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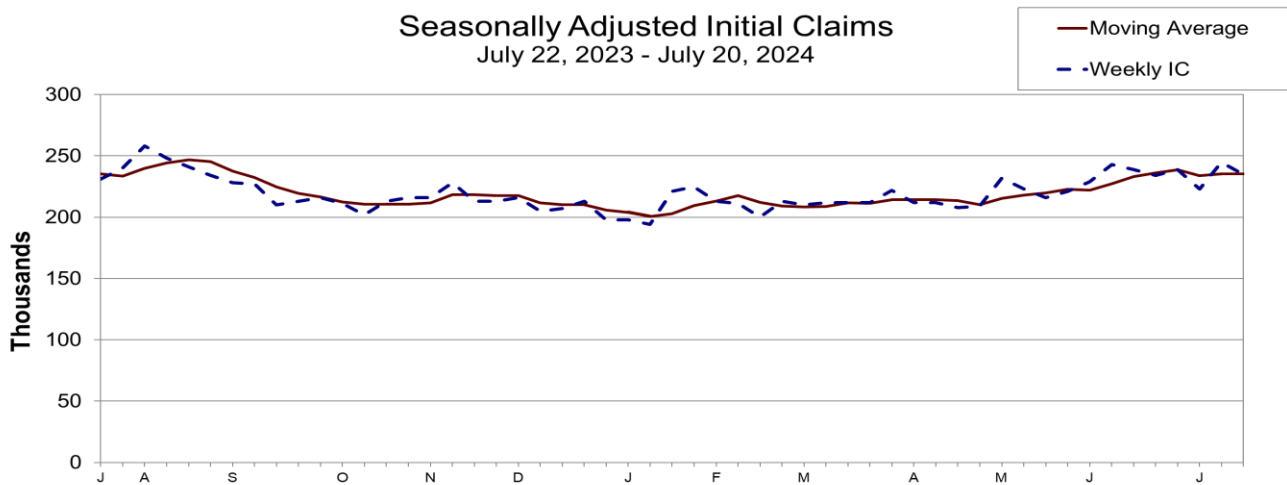
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

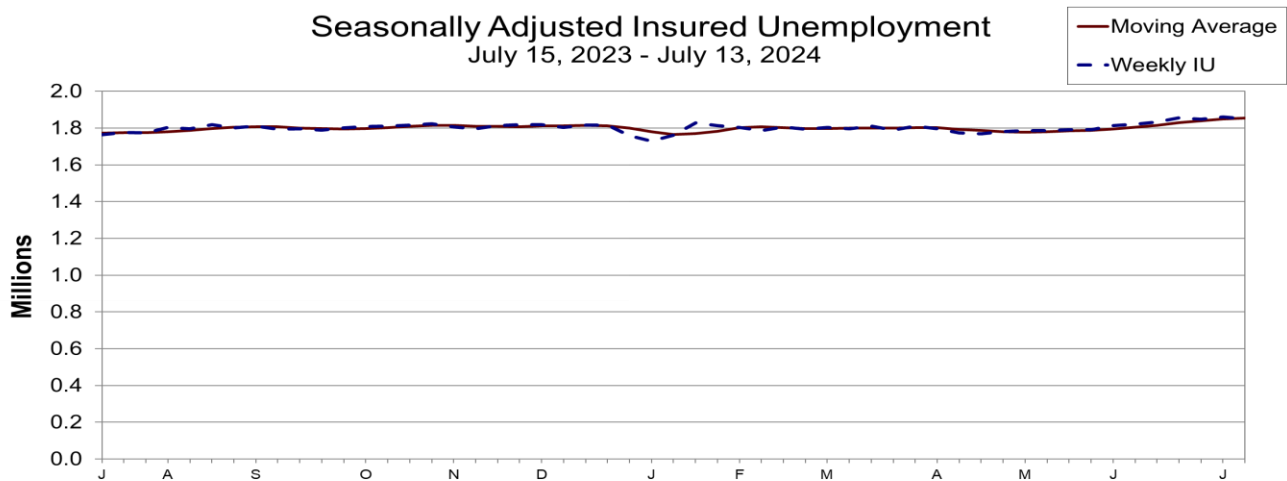
In the week ending July 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 235,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 243,000 to 245,000. The 4-week moving average was 235,500, an increase of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 234,750 to 235,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 13 was 1,851,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,867,000 to 1,860,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,853,500, an increase of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since December 4, 2021 when it was 1,859,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,850,500 to 1,848,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
July 22, 2023 - July 20, 2024



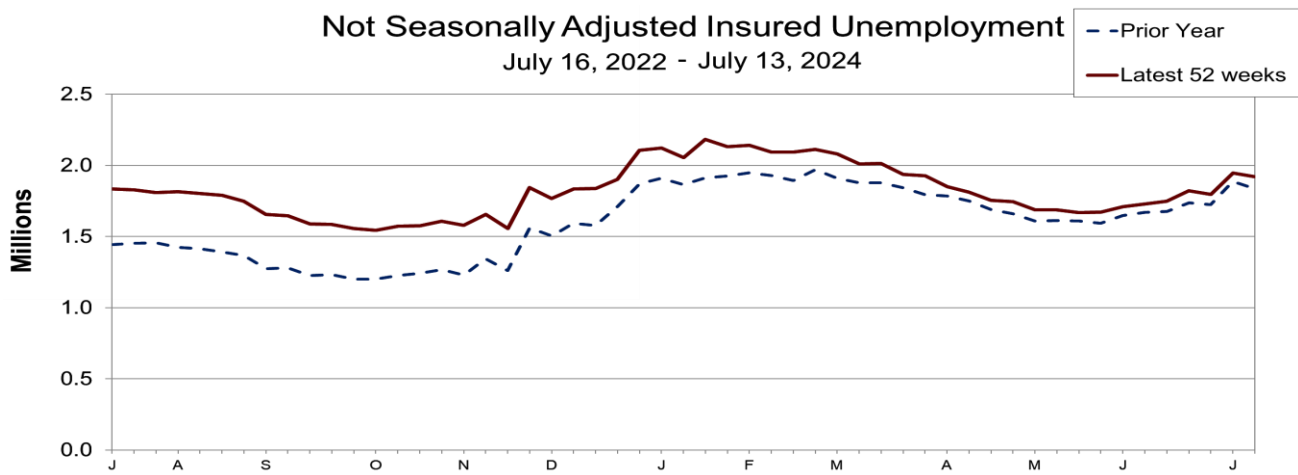
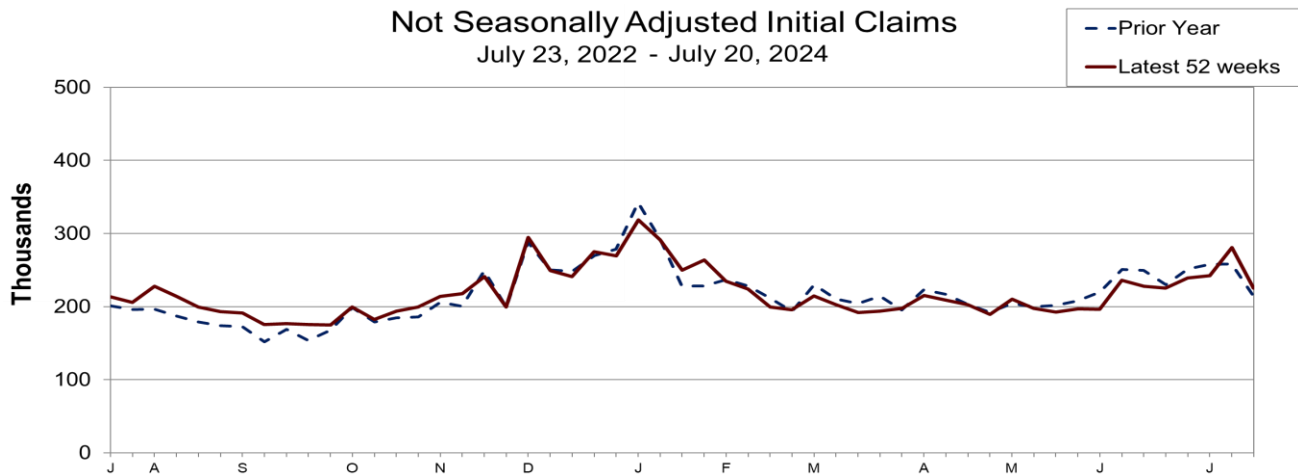
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
July 15, 2023 - July 13, 2024



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 225,090 in the week ending July 20, a decrease of 55,502 (or -19.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 45,991 (or -16.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 213,497 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending July 13, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,921,631, a decrease of 24,200 (or -1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,882 (or -0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,835,614.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 6 was 1,970,339, an increase of 152,145 from the previous week. There were 1,913,359 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2023.

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

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 473 in the week ending July 13, an increase of 152 from the prior week. There were 426 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 4,711 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 6, an increase of 147 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,445, an increase of 71 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 6 were in New Jersey (2.8), Rhode Island (2.7), Puerto Rico (2.4), California (2.3), Minnesota (2.2), Massachusetts (1.9), Pennsylvania (1.9), Connecticut (1.8), Washington (1.8), Illinois (1.7), Nevada (1.7) and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 13 were in Texas (+11,927), California (+6,284), Georgia (+3,101), Missouri (+2,999), and South Carolina (+2,413), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-1,532), Massachusetts (-1,531), Indiana (-1,407), Tennessee (-937), and Iowa (-853).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	235,000	245,000	-10,000	223,000	231,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	225,090	280,592	-55,502	242,191	213,497
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	235,500	235,250	+250	233,750	235,500

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,851,000	1,860,000	-9,000	1,847,000	1,765,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,921,631	1,945,831	-24,200	1,795,069	1,835,614
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,853,500	1,848,750	+4,750	1,839,000	1,772,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	473	321	+152	447
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	426	360	+66	422

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

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,940,010	1,790,300	+149,710	1,880,260
Federal Employees	4,711	4,564	+147	4,863
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,445	4,374	+71	4,034
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	249	153	+96	617
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	2,265	2,139	+126	1,797
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	18,659	16,664	+1,995	21,788
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,970,339</b>	<b>1,818,194</b>	<b>+152,145</b>	<b>1,913,359</b>

**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 151,110,325 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 July 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,328	3,987	-1,659	9,858	12,489	-2,631
Alaska	506	523	-17	3,417	3,599	-182
Arizona	4,246	5,198	-952	30,815	32,023	-1,208
Arkansas	1,536	1,803	-267	8,554	9,503	-949
California	42,229	47,158	-4,929	405,825	407,760	-1,935
Colorado	2,363	2,921	-558	26,868	27,084	-216
Connecticut	3,198	3,874	-676	30,335	30,692	-357
Delaware	175	194	-19	6,200	5,736	464
District of Columbia	653	757	-104	6,607	6,588	19
Florida	6,833	7,955	-1,122	37,860	44,723	-6,863
Georgia	5,697	8,054	-2,357	30,456	34,980	-4,524
Hawaii	952	1,141	-189	6,078	6,164	-86
Idaho	734	868	-134	4,873	5,628	-755
Illinois	8,428	9,574	-1,146	101,451	98,760	2,691
Indiana	3,022	4,322	-1,300	23,236	22,019	1,217
Iowa	2,270	2,366	-96	10,105	10,954	-849
Kansas	1,167	3,730	-2,563	6,911	5,586	1,325
Kentucky	1,779	5,086	-3,307	11,308	9,342	1,966
Louisiana	1,763	2,132	-369	13,076	14,415	-1,339
Maine	411	560	-149	4,773	4,953	-180
Maryland	2,211	2,579	-368	25,725	25,163	562
Massachusetts	4,564	6,502	-1,938	63,157	66,558	-3,401
Michigan	10,904	17,563	-6,659	55,201	46,038	9,163
Minnesota	3,218	5,536	-2,318	59,569	63,855	-4,286
Mississippi	1,037	1,654	-617	8,712	9,579	-867
Missouri	2,677	6,488	-3,811	21,190	21,862	-672
Montana	403	447	-44	4,239	4,661	-422
Nebraska	655	773	-118	5,399	5,581	-182
Nevada	2,884	3,083	-199	24,771	25,763	-992
New Hampshire	343	457	-114	3,377	3,966	-589
New Jersey	8,685	10,674	-1,989	114,807	116,199	-1,392
New Mexico	872	1,008	-136	10,748	10,367	381
New York	15,657	23,636	-7,979	161,333	163,350	-2,017
North Carolina	3,188	3,633	-445	20,925	22,110	-1,185
North Dakota	279	481	-202	3,559	3,336	223
Ohio	7,614	9,117	-1,503	45,833	44,817	1,016
Oklahoma	1,178	1,436	-258	11,040	11,276	-236
Oregon	3,545	4,733	-1,188	30,281	28,952	1,329
Pennsylvania	10,561	13,500	-2,939	107,212	111,399	-4,187
Puerto Rico	2,145	2,531	-386	21,961	21,913	48
Rhode Island	707	1,416	-709	11,296	11,683	-387
South Carolina	2,894	4,912	-2,018	17,411	19,440	-2,029
South Dakota	144	220	-76	1,344	1,378	-34
Tennessee	4,272	3,483	789	24,830	24,491	339
Texas	32,136	25,723	6,413	155,262	155,865	-603
Utah	1,306	1,557	-251	11,152	11,276	-124
Vermont	230	305	-75	2,475	2,510	-35
Virgin Islands	24	32	-8	314	310	4
Virginia	2,012	2,433	-421	17,974	16,886	1,088
Washington	3,992	5,916	-1,924	64,603	63,408	1,195
West Virginia	677	978	-301	8,610	8,151	459
Wisconsin	3,549	5,299	-1,750	27,067	29,206	-2,139
Wyoming	237	284	-47	1,648	1,484	164
US Total	225,090	280,592	-55,502	1,921,631	1,945,831	-24,200

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)

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Initial Claims</b>	<b>Change from Prior Week</b>	<b>4-Week Average</b>	<b>Insured Unemployment</b>	<b>Change from Prior Week</b>	<b>4-Week Average</b>	<b>IUR</b>
July 15, 2023	231	-1	237.25	1,765	-21	1,772.00	1.2
July 22, 2023	231	0	235.50	1,776	11	1,774.25	1.2
July 29, 2023	240	9	233.50	1,773	-3	1,775.00	1.2
August 5, 2023	258	18	240.00	1,803	30	1,779.25	1.2
August 12, 2023	248	-10	244.25	1,797	-6	1,787.25	1.2
August 19, 2023	241	-7	246.75	1,819	22	1,798.00	1.2
August 26, 2023	234	-7	245.25	1,802	-17	1,805.25	1.2
September 2, 2023	228	-6	237.75	1,810	8	1,807.00	1.2
September 9, 2023	227	-1	232.50	1,793	-17	1,806.00	1.2
September 16, 2023	210	-17	224.75	1,795	2	1,800.00	1.2
September 23, 2023	213	3	219.50	1,789	-6	1,796.75	1.2
September 30, 2023	216	3	216.50	1,800	11	1,794.25	1.2
October 7, 2023	211	-5	212.50	1,808	8	1,798.00	1.2
October 14, 2023	202	-9	210.50	1,810	2	1,801.75	1.2
October 21, 2023	213	11	210.50	1,816	6	1,808.50	1.2
October 28, 2023	216	3	210.50	1,823	7	1,814.25	1.2
November 4, 2023	216	0	211.75	1,807	-16	1,814.00	1.2
November 11, 2023	228	12	218.25	1,795	-12	1,810.25	1.2
November 18, 2023	213	-15	218.25	1,813	18	1,809.50	1.2
November 25, 2023	213	0	217.50	1,818	5	1,808.25	1.2
December 2, 2023	216	3	217.50	1,818	0	1,811.00	1.2
December 9, 2023	205	-11	211.75	1,803	-15	1,813.00	1.2
December 16, 2023	207	2	210.25	1,817	14	1,814.00	1.2
December 23, 2023	213	6	210.25	1,815	-2	1,813.25	1.2
December 30, 2023	198	-15	205.75	1,759	-56	1,798.50	1.2
January 6, 2024	198	0	204.00	1,728	-31	1,779.75	1.2
January 13, 2024	194	-4	200.75	1,761	33	1,765.75	1.2
January 20, 2024	221	27	202.75	1,829	68	1,769.25	1.2
January 27, 2024	225	4	209.50	1,813	-16	1,782.75	1.2
February 3, 2024	213	-12	213.25	1,803	-10	1,801.50	1.2
February 10, 2024	211	-2	217.50	1,787	-16	1,808.00	1.2
February 17, 2024	200	-11	212.25	1,805	18	1,802.00	1.2
February 24, 2024	213	13	209.25	1,794	-11	1,797.25	1.2
March 2, 2024	210	-3	208.50	1,803	9	1,797.25	1.2
March 9, 2024	212	2	208.75	1,795	-8	1,799.25	1.2
March 16, 2024	212	0	211.75	1,810	15	1,800.50	1.2
March 23, 2024	212	0	211.50	1,789	-21	1,799.25	1.2
March 30, 2024	222	10	214.50	1,810	21	1,801.00	1.2
April 6, 2024	212	-10	214.50	1,797	-13	1,801.50	1.2
April 13, 2024	212	0	214.50	1,774	-23	1,792.50	1.2
April 20, 2024	208	-4	213.50	1,768	-6	1,787.25	1.2
April 27, 2024	209	1	210.25	1,781	13	1,780.00	1.2
May 4, 2024	232	23	215.25	1,786	5	1,777.25	1.2
May 11, 2024	223	-9	218.00	1,787	1	1,780.50	1.2
May 18, 2024	216	-7	220.00	1,790	3	1,786.00	1.2
May 25, 2024	221	5	223.00	1,791	1	1,788.50	1.2
June 1, 2024	229	8	222.25	1,813	22	1,795.25	1.2
June 8, 2024	243	14	227.25	1,821	8	1,803.75	1.2
June 15, 2024	239	-4	233.00	1,832	11	1,814.25	1.2
June 22, 2024	234	-5	236.25	1,856	24	1,830.50	1.2
June 29, 2024	239	5	238.75	1,847	-9	1,839.00	1.2
July 6, 2024	223	-16	233.75	1,860	13	1,848.75	1.2
July 13, 2024	245	22	235.25	1,851	-9	1,853.50	1.2
July 20, 2024	235	-10	235.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 13					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 6						
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(% ) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama*	3,987	1,320	370	4	7	12,489	0.6	2,282	562	26	14	12,529
Alaska	523	128	-67	2	0	3,599	1.2	62	108	26	7	3,632
Arizona	5,198	775	397	10	0	32,023	1.0	1,299	1,875	131	28	32,182
Arkansas	1,803	-61	-201	0	1	9,503	0.8	835	-2,188	10	8	9,521
California	47,158	6,284	-1,879	81	107	407,760	2.3	28,773	-14,160	866	1,232	409,858
Colorado	2,921	765	525	0	6	27,084	1.0	218	7,747	91	131	27,306
Connecticut	3,874	471	150	0	0	30,692	1.8	1,981	-12,411	32	19	30,743
Delaware	194	-84	-153	0	3	5,736	1.2	107	695	7	7	5,750
District of Columbia	757	100	245	9	1	6,588	1.2	485	1,193	98	2	6,688
Florida	7,955	1,403	1,481	19	24	44,723	0.5	7,205	1,866	79	101	44,903
Georgia	8,054	3,101	-2,436	19	21	34,980	0.7	4,537	1,499	132	107	35,219
Hawaii	1,141	201	-51	1	6	6,164	1.0	422	-184	40	41	6,245
Idaho	868	-202	26	1	0	5,628	0.7	215	-343	12	4	5,644
Illinois	9,574	104	1,439	10	5	98,760	1.7	6,275	6,297	257	122	99,139
Indiana	4,322	-1,407	649	7	5	22,019	0.7	-735	-596	23	29	22,071
Iowa	2,366	-853	199	3	2	10,954	0.7	381	840	21	3	10,978
Kansas	3,730	1,410	2,420	1	0	5,586	0.4	491	175	27	17	5,630
Kentucky	5,086	1,554	3,139	1	0	9,342	0.5	1,326	416	35	37	9,414
Louisiana	2,132	498	-270	2	3	14,415	0.8	66	-1,033	26	11	14,452
Maine	560	53	7	0	1	4,953	0.8	433	114	6	4	4,963
Maryland	2,579	252	250	11	7	25,163	1.0	648	3,111	131	52	25,346
Massachusetts	6,502	-1,531	3,425	5	5	66,558	1.9	5,225	-3,892	82	53	66,693
Michigan	17,563	-112	10,361	5	3	46,038	1.1	6,199	-1,521	54	27	46,119
Minnesota	5,536	670	781	0	4	63,855	2.2	6,379	13,175	69	37	63,961
Mississippi	1,654	441	208	0	0	9,579	0.8	939	819	20	6	9,605
Missouri	6,488	2,999	2,858	3	6	21,862	0.8	1,882	1,313	58	25	21,945
Montana	447	49	7	1	0	4,661	0.9	444	456	33	8	4,702
Nebraska	773	165	134	0	0	5,581	0.6	205	745	21	11	5,613
Nevada	3,083	127	452	3	1	25,763	1.7	1,505	3,875	44	50	25,857
New Hampshire	457	25	53	0	0	3,966	0.6	827	595	1	2	3,969
New Jersey	10,674	-1,532	1,963	18	22	116,199	2.8	10,299	14,237	194	143	116,536
New Mexico	1,008	154	106	4	2	10,367	1.3	554	605	82	31	10,480
New York	23,636	2,405	-925	14	9	163,350	1.7	13,896	-9,462	268	187	163,805
North Carolina	3,633	659	-67	2	1	22,110	0.5	1,117	548	44	113	22,267
North Dakota	481	-708	242	18	0	3,336	0.8	1,268	1,621	160	7	3,503
Ohio	9,117	1,622	-13,323	3	10	44,817	0.8	3,867	304	53	62	44,932
Oklahoma	1,436	221	100	7	5	11,276	0.7	377	368	36	44	11,356
Oregon	4,733	-93	-1,350	3	5	28,952	1.5	1,980	-6,563	106	26	29,084
Pennsylvania	13,500	2,158	-188	11	8	111,399	1.9	7,246	9,000	215	115	111,729
Puerto Rico	2,531	-172	567	9	7	21,913	2.4	3,960	345	168	66	22,147
Rhode Island	1,416	-52	460	3	1	11,683	2.7	1,354	1,422	53	19	11,755
South Carolina	4,912	2,413	62	3	2	19,440	0.9	3,607	1,404	38	47	19,525
South Dakota	220	64	91	5	2	1,378	0.3	213	405	127	0	1,505
Tennessee	3,483	-937	409	3	8	24,491	0.8	1,180	7,016	36	62	24,589
Texas	25,723	11,927	8,737	145	79	155,865	1.2	7,784	6,551	334	792	156,991
Utah	1,557	260	-200	9	1	11,276	0.7	341	1,475	43	22	11,341
Vermont	305	10	-52	0	0	2,510	0.8	130	55	1	0	2,511
Virgin Islands	32	14	-2	0	0	310	0.9	144	92	2	0	312
Virginia	2,433	297	9	6	8	16,886	0.4	415	3,190	83	92	17,061
Washington	5,916	87	85	5	33	63,408	1.8	4,466	9,321	135	381	63,924
West Virginia	978	476	58	1	2	8,151	1.2	1,096	762	21	23	8,195
Wisconsin	5,299	395	933	4	3	29,206	1.0	4,507	3,976	47	10	29,263
Wyoming	284	88	30	2	0	1,484	0.5	50	83	7	8	1,499
Totals	280,592	38,401	22,264	473	426	1,945,831	1.3	150,762	57,903	4,711	4,445	1,954,987

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.
3. \*Denotes state estimate.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 13, 2024**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
TX	+11,927	Layoffs in information industry.
CA	+6,284	No comment.
GA	+3,101	Layoffs in manufacturing, in administrative and in support and waste management and remediation services, in accommodation and food services, trade, and in health care and social assistance industries.
MO	+2,999	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
SC	+2,413	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
NY	+2,405	Layoffs in construction, in professional, scientific and technical services, and information industries.
PA	+2,158	Layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, in transportation and warehousing, in professional, scientific and technical services, and in accommodation and food services industries.
OH	+1,622	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
KY	+1,544	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
KS	+1,410	No comment.
FL	+1,403	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; and service industries.
AL	+1,320	Layoffs in manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, construction, and in accommodation and food services industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NJ	-1,532	No comment.
MA	-1,531	No comment.
IN	-1,407	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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