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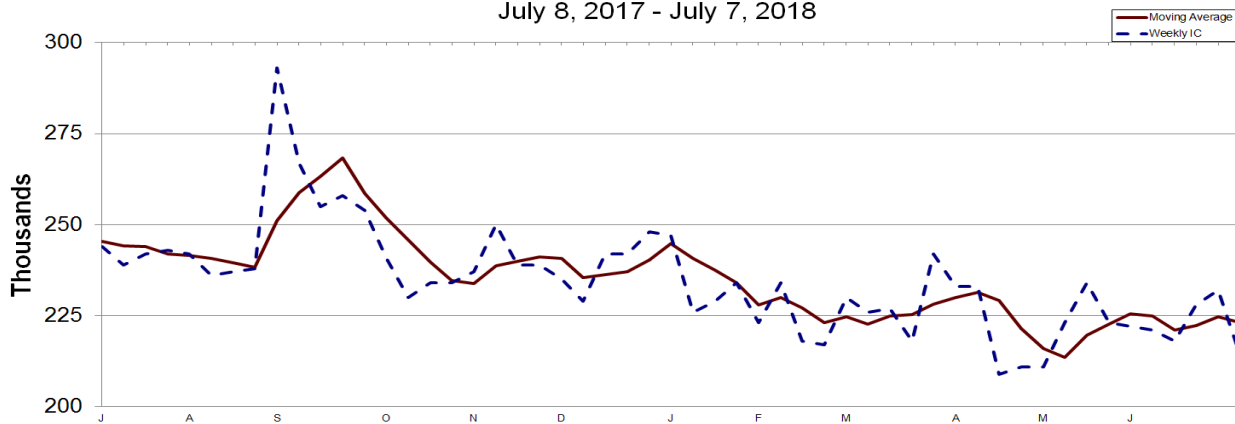
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

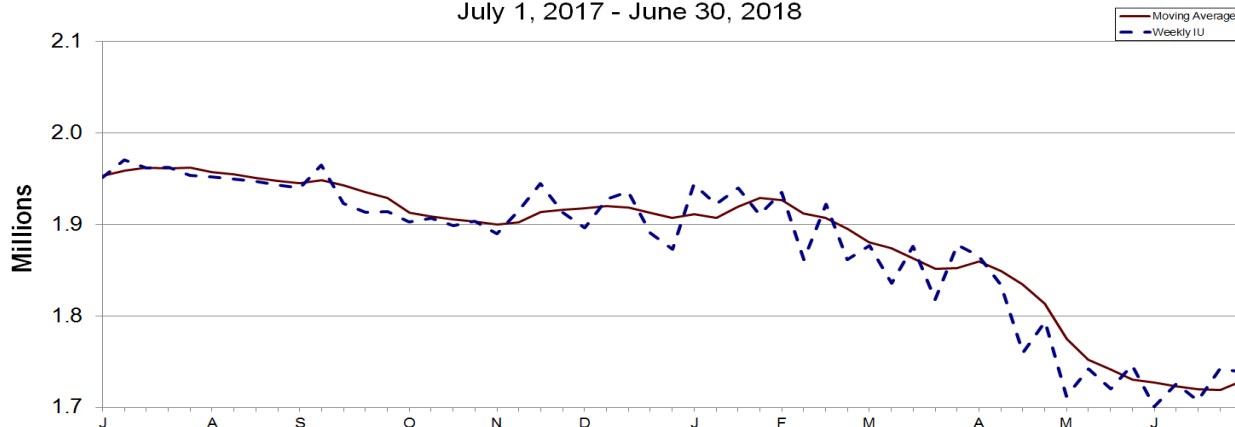
In the week ending July 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 214,000, a decrease of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000. The 4-week moving average was 223,000, a decrease of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 224,500 to 224,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 30, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 30 was 1,739,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,739,000 to 1,742,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,728,500, an increase of 9,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,718,250 to 1,719,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 8, 2017 - July 7, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



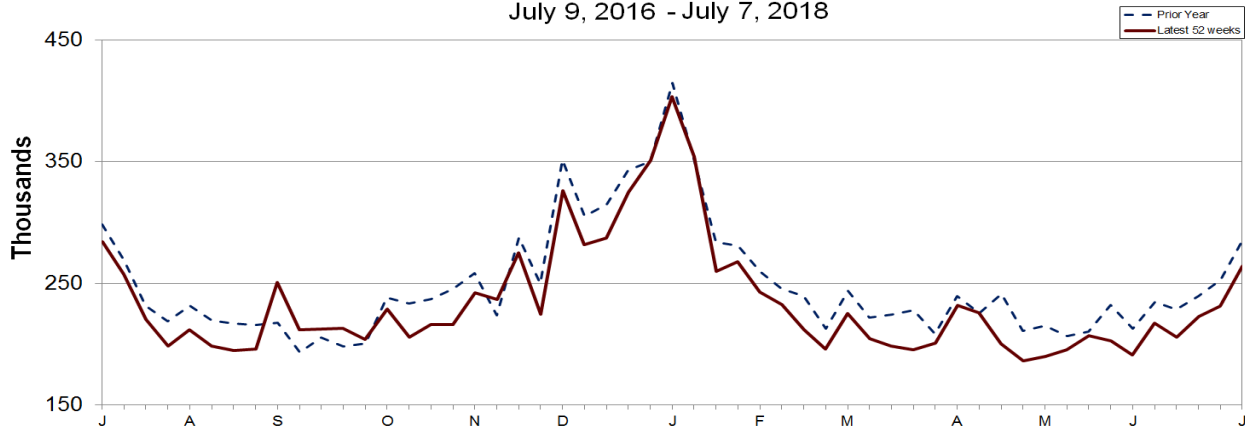
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 264,487 in the week ending July 7, an increase of 32,948 (or 14.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 54,180 (or 23.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 284,329 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending June 30, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,633,026, a decrease of 12,928 (or -0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,451 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,839,969.

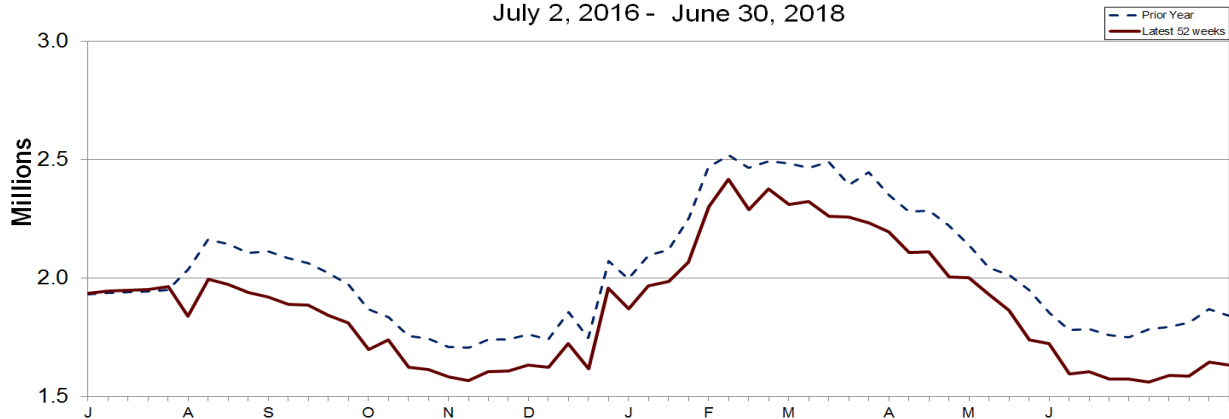
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 9, 2016 - July 7, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

July 2, 2016 - June 30, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 23 was 1,672,230, an increase of 60,463 from the previous week. There were 1,900,792 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 633 in the week ending June 30, an increase of 27 from the prior week. There were 662 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 91 from the preceding week.

There were 7,447 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 23, an increase of 511 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,573, an increase of 17 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 23 were in the Virgin Islands (2.4), Alaska (2.1), Connecticut (2.0), New Jersey (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), Puerto Rico (2.0), California (1.9), Illinois (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), and the District of Columbia (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 30 were in Massachusetts (+4,795), New Jersey (+4,364), Kentucky (+4,024), New York (+2,771), and Connecticut (+2,642), while the largest decreases were in California (-6,404), Pennsylvania (-3,966), Maryland (-2,500), Wisconsin (-1,322), and Oregon (-490).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 7	June 30	Change	June 23	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	214,000	232,000	-18,000	228,000	244,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	264,487	231,539	+32,948	222,766	284,329
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	223,000	224,750	-1,750	222,250	245,500
WEEK ENDING	June 30	June 23	Change	June 16	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,739,000	1,742,000	-3,000	1,707,000	1,951,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,633,026	1,645,954	-12,928	1,585,979	1,839,969
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,728,500	1,719,000	+9,500	1,720,000	1,953,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 30	June 23	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	633	606	+27	735
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	662	571	+91	767

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 23	June 16	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,643,973	1,583,846	+60,127	1,865,837
Federal Employees	7,447	6,936	+511	8,343
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,573	7,556	+17	10,399
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	29	114	-85	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,731	5,760	-29	6,434
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	7,477	7,555	-78	9,779
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,672,230	1,611,767	+60,463	1,900,792

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 141,433,196 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 7			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 30		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,059	2,687	372	17,762	17,737	25
Alaska	824	784	40	6,031	6,430	-399
Arizona	5,422	4,586	836	25,872	29,042	-3,170
Arkansas	2,622	1,510	1,112	11,470	12,505	-1,035
California	35,636	40,433	-4,797	299,955	316,331	-16,376
Colorado	1,770	1,653	117	18,845	19,536	-691
Connecticut	4,365	6,380	-2,015	36,312	32,228	4,084
Delaware	646	530	116	5,312	5,794	-482
District of Columbia	664	521	143	7,520	7,845	-325
Florida	8,148	7,280	868	38,801	43,283	-4,482
Georgia	5,853	5,223	630	26,158	26,544	-386
Hawaii **	1,418	1,105	313	7,355	7,138	217
Idaho	901	894	7	4,324	4,606	-282
Illinois	9,933	8,725	1,208	90,778	92,870	-2,092
Indiana	2,624	2,170	454	14,514	13,947	567
Iowa	4,503	1,995	2,508	14,642	14,396	246
Kansas	1,517	1,471	46	8,547	8,902	-355
Kentucky	6,183	7,791	-1,608	22,110	19,640	2,470
Louisiana	2,133	2,120	13	16,865	19,178	-2,313
Maine *	553	601	-48	4,156	4,236	-80
Maryland	3,550	3,365	185	28,072	30,245	-2,173
Massachusetts	7,661	10,249	-2,588	46,975	47,142	-167
Michigan	16,260	7,128	9,132	37,273	39,804	-2,531
Minnesota	3,192	2,733	459	27,145	27,269	-124
Mississippi	1,473	1,607	-134	10,707	11,370	-663
Missouri	5,196	3,665	1,531	23,659	25,012	-1,353
Montana	715	619	96	4,897	5,037	-140
Nebraska	1,012	774	238	4,466	4,379	87
Nevada	2,975	2,387	588	17,491	18,646	-1,155
New Hampshire	616	905	-289	3,665	3,516	149
New Jersey	13,833	17,448	-3,615	88,585	80,685	7,900
New Mexico	887	779	108	8,965	9,319	-354
New York	31,392	16,086	15,306	135,775	119,237	16,538
North Carolina	3,004	2,976	28	19,212	20,247	-1,035
North Dakota	393	311	82	2,459	2,081	378
Ohio	9,998	6,937	3,061	47,499	47,073	426
Oklahoma	1,519	1,230	289	12,975	13,420	-445
Oregon	5,284	3,518	1,766	24,706	24,699	7
Pennsylvania	15,901	13,852	2,049	112,137	112,015	122
Puerto Rico	2,234	1,092	1,142	17,801	17,066	735
Rhode Island	1,235	1,888	-653	8,919	7,298	1,621
South Carolina	2,302	2,182	120	15,733	16,201	-468
South Dakota	166	158	8	982	1,132	-150
Tennessee	4,641	3,149	1,492	21,262	22,642	-1,380
Texas	13,458	13,599	-141	122,944	127,099	-4,155
Utah	1,081	1,065	16	6,928	6,809	119
Vermont	459	610	-151	3,448	3,195	253
Virgin Islands	26	22	4	794	888	-94
Virginia	3,349	2,695	654	21,897	21,944	-47
Washington	6,118	5,418	700	42,146	41,369	777
West Virginia	811	683	128	8,598	8,853	-255
Wisconsin	4,725	3,735	990	25,310	26,049	-739
Wyoming	247	215	32	2,272	2,025	247
US Total	264,487	231,539	32,948	1,633,026	1,645,954	-12,928

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 estimate.

**Denotes OUI estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
July 1, 2017	251	8	244.50	1,951	-13	1,953.00	1.4
July 8, 2017	244	-7	245.50	1,971	20	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	239	-5	244.25	1,962	-9	1,962.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	242	3	244.00	1,963	1	1,961.75	1.4
July 29, 2017	243	1	242.00	1,954	-9	1,962.50	1.4
August 5, 2017	242	-1	241.50	1,952	-2	1,957.75	1.4
August 12, 2017	236	-6	240.75	1,950	-2	1,954.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	237	1	239.50	1,947	-3	1,950.75	1.4
August 26, 2017	238	1	238.25	1,943	-4	1,948.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	293	55	251.00	1,940	-3	1,945.00	1.4
September 9, 2017	267	-26	258.75	1,965	25	1,948.75	1.4
September 16, 2017	255	-12	263.25	1,923	-42	1,942.75	1.4
September 23, 2017	258	3	268.25	1,913	-10	1,935.25	1.4
September 30, 2017	254	-4	258.50	1,914	1	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	241	-13	252.00	1,903	-11	1,913.25	1.4
October 14, 2017	230	-11	245.75	1,907	4	1,909.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	4	239.75	1,899	-8	1,905.75	1.4
October 28, 2017	234	0	234.75	1,904	5	1,903.25	1.4
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,742	35	1,719.00	1.2
June 30, 2018	232	4	224.75	1,739	-3	1,728.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	214	-18	223.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 30					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 23					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	2687	-115	-1559	8	9	17737	0.9	43	-1972	65	68	17870
Alaska	784	-78	-92	1	2	6430	2.1	-279	-1012	59	20	6509
Arizona	4586	268	-454	27	5	29042	1.1	721	-2596	204	73	29319
Arkansas	1510	142	-155	2	4	12505	1.1	83	-1739	59	60	12624
California	40433	-6404	-5582	145	120	316331	1.9	14782	-33086	1309	1523	319163
Colorado	1653	41	-268	7	16	19536	0.8	486	-3289	110	252	19898
Connecticut	6380	2642	304	9	10	32228	2.0	1988	-5768	40	64	32332
Delaware	530	-239	-20	0	0	5794	1.3	744	-842	19	18	5831
District of Columbia	521	-171	70	12	2	7845	1.4	377	-926	309	13	8167
Florida	7280	-90	-1070	28	45	43283	0.5	-504	-8683	186	156	43625
Georgia	5223	559	-53	17	38	26544	0.6	473	-2992	171	220	26935
Hawaii	1105	-83	3	6	7	7138	1.2	134	-466	56	81	7275
Idaho	894	54	31	2	3	4606	0.7	101	-1039	17	16	4639
Illinois	8725	-268	-788	6	7	92870	1.6	2396	-10043	359	215	93444
Indiana	2170	-365	-153	3	5	13947	0.5	206	-949	18	43	14008
Iowa	1995	5	-261	2	4	14396	0.9	527	-2298	36	26	14458
Kansas	1471	-7	-1203	0	1	8902	0.7	13	-1396	41	33	8976
Kentucky	7791	4024	3233	2	6	19640	1.1	2657	1222	107	116	19863
Louisiana	2120	-143	-884	4	4	19178	1.0	504	-4113	40	17	19235
Maine	601	91	-356	0	0	4236	0.7	-13	-453	15	18	4269
Maryland	3365	-2500	-69	27	18	30245	1.2	2879	-2965	312	127	30684
Massachusetts	10249	4795	880	11	12	47142	1.4	1343	-14902	114	136	47392
Michigan	7128	1493	-1847	8	14	39804	0.9	4557	-5863	53	85	39942
Minnesota	2733	130	-160	4	4	27269	1.0	13	-2647	50	56	27375
Mississippi	1607	408	-420	2	2	11370	1.0	201	-2657	84	23	11477
Missouri	3665	791	-4036	24	2	25012	0.9	967	-3667	137	45	25194
Montana	619	-126	-83	2	3	5037	1.1	84	-426	40	21	5098
Nebraska	774	118	30	2	0	4379	0.5	140	-552	17	8	4404
Nevada	2387	37	43	2	3	18646	1.4	258	-2818	67	73	18786
New Hampshire	905	323	-6	1	1	3516	0.5	131	-552	5	4	3525
New Jersey	17448	4364	990	14	14	80685	2.0	2651	-9013	215	271	81171
New Mexico	779	45	-37	5	3	9319	1.2	170	-1686	141	39	9499
New York	16086	2771	-1895	23	34	119237	1.3	2350	-17389	326	335	119898
North Carolina	2976	-40	-215	7	8	20247	0.5	319	-2813	93	170	20510
North Dakota	311	37	-36	16	0	2081	0.5	3	-609	147	5	2233
Ohio	6937	1600	640	9	19	47073	0.9	-103	-7445	101	179	47353
Oklahoma	1230	-120	-242	8	4	13420	0.9	-10	-2139	64	75	13559
Oregon	3518	-490	-410	7	9	24699	1.3	868	-1371	167	107	24973
Pennsylvania	13852	-3966	-1764	53	33	112015	2.0	11402	-10741	463	270	112748
Puerto Rico	1092	-324	-538	7	6	17066	2.0	-756	-11433	47	75	17188
Rhode Island	1888	-104	-126	2	1	7298	1.6	618	-871	21	19	7338
South Carolina	2182	136	-322	7	9	16201	0.8	111	1493	51	75	16327
South Dakota	158	-9	-22	10	1	1132	0.3	46	-143	233	3	1368
Tennessee	3149	590	-554	8	3	22642	0.8	766	-482	92	138	22872
Texas	13599	125	-453	44	119	127099	1.1	3935	-24328	668	1287	129054
Utah	1065	156	28	29	1	6809	0.5	-62	-995	48	19	6876
Vermont	610	-189	53	0	0	3195	1.1	328	-383	8	4	3207
Virgin Islands	22	10	-32	0	0	888	2.4	-138	384	2	0	919
Virginia	2695	50	-343	12	22	21944	0.6	199	-2679	183	240	22367
Washington	5418	127	-462	3	22	41369	1.3	345	-3196	165	590	42124
West Virginia	683	70	-66	0	1	8853	1.3	379	-1644	48	32	8933
Wisconsin	3735	-1322	-626	2	5	26049	0.9	778	-3478	53	23	26125
Wyoming	215	-76	10	3	1	2025	0.8	-236	-1074	12	7	2044
Totals	231539	8773	-21347	633	662	1645954	1.2	59975	-221524	7447	7573	1661003

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 30, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+4,795	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, public administration, and accommodation and food service industries.
NJ	+4,364	Layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
KY	+4,024	No comment.
NY	+2,771	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
CT	+2,642	Layoffs in the educational service industry.
OH	+1,600	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MI	+1,493	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-6,404	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
PA	-3,966	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and educational service industries.
MD	-2,500	No comment.
WI	-1,322	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and educational 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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