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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

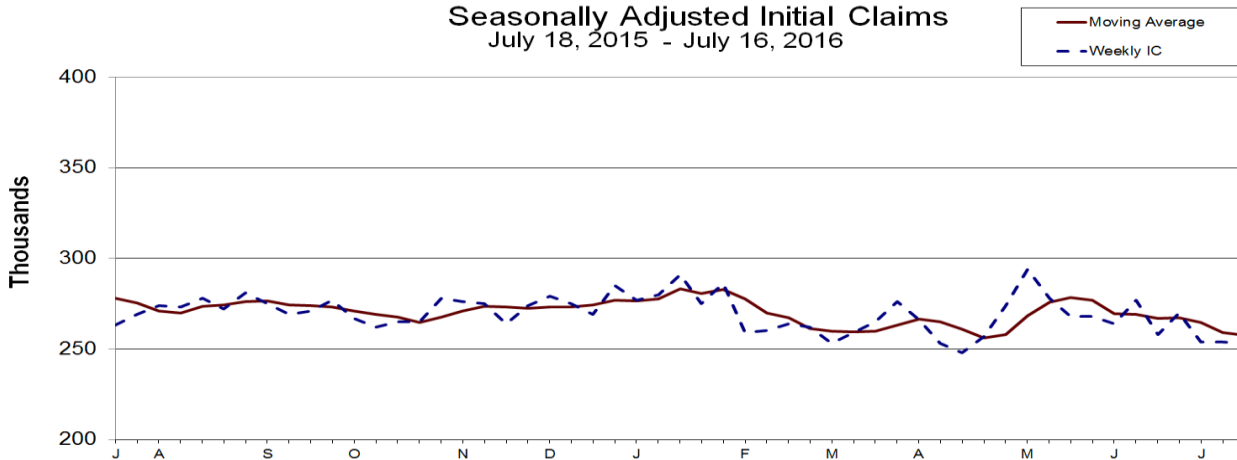
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 16, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 253,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 254,000. The 4-week moving average was 257,750, a decrease of 1,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 259,000.

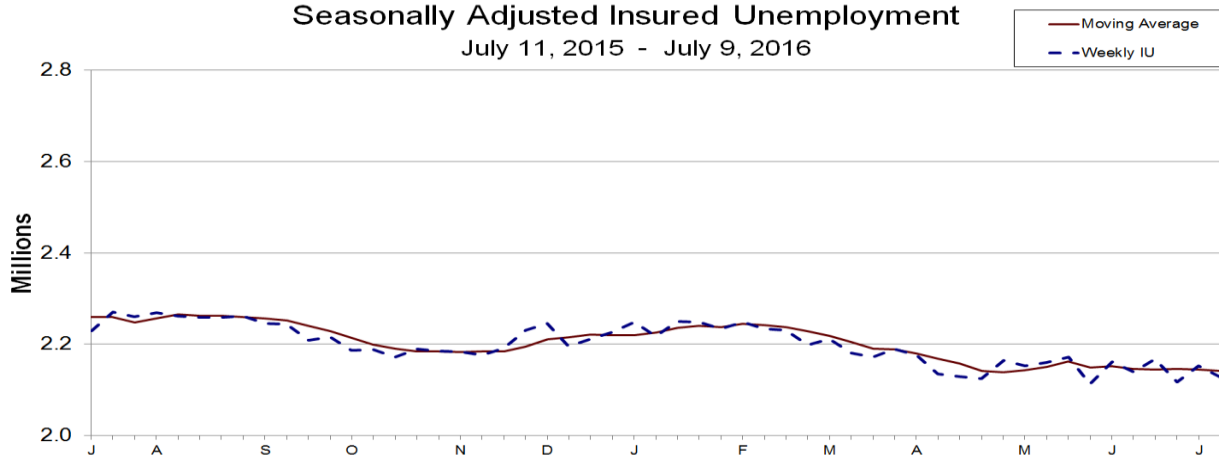
There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims. This marks 72 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1973.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.5 percent for the week ending July 9, 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 July 9 was 2,128,000, a decrease of 25,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 2,149,000 to 2,153,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,141,250, a decrease of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 2,143,000 to 2,144,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 18, 2015 - July 16, 2016



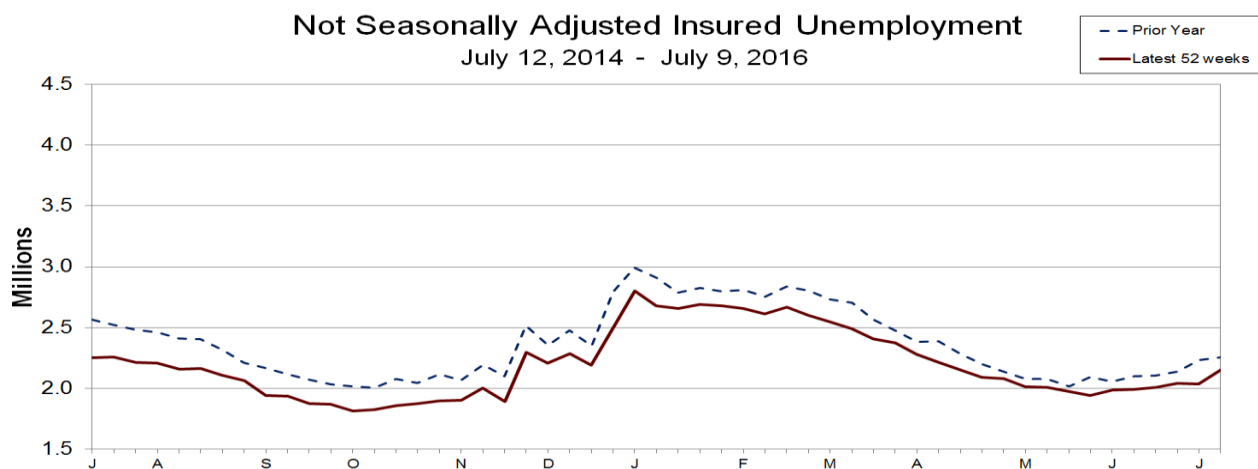
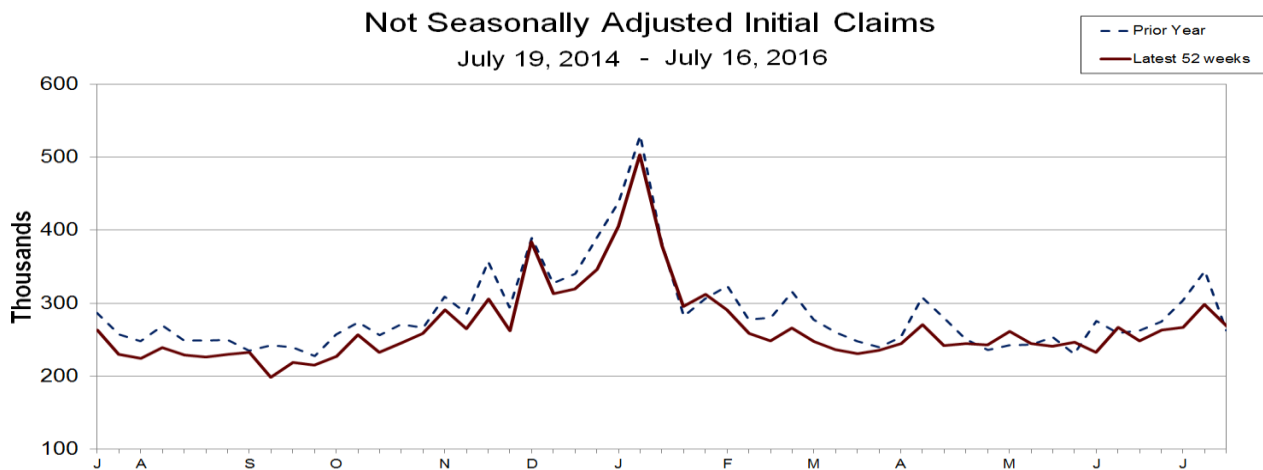
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 11, 2015 - July 9, 2016



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 269,206 in the week ending July 16, a decrease of 29,467 (or -9.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 28,397 (or -9.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 262,949 initial claims in the comparable week in 2015.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending July 9, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,155,348, an increase of 118,310 (or 5.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 144,272 (or 7.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.7 percent and the volume was 2,255,273.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 2 was 2,073,659, a decrease of 10,032 from the previous week. There were 2,278,225 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 July 2.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 864 in the week ending July 9, an increase of 70 from the prior week. There were 961 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 155 from the preceding week.

There were 7,003 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 2, a decrease of 416 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 12,664, a decrease of 686 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 2 were in Puerto Rico (3.1), Alaska (2.6), Connecticut (2.6), New Jersey (2.6), Pennsylvania (2.5), West Virginia (2.3), Wyoming (2.3), Rhode Island (2.1), California (2.0), and Massachusetts (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 9 were in New York (+13,098), Michigan (+9,197), Missouri (+6,057), Kansas (+2,448), and Ohio (+2,261), while the largest decreases were in California (-6,778), New Jersey (-5,465), Massachusetts (-2,370), Kentucky (-1,368), and Connecticut (-1,257).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 16	July 9	Change	July 2	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	253,000	254,000	-1,000	254,000	263,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	269,206	298,673	-29,467	267,437	262,949
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	257,750	259,000	-1,250	264,750	278,000
WEEK ENDING	July 9	July 2	Change	June 25	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,128,000	2,153,000	-25,000	2,117,000	2,229,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,155,348	2,037,038	+118,310	2,044,616	2,255,273
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,141,250	2,144,000	-2,750	2,146,250	2,259,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.5%	1.6%	-0.1	1.5%	1.7%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.6%	1.5%	+0.1	1.5%	1.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 9	July 2	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	864	794	+70	1,156
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	961	1,116	-155	1,496

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 2	June 25	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Regular State	2,032,058	2,039,262	-7,204	2,229,666
Federal Employees	7,003	7,419	-416	10,044
Newly Discharged Veterans	12,664	13,350	-686	17,762
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	6
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,421	7,002	-581	6,423
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,513	16,658	-1,145	14,324
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,073,659	2,083,691	-10,032	2,278,225

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 137,652,280 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 July 16			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 9		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,185	3,551	2,634	26,213	23,289	2,924
Alaska	1,073	889	184	8,680	8,326	354
Arizona	5,165	6,453	-1,288	34,117	34,936	-819
Arkansas	2,027	3,506	-1,479	17,645	17,517	128
California	44,548	39,137	5,411	366,876	318,772	48,104
Colorado	2,165	2,254	-89	26,906	27,025	-119
Connecticut	3,779	3,928	-149	45,573	43,008	2,565
Delaware	584	705	-121	6,989	6,372	617
District of Columbia	725	390	335	8,267	8,171	96
Florida	9,097	10,314	-1,217	49,209	52,398	-3,189
Georgia	13,619	7,346	6,273	37,961	32,567	5,394
Hawaii	1,280	1,406	-126	8,038	7,023	1,015
Idaho	865	1,078	-213	6,041	6,425	-384
Illinois	9,906	10,239	-333	115,575	110,982	4,593
Indiana	3,516	3,444	72	22,347	21,627	720
Iowa	3,229	2,933	296	20,184	17,900	2,284
Kansas	2,822	4,730	-1,908	14,967	12,729	2,238
Kentucky	5,232	6,582	-1,350	23,172	22,276	896
Louisiana	2,718	3,163	-445	27,725	27,150	575
Maine	794	697	97	5,526	5,238	288
Maryland	3,530	4,027	-497	35,342	38,044	-2,702
Massachusetts	5,204	6,360	-1,156	66,795	66,325	470
Michigan	7,900	17,523	-9,623	50,141	51,867	-1,726
Minnesota	4,042	4,004	38	37,926	33,674	4,252
Mississippi	1,601	2,307	-706	15,913	16,580	-667
Missouri	5,902	10,429	-4,527	27,866	26,201	1,665
Montana	700	832	-132	5,837	6,175	-338
Nebraska	780	863	-83	5,498	5,197	301
Nevada	2,626	2,760	-134	21,925	22,620	-695
New Hampshire	548	736	-188	4,862	5,108	-246
New Jersey	9,359	10,830	-1,471	107,884	100,689	7,195
New Mexico	1,052	1,073	-21	13,606	13,575	31
New York	21,407	33,312	-11,905	168,841	161,355	7,486
North Carolina	3,996	3,686	310	26,924	27,365	-441
North Dakota	616	984	-368	6,760	4,199	2,561
Ohio	7,311	9,839	-2,528	61,234	58,168	3,066
Oklahoma	1,944	2,116	-172	24,195	24,454	-259
Oregon	6,507	3,793	2,714	30,350	26,797	3,553
Pennsylvania	16,118	19,718	-3,600	141,824	137,347	4,477
Puerto Rico	1,876	2,728	-852	22,488	27,781	-5,293
Rhode Island	1,154	1,163	-9	10,506	9,701	805
South Carolina	4,540	3,377	1,163	19,414	17,549	1,865
South Dakota	235	470	-235	1,618	1,428	190
Tennessee	3,244	4,256	-1,012	22,803	25,030	-2,227
Texas	17,784	16,075	1,709	198,441	183,095	15,346
Utah	1,162	1,229	-67	9,414	9,133	281
Vermont	415	540	-125	4,293	4,155	138
Virgin Islands	19	45	-26	688	562	126
Virginia	3,580	3,987	-407	31,053	28,766	2,287
Washington	6,660	7,262	-602	46,925	44,689	2,236
West Virginia	1,378	1,422	-44	17,200	15,156	2,044
Wisconsin	6,274	7,705	-1,431	38,831	34,328	4,503
Wyoming	413	477	-64	5,940	6,194	-254
US Total	269,206	298,673	-29,467	2,155,348	2,037,038	118,310

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		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	2,139	-23	2,146.25	1.6
June 18, 2016	258	-19	266.75	2,167	28	2,145.00	1.6
June 25, 2016	270	12	267.25	2,117	-50	2,146.25	1.5
July 2, 2016	254	-16	264.75	2,153	36	2,144.00	1.6
July 9, 2016	254	0	259.00	2,128	-25	2,141.25	1.6
July 16, 2016	253	-1	257.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 9								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 2				
STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	RATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	3551	460	-2355	13	9	23289	1.3	382	-3774	74	137	23500
Alaska	889	-36	-175	2	2	8326	2.6	-920	804	49	36	8411
Arizona	6453	1055	-864	49	4	34936	1.4	-375	-3047	231	133	35300
Arkansas	3506	1474	55	4	5	17517	1.5	-413	-5308	55	101	17673
California	39137	-6778	-7805	213	147	318772	2.0	-36151	-36057	1071	2424	322267
Colorado	2254	-84	-643	7	37	27025	1.1	-51	-28	99	530	27654
Connecticut	3928	-1257	-1119	6	11	43008	2.6	-764	-1986	59	117	43184
Delaware	705	126	-261	0	0	6372	1.5	-982	-529	12	15	6399
District of Columbia	390	-59	-107	3	3	8171	1.5	-67	-777	237	6	8414
Florida	10314	1400	-2432	20	59	52398	0.7	-1360	-15338	120	293	52811
Georgia	7346	1640	-3992	21	47	32567	0.8	1287	-12014	192	399	33158
Hawaii	1406	246	-135	3	8	7023	1.2	-264	-1114	60	130	7213
Idaho	1078	82	57	1	5	6425	1.0	-281	-867	33	41	6499
Illinois	10239	-291	-4271	7	28	110982	1.9	-1090	-4090	339	436	111757
Indiana	3444	368	-1510	9	6	21627	0.7	-216	-513	55	99	21781
Iowa	2933	539	-694	2	5	17900	1.2	102	-2075	42	58	18000
Kansas	4730	2448	1908	15	15	12729	0.9	-516	-1827	70	68	12867
Kentucky	6582	-1368	-357	44	1	22276	1.2	779	-495	105	206	22587
Louisiana	3163	292	-288	3	6	27150	1.4	-74	345	62	45	27257
Maine	697	-51	-194	1	1	5238	0.9	-142	-1403	28	27	5293
Maryland	4027	-210	-526	18	14	38044	1.6	103	-4235	270	215	38529
Massachusetts	6360	-2370	-300	10	17	66325	2.0	1252	-4438	138	268	66731
Michigan	17523	9197	4419	14	14	51867	1.3	5393	-3613	84	176	52127
Minnesota	4004	403	109	2	10	33674	1.2	1092	-1640	57	111	33842
Mississippi	2307	19	-430	6	3	16580	1.5	356	-1335	83	44	16707
Missouri	10429	6057	3789	2	6	26201	1.0	512	-11614	94	88	26383
Montana	832	54	-38	2	2	6175	1.4	-413	-265	35	43	6253
Nebraska	863	-90	-802	0	6	5197	0.6	230	-2037	19	14	5230
Nevada	2760	-50	-1127	5	3	22620	1.8	161	-4812	74	111	22805
New Hampshire	736	-30	-35	1	1	5108	0.8	134	-693	1	14	5123
New Jersey	10830	-5465	-1090	11	21	100689	2.6	8044	-11565	179	360	101228
New Mexico	1073	-87	-206	5	1	13575	1.7	-76	233	137	72	13784
New York	33312	13098	-5673	35	49	161355	1.8	17961	-14655	363	597	162315
North Carolina	3686	-197	-1228	8	32	27365	0.7	-12	-8234	100	309	27774
North Dakota	984	509	428	79	2	4199	1.0	-43	235	150	4	4353
Ohio	9839	2261	982	9	27	58168	1.1	666	-4171	102	330	58600
Oklahoma	2116	309	-117	6	15	24454	1.6	-196	645	54	130	24638
Oregon	3793	299	-2610	13	10	26797	1.5	-684	-5353	154	170	27121
Pennsylvania	19718	2152	-4300	68	44	137347	2.5	974	-5679	411	477	138235
Puerto Rico	2728	953	-754	4	15	27781	3.1	-318	-4961	73	146	28000
Rhode Island	1163	-465	173	2	4	9701	2.1	338	-530	15	17	9733
South Carolina	3377	-109	-2128	9	15	17549	0.9	701	-2594	42	144	17735
South Dakota	470	268	238	20	0	1428	0.4	-7	-97	233	10	1671
Tennessee	4256	535	-3509	6	3	25030	0.9	2071	-5587	63	117	25210
Texas	16075	-465	-3530	64	147	183095	1.6	-7196	3099	431	1990	185516
Utah	1229	63	-284	12	4	9133	0.7	-62	-1020	114	25	9272
Vermont	540	-199	44	1	0	4155	1.4	68	57	12	5	4172
Virgin Islands	45	10	-9	0	0	562	1.5	-66	-256	6	6	574
Virginia	3987	958	-669	16	13	28766	0.8	1345	-1166	234	434	29434
Washington	7262	1066	-746	10	69	44689	1.5	1905	-2269	168	791	45648
West Virginia	1422	403	-259	0	3	15156	2.3	-254	330	34	54	15244
Wisconsin	7705	2052	-416	2	9	34328	1.2	-20	-11539	59	69	34456
Wyoming	477	101	-12	1	3	6194	2.3	-421	1185	21	22	6237
Totals	298673	31236	-45798	864	961	2037038	1.5	-7578	-198667	7003	12664	2056705

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 JULY 9, 2016

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+13,098	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational, and public administration industries.
MI	+9,197	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	+6,057	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
KS	+2,448	No comment.
OH	+2,261	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+2,152	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, professional, scientific and technical service, and manufacturing industries.
WI	+2,052	No comment.
GA	+1,640	Layoffs in the manufacturing, wholesale trade, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
AR	+1,474	No comment.
FL	+1,400	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
WA	+1,066	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and management of companies and enterprises industries.
AZ	+1,055	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-6,778	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NJ	-5,465	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
MA	-2,370	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
KY	-1,368	No comment.
CT	-1,257	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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