	1.9	-3,845	10,736	128	43	68,959
Michigan	4,497	-3,944	-1,019	0	4	48,705	1.1	1,540	9,178	96	39	48,840
Minnesota	3,388	-36	7	7	3	39,709	1.4	-11,752	1,811	67	35	39,811
Mississippi	883	23	-91	1	1	6,444	0.6	-264	-22	45	21	6,510
Missouri	2,198	249	15	4	6	16,161	0.6	-618	813	57	17	16,235
Montana	404	-2	-177	2	2	3,771	0.8	-39	205	24	14	3,809
Nebraska	598	18	-85	1	1	4,664	0.5	-217	-155	13	5	4,682
Nevada	2,668	224	135	1	4	26,633	1.7	-66	1,125	42	63	26,738
New Hampshire	352	14	54	1	1	3,730	0.5	-236	655	5	1	3,736
New Jersey	7,788	-1,053	-725	19	18	102,769	2.4	-9,575	978	246	271	103,286
New Mexico	725	56	8	0	0	9,811	1.2	-39	33	11	9	9,831
New York	14,332	1,482	257	18	19	153,701	1.6	-10,495	1,907	371	190	154,262
North Carolina	3,591	311	564	3	1	20,319	0.4	-216	307	87	79	20,485
North Dakota	243	-701	45	3	0	2,686	0.6	809	-363	18	3	2,707
Ohio	4,686	-76	-352	11	10	43,760	0.8	-186	4,569	122	77	43,959
Oklahoma	1,288	120	111	8	5	10,905	0.7	33	1,151	37	30	10,972
Oregon	3,895	-175	277	2	1	31,466	1.6	-1,940	6,981	89	42	31,597
Pennsylvania	8,582	-198	138	18	8	87,311	1.5	-4,449	4,248	309	120	87,740
Puerto Rico	1,377	173	-59	7	5	17,313	1.9	-388	-624	196	44	17,553
Rhode Island	859	104	79	1	2	8,993	1.9	-1,373	632	32	18	9,043
South Carolina	3,085	1,220	776	4	3	15,504	0.7	783	1,096	39	56	15,599
South Dakota	163	14	33	0	0	1,027	0.2	-5	-39	20	1	1,048
Tennessee	2,657	-38	-261	2	2	16,096	0.5	-1,973	-863	67	26	16,189
Texas	27,033	-4,917	11,476	65	64	159,889	1.2	-1,438	16,791	735	856	161,480
Utah	1,287	36	-25	9	2	11,616	0.7	-122	996	48	19	11,683
Vermont	217	-7	17	1	0	1,846	0.6	-82	206	1	0	1,847
Virgin Islands	55	0	-6	0	0	362	1.0	42	18	8	0	370
Virginia	3,509	920	1,345	22	7	19,390	0.5	-70	4,641	195	72	19,657
Washington	5,360	136	446	5	28	71,025	2.0	349	12,286	300	417	71,742
West Virginia	646	51	-179	0	0	6,002	0.9	-31	-74	34	12	6,048
Wisconsin	2,550	26	-1,132	5	4	17,828	0.6	-2,140	-4,601	34	10	17,872
Wyoming	246	-4	-4	0	0	1,464	0.5	-53	162	5	1	1,470
Totals	195,433	-9,429	8,601	635	420	1,759,869	1.2	-43,475	88,032	8,168	4,495	1,772,532

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+1,482	Layoffs in construction; health care and social assistance; and in professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
SC	+1,220	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-4,917	No comment.
CT	-4,540	No comment.
MI	-3,944	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IL	-1,153	No comment.
CA	-1,139	No comment.
NJ	-1,053	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](#).

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