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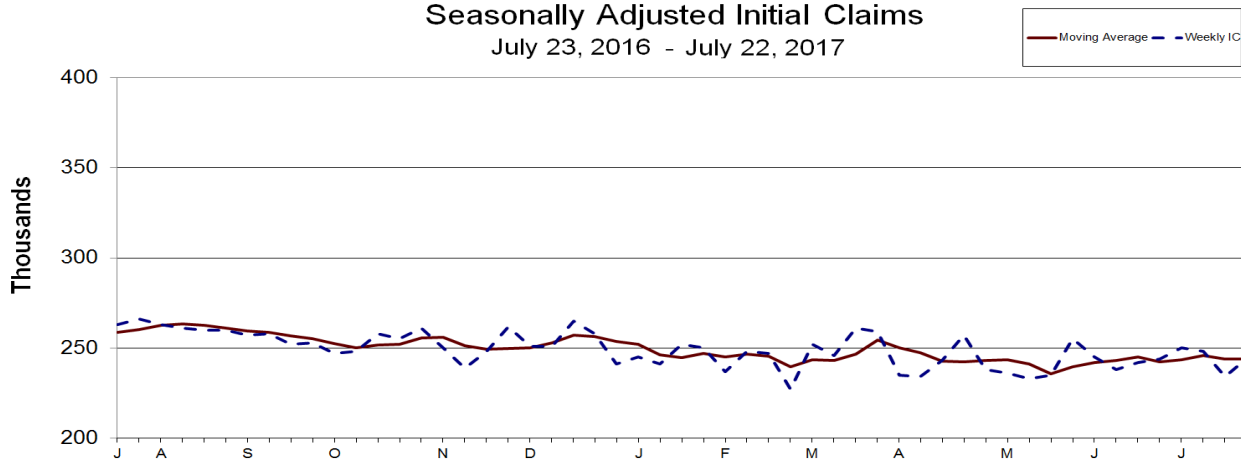
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

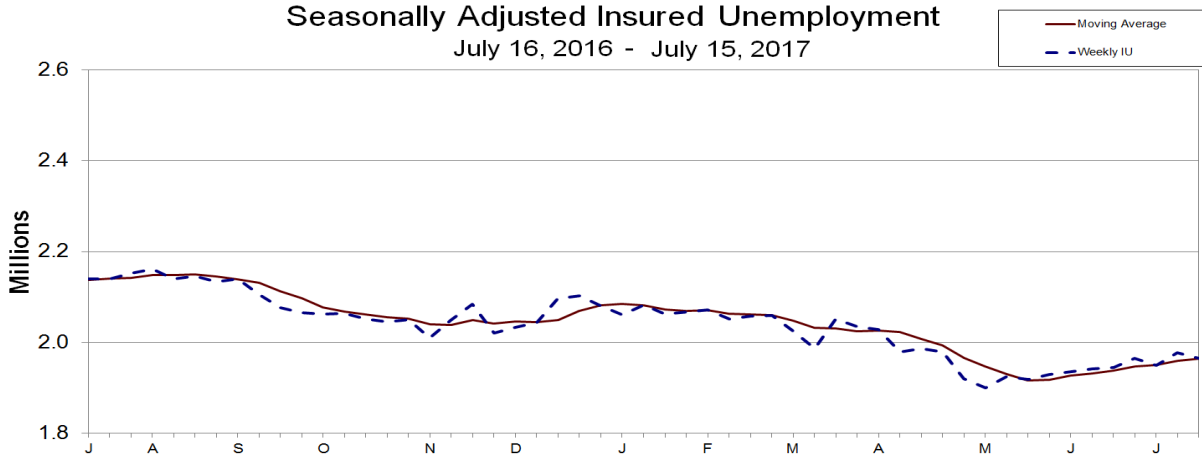
In the week ending July 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 244,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 233,000 to 234,000. The 4-week moving average was 244,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 243,750 to 244,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending July 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 15 was 1,964,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 1,977,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,963,750, an increase of 4,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 1,959,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
July 23, 2016 - July 22, 2017



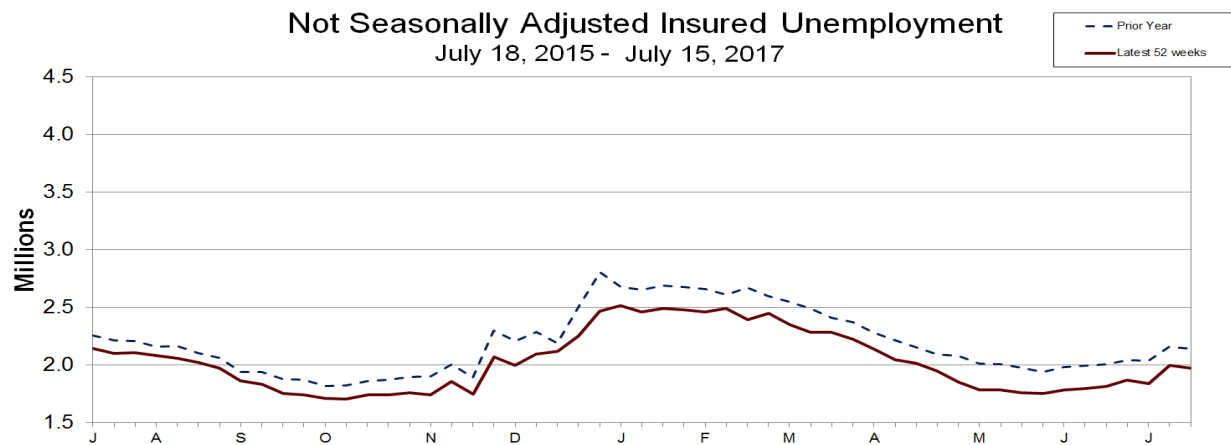
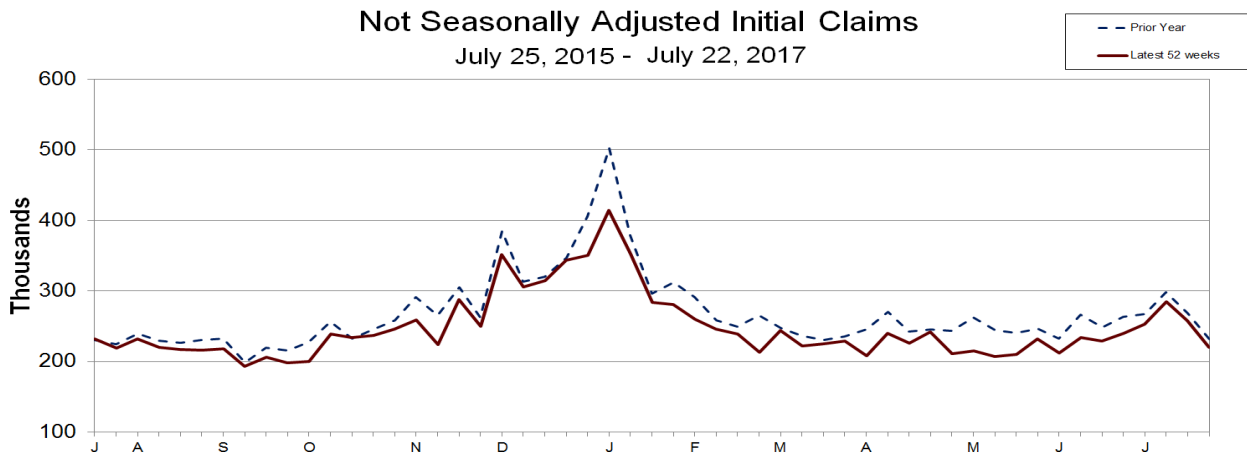
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
July 16, 2016 - July 15, 2017



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,776 in the week ending July 22, a decrease of 37,987 (or -14.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 47,440 (or -18.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 231,925 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending July 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,974,065, a decrease of 22,739 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,885 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,143,920.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 8 was 2,028,925, an increase of 156,859 from the previous week. There were 2,197,860 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 885 in the week ending July 15, an increase of 78 from the prior week. There were 777 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 92 from the preceding week.

There were 8,746 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 8, an increase of 928 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,115, an increase of 311 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 8 were in Puerto Rico (3.6), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.5), Alaska (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), Rhode Island (2.2), California (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), Illinois (1.8), Nevada (1.8), and New York (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 15 were in California (+6,862), Alabama (+2,772), Georgia (+2,533), South Carolina (+2,050), and Texas (+1,152), while the largest decreases were in New York (-8,287), Michigan (-6,869), Kentucky (-6,862), New Jersey (-3,923), and Ohio (-3,093).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 22	July 15	Change	July 8	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Initial Claims (SA)	244,000	234,000	+10,000	248,000	263,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	219,776	257,763	-37,987	284,716	231,925
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	244,000	244,000	0	246,000	258,500
WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	July 1	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,964,000	1,977,000	-13,000	1,949,000	2,140,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,974,065	1,996,804	-22,739	1,841,919	2,143,920
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,963,750	1,959,000	+4,750	1,950,250	2,137,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></u>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></u>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.3%	1.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	885	807	+78	948
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	777	685	+92	1,094

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Regular State	1,993,649	1,838,723	+154,926	2,154,750
Federal Employees	8,746	7,818	+928	7,688
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,115	9,804	+311	13,323
<u>Extended Benefits<sup>3</sup></u>	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits<sup>4</sup></u>	6,063	5,904	+159	6,819
<u>STC / Workshare<sup>5</sup></u>	10,352	9,817	+535	15,280
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,028,925	1,872,066	+156,859	2,197,860

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 139,989,708 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 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,506	6,476	-2,970	22,255	25,070	-2,815
Alaska	918	820	98	6,833	7,166	-333
Arizona	4,636	5,101	-465	31,160	34,178	-3,018
Arkansas	1,513	1,859	-346	14,475	16,110	-1,635
California	45,585	44,660	925	349,124	350,317	-1,193
Colorado	1,730	1,807	-77	23,017	22,024	993
Connecticut	3,998	4,052	-54	42,431	41,716	715
Delaware	461	603	-142	6,302	6,205	97
District of Columbia	640	404	236	8,616	9,099	-483
Florida	8,172	8,849	-677	48,574	52,807	-4,233
Georgia	5,872	9,179	-3,307	29,495	33,502	-4,007
Hawaii	1,120	1,388	-268	8,276	8,163	113
Idaho	652	852	-200	5,023	5,630	-607
Illinois	8,339	9,710	-1,371	108,182	104,299	3,883
Indiana	2,526	2,699	-173	14,900	15,196	-296
Iowa	1,908	2,031	-123	17,558	18,342	-784
Kansas	1,539	1,986	-447	11,101	11,777	-676
Kentucky	2,911	3,909	-998	21,769	20,250	1,519
Louisiana	2,470	2,939	-469	21,012	23,329	-2,317
Maine	555	746	-191	4,587	4,995	-408
Maryland	2,973	3,689	-716	33,354	37,288	-3,934
Massachusetts	4,452	5,508	-1,056	67,159	67,642	-483
Michigan	10,637	10,751	-114	64,194	53,087	11,107
Minnesota	2,440	3,613	-1,173	30,895	32,031	-1,136
Mississippi	1,140	1,675	-535	13,525	15,115	-1,590
Missouri	5,993	4,694	1,299	30,442	30,729	-287
Montana	474	587	-113	5,303	5,747	-444
Nebraska	676	768	-92	5,276	5,512	-236
Nevada	2,532	2,594	-62	19,530	22,938	-3,408
New Hampshire	439	557	-118	4,151	4,712	-561
New Jersey	9,267	10,697	-1,430	107,080	106,160	920
New Mexico	795	952	-157	10,801	11,042	-241
New York	14,505	23,565	-9,060	155,962	163,829	-7,867
North Carolina	3,162	3,361	-199	22,483	23,696	-1,213
North Dakota	378	394	-16	3,225	3,468	-243
Ohio	6,047	7,828	-1,781	59,949	59,892	57
Oklahoma	1,284	1,457	-173	15,511	15,993	-482
Oregon	3,114	4,325	-1,211	26,465	28,291	-1,826
Pennsylvania	12,677	14,690	-2,013	132,394	126,819	5,575
Puerto Rico	2,441	3,904	-1,463	32,989	31,574	1,415
Rhode Island	860	982	-122	9,965	10,161	-196
South Carolina	3,367	5,580	-2,213	16,732	18,340	-1,608
South Dakota	158	195	-37	1,321	1,313	8
Tennessee	2,771	3,610	-839	23,409	24,713	-1,304
Texas	13,685	14,448	-763	156,543	153,336	3,207
Utah	951	996	-45	7,762	8,059	-297
Vermont	364	445	-81	3,759	3,881	-122
Virgin Islands	16	34	-18	408	552	-144
Virginia	3,146	3,201	-55	27,387	26,575	812
Washington	5,053	6,081	-1,028	47,602	47,471	131
West Virginia	993	1,104	-111	11,017	11,289	-272
Wisconsin	3,674	5,138	-1,464	29,982	32,453	-2,471
Wyoming	261	270	-9	2,800	2,921	-121
US Total	219,776	257,763	-37,987	1,974,065	1,996,804	-22,739

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.

## 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 16, 2016	258	4	259.50	2,140	2	2,137.00	1.6
July 23, 2016	263	5	258.50	2,139	-1	2,141.00	1.6
July 30, 2016	266	3	260.25	2,152	13	2,142.25	1.6
August 6, 2016	263	-3	262.50	2,161	9	2,148.00	1.6
August 13, 2016	261	-2	263.25	2,139	-22	2,147.75	1.6
August 20, 2016	260	-1	262.50	2,146	7	2,149.50	1.6
August 27, 2016	260	0	261.00	2,133	-13	2,144.75	1.5
September 3, 2016	257	-3	259.50	2,139	6	2,139.25	1.6
September 10, 2016	258	1	258.75	2,105	-34	2,130.75	1.5
September 17, 2016	252	-6	256.75	2,076	-29	2,113.25	1.5
September 24, 2016	253	1	255.00	2,066	-10	2,096.50	1.5
October 1, 2016	247	-6	252.50	2,063	-3	2,077.50	1.5
October 8, 2016	248	1	250.00	2,064	1	2,067.25	1.5
October 15, 2016	258	10	251.50	2,052	-12	2,061.25	1.5
October 22, 2016	255	-3	252.00	2,045	-7	2,056.00	1.5
October 29, 2016	261	6	255.50	2,050	5	2,052.75	1.5
November 5, 2016	250	-11	256.00	2,010	-40	2,039.25	1.5
November 12, 2016	239	-11	251.25	2,050	40	2,038.75	1.5
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,964	-13	1,963.75	1.4
July 22, 2017	244	10	244.00				

## Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July

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## Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 8

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS							CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	6476	2772	74	12	19	25070	1.3	4454	-2565	73	108	25251
Alaska	820	-35	-159	1	1	7166	2.3	57	-1736	71	30	7267
Arizona	5101	-1040	-307	22	1	34178	1.3	3033	-3731	244	95	34517
Arkansas	1859	-1329	-348	3	7	16110	1.4	2063	-2535	52	75	16237
California	44660	6862	582	245	142	350317	2.1	45121	-8621	1383	2088	353788
Colorado	1807	-22	-392	9	15	22024	0.9	378	-4338	100	368	22492
Connecticut	4052	-230	264	5	7	41716	2.5	3077	-2639	54	94	41864
Delaware	603	-122	-379	3	2	6205	1.4	279	-183	15	15	6235
District of Columbia	404	13	-23	14	0	9099	1.6	335	426	809	15	9923
Florida	8849	-55	-516	21	67	52807	0.6	3675	-2037	188	254	53249
Georgia	9179	2533	-2721	31	35	33502	0.8	4011	-6324	202	306	34010
Hawaii	1388	66	144	2	12	8163	1.3	410	417	47	93	8303
Idaho	852	-173	-113	4	5	5630	0.8	351	-1103	22	12	5664
Illinois	9710	-244	-140	12	9	104299	1.8	4263	-9947	343	280	104922
Indiana	2699	28	-823	4	3	15196	0.5	552	-7138	38	42	15276
Iowa	2031	-1193	-855	4	8	18342	1.2	1739	-695	40	45	18427
Kansas	1986	-386	-581	8	2	11777	0.9	972	-2619	44	52	11873
Kentucky	3909	-6862	-1322	20	5	20250	1.1	1035	-3014	203	165	20618
Louisiana	2939	-80	-123	3	2	23329	1.2	-1424	-4282	57	32	23418
Maine	746	-109	-104	0	0	4995	0.8	449	-771	18	21	5034
Maryland	3689	-304	-217	30	11	37288	1.5	1062	-1220	341	177	37806
Massachusetts	5508	-1861	314	8	17	67642	2.0	2436	11	180	186	68008
Michigan	10751	-6869	2647	12	15	53087	1.3	5875	1197	82	141	53310
Minnesota	3613	465	-264	4	7	32031	1.2	2300	-3292	41	92	32164
Mississippi	1675	5	-189	1	4	15115	1.4	990	-2670	57	47	15219
Missouri	4694	-234	-1303	20	2	30729	1.1	279	710	124	63	30916
Montana	587	-283	-154	5	4	5747	1.3	320	-638	54	35	5836
Nebraska	768	-261	3	3	2	5512	0.6	483	92	9	12	5533
Nevada	2594	-303	84	1	1	22938	1.8	2638	-624	68	93	23099
New Hampshire	557	-112	-45	0	0	4712	0.7	190	-475	6	5	4723
New Jersey	10697	-3923	1204	28	21	106160	2.7	9494	-886	168	287	106615
New Mexico	952	-75	-182	2	2	11042	1.4	246	-2800	122	64	11228
New York	23565	-8287	2265	32	45	163829	1.8	12235	-3564	330	465	164624
North Carolina	3361	220	-445	18	13	23696	0.6	638	-4472	105	189	23990
North Dakota	394	-655	-85	37	1	3468	0.9	878	-1245	153	3	3624
Ohio	7828	-3093	539	15	36	59892	1.1	6349	-1479	89	261	60242
Oklahoma	1457	-264	-467	6	9	15993	1.0	311	-8669	77	104	16174
Oregon	4325	79	-2190	14	14	28291	1.6	2449	-2018	148	137	28576
Pennsylvania	14690	-1190	-1381	57	34	126819	2.2	4454	-12646	457	401	127677
Puerto Rico	3904	-1277	1307	4	9	31574	3.6	4932	2405	73	85	31732
Rhode Island	982	-407	-169	2	1	10161	2.2	830	-244	26	33	10220
South Carolina	5580	2050	961	6	15	18340	0.9	2916	-1725	53	95	18488
South Dakota	195	31	-54	7	3	1313	0.3	119	-366	210	5	1528
Tennessee	3610	-537	-76	9	2	24713	0.9	1746	-903	404	61	25178
Texas	14448	1152	-3035	55	108	153336	1.3	5142	-38864	626	1714	155676
Utah	996	-129	-155	57	4	8059	0.6	292	-1329	135	32	8226
Vermont	445	-168	18	1	1	3881	1.3	239	-238	8	6	3895
Virgin Islands	34	17	-7	0	0	552	1.5	166	-132	2	2	556
Virginia	3201	-335	-115	18	26	26575	0.7	1787	-3377	321	380	27276
Washington	6081	-226	-241	3	18	47471	1.5	3062	2678	171	666	48308
West Virginia	1104	-118	-354	0	3	11289	1.7	1491	-5415	47	38	11374
Wisconsin	5138	-394	-1047	5	6	32453	1.2	3547	-5456	49	32	32534
Wyoming	270	-61	-88	2	1	2921	1.1	159	-3379	7	14	2942
Totals	257763	-26953	-10763	885	777	1996804	1.4	154885	-164468	8746	10115	2015665

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 15, 2017**

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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>
CA	+6,862	Layoffs in the service industry.
AL	+2,772	Layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
GA	+2,533	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, construction, trade, and accommodation and food service industries.
SC	+2,050	No comment.
TX	+1,152	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, finance and insurance, and health care and social assistance 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>
NY	-8,287	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MI	-6,869	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	-6,862	No comment.
NJ	-3,923	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	-3,093	No comment.
MA	-1,861	No comment.
AR	-1,329	No comment.
PR	-1,277	No comment.
IA	-1,193	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	-1,190	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AZ	-1,040	No comment.

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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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