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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

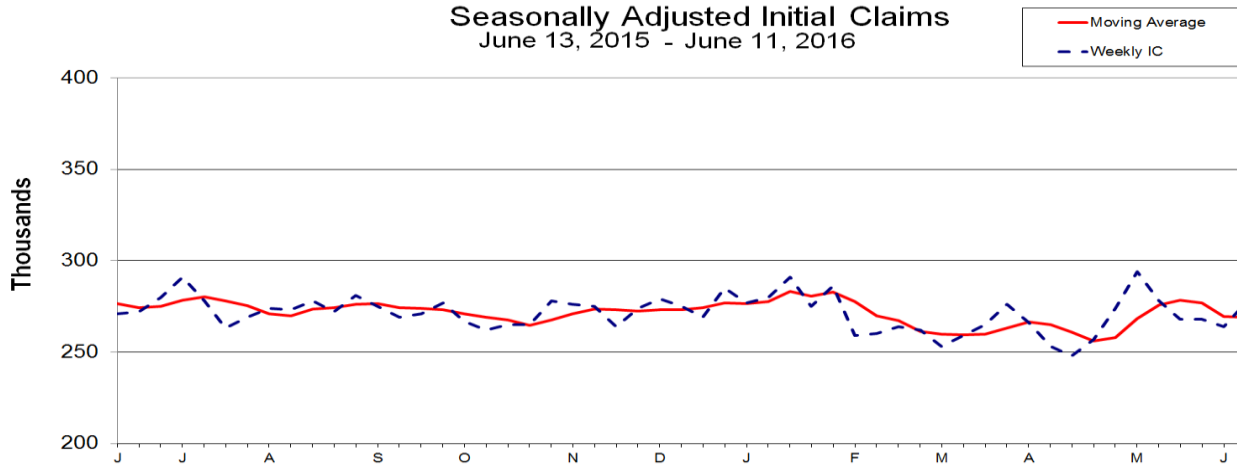
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 277,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 264,000. The 4-week moving average was 269,250, a decrease of 250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 269,500.

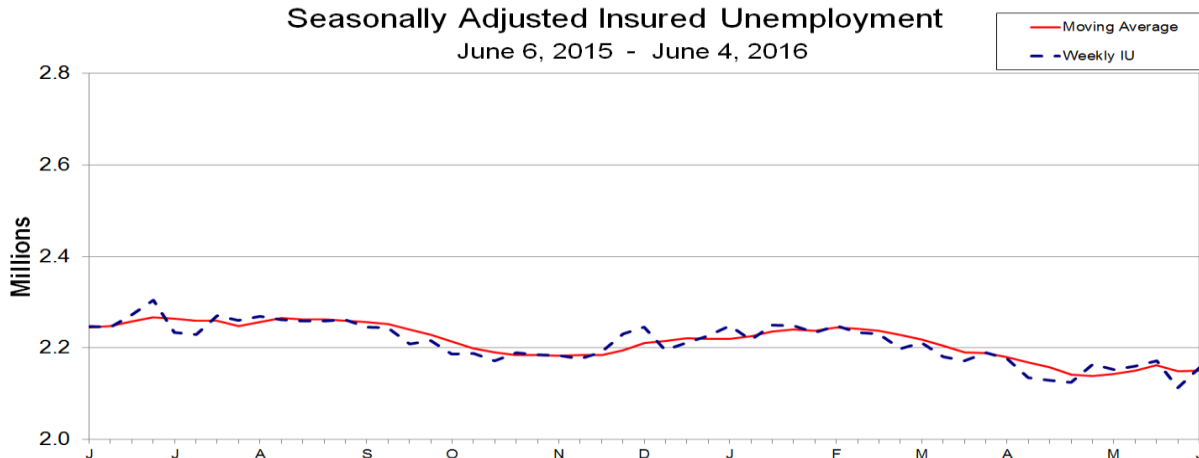
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 67 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1973.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending June 4, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 4 was 2,157,000, an increase of 45,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 17,000 from 2,095,000 to 2,112,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,150,250, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 4,250 from 2,145,000 to 2,149,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
June 13, 2015 - June 11, 2016



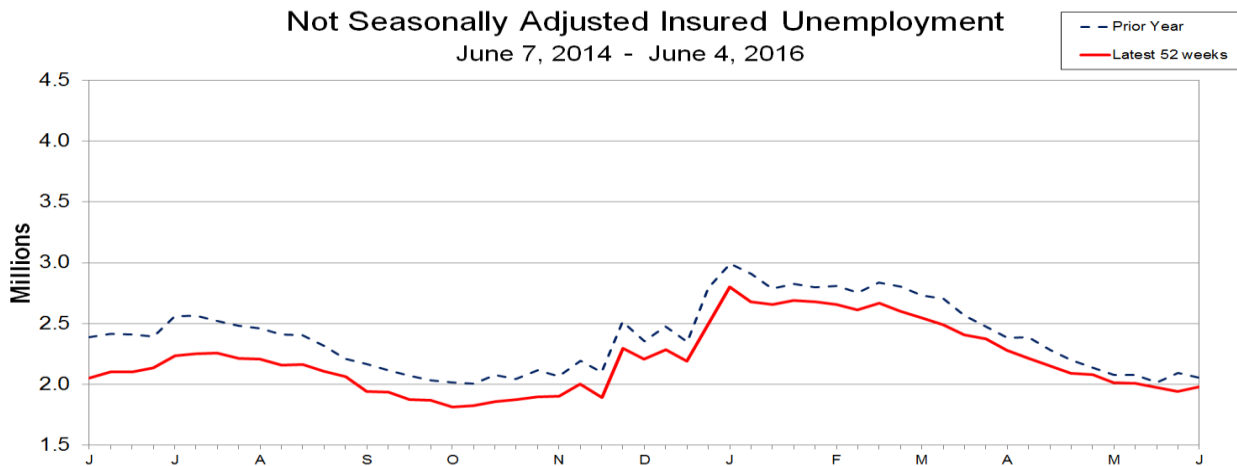
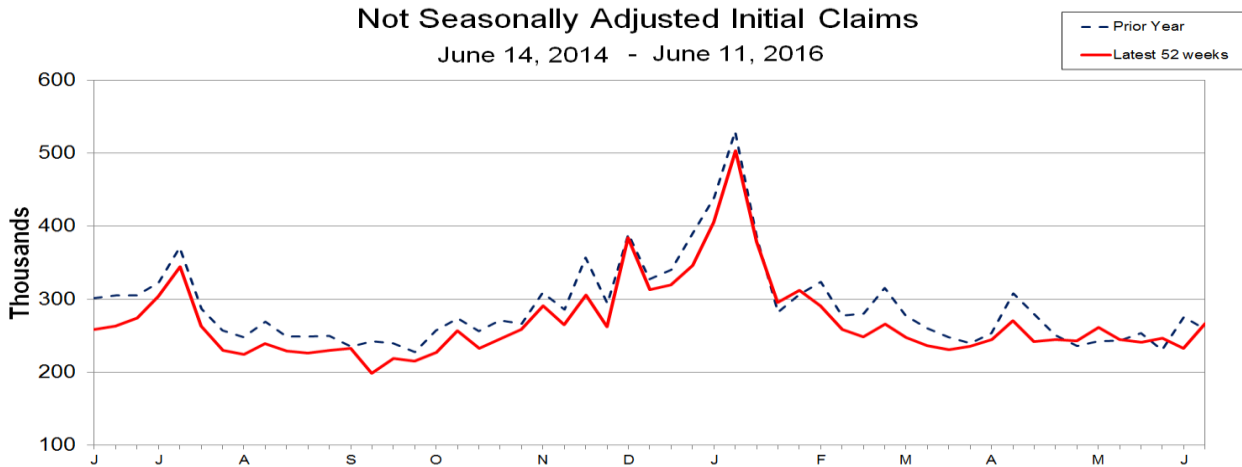
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
June 6, 2015 - June 4, 2016



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 266,706 in the week ending June 11, an increase of 33,774 (or 14.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 21,656 (or 9.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 258,764 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending June 4, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,982,068, an increase of 38,710 (or 2.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,112 (or -0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,056,174.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 28 was 1,981,073, a decrease of 34,678 from the previous week. There were 2,142,307 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 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 871 in the week ending June 4, an increase of 96 from the prior week. There were 1,069 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 91 from the preceding week.

There were 7,134 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 28, a decrease of 143 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,123, a decrease of 428 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 28 were in Alaska (3.5), Puerto Rico (2.6), Wyoming (2.6), West Virginia (2.5), New Jersey (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.3), Connecticut (2.2), California (2.0), Illinois (1.9), and Massachusetts (1.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 4 were in Pennsylvania (+2,049), Ohio (+1,830), Wisconsin (+1,341), Louisiana (+452), and Kentucky (+300), while the largest decreases were in California (-9,038), Georgia (-1,251), New Jersey (-1,214), Missouri (-1,202), and New York (-853).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	277,000	264,000	+13,000	268,000	271,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	266,706	232,932	+33,774	247,067	258,764
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	269,250	269,500	-250	277,000	276,500
<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>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,157,000	2,112,000	+45,000	2,172,000	2,247,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,982,068	1,943,358	+38,710	1,976,180	2,056,174
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,150,250	2,149,250	+1,000	2,162,500	2,244,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.6%	1.5%	+0.1	1.6%	1.7%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.5%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	871	775	+96	1,187
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,069	978	+91	1,483

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL 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>
Regular State	1,938,539	1,971,438	-32,899	2,093,208
Federal Employees	7,134	7,277	-143	9,959
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,123	13,551	-428	19,203
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	33	0	+33	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	6,768	7,859	-1,091	7,072
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	15,476	15,626	-150	12,865
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,981,073	2,015,751	-34,678	2,142,307

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 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,927	3,438	-511	21,266	21,729	-463
Alaska	1,197	1,173	24	10,031	11,018	-987
Arizona	4,519	4,862	-343	30,571	33,380	-2,809
Arkansas	2,363	2,024	339	17,623	17,499	124
California	54,805	35,335	19,470	348,835	315,430	33,405
Colorado	2,720	2,408	312	28,322	28,276	46
Connecticut	3,198	2,892	306	37,149	35,462	1,687
Delaware	735	690	45	5,794	5,248	546
District of Columbia	599	301	298	7,199	7,268	-69
Florida	9,740	8,259	1,481	42,780	47,508	-4,728
Georgia	7,687	6,650	1,037	31,675	31,845	-170
Hawaii	1,360	1,372	-12	7,319	6,896	423
Idaho	1,020	1,127	-107	5,774	6,621	-847
Illinois	11,874	11,270	604	112,440	108,374	4,066
Indiana	3,145	3,102	43	22,173	22,471	-298
Iowa	2,907	2,393	514	18,782	17,271	1,511
Kansas	2,499	2,300	199	13,740	13,729	11
Kentucky	2,508	3,285	-777	21,994	21,303	691
Louisiana	2,929	3,590	-661	26,369	23,596	2,773
Maine	640	539	101	5,481	5,847	-366
Maryland	3,199	3,330	-131	31,418	34,918	-3,500
Massachusetts	4,989	4,917	72	60,764	63,487	-2,723
Michigan	5,583	5,316	267	46,091	52,586	-6,495
Minnesota	3,958	3,519	439	36,488	33,362	3,126
Mississippi	1,805	2,358	-553	13,915	14,435	-520
Missouri	3,972	4,952	-980	24,667	25,466	-799
Montana	905	904	1	6,085	6,928	-843
Nebraska	816	906	-90	4,992	4,858	134
Nevada	2,599	2,299	300	20,461	22,132	-1,671
New Hampshire	577	576	1	3,987	4,251	-264
New Jersey	8,122	7,450	672	88,809	86,950	1,859
New Mexico	1,157	1,605	-448	13,532	13,610	-78
New York	16,133	15,142	991	144,063	140,915	3,148
North Carolina	3,991	3,474	517	25,701	26,417	-716
North Dakota	644	619	25	7,372	4,542	2,830
Ohio	8,409	9,470	-1,061	59,902	56,442	3,460
Oklahoma	1,817	2,246	-429	24,351	24,070	281
Oregon	4,131	3,614	517	26,938	26,357	581
Pennsylvania	23,800	17,364	6,436	126,375	126,415	-40
Puerto Rico	2,742	3,167	-425	24,765	23,372	1,393
Rhode Island	878	759	119	7,957	7,974	-17
South Carolina	3,494	2,927	567	15,569	15,152	417
South Dakota	258	244	14	1,364	1,297	67
Tennessee	3,407	3,190	217	20,237	21,196	-959
Texas	17,807	16,543	1,264	184,103	183,745	358
Utah	1,229	1,203	26	9,619	9,532	87
Vermont	450	417	33	4,012	4,025	-13
Virgin Islands	28	41	-13	602	586	16
Virginia	4,911	3,234	1,677	30,207	28,634	1,573
Washington	6,195	5,691	504	45,580	44,587	993
West Virginia	1,246	1,293	-47	17,597	16,812	785
Wisconsin	7,484	6,624	860	32,797	30,296	2,501
Wyoming	598	528	70	6,431	7,238	-807
US Total	266,706	232,932	33,774	1,982,068	1,943,358	38,710

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)

<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>
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	2,112	-60	2,149.25	1.5
June 4, 2016	264	-4	269.50	2,157	45	2,150.25	1.6
June 11, 2016	277	13	269.25				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 4								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 28					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
INITIAL CLAIMS								INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE	UCX	STATE	(%)	CHANGE FROM		UCFE	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	1	1	STATE	2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	1	1		
Alabama	3438	-45	-781	12	16	21729	1.2	898	-3001	58	145	21932	
Alaska	1173	-21	-85	4	4	11018	3.5	697	1192	83	45	11146	
Arizona	4862	-180	-307	46	10	33380	1.3	592	-1725	173	134	33687	
Arkansas	2024	-552	-1363	6	3	17499	1.5	32	-5553	68	97	17664	
California	35335	-9038	-10369	110	178	315430	2.0	-37449	-52855	1361	2491	319282	
Colorado	2408	-155	-370	13	37	28276	1.2	74	-4529	130	543	28949	
Connecticut	2892	-87	-162	7	11	35462	2.2	-24	-1480	49	110	35621	
Delaware	690	92	-150	2	4	5248	1.2	-301	-534	12	18	5278	
District of Columbia	301	-40	-62	11	0	7268	1.3	-133	-653	231	13	7512	
Florida	8259	-56	-2723	16	59	47508	0.6	1442	-12691	142	289	47939	
Georgia	6650	-1251	-2453	31	55	31845	0.8	-1211	-6563	206	448	32499	
Hawaii	1372	230	-186	4	18	6896	1.1	224	-780	54	117	7067	
Idaho	1127	95	-247	2	7	6621	1.0	174	-905	41	38	6700	
Illinois	11270	-429	-1375	9	17	108374	1.9	-1956	727	358	352	109084	
Indiana	3102	-690	-524	7	9	22471	0.8	732	732	61	90	22622	
Iowa	2393	-112	-562	3	2	17271	1.1	-730	-113	41	63	17375	
Kansas	2300	-807	-143	7	12	13729	1.0	699	-1947	60	79	13868	
Kentucky	3285	300	96	18	5	21303	1.2	-351	-955	95	279	21677	
Louisiana	3590	452	222	5	11	23596	1.2	231	-1691	64	78	23738	
Maine	539	-61	-266	1	4	5847	1.0	-370	-1180	30	30	5907	
Maryland	3330	-343	-730	23	16	34918	1.4	-200	-3153	237	216	35404	
Massachusetts	4917	-111	-435	5	21	63487	1.9	-1279	-85	117	249	63853	
Michigan	5316	-230	-607	12	14	52586	1.3	1985	1609	107	147	52840	
Minnesota	3519	168	-1207	4	7	33362	1.2	-357	-1955	56	133	33551	
Mississippi	2358	-415	-471	4	5	14435	1.3	1032	-893	114	56	14605	
Missouri	4952	-1202	-866	13	16	25466	1.0	1901	-9070	98	83	25647	
Montana	904	-92	-107	8	3	6928	1.6	39	284	44	38	7010	
Nebraska	906	-476	-336	1	5	4858	0.5	471	-1764	19	17	4894	
Nevada	2299	-62	-954	1	3	22132	1.8	-384	-3541	80	120	22332	
New Hampshire	576	51	-96	1	3	4251	0.7	-100	-468	3	14	4268	
New Jersey	7450	-1214	-747	13	27	86950	2.3	-2252	-6649	188	336	87474	
New Mexico	1605	86	57	15	1	13610	1.8	210	-1	120	71	13801	
New York	15142	-853	-1454	27	47	140915	1.6	-4044	-9924	335	626	141876	
North Carolina	3474	-29	-1416	6	29	26417	0.6	-3	-8242	94	301	26812	
North Dakota	619	34	152	101	2	4542	1.0	-78	1011	22	0	4564	
Ohio	9470	1830	708	7	31	56442	1.1	-301	-2546	75	336	56853	
Oklahoma	2246	34	-8	2	13	24070	1.6	204	616	56	135	24261	
Oregon	3614	91	-2059	18	14	26357	1.5	-1079	-3977	206	174	26737	
Pennsylvania	17364	2049	-1863	64	50	126415	2.3	1126	3587	506	456	127377	
Puerto Rico	3167	-214	-811	9	6	23372	2.6	2088	-3457	51	176	23599	
Rhode Island	759	-122	-63	0	3	7974	1.7	-73	-211	19	23	8016	
South Carolina	2927	84	-702	6	23	15152	0.8	284	-717	51	131	15334	
South Dakota	244	-40	-33	134	0	1297	0.3	30	-189	69	8	1374	
Tennessee	3190	-828	-2667	8	11	21196	0.8	3196	-5602	97	139	21432	
Texas	16543	-558	-1961	30	167	183745	1.6	4149	9426	440	2272	186457	
Utah	1203	-83	-246	11	2	9532	0.7	-46	-1111	76	27	9635	
Vermont	417	-73	-5	1	1	4025	1.3	-265	-31	20	2	4047	
Virgin Islands	41	1	-7	0	1	586	1.6	48	-412	0	14	600	
Virginia	3234	-171	-753	8	14	28634	0.8	-212	-62	232	428	29294	
Washington	5691	-284	-362	14	58	44587	1.5	-1116	-4665	167	782	45536	
West Virginia	1293	-147	-419	3	6	16812	2.5	-542	1802	40	59	16911	
Wisconsin	6624	1341	-411	7	6	30296	1.1	-566	-10292	52	67	30415	
Wyoming	528	-2	2	1	2	7238	2.6	42	1558	26	28	7292	
Totals	232932	-14135	-42687	871	1069	1943358	1.4	-32822	-153628	7134	13123	1963648	

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 4, 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>
PA	+2,049	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food service, and manufacturing industries.
OH	+1,830	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
WI	+1,341	No comment.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-9,038	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
GA	-1,251	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
NJ	-1,214	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, construction, retail trade, accommodation and food service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MO	-1,202	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.

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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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