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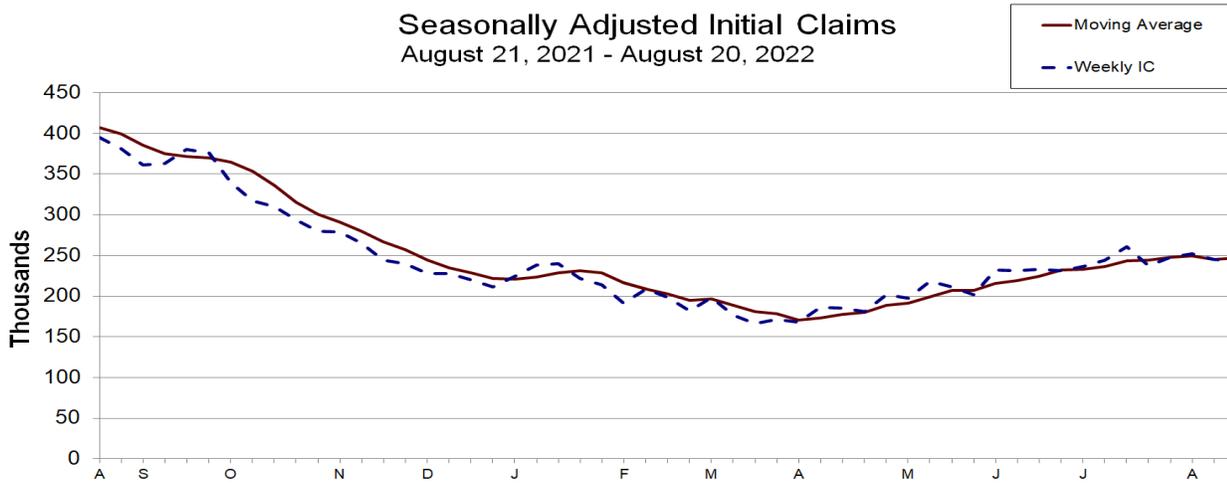
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

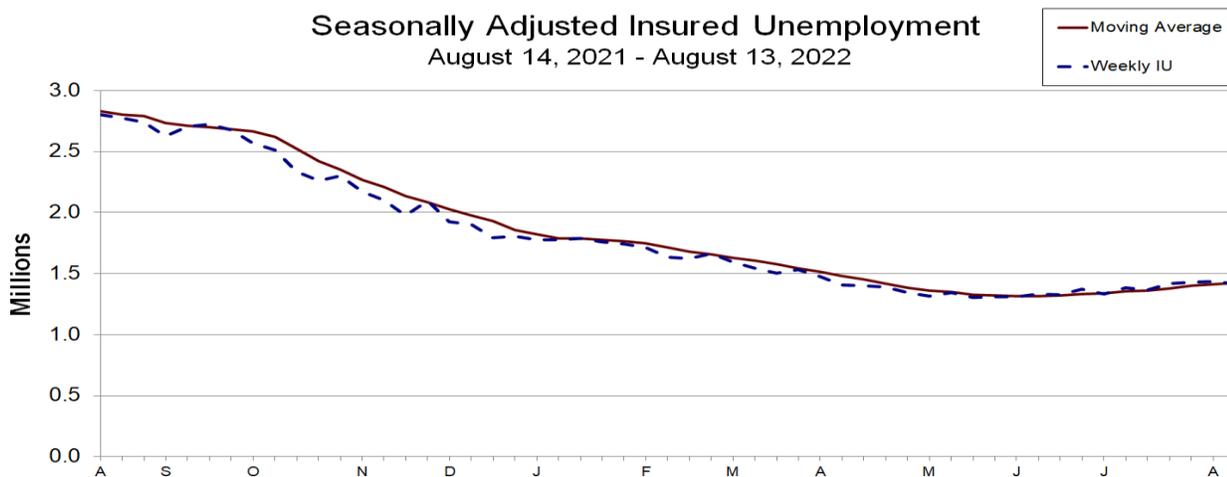
In the week ending August 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 243,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 250,000 to 245,000. The 4-week moving average was 247,000, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 246,750 to 245,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending August 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 13 was 1,415,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 1,437,000 to 1,434,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,424,750, an increase of 12,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 750 from 1,413,000 to 1,412,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
August 21, 2021 - August 20, 2022



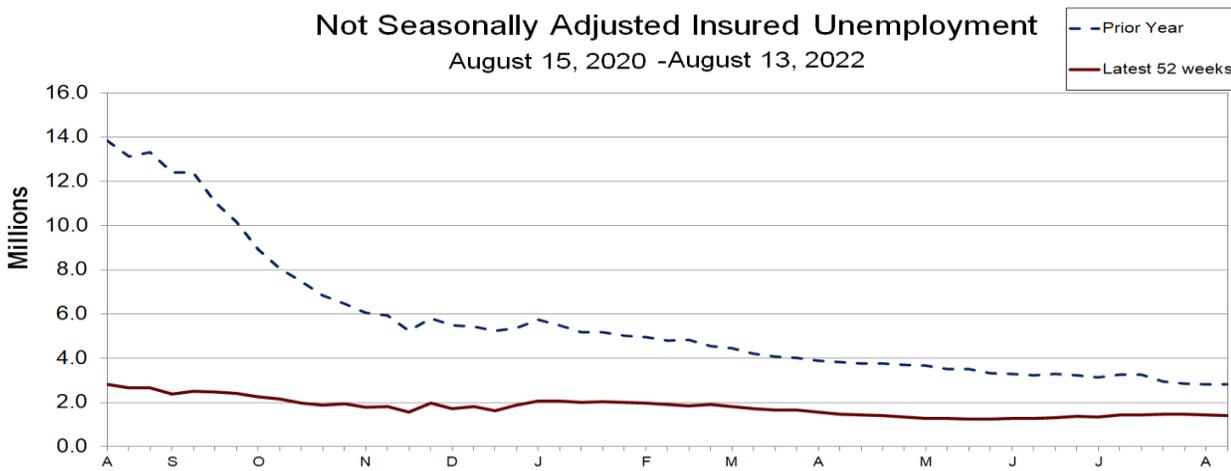
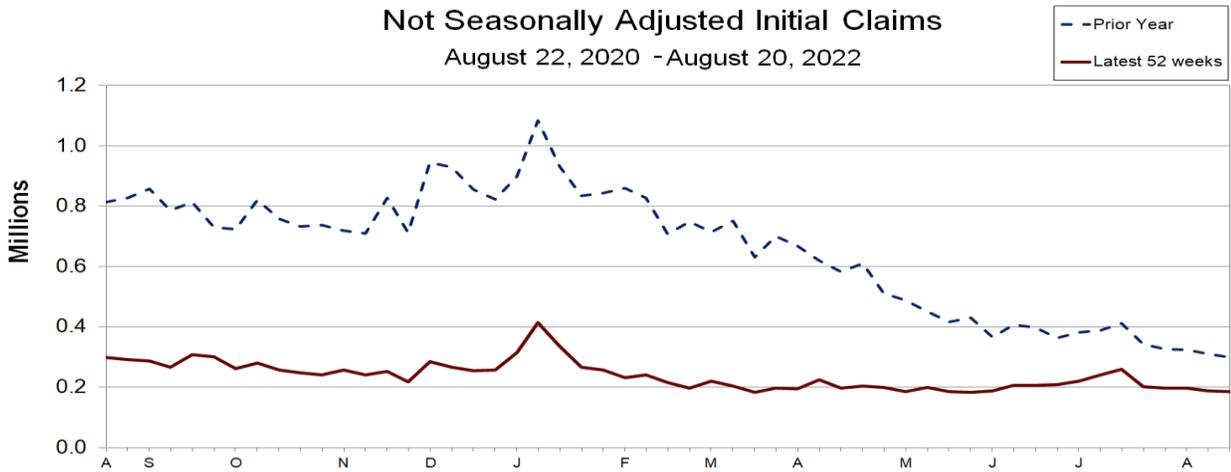
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
August 14, 2021 - August 13, 2022



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 184,414 in the week ending August 20, a decrease of 3,039 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,958 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 298,791 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending August 13, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,417,342, a decrease of 6,451 (or -0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 12,904 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.1 percent and the volume was 2,809,776.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending August 6 was 1,448,533, a decrease of 32,948 from the previous week. There were 12,007,688 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending August 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 379 in the week ending August 13, a decrease of 23 from the prior week. There were 400 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 74 from the preceding week.

There were 6,669 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending August 6, a decrease of 405 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,355, an increase of 55 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 6 were in New Jersey (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.2), California (1.9), Connecticut (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), Massachusetts (1.6), New York (1.6), Pennsylvania (1.4), Alaska (1.2), Illinois (1.2), and Nevada (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 13 were in Oklahoma (+1,419), Missouri (+1,014), Indiana (+691), Virginia (+404), and Michigan (+318), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,185), Ohio (-1,659), Georgia (-946), South Carolina (-847), and Pennsylvania (-617).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 20	August 13	Change	August 6	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	243,000	245,000	-2,000	252,000	395,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	184,414	187,453	-3,039	196,370	298,791
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	247,000	245,500	+1,500	249,500	407,500

WEEK ENDING	August 13	August 6	Change	July 30	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,415,000	1,434,000	-19,000	1,430,000	2,804,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,417,342	1,423,793	-6,451	1,457,238	2,809,776
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,424,750	1,412,250	+12,500	1,399,750	2,829,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.0%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.0%	1.0%	0.0	1.0%	2.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	August 13	August 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	379	402	-23	592
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	400	474	-74	562

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)³

WEEK ENDING	August 6	July 30	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,420,853	1,454,500	-33,647	2,795,263
Federal Employees	6,669	7,074	-405	9,355
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,355	4,300	+55	5,963
Extended Benefits ⁴	5,130	4,676	+454	351,427
State Additional Benefits ⁵	1,929	1,764	+165	1,090
STC / Workshare ⁶	9,597	9,167	+430	45,881
TOTAL⁷	1,448,533	1,481,481	-32,948	12,007,688

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 141,769,719 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,411	2,812	-401	3,956	5,465	-1,509
Alaska	794	687	107	3,317	3,517	-200
Arizona	2,816	3,094	-278	21,530	23,659	-2,129
Arkansas	1,836	1,522	314	7,900	8,808	-908
California	37,939	39,251	-1,312	316,949	311,496	5,453
Colorado	2,143	2,110	33	18,574	17,055	1,519
Connecticut	8,161	6,608	1,553	29,770	29,439	331
Delaware	264	325	-61	4,089	3,957	132
District of Columbia	284	282	2	3,155	3,397	-242
Florida	5,520	6,074	-554	37,654	41,567	-3,913
Georgia	5,641	5,829	-188	32,576	30,966	1,610
Hawaii	938	1,041	-103	5,826	5,960	-134
Idaho	682	723	-41	3,617	4,139	-522
Illinois	6,849	6,456	393	66,260	64,822	1,438
Indiana	4,103	5,309	-1,206	18,765	20,661	-1,896
Iowa	1,436	1,181	255	7,186	7,754	-568
Kansas	1,167	1,221	-54	4,157	4,087	70
Kentucky	1,476	1,625	-149	8,800	8,810	-10
Louisiana	1,615	1,962	-347	10,998	12,421	-1,423
Maine	374	394	-20	3,238	3,305	-67
Maryland	1,630	1,954	-324	18,159	18,444	-285
Massachusetts	4,992	1,252	3,740	51,755	53,242	-1,487
Michigan	5,266	6,031	-765	31,129	33,049	-1,920
Minnesota	2,565	2,499	66	24,968	23,790	1,178
Mississippi	1,025	1,135	-110	4,945	6,236	-1,291
Missouri	3,284	3,718	-434	16,128	16,708	-580
Montana	393	454	-61	3,133	3,284	-151
Nebraska	508	531	-23	3,144	3,494	-350
Nevada	2,285	1,961	324	14,936	16,106	-1,170
New Hampshire	280	408	-128	2,442	2,503	-61
New Jersey	5,930	7,466	-1,536	84,958	84,134	824
New Mexico	528	619	-91	7,382	7,615	-233
New York	13,823	13,381	442	141,214	139,788	1,426
North Carolina	3,136	3,512	-376	15,798	16,708	-910
North Dakota	148	176	-28	1,368	1,464	-96
Ohio	6,215	6,248	-33	30,900	32,829	-1,929
Oklahoma	4,156	3,976	180	11,095	11,375	-280
Oregon	3,174	3,385	-211	21,783	21,271	512
Pennsylvania	6,265	6,648	-383	85,262	80,453	4,809
Puerto Rico	1,066	1,406	-340	16,725	18,505	-1,780
Rhode Island	731	521	210	8,190	8,267	-77
South Carolina	1,727	1,995	-268	12,087	12,718	-631
South Dakota	86	130	-44	636	782	-146
Tennessee	2,076	2,375	-299	12,096	13,698	-1,602
Texas	14,020	14,223	-203	104,534	104,204	330
Utah	1,104	1,216	-112	5,934	5,946	-12
Vermont	430	255	175	2,149	2,061	88
Virgin Islands	39	32	7	388	352	36
Virginia	3,035	2,983	52	13,625	12,499	1,126
Washington	3,877	3,901	-24	35,161	33,384	1,777
West Virginia	933	917	16	5,974	6,146	-172
Wisconsin	3,017	3,354	-337	19,669	20,235	-566
Wyoming	221	285	-64	1,358	1,218	140
US Total	184,414	187,453	-3,039	1,417,342	1,423,793	-6,451

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 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,372	48	1,334.25	1.0
July 2, 2022	236	5	232.75	1,333	-39	1,340.00	0.9
July 9, 2022	244	8	236.00	1,384	51	1,353.25	1.0
July 16, 2022	261	17	243.00	1,365	-19	1,363.50	1.0
July 23, 2022	237	-24	244.50	1,420	55	1,375.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	248	11	247.50	1,430	10	1,399.75	1.0
August 6, 2022	252	4	249.50	1,434	4	1,412.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	245	-7	245.50	1,415	-19	1,424.75	1.0
August 20, 2022	243	-2	247.00				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 13

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
AUGUST 6

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2,812	-339	-2,657	13	5	5,465	0.3	-587	-9,606	56	24	5,545
Alaska	687	-79	-675	0	1	3,517	1.2	-43	-2,628	32	9	3,558
Arizona	3,094	-172	223	1	0	23,659	0.8	-667	-12,588	58	21	23,738
Arkansas	1,522	-21	-215	4	2	8,808	0.7	-421	-10,621	40	6	8,854
California	39,251	-3,185	-25,463	79	75	311,496	1.9	-9,053	-244,471	901	905	313,302
Colorado	2,110	-293	-1,149	0	8	17,055	0.6	-402	-16,191	48	108	17,211
Connecticut	6,608	166	2,913	3	1	29,439	1.8	-8,193	-17,738	50	44	29,533
Delaware	325	-277	-18	1	2	3,957	0.9	229	-3,608	11	7	3,975
District of Columbia	282	-220	-1,857	8	1	3,397	0.6	-25	-13,767	116	2	3,515
Florida	6,074	76	642	21	25	41,567	0.5	177	-24,409	201	97	41,865
Georgia	5,829	-946	-5,328	23	19	30,966	0.7	-1,345	-55,282	362	143	31,471
Hawaii	1,041	-143	-1,052	0	4	5,960	1.1	-288	-7,187	38	69	6,067
Idaho	723	-182	-310	1	2	4,139	0.5	107	-165	8	7	4,154
Illinois	6,456	-482	-11,970	5	4	64,822	1.2	-1,337	-139,596	415	126	65,363
Indiana	5,309	691	-1,222	2	3	20,661	0.8	2,958	-21,967	43	23	20,727
Iowa	1,181	-411	-433	4	2	7,754	0.5	251	-8,476	22	3	7,779
Kansas	1,221	234	-94	2	1	4,087	0.3	-357	-4,933	28	16	4,131
Kentucky	1,625	-160	-145	0	0	8,810	0.5	-121	-8,203	71	52	8,933
Louisiana	1,962	-168	-370	1	2	12,421	0.7	-463	-28,012	73	18	12,512
Maine	394	-48	-427	0	0	3,305	0.6	-56	-4,633	8	15	3,328
Maryland	1,954	-92	-3,558	12	1	18,444	0.7	-732	-21,497	196	61	18,701
Massachusetts	1,252	-191	-5,154	9	9	53,242	1.6	-1,874	-14,978	128	57	53,427
Michigan	6,031	318	-6,251	2	1	33,049	0.8	-1,927	-60,909	114	37	33,200
Minnesota	2,499	62	-1,290	4	3	23,790	0.9	-39	-29,248	56	52	23,898
Mississippi	1,135	-96	-1,148	1	1	6,236	0.6	-889	-10,338	52	8	6,296
Missouri	3,718	1,014	-567	4	5	16,708	0.6	-733	-16,671	56	25	16,789
Montana	454	10	-236	2	3	3,284	0.7	-102	-1,886	49	16	3,349
Nebraska	531	-94	-426	1	1	3,494	0.4	-44	-2,344	7	1	3,502
Nevada	1,961	-221	-613	0	3	16,106	1.2	191	-16,922	57	39	16,202
New Hampshire	408	-7	-175	0	0	2,503	0.4	101	-2,876	0	2	2,505
New Jersey	7,466	-193	-2,472	17	16	84,134	2.2	2,780	-53,932	266	230	84,630
New Mexico	619	-16	-4,342	0	2	7,615	1.0	-213	-9,766	96	17	7,728
New York	13,381	-126	-1,341	16	12	139,788	1.6	-77	-119,261	474	245	140,507
North Carolina	3,512	-235	-1,533	2	2	16,708	0.4	556	-19,995	54	70	16,832
North Dakota	176	-32	-99	4	0	1,464	0.4	-12	-1,099	151	1	1,616
Ohio	6,248	-1,659	-3,453	8	12	32,829	0.6	-753	-28,730	66	72	32,967
Oklahoma	3,976	1,419	-10	13	9	11,375	0.7	114	-17,970	66	42	11,483
Oregon	3,385	-46	-2,231	9	4	21,271	1.1	255	-19,971	135	37	21,443
Pennsylvania	6,648	-617	-3,013	21	9	80,453	1.4	-5,926	-44,591	180	96	80,729
Puerto Rico	1,406	-30	-726	4	9	18,505	2.2	-911	-21,244	266	88	18,859
Rhode Island	521	-339	-2,541	0	1	8,267	1.8	-11	-4,755	22	16	8,305
South Carolina	1,995	-847	556	3	3	12,718	0.6	-882	-19,676	43	52	12,813
South Dakota	130	-10	-44	3	0	782	0.2	-7	-709	161	1	944
Tennessee	2,375	-410	-2,303	5	5	13,698	0.4	-596	-31,431	37	38	13,773
Texas	14,223	-617	-9,152	43	98	104,204	0.8	-1,595	-86,965	1,017	932	106,153
Utah	1,216	-47	-641	9	2	5,946	0.4	27	-2,503	40	14	6,000
Vermont	255	25	-89	0	0	2,061	0.7	-33	-2,839	1	0	2,062
Virgin Islands	32	-1	-102	0	0	352	1.0	32	-626	0	4	356
Virginia	2,983	404	-13,610	6	10	12,499	0.3	23	-22,582	104	101	12,704
Washington	3,901	-158	-1,815	7	18	33,384	1.0	492	-29,299	116	277	33,777
West Virginia	917	115	-69	0	0	6,146	1.0	-897	-4,111	28	19	6,193
Wisconsin	3,354	-304	-3,964	4	4	20,235	0.7	-91	-29,870	50	5	20,290
Wyoming	285	63	7	2	0	1,218	0.5	-36	-669	0	5	1,223
Totals	187,453	-8,917	-122,012	379	400	1,423,793	1.0	-33,445	-1,384,344	6,669	4,355	1,434,817

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 13, 2022

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OK	+1,419	No comment.
MO	+1,014	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,185	No comment.
OH	-1,659	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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