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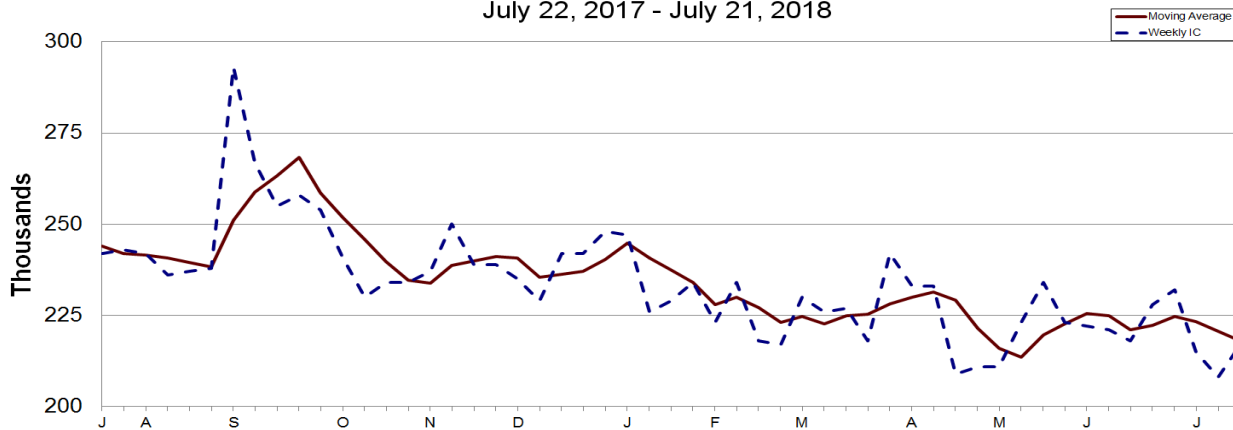
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

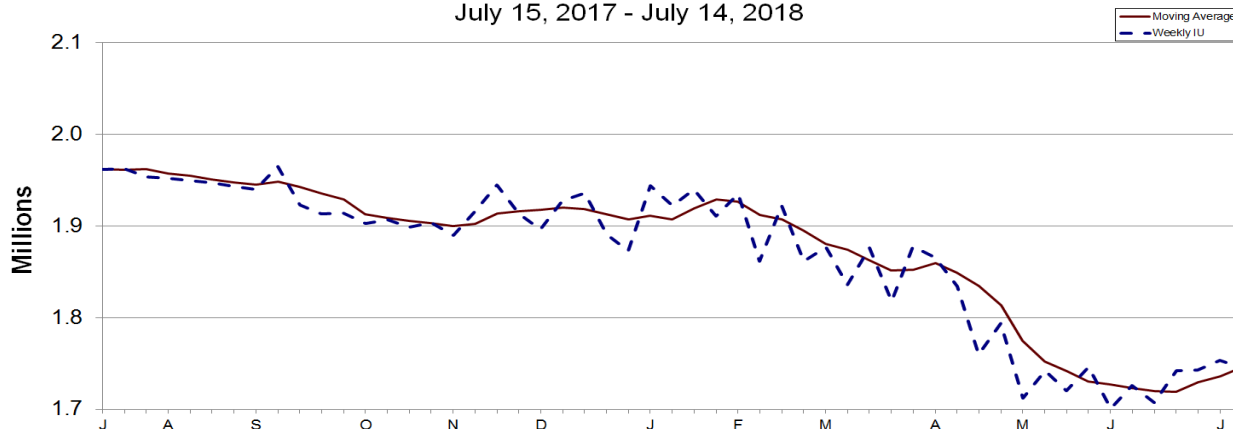
In the week ending July 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 217,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 207,000 to 208,000. The 4-week moving average was 218,000, a decrease of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 220,500 to 220,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 14 was 1,745,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,751,000 to 1,753,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,745,750, an increase of 9,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 1,735,750 to 1,736,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 22, 2017 - July 21, 2018



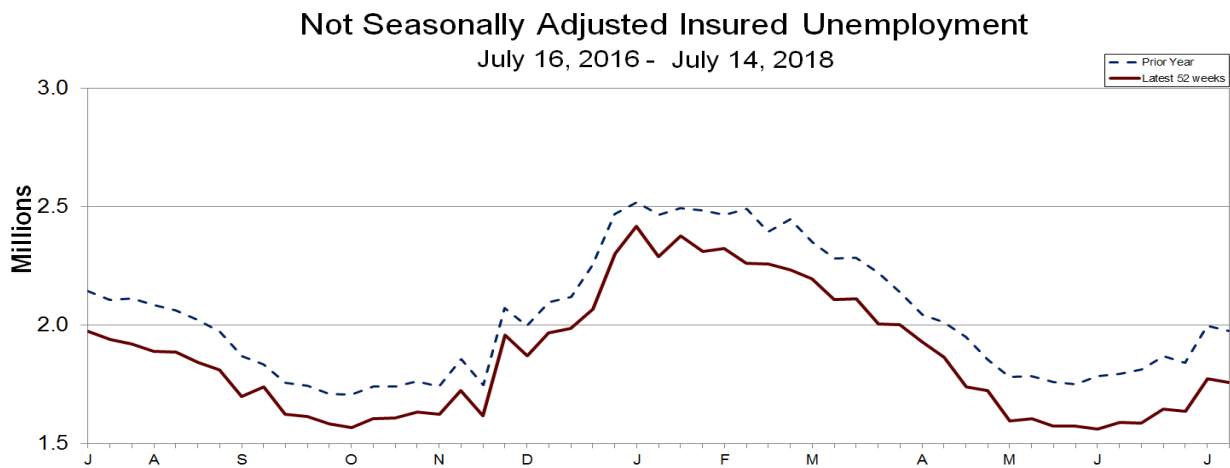
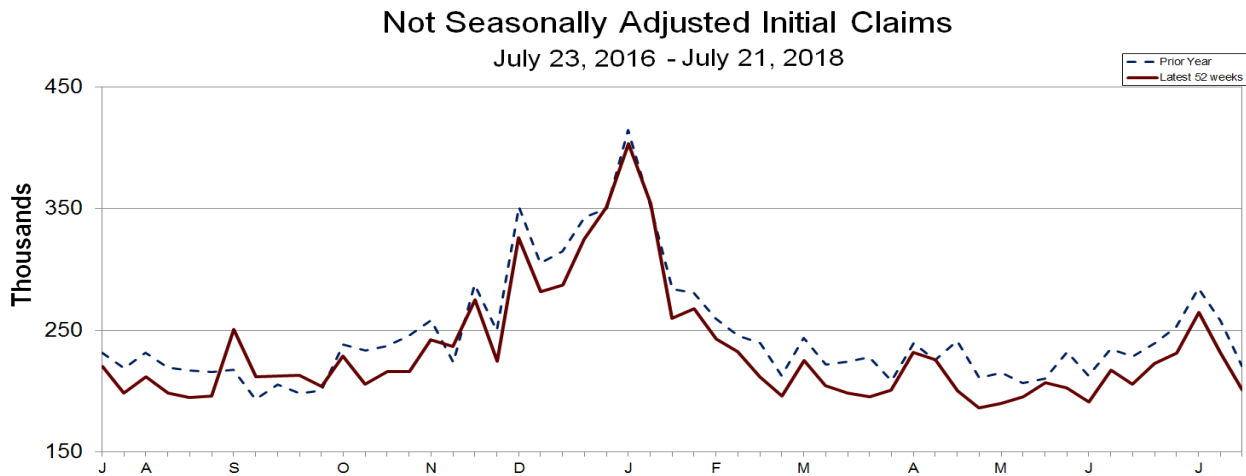
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 15, 2017 - July 14, 2018



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 201,257 in the week ending July 21, a decrease of 30,981 (or -13.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 39,539 (or -17.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 220,455 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,758,987, a decrease of 13,711 (or -0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,260 (or -0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,973,777.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 7 was 1,798,244, an increase of 136,887 from the previous week. There were 2,028,925 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 July 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 838 in the week ending July 14, a decrease of 6 from the prior week. There were 658 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 26 from the preceding week.

There were 7,447 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 7, an increase of 558 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,500, an increase of 236 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 7 were in New Jersey (2.5), Connecticut (2.3), Puerto Rico (2.2), Rhode Island (2.1), Alaska (2.0), Pennsylvania (2.0), California (1.9), the Virgin Islands (1.9), Illinois (1.6), and New York (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 14 were in California (+6,345), Georgia (+4,018), Alabama (+2,775), South Carolina (+1,237), and Minnesota (+626), while the largest decreases were in New York (-9,792), Michigan (-9,263), New Jersey (-4,752), Ohio (-3,420), and Kentucky (-2,302).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 21	July 14	Change	July 7	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	217,000	208,000	+9,000	215,000	242,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	201,257	232,238	-30,981	264,869	220,455
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	218,000	220,750	-2,750	223,250	244,000
WEEK ENDING	July 14	July 7	Change	June 30	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,745,000	1,753,000	-8,000	1,743,000	1,962,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,758,987	1,772,698	-13,711	1,636,784	1,973,777
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,745,750	1,736,250	+9,500	1,729,500	1,962,000
<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 14	July 7	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	838	844	-6	885
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	658	632	+26	777

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 7	June 30	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,770,665	1,634,860	+135,805	1,993,649
Federal Employees	7,447	6,889	+558	8,746
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,500	7,264	+236	10,115
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	21	8	+13	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	5,534	5,378	+156	6,063
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	7,077	6,958	+119	10,352
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,798,244	1,661,357	+136,887	2,028,925

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 21			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 14		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,532	6,083	-3,551	18,782	22,976	-4,194
Alaska	737	750	-13	6,073	6,203	-130
Arizona	4,066	5,041	-975	28,470	31,210	-2,740
Arkansas	1,371	1,742	-371	12,236	13,735	-1,499
California	40,197	41,391	-1,194	329,299	321,230	8,069
Colorado	1,617	1,690	-73	19,752	19,165	587
Connecticut	2,597	4,135	-1,538	39,108	38,557	551
Delaware	445	559	-114	5,561	5,454	107
District of Columbia	613	559	54	7,819	8,153	-334
Florida	7,287	7,939	-652	43,602	44,588	-986
Georgia	6,142	10,096	-3,954	27,115	32,731	-5,616
Hawaii	1,144	1,298	-154	7,373	7,405	-32
Idaho	681	851	-170	4,383	4,952	-569
Illinois	7,493	7,984	-491	97,033	93,458	3,575
Indiana	2,050	2,293	-243	14,635	14,302	333
Iowa	1,682	2,043	-361	14,458	17,101	-2,643
Kansas	1,758	1,438	320	8,852	9,151	-299
Kentucky	6,484	3,891	2,593	22,372	19,185	3,187
Louisiana	2,023	2,525	-502	17,405	18,963	-1,558
Maine *	692	1,017	-325	4,672	5,017	-345
Maryland	2,732	3,225	-493	28,746	31,601	-2,855
Massachusetts	4,306	5,546	-1,240	52,563	52,164	399
Michigan	10,722	7,139	3,583	55,249	41,703	13,546
Minnesota	2,363	3,663	-1,300	27,241	30,030	-2,789
Mississippi	1,275	1,456	-181	11,571	12,444	-873
Missouri	4,933	3,975	958	26,062	27,712	-1,650
Montana	442	560	-118	4,870	5,140	-270
Nebraska	542	611	-69	4,572	4,938	-366
Nevada	2,331	2,322	9	17,585	19,970	-2,385
New Hampshire	382	524	-142	3,660	4,174	-514
New Jersey	8,139	9,172	-1,033	100,283	99,656	627
New Mexico	718	782	-64	9,344	9,482	-138
New York	13,167	21,424	-8,257	139,386	149,138	-9,752
North Carolina	3,002	2,992	10	20,022	21,023	-1,001
North Dakota	263	275	-12	2,376	2,265	111
Ohio	5,544	6,555	-1,011	50,781	52,789	-2,008
Oklahoma	1,133	1,385	-252	13,166	13,961	-795
Oregon	2,583	4,475	-1,892	25,104	27,687	-2,583
Pennsylvania	11,654	14,020	-2,366	122,819	116,336	6,483
Puerto Rico	1,472	1,522	-50	19,183	18,542	641
Rhode Island	679	1,126	-447	9,502	9,673	-171
South Carolina	3,505	3,672	-167	17,339	17,458	-119
South Dakota	153	163	-10	1,075	1,176	-101
Tennessee	2,038	2,870	-832	21,533	24,460	-2,927
Texas	12,642	13,703	-1,061	130,996	128,248	2,748
Utah	1,028	1,113	-85	7,154	7,492	-338
Vermont	296	335	-39	3,328	3,466	-138
Virgin Islands	13	12	1	692	702	-10
Virginia	2,620	2,714	-94	23,017	23,026	-9
Washington	4,832	5,821	-989	43,184	43,452	-268
West Virginia	689	845	-156	9,175	9,145	30
Wisconsin	3,230	4,689	-1,459	26,427	28,516	-2,089
Wyoming	218	227	-9	1,982	1,593	389
US Total	201,257	232,238	-30,981	1,758,987	1,772,698	-13,711

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 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	1,753	10	1,736.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	208	-7	220.75	1,745	-8	1,745.75	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	9	218.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 14					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 7					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM						
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	6083	2775	-393	10	10	22976	1.2	5288	-2094	78	69	23123
Alaska	750	-26	-70	1	3	6203	2.0	67	-963	58	32	6293
Arizona	5041	-628	-60	26	1	31210	1.2	2314	-2968	248	83	31541
Arkansas	1742	-1022	-117	4	4	13735	1.2	1454	-2375	56	48	13839
California	41391	6345	-3269	215	115	321230	1.9	28552	-29087	1331	1549	324110
Colorado	1690	-74	-117	9	17	19165	0.7	725	-2859	108	237	19510
Connecticut	4135	-234	83	3	6	38557	2.3	3667	-3159	49	63	38669
Delaware	559	-108	-44	1	2	5454	1.3	306	-751	19	17	5490
District of Columbia	559	42	155	21	1	8153	1.4	291	-946	315	14	8482
Florida	7939	-421	-910	15	31	44588	0.5	1889	-8219	158	171	44917
Georgia	10096	4018	917	28	38	32731	0.8	5364	-771	177	228	33136
Hawaii	1298	135	-90	0	12	7405	1.2	537	-758	62	79	7546
Idaho	851	-131	-1	3	3	4952	0.7	394	-678	13	11	4976
Illinois	7984	-1883	-1726	14	9	93458	1.6	3781	-10841	356	207	94021
Indiana	2293	-218	-406	3	4	14302	0.5	534	-894	16	46	14364
Iowa	2043	-2262	12	6	1	17101	1.1	2869	-1241	38	23	17162
Kansas	1438	-56	-548	1	2	9151	0.7	548	-2626	38	29	9218
Kentucky	3891	-2302	-18	1	4	19185	1.0	-3141	-1065	125	114	19424
Louisiana	2525	200	-414	7	5	18963	1.0	376	-4366	48	15	19026
Maine	1017	445	271	0	0	5017	0.8	770	22	22	16	5055
Maryland	3225	-531	-464	24	12	31601	1.3	1227	-5687	313	131	32045
Massachusetts	5546	-2193	38	6	12	52164	1.5	4503	-15478	103	147	52414
Michigan	7139	-9263	-3612	11	20	41703	1.0	2284	-11384	56	97	41856
Minnesota	3663	626	50	5	3	30030	1.1	3411	-2001	48	61	30139
Mississippi	1456	-224	-219	3	5	12444	1.1	970	-2671	77	24	12545
Missouri	3975	-1422	-719	21	5	27712	1.0	3055	-3017	156	41	27909
Montana	560	-124	-27	5	5	5140	1.2	312	-607	49	18	5207
Nebraska	611	-399	-157	3	2	4938	0.5	526	-574	18	8	4964
Nevada	2322	-520	-272	13	3	19970	1.5	1267	-2968	55	64	20089
New Hampshire	524	-137	-33	2	1	4174	0.6	214	-538	5	5	4184
New Jersey	9172	-4752	-1525	17	23	99656	2.5	12021	-6504	218	273	100147
New Mexico	782	-110	-170	4	1	9482	1.2	346	-1560	110	36	9628
New York	21424	-9792	-2141	23	39	149138	1.6	13922	-14691	298	325	149761
North Carolina	2992	113	-369	11	12	21023	0.5	781	-2673	93	165	21281
North Dakota	275	-78	-119	45	0	2265	0.6	108	-1203	166	6	2437
Ohio	6555	-3420	-1273	13	15	52789	1.0	5274	-7103	107	181	53077
Oklahoma	1385	-236	-72	5	5	13961	0.9	552	-2032	65	73	14099
Oregon	4475	-809	150	15	14	27687	1.5	2921	-604	174	103	27964
Pennsylvania	14020	-1836	-670	60	41	116336	2.0	5257	-10483	411	309	117056
Puerto Rico	1522	-798	-2382	1	2	18542	2.2	462	-13032	65	80	18687
Rhode Island	1126	-116	144	2	1	9673	2.1	960	-488	21	20	9714
South Carolina	3672	1237	-1908	5	10	17458	0.9	1385	-882	46	79	17583
South Dakota	163	-17	-32	4	0	1176	0.3	151	-137	211	3	1390
Tennessee	2870	-1907	-740	6	8	24460	0.8	2003	-253	75	77	24612
Texas	13703	350	-745	110	116	128248	1.1	6874	-25088	639	1225	130112
Utah	1113	59	117	33	2	7492	0.5	548	-567	59	21	7572
Vermont	335	-135	-110	0	0	3466	1.1	166	-415	10	6	3482
Virgin Islands	12	-17	-22	0	0	702	1.9	-92	150	2	0	725
Virginia	2714	-388	-487	8	13	23026	0.6	1499	-3549	212	243	23481
Washington	5821	-273	-260	7	16	43452	1.4	2383	-4019	164	565	44181
West Virginia	845	-27	-259	0	2	9145	1.4	1113	-2144	46	30	9221
Wisconsin	4689	-50	-449	7	2	28516	1.0	3368	-3937	53	26	28595
Wyoming	227	-37	-43	1	0	1593	0.6	-442	-1328	7	7	1607
Totals	232238	-32631	-25525	838	658	1772698	1.2	135914	-224106	7447	7500	1787666

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 14, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+6,345	Layoffs in the service industry.
GA	+4,018	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
AL	+2,775	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and retail trade industries.
SC	+1,237	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-9,792	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MI	-9,263	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-4,752	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
OH	-3,420	No comment.
KY	-2,302	No comment.
IA	-2,262	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MA	-2,193	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
TN	-1,907	No comment.
IL	-1,883	No comment.
PA	-1,836	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and educational service industries.
MO	-1,422	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
AR	-1,022	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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