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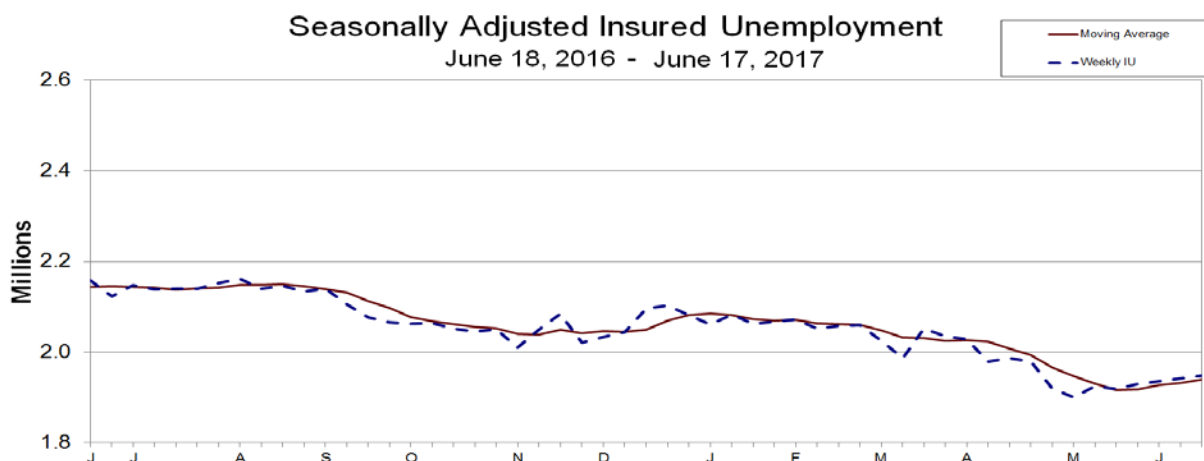
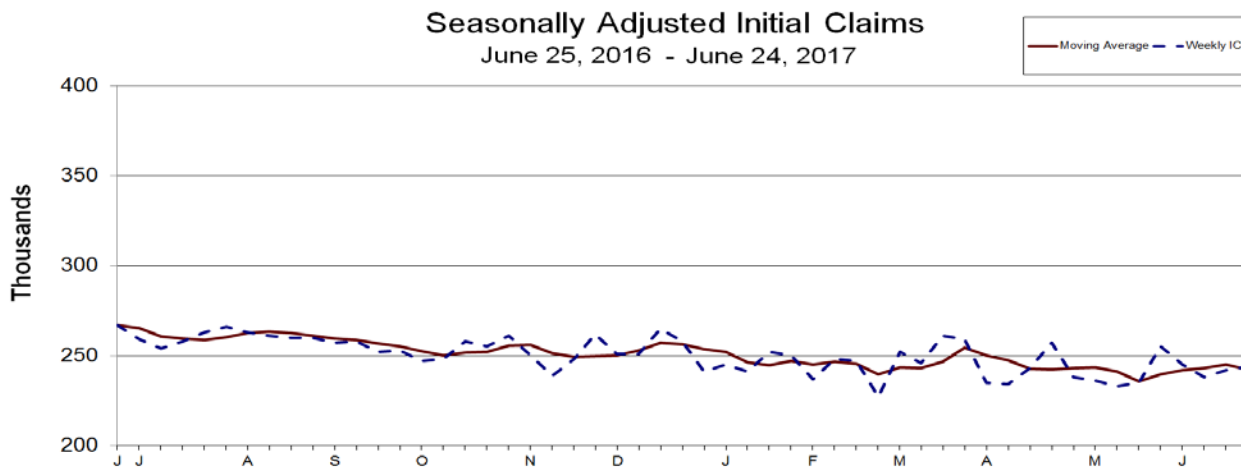
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 244,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 241,000 to 242,000. The 4-week moving average was 242,250, a decrease of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 244,750 to 245,000.

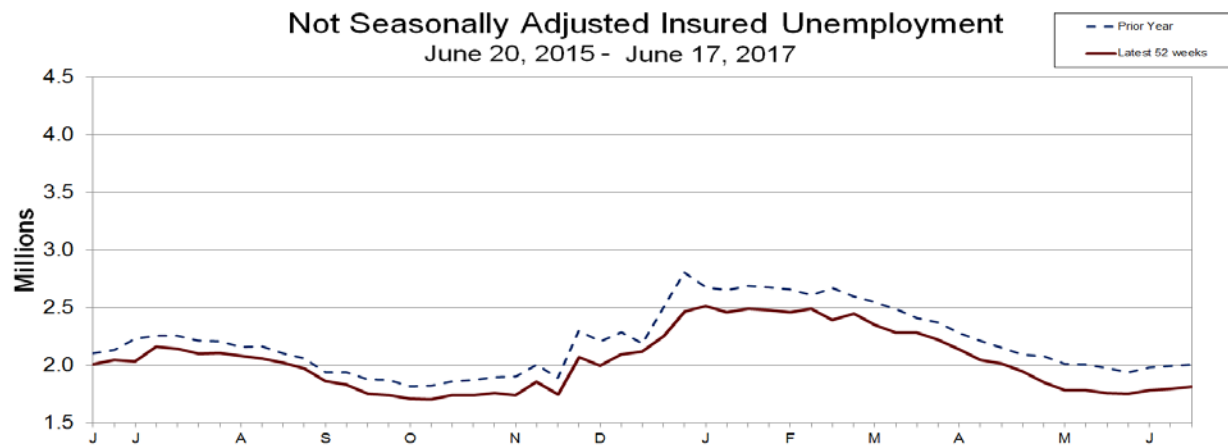
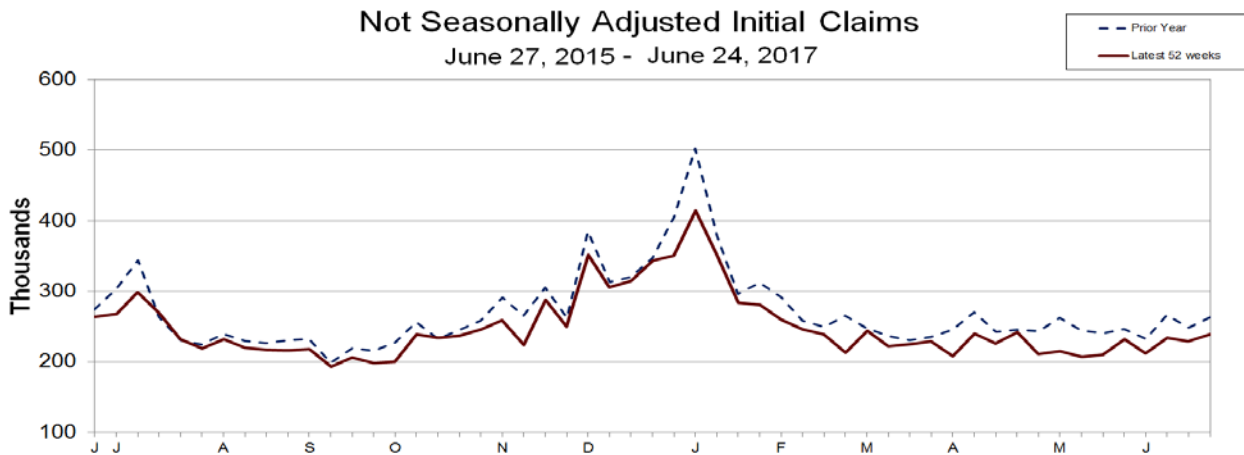
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending June 17, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 17 was 1,948,000, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,944,000 to 1,942,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,938,750, an increase of 7,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,932,000 to 1,931,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 239,218 in the week ending June 24, an increase of 10,349 (or 4.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,217 (or 3.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 263,662 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending June 17, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,815,908, an increase of 19,165 (or 1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 13,597 (or 0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,009,079.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 10 was 1,828,688, an increase of 11,835 from the previous week. There were 2,032,471 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 June 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 663 in the week ending June 17, a decrease of 90 from the prior week. There were 733 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 118 from the preceding week.

There were 8,401 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 10, an increase of 275 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,047, a decrease of 34 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 10 were in Puerto Rico (3.2), Alaska (2.7), New Jersey (2.1), California (2.0), Connecticut (2.0), Pennsylvania (1.9), Illinois (1.8), Massachusetts (1.7), Nevada (1.6), Rhode Island (1.6), and West Virginia (1.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 17 were in Maryland (+2,274), Wisconsin (+1,782), California (+1,614), New Jersey (+1,432), and Pennsylvania (+1,135), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-1,966), New York (-1,784), Georgia (-1,650), Florida (-1,600), and Puerto Rico (-1,162).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 24	June 17	Change	June 10	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	244,000	242,000	+2,000	238,000	267,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	239,218	228,869	+10,349	234,185	263,662
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	242,250	245,000	-2,750	243,250	266,750
WEEK ENDING	June 17	June 10	Change	June 3	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,948,000	1,942,000	+6,000	1,936,000	2,158,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,815,908	1,796,743	+19,165	1,785,151	2,009,079
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,938,750	1,931,500	+7,250	1,927,000	2,144,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 17	June 10	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	663	753	-90	707
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	733	851	-118	1,050

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 10	June 3	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,793,826	1,782,197	+11,629	1,989,119
Federal Employees	8,401	8,126	+275	7,448
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,047	10,081	-34	13,088
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	1
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,641	6,686	-45	7,112
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	9,773	9,763	+10	15,703
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,828,688	1,816,853	+11,835	2,032,471

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 24			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 17		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,551	2,655	-104	19,032	19,126	-94
Alaska	1,203	1,129	74	7,508	8,470	-962
Arizona	4,211	4,734	-523	27,849	30,703	-2,854
Arkansas	1,361	1,895	-534	13,983	14,265	-282
California	47,250	42,543	4,707	335,674	328,443	7,231
Colorado	1,581	1,928	-347	23,494	23,048	446
Connecticut	5,891	3,517	2,374	35,674	33,351	2,323
Delaware	815	1,160	-345	6,079	5,139	940
District of Columbia	874	439	435	7,880	8,256	-376
Florida	8,094	8,938	-844	44,899	46,938	-2,039
Georgia	4,643	5,594	-951	28,048	29,900	-1,852
Hawaii	1,340	1,130	210	8,304	7,776	528
Idaho	761	930	-169	5,265	5,668	-403
Illinois	8,757	9,371	-614	103,113	103,802	-689
Indiana	2,744	2,741	3	16,177	15,909	268
Iowa	2,210	1,912	298	17,755	16,446	1,309
Kansas	1,780	1,712	68	11,042	10,410	632
Kentucky	2,016	2,035	-19	18,681	18,587	94
*Louisiana	2,570	2,922	-352	23,328	23,492	-164
Maine	592	548	44	4,569	4,923	-354
Maryland	3,930	5,954	-2,024	31,913	32,536	-623
Massachusetts	7,318	4,985	2,333	58,658	58,475	183
Michigan	7,144	6,044	1,100	42,149	45,462	-3,313
Minnesota	2,946	3,097	-151	31,645	30,227	1,418
Mississippi	1,471	1,547	-76	12,386	13,320	-934
Missouri	3,701	3,694	7	26,410	27,385	-975
Montana	645	868	-223	5,461	5,304	157
Nebraska	764	765	-1	5,056	4,979	77
Nevada	2,569	2,959	-390	20,361	20,717	-356
New Hampshire	749	503	246	3,417	3,722	-305
New Jersey	16,559	9,454	7,105	84,490	83,394	1,096
New Mexico	822	907	-85	10,838	11,037	-199
New York	15,259	13,616	1,643	134,182	133,737	445
North Carolina	3,298	3,217	81	21,892	22,562	-670
North Dakota	461	370	91	3,228	2,606	622
Ohio	6,058	6,064	-6	54,568	54,285	283
Oklahoma	1,323	1,575	-252	15,501	15,604	-103
Oregon	4,123	3,637	486	25,936	24,843	1,093
Pennsylvania	17,718	20,494	-2,776	116,353	107,564	8,789
Puerto Rico	1,597	1,726	-129	27,427	28,115	-688
Rhode Island	2,041	869	1,172	7,451	7,315	136
South Carolina	2,274	2,492	-218	14,021	14,265	-244
South Dakota	153	178	-25	1,314	1,314	0
Tennessee	2,386	2,717	-331	21,465	21,697	-232
Texas	15,485	15,593	-108	154,258	149,920	4,338
Utah	950	910	40	7,804	8,001	-197
Vermont	826	459	367	3,500	3,293	207
Virgin Islands	30	29	1	406	478	-72
Virginia	3,319	2,990	329	26,497	24,708	1,789
Washington	5,699	5,390	309	46,177	45,351	826
West Virginia	793	1,002	-209	10,483	10,582	-99
Wisconsin	5,264	6,650	-1,386	29,550	26,128	3,422
Wyoming	299	281	18	2,757	3,165	-408
US Total	239,218	228,869	10,349	1,815,908	1,796,743	19,165

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,948	6	1,938.75	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June

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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 10

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	2655	-485	-377	10	12	19126	1.0	711	-3706	69	110	19305
Alaska	1129	36	185	2	1	8470	2.7	-58	-1860	58	27	8555
Arizona	4734	-45	275	27	4	30703	1.2	488	-4161	190	88	30981
Arkansas	1895	-103	54	6	3	14265	1.2	-204	-4323	64	58	14387
California	42543	1614	-2028	114	151	328443	2.0	-6948	-16344	1450	1973	331866
Colorado	1928	13	-280	8	17	23048	0.9	-105	-4663	106	375	23529
Connecticut	3517	753	-2281	7	7	33351	2.0	-416	-2158	67	93	33511
Delaware	1160	453	-60	1	1	5139	1.2	188	-569	14	13	5166
District of Columbia	439	103	-9	12	1	8256	1.5	73	739	877	18	9151
Florida	8938	-1600	-1217	28	46	46938	0.6	3161	-3014	145	233	47316
Georgia	5594	-1650	-585	22	39	29900	0.7	-342	-2373	201	279	30380
Hawaii	1130	-389	-152	2	13	7776	1.3	-137	176	62	85	7923
Idaho	930	-307	7	0	4	5668	0.8	-10	-853	31	18	5717
Illinois	9371	-1966	-357	10	15	103802	1.8	5827	-9404	299	290	104391
Indiana	2741	368	-290	2	4	15909	0.5	565	-5950	42	38	15989
Iowa	1912	-453	-455	4	9	16446	1.1	262	-1619	40	52	16538
Kansas	1712	-265	-289	4	2	10410	0.8	-1956	-2671	41	59	10510
Kentucky	2035	-1147	-758	17	5	18587	1.0	193	-2924	118	176	18881
Louisiana	2922	19	100	4	9	23492	1.2	383	-3406	47	61	23600
Maine	548	-14	-184	0	1	4923	0.8	-294	-518	20	23	4966
Maryland	5954	2274	1165	12	15	32536	1.3	114	-2033	346	181	33063
Massachusetts	4985	-278	-432	11	14	58475	1.7	-1184	-896	160	192	58827
Michigan	6044	426	21	19	18	45462	1.1	224	-2975	78	145	45685
Minnesota	3097	-410	-242	4	11	30227	1.1	-1152	-2762	50	92	30369
Mississippi	1547	-345	-198	3	4	13320	1.2	302	-2511	64	35	13419
Missouri	3694	-432	-45	5	0	27385	1.0	-673	1493	100	72	27557
Montana	868	-101	6	7	6	5304	1.2	-156	-1024	51	41	5396
Nebraska	765	-122	45	3	4	4979	0.5	75	87	13	10	5002
Nevada	2959	592	299	3	3	20717	1.6	-198	-1072	80	97	20894
New Hampshire	503	-6	-300	2	0	3722	0.6	-186	-493	10	6	3738
New Jersey	9454	1432	-1985	10	17	83394	2.1	-1658	-1755	142	283	83819
New Mexico	907	-205	-213	5	3	11037	1.4	79	-2757	106	58	11201
New York	13616	-1784	16	26	32	133737	1.5	-2524	-5464	328	460	134525
North Carolina	3217	10	-598	5	19	22562	0.5	386	-4654	99	218	22879
North Dakota	370	-29	-68	12	0	2606	0.6	-122	-1861	130	3	2739
Ohio	6064	-565	-666	5	19	54285	1.0	164	-5293	89	243	54617
Oklahoma	1575	-12	-164	3	6	15604	1.0	-233	-9042	71	100	15775
Oregon	3637	-246	-321	9	17	24843	1.4	-513	-1587	193	132	25168
Pennsylvania	20494	1135	-294	64	32	107564	1.9	4038	-18529	471	438	108473
Puerto Rico	1726	-1162	-356	18	8	28115	3.2	2284	500	50	71	28236
Rhode Island	869	91	-370	2	2	7315	1.6	-113	-396	22	30	7367
South Carolina	2492	-654	-909	4	14	14265	0.7	349	-2587	52	91	14408
South Dakota	178	-36	-40	58	0	1314	0.3	85	-175	173	6	1493
Tennessee	2717	-623	-38	9	1	21697	0.8	412	-210	398	44	22139
Texas	15593	-349	-1978	48	104	149920	1.3	11394	-39724	526	1712	152158
Utah	910	-153	-167	17	3	8001	0.6	3	-1543	68	34	8103
Vermont	459	90	-537	1	0	3293	1.1	-154	-376	7	6	3306
Virgin Islands	29	1	-1	1	3	478	1.3	132	-100	0	8	486
Virginia	2990	-278	-342	11	12	24708	0.7	87	-5754	289	409	25406
Washington	5390	-193	-581	3	19	45351	1.5	-1510	2300	185	677	46213
West Virginia	1002	-55	-181	0	1	10582	1.6	394	-6412	37	36	10655
Wisconsin	6650	1782	-738	3	1	26128	0.9	-106	-6488	45	40	26213
Wyoming	281	-46	-186	0	1	3165	1.2	171	-3811	27	8	3200
Totals	228869	-5316	-19099	663	733	1796743	1.3	11592	-197505	8401	10047	1815191

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 17, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MD	+2,274	No comment.
WI	+1,782	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and manufacturing industries.
CA	+1,614	No comment.
NJ	+1,432	Layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, public administration, information, and health care and social assistance service industries.
PA	+1,135	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-1,966	No comment.
NY	-1,784	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food service, and information industries.
GA	-1,650	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and retail trade industries.
FL	-1,600	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, manufacturing, retail trade, and service industries.
PR	-1,162	No comment.
KY	-1,147	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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