

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending August 11, 2018.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed [as compared to the same week last year](#).

"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

State/ county	2018	2017	Number change	Percent change
State	1,199	1,191	8	0.7%
Oahu	761	802	-41	-5.1%
Hawaii	246	165	81	49.1%
Maui	118	142	-24	-16.9%
Kauai	48	38	10	26.3%
<i>Agent*</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>-18</i>	<i>-40.9%</i>

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 0.7%, with this week's total filings of 1,199 and filings during the same week in 2017 of 1,191.

Comparing 2018 to 2017 for the counties:

- Oahu had 41 fewer claims filed
- Hawaii had 81 more claims filed
- Maui had 24 fewer claims filed
- Kauai had 10 more claims filed
- *Agent had 18 fewer claims filed*

In percentage changes, comparing the current week to the same week a year ago:

- Oahu had a 5.1% decrease
- Hawaii had a 49.1% increase
- Maui had a 16.9% decrease
- Kauai had a 26.3% increase
- *Agent had a 40.9% decrease*