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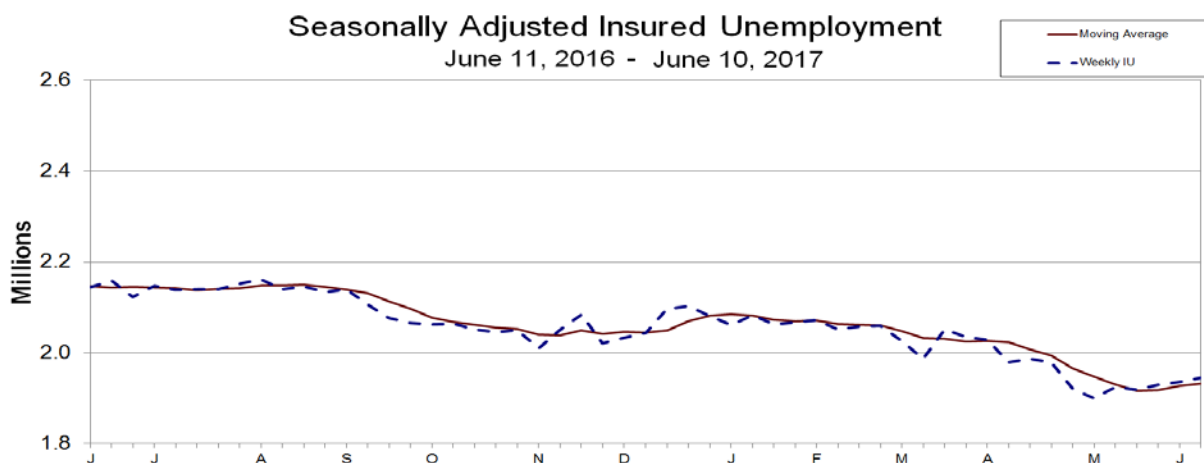
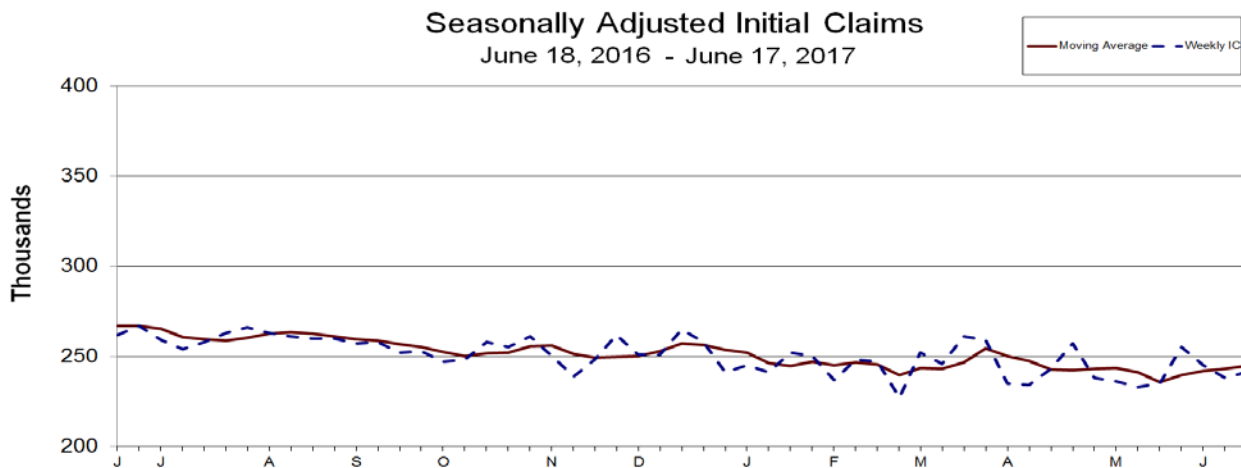
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 241,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 237,000 to 238,000. The 4-week moving average was 244,750, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 243,000 to 243,250.

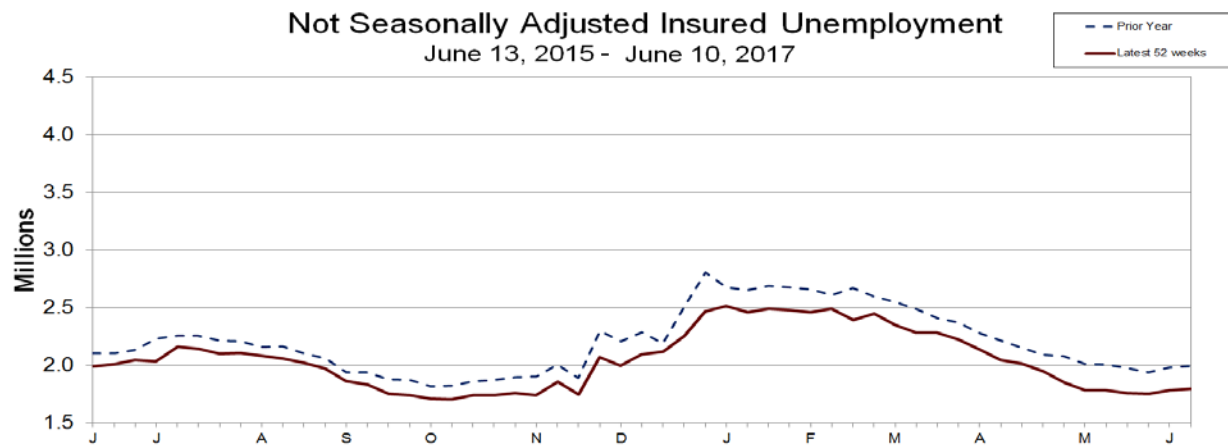
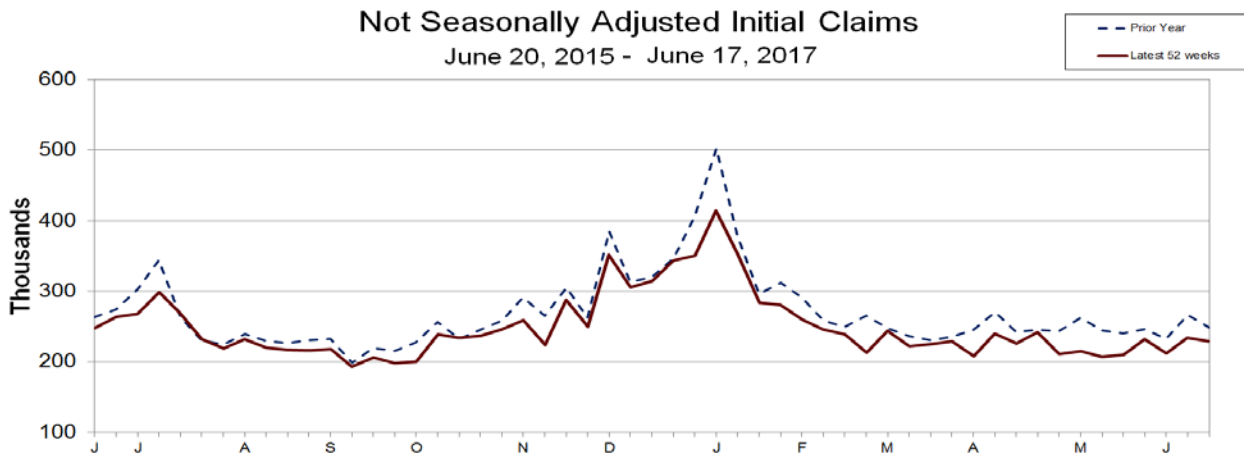
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending June 10, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 10 was 1,944,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 1,935,000 to 1,936,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,932,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 1,926,750 to 1,927,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 228,461 in the week ending June 17, a decrease of 5,724 (or -2.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,806 (or -3.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 247,968 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending June 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,798,208, an increase of 13,057 (or 0.7 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,809 (or 0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 1,994,248.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 3 was 1,816,853, an increase of 30,993 from the previous week. There were 2,024,240 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 June 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 753 in the week ending June 10, an increase of 62 from the prior week. There were 851 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 154 from the preceding week.

There were 8,126 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 3, a decrease of 83 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,081, a decrease of 235 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 3 were in Puerto Rico (2.9), Alaska (2.7), New Jersey (2.2), California (2.0), Connecticut (2.0), Pennsylvania (1.8), Illinois (1.7), Massachusetts (1.7), Nevada (1.7), and Rhode Island (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 10 were in California (+6,409), Pennsylvania (+5,305), Florida (+2,398), Texas (+1,922), and Georgia (+1,569), while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-1,036), Arkansas (-956), Ohio (-829), Missouri (-541), and New Mexico (-419).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 17	June 10	Change	June 3	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	241,000	238,000	+3,000	245,000	262,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	228,461	234,185	-5,724	212,270	247,968
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	244,750	243,250	+1,500	242,000	267,000

WEEK ENDING	June 10	June 3	Change	May 27	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,944,000	1,936,000	+8,000	1,929,000	2,144,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,798,208	1,785,151	+13,057	1,753,692	1,994,248
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,932,000	1,927,000	+5,000	1,917,750	2,147,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 10	June 3	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	753	691	+62	702
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	851	697	+154	1,069

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 3	May 27	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,782,197	1,750,899	+31,298	1,981,298
Federal Employees	8,126	8,209	-83	7,270
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,081	10,316	-235	12,959
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,686	6,920	-234	7,060
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	9,763	9,516	+247	15,653
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,816,853	1,785,860	+30,993	2,024,240

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 139,505,637 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 17			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 10		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,426	3,140	-714	18,875	18,415	460
Alaska	1,199	1,093	106	8,328	8,528	-200
Arizona	4,527	4,779	-252	27,256	30,215	-2,959
Arkansas	1,763	1,998	-235	13,703	14,469	-766
California	43,054	40,929	2,125	336,293	335,391	902
Colorado	1,929	1,915	14	23,689	23,153	536
Connecticut	3,499	2,764	735	34,727	33,767	960
Delaware	1,140	707	433	5,451	4,951	500
District of Columbia	764	336	428	7,785	8,183	-398
Florida	8,685	10,538	-1,853	42,461	43,777	-1,316
Georgia	5,336	7,244	-1,908	28,544	30,242	-1,698
Hawaii	1,156	1,519	-363	8,153	7,913	240
Idaho	860	1,237	-377	5,403	5,678	-275
Illinois	9,471	11,337	-1,866	105,272	97,975	7,297
Indiana	2,860	2,373	487	15,858	15,344	514
Iowa	2,244	2,365	-121	17,582	16,184	1,398
Kansas	1,947	1,977	-30	11,008	12,366	-1,358
Kentucky	2,027	3,182	-1,155	18,394	18,394	
*Louisiana	2,532	2,903	-371	22,945	23,109	-164
Maine	515	562	-47	4,821	5,217	-396
Maryland	5,592	3,680	1,912	29,416	32,422	-3,006
Massachusetts	4,907	5,263	-356	57,800	59,659	-1,859
Michigan	5,925	5,618	307	44,388	45,238	-850
Minnesota	3,215	3,507	-292	31,851	31,379	472
Mississippi	1,330	1,892	-562	12,282	13,018	-736
Missouri	3,479	4,126	-647	26,702	28,058	-1,356
Montana	849	969	-120	5,208	5,460	-252
Nebraska	756	887	-131	5,041	4,904	137
Nevada	3,055	2,367	688	19,515	20,915	-1,400
New Hampshire	484	509	-25	3,404	3,908	-504
New Jersey	9,343	8,022	1,321	84,460	85,052	-592
New Mexico	875	1,112	-237	10,885	10,958	-73
New York	13,677	15,400	-1,723	134,147	136,261	-2,114
North Carolina	3,375	3,207	168	21,466	22,176	-710
North Dakota	468	399	69	3,207	2,728	479
Ohio	6,061	6,629	-568	54,232	54,121	111
Oklahoma	1,460	1,587	-127	15,337	15,837	-500
Oregon	3,633	3,883	-250	24,853	25,356	-503
Pennsylvania	20,503	19,359	1,144	108,809	103,526	5,283
Puerto Rico	1,662	2,888	-1,226	27,472	25,831	1,641
Rhode Island	861	778	83	7,440	7,428	12
South Carolina	2,422	3,146	-724	13,748	13,916	-168
South Dakota	167	214	-47	1,358	1,229	129
Tennessee	2,528	3,340	-812	21,200	21,285	-85
Texas	15,798	15,942	-144	152,650	138,526	14,124
Utah	930	1,063	-133	7,913	7,998	-85
Vermont	449	369	80	3,500	3,447	53
Virgin Islands	26	28	-2	478	346	132
Virginia	3,263	3,268	-5	25,486	24,621	865
Washington	5,533	5,583	-50	46,965	46,861	104
West Virginia	925	1,057	-132	10,941	10,188	753
Wisconsin	6,650	4,868	1,782	26,495	26,234	261
Wyoming	326	327	-1	3,011	2,994	17
US Total	228,461	234,185	-5,724	1,798,208	1,785,151	13,057

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 staff estimate.

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	
June 11, 2016	273	8	268.50	2,144	-11	2,147.00	1.6
June 18, 2016	262	-11	267.00	2,158	14	2,144.25	1.6
June 25, 2016	267	5	266.75	2,123	-35	2,145.00	1.5
July 2, 2016	259	-8	265.25	2,147	24	2,143.00	1.6
July 9, 2016	254	-5	260.50	2,138	-9	2,141.50	1.6
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	1,944	8	1,932.00	1.4
June 17, 2017	241	3	244.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June

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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 3

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	3140	-257	9	14	9	18415	1.0	822	-4220	69	106	18590
Alaska	1093	-44	21	1	1	8528	2.7	-487	-1741	55	38	8621
Arizona	4779	25	21	33	3	30215	1.2	849	-3796	166	94	30475
Arkansas	1998	-956	-529	2	5	14469	1.2	1425	-4352	55	64	14588
California	40929	6409	-13168	142	174	335391	2.0	28727	-6870	1317	2127	338835
Colorado	1915	-106	-796	10	18	23153	0.9	257	-4584	106	418	23677
Connecticut	2764	163	-422	4	6	33767	2.0	252	-2081	45	85	33897
Delaware	707	34	-54	3	1	4951	1.1	-262	-589	28	13	4992
District of Columbia	336	41	-21	16	1	8183	1.5	429	603	883	12	9078
Florida	10538	2398	510	21	57	43777	0.5	-621	-4599	142	235	44154
Georgia	7244	1569	-693	37	46	30242	0.7	2054	-3222	197	289	30728
Hawaii	1519	125	180	5	15	7913	1.3	574	858	51	96	8060
Idaho	1237	213	121	4	0	5678	0.8	-40	-831	25	16	5719
Illinois	11337	1035	-465	10	14	97975	1.7	-2426	-13269	354	246	98575
Indiana	2373	224	-762	3	8	15344	0.5	-2650	-6733	51	36	15431
Iowa	2365	-117	-175	4	2	16184	1.1	375	-1210	46	54	16284
Kansas	1977	-3	-183	2	7	12366	0.9	457	-812	36	49	12451
Kentucky	3182	795	652	10	6	18394	1.0	108	-3804	99	149	18642
Louisiana	2903	-62	-542	4	9	23109	1.2	344	-3125	48	61	23218
Maine	562	100	-129	1	5	5217	0.9	-105	-414	22	15	5254
Maryland	3680	401	131	25	17	32422	1.3	-223	-2183	351	180	32953
Massachusetts	5263	578	235	14	22	59659	1.7	-427	-1965	158	178	59995
Michigan	5618	439	-115	13	17	45238	1.1	-4904	-2990	114	128	45480
Minnesota	3507	459	-266	3	4	31379	1.1	1234	-3492	43	91	31513
Mississippi	1892	-365	-138	5	3	13018	1.2	1276	-2554	75	47	13140
Missouri	4126	-541	79	4	4	28058	1.0	718	1768	104	52	28214
Montana	969	188	34	6	0	5460	1.2	13	-1160	53	39	5552
Nebraska	887	-309	89	2	2	4904	0.5	548	-37	17	11	4932
Nevada	2367	-67	-115	3	6	20915	1.7	495	-1249	76	96	21087
New Hampshire	509	9	-143	0	1	3908	0.6	57	-369	5	4	3917
New Jersey	8022	534	-207	20	17	85052	2.2	845	-2581	151	302	85505
New Mexico	1112	-419	-154	6	2	10958	1.4	491	-2861	113	54	11125
New York	15400	843	-646	27	38	136261	1.5	921	-6239	347	463	137071
North Carolina	3207	353	-613	14	14	22176	0.5	164	-5020	82	220	22478
North Dakota	399	-115	-83	21	3	2728	0.7	185	-2061	129	3	2860
Ohio	6629	-829	-1740	7	31	54121	1.0	1563	-5671	71	269	54461
Oklahoma	1587	-37	-210	10	12	15837	1.0	815	-9291	72	104	16013
Oregon	3883	762	-555	20	13	25356	1.4	295	-1590	204	140	25700
Pennsylvania	19359	5305	-3789	86	40	103526	1.8	297	-17185	421	319	104266
Puerto Rico	2888	399	77	3	15	25831	2.9	829	319	63	61	25955
Rhode Island	778	55	-89	1	2	7428	1.6	-159	-403	28	29	7485
South Carolina	3146	421	-403	8	17	13916	0.7	619	-2242	55	103	14074
South Dakota	214	10	-64	33	0	1229	0.3	50	-168	122	4	1355
Tennessee	3340	-1036	-281	8	5	21285	0.8	-1003	-303	396	46	21727
Texas	15942	1922	-1682	49	119	138526	1.2	-4342	-41228	422	1713	140661
Utah	1063	5	-140	15	2	7998	0.6	-13	-1604	57	31	8086
Vermont	369	40	-87	0	1	3447	1.1	-157	-386	8	5	3460
Virgin Islands	28	9	-7	0	0	346	0.9	-142	-248	0	4	350
Virginia	3268	414	-1383	9	22	24621	0.7	581	-4320	305	407	25333
Washington	5583	405	-291	6	19	46861	1.5	228	1192	183	684	47728
West Virginia	1057	10	-300	0	2	10188	1.5	38	-6851	42	39	10269
Wisconsin	4868	469	-2620	8	8	26234	0.9	680	-6286	45	38	26317
Wyoming	327	17	-191	1	6	2994	1.1	-195	-3799	19	14	3027
Totals	234185	21915	-32092	753	851	1785151	1.3	31459	-197848	8126	10081	1803358

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 JUNE 10, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+6,409	Layoffs in the service industry.
PA	+5,305	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and health care and social assistance industries.
FL	+2,398	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
TX	+1,922	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and educational service industries.
GA	+1,569	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
IL	+1,035	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	-1,036	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, manufacturing, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries.

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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