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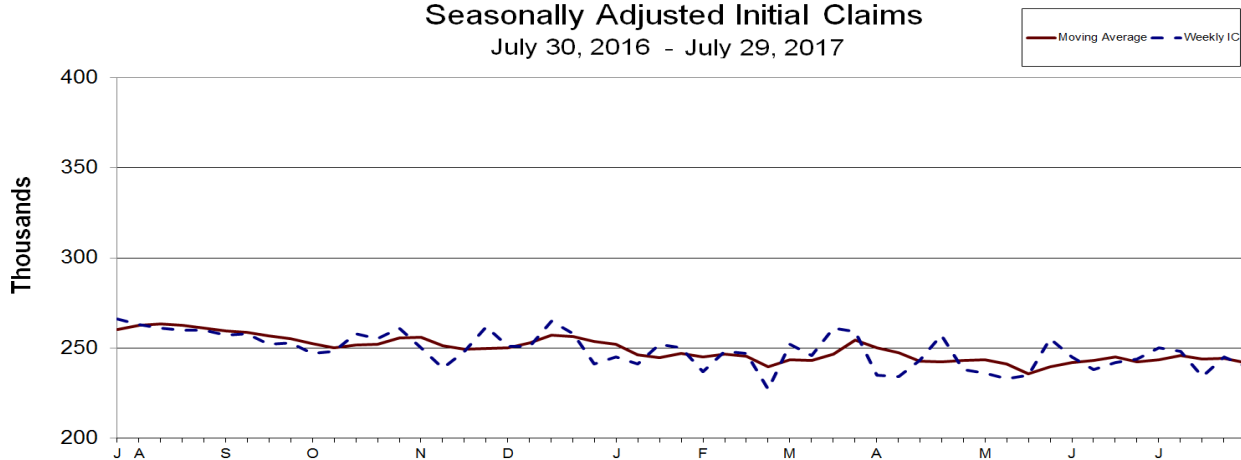
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

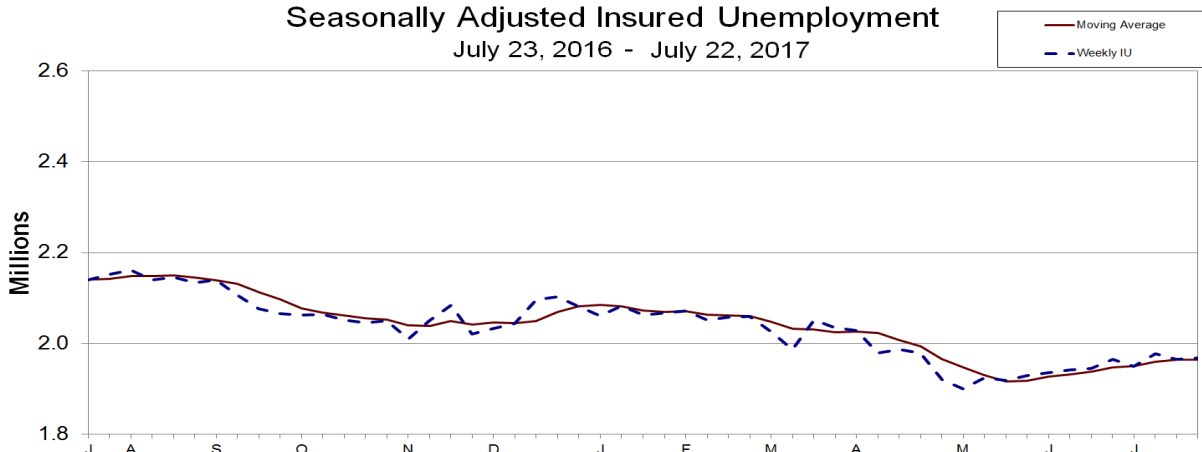
In the week ending July 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 240,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 244,000 to 245,000. The 4-week moving average was 241,750, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 244,000 to 244,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending July 22, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 22 was 1,968,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,964,000 to 1,965,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,964,750, an increase of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,963,750 to 1,964,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 30, 2016 - July 29, 2017



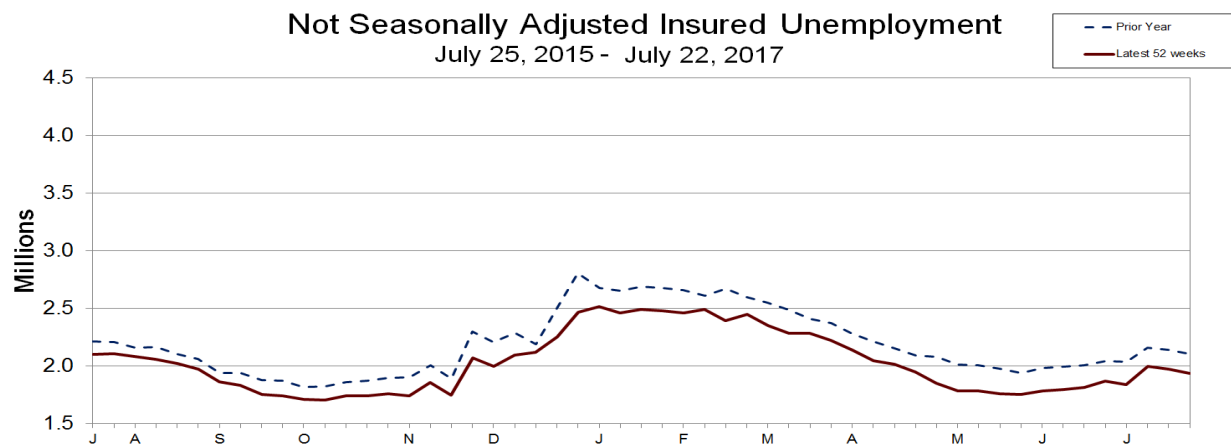
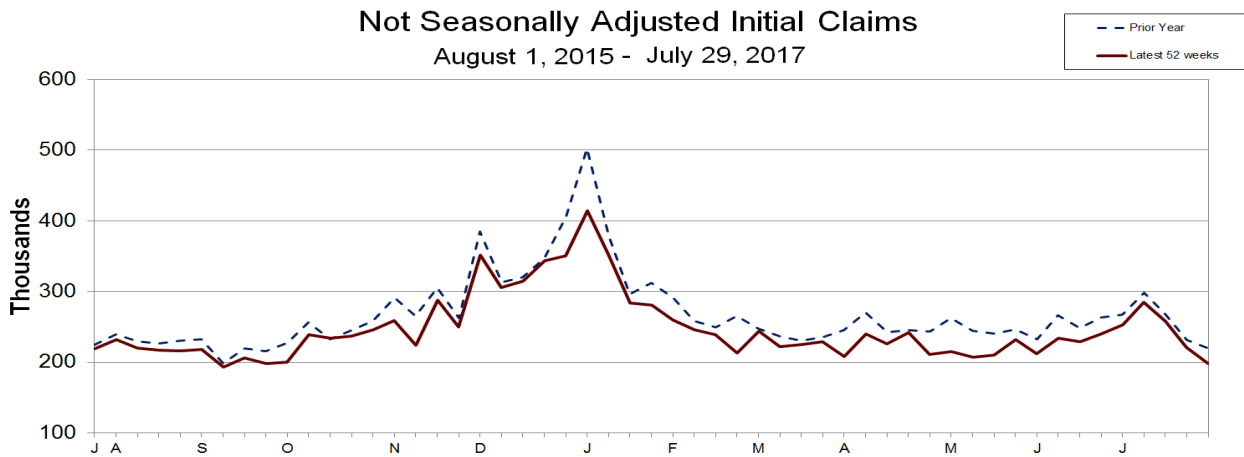
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 23, 2016 - July 22, 2017



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,028 in the week ending July 29, a decrease of 22,549 (or -10.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 18,136 (or -8.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 219,202 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending July 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,940,410, a decrease of 34,473 (or -1.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 37,336 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,104,590.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 15 was 2,006,190, a decrease of 22,735 from the previous week. There were 2,179,817 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 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 731 in the week ending July 22, a decrease of 154 from the prior week. There were 724 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 53 from the preceding week.

There were 8,391 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 15, a decrease of 355 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,120, an increase of 5 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 15 were in Puerto Rico (3.8), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.5), Pennsylvania (2.3), Alaska (2.2), California (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), Illinois (1.8), and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 22 were in Missouri (+1,470), California (+306), South Dakota (+96), Michigan (+58), and Alaska (+13), while the largest decreases were in New York (-9,135), Georgia (-3,062), Alabama (-2,740), South Carolina (-2,123), and Pennsylvania (-2,016).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 29	July 22	Change	July 15	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	240,000	245,000	-5,000	234,000	266,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	198,028	220,577	-22,549	257,763	219,202
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	241,750	244,250	-2,500	244,000	260,250
WEEK ENDING	July 22	July 15	Change	July 8	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,968,000	1,965,000	+3,000	1,977,000	2,139,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,940,410	1,974,883	-34,473	1,996,804	2,104,590
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,964,750	1,964,000	+750	1,959,000	2,141,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 22	July 15	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	731	885	-154	860
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	724	777	-53	1,089

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,971,760	1,993,649	-21,889	2,136,125
Federal Employees	8,391	8,746	-355	7,560
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,120	10,115	+5	13,131
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,042	6,063	-21	6,499
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	9,877	10,352	-475	16,502
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,006,190	2,028,925	-22,735	2,179,817

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 29			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 22		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,314	3,736	-1,422	20,162	22,280	-2,118
Alaska	970	833	137	6,631	6,978	-347
Arizona	4,107	4,931	-824	31,566	34,213	-2,647
Arkansas	1,582	1,632	-50	14,648	15,045	-397
California	43,000	44,966	-1,966	349,399	341,278	8,121
Colorado	1,652	1,730	-78	22,655	22,384	271
Connecticut	2,734	3,984	-1,250	42,261	41,181	1,080
Delaware	508	483	25	6,305	6,072	233
District of Columbia	612	372	240	8,716	9,075	-359
Florida	7,263	8,406	-1,143	49,679	53,192	-3,513
Georgia	4,867	6,117	-1,250	28,240	30,826	-2,586
Hawaii	1,157	1,102	55	7,951	7,931	20
Idaho	741	716	25	4,879	5,280	-401
Illinois	7,849	8,264	-415	105,845	106,757	-912
Indiana	2,495	2,385	110	15,127	14,797	330
Iowa	2,518	1,639	879	16,969	16,630	339
Kansas	1,641	1,652	-11	10,663	10,950	-287
Kentucky	2,989	2,929	60	20,666	21,949	-1,283
Louisiana	2,340	2,700	-360	20,923	23,260	-2,337
Maine	469	606	-137	4,456	4,752	-296
Maryland	2,979	3,321	-342	33,443	36,660	-3,217
Massachusetts	4,400	4,526	-126	66,068	67,886	-1,818
Michigan	5,442	10,809	-5,367	55,441	65,581	-10,140
Minnesota	2,519	2,363	156	30,352	29,157	1,195
Mississippi	1,203	1,337	-134	13,348	14,716	-1,368
Missouri	3,063	6,164	-3,101	27,488	31,093	-3,605
Montana	512	505	7	5,101	5,475	-374
Nebraska	659	655	4	5,195	5,208	-13
Nevada	2,573	2,278	295	19,163	20,681	-1,518
New Hampshire	466	480	-14	4,102	4,487	-385
New Jersey	8,254	9,375	-1,121	106,458	106,024	434
New Mexico	795	857	-62	10,713	10,985	-272
New York	13,048	14,430	-1,382	153,819	155,443	-1,624
North Carolina	3,084	3,014	70	22,589	23,687	-1,098
North Dakota	358	298	60	3,172	2,659	513
Ohio	5,900	6,047	-147	57,141	60,167	-3,026
Oklahoma	1,362	1,414	-52	15,202	15,828	-626
Oregon	3,065	3,110	-45	26,226	26,550	-324
Pennsylvania	11,582	12,674	-1,092	126,480	130,889	-4,409
Puerto Rico	1,641	2,503	-862	34,862	33,263	1,599
Rhode Island	633	835	-202	9,591	9,727	-136
South Carolina	2,717	3,457	-740	16,260	17,195	-935
South Dakota	168	291	-123	1,299	2,372	-1,073
Tennessee	2,425	2,940	-515	23,019	23,539	-520
Texas	13,275	13,607	-332	156,872	153,020	3,852
Utah	749	942	-193	7,636	7,837	-201
Vermont	307	376	-69	3,744	3,546	198
Virgin Islands	27	23	4	498	406	92
Virginia	3,124	2,900	224	27,316	26,473	843
Washington	5,237	4,916	321	47,347	46,015	1,332
West Virginia	815	1,059	-244	10,989	10,561	428
Wisconsin	3,603	3,660	-57	29,118	29,984	-866
Wyoming	235	228	7	2,617	2,939	-322
US Total	198,028	220,577	-22,549	1,940,410	1,974,883	-34,473

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 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	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,968	3	1,964.75	1.4
July 29, 2017	240	-5	241.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July

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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 15

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM							CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	
Alabama	3736	-2740	-153	11	9	22280	1.2	-2790	-2594	72	120	22472
Alaska	833	13	-69	2	3	6978	2.2	-188	-1159	62	30	7070
Arizona	4931	-170	111	15	0	34213	1.3	35	-4006	241	90	34544
Arkansas	1632	-227	-339	6	6	15045	1.3	-1065	-2788	48	69	15162
California	44966	306	2417	219	130	341278	2.1	-9039	-9711	1242	2124	344644
Colorado	1730	-77	-167	5	18	22384	0.9	360	-4807	101	362	22847
Connecticut	3984	-68	591	12	14	41181	2.5	-535	-2515	61	110	41352
Delaware	483	-120	-4	1	3	6072	1.4	-133	-460	16	13	6101
District of Columbia	372	-32	4	5	1	9075	1.6	-24	472	803	17	9895
Florida	8406	-443	-76	16	66	53192	0.7	385	-4477	160	270	53622
Georgia	6117	-3062	-1179	18	35	30826	0.7	-2676	-3122	187	284	31297
Hawaii	1102	-286	13	5	15	7931	1.3	-232	557	60	115	8106
Idaho	716	-136	-137	0	1	5280	0.8	-350	-1115	21	11	5312
Illinois	8264	-1446	-2066	9	15	106757	1.8	2458	-10311	359	268	107384
Indiana	2385	-314	-484	7	5	14797	0.5	-399	-7338	49	45	14891
Iowa	1639	-392	-972	2	2	16630	1.1	-1712	-2237	40	55	16725
Kansas	1652	-334	-360	5	0	10950	0.8	-827	-3580	48	50	11048
Kentucky	2929	-980	-395	12	6	21949	1.2	1699	-1415	135	162	22246
Louisiana	2700	-239	-180	3	1	23260	1.2	-69	-4483	57	38	23355
Maine	606	-140	-174	1	0	4752	0.8	-243	-503	19	21	4792
Maryland	3321	-368	-171	23	13	36660	1.5	-628	-1743	334	161	37155
Massachusetts	4526	-982	-376	11	15	67886	2.0	244	286	178	195	68259
Michigan	10809	58	107	11	15	65581	1.6	12494	-1901	113	143	65837
Minnesota	2363	-1250	-311	4	6	29157	1.0	-2874	-3313	44	98	29299
Mississippi	1337	-338	-212	6	3	14716	1.3	-399	-2476	42	60	14818
Missouri	6164	1470	2052	19	2	31093	1.2	364	-1001	132	39	31264
Montana	505	-82	-112	4	0	5475	1.2	-272	-701	48	35	5558
Nebraska	655	-113	-10	1	0	5208	0.5	-304	200	10	11	5229
Nevada	2278	-316	-300	6	5	20681	1.6	-2257	-2430	54	81	20816
New Hampshire	480	-77	-69	1	0	4487	0.7	-225	-517	5	2	4494
New Jersey	9375	-1322	905	16	20	106024	2.7	-136	1040	149	295	106468
New Mexico	857	-95	-219	2	3	10985	1.4	-57	-2743	133	67	11185
New York	14430	-9135	243	30	34	155443	1.7	-8386	-4029	332	467	156242
North Carolina	3014	-347	-634	9	9	23687	0.6	-9	-4239	92	188	23967
North Dakota	298	-96	-63	10	1	2659	0.7	-809	-1518	194	3	2856
Ohio	6047	-1781	-1630	3	22	60167	1.1	275	305	86	246	60499
Oklahoma	1414	-43	-329	7	2	15828	1.0	-165	-8660	67	99	15994
Oregon	3110	-1215	-692	13	9	26550	1.5	-1741	-1557	161	133	26844
Pennsylvania	12674	-2016	-1367	60	32	130889	2.3	4070	-14015	418	334	131641
Puerto Rico	2503	-1401	618	1	7	33263	3.8	1689	4299	77	80	33420
Rhode Island	835	-147	-25	0	1	9727	2.1	-434	-336	28	33	9788
South Carolina	3457	-2123	311	5	9	17195	0.9	-1145	-1140	52	100	17347
South Dakota	291	96	80	24	1	2372	0.6	1059	902	209	15	2596
Tennessee	2940	-670	-224	10	4	23539	0.8	-1174	-2359	393	62	23994
Texas	13607	-841	-2231	45	122	153020	1.3	-316	-39261	491	1696	155207
Utah	942	-54	-174	32	3	7837	0.6	-222	-1342	168	29	8034
Vermont	376	-69	-263	2	0	3546	1.2	-335	-416	10	7	3563
Virgin Islands	23	-11	-6	0	0	406	1.1	-146	-186	2	6	414
Virginia	2900	-301	15	10	26	26473	0.7	-102	-2954	309	409	27191
Washington	4916	-1165	-992	3	21	46015	1.5	-1456	2891	171	696	46882
West Virginia	1059	-45	-351	0	3	10561	1.6	-728	-5883	40	34	10635
Wisconsin	3660	-1478	-1150	8	5	29984	1.1	-2469	-5691	46	28	30058
Wyoming	228	-42	-149	1	1	2939	1.1	18	-2957	22	14	2975
Totals	220577	-37186	-11348	731	724	1974883	1.4	-21921	-169037	8391	10120	1993394

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 22, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+1,470	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and finance and insurance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-9,135	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and educational service industries.
GA	-3,062	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
AL	-2,740	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, construction industries.
SC	-2,123	No comment.
PA	-2,016	Fewer layoffs in the construction, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	-1,781	No comment.
WI	-1,478	No comment.
IL	-1,446	No comment.
PR	-1,401	No comment.
NJ	-1,322	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, construction, accommodation and food service, and educational service industries.
MN	-1,250	No comment.
OR	-1,215	No comment.
WA	-1,165	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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