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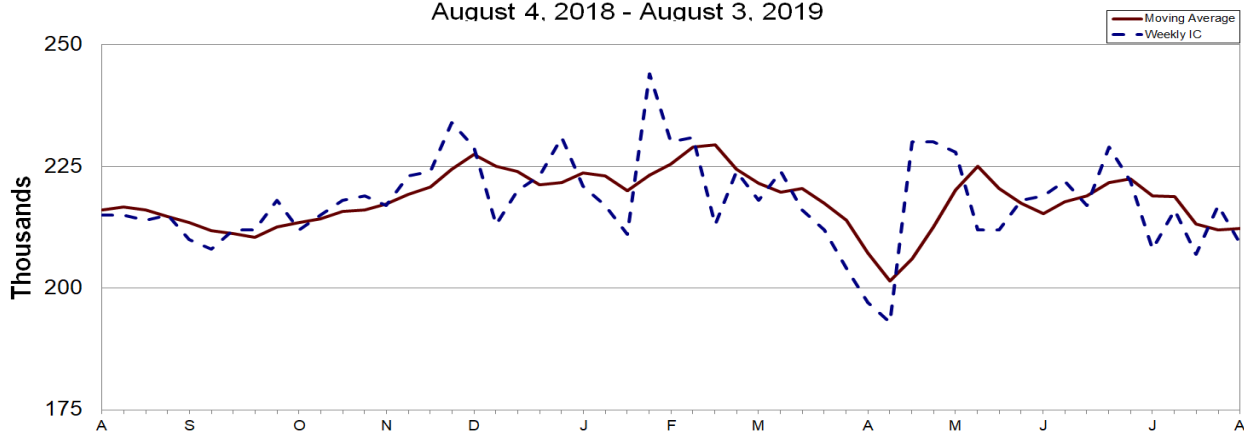
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

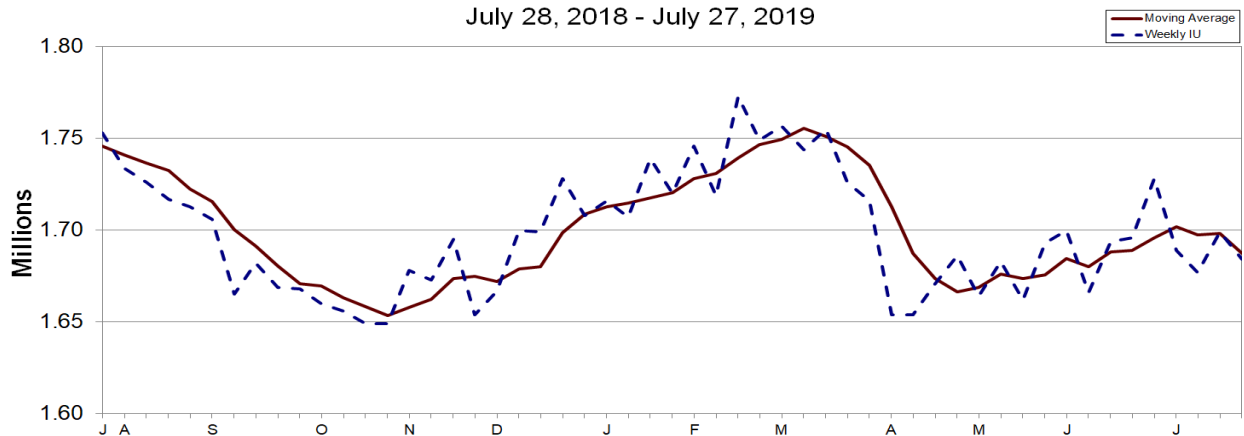
In the week ending August 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 209,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 215,000 to 217,000. The 4-week moving average was 212,250, an increase of 250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 211,500 to 212,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 27, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 27 was 1,684,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,699,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,687,250, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,698,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
August 4, 2018 - August 3, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
July 28, 2018 - July 27, 2019



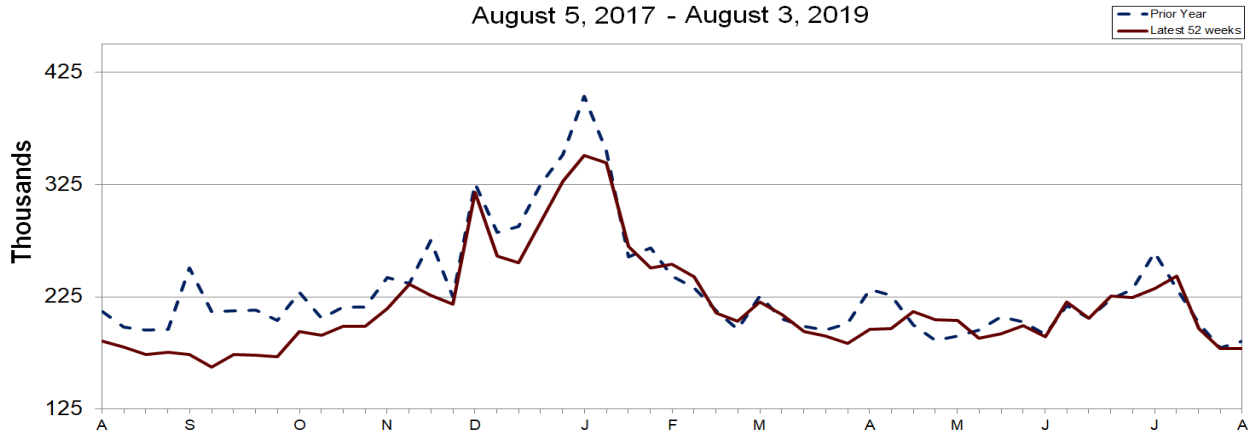
**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 178,675 in the week ending August 3, a decrease of 220 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,064 (or 3.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 185,174 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 27, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,662,217, a decrease of 17,793 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 3,397 (or -0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,729,890.

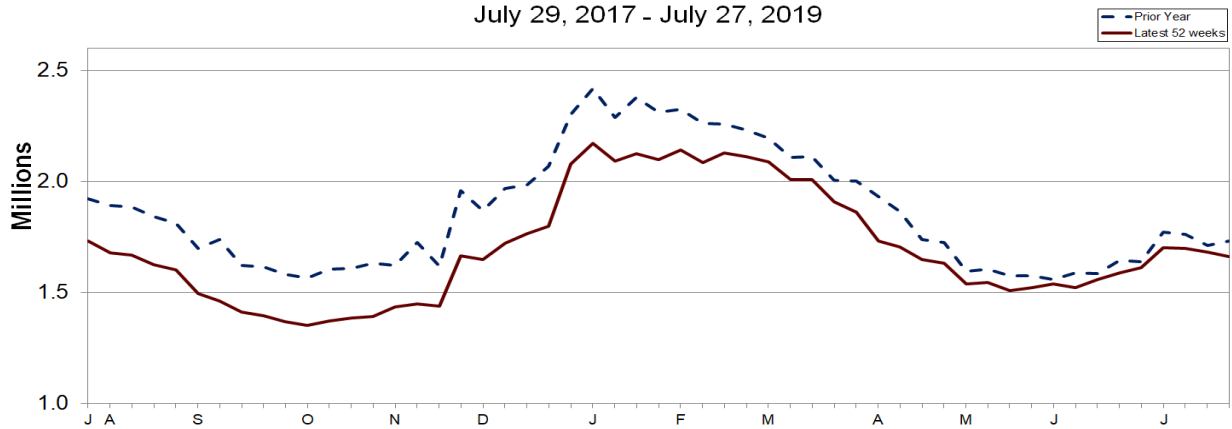
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims**

August 5, 2017 - August 3, 2019



**Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment**

July 29, 2017 - July 27, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 20 was 1,707,251, a decrease of 14,789 from the previous week. There were 1,735,653 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 658 in the week ending July 27, a decrease of 5 from the prior week. There were 513 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 19 from the preceding week.

There were 7,208 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 20, an increase of 378 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,447, a decrease of 337 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 20 were in Puerto Rico (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Connecticut (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.0), Rhode Island (1.9), California (1.8), Alaska (1.6), Massachusetts (1.6), Illinois (1.5), and the Virgin Islands (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 27 were in Illinois (+2,369), Iowa (+545), Maine (+72), Vermont (+27), and New Hampshire (+17), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-4,429), Kentucky (-3,346), Georgia (-1,832), Pennsylvania (-1,347), and California (-903).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	209,000	217,000	-8,000	207,000	215,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	178,675	178,895	-220	196,380	185,174
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	212,250	212,000	+250	213,250	216,000
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,684,000	1,699,000	-15,000	1,677,000	1,753,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,662,217	1,680,010	-17,793	1,697,503	1,729,890
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,687,250	1,698,250	-11,000	1,697,500	1,746,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	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 27</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	658	663	-5	671
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	513	494	+19	601

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,676,866	1,694,876	-18,010	1,708,662
Federal Employees	7,208	6,830	+378	7,694
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,447	5,784	-337	7,614
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	1	-1	10
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	4,920	4,828	+92	5,335
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	12,810	9,721	+3,089	6,338
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,707,251</b>	<b>1,722,040</b>	<b>-14,789</b>	<b>1,735,653</b>

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FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 144,199,701 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 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,249	2,292	-43	17,196	17,961	-765
Alaska	752	619	133	4,768	5,028	-260
Arizona	3,759	4,019	-260	25,849	29,236	-3,387
Arkansas	1,217	1,437	-220	12,323	13,004	-681
California	36,465	38,438	-1,973	313,172	311,686	1,486
Colorado	1,512	1,460	52	17,814	16,994	820
Connecticut	2,655	2,189	466	36,268	35,703	565
Delaware	445	491	-46	5,445	5,224	221
District of Columbia	570	491	79	7,053	7,142	-89
Florida	5,776	6,491	-715	38,567	42,091	-3,524
Georgia	4,192	4,275	-83	24,647	26,077	-1,430
Hawaii	1,155	1,062	93	7,137	6,818	319
Idaho*	677	649	28	5,067	5,103	-36
Illinois	7,593	10,355	-2,762	92,119	88,602	3,517
Indiana	2,250	2,051	199	14,014	13,393	621
Iowa	2,489	2,380	109	15,393	14,469	924
Kansas	1,462	1,360	102	11,336	9,308	2,028
Kentucky	1,983	2,042	-59	17,009	17,985	-976
Louisiana	1,928	2,022	-94	15,548	17,740	-2,192
Maine	458	565	-107	3,791	4,072	-281
Maryland	2,884	2,755	129	26,071	28,892	-2,821
Massachusetts	4,142	3,903	239	56,293	57,247	-954
Michigan	4,319	5,119	-800	46,466	47,122	-656
Minnesota	2,145	2,099	46	27,041	26,171	870
Mississippi	905	1,049	-144	10,241	11,685	-1,444
Missouri	2,624	2,726	-102	22,068	22,468	-400
Montana	454	495	-41	4,656	4,786	-130
Nebraska	566	523	43	3,998	3,995	3
Nevada	2,330	1,904	426	16,631	17,707	-1,076
New Hampshire	405	425	-20	3,150	3,441	-291
New Jersey	8,106	7,265	841	96,656	96,801	-145
New Mexico	729	634	95	8,422	8,832	-410
New York	11,674	11,660	14	132,594	132,473	121
North Carolina	3,246	3,105	141	19,391	20,746	-1,355
North Dakota	256	214	42	2,355	2,199	156
Ohio	4,903	4,949	-46	43,453	45,295	-1,842
Oklahoma	1,409	1,507	-98	14,290	15,072	-782
Oregon	3,242	3,148	94	24,526	24,995	-469
Pennsylvania	10,940	10,023	917	112,581	116,054	-3,473
Puerto Rico	1,204	1,156	48	20,522	20,707	-185
Rhode Island	699	646	53	8,757	8,729	28
South Carolina	2,348	1,867	481	15,683	16,004	-321
South Dakota	123	150	-27	1,151	1,174	-23
Tennessee	2,196	2,198	-2	18,953	20,514	-1,561
Texas	12,991	12,265	726	130,308	129,557	751
Utah	850	758	92	6,354	6,649	-295
Vermont	286	289	-3	3,263	3,157	106
Virgin Islands	22	36	-14	386	496	-110
Virginia	2,698	2,185	513	20,305	20,197	108
Washington	5,794	4,656	1,138	43,955	42,764	1,191
West Virginia	721	893	-172	9,737	8,989	748
Wisconsin	3,713	3,427	286	25,489	25,635	-146
Wyoming	164	178	-14	1,955	1,821	134
US Total	178,675	178,895	-220	1,662,217	1,680,010	-17,793

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.

\*Denotes OUI estimate.

## 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	
July 28, 2018	220	3	215.25	1,753	20	1,746.00	1.2
August 4, 2018	215	-5	216.00	1,734	-19	1,741.25	1.2
August 11, 2018	215	0	216.75	1,726	-8	1,736.50	1.2
August 18, 2018	214	-1	216.00	1,717	-9	1,732.50	1.2
August 25, 2018	215	1	214.75	1,713	-4	1,722.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	210	-5	213.50	1,706	-7	1,715.50	1.2
September 8, 2018	208	-2	211.75	1,665	-41	1,700.25	1.2
September 15, 2018	212	4	211.25	1,682	17	1,691.50	1.2
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,677	-12	1,697.50	1.2
July 20, 2019	207	-9	213.25	1,699	22	1,698.25	1.2
July 27, 2019	217	10	212.00	1,684	-15	1,687.25	1.2
August 3, 2019	209	-8	212.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 27					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 20					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2292	-493	-5	12	9	17961	0.9	-817	-251	73	46	18080
Alaska	619	-30	-124	2	0	5028	1.6	-37	-867	32	14	5074
Arizona	4019	-530	-101	5	10	29236	1.1	411	-3005	230	55	29521
Arkansas	1437	-79	-5	1	5	13004	1.1	-808	413	41	32	13077
California	38438	-903	1874	145	109	311686	1.8	5298	3637	1164	1212	314062
Colorado	1460	-46	-151	4	8	16994	0.6	-255	-1927	81	144	17219
Connecticut	2189	-414	-364	8	4	35703	2.2	-234	-1427	45	55	35803
Delaware	491	-41	-30	0	2	5224	1.2	-36	-134	7	9	5240
District of Columbia	491	-37	45	18	0	7142	1.2	-55	-1187	273	4	7419
Florida	6491	-428	-214	16	38	42091	0.5	538	-3564	144	112	42347
Georgia	4275	-1832	-491	17	15	26077	0.6	-1071	-1371	168	180	26425
Hawaii	1062	-6	-20	5	8	6818	1.1	-415	-145	49	43	6910
Idaho	649	0	-59	4	1	5103	0.7	98	498	12	12	5127
Illinois	10355	2369	3647	8	4	88602	1.5	-5282	-3421	327	167	89096
Indiana	2051	-232	-2	1	6	13393	0.4	-509	-507	17	34	13444
Iowa	2380	545	2	6	3	14469	0.9	-501	712	39	14	14522
Kansas	1360	-6	-44	1	3	9308	0.7	-164	296	32	23	9363
Kentucky	2042	-3346	-3707	0	2	17985	1.0	238	-4218	162	71	18218
Louisiana	2022	-327	-150	2	5	17740	0.9	52	-1492	49	14	17803
Maine	565	72	83	0	0	4072	0.7	47	-264	13	14	4099
Maryland	2755	-143	-587	20	7	28892	1.1	77	-1884	299	70	29261
Massachusetts	3903	-423	-326	12	13	57247	1.6	421	3268	113	98	57458
Michigan	5119	-4429	274	7	7	47122	1.1	-9308	684	82	57	47261
Minnesota	2099	-237	-14	0	8	26171	0.9	-574	618	42	56	26269
Mississippi	1049	-102	-41	3	0	11685	1.1	-179	-81	85	29	11799
Missouri	2726	-322	-44	3	3	22468	0.8	-1411	-3422	63	31	22562
Montana	495	-41	97	10	0	4786	1.1	-77	136	49	15	4850
Nebraska	523	-39	-45	6	0	3995	0.4	-11	-473	11	7	4013
Nevada	1904	-117	-256	4	5	17707	1.3	-202	-1124	39	40	17786
New Hampshire	425	17	-25	1	2	3441	0.5	-82	-440	5	4	3450
New Jersey	7265	-805	-354	8	16	96801	2.4	-759	-3254	174	195	97170
New Mexico	634	3	29	2	3	8832	1.1	529	-535	110	40	8982
New York	11660	-185	-318	16	26	132473	1.4	-1623	-4100	307	295	133075
North Carolina	3105	-159	339	18	17	20746	0.5	393	-320	98	114	20958
North Dakota	214	-59	-28	1	0	2199	0.5	42	114	200	3	2402
Ohio	4949	-706	61	6	10	45295	0.9	-1594	-2874	82	119	45496
Oklahoma	1507	-331	349	6	3	15072	1.0	-160	1750	43	44	15159
Oregon	3148	-288	402	4	10	24995	1.3	-887	324	143	57	25195
Pennsylvania	10023	-1347	-1147	62	15	116054	2.0	1573	731	372	184	116610
Puerto Rico	1156	-250	-174	4	4	20707	2.5	-29	1874	167	52	20926
Rhode Island	646	-46	-112	0	0	8729	1.9	-346	-320	16	13	8758
South Carolina	1867	-517	-164	5	6	16004	0.8	501	-1440	54	46	16104
South Dakota	150	-54	16	8	1	1174	0.3	57	-4	257	2	1433
Tennessee	2198	-35	175	87	10	20514	0.7	-138	-1934	64	46	20624
Texas	12265	-693	528	68	72	129557	1.1	1358	1536	870	946	131373
Utah	758	-76	-85	19	1	6649	0.5	83	-885	92	16	6757
Vermont	289	27	-20	2	0	3157	1.0	-60	-12	5	0	3162
Virgin Islands	36	8	25	1	1	496	1.5	70	-110	6	0	502
Virginia	2185	-268	-182	11	14	20197	0.5	122	-2042	140	157	20494
Washington	4656	-15	-82	5	24	42764	1.3	-574	1427	185	414	43363
West Virginia	893	-12	193	0	2	8989	1.3	-280	281	31	19	9039
Wisconsin	3427	-14	382	3	1	25635	0.9	-891	241	42	18	25695
Wyoming	178	-63	-35	1	0	1821	0.7	-32	187	4	5	1830
Totals	178895	-17485	-985	658	513	1680010	1.2	-17493	-30307	7208	5447	1692665

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 27, 2019**

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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>
IL	+2,369	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service 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>
MI	-4,429	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	-3,346	No comment.
GA	-1,832	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and trade industries.
PA	-1,347	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.

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## 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. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. 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.

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