



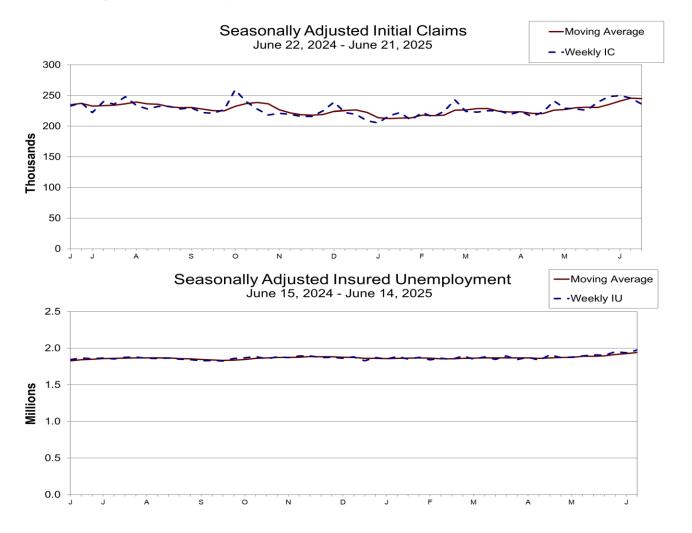
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 236,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 245,000 to 246,000. The 4-week moving average was 245,000, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 245,500 to 245,750.

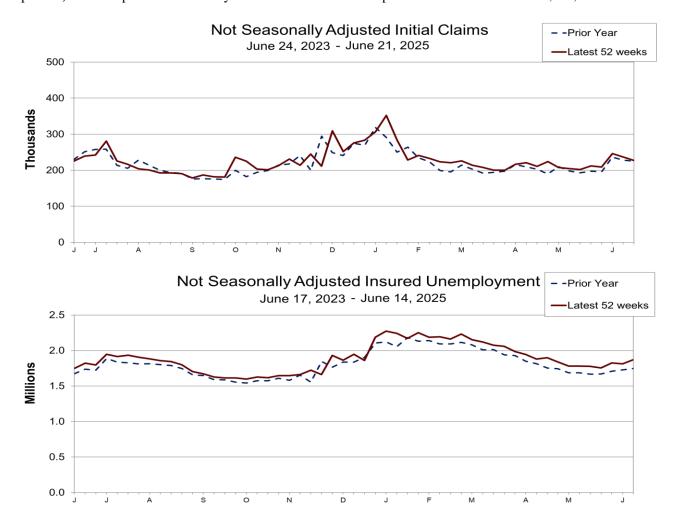
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.3 percent for the week ending June 14, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 14 was 1,974,000, an increase of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the highest level for insured unemployment since November 6, 2021 when it was 2,041,000. The previous week's level was revised down by 8,000 from 1,945,000 to 1,937,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,941,000, an increase of 16,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the highest level for this average since November 20, 2021 when it was 2,004,250. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,000 from 1,926,250 to 1,924,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 227,080 in the week ending June 21, a decrease of 9,438 (or -4.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 246 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 225,100 initial claims in the comparable week in 2024.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending June 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,871,477, an increase of 58,030 (or 3.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 23,249 (or 1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,747,949.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending June 7 was 1,841,879, a decrease of 12,690 from the previous week. There were 1,751,112 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2024.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 480 in the week ending June 14, a decrease of 55 from the prior week. There were 376 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 28 from the preceding week.

There were 6,737 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending June 7, a decrease of 337 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,501, an increase of 150 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 7 were in New Jersey (2.2), California (2.1), Massachusetts (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), Washington (2.0), District of Columbia (1.9), Minnesota (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Illinois (1.6), Nevada (1.6), New York (1.6), Oregon (1.6), and Pennsylvania (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 14 were in Pennsylvania (+3,863), Connecticut (+1,750), Oregon (+1,258), Minnesota (+1,173), and Wisconsin (+846), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-1,978), California (-1,933), New York (-1,402), Georgia (-1,200), and Iowa (-1,197).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 21	June 14	Change	June 7	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	236,000	246,000	-10,000	250,000	233,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	227,080	236,518	-9,438	245,870	225,100
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	245,000	245,750	-750	240,750	235,000
WEEK ENDING	June 14	June 7	Change	May 31	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,974,000	1,937,000	+37,000	1,951,000	1,844,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,871,477	1,813,447	+58,030	1,826,082	1,747,949
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,941,000	1,924,250	+16,750	1,913,250	1,827,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 14	June 7	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	480	535	-55	344
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	376	404	-28	385

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 7	May 31	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,807,857	1,820,267	-12,410	1,722,964
Federal Employees	6,737	7,074	-337	4,553
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,501	4,351	+150	4,294
Extended Benefits ³	34	35	-1	174
State Additional Benefits ⁴	2,764	2,842	-78	2,345
STC / Workshare ⁵	19,986	20,000	-14	16,782
TOTAL	1,841,879	1,854,569	-12,690	1,751,112

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

- 1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- 2. Most recent week used covered employment of 152,470,762 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 benefits, and when applicable, extended 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 4-11 of the following link: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Claim	s Filed During Weel	Ended June 21	Insured Unemplo	yment For Week Ended	June 14
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang
Alabama	2,325	2,045	280	8,955	9,657	-702
Alaska	464	455	9	3,647	4,040	-393
Arizona	3,417	3,797	-380	29,735	32,340	-2,605
Arkansas	1,270	1,437	-167	9,217	8,537	680
California	46,970	47,193	-223	392,280	367,909	24,37
Colorado	2,744	2,844	-100	31,655	30,824	831
Connecticut	6,716	4,327	2,389	24,229	22,900	1,329
Delaware	813	427	386	5,409	4,635	774
District of Columbia	729	798	-69	11,736	10,724	1,012
Florida	6,332	7,612	-1,280	35,015	34,211	804
Georgia	3,910	4,379	-469	27,227	28,863	-1,636
Hawaii	1,025	1,182	-157	6,465	5,874	591
Idaho	809	939	-130	5,295	5,585	-290
Illinois	8,254	10,086	-1,832	100,482	96,534	3,948
Indiana	2,433	2,707	-274	20,440	20,541	-101
	1,882	1,874		8,504		
Iowa			8		9,354	-850
Kansas	814	1,248	-434	9,887	8,896	991
Kentucky	1,590	1,809	-219	10,212	10,526	-314
Louisiana	1,706	2,053	-347	10,664	11,804	-1,140
Maine	594	531	63	5,548	5,783	-235
Maryland	3,502	4,352	-850	25,735	25,535	200
Massachusetts	7,154	4,675	2,479	64,754	70,336	-5,582
Michigan	5,939	6,191	-252	43,741	44,801	-1,060
Minnesota	7,355	12,594	-5,239	66,692	54,062	12,630
Mississippi	987	1,181	-194	8,072	8,435	-363
Missouri	2,396	2,811	-415	19,639	20,061	-422
Montana	511	564	-53	4,581	4,654	-73
Nebraska	587	697	-110	5,798	5,794	4
Nevada	2,658	2,561	97	23,556	24,624	-1,068
New Hampshire	665	428	237	3,114	3,710	-596
New Jersey	14,627	8,816	5,811	93,855	92,303	1,552
New Mexico	802	979	-177	10,869	10,666	203
New York	12,362	13,254	-892	147,378	148,450	-1,072
North Carolina	3,072	3,382	-310	21,751	22,331	-580
North Dakota	334	365	-310	2,708	2,487	221
Ohio	4,884	5,778	-894	48,869	48,949	-80
Oklahoma	1,257	1,321	-64			-342
				11,067	11,409	
Oregon	6,749	5,720	1,029	33,737	30,533	3,204
Pennsylvania	14,980	18,534	-3,554	99,690	92,113	7,577
Puerto Rico	2,267	2,601	-334	19,606	17,622	1,984
Rhode Island	1,531	819	712	9,473	9,515	-42
South Carolina	1,942	2,552	-610	16,501	16,717	-216
South Dakota	149	180	-31	1,205	1,208	-3
Tennessee	2,754	2,897	-143	18,523	18,576	-53
Texas	16,864	19,333	-2,469	171,583	164,672	6,911
Utah	1,244	1,376	-132	12,178	12,324	-146
Vermont	637	305	332	2,552	2,431	121
Virgin Islands	35	20	15	280	228	52
Virginia	2,692	3,972	-1,280	22,959	20,128	2,831
Washington	5,604	5,128	476	74,041	71,604	2,437
West Virginia	705	876	-171	6,886	7,083	-197
Wisconsin	4,791	4,223	568	21,599	18,830	2,769
Wyoming	247	290	-43	1,883	1,719	164
US Total	227,080	236,518	-9,438	1,871,477	1,813,447	58,030

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 claims 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.

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 7

	JUNE 14	CHANC	E EDOM					CHANG		NE /		TOTAL
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STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE 1	IICY I	STATE	(%)2		AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	UNEMPLOYMENT
Alabama	2,045	-340	-280	8	6	9,657	0.5	-44	-171	35	29	9,721
Alaska	455	-97	-58	3	0	4,040	1.3	-102	-76	25	2	4,067
Arizona	3,797	-337	-370	11	10	32,340	1.0	630	2,300	129	42	32,511
Arkansas	1,437	-323	-506	0	0	8,537	0.7	621	-100	23	10	8,570
California	47,193	-1,933	899	76	87	367,909		-20,325	-11,590	882	1,192	369,983
Colorado	2,844	-369	184	0	11	30,824	1.1	181	3,257	122	163	31,109
Connecticut	4,327	1,750	-456	3	2	22,900	1.4	-127	609	37	36	22,973
Delaware	427	110	-271	2	2	4,635	1.0	-9	-472	7	5	4,647
District of Columbia	798	-157	285	22	0	10,724	1.9	219	4,867	1,075	7	11,806
Florida	7,612	-1,174	-154	17	30	34,211	0.4	-1,116	-3,189	134	74	34,419
Georgia	4,379	-1,200	-616	37	21	28,863	0.6	-513	-849	243	75	29,181
Hawaii	1,182	-348	19	0	2	5,874	1.0	282	-123	38	66	5,978
Idaho	939	-169	97	1	1	5,585	0.7	-21	63	16	14	5,615
Illinois	10,086	-1,978	146	10	5	96,534	1.6	1,575	2,858	290	103	96,927
Indiana	2,707	-747	-380	4	2	20,541	0.7	-1,156	1,032	46	12	20,599
Iowa	1,874	-1,197	-235	4	0	9,354	0.6	1,520	746	22	10	9,386
Kansas	1,248	-344	-109	1	0	8,896	0.6	40	3,794	24	18	8,938
Kentucky	1,809	188	292	1	0	10,526	0.5	-1,465	2,354	42	9	10,577
Louisiana	2,053	-418	33	1	3	11,804	0.5	592	-1,901	33		11,843
	531		38				0.0			21	6	
Maine		-20		1	0	5,783		-67	1,270		11	5,815
Maryland Massachusetts	4,352	-120	917	50	10	25,535	1.0	591	2,620	336	67	25,938
	4,675	-61	-551	0	0	70,336	2.0	-5,034	14,612	104	83	70,523
Michigan	6,191	454	-887	4	5	44,801	1.0	-1,140	5,135	55	45	44,901
Minnesota	12,594	1,173	2,926	6	2	54,062	1.9	9,978	2,924	75	49	54,186
Mississippi	1,181	-421	-86	3	2	8,435	0.7	479	353	50	11	8,496
Missouri	2,811	-1,042	12	2	2	20,061	0.7	151	919	53	18	20,132
Montana	564	44	24	7	0	4,654	0.9	-196	399	32	13	4,699
Nebraska	697	-459	48	1	2	5,794	0.6	-27	622	16	5	5,815
Nevada	2,561	-144	-101	0	4	24,624	1.6	-582	1,280	46	69	24,739
New Hampshire	428	56	49	0	1	3,710	0.5	-52	721	3	2	3,715
New Jersey	8,816	-360	-979	22	15	92,303	2.2	-1,999	-477	198	262	92,763
New Mexico	979	-369	170	3	3	10,666	1.3	423	1,202	111	17	10,794
New York	13,254	-1,402	1,246	18	11	148,450	1.6	-1,942	6,403	312	195	148,957
North Carolina	3,382	-380	-68	3	2	22,331	0.5	-243	1,586	66	86	22,483
North Dakota	365	-107	78	16	1	2,487	0.6	-1,263	291	126	2	2,615
Ohio	5,778	-995	-178	7	8	48,949	0.9	976	8,278	89	77	49,115
Oklahoma	1,321	-477	15	6	4	11,409	0.7	464	938	39	43	11,491
Oregon	5,720	1,258	1,713	10	2	30,533	1.6	200	6,526	141	38	30,712
Pennsylvania	18,534	3,863	3,538	11	9	92,113	1.6	4,165	-1,340	280	101	92,494
Puerto Rico	2,601	205	-87	6	2	17,622	1.9	1,816	3,474	131	42	17,795
Rhode Island	819	25	-169	1	0	9,515	2.0	13	1,699	20	14	9,549
South Carolina	2,552	-699	363	5	3	16,717	0.8	971	1,644	34	36	16,787
South Dakota	180	-44	14	6	0	1,208	0.3	-26	-56	102	4	1,314
Tennessee	2,897	-1,000	31	4	4	18,576	0.6	980	-3,779	51	42	18,669
Texas	19,333	153	1,120	52	77	164,672	1.2	-770	10,502	506	785	165,963
Utah	1,376	-200	4	9	2	12,324	0.7	52	1,433	42	14	12,380
Vermont	305	-45	49	0	0	2,431	0.8	13	407	0	0	2,431
Virgin Islands	20	-9	-14	0	0	228	0.6	-52	-30	0	0	228
Virginia	3,972	637	1,647	13	2	20,128	0.5	532	4,094	154	76	20,358
Washington	5,128	-625	254	7	16	71,604	2.0	-1,549	12,145	238	389	72,231
West Virginia	876	40	46	1	2	7,083	1.1	237	-574	26	17	7,126
Wisconsin	4,223	846	-1,168	4	3	18,830	0.6	-479	-3,208	48	13	18,891
Wyoming	290	-44	4	1	0	1,719	0.6	-37	271	9	2	1,730
Totals	236,518	-9,352	8,538	480	376	1,813,44		-12,635	85,693		4,501	1,824,685
10000	250,510	-7,334	0,550	700	570	1,013,44	, 1.2	12,000	05,075	0,737	7,501	1,027,003

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 U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 14, 2025

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+3,863	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and in educational services industries.
CT	+1,750	No comment.
OR	+1,258	Layoffs in educational services industry.
MN	+1,173	Layoffs in educational services industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-1,978	No comment.
CA	-1,933	No comment.
NY	-1,402	Fewer layoffs in accommodation and food services, construction, and in information industries.
GA	-1,200	Fewer layoffs in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services; manufacturing; health care and social assistance; and in professional, scientific and technical services industries.
IA	-1,197	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
FL	-1,174	Fewer layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and in retail trade industries.
MO	-1,042	Fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and in health care and social assistance industries.
TN	-1,000	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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors or contact BLS directly through the Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form.

Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data

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