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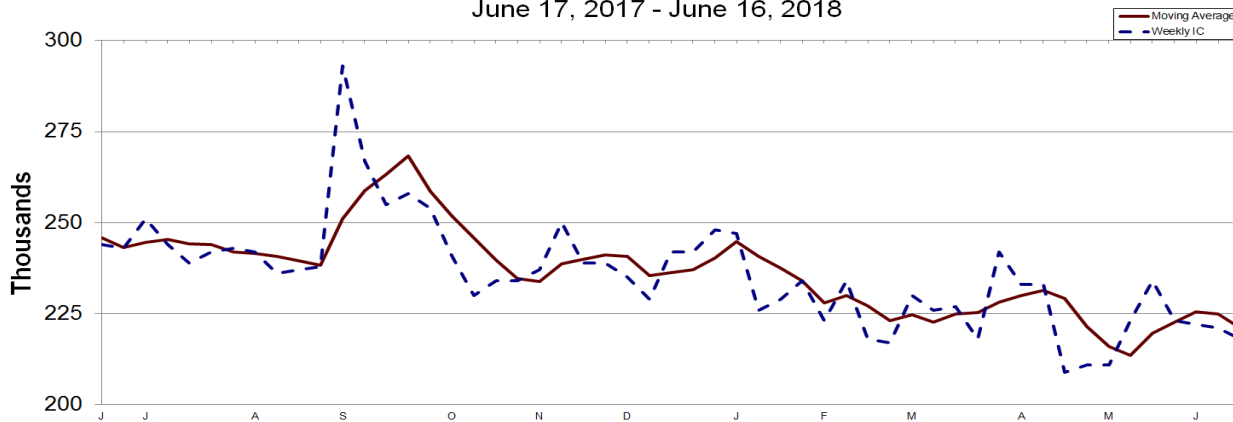
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

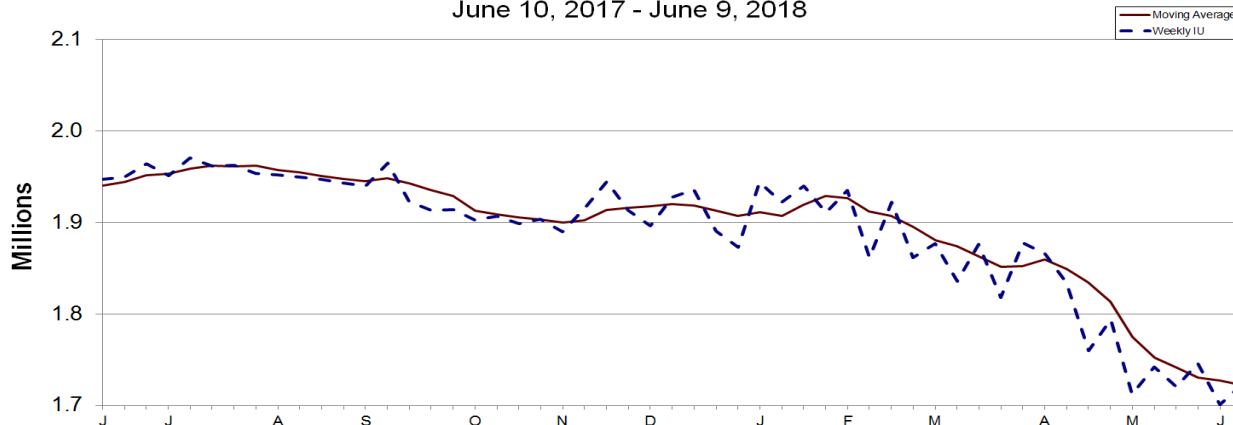
In the week ending June 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 218,000 to 221,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 224,250 to 225,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 9, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 9 was 1,723,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,697,000 to 1,701,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,722,500, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since December 8, 1973 when it was 1,715,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,726,250 to 1,727,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
June 17, 2017 - June 16, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
June 10, 2017 - June 9, 2018



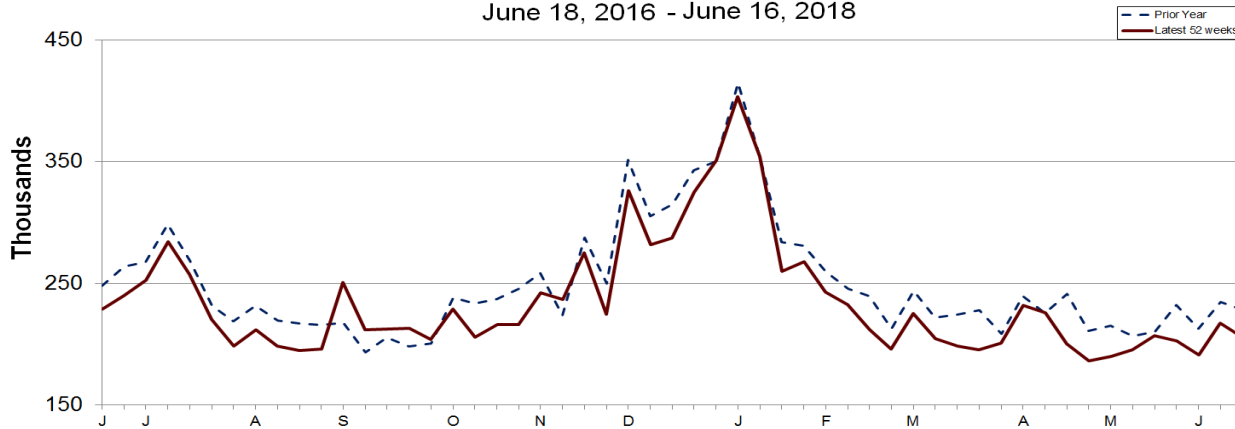
## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 205,583 in the week ending June 16, a decrease of 11,706 (or -5.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,417 (or -3.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 228,883 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 9, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,585,437, an increase of 25,680 (or 1.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,103 (or 0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,795,184.

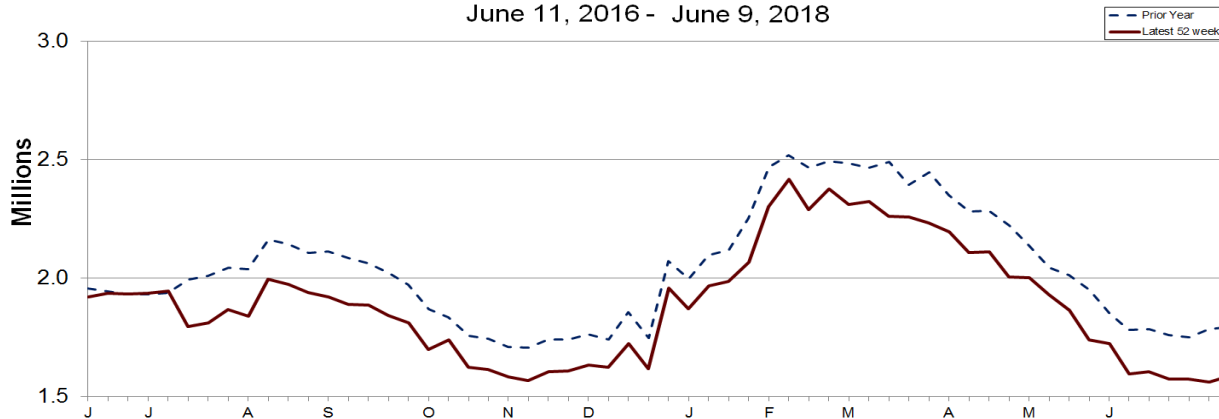
### Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 18, 2016 - June 16, 2018



### Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 11, 2016 - June 9, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 2 was 1,585,349, a decrease of 15,598 from the previous week. There were 1,816,853 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

Extended Benefits were payable in the Virgin Islands during the week ending June 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 703 in the week ending June 9, a decrease of 114 from the prior week. There were 858 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 103 from the preceding week.

There were 6,882 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 2, a decrease of 1,539 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,480, a decrease of 57 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 2 were in the Virgin Islands (3.5), Alaska (2.5), New Jersey (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), California (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.6), Illinois (1.5), Nevada (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 9 were in Pennsylvania (+6,023), California (+4,591), Florida (+2,542), Texas (+2,277), and New Jersey (+1,598), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-719), Arkansas (-520), Mississippi (-512), New Mexico (-325), and Alabama (-202).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	221,000	-3,000	222,000	244,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	205,583	217,289	-11,706	191,523	228,883
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,000	225,000	-4,000	225,500	245,750
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,723,000	1,701,000	+22,000	1,746,000	1,947,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,585,437	1,559,757	+25,680	1,573,324	1,795,184
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,722,500	1,727,250	-4,750	1,730,000	1,940,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	703	817	-114	753
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	858	755	+103	851

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,557,662	1,571,132	-13,470	1,782,197
Federal Employees	6,882	8,421	-1,539	8,126
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,480	7,537	-57	10,081
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	35	22	+13	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	6,085	6,165	-80	6,686
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	7,205	7,670	-465	9,763
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,585,349	1,600,947	-15,598	1,816,853

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 June 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,268	2,891	-623	17,184	17,364	-180
Alaska	901	865	36	7,091	7,572	-481
Arizona	4,070	4,650	-580	25,115	27,928	-2,813
Arkansas	1,496	1,852	-356	11,629	12,179	-550
California	41,966	40,198	1,768	316,823	305,840	10,983
Colorado	1,753	1,926	-173	19,937	18,811	1,126
Connecticut	2,382	2,629	-247	32,294	31,381	913
Delaware	1,176	642	534	4,318	4,027	291
District of Columbia	570	450	120	7,148	7,431	-283
Florida	7,567	9,538	-1,971	35,410	38,595	-3,185
Georgia	4,531	6,323	-1,792	24,939	27,022	-2,083
Hawaii	1,355	1,555	-200	7,579	6,879	700
Idaho	749	1,132	-383	4,206	4,326	-120
Illinois	8,513	10,612	-2,099	94,285	85,941	8,344
Indiana	2,376	2,242	134	14,236	13,566	670
Iowa	1,949	2,585	-636	14,317	13,164	1,153
Kansas	1,507	1,610	-103	8,726	8,748	-22
Kentucky	1,803	2,306	-503	16,406	17,208	-802
Louisiana	2,358	2,883	-525	16,575	17,417	-842
Maine *	475	450	25	4,230	4,484	-254
Maryland	2,933	2,949	-16	24,954	27,496	-2,542
Massachusetts	4,579	4,708	-129	44,864	45,680	-816
Michigan	4,293	4,301	-8	36,969	35,942	1,027
Minnesota	2,991	3,278	-287	28,872	29,040	-168
Mississippi	1,255	1,765	-510	10,154	10,523	-369
Missouri	2,931	3,707	-776	23,410	24,478	-1,068
Montana	767	859	-92	4,892	5,065	-173
Nebraska	646	781	-135	4,302	4,168	134
Nevada	2,516	2,431	85	16,654	18,097	-1,443
New Hampshire	404	432	-28	3,069	3,369	-300
New Jersey	7,559	7,705	-146	79,617	79,862	-245
New Mexico	764	973	-209	9,074	9,212	-138
New York	11,516	13,036	-1,520	117,284	118,663	-1,379
North Carolina	3,181	2,897	284	18,673	19,549	-876
North Dakota	296	450	-154	2,504	2,028	476
Ohio	6,034	6,889	-855	46,764	46,802	-38
Oklahoma	1,041	1,425	-384	13,312	13,643	-331
Oregon	3,679	3,601	78	23,706	23,970	-264
Pennsylvania	19,460	16,921	2,539	97,438	89,842	7,596
Puerto Rico	2,602	2,058	544	15,614	15,216	398
Rhode Island	878	677	201	6,657	6,581	76
South Carolina	2,217	3,129	-912	15,414	15,020	394
South Dakota	161	225	-64	1,044	1,074	-30
Tennessee	2,415	4,981	-2,566	22,456	21,622	834
Texas	14,271	14,504	-233	125,224	114,916	10,308
Utah	949	923	26	6,924	7,039	-115
Vermont	362	332	30	3,054	3,092	-38
Virgin Islands	4	7	-3	1,204	1,300	-96
Virginia	3,038	2,855	183	22,009	21,660	349
Washington	5,026	5,555	-529	42,623	42,003	620
West Virginia	808	1,009	-201	9,364	8,601	763
Wisconsin	5,969	4,209	1,760	22,769	22,085	684
Wyoming	273	378	-105	2,121	2,236	-115
US Total	205,583	217,289	-11,706	1,585,437	1,559,757	25,680

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	
June 10, 2017	240	-6	244.00	1,947	2	1,940.25	1.4
June 17, 2017	244	4	245.75	1,950	3	1,944.75	1.4
June 24, 2017	243	-1	243.25	1,964	14	1,951.50	1.4
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	1,723	22	1,722.50	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 9					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 2					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
Alabama	2891	-202	-249	9	12	17364	0.9	178	-1051	54	77	17495
Alaska	865	-123	-228	1	1	7572	2.5	-116	-956	57	26	7655
Arizona	4650	350	-129	27	1	27928	1.0	212	-2287	151	68	28147
Arkansas	1852	-520	-146	2	7	12179	1.0	943	-2290	49	79	12307
California	40198	4591	-731	143	106	305840	1.8	-4611	-29551	1208	1645	308693
Colorado	1926	22	11	5	24	18811	0.7	-970	-4342	101	247	19159
Connecticut	2629	352	-135	3	3	31381	1.9	-29	-2386	32	69	31482
Delaware	642	114	-65	1	6	4027	0.9	-386	-924	14	14	4055
District of Columbia	450	118	114	11	0	7431	1.3	7	-752	297	13	7741
Florida	9538	2542	-1000	24	37	38595	0.5	440	-5182	123	140	38858
Georgia	6323	1488	-921	29	52	27022	0.6	1248	-3220	152	218	27392
Hawaii	1555	300	36	5	8	6879	1.1	148	-1034	70	76	7025
Idaho	1132	143	-105	2	3	4326	0.6	4	-1352	18	14	4358
Illinois	10612	256	-725	11	15	85941	1.5	-2120	-12034	284	241	86466
Indiana	2242	274	-131	4	3	13566	0.5	434	-1778	22	40	13628
Iowa	2585	810	220	6	2	13164	0.9	-240	-3020	35	22	13221
Kansas	1610	61	-367	2	2	8748	0.7	321	-3618	43	30	8821
Kentucky	2306	71	-876	3	2	17208	0.9	18	-1186	83	120	17411
Louisiana	2883	-63	-487	9	6	17417	0.9	625	-3855	35	13	17465
Maine	450	3	-112	0	0	4484	0.8	-177	-733	18	14	4516
Maryland	2949	148	-731	21	12	27496	1.1	49	-4926	325	145	27966
Massachusetts	4708	640	-555	9	16	45680	1.3	-933	-13979	79	134	45893
Michigan	4301	195	-1317	11	15	35942	0.8	-7911	-9296	69	90	36101
Minnesota	3278	521	-229	1	8	29040	1.0	1204	-2339	59	67	29166
Mississippi	1765	-512	-127	7	1	10523	1.0	1416	-2495	74	18	10633
Missouri	3707	-719	-419	8	5	24478	0.9	791	-3580	93	38	24609
Montana	859	94	-110	2	3	5065	1.1	111	-395	48	16	5129
Nebraska	781	-192	-106	11	1	4168	0.4	416	-736	19	10	4197
Nevada	2431	109	64	3	5	18097	1.4	281	-2818	66	72	18235
New Hampshire	432	18	-77	2	2	3369	0.5	0	-539	3	4	3376
New Jersey	7705	1598	-317	15	22	79862	2.0	236	-5190	226	266	80354
New Mexico	973	-325	-139	11	5	9212	1.2	1141	-1746	111	45	9368
New York	13036	583	-2364	21	28	118663	1.3	825	-17598	320	334	119317
North Carolina	2897	301	-310	13	13	19549	0.5	-327	-2627	70	164	19783
North Dakota	450	99	51	22	0	2028	0.5	178	-700	133	5	2166
Ohio	6889	23	260	8	27	46802	0.9	1882	-7319	102	183	47087
Oklahoma	1425	-34	-162	13	5	13643	0.9	502	-2194	59	77	13779
Oregon	3601	607	-282	13	8	23970	1.3	-289	-1386	200	95	24265
Pennsylvania	16921	6023	-2438	59	26	89842	1.6	-6833	-13684	405	246	90493
Puerto Rico	2058	826	-830	6	4	15216	1.8	25	-10615	30	80	15326
Rhode Island	677	99	-101	2	1	6581	1.4	-149	-847	24	16	6621
South Carolina	3129	920	-17	4	8	15020	0.8	193	1104	46	66	15132
South Dakota	225	51	11	44	1	1074	0.3	89	-155	136	2	1212
Tennessee	4981	-90	1641	14	7	21622	0.8	2303	337	73	75	21770
Texas	14504	2277	-1438	59	301	114916	1.0	-4372	-23610	702	1175	116793
Utah	923	-5	-140	6	4	7039	0.5	-118	-959	40	22	7101
Vermont	332	-64	-37	1	1	3092	1.0	16	-355	9	4	3105
Virgin Islands	7	0	-21	0	0	1300	3.5	200	954	2	2	1321
Virginia	2855	318	-413	9	11	21660	0.6	429	-2961	203	233	22096
Washington	5555	801	-28	6	21	42003	1.3	-632	-4858	189	564	42756
West Virginia	1009	239	-48	0	3	8601	1.3	99	-1587	45	32	8678
Wisconsin	4209	528	-659	3	4	22085	0.8	-290	-4149	50	24	22159
Wyoming	378	102	51	2	0	2236	0.9	-28	-758	26	10	2272
Totals	217289	25766	-17363	703	858	1559757	1.1	-13567	-223557	6882	7480	1574154

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 JUNE 9, 2018**

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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>
PA	+6,023	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
CA	+4,591	Layoffs in the service industry.
FL	+2,542	Layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
TX	+2,277	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, retail trade, and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	+1,598	Layoffs in the trade, health care and social assistance, finance and insurance, and manufacturing industries.
GA	+1,488	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service 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>
None		

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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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