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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

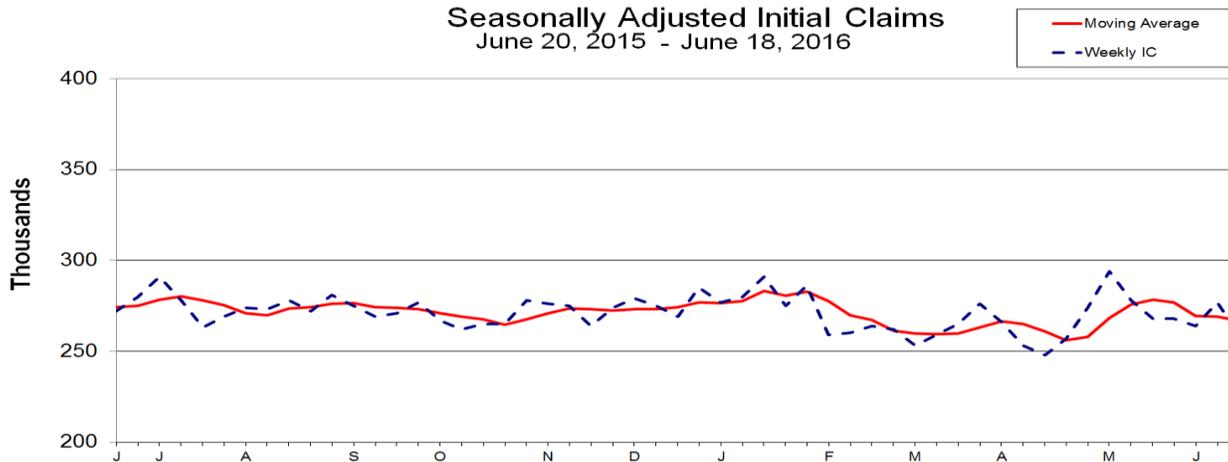
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 259,000, a decrease of 18,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 277,000. The 4-week moving average was 267,000, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 269,250.

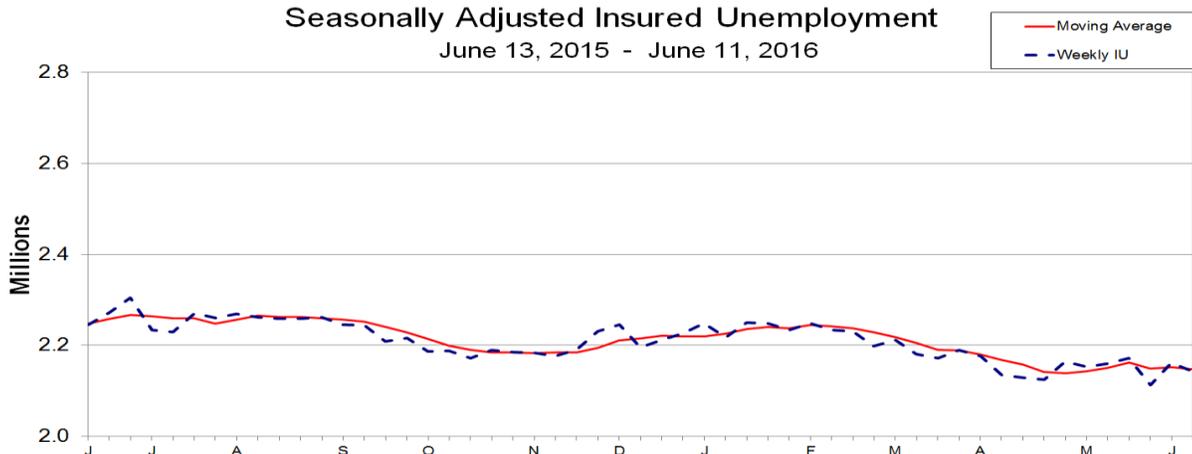
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 68 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1973.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending June 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 11 was 2,142,000, a decrease of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 2,157,000 to 2,162,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,147,000, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 2,150,250 to 2,151,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 20, 2015 - June 18, 2016



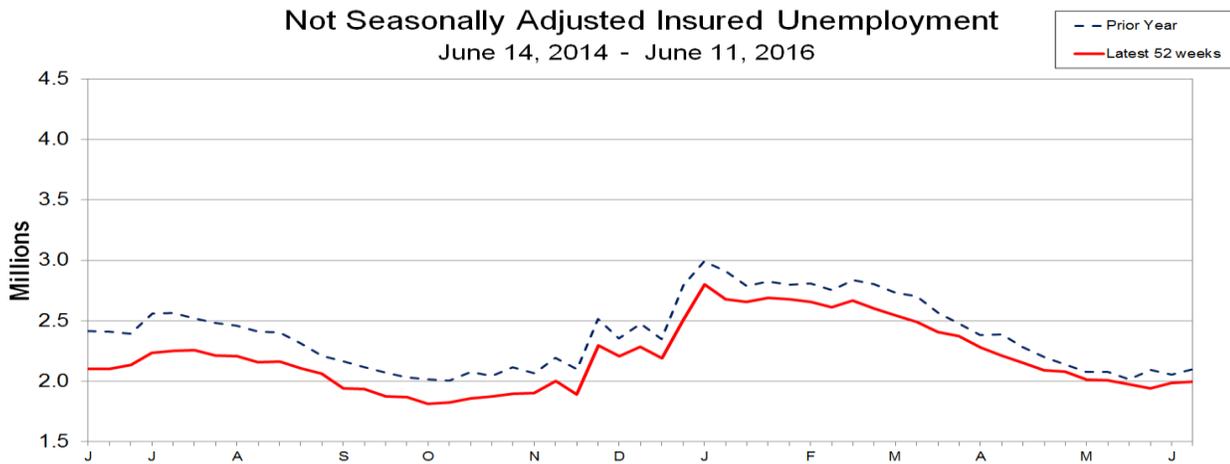
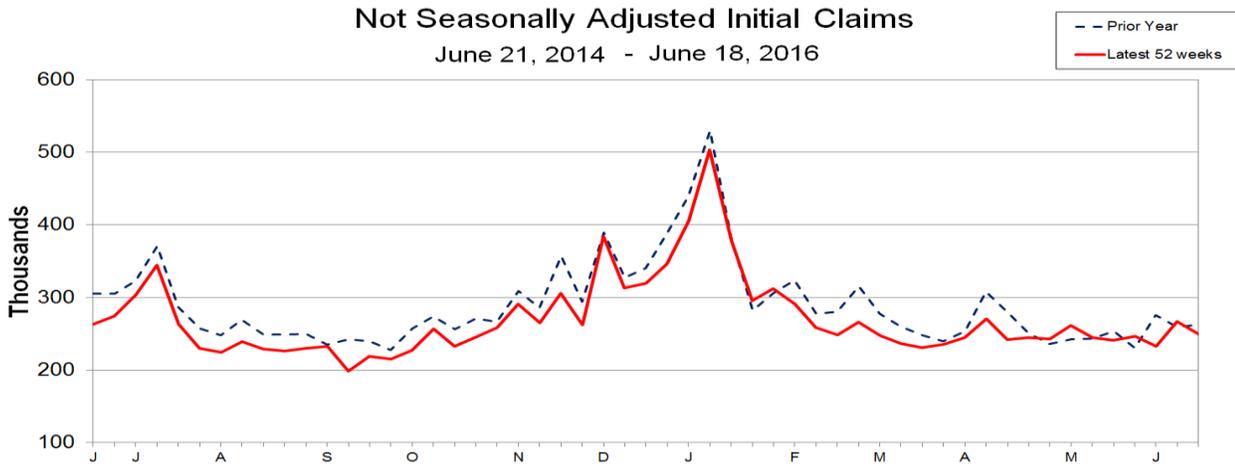
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
June 13, 2015 - June 11, 2016



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 249,160 in the week ending June 18, a decrease of 17,760 (or -6.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 277 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 263,199 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending June 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,996,374, an increase of 9,843 (or 0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 28,101 (or 1.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,102,652.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 4 was 2,024,240, an increase of 43,167 from the previous week. There were 2,101,392 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2015.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 702 in the week ending June 11, a decrease of 169 from the prior week. There were 1,069 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, unchanged from the preceding week.

There were 7,270 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 4, an increase of 136 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 12,959, a decrease of 164 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 4 were in Alaska (3.2), Puerto Rico (2.9), West Virginia (2.5), Wyoming (2.5), New Jersey (2.3), Connecticut (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), California (2.1), Illinois (1.9), Massachusetts (1.8), New Mexico (1.8), and Nevada (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 11 were in California (+18,762), Pennsylvania (+6,427), Florida (+1,769), Virginia (+1,417), and Georgia (+1,287), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-1,101), Missouri (-905), Kentucky (-755), Oklahoma (-449), and Puerto Rico (-356).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 18	June 11	Change	June 4	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	259,000	277,000	-18,000	264,000	272,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	249,160	266,920	-17,760	232,932	263,199
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	267,000	269,250	-2,250	269,500	274,250
WEEK ENDING	June 11	June 4	Change	May 28	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,142,000	2,162,000	-20,000	2,112,000	2,246,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,996,374	1,986,531	+9,843	1,943,358	2,102,652
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,147,000	2,151,500	-4,500	2,149,250	2,247,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.5%	1.7%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.5%	1.5%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 11	June 4	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	702	871	-169	739
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,069	1,069	0	1,343

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 4	May 28	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,981,298	1,938,539	+42,759	2,051,922
Federal Employees	7,270	7,134	+136	9,608
Newly Discharged Veterans	12,959	13,123	-164	17,982
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	33	-33	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,060	6,768	+292	7,102
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,653	15,476	+177	14,778
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,024,240	1,981,073	+43,167	2,101,392

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 136,969,042 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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,817	3,131	-314	21,408	22,635	-1,227
Alaska	1,280	1,072	208	11,126	10,269	857
Arizona	4,319	4,758	-439	30,970	34,011	-3,041
Arkansas	1,704	2,527	-823	17,516	18,821	-1,305
California	44,971	54,097	-9,126	352,248	342,261	9,987
Colorado	2,196	2,711	-515	29,325	27,737	1,588
Connecticut	5,793	3,186	2,607	36,926	35,848	1,078
Delaware	1,189	761	428	5,931	5,540	391
District of Columbia	727	357	370	7,093	7,580	-487
Florida	9,917	10,028	-111	44,323	48,376	-4,053
Georgia	5,912	7,937	-2,025	30,465	33,464	-2,999
Hawaii	1,324	1,339	-15	7,856	7,055	801
Idaho	825	1,116	-291	5,809	6,509	-700
Illinois	9,806	11,802	-1,996	114,553	111,244	3,309
Indiana	3,062	3,135	-73	21,931	22,077	-146
Iowa	2,714	2,540	174	19,261	17,394	1,867
Kansas	2,287	2,160	127	13,948	13,178	770
Kentucky	2,799	2,530	269	21,324	22,198	-874
Louisiana	2,472	3,445	-973	26,992	26,234	758
Maine	691	691	0	5,197	5,631	-434
Maryland	4,449	3,549	900	31,489	34,605	-3,116
Massachusetts	5,412	5,028	384	58,539	61,624	-3,085
Michigan	5,857	5,733	124	46,602	48,228	-1,626
Minnesota	3,469	3,773	-304	35,384	34,871	513
Mississippi	1,518	2,030	-512	14,020	15,572	-1,552
Missouri	3,676	4,047	-371	23,679	26,290	-2,611
Montana	837	935	-98	5,755	6,620	-865
Nebraska	727	798	-71	4,973	4,941	32
Nevada	2,841	2,482	359	20,148	22,164	-2,016
New Hampshire	769	652	117	3,917	4,277	-360
New Jersey	11,345	8,229	3,116	86,078	87,633	-1,555
New Mexico	1,047	1,266	-219	13,562	13,819	-257
New York	13,678	16,046	-2,368	140,487	142,500	-2,013
North Carolina	3,997	3,820	177	25,846	27,196	-1,350
North Dakota	602	482	120	6,916	4,789	2,127
Ohio	6,785	8,369	-1,584	59,615	59,792	-177
Oklahoma	1,754	1,797	-43	24,193	25,128	-935
Oregon	3,956	4,438	-482	26,510	26,946	-436
Pennsylvania	21,411	23,791	-2,380	128,315	124,243	4,072
Puerto Rico	2,017	2,811	-794	26,804	25,512	1,292
Rhode Island	1,235	867	368	7,779	7,831	-52
South Carolina	3,316	3,549	-233	16,260	16,158	102
South Dakota	203	278	-75	1,409	1,397	12
Tennessee	2,587	3,621	-1,034	20,743	21,588	-845
Texas	17,899	17,624	275	195,578	179,754	15,824
Utah	1,110	1,203	-93	9,565	9,602	-37
Vermont	986	456	530	3,844	3,833	11
Virgin Islands	20	35	-15	584	594	-10
Virginia	3,564	4,651	-1,087	31,912	28,941	2,971
Washington	6,284	5,874	410	44,782	45,669	-887
West Virginia	1,087	1,357	-270	17,506	17,039	467
Wisconsin	7,395	7,488	-93	32,781	32,520	261
Wyoming	522	518	4	6,597	6,793	-196
US Total	249,160	266,920	-17,760	1,996,374	1,986,531	9,843

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	Initial Claims	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
June 13, 2015	271	-6	276.50	2,246	-1	2,247.25	1.7
June 20, 2015	272	1	274.25	2,272	26	2,257.50	1.7
June 27, 2015	280	8	275.00	2,304	32	2,267.25	1.7
July 4, 2015	291	11	278.50	2,233	-71	2,263.75	1.7
July 11, 2015	278	-13	280.25	2,229	-4	2,259.50	1.7
July 18, 2015	263	-15	278.00	2,270	41	2,259.00	1.7
July 25, 2015	269	6	275.25	2,260	-10	2,248.00	1.7
August 1, 2015	274	5	271.00	2,269	9	2,257.00	1.7
August 8, 2015	273	-1	269.75	2,261	-8	2,265.00	1.7
August 15, 2015	278	5	273.50	2,259	-2	2,262.25	1.7
August 22, 2015	272	-6	274.25	2,259	0	2,262.00	1.7
August 29, 2015	281	9	276.00	2,261	2	2,260.00	1.7
September 5, 2015	275	-6	276.50	2,246	-15	2,256.25	1.7
September 12, 2015	269	-6	274.25	2,244	-2	2,252.50	1.7
September 19, 2015	271	2	274.00	2,208	-36	2,239.75	1.6
September 26, 2015	277	6	273.00	2,216	8	2,228.50	1.6
October 3, 2015	267	-10	271.00	2,186	-30	2,213.50	1.6
October 10, 2015	262	-5	269.25	2,188	2	2,199.50	1.6
October 17, 2015	265	3	267.75	2,171	-17	2,190.25	1.6
October 24, 2015	265	0	264.75	2,190	19	2,183.75	1.6
October 31, 2015	278	13	267.50	2,185	-5	2,183.50	1.6
November 7, 2015	276	-2	271.00	2,183	-2	2,182.25	1.6
November 14, 2015	275	-1	273.50	2,176	-7	2,183.50	1.6
November 21, 2015	264	-11	273.25	2,191	15	2,183.75	1.6
November 28, 2015	274	10	272.25	2,230	39	2,195.00	1.6
December 5, 2015	279	5	273.00	2,245	15	2,210.50	1.7
December 12, 2015	275	-4	273.00	2,195	-50	2,215.25	1.6
December 19, 2015	269	-6	274.25	2,212	17	2,220.50	1.6
December 26, 2015	285	16	277.00	2,226	14	2,219.50	1.6
January 2, 2016	277	-8	276.50	2,248	22	2,220.25	1.6
January 9, 2016	280	3	277.75	2,217	-31	2,225.75	1.6
January 16, 2016	291	11	283.25	2,250	33	2,235.25	1.7
January 23, 2016	275	-16	280.75	2,248	-2	2,240.75	1.6
January 30, 2016	286	11	283.00	2,234	-14	2,237.25	1.6
February 6, 2016	259	-27	277.75	2,249	15	2,245.25	1.7
February 13, 2016	260	1	270.00	2,233	-16	2,241.00	1.6
February 20, 2016	264	4	267.25	2,231	-2	2,236.75	1.6
February 27, 2016	262	-2	261.25	2,198	-33	2,227.75	1.6
March 5, 2016	253	-9	259.75	2,212	14	2,218.50	1.6
March 12, 2016	259	6	259.50	2,180	-32	2,205.25	1.6
March 19, 2016	265	6	259.75	2,172	-8	2,190.50	1.6
March 26, 2016	276	11	263.25	2,189	17	2,188.25	1.6
April 2, 2016	266	-10	266.50	2,176	-13	2,179.25	1.6
April 9, 2016	253	-13	265.00	2,135	-41	2,168.00	1.6
April 16, 2016	248	-5	260.75	2,129	-6	2,157.25	1.6
April 23, 2016	257	9	256.00	2,124	-5	2,141.00	1.6
April 30, 2016	274	17	258.00	2,165	41	2,138.25	1.6
May 7, 2016	294	20	268.25	2,153	-12	2,142.75	1.6
May 14, 2016	278	-16	275.75	2,160	7	2,150.50	1.6
May 21, 2016	268	-10	278.50	2,172	12	2,162.50	1.6
May 28, 2016	268	0	277.00	2,112	-60	2,149.25	1.5
June 4, 2016	264	-4	269.50	2,162	50	2,151.50	1.6
June 11, 2016	277	13	269.25	2,142	-20	2,147.00	1.6
June 18, 2016	259	-18	267.00				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 11

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 4

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT 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	3131	-307	-298	9	14	22635	1.2	906	-1859	71	134	22840
Alaska	1072	-101	54	1	4	10269	3.2	-749	966	47	42	10358
Arizona	4758	-104	397	25	10	34011	1.3	631	-1897	237	130	34378
Arkansas	2527	503	-613	7	6	18821	1.6	1322	-3296	73	99	18993
California	54097	18762	10985	112	179	342261	2.1	26831	-4799	1340	2632	346233
Colorado	2711	303	375	9	35	27737	1.1	-539	-1849	105	572	28414
Connecticut	3186	294	391	12	2	35848	2.2	386	-795	48	112	36008
Delaware	761	71	-475	2	1	5540	1.3	292	-410	16	18	5574
District of Columbia	357	56	38	2	3	7580	1.4	312	-244	234	9	7823
Florida	10028	1769	-2017	16	68	48376	0.6	868	-12349	133	287	48796
Georgia	7937	1287	727	30	56	33464	0.8	1619	-6216	215	456	34135
Hawaii	1339	-33	34	3	16	7055	1.2	159	-737	52	123	7230
Idaho	1116	-11	234	1	5	6509	1.0	-112	-740	34	38	6581
Illinois	11802	532	-60	11	27	111244	1.9	2870	3974	360	376	111980
Indiana	3135	33	-325	6	2	22077	0.8	-394	131	63	92	22232
Iowa	2540	147	10	4	3	17394	1.2	123	-263	39	53	17486
Kansas	2160	-140	199	13	11	13178	1.0	-551	-1455	57	83	13318
Kentucky	2530	-755	-131	17	5	22198	1.2	895	-147	121	239	22558
Louisiana	3445	-145	557	3	13	26234	1.4	2638	376	43	35	26312
Maine	691	152	-233	2	5	5631	1.0	-216	-1779	26	27	5684
Maryland	3549	219	-285	21	18	34605	1.4	-313	-3716	236	224	35065
Massachusetts	5028	111	-93	5	16	61624	1.8	-1863	-2130	136	265	62025
Michigan	5733	417	-129	14	20	48228	1.2	-4358	188	112	195	48535
Minnesota	3773	254	11	2	10	34871	1.3	1509	1016	62	124	35057
Mississippi	2030	-328	-207	1	6	15572	1.4	1137	-483	94	44	15710
Missouri	4047	-905	-487	11	14	26290	1.0	824	-7825	95	65	26450
Montana	935	31	-28	12	3	6620	1.5	-308	220	28	42	6690
Nebraska	798	-108	-149	6	2	4941	0.5	83	-1768	15	21	4977
Nevada	2482	183	-1308	3	3	22164	1.8	32	-3136	74	119	22357
New Hampshire	652	76	45	1	1	4277	0.7	26	-442	1	15	4293
New Jersey	8229	779	489	20	36	87633	2.3	683	-3265	215	343	88191
New Mexico	1266	-339	171	15	3	13819	1.8	209	104	121	72	14012
New York	16046	904	908	29	59	142500	1.6	1585	-6148	348	625	143473
North Carolina	3820	346	-702	6	35	27196	0.7	779	-7618	91	309	27596
North Dakota	482	-137	51	24	0	4789	1.1	247	1342	137	7	4933
Ohio	8369	-1101	775	12	27	59792	1.2	3350	1048	85	370	60247
Oklahoma	1797	-449	-2	9	11	25128	1.6	1058	1483	53	132	25313
Oregon	4438	824	-601	21	18	26946	1.5	589	-2388	193	168	27307
Pennsylvania	23791	6427	-1443	87	40	124243	2.2	-2172	1144	432	472	125147
Puerto Rico	2811	-356	74	4	0	25512	2.9	2140	-3868	54	146	25712
Rhode Island	867	108	2	0	3	7831	1.7	-143	-352	19	21	7871
South Carolina	3549	622	-49	7	15	16158	0.8	1006	112	52	122	16332
South Dakota	278	34	36	26	2	1397	0.3	100	-46	195	7	1599
Tennessee	3621	431	-337	1	3	21588	0.8	392	-6020	59	80	21727
Texas	17624	1081	695	40	159	179754	1.6	-3991	9801	401	2046	182201
Utah	1203	0	8	13	2	9602	0.7	70	-1154	68	31	9701
Vermont	456	39	61	0	0	3833	1.3	-192	-95	21	6	3860
Virgin Islands	35	-6	-4	0	0	594	1.6	8	-150	10	6	610
Virginia	4651	1417	1014	12	17	28941	0.8	307	390	241	416	29598
Washington	5874	183	-87	10	67	45669	1.5	1082	110	176	770	46615
West Virginia	1357	64	55	1	2	17039	2.5	227	2369	43	59	17141
Wisconsin	7488	864	-256	3	8	32520	1.2	2224	-6531	56	62	32638
Wyoming	518	-10	79	1	4	6793	2.5	-445	1553	33	18	6844
Totals	266920	33988	8156	702	1069	1986531	1.5	43173	-69643	7270	12959	2006760

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 11, 2016

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+18,762	Layoffs in the service industry.
PA	+6,427	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, construction, and manufacturing industries.
FL	+1,769	Layoffs in the educational service, construction, manufacturing, whole sale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
VA	+1,417	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
GA	+1,287	Layoffs in the manufacturing, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
TX	+1,081	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-1,101	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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