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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

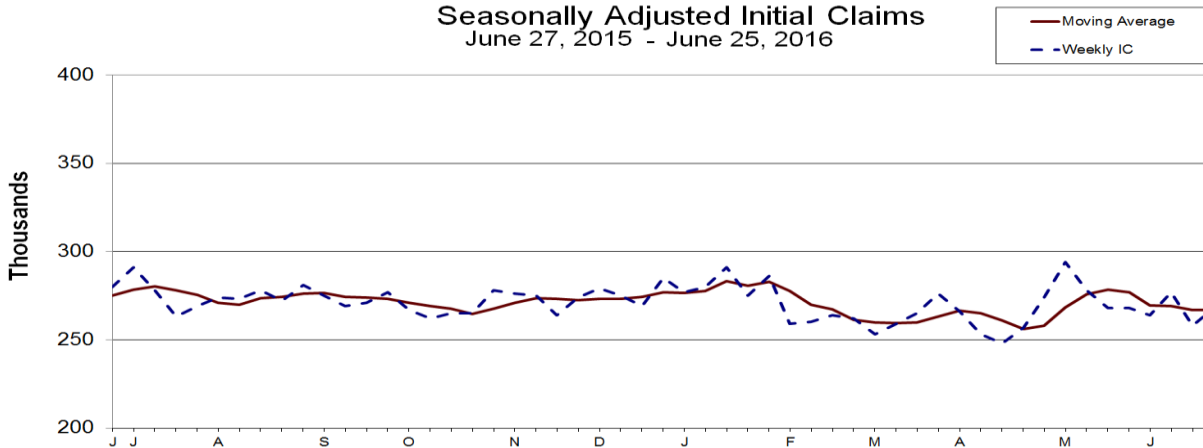
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 268,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 259,000 to 258,000. The 4-week moving average was 266,750, unchanged from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 267,000 to 266,750.

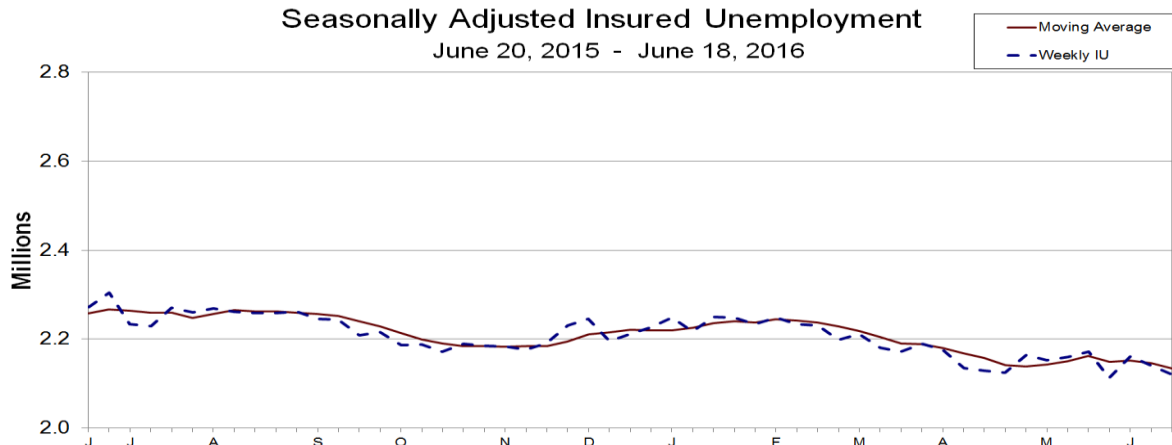
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 69 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1973.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.5 percent for the week ending June 18, 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 June 18 was 2,120,000, a decrease of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 2,142,000 to 2,140,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,133,500, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since November 11, 2000 when it was 2,119,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 2,147,000 to 2,146,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 27, 2015 - June 25, 2016



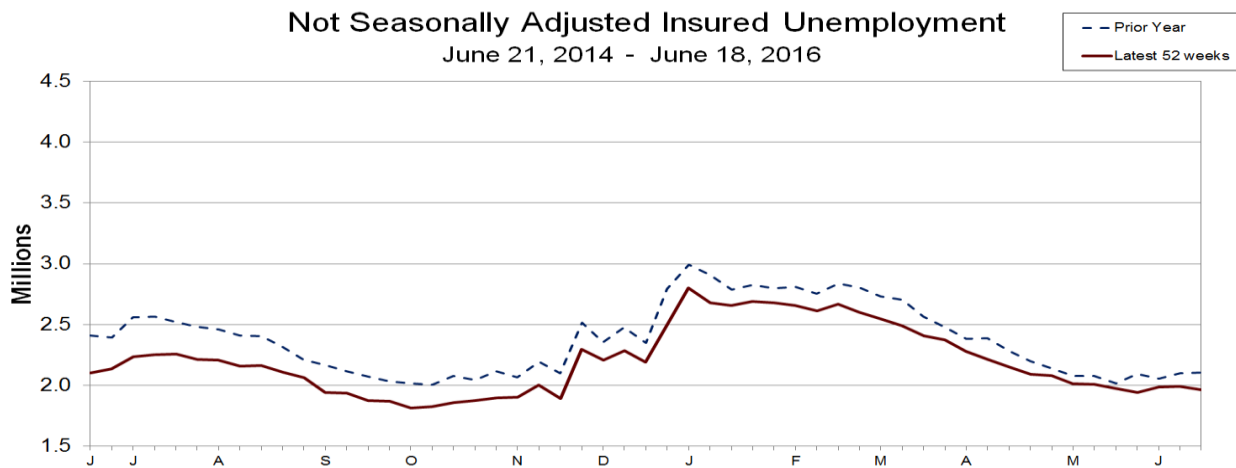
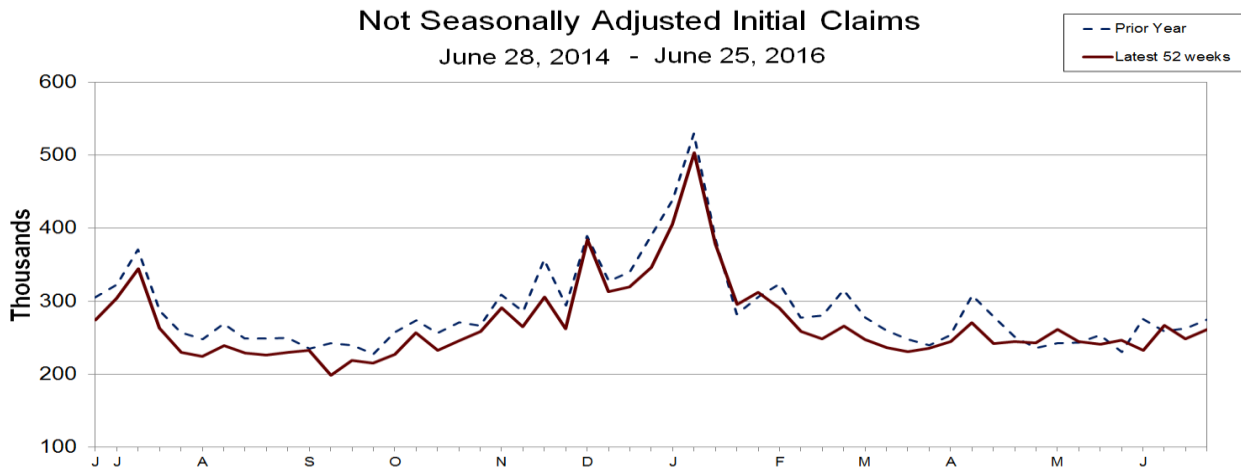
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
June 20, 2015 - June 18, 2016



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 261,640 in the week ending June 25, an increase of 13,055 (or 5.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 3,098 (or 1.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 274,646 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending June 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,965,630, a decrease of 28,711 (or -1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,699 (or -0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,106,077.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 11 was 2,032,809, an increase of 8,569 from the previous week. There were 2,147,542 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 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 706 in the week ending June 18, an increase of 4 from the prior week. There were 1,047 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 22 from the preceding week.

There were 7,469 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 11, an increase of 199 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,076, an increase of 117 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 11 were in Alaska (3.3), Puerto Rico (3.1), West Virginia (2.5), Wyoming (2.5), Pennsylvania (2.3), California (2.2), Connecticut (2.2), New Jersey (2.2), Illinois (2.0), Massachusetts (1.8), Nevada (1.8), and New Mexico (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 18 were in New Jersey (+3,210), Connecticut (+2,612), Maryland (+1,240), Vermont (+540), and Delaware (+459), while the largest decreases were in California (-9,526), New York (-2,446), Pennsylvania (-2,407), Illinois (-2,074), and Georgia (-1,758).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 25	June 18	Change	June 11	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	268,000	258,000	+10,000	277,000	280,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	261,640	248,585	+13,055	266,920	274,646
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	266,750	266,750	0	269,250	275,000
WEEK ENDING	June 18	June 11	Change	June 4	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,120,000	2,140,000	-20,000	2,162,000	2,272,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,965,630	1,994,341	-28,711	1,986,531	2,106,077
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,133,500	2,146,500	-13,000	2,151,500	2,257,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.5%	1.6%	-0.1	1.6%	1.7%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1	1.5%	1.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 18	June 11	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	706	702	+4	807
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,047	1,069	-22	1,275

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 11	June 4	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,989,448	1,981,298	+8,150	2,098,554
Federal Employees	7,469	7,270	+199	9,816
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,076	12,959	+117	18,934
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	1	0	+1	2
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,112	7,060	+52	7,027
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,703	15,653	+50	13,209
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,032,809	2,024,240	+8,569	2,147,542

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 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,634	3,032	-398	21,396	22,832	-1,436
Alaska	958	944	14	9,280	10,330	-1,050
Arizona	4,498	4,459	39	31,152	34,864	-3,712
Arkansas	1,685	1,841	-156	17,536	18,588	-1,052
California	50,304	44,571	5,733	349,825	344,787	5,038
Colorado	2,092	2,208	-116	28,419	27,711	708
Connecticut	6,879	5,798	1,081	40,590	35,509	5,081
Delaware	709	1,220	-511	6,654	5,708	946
District of Columbia	1,022	448	574	7,277	7,517	-240
Florida	8,823	10,155	-1,332	46,935	49,952	-3,017
*Georgia	6,250	6,179	71	30,176	32,273	-2,097
Hawaii	1,160	1,282	-122	7,435	7,600	-165
Idaho	855	923	-68	5,783	6,521	-738
Illinois	9,200	9,728	-528	114,063	113,206	857
Indiana	2,859	3,031	-172	22,083	21,859	224
Iowa	2,484	2,367	117	19,386	18,065	1,321
Kansas	2,466	2,001	465	14,128	13,081	1,047
Kentucky	2,587	2,793	-206	22,009	21,511	498
Louisiana	2,596	2,822	-226	27,043	26,898	145
Maine	802	732	70	5,177	5,441	-264
Maryland	5,204	4,789	415	32,413	34,569	-2,156
Massachusetts	8,633	5,417	3,216	59,860	59,371	489
Michigan	8,578	6,023	2,555	44,397	48,437	-4,040
Minnesota	3,231	3,339	-108	35,081	32,989	2,092
Mississippi	1,587	1,745	-158	14,317	15,831	-1,514
Missouri	3,752	3,739	13	23,964	25,892	-1,928
Montana	767	862	-95	5,804	6,328	-524
Nebraska	749	720	29	5,041	4,892	149
Nevada	2,583	2,660	-77	20,846	21,789	-943
New Hampshire	1,115	803	312	4,124	4,215	-91
New Jersey	18,032	11,439	6,593	87,817	85,149	2,668
New Mexico	999	1,120	-121	13,506	13,794	-288
New York	13,803	13,600	203	97,994	139,201	-41,207
North Carolina	3,815	3,815	0	26,020	27,216	-1,196
North Dakota	569	438	131	6,638	4,467	2,171
Ohio	6,114	6,730	-616	58,845	59,578	-733
Oklahoma	1,914	1,739	175	24,119	24,646	-527
Oregon	4,387	3,958	429	27,490	26,430	1,060
Pennsylvania	18,712	21,384	-2,672	134,623	125,857	8,766
Puerto Rico	1,749	2,082	-333	27,185	27,615	-430
Rhode Island	2,326	1,239	1,087	7,958	7,711	247
South Carolina	2,518	3,401	-883	15,749	16,852	-1,103
South Dakota	204	218	-14	1,399	1,489	-90
Tennessee	2,715	2,755	-40	21,151	21,907	-756
Texas	17,522	17,592	-70	196,104	189,973	6,131
Utah	1,067	1,077	-10	9,335	9,544	-209
Vermont	623	996	-373	4,242	3,669	573
Virgin Islands	33	30	3	604	578	26
Virginia	3,721	3,332	389	30,334	30,462	-128
Washington	6,607	5,971	636	44,367	43,051	1,316
West Virginia	838	1,183	-345	16,934	16,994	-60
Wisconsin	5,800	7,388	-1,588	34,813	32,616	2,197
Wyoming	510	467	43	6,209	6,976	-767
US Total	261,640	248,585	13,055	1,965,630	1,994,341	-28,711

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	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	2,140	-22	2,146.50	1.6
June 18, 2016	258	-19	266.75	2,120	-20	2,133.50	1.5
June 25, 2016	268	10	266.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June
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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 11
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	
Alabama	3032	-99	-150	9	13	22832	1.2	197	-1817	71	142	23045
Alaska	944	-128	120	3	3	10330	3.3	61	1285	72	44	10446
Arizona	4459	-299	181	25	12	34864	1.4	853	-1518	221	150	35235
Arkansas	1841	-686	-1161	6	7	18588	1.6	-233	-4067	60	99	18747
California	44571	-9526	-726	156	199	344787	2.2	2526	-13532	1251	2545	348583
Colorado	2208	-503	-13	10	26	27711	1.1	-26	-3728	121	529	28361
Connecticut	5798	2612	1458	8	9	35509	2.2	-339	-976	50	120	35679
Delaware	1220	459	-15	3	0	5708	1.3	168	-762	17	17	5742
District of Columbia	448	91	51	3	0	7517	1.4	-63	-386	248	11	7776
Florida	10155	127	-1202	28	54	49952	0.6	1576	-14462	149	271	50372
Georgia	6179	-1758	-241	26	48	32273	0.8	-1191	-7099	221	399	32893
Hawaii	1282	-57	-153	7	14	7600	1.3	545	-380	77	145	7822
Idaho	923	-193	-291	3	3	6521	1.0	12	-833	30	41	6592
Illinois	9728	-2074	-1319	8	21	113206	2.0	1962	2561	363	407	113976
Indiana	3031	-104	-441	6	5	21859	0.8	-218	-34	65	94	22018
Iowa	2367	-173	251	9	2	18065	1.2	671	-160	43	64	18172
Kansas	2001	-159	65	12	15	13081	1.0	-97	-1741	60	82	13223
Kentucky	2793	263	293	4	0	21511	1.2	-687	-1429	113	276	21900
Louisiana	2822	-623	91	5	8	26898	1.4	664	486	48	40	26986
Maine	732	41	-81	1	1	5441	0.9	-190	-1692	26	27	5494
Maryland	4789	1240	-492	22	19	34569	1.4	-36	-3755	238	220	35027
Massachusetts	5417	389	272	35	18	59371	1.8	-2253	-3276	128	257	59756
Michigan	6023	290	-1230	9	14	48437	1.2	209	-623	98	142	48677
Minnesota	3339	-434	-48	4	6	32989	1.2	-1882	-856	59	118	33166
Mississippi	1745	-285	-213	3	3	15831	1.5	259	-485	94	46	15971
Missouri	3739	-308	-851	17	11	25892	1.0	-398	-8319	92	81	26065
Montana	862	-73	-74	2	2	6328	1.5	-292	-52	46	42	6416
Nebraska	720	-78	-207	5	6	4892	0.5	-49	-1791	17	16	4925
Nevada	2660	178	-847	1	3	21789	1.8	-375	-4583	79	113	21981
New Hampshire	803	151	316	0	1	4215	0.7	-62	-511	3	13	4231
New Jersey	11439	3210	-284	14	26	85149	2.2	-2484	-7044	199	355	85703
New Mexico	1120	-146	140	4	2	13794	1.8	-25	152	142	64	14000
New York	13600	-2446	-1695	29	42	139201	1.6	-3299	-9305	357	639	140197
North Carolina	3815	-5	-905	15	33	27216	0.7	20	-7932	89	322	27627
North Dakota	438	-44	-93	8	1	4467	1.0	-322	1123	145	2	4614
Ohio	6730	-1639	-426	6	35	59578	1.2	-214	-438	109	321	60008
Oklahoma	1739	-58	-85	6	9	24646	1.6	-482	1117	57	144	24847
Oregon	3958	-480	-699	13	9	26430	1.5	-516	-3142	179	173	26782
Pennsylvania	21384	-2407	-1325	67	60	125857	2.3	1614	-3238	528	443	126828
Puerto Rico	2082	-729	-26	2	6	27615	3.1	2103	-3899	67	178	27860
Rhode Island	1239	372	-100	2	2	7711	1.7	-120	-363	16	19	7746
South Carolina	3401	-148	325	5	18	16852	0.9	694	1180	56	122	17030
South Dakota	218	-60	-4	7	0	1489	0.4	92	46	247	6	1742
Tennessee	2755	-866	-697	1	4	21907	0.8	319	-6218	60	106	22073
Texas	17592	-32	156	34	162	189973	1.7	10219	10592	456	2230	192659
Utah	1077	-126	-85	17	3	9544	0.7	-58	-961	74	28	9646
Vermont	996	540	235	1	0	3669	1.2	-164	-79	22	5	3696
Virgin Islands	30	-5	-15	0	0	578	1.6	-16	-256	8	12	598
Virginia	3332	-1319	-409	13	14	30462	0.9	1521	1799	234	456	31152
Washington	5971	97	-702	27	79	43051	1.4	-2618	-1262	142	750	43944
West Virginia	1183	-174	-16	2	4	16994	2.5	-45	2243	41	63	17098
Wisconsin	7388	-100	-1394	3	13	32616	1.2	96	-9380	54	55	32725
Wyoming	467	-51	147	0	2	6976	2.5	183	1489	27	32	7035
Totals	248585	-18335	-14614	706	1047	1994341	1.5	7810	-108311	7469	13076	2014887

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 18, 2016

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+3,210	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
CT	+2,612	Layoffs in the educational service industry.
MD	+1,240	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-9,526	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-2,446	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
PA	-2,407	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, construction, accommodation and food service, and manufacturing industries.
IL	-2,074	No comment.
GA	-1,758	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, professional, scientific and technical service, and trade industries.
OH	-1,639	No comment.
VA	-1,319	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing 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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