

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending April 14, 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	1,356	1,118	238	21.3%
Oahu	897	727	170	23.4%
Hawaii	152	152	0	0.0%
Maui	177	140	37	26.4%
Kauai	103	79	24	30.4%
<i>Agent*</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>35.0%</i>

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 21.3%, with this week's total filings of 1,356 and filings during the same week in 2017 of 1,118.

Comparing 2018 to 2017 for the counties:

- Oahu had 170 more claims filed
- Hawaii filings remained unchanged
- Maui had 37 more claims filed
- Kauai had 24 more claims filed
- *Agent had 7 more claims filed*

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

- Oahu had a 23.4% increase
- Hawaii filings remained unchanged
- Maui had a 26.4% increase
- Kauai had a 30.4% increase
- *Agent had a 35.0% increase*