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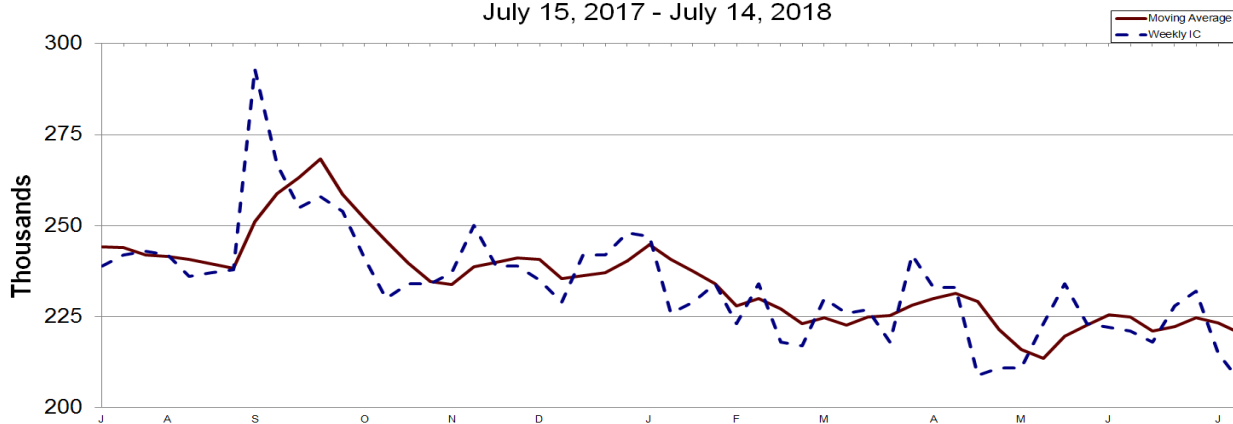
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

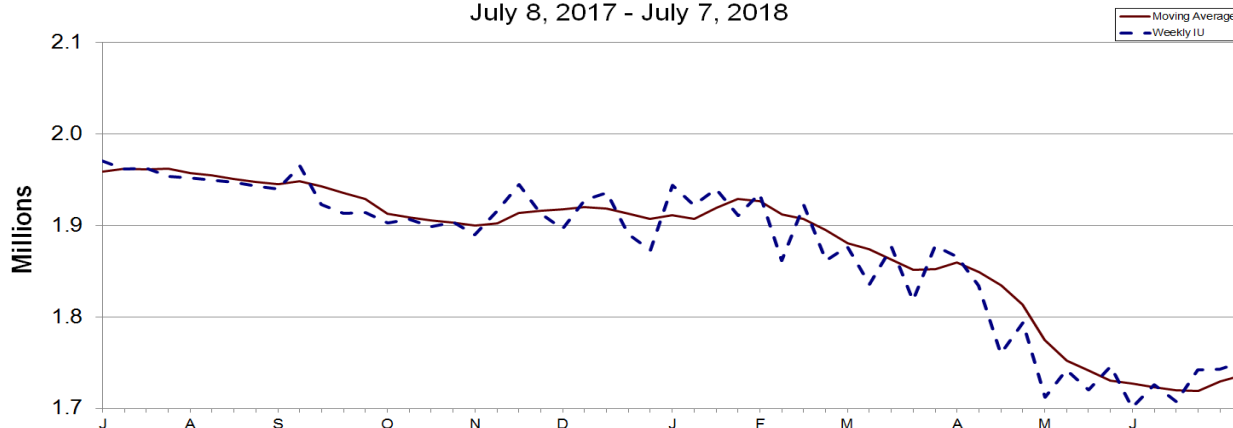
In the week ending July 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 207,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since December 6, 1969 when it was 202,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 214,000 to 215,000. The 4-week moving average was 220,500, a decrease of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 223,000 to 223,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 7, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 7 was 1,751,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,739,000 to 1,743,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,735,750, an increase of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,728,500 to 1,729,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 15, 2017 - July 14, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 8, 2017 - July 7, 2018



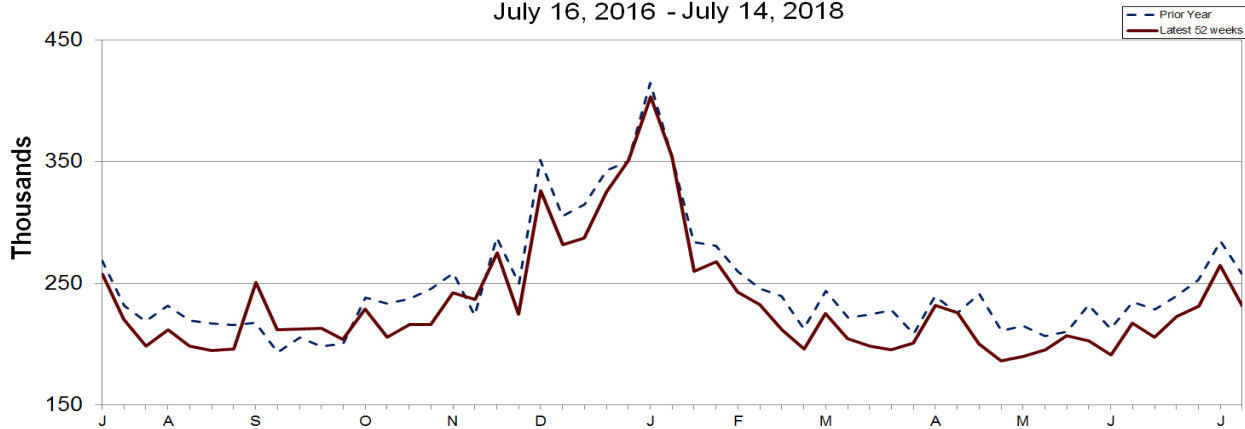
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 231,347 in the week ending July 14, a decrease of 33,522 (or -12.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 25,328 (or -9.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 257,763 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,770,375, an increase of 133,591 (or 8.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 125,504 (or 7.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,996,804.

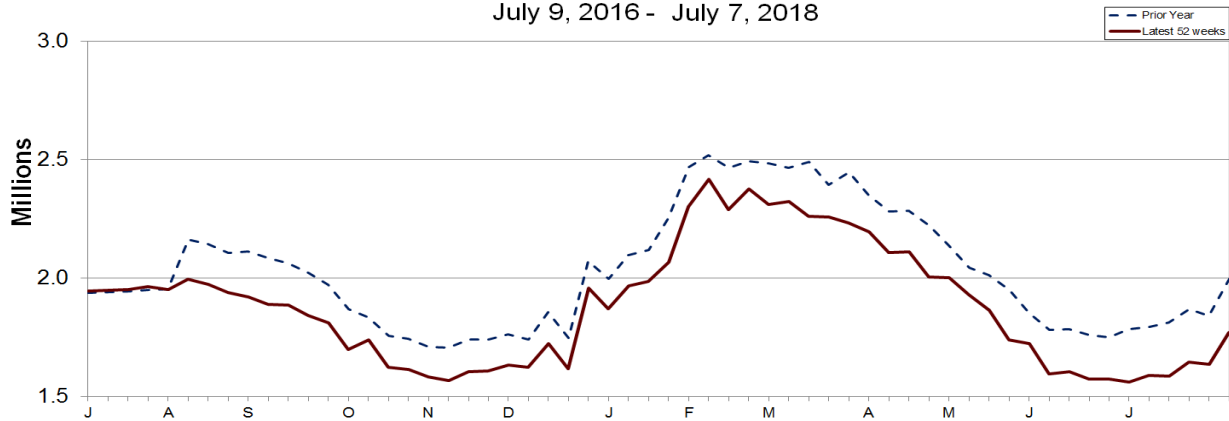
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 16, 2016 - July 14, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

July 9, 2016 - July 7, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 30 was 1,661,357, a decrease of 10,873 from the previous week. There were 1,872,066 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 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 844 in the week ending July 7, an increase of 211 from the prior week. There were 632 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 30 from the preceding week.

There were 6,889 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 30, a decrease of 558 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,264, a decrease of 309 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 30 were in New Jersey (2.2), Connecticut (2.1), Puerto Rico (2.1), the Virgin Islands (2.1), Alaska (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), Rhode Island (1.9), California (1.8), Illinois (1.5), and New York (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 7 were in New York (+15,130), Michigan (+9,274), Ohio (+3,038), Iowa (+2,310), and Pennsylvania (+2,004), while the largest decreases were in California (-5,387), New Jersey (-3,524), Massachusetts (-2,510), Connecticut (-2,011), and Kentucky (-1,598).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 14	July 7	Change	June 30	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	207,000	215,000	-8,000	232,000	239,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	231,347	264,869	-33,522	231,539	257,763
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	220,500	223,250	-2,750	224,750	244,250
WEEK ENDING	July 7	June 30	Change	June 23	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,751,000	1,743,000	+8,000	1,742,000	1,971,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,770,375	1,636,784	+133,591	1,645,954	1,996,804
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,735,750	1,729,500	+6,250	1,719,000	1,959,000
<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	1.2%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 7	June 30	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	844	633	+211	807
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	632	662	-30	685

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 30	June 23	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,634,860	1,643,973	-9,113	1,838,723
Federal Employees	6,889	7,447	-558	7,818
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,264	7,573	-309	9,804
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	8	29	-21	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,378	5,731	-353	5,904
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	6,958	7,477	-519	9,817
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,661,357	1,672,230	-10,873	1,872,066

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 141,951,699 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 14			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 7		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	5,906	3,308	2,598	22,837	17,688	5,149
Alaska	792	776	16	6,092	6,136	-44
Arizona	4,754	5,669	-915	27,760	28,896	-1,136
Arkansas	1,629	2,764	-1,135	12,923	12,281	642
California	42,061	35,046	7,015	329,437	292,678	36,759
Colorado	1,684	1,764	-80	19,453	18,440	1,013
Connecticut	4,156	4,369	-213	39,977	34,890	5,087
Delaware	535	667	-132	5,624	5,148	476
District of Columbia	698	517	181	7,813	7,862	-49
Florida	7,706	8,360	-654	40,404	42,699	-2,295
Georgia	9,828	6,078	3,750	31,400	27,367	4,033
Hawaii	1,316	1,163	153	7,752	6,868	884
Idaho	778	982	-204	4,713	4,558	155
Illinois	8,041	9,867	-1,826	94,527	89,677	4,850
Indiana	2,422	2,511	-89	15,004	13,768	1,236
Iowa	2,252	4,305	-2,053	17,465	14,232	3,233
Kansas	1,451	1,494	-43	9,091	8,603	488
Kentucky	3,905	6,193	-2,288	18,887	22,326	-3,439
Louisiana	2,313	2,325	-12	17,174	18,587	-1,413
Maine *	1,007	572	435	4,821	4,247	574
Maryland	3,025	3,756	-731	29,341	30,374	-1,033
Massachusetts	5,460	7,739	-2,279	51,491	47,661	3,830
Michigan	7,013	16,402	-9,389	40,439	39,419	1,020
Minnesota	3,782	3,037	745	31,339	26,619	4,720
Mississippi	1,275	1,680	-405	11,571	11,474	97
Missouri	3,682	5,397	-1,715	27,087	24,657	2,430
Montana	572	684	-112	5,228	4,828	400
Nebraska	631	1,010	-379	4,993	4,412	581
Nevada	2,388	2,842	-454	18,724	18,703	21
New Hampshire	494	661	-167	3,894	3,960	-66
New Jersey	9,077	13,924	-4,847	100,719	87,635	13,084
New Mexico	770	892	-122	9,361	9,136	225
New York	21,494	31,216	-9,722	149,815	135,216	14,599
North Carolina	3,149	2,879	270	19,958	20,242	-284
North Dakota	310	353	-43	2,572	2,157	415
Ohio	6,540	9,975	-3,435	52,609	47,515	5,094
Oklahoma	1,269	1,621	-352	13,669	13,409	260
Oregon	4,473	5,284	-811	27,602	24,766	2,836
Pennsylvania	14,008	15,856	-1,848	117,533	111,079	6,454
Puerto Rico	1,454	2,320	-866	18,138	18,080	58
Rhode Island	1,131	1,242	-111	9,834	8,713	1,121
South Carolina	3,562	2,435	1,127	17,064	16,073	991
South Dakota	165	180	-15	982	1,025	-43
Tennessee	2,717	4,777	-2,060	23,195	22,457	738
Texas	13,786	13,353	433	130,417	121,374	9,043
Utah	1,091	1,054	37	7,169	6,944	225
Vermont	327	470	-143	3,626	3,300	326
Virgin Islands	7	29	-22	704	794	-90
Virginia	2,933	3,102	-169	23,385	21,527	1,858
Washington	5,822	6,094	-272	44,522	41,069	3,453
West Virginia	805	872	-67	9,727	8,032	1,695
Wisconsin	4,687	4,739	-52	28,607	25,148	3,459
Wyoming	214	264	-50	1,906	2,035	-129
US Total	231,347	264,869	-33,522	1,770,375	1,636,784	133,591

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.

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 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	1,743	1	1,729.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	215	-17	223.25	1,751	8	1,735.75	1.2
July 14, 2018	207	-8	220.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 7					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 30					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	3308	621	-396	12	12	17688	0.9	-49	-2928	70	67	17825
Alaska	776	-8	-79	2	3	6136	2.0	-294	-973	46	8	6190
Arizona	5669	1083	-472	40	0	28896	1.1	-146	-2249	215	73	29184
Arkansas	2764	1254	-424	4	1	12281	1.0	-224	-1766	46	51	12378
California	35046	-5387	-2752	186	98	292678	1.8	-23653	-12518	1094	1467	295239
Colorado	1764	111	-65	4	19	18440	0.7	-1096	-3206	89	238	18767
Connecticut	4369	-2011	87	2	2	34890	2.1	2662	-3749	29	61	34980
Delaware	667	137	-58	1	2	5148	1.2	-646	-778	15	19	5182
District of Columbia	517	-4	126	12	0	7862	1.4	17	-902	299	11	8172
Florida	8360	1080	-544	21	32	42699	0.5	-584	-6433	118	138	42955
Georgia	6078	855	-568	21	29	27367	0.6	823	-2124	157	205	27729
Hawaii	1163	58	-159	2	13	6868	1.1	-270	-885	51	64	6983
Idaho	982	88	-43	0	3	4558	0.7	-48	-721	13	13	4584
Illinois	9867	1142	-87	2	9	89677	1.5	-3193	-10359	282	215	90174
Indiana	2511	341	-160	5	5	13768	0.5	-179	-876	17	40	13825
Iowa	4305	2310	1081	4	3	14232	0.9	-164	-2371	38	25	14295
Kansas	1494	23	-878	1	0	8603	0.6	-299	-2202	35	30	8668
Kentucky	6193	-1598	-4578	4	0	22326	1.2	2686	3111	95	117	22538
Louisiana	2325	205	-307	4	8	18587	1.0	-591	-4216	52	17	18656
Maine	572	-29	-283	0	1	4247	0.7	11	-299	20	16	4283
Maryland	3756	391	-237	14	9	30374	1.2	129	-5852	312	120	30806
Massachusetts	7739	-2510	370	7	17	47661	1.4	519	-17545	99	132	47892
Michigan	16402	9274	-1218	3	13	39419	0.9	-385	-7793	74	87	39580
Minnesota	3037	304	-111	1	3	26619	0.9	-650	-3112	43	58	26720
Mississippi	1680	73	10	0	2	11474	1.0	104	-2651	74	19	11567
Missouri	5397	1732	469	25	2	24657	0.9	-355	-5793	140	53	24850
Montana	684	65	-186	4	2	4828	1.1	-209	-599	40	15	4883
Nebraska	1010	236	-19	4	1	4412	0.5	33	-617	20	7	4439
Nevada	2842	455	-55	1	4	18703	1.4	57	-1597	55	59	18817
New Hampshire	661	-244	-8	0	1	3960	0.6	444	-562	6	4	3970
New Jersey	13924	-3524	-696	17	21	87635	2.2	6950	-9031	192	283	88110
New Mexico	892	113	-135	6	3	9136	1.2	-183	-1660	104	47	9287
New York	31216	15130	-636	25	32	135216	1.5	15979	-16378	303	337	135856
North Carolina	2879	-97	-262	10	2	20242	0.5	-5	-2816	81	164	20487
North Dakota	353	42	-696	77	0	2157	0.5	76	-433	153	7	2317
Ohio	9975	3038	-946	12	18	47515	0.9	442	-6028	105	180	47800
Oklahoma	1621	391	-100	11	11	13409	0.9	-11	-2273	88	66	13563
Oregon	5284	1766	1038	16	10	24766	1.3	67	-1076	167	111	25044
Pennsylvania	15856	2004	-24	77	43	111079	2.0	-936	-11286	416	259	111754
Puerto Rico	2320	1228	-2861	1	4	18080	2.1	1014	-8562	52	82	18214
Rhode Island	1242	-646	-147	1	0	8713	1.9	1415	-618	19	19	8751
South Carolina	2435	253	-1095	6	12	16073	0.8	-128	649	52	74	16199
South Dakota	180	22	16	20	0	1025	0.2	-107	-169	221	14	1260
Tennessee	4777	1628	630	8	15	22457	0.8	-185	-510	75	85	22617
Texas	13353	-246	57	131	114	121374	1.0	-5725	-26820	688	1228	123290
Utah	1054	-11	-71	29	4	6944	0.5	135	-823	43	21	7008
Vermont	470	-140	-143	0	1	3300	1.1	105	-342	4	5	3309
Virgin Islands	29	7	12	0	0	794	2.1	-94	408	2	2	806
Virginia	3102	407	-434	3	16	21527	0.6	-417	-3261	209	229	21965
Washington	6094	676	-213	2	26	41069	1.3	-300	-3340	161	566	41796
West Virginia	872	189	-350	0	2	8032	1.2	-821	-1766	46	28	8106
Wisconsin	4739	1004	-793	6	4	25148	0.9	-901	-3758	51	22	25221
Wyoming	264	49	-67	0	0	2035	0.8	10	-727	13	6	2054
Totals	264869	33330	-19460	844	632	1636784	1.2	-9170	-203185	6889	7264	1650945

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 JULY 7, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+15,130	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MI	+9,274	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OH	+3,038	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IA	+2,310	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+2,004	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
OR	+1,766	No comment.
MO	+1,732	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
TN	+1,628	No comment.
AR	+1,254	No comment.
PR	+1,228	No comment.
IL	+1,142	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
AZ	+1,083	No comment.
FL	+1,080	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
WI	+1,004	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-5,387	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NJ	-3,524	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
MA	-2,510	Fewer layoffs in the utilities, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service industries.
CT	-2,011	No comment.
KY	-1,598	No comment.

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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