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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

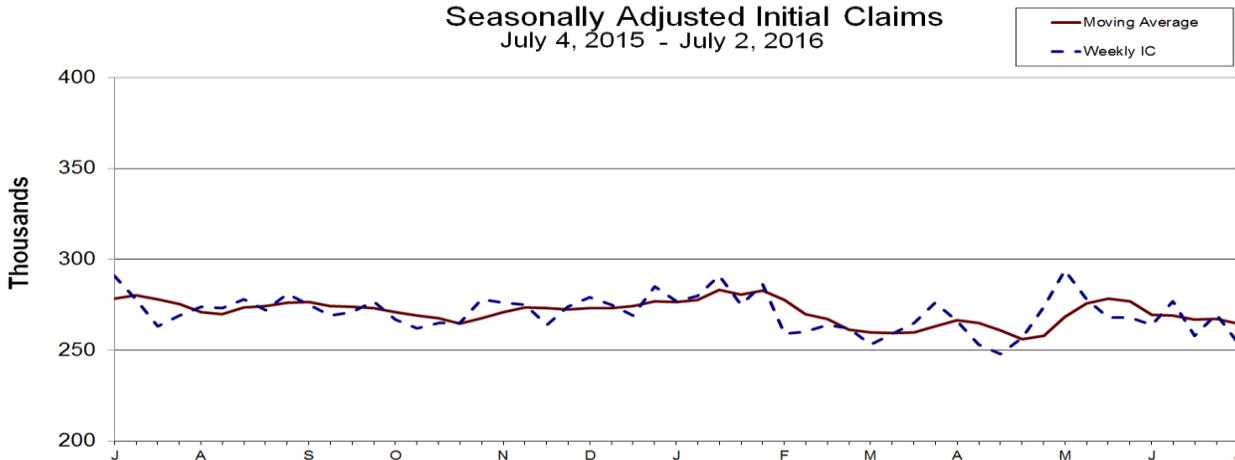
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 254,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 268,000 to 270,000. The 4-week moving average was 264,750, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 266,750 to 267,250.

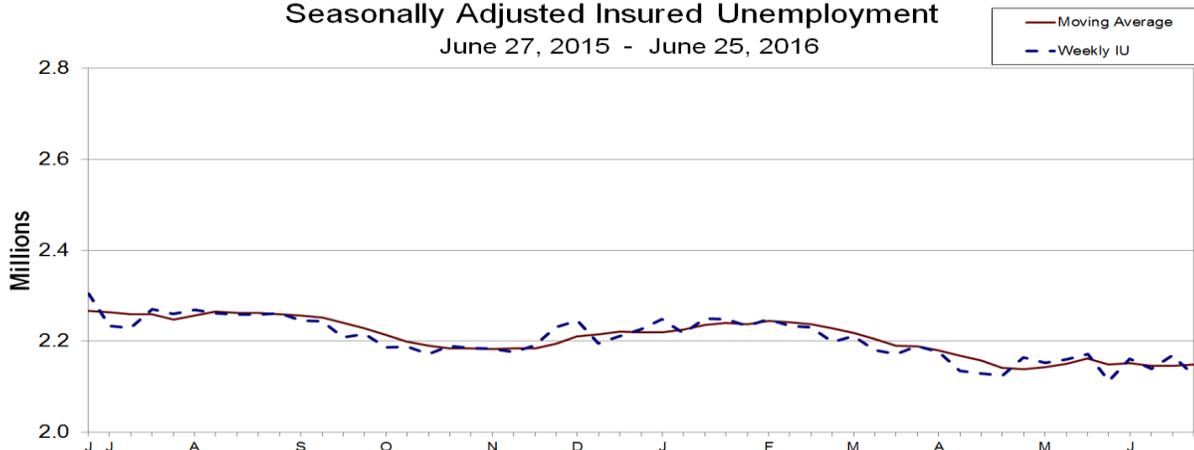
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 70 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1973.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending June 25, unchanged from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised up by 0.1 from 1.5 to 1.6 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 25 was 2,124,000, a decrease of 44,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 48,000 from 2,120,000 to 2,168,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,148,250, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 11,750 from 2,133,500 to 2,145,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 4, 2015 - July 2, 2016



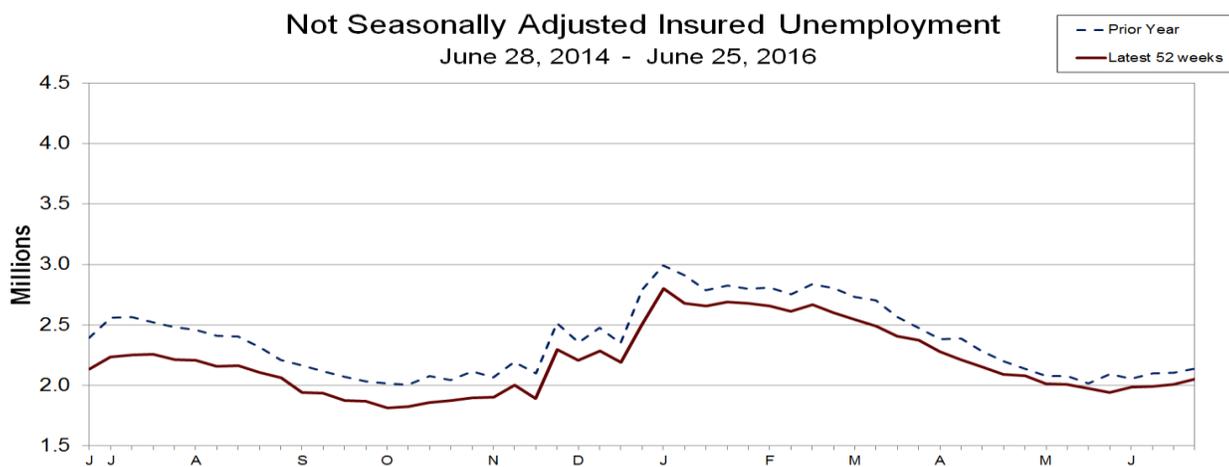
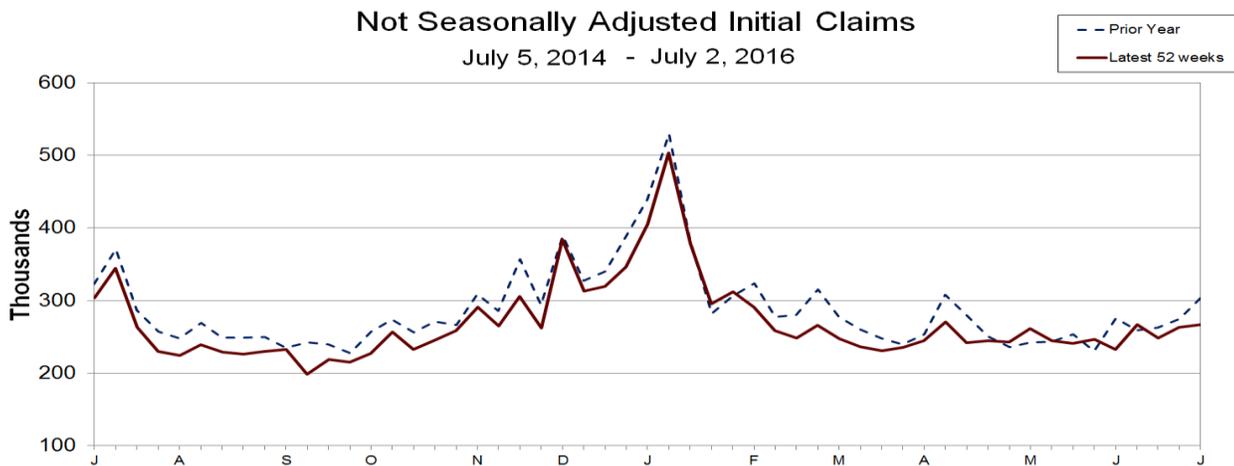
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
June 27, 2015 - June 25, 2016



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 267,137 in the week ending July 2, an increase of 3,714 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 21,074 (or 8.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 303,585 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending June 25, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,051,865, an increase of 41,990 (or 2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 84,558 (or 4.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,138,353.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 18 was 2,048,430, an increase of 15,959 from the previous week. There were 2,148,300 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2015.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 605 in the week ending June 25, a decrease of 102 from the prior week. There were 1,042 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 8 from the preceding week.

There were 7,215 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 18, a decrease of 233 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,212, an increase of 124 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 18 were in Puerto Rico (3.1), Alaska (2.9), Connecticut (2.4), Pennsylvania (2.4), West Virginia (2.4), Wyoming (2.4), New Jersey (2.3), California (2.2), Illinois (2.0), Massachusetts (1.8), New Mexico (1.8), and Nevada (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 25 were in New Jersey (+6,715), California (+5,163), Massachusetts (+3,248), Michigan (+2,704), and New York (+1,943), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-2,671), Wisconsin (-1,595), Florida (-1,107), South Carolina (-852), and Ohio (-660).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 2	June 25	Change	June 18	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	254,000	270,000	-16,000	258,000	291,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	267,137	263,423	+3,714	248,564	303,585
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	264,750	267,250	-2,500	266,750	278,500
WEEK ENDING	June 25	June 18	Change	June 11	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,124,000	2,168,000	-44,000	2,139,000	2,304,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,051,865	2,009,875	+41,990	1,994,012	2,138,353
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,148,250	2,145,250	+3,000	2,146,250	2,267,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.6%	1.7%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.5%	1.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 25	June 18	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	605	707	-102	879
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,042	1,050	-8	1,309

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 18	June 11	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,004,561	1,989,119	+15,442	2,102,290
Federal Employees	7,215	7,448	-233	9,732
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,212	13,088	+124	17,826
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	0	1	-1	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	6,605	7,112	-507	6,145
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	16,837	15,703	+1,134	12,307
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,048,430	2,032,471	+15,959	2,148,300

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 136,969,042 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, extended and emergency 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 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,874	2,806	68	21,752	22,617	-865
Alaska	989	862	127	9,043	9,280	-237
Arizona	5,165	4,663	502	31,595	34,531	-2,936
Arkansas	1,865	1,848	17	16,943	18,568	-1,625
California	46,024	49,734	-3,710	357,945	342,724	15,221
Colorado	2,353	2,087	266	27,729	27,804	-75
Connecticut	5,185	6,879	-1,694	63,709	39,351	24,358
Delaware	559	729	-170	6,764	6,345	419
District of Columbia	763	619	144	7,835	7,667	168
Florida	8,646	9,048	-402	48,327	52,223	-3,896
Georgia	5,467	6,471	-1,004	29,549	31,957	-2,408
**Hawaii	1,164	1,126	38	6,891	7,128	-237
Idaho	903	949	-46	5,822	6,462	-640
Illinois	10,623	9,107	1,516	113,477	112,886	591
Indiana	3,119	2,847	272	22,227	21,988	239
Iowa	2,723	2,169	554	19,065	18,118	947
*Kansas	2,371	2,328	43	14,168	13,133	1,035
Kentucky	7,973	2,564	5,409	21,378	22,098	-720
Louisiana	2,495	2,966	-471	27,326	26,939	387
Maine	715	831	-116	5,161	5,338	-177
Maryland	3,849	5,544	-1,695	34,786	35,498	-712
Massachusetts	8,688	8,665	23	62,804	60,649	2,155
Michigan	7,856	8,727	-871	44,183	46,157	-1,974
Minnesota	3,775	3,061	714	34,993	32,673	2,320
Mississippi	2,062	1,806	256	14,541	15,865	-1,324
Missouri	4,308	3,826	482	23,853	25,544	-1,691
Montana	723	787	-64	5,723	6,354	-631
**Nebraska	1,294	753	541	4,925	4,998	-73
Nevada	2,914	2,509	405	20,807	22,419	-1,612
New Hampshire	696	1,157	-461	4,698	4,409	289
New Jersey	16,168	18,154	-1,986	93,491	86,692	6,799
New Mexico	1,045	1,074	-29	13,405	13,798	-393
New York	20,321	15,543	4,778	144,830	140,734	4,096
North Carolina	4,085	3,635	450	25,986	27,262	-1,276
North Dakota	609	444	165	6,500	4,300	2,200
Ohio	7,593	6,070	1,523	57,487	58,766	-1,279
Oklahoma	1,834	1,903	-69	24,157	24,639	-482
Oregon	3,487	4,724	-1,237	27,461	27,538	-77
Pennsylvania	17,575	18,713	-1,138	138,803	132,518	6,285
*Puerto Rico	1,850	1,781	69	22,101	27,860	-5,759
Rhode Island	1,594	2,323	-729	9,456	7,864	1,592
South Carolina	3,424	2,549	875	16,322	16,262	60
South Dakota	186	220	-34	1,392	1,445	-53
Tennessee	3,532	3,023	509	21,446	24,169	-2,723
Texas	16,880	17,181	-301	196,773	191,054	5,719
Utah	1,190	1,043	147	9,222	9,310	-88
Vermont	721	629	92	4,248	4,072	176
Virgin Islands	18	41	-23	638	594	44
*Virginia	3,245	3,452	-207	28,508	28,982	-474
Washington	6,469	6,311	158	44,614	42,633	1,981
West Virginia	933	910	23	15,888	16,439	-551
Wisconsin	5,675	5,793	-118	34,597	34,657	-60
*Wyoming	562	439	123	6,521	6,564	-43
US Total	267,137	263,423	3,714	2,051,865	2,009,875	41,990

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 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 state staff estimate.

**Denotes OUI staff 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	
June 27, 2015	280	8	275.00	2,304	32	2,267.25	1.7
July 4, 2015	291	11	278.50	2,233	-71	2,263.75	1.7
July 11, 2015	278	-13	280.25	2,229	-4	2,259.50	1.7
July 18, 2015	263	-15	278.00	2,270	41	2,259.00	1.7
July 25, 2015	269	6	275.25	2,260	-10	2,248.00	1.7
August 1, 2015	274	5	271.00	2,269	9	2,257.00	1.7
August 8, 2015	273	-1	269.75	2,261	-8	2,265.00	1.7
August 15, 2015	278	5	273.50	2,259	-2	2,262.25	1.7
August 22, 2015	272	-6	274.25	2,259	0	2,262.00	1.7
August 29, 2015	281	9	276.00	2,261	2	2,260.00	1.7
September 5, 2015	275	-6	276.50	2,246	-15	2,256.25	1.7
September 12, 2015	269	-6	274.25	2,244	-2	2,252.50	1.7
September 19, 2015	271	2	274.00	2,208	-36	2,239.75	1.6
September 26, 2015	277	6	273.00	2,216	8	2,228.50	1.6
October 3, 2015	267	-10	271.00	2,186	-30	2,213.50	1.6
October 10, 2015	262	-5	269.25	2,188	2	2,199.50	1.6
October 17, 2015	265	3	267.75	2,171	-17	2,190.25	1.6
October 24, 2015	265	0	264.75	2,190	19	2,183.75	1.6
October 31, 2015	278	13	267.50	2,185	-5	2,183.50	1.6
November 7, 2015	276	-2	271.00	2,183	-2	2,182.25	1.6
November 14, 2015	275	-1	273.50	2,176	-7	2,183.50	1.6
November 21, 2015	264	-11	273.25	2,191	15	2,183.75	1.6
November 28, 2015	274	10	272.25	2,230	39	2,195.00	1.6
December 5, 2015	279	5	273.00	2,245	15	2,210.50	1.7
December 12, 2015	275	-4	273.00	2,195	-50	2,215.25	1.6
December 19, 2015	269	-6	274.25	2,212	17	2,220.50	1.6
December 26, 2015	285	16	277.00	2,226	14	2,219.50	1.6
January 2, 2016	277	-8	276.50	2,248	22	2,220.25	1.6
January 9, 2016	280	3	277.75	2,217	-31	2,225.75	1.6
January 16, 2016	291	11	283.25	2,250	33	2,235.25	1.7
January 23, 2016	275	-16	280.75	2,248	-2	2,240.75	1.6
January 30, 2016	286	11	283.00	2,234	-14	2,237.25	1.6
February 6, 2016	259	-27	277.75	2,249	15	2,245.25	1.7
February 13, 2016	260	1	270.00	2,233	-16	2,241.00	1.6
February 20, 2016	264	4	267.25	2,231	-2	2,236.75	1.6
February 27, 2016	262	-2	261.25	2,198	-33	2,227.75	1.6
March 5, 2016	253	-9	259.75	2,212	14	2,218.50	1.6
March 12, 2016	259	6	259.50	2,180	-32	2,205.25	1.6
March 19, 2016	265	6	259.75	2,172	-8	2,190.50	1.6
March 26, 2016	276	11	263.25	2,189	17	2,188.25	1.6
April 2, 2016	266	-10	266.50	2,176	-13	2,179.25	1.6
April 9, 2016	253	-13	265.00	2,135	-41	2,168.00	1.6
April 16, 2016	248	-5	260.75	2,129	-6	2,157.25	1.6
April 23, 2016	257	9	256.00	2,124	-5	2,141.00	1.6
April 30, 2016	274	17	258.00	2,165	41	2,138.25	1.6
May 7, 2016	294	20	268.25	2,153	-12	2,142.75	1.6
May 14, 2016	278	-16	275.75	2,160	7	2,150.50	1.6
May 21, 2016	268	-10	278.50	2,172	12	2,162.50	1.6
May 28, 2016	268	0	277.00	2,112	-60	2,149.25	1.5
June 4, 2016	264	-4	269.50	2,162	50	2,151.50	1.6
June 11, 2016	277	13	269.25	2,139	-23	2,146.25	1.6
June 18, 2016	258	-19	266.75	2,168	29	2,145.25	1.6
June 25, 2016	270	12	267.25	2,124	-44	2,148.25	1.6
July 2, 2016	254	-16	264.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June
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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 18
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE 2	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	
Alabama	2806	-226	-346	17	14	22617	1.2	-215	-1778	70	143	22830
Alaska	862	-82	20	2	2	9280	2.9	-1050	1028	55	37	9372
Arizona	4663	204	263	31	12	34531	1.4	-333	-1765	240	141	34912
Arkansas	1848	7	-432	3	6	18568	1.6	-20	-4197	65	113	18746
California	49734	5163	1507	112	183	342724	2.2	-2063	-5012	1179	2633	346536
Colorado	2087	-121	30	11	32	27804	1.1	93	-1238	102	565	28471
Connecticut	6879	1081	-109	7	13	39351	2.4	3842	1703	45	110	39506
Delaware	729	-491	-14	2	1	6345	1.5	637	-500	13	18	6376
District of Columbia	619	171	-56	5	0	7667	1.4	150	-313	231	9	7907
Florida	9048	-1107	-683	17	70	52223	0.7	2271	-14066	127	301	52651
Georgia	6471	292	515	12	34	31957	0.8	-316	-7064	211	454	32622
Hawaii	1126	-156	6	4	16	7128	1.2	-472	-724	53	115	7296
Idaho	949	26	-264	2	7	6462	1.0	-59	-887	36	40	6538
Illinois	9107	-621	-2265	8	22	112886	2.0	-320	600	335	408	113629
Indiana	2847	-184	-925	8	10	21988	0.8	129	-58	62	100	22150
Iowa	2169	-198	16	2	3	18118	1.2	53	-71	50	59	18227
Kansas	2328	327	380	10	10	13133	1.0	52	-1272	63	80	13276
Kentucky	2564	-229	-1044	4	10	22098	1.2	587	-106	120	206	22424
Louisiana	2966	144	259	2	9	26939	1.4	41	641	55	42	27036
Maine	831	99	-23	1	7	5338	0.9	-103	-1234	30	24	5392
Maryland	5544	755	270	25	19	35498	1.5	929	-4091	242	214	35954
Massachusetts	8665	3248	531	11	18	60649	1.8	1278	-2596	147	254	61050
Michigan	8727	2704	549	10	16	46157	1.1	-2280	-3062	95	202	46454
Minnesota	3061	-278	-15	5	7	32673	1.2	-316	-773	61	121	32855
Mississippi	1806	61	-443	5	8	15865	1.5	34	-468	93	50	16008
Missouri	3826	87	-1116	12	9	25544	1.0	-348	-9328	90	88	25722
Montana	787	-75	-5	0	4	6354	1.5	26	-11	39	39	6432
Nebraska	753	33	-72	2	2	4998	0.5	106	-1669	21	16	5035
Nevada	2509	-151	-436	5	7	22419	1.8	630	-4332	74	111	22604
New Hampshire	1157	354	-227	1	1	4409	0.7	194	-428	1	12	4422
New Jersey	18154	6715	-582	15	24	86692	2.3	1543	-3511	193	362	87247
New Mexico	1074	-46	134	7	4	13798	1.8	4	474	120	78	13996
New York	15543	1943	-1315	23	39	140734	1.6	1533	-8422	347	591	141672
North Carolina	3635	-180	-695	6	35	27262	0.7	46	-8108	101	324	27687
North Dakota	444	6	-198	5	1	4300	1.0	-167	706	147	5	4452
Ohio	6070	-660	-594	9	29	58766	1.1	-812	-695	92	362	59220
Oklahoma	1903	164	129	2	9	24639	1.6	-7	799	54	137	24830
Oregon	4724	766	129	7	10	27538	1.6	1108	-2745	173	170	27881
Pennsylvania	18713	-2671	384	57	44	132518	2.4	6661	-5886	452	496	133466
Puerto Rico	1781	-301	-169	4	3	27860	3.1	245	-3010	79	134	28073
Rhode Island	2323	1084	452	4	1	7864	1.7	153	-403	18	24	7906
South Carolina	2549	-852	-1354	6	16	16262	0.9	-590	537	51	139	16452
South Dakota	220	2	-6	9	2	1445	0.4	-44	-2	235	7	1687
Tennessee	3023	268	-400	4	1	24169	0.9	2262	-4469	85	112	24366
Texas	17181	-390	-1310	51	158	191054	1.7	1410	10312	444	2177	193675
Utah	1043	-34	-76	23	5	9310	0.7	-234	-1008	88	26	9424
Vermont	629	-367	-102	1	1	4072	1.4	403	118	17	4	4093
Virgin Islands	41	11	-4	0	0	594	1.6	16	-136	6	10	610
Virginia	3452	120	-123	8	26	28982	0.8	-1480	-474	249	451	29682
Washington	6311	340	-126	23	69	42633	1.4	-418	-1548	147	766	43546
West Virginia	910	-273	-296	0	2	16439	2.4	-555	1574	41	54	16534
Wisconsin	5793	-1595	-1064	5	10	34657	1.3	2041	-8625	52	55	34764
Wyoming	439	-28	92	0	1	6564	2.4	-412	1391	19	23	6606
Totals	263423	14859	-11223	605	1042	2009875	1.5	15863	-96202	7215	13212	2030302

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 25, 2016

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+6,715	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
CA	+5,163	Layoffs in the service industry.
MA	+3,248	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
MI	+2,704	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NY	+1,943	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
RI	+1,084	Layoffs in the educational service industry.
CT	+1,081	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-2,671	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing industries.
WI	-1,595	No comment.
FL	-1,107	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, and service industries.

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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