

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending September 9, 2017.

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	2017	2016	Number change	Percent change
State	1,127	1,260	-133	-10.6%
Oahu	760	769	-9	-1.2%
Hawaii	173	226	-53	-23.5%
Maui	129	162	-33	-20.4%
Kauai	34	80	-46	-57.5%
<i>Agent*</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>34.8%</i>

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims decreased by 10.6%, with this week's total filings of 1,127 and filings during the same week in 2016 of 1,260.

Comparing 2017 to 2016 for the counties:

- Oahu had 9 fewer claims filed
- Hawaii had 53 fewer claims filed
- Maui had 33 fewer claims filed
- Kauai had 46 fewer claims filed
- *Agent had 8 more claims filed*

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

- Oahu had a 1.2% decrease
- Hawaii had a 23.5% decrease
- Maui had a 20.4% decrease
- Kauai had a 57.5% decrease
- *Agent had a 34.8% increase*