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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

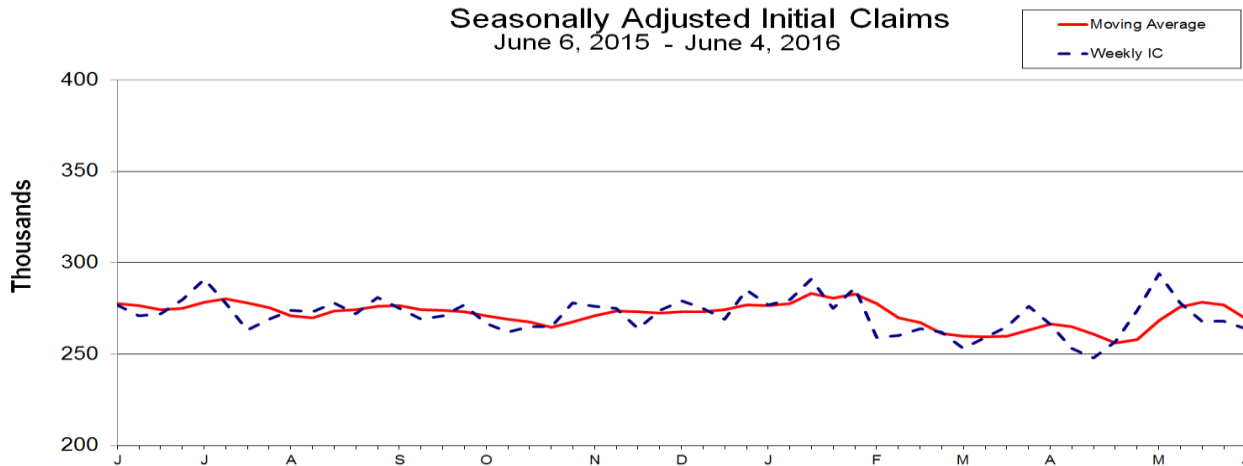
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 264,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 267,000 to 268,000. The 4-week moving average was 269,500, a decrease of 7,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 276,750 to 277,000.

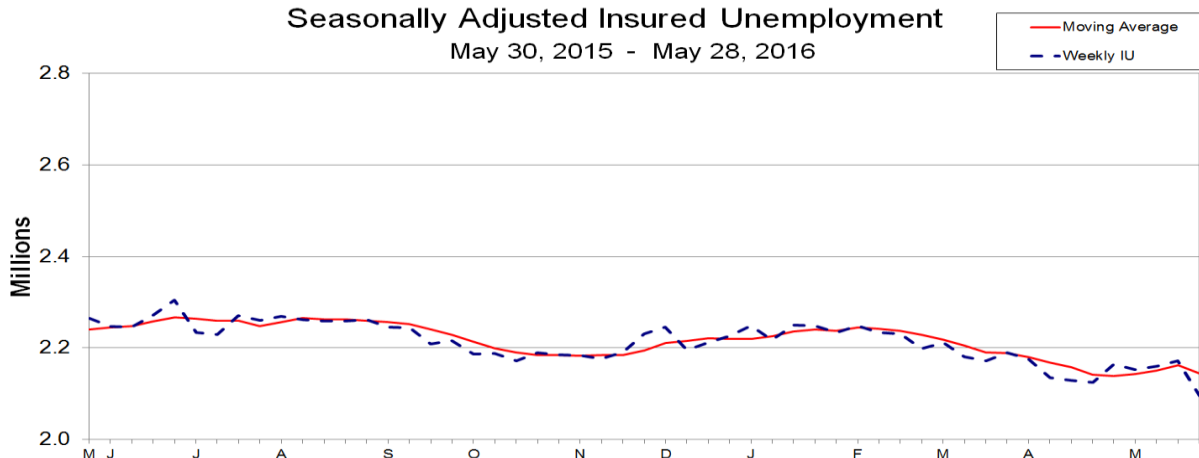
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 66 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1973.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.5 percent for the week ending May 28, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 28 was 2,095,000, a decrease of 77,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 2,172,000. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since October 21, 2000 when it was 2,082,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,145,000, a decrease of 17,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 2,162,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
June 6, 2015 - June 4, 2016



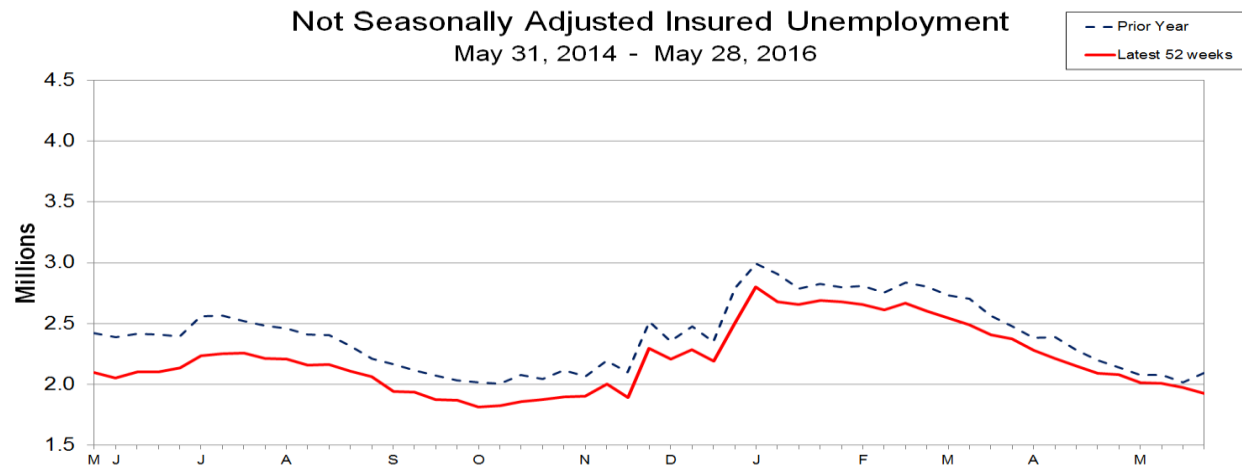
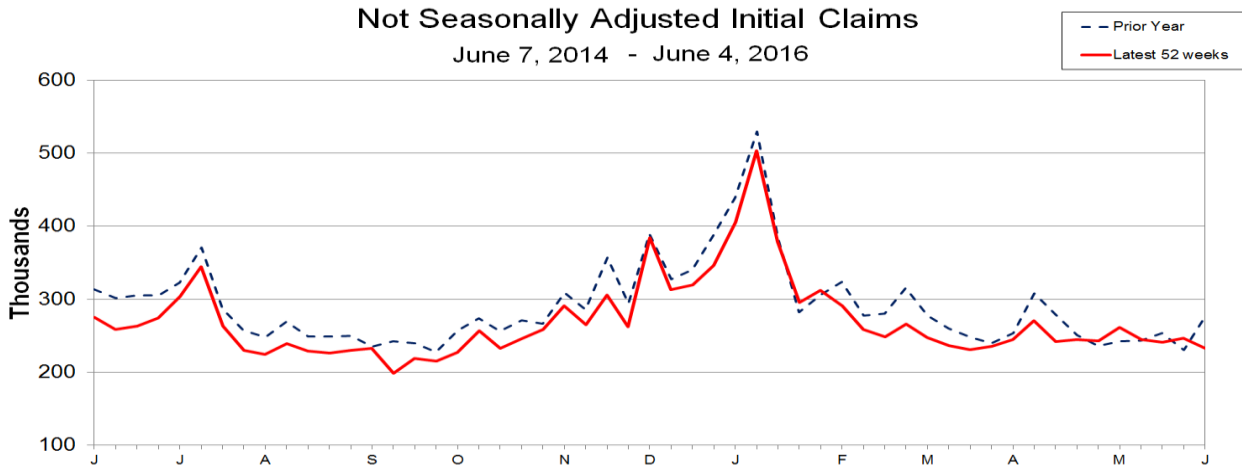
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
May 30, 2015 - May 28, 2016



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 232,507 in the week ending June 4, a decrease of 14,560 (or -5.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,462 (or -4.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 275,619 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending May 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,927,683, a decrease of 48,497 (or -2.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 21,716 (or 1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,096,986.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 21 was 2,015,751, a decrease of 33,767 from the previous week. There were 2,062,486 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 May 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 775 in the week ending May 28, an increase of 57 from the prior week. There were 978 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 54 from the preceding week.

There were 7,277 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 21, a decrease of 435 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,551, an increase of 25 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 21 were in Alaska (3.3), West Virginia (2.6), Wyoming (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.4), New Jersey (2.3), California (2.2), Connecticut (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), Illinois (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), and Nevada (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 28 were in California (+3,827), Georgia (+1,832), Puerto Rico (+1,547), Illinois (+1,217), and Indiana (+720), while the largest decreases were in Oregon (-1,700), Virginia (-650), North Carolina (-647), Iowa (-587), and Pennsylvania (-551).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	264,000	268,000	-4,000	268,000	277,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	232,507	247,067	-14,560	240,798	275,619
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	269,500	277,000	-7,500	278,500	277,750
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,095,000	2,172,000	-77,000	2,160,000	2,265,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,927,683	1,976,180	-48,497	2,009,243	2,096,986
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,145,000	2,162,500	-17,500	2,150,500	2,240,500
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u></a> <sup>2</sup>	1.5%	1.6%	-0.1	1.6%	1.7%
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u></a> <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.5%	1.6%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	775	718	+57	782
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	978	1,032	-54	1,106

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,971,438	2,004,299	-32,861	2,014,582
Federal Employees	7,277	7,712	-435	9,347
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,551	13,526	+25	18,195
<a href="#"><u>Extended Benefits</u></a> <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0
<a href="#"><u>State Additional Benefits</u></a> <sup>4</sup>	7,859	7,925	-66	6,717
<a href="#"><u>STC / Workshare</u></a> <sup>5</sup>	15,626	16,056	-430	13,645
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>2,015,751</b>	<b>2,049,518</b>	<b>-33,767</b>	<b>2,062,486</b>

**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 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 28		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,221	3,483	-262	20,410	20,831	-421
Alaska	1,295	1,194	101	10,782	10,321	461
Arizona	4,671	5,042	-371	29,741	32,788	-3,047
Arkansas	2,846	2,576	270	16,490	17,467	-977
California	35,739	44,373	-8,634	322,324	352,879	-30,555
Colorado	2,407	2,563	-156	29,021	28,202	819
Connecticut	2,878	2,979	-101	36,744	35,486	1,258
Delaware	665	598	67	5,428	5,549	-121
District of Columbia	546	341	205	6,916	7,401	-485
Florida	8,085	8,315	-230	41,804	46,066	-4,262
Georgia	6,387	7,901	-1,514	30,183	33,056	-2,873
Hawaii	1,194	1,142	52	6,948	6,672	276
Idaho	1,044	1,032	12	5,668	6,447	-779
Illinois	11,343	11,699	-356	109,822	110,330	-508
Indiana	3,140	3,792	-652	22,749	21,739	1,010
Iowa	2,731	2,505	226	18,506	18,001	505
Kansas	2,493	3,107	-614	14,399	13,030	1,369
Kentucky	1,755	2,985	-1,230	5,286	21,654	-16,368
Louisiana	3,223	3,138	85	24,952	23,365	1,587
Maine	489	600	-111	5,687	6,217	-530
*Maryland	3,452	3,673	-221	32,025	35,118	-3,093
Massachusetts	4,877	5,028	-151	61,197	64,766	-3,569
Michigan	5,121	5,546	-425	50,636	50,601	35
Minnesota	3,715	3,351	364	35,905	33,719	2,186
Mississippi	2,147	2,773	-626	12,775	13,403	-628
Missouri	4,863	6,154	-1,291	23,604	23,565	39
Montana	877	996	-119	6,248	6,889	-641
Nebraska	844	1,382	-538	4,882	4,387	495
Nevada	2,464	2,361	103	20,529	22,516	-1,987
New Hampshire	533	525	8	3,975	4,351	-376
New Jersey	7,372	8,664	-1,292	87,767	89,202	-1,435
New Mexico	1,518	1,519	-1	13,124	13,400	-276
New York	15,271	15,995	-724	142,149	144,959	-2,810
North Carolina	3,641	3,503	138	25,276	26,420	-1,144
North Dakota	410	585	-175	7,235	4,620	2,615
Ohio	9,484	7,640	1,844	56,640	56,743	-103
Oklahoma	2,261	2,212	49	23,652	23,866	-214
Oregon	3,610	3,523	87	26,261	27,436	-1,175
Pennsylvania	17,365	15,315	2,050	128,821	125,289	3,532
Puerto Rico	3,107	3,381	-274	22,444	21,284	1,160
Rhode Island	764	881	-117	7,973	8,047	-74
South Carolina	2,869	2,843	26	14,567	14,868	-301
South Dakota	217	284	-67	1,266	1,267	-1
Tennessee	2,974	4,018	-1,044	19,973	18,000	1,973
Texas	16,975	17,101	-126	189,153	179,596	9,557
Utah	1,223	1,286	-63	9,550	9,578	-28
Vermont	412	490	-78	4,185	4,290	-105
Virgin Islands	31	40	-9	594	538	56
Virginia	3,496	3,405	91	30,061	28,846	1,215
Washington	5,974	5,975	-1	46,369	45,703	666
West Virginia	1,212	1,440	-228	17,425	17,354	71
Wisconsin	6,658	5,283	1,375	30,711	30,862	-151
Wyoming	618	530	88	6,851	7,196	-345
US Total	232,507	247,067	-14,560	1,927,683	1,976,180	-48,497

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)

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Initial Claims</b>	<b>Change from Prior Week</b>	<b>4-Week Average</b>	<b>Insured Unemployment</b>	<b>Change from Prior Week</b>	<b>4-Week Average</b>	<b>IUR</b>
May 30, 2015	277	-4	276.75	2,265	34	2,240.50	1.7
June 6, 2015	277	0	277.75	2,247	-18	2,244.00	1.7
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	2,095	-77	2,145.00	1.5
June 4, 2016	264	-4	269.50				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May 28

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 21  
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM						STATE	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	(%) <sup>2</sup>		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	3483	290	-594	13	16	20831	1.1	474	-2736	58	141	21030
Alaska	1194	59	-14	3	3	10321	3.3	-1072	510	55	34	10410
Arizona	5042	642	393	80	0	32788	1.3	-427	-1145	116	133	33037
Arkansas	2576	-351	-853	4	4	17467	1.5	927	-3795	78	106	17651
California	44373	3827	9586	146	158	352879	2.2	-6377	25351	1637	2748	357264
Colorado	2563	-15	154	15	28	28202	1.2	-1171	-2079	114	571	28887
Connecticut	2979	-230	554	10	10	35486	2.2	263	-1252	59	116	35661
Delaware	598	4	1	2	4	5549	1.3	-47	-1037	13	22	5584
District of Columbia	341	-7	15	5	1	7401	1.4	308	-262	254	8	7663
Florida	8315	244	-165	17	56	46066	0.6	-773	-13922	126	318	46510
Georgia	7901	1832	1105	23	61	33056	0.8	2108	-4155	204	431	33691
Hawaii	1142	-99	9	4	16	6672	1.1	-336	-1194	58	151	6881
Idaho	1032	54	-51	4	9	6447	1.0	-124	-1312	34	42	6523
Illinois	11699	1217	2062	17	10	110330	1.9	-804	3210	347	403	111080
Indiana	3792	720	743	3	9	21739	0.8	-271	-367	63	90	21892
Iowa	2505	-587	41	3	1	18001	1.2	98	1196	42	64	18107
Kansas	3107	403	493	13	14	13030	1.0	244	-3838	50	89	13169
Kentucky	2985	197	-103	13	9	21654	1.2	78	528	100	232	21986
Louisiana	3138	-27	-161	6	11	23365	1.2	-29	-341	65	78	23508
Maine	600	-58	-71	0	0	6217	1.1	-441	-1203	31	24	6272
Maryland	3673	-407	287	15	16	35118	1.4	365	-2555	238	221	35577
Massachusetts	5028	-476	215	5	8	64766	1.9	72	3	132	285	65183
Michigan	5546	-158	-62	15	10	50601	1.2	-11390	-1815	116	192	50909
Minnesota	3351	-470	-284	3	11	33719	1.2	-1598	-33	59	127	33905
Mississippi	2773	81	807	2	3	13403	1.2	996	-316	90	45	13538
Missouri	6154	179	-491	18	14	23565	0.9	-2154	-8869	87	72	23724
Montana	996	113	-37	0	4	6889	1.6	-574	232	40	39	6968
Nebraska	1382	490	-55	0	1	4387	0.5	105	-1714	17	20	4424
Nevada	2361	-178	-597	5	4	22516	1.9	-532	-2703	82	112	22710
New Hampshire	525	-12	38	0	0	4351	0.7	-31	-437	1	16	4368
New Jersey	8664	431	2089	20	19	89202	2.3	-2238	-2287	178	338	89718
New Mexico	1519	167	-206	21	6	13400	1.7	205	253	91	71	13562
New York	15995	440	311	30	54	144959	1.6	-590	-4616	332	625	145916
North Carolina	3503	-647	-387	4	36	26420	0.6	487	-7765	93	271	26784
North Dakota	585	104	-31	18	2	4620	1.1	-133	1246	8	3	4631
Ohio	7640	567	30	12	24	56743	1.1	-1196	-53	84	368	57195
Oklahoma	2212	37	63	2	13	23866	1.5	180	1165	64	137	24067
Oregon	3523	-1700	-106	27	12	27436	1.6	360	-2952	233	177	27846
Pennsylvania	15315	-551	218	54	30	125289	2.2	-4026	4949	445	511	126245
Puerto Rico	3381	1547	203	3	13	21284	2.4	305	-3684	33	177	21494
Rhode Island	881	5	-29	4	1	8047	1.8	-123	-333	19	19	8085
South Carolina	2843	-63	283	6	15	14868	0.8	334	-462	62	130	15060
South Dakota	284	23	11	26	2	1267	0.3	-14	-15	65	11	1343
Tennessee	4018	37	-909	7	9	18000	0.7	-162	-6125	88	127	18215
Texas	17101	-320	2086	44	146	179596	1.6	-2483	9840	423	2212	182231
Utah	1286	67	184	17	6	9578	0.7	-73	-1279	63	29	9670
Vermont	490	-287	46	2	1	4290	1.4	-64	70	21	3	4314
Virgin Islands	40	2	-6	0	1	538	1.5	-52	-434	6	4	548
Virginia	3405	-650	231	9	22	28846	0.8	306	1176	247	456	29549
Washington	5975	11	547	16	68	45703	1.5	-884	-2179	207	815	46725
West Virginia	1440	53	-77	0	1	17354	2.6	79	3329	42	56	17452
Wisconsin	5283	-237	-1171	6	5	30862	1.1	-569	-8216	66	61	30989
Wyoming	530	-44	46	3	1	7196	2.6	-599	1829	41	20	7257
Totals	247067	6269	16391	775	978	1976180	1.4	-33063	-42593	7277	13551	1997008

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 MAY 28, 2016**

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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>
CA	+3,827	Layoffs in the service industry.
GA	+1,832	No comment.
PR	+1,547	No comment.
IL	+1,217	Layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, and administrative, support, 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>
OR	-1,700	No comment.

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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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