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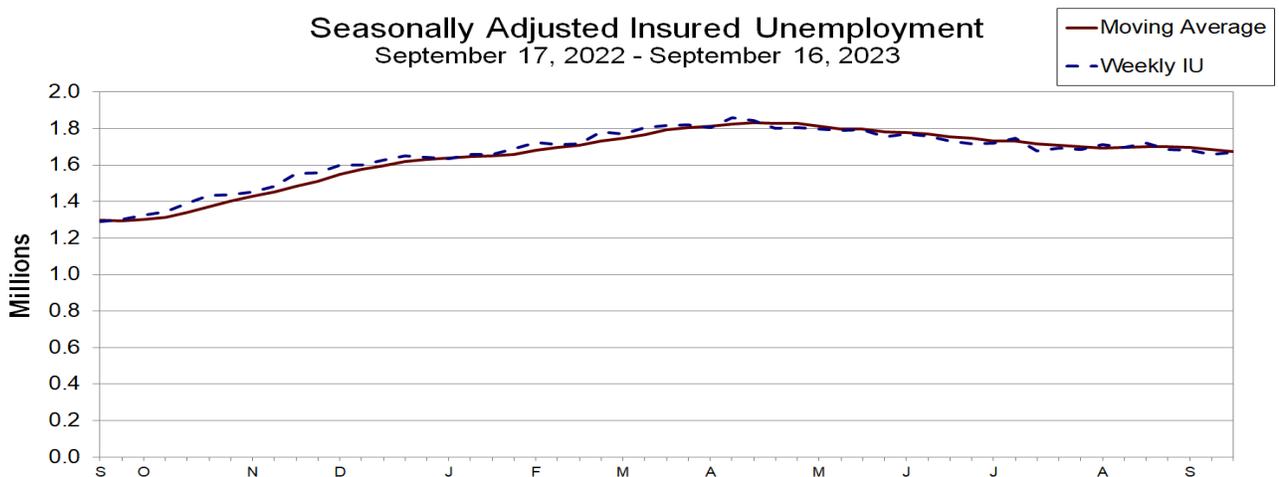
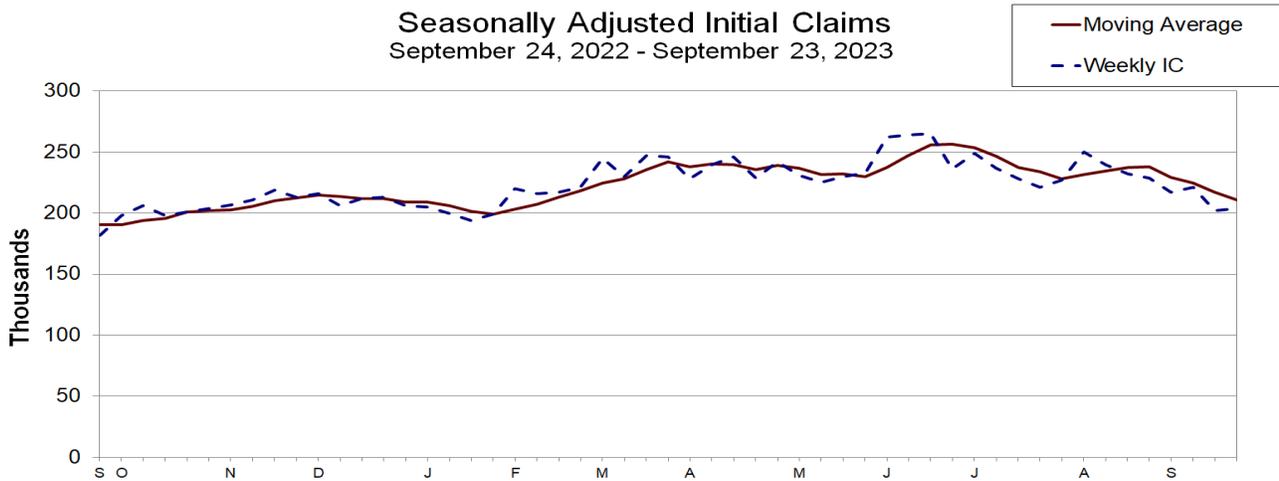
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 204,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 201,000 to 202,000. The 4-week moving average was 211,000, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 217,000 to 217,250.

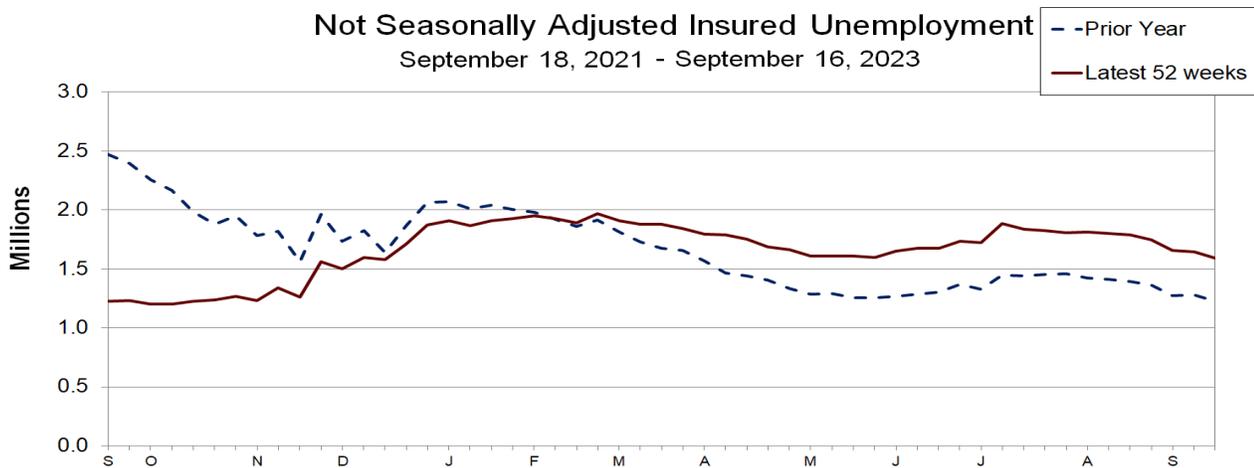
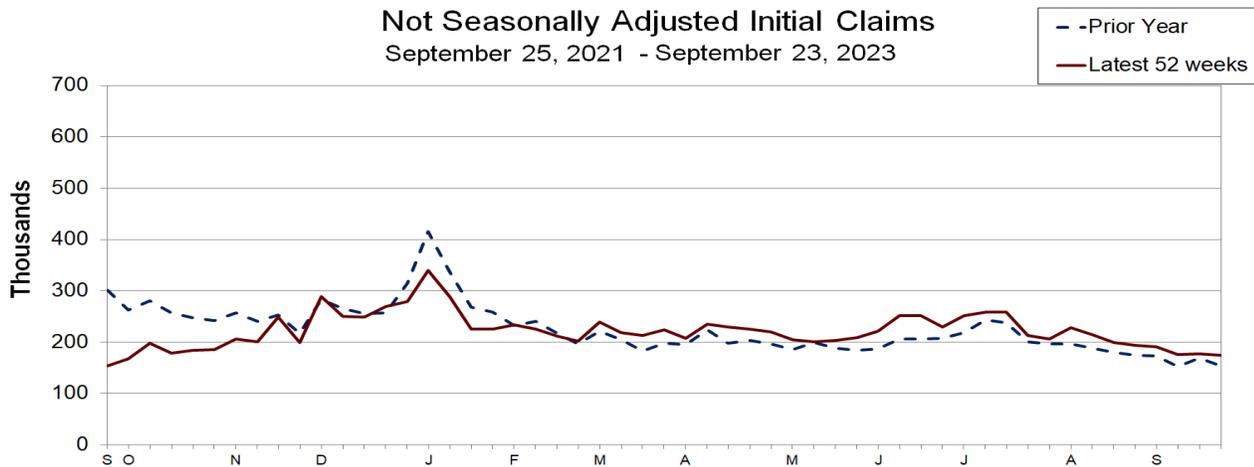
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending September 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 16 was 1,670,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,662,000 to 1,658,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,673,750, a decrease of 12,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,687,000 to 1,686,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 174,590 in the week ending September 23, a decrease of 1,996 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,839 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 153,821 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending September 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,592,819, a decrease of 53,098 (or -3.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 64,643 (or -3.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 0.9 percent and the volume was 1,224,496.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending September 9 was 1,669,542, a decrease of 9,347 from the previous week. There were 1,302,447 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 September 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 363 in the week ending September 16, an increase of 91 from the prior week. There were 362 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 43 from the preceding week.

There were 4,295 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending September 9, an increase of 131 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,175, an increase of 294 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 9 were in Hawaii (2.5), New Jersey (2.3), California (2.1), New York (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Massachusetts (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), Nevada (1.5), Oregon (1.5), and Washington (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 16 were in Georgia (+1,539), New York (+1,332), South Carolina (+1,103), Texas (+987), and Oregon (+557), while the largest decreases were in Indiana (-2,761), California (-1,498), Virginia (-631), Iowa (-558), and Kentucky (-375).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 23	September 16	Change	September 9	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	204,000	202,000	+2,000	221,000	182,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	174,590	176,586	-1,996	175,594	153,821
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	211,000	217,250	-6,250	224,750	190,500

WEEK ENDING	September 16	September 9	Change	September 2	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,670,000	1,658,000	+12,000	1,683,000	1,290,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,592,819	1,645,917	-53,098	1,655,858	1,224,496
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,673,750	1,686,000	-12,250	1,695,750	1,299,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	0.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 16	September 9	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	363	272	+91	376
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	362	319	+43	340

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

WEEK ENDING	September 9	September 2	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,641,439	1,650,969	-9,530	1,275,841
Federal Employees	4,295	4,164	+131	6,213
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,175	3,881	+294	4,393
Extended Benefits ³	528	377	+151	4,141
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,363	1,942	+421	1,691
STC / Workshare ⁵	16,742	17,556	-814	10,168
TOTAL	1,669,542	1,678,889	-9,347	1,302,447

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 September 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended September 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,795	2,010	785	8,030	9,024	-994
Alaska	750	590	160	3,398	3,334	64
Arizona	3,145	3,255	-110	25,672	28,486	-2,814
Arkansas	1,047	1,209	-162	8,672	9,372	-700
California	38,148	35,040	3,108	375,564	379,543	-3,979
Colorado	2,395	2,422	-27	23,409	22,491	918
Connecticut	2,704	2,546	158	22,252	21,129	1,123
Delaware	301	278	23	4,269	4,062	207
District of Columbia	349	398	-49	5,162	5,229	-67
Florida	5,155	5,898	-743	38,518	40,946	-2,428
Georgia	4,285	6,295	-2,010	31,295	33,437	-2,142
Hawaii	1,911	2,147	-236	14,647	14,357	290
Idaho	731	733	-2	3,647	4,045	-398
Illinois	7,913	8,063	-150	80,782	79,704	1,078
Indiana	2,486	3,162	-676	18,880	23,558	-4,678
Iowa	1,764	1,450	314	6,289	7,665	-1,376
Kansas	1,050	1,048	2	4,719	4,414	305
Kentucky	1,183	1,222	-39	6,159	6,377	-218
Louisiana	1,646	1,630	16	11,577	13,150	-1,573
Maine	372	337	35	3,436	3,622	-186
Maryland	1,695	2,026	-331	20,615	20,164	451
Massachusetts	2,178	2,182	-4	57,738	57,462	276
Michigan	5,590	4,337	1,253	33,527	35,130	-1,603
Minnesota	2,642	2,880	-238	31,260	32,606	-1,346
Mississippi	819	902	-83	5,569	6,493	-924
Missouri	2,893	2,557	336	14,692	16,116	-1,424
Montana	482	460	22	2,781	2,999	-218
Nebraska	575	605	-30	3,565	4,008	-443
Nevada	2,082	2,035	47	19,804	21,062	-1,258
New Hampshire	255	328	-73	2,358	2,584	-226
New Jersey	7,260	7,671	-411	88,127	95,071	-6,944
New Mexico	737	729	8	9,582	9,503	79
New York	12,237	13,223	-986	148,611	160,120	-11,509
North Carolina	2,860	3,087	-227	19,254	20,514	-1,260
North Dakota	183	149	34	1,132	1,130	2
Ohio	8,420	7,061	1,359	33,199	34,724	-1,525
Oklahoma	1,100	1,055	45	8,970	9,239	-269
Oregon	3,531	4,021	-490	28,601	29,237	-636
Pennsylvania	8,867	8,985	-118	78,837	81,995	-3,158
Puerto Rico	1,337	1,491	-154	16,336	16,647	-311
Rhode Island	686	789	-103	7,121	7,592	-471
South Carolina	1,509	2,817	-1,308	12,670	14,253	-1,583
South Dakota	89	118	-29	757	802	-45
Tennessee	2,253	2,211	42	14,463	15,691	-1,228
Texas	12,916	13,452	-536	132,716	135,282	-2,566
Utah	1,421	1,354	67	9,579	9,562	17
Vermont	217	184	33	1,911	1,865	46
Virgin Islands	47	77	-30	374	240	134
Virginia	1,409	1,487	-78	13,770	13,286	484
Washington	4,621	4,907	-286	53,309	51,066	2,243
West Virginia	560	619	-59	6,211	5,889	322
Wisconsin	2,766	2,825	-59	17,729	18,452	-723
Wyoming	223	229	-6	1,274	1,188	86
US Total	174,590	176,586	-1,996	1,592,819	1,645,917	-53,098

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	
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	1,697	-14	1,696.00	1.1
August 19, 2023	232	-8	237.25	1,719	22	1,702.75	1.2
August 26, 2023	229	-3	237.75	1,684	-35	1,702.75	1.1
September 2, 2023	217	-12	229.50	1,683	-1	1,695.75	1.1
September 9, 2023	221	4	224.75	1,658	-25	1,686.00	1.1
September 16, 2023	202	-19	217.25	1,670	12	1,673.75	1.1
September 23, 2023	204	2	211.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 16

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
SEPTEMBER 9

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	2,010	-108	-128	5	1	9,024	0.5	-136	3,849	26	19	9,069
Alaska	590	66	-52	5	2	3,334	1.1	198	-82	35	4	3,373
Arizona	3,255	221	617	2	0	28,486	0.9	-383	6,364	43	25	28,554
Arkansas	1,209	-116	23	1	0	9,372	0.8	-262	1,480	34	18	9,424
California	35,040	-1,498	416	70	52	379,543	2.1	19,136	73,478	784	1,012	381,339
Colorado	2,422	146	391	1	6	22,491	0.8	987	5,964	45	121	22,657
Connecticut	2,546	-243	96	2	3	21,129	1.3	-1,659	4,848	34	28	21,191
Delaware	278	41	12	3	0	4,062	0.9	-361	1,206	11	11	4,084
District of Columbia	398	25	132	6	1	5,229	0.9	-319	1,972	152	6	5,387
Florida	5,898	303	65	16	29	40,946	0.4	-524	2,156	78	102	41,126
Georgia	6,295	1,539	392	25	23	33,437	0.7	500	3,641	135	85	33,657
Hawaii	2,147	-275	1,092	1	9	14,357	2.5	745	8,583	37	48	14,442
Idaho	733	-102	102	0	0	4,045	0.5	-6	1,034	6	7	4,058
Illinois	8,063	410	1,065	5	6	79,704	1.4	-1,637	23,567	254	115	80,073
Indiana	3,162	-2,761	-406	2	4	23,558	0.8	362	4,692	55	21	23,634
Iowa	1,450	-558	178	4	2	7,665	0.5	748	2,080	16	8	7,689
Kansas	1,048	113	170	0	1	4,414	0.3	-32	694	17	15	4,446
Kentucky	1,222	-375	118	0	0	6,377	0.3	14	-1,627	18	19	6,414
Louisiana	1,630	246	104	2	2	13,150	0.7	34	2,344	27	10	13,187
Maine	337	-23	-23	0	0	3,622	0.6	1	951	8	10	3,640
Maryland	2,026	126	191	6	7	20,164	0.8	115	3,385	101	70	20,335
Massachusetts	2,182	-43	1,002	6	6	57,462	1.6	-3,608	15,352	73	79	57,614
Michigan	4,337	-117	-5,805	6	0	35,130	0.8	-1,568	7,050	56	37	35,223
Minnesota	2,880	44	352	4	2	32,606	1.2	-7,694	10,724	49	39	32,694
Mississippi	902	106	11	1	2	6,493	0.6	0	1,536	43	11	6,547
Missouri	2,557	-126	-529	2	4	16,116	0.6	-1,792	4,532	45	24	16,185
Montana	460	49	-50	2	3	2,999	0.6	75	320	21	7	3,027
Nebraska	605	-227	109	2	2	4,008	0.4	261	1,397	2	6	4,016
Nevada	2,035	-127	326	0	1	21,062	1.5	163	5,364	40	48	21,150
New Hampshire	328	14	84	0	1	2,584	0.4	-113	743	0	1	2,585
New Jersey	7,671	226	707	38	14	95,071	2.3	-5,665	22,768	232	160	95,463
New Mexico	729	131	79	7	2	9,503	1.2	12	2,289	46	23	9,572
New York	13,223	1,332	-266	18	20	160,120	1.8	-10,379	31,378	375	218	160,713
North Carolina	3,087	90	106	2	1	20,514	0.4	-38	4,778	43	78	20,635
North Dakota	149	2	15	1	0	1,130	0.3	-8	251	12	4	1,146
Ohio	7,061	-130	637	3	11	34,724	0.7	-491	6,674	41	56	34,821
Oklahoma	1,055	-136	-429	6	3	9,239	0.6	-291	-718	28	45	9,312
Oregon	4,021	557	502	10	3	29,237	1.5	-891	9,972	65	49	29,351
Pennsylvania	8,985	135	2,914	18	12	81,995	1.4	-2,183	15,907	241	122	82,358
Puerto Rico	1,491	55	405	8	1	16,647	1.8	-286	3,018	174	65	16,886
Rhode Island	789	298	77	4	0	7,592	1.6	-975	1,983	18	14	7,624
South Carolina	2,817	1,103	413	3	4	14,253	0.7	830	2,229	32	52	14,337
South Dakota	118	-11	15	3	0	802	0.2	87	292	13	0	815
Tennessee	2,211	54	301	6	10	15,691	0.5	351	3,682	41	33	15,765
Texas	13,452	987	934	40	68	135,282	1.0	6,684	33,892	439	830	136,551
Utah	1,354	58	245	3	2	9,562	0.6	-157	3,821	19	18	9,599
Vermont	184	32	-17	0	0	1,865	0.6	-155	485	0	0	1,865
Virgin Islands	77	-5	19	1	0	240	0.7	-62	-42	0	0	240
Virginia	1,487	-631	105	6	6	13,286	0.4	259	3,792	90	82	13,458
Washington	4,907	244	1,032	3	34	51,066	1.5	1,325	18,438	80	285	51,431
West Virginia	619	52	53	0	2	5,889	0.9	26	848	25	9	5,923
Wisconsin	2,825	-235	-65	4	0	18,452	0.6	-1,197	3,544	33	16	18,501
Wyoming	229	34	48	0	0	1,188	0.4	18	186	3	10	1,201
Totals	176,586	992	7,885	363	362	1,645,917	1.1	-9,941	367,064	4,295	4,175	1,654,387

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 16, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	+1,539	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, and in professional scientific and technical services industries.
NY	+1,332	Layoffs in the construction, health care and social assistance, and in public administration industries.
SC	+1,103	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IN	-2,761	No comment.
CA	-1,498	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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