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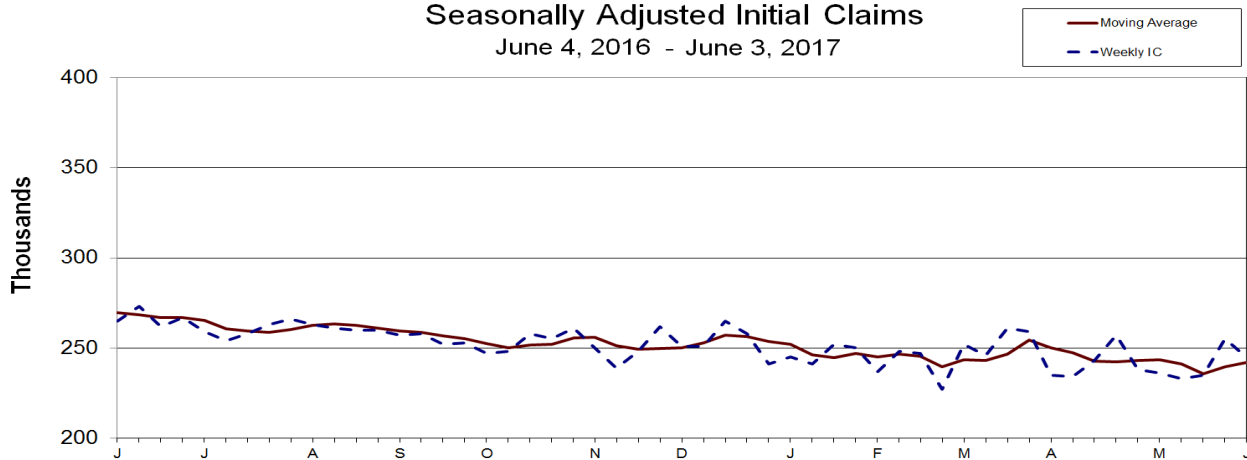
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

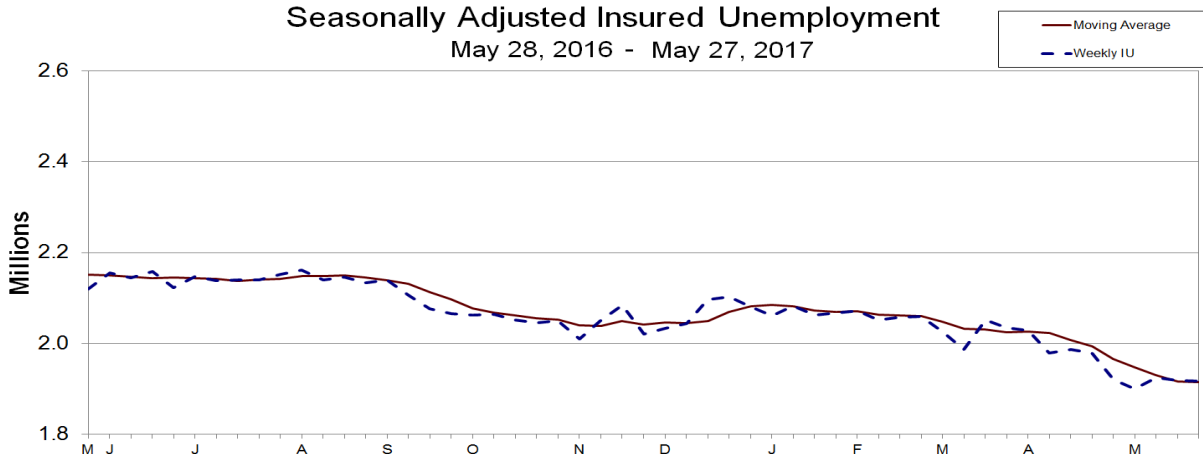
In the week ending June 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 245,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 7,000 from 248,000 to 255,000. The 4-week moving average was 242,000, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 238,000 to 239,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending May 27, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 27 was 1,917,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,915,000 to 1,919,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,914,750, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 12, 1974 when it was 1,881,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,914,500 to 1,915,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 4, 2016 - June 3, 2017



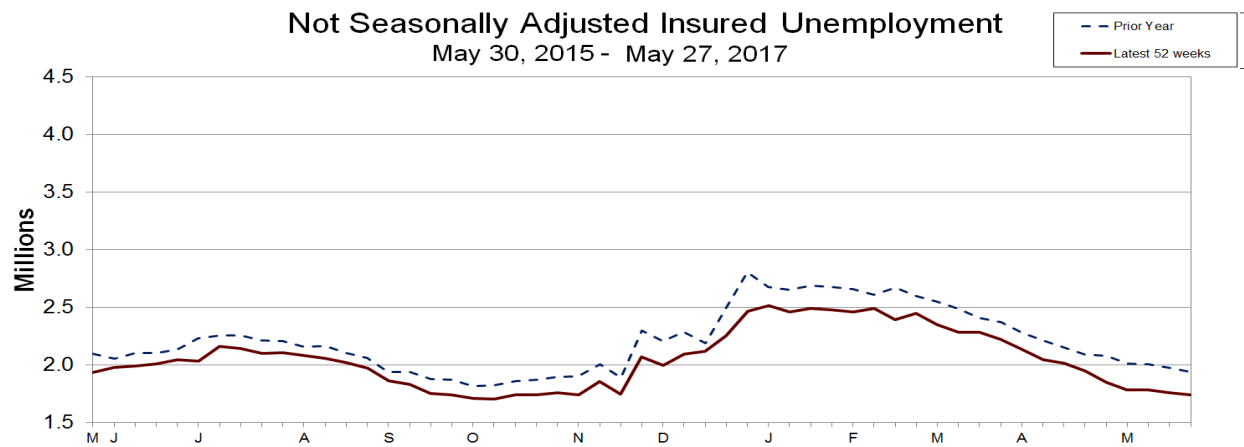
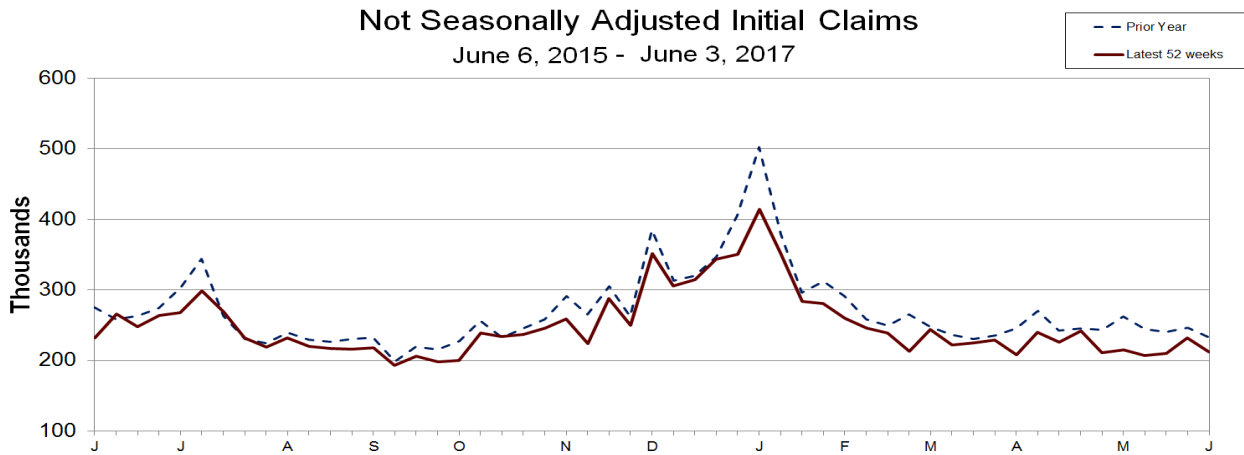
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 28, 2016 - May 27, 2017



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 212,189 in the week ending June 3, a decrease of 19,398 (or -8.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,955 (or -4.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 232,300 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending May 27, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,742,892, a decrease of 20,314 (or -1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 19,186 (or -1.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,939,391.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 20 was 1,795,803, a decrease of 26,806 from the previous week. There were 2,015,751 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending May 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 703 in the week ending May 27, an increase of 13 from the prior week. There were 694 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 5 from the preceding week.

There were 8,154 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 20, a decrease of 1,060 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,408, a decrease of 481 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 20 were in Alaska (2.8), Puerto Rico (2.6), New Jersey (2.2), California (2.1), Connecticut (2.0), Pennsylvania (1.8), Illinois (1.7), Massachusetts (1.7), Nevada (1.6), and Rhode Island (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 27 were in California (+4,813), Tennessee (+3,528), Kansas (+2,408), Missouri (+2,314), and New York (+1,319), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-1,496), Vermont (-511), Oregon (-250), Hawaii (-208), and North Carolina (-187).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 3	May 27	Change	May 20	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	245,000	255,000	-10,000	235,000	265,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	212,189	231,587	-19,398	210,374	232,300
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	242,000	239,750	+2,250	235,500	269,500
WEEK ENDING	May 27	May 20	Change	May 13	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,917,000	1,919,000	-2,000	1,924,000	2,120,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,742,892	1,763,206	-20,314	1,787,422	1,939,391
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,914,750	1,915,500	-750	1,930,500	2,151,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.5%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.3%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 27	May 20	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	703	690	+13	775
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	694	699	-5	978

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 20	May 13	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,760,297	1,784,354	-24,057	1,971,438
Federal Employees	8,154	9,214	-1,060	7,277
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,408	10,889	-481	13,551
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,367	7,579	-212	7,859
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	9,577	10,573	-996	15,626
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,795,803	1,822,609	-26,806	2,015,751

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 139,505,637 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 3			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,175	3,127	48	17,443	16,937	506
Alaska	1,220	1,325	-105	8,877	8,697	180
Arizona	4,589	4,379	210	26,366	29,457	-3,091
Arkansas	2,823	2,198	625	12,535	12,781	-246
California	35,007	42,833	-7,826	313,525	344,586	-31,061
Colorado	2,021	2,107	-86	24,325	23,249	1,076
Connecticut	2,629	2,996	-367	34,761	33,795	966
Delaware	646	520	126	4,948	4,813	135
District of Columbia	569	317	252	7,565	8,045	-480
Florida	7,956	7,586	370	40,017	42,218	-2,201
Georgia	5,439	5,364	75	26,920	27,860	-940
Hawaii	1,447	1,100	347	7,686	7,543	143
Idaho	975	912	63	5,290	5,841	-551
Illinois	10,454	10,058	396	101,858	98,592	3,266
Indiana	2,216	2,813	-597	18,218	19,114	-896
Iowa	2,830	2,129	701	17,069	15,815	1,254
Kansas	2,107	4,330	-2,223	12,327	9,767	2,560
Kentucky	2,360	2,917	-557	8,234	17,691	-9,457
*Louisiana	2,479	2,907	-428	22,243	22,563	-320
Maine	424	553	-129	5,211	5,729	-518
Maryland	2,984	4,008	-1,024	29,662	31,978	-2,316
Massachusetts	4,633	5,434	-801	57,977	59,593	-1,616
Michigan	5,017	5,568	-551	48,905	45,851	3,054
Minnesota	3,238	3,822	-584	31,976	32,278	-302
Mississippi	2,020	2,909	-889	10,757	10,128	629
Missouri	4,469	6,811	-2,342	25,678	23,865	1,813
Montana	755	789	-34	5,327	5,809	-482
Nebraska	1,207	1,038	169	4,429	4,211	218
Nevada	2,680	2,300	380	19,259	20,531	-1,272
New Hampshire	468	592	-124	3,511	3,793	-282
New Jersey	7,403	8,058	-655	85,074	84,889	185
New Mexico	1,461	1,190	271	10,170	10,321	-151
New York	14,660	15,733	-1,073	135,839	134,172	1,667
North Carolina	2,996	3,263	-267	21,016	21,698	-682
North Dakota	631	477	154	3,196	2,460	736
Ohio	7,475	7,122	353	52,490	51,783	707
Oklahoma	1,490	1,647	-157	14,719	14,954	-235
Oregon	3,131	3,119	12	25,131	25,671	-540
Pennsylvania	14,041	13,074	967	104,280	100,612	3,668
Puerto Rico	2,431	3,015	-584	24,192	22,894	1,298
Rhode Island	710	978	-268	7,687	7,447	240
South Carolina	2,718	2,393	325	12,870	13,340	-470
South Dakota	187	226	-39	1,170	1,233	-63
Tennessee	4,161	6,477	-2,316	21,172	18,469	2,703
Texas	14,264	15,135	-871	145,998	137,165	8,833
Utah	1,085	1,066	19	7,888	8,131	-243
Vermont	319	389	-70	3,814	3,960	-146
Virgin Islands	13	21	-8	494	408	86
Virginia	3,094	3,225	-131	24,800	24,004	796
Washington	5,310	5,350	-40	48,290	47,297	993
West Virginia	993	1,055	-62	10,477	9,817	660
Wisconsin	4,393	4,463	-70	26,177	26,185	-8
Wyoming	386	369	17	3,049	3,166	-117
US Total	212,189	231,587	-19,398	1,742,892	1,763,206	-20,314

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 estimate.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
May 28, 2016	268	0	274.75	2,120	-49	2,151.00	1.5
June 4, 2016	265	-3	269.50	2,155	35	2,150.50	1.6
June 11, 2016	273	8	268.50	2,144	-11	2,147.00	1.6
June 18, 2016	262	-11	267.00	2,158	14	2,144.25	1.6
June 25, 2016	267	5	266.75	2,123	-35	2,145.00	1.5
July 2, 2016	259	-8	265.25	2,147	24	2,143.00	1.6
July 9, 2016	254	-5	260.50	2,138	-9	2,141.50	1.6
July 16, 2016	258	4	259.50	2,140	2	2,137.00	1.6
July 23, 2016	263	5	258.50	2,139	-1	2,141.00	1.6
July 30, 2016	266	3	260.25	2,152	13	2,142.25	1.6
August 6, 2016	263	-3	262.50	2,161	9	2,148.00	1.6
August 13, 2016	261	-2	263.25	2,139	-22	2,147.75	1.6
August 20, 2016	260	-1	262.50	2,146	7	2,149.50	1.6
August 27, 2016	260	0	261.00	2,133	-13	2,144.75	1.5
September 3, 2016	257	-3	259.50	2,139	6	2,139.25	1.6
September 10, 2016	258	1	258.75	2,105	-34	2,130.75	1.5
September 17, 2016	252	-6	256.75	2,076	-29	2,113.25	1.5
September 24, 2016	253	1	255.00	2,066	-10	2,096.50	1.5
October 1, 2016	247	-6	252.50	2,063	-3	2,077.50	1.5
October 8, 2016	248	1	250.00	2,064	1	2,067.25	1.5
October 15, 2016	258	10	251.50	2,052	-12	2,061.25	1.5
October 22, 2016	255	-3	252.00	2,045	-7	2,056.00	1.5
October 29, 2016	261	6	255.50	2,050	5	2,052.75	1.5
November 5, 2016	250	-11	256.00	2,010	-40	2,039.25	1.5
November 12, 2016	239	-11	251.25	2,050	40	2,038.75	1.5
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,917	-2	1,914.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended May

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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 20

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM							CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	(%) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	
Alabama	3127	318	-356	17	10	16937	0.9	516	-3894	63	108	17108
Alaska	1325	231	131	2	2	8697	2.8	-1058	-1624	49	33	8779
Arizona	4379	226	-663	61	2	29457	1.1	-863	-3331	121	97	29675
Arkansas	2198	14	-378	4	6	12781	1.1	573	-4686	81	58	12920
California	42833	4813	-1540	128	122	344586	2.1	-6644	-8293	1539	2214	348339
Colorado	2107	-28	-456	14	24	23249	0.9	-1056	-4953	109	408	23766
Connecticut	2996	-106	17	8	2	33795	2.0	401	-1691	50	91	33936
Delaware	520	100	-78	1	1	4813	1.1	-108	-736	17	19	4849
District of Columbia	317	-8	-24	9	1	8045	1.4	113	644	928	14	8987
Florida	7586	-100	-729	21	42	42218	0.5	-1449	-3848	155	235	42608
Georgia	5364	179	-2537	14	29	27860	0.7	411	-5196	178	297	28335
Hawaii	1100	-208	-42	2	6	7543	1.2	46	871	45	101	7689
Idaho	912	95	-120	5	1	5841	0.9	-217	-606	28	20	5889
Illinois	10058	1275	-1641	17	9	98592	1.7	-7221	-11738	342	244	99178
Indiana	2813	249	-979	3	9	19114	0.6	4	-2625	66	51	19231
Iowa	2129	84	-376	5	7	15815	1.0	-37	-2186	40	57	15912
Kansas	4330	2408	1223	1	4	9767	0.7	110	-3263	33	57	9857
Kentucky	2917	551	-68	7	9	17691	1.0	-143	-3963	75	155	17921
Louisiana	2907	152	-231	5	9	22563	1.2	152	-802	50	63	22676
Maine	553	-43	-47	1	0	5729	1.0	-400	-488	20	17	5766
Maryland	4008	660	335	19	14	31978	1.3	-191	-3140	378	195	32551
Massachusetts	5434	81	406	9	13	59593	1.7	766	-5173	166	181	59940
Michigan	5568	-1496	22	18	18	45851	1.1	-393	-4750	131	109	46091
Minnesota	3822	654	471	5	4	32278	1.2	70	-1441	54	92	32424
Mississippi	2909	785	136	8	4	10128	0.9	547	-3275	83	44	10255
Missouri	6811	2314	657	7	1	23865	0.9	1051	300	98	77	24040
Montana	789	53	-207	3	1	5809	1.3	-47	-1080	59	45	5913
Nebraska	1038	122	-344	3	2	4211	0.4	143	-176	15	14	4240
Nevada	2300	47	-61	3	5	20531	1.6	-361	-1985	90	107	20728
New Hampshire	592	134	67	0	2	3793	0.6	-63	-558	8	5	3806
New Jersey	8058	234	-606	9	29	84889	2.2	-25	-4313	141	288	85318
New Mexico	1190	175	-329	14	3	10321	1.3	-152	-3079	95	64	10480
New York	15733	1319	-262	29	29	134172	1.5	635	-10787	350	477	134999
North Carolina	3263	-187	-240	9	7	21698	0.5	447	-4722	65	222	21985
North Dakota	477	89	-108	23	1	2460	0.6	-48	-2160	9	2	2471
Ohio	7122	1235	-518	8	26	51783	1.0	-952	-4960	91	281	52155
Oklahoma	1647	-41	-565	5	8	14954	1.0	33	-8912	66	99	15119
Oregon	3119	-250	-404	30	9	25671	1.4	-407	-1765	219	140	26030
Pennsylvania	13074	488	-1914	58	43	100612	1.8	-2733	-24413	401	313	101326
Puerto Rico	3015	1305	-366	3	7	22894	2.6	-349	1610	58	60	23012
Rhode Island	978	127	97	4	0	7447	1.6	-204	-600	29	37	7513
South Carolina	2393	-177	-450	6	7	13340	0.7	228	-1528	59	106	13505
South Dakota	226	39	-58	26	1	1233	0.3	-2	-34	29	4	1266
Tennessee	6477	3528	2459	8	2	18469	0.7	144	469	395	57	18921
Texas	15135	-63	-1966	32	120	137165	1.2	-4203	-42431	440	1818	139423
Utah	1066	75	-220	14	2	8131	0.6	-98	-1447	52	35	8218
Vermont	389	-511	-101	1	1	3960	1.3	108	-330	9	7	3976
Virgin Islands	21	2	-19	0	0	408	1.1	-106	-130	0	4	412
Virginia	3225	-5	-180	13	19	24004	0.7	602	-4842	312	406	24722
Washington	5350	73	-625	5	13	47297	1.5	-1352	1594	187	695	48179
West Virginia	1055	115	-385	1	3	9817	1.5	-132	-7537	37	35	9889
Wisconsin	4463	81	-820	5	4	26185	0.9	37	-4677	39	36	26260
Wyoming	369	6	-161	0	1	3166	1.2	-339	-4030	0	14	3180
Totals	231587	21213	-15153	703	694	1763206	1.3	-24216	-212710	8154	10408	1781768

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 27, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+4,813	Layoffs in the services industry.
TN	+3,528	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, professional, scientific, and technical services, and accommodation and food services industries.
KS	+2,408	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	+2,314	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
NY	+1,319	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, art, entertainment, and recreation, and construction industries.
PR	+1,305	No comment.
IL	+1,275	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
OH	+1,235	Layoffs in the finance and insurance and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-1,496	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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