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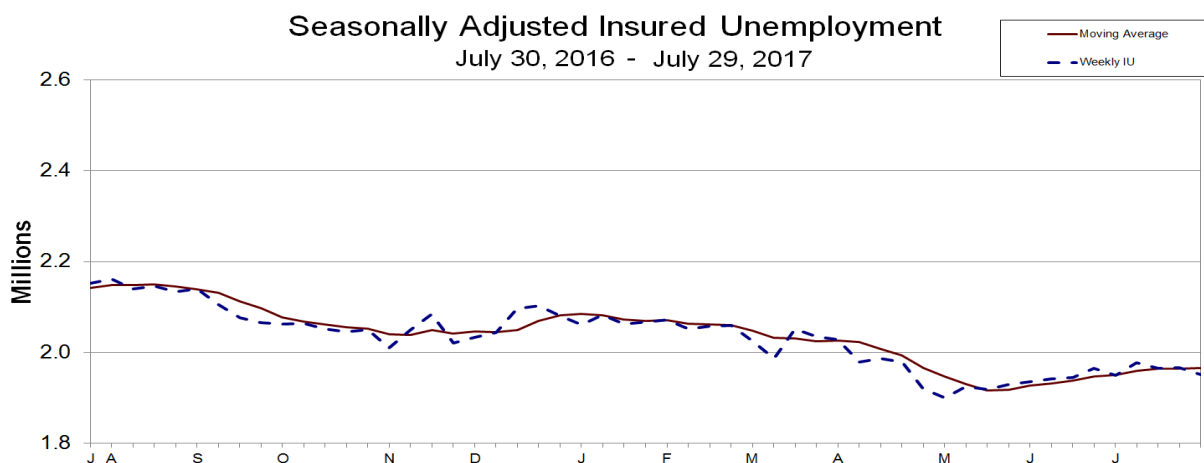
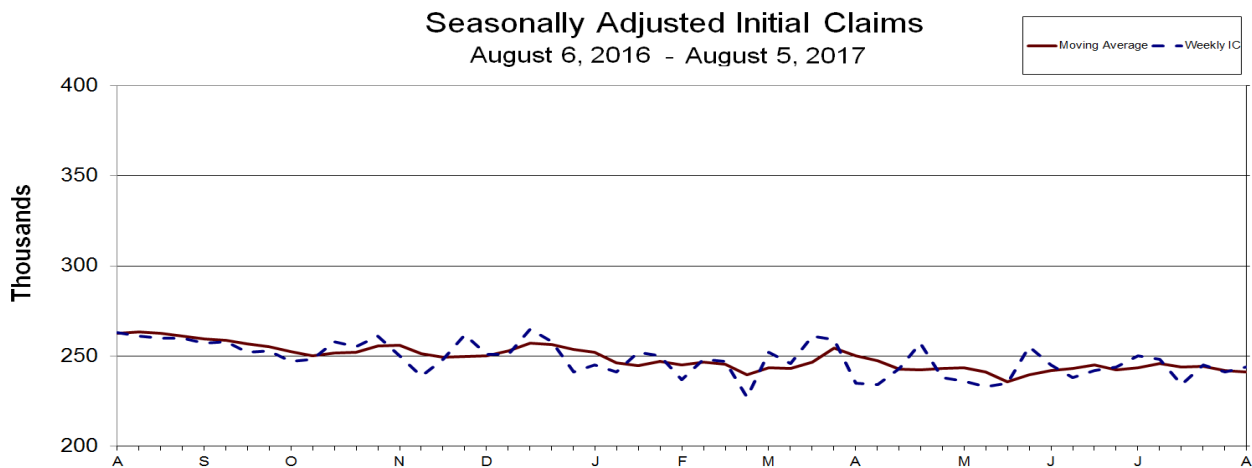
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 244,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 240,000 to 241,000. The 4-week moving average was 241,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 241,750 to 242,000.

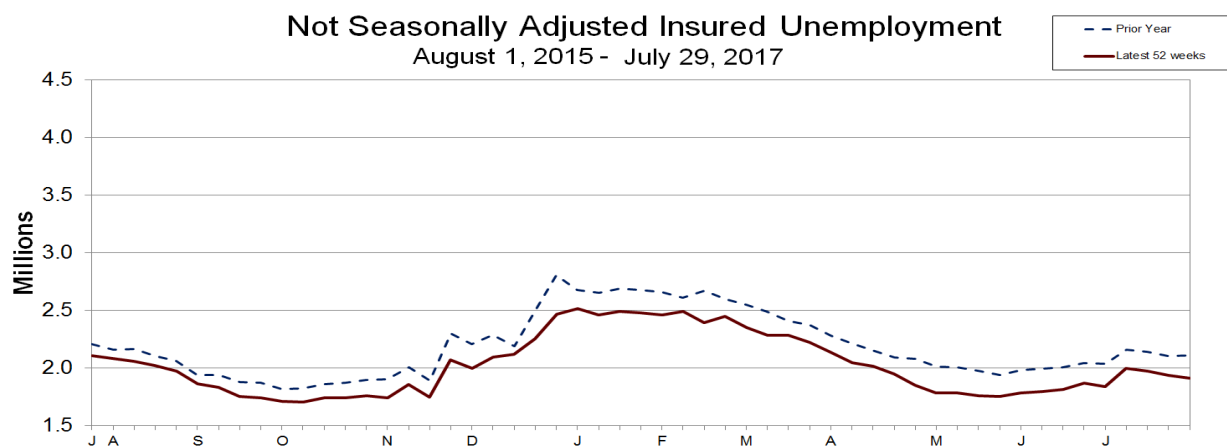
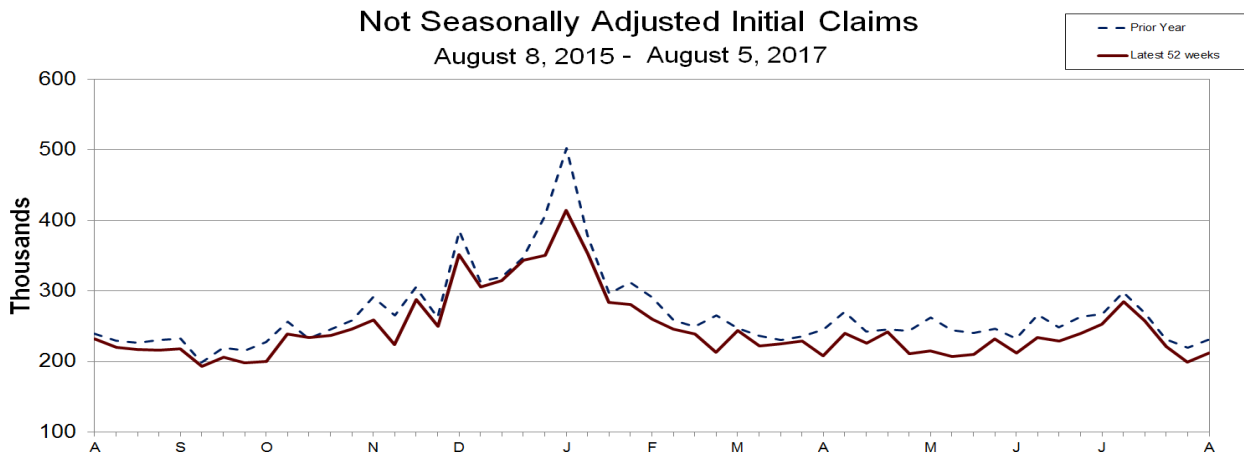
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending July 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 29 was 1,951,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 1,968,000 to 1,967,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,965,000, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 1,964,750 to 1,964,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 211,733 in the week ending August 5, an increase of 12,957 (or +6.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 10,107 (or +5.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 231,542 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending July 29, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,915,951, a decrease of 23,722 (or -1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 7,869 (or -0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,110,850.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 22 was 1,971,018, a decrease of 35,172 from the previous week. There were 2,144,819 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 July 22.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 711 in the week ending July 29, a decrease of 20 from the prior week. There were 686 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 38 from the preceding week.

There were 8,966 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 22, an increase of 575 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,035, a decrease of 85 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 22 were in Puerto Rico (4.0), New Jersey (2.7), Connecticut (2.5), Alaska (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), California (2.1), Rhode Island (2.0), Massachusetts (1.9), Illinois (1.8), the District of Columbia (1.7), and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 29 were in Iowa (+573), Delaware (+291), Washington (+240), Nevada (+96), and Idaho (+86), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-5,239), Missouri (-2,928), California (-2,491), New York (-1,523), and Connecticut (-1,251).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 5	July 29	Change	July 22	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	244,000	241,000	+3,000	245,000	263,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	211,733	198,776	+12,957	220,577	231,542
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	241,000	242,000	-1,000	244,250	262,500
WEEK ENDING	July 29	July 22	Change	July 15	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,951,000	1,967,000	-16,000	1,965,000	2,152,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,915,951	1,939,673	-23,722	1,974,883	2,110,850
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,965,000	1,964,500	+500	1,964,000	2,142,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 29	July 22	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	711	731	-20	772
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	686	724	-38	1,055

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 22	July 15	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,937,086	1,971,760	-34,674	2,100,051
Federal Employees	8,966	8,391	+575	8,172
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,035	10,120	-85	13,795
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,920	6,042	-122	6,621
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	9,011	9,877	-866	16,180
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,971,018	2,006,190	-35,172	2,144,819

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 139,989,708 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 August 5			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,352	2,529	-177	19,468	20,293	-825
Alaska	943	882	61	6,683	6,771	-88
Arizona	4,358	4,283	75	31,475	35,068	-3,593
Arkansas	1,620	1,706	-86	14,649	15,188	-539
California	39,969	42,475	-2,506	355,790	340,754	15,036
Colorado	1,923	1,652	271	22,490	22,020	470
Connecticut	3,045	2,733	312	41,381	40,874	507
Delaware	514	774	-260	6,248	5,783	465
District of Columbia	666	381	285	8,638	9,240	-602
Florida	7,830	7,481	349	49,489	54,325	-4,836
Georgia	5,020	5,117	-97	27,783	29,655	-1,872
Hawaii	1,236	1,131	105	7,861	7,578	283
Idaho	762	802	-40	4,839	5,159	-320
Illinois	8,796	7,823	973	103,081	104,326	-1,245
Indiana	2,751	2,399	352	15,143	14,986	157
Iowa	2,661	2,212	449	17,455	16,094	1,361
Kansas	4,365	1,610	2,755	10,530	10,528	2
Kentucky	3,355	2,988	367	19,343	20,843	-1,500
Louisiana	2,409	2,567	-158	20,692	23,272	-2,580
Maine	463	487	-24	4,411	4,621	-210
Maryland	3,241	3,327	-86	33,327	36,742	-3,415
Massachusetts	5,093	4,453	640	65,164	66,739	-1,575
Michigan	5,545	5,570	-25	49,413	56,719	-7,306
Minnesota	2,682	2,417	265	30,091	28,655	1,436
Mississippi	1,154	1,408	-254	13,192	14,590	-1,398
Missouri	3,960	3,236	724	27,217	28,190	-973
Montana	524	536	-12	5,078	5,243	-165
Nebraska	747	648	99	5,222	5,111	111
Nevada	2,821	2,374	447	19,131	20,499	-1,368
New Hampshire	483	523	-40	4,092	4,426	-334
New Jersey	9,040	8,369	671	105,919	105,215	704
New Mexico	781	855	-74	10,649	10,879	-230
New York	13,802	12,907	895	151,862	153,456	-1,594
North Carolina	3,348	2,933	415	22,614	23,821	-1,207
North Dakota	424	284	140	3,131	2,649	482
Ohio	6,091	5,872	219	52,873	57,232	-4,359
Oklahoma	1,474	1,478	-4	15,139	15,491	-352
Oregon	3,388	3,081	307	25,990	26,296	-306
Pennsylvania	12,829	11,615	1,214	127,680	125,373	2,307
Puerto Rico	2,283	1,706	577	33,051	35,066	-2,015
Rhode Island	876	632	244	9,426	9,428	-2
South Carolina	3,966	2,757	1,209	15,564	16,764	-1,200
South Dakota	138	175	-37	1,356	1,243	113
Tennessee	2,196	2,576	-380	22,094	23,149	-1,055
Texas	14,200	13,166	1,034	151,054	152,941	-1,887
Utah	929	747	182	7,465	7,711	-246
Vermont	384	320	64	3,662	3,533	129
Virgin Islands	13	34	-21	402	496	-94
Virginia	3,268	2,877	391	26,858	26,376	482
Washington	5,982	5,156	826	47,594	45,859	1,735
West Virginia	799	875	-76	10,452	10,557	-105
Wisconsin	3,975	3,610	365	29,036	29,070	-34
Wyoming	259	227	32	2,704	2,776	-72
US Total	211,733	198,776	12,957	1,915,951	1,939,673	-23,722

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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	234	-14	244.00	1,965	-12	1,964.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	245	11	244.25	1,967	2	1,964.50	1.4
July 29, 2017	241	-4	242.00	1,951	-16	1,965.00	1.4
August 5, 2017	244	3	241.00				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 29								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 22				
INITIAL CLAIMS								INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
STATE	STATE	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	2529	-1207	-452	11	11	20293	1.1	-1987	-3856	73	124	20490
Alaska	882	49	41	5	2	6771	2.2	-207	-1666	65	37	6873
Arizona	4283	-648	-121	11	6	35068	1.3	855	-3609	237	87	35392
Arkansas	1706	74	-80	6	3	15188	1.3	143	-2985	46	72	15306
California	42475	-2491	-561	165	136	340754	2.1	-524	-18169	1591	2054	344399
Colorado	1652	-78	-273	9	17	22020	0.9	-364	-4466	105	364	22489
Connecticut	2733	-1251	-362	13	3	40874	2.5	-307	-2936	47	90	41011
Delaware	774	291	230	3	4	5783	1.3	-289	-1412	13	12	5808
District of Columbia	381	9	11	6	0	9240	1.7	165	431	752	9	10001
Florida	7481	-925	-743	22	40	54325	0.7	1133	-2861	189	259	54773
Georgia	5117	-1000	-1158	17	44	29655	0.7	-1171	-3233	173	294	30122
Hawaii	1131	29	35	3	7	7578	1.2	-353	64	52	96	7726
Idaho	802	86	-135	1	2	5159	0.8	-121	-1417	18	12	5189
Illinois	7823	-441	-1049	16	20	104326	1.8	-2431	-7095	318	259	104903
Indiana	2399	14	-785	2	7	14986	0.5	189	-6563	43	38	15067
Iowa	2212	573	-303	3	2	16094	1.1	-536	-3034	48	50	16192
Kansas	1610	-42	-807	5	2	10528	0.8	-422	-2689	49	50	10627
Kentucky	2988	59	217	10	2	20843	1.1	-1106	-2056	198	163	21204
Louisiana	2567	-133	-145	0	1	23272	1.2	12	-4494	64	36	23372
Maine	487	-119	-120	0	0	4621	0.8	-131	-493	21	18	4660
Maryland	3327	6	-314	32	14	36742	1.5	82	-1816	326	170	37238
Massachusetts	4453	-73	-333	9	16	66739	1.9	-1147	-2041	166	188	67093
Michigan	5570	-5239	-3268	11	17	56719	1.4	-8862	4611	86	134	56939
Minnesota	2417	54	-322	3	4	28655	1.0	-502	-2385	46	101	28802
Mississippi	1408	71	-169	2	3	14590	1.3	-126	-2466	33	58	14681
Missouri	3236	-2928	-543	24	4	28190	1.0	-2903	-395	142	52	28384
Montana	536	31	-8	6	1	5243	1.2	-232	-821	47	37	5327
Nebraska	648	-7	-23	2	1	5111	0.5	-97	185	10	16	5137
Nevada	2374	96	-97	3	2	20499	1.6	-182	-2619	69	89	20657
New Hampshire	523	43	-41	0	1	4426	0.7	-61	-526	6	1	4433
New Jersey	8369	-1006	-70	16	29	105215	2.7	-809	-84	153	302	105670
New Mexico	855	-2	-119	2	3	10879	1.4	-106	-2928	137	73	11089
New York	12907	-1523	-854	23	32	153456	1.7	-1987	-5571	351	457	154264
North Carolina	2933	-81	-547	6	21	23821	0.6	134	-4005	99	190	24110
North Dakota	284	-14	-56	8	0	2649	0.6	-10	-1408	182	3	2834
Ohio	5872	-175	-938	9	14	57232	1.1	-2935	-2063	89	263	57584
Oklahoma	1478	64	-69	9	4	15491	1.0	-337	-8262	68	96	15655
Oregon	3081	-29	363	18	11	26296	1.5	-254	-956	158	132	26586
Pennsylvania	11615	-1059	-1632	70	38	125373	2.2	-5516	-11016	476	388	126237
Puerto Rico	1706	-797	716	4	2	35066	4.0	1803	7336	78	97	35241
Rhode Island	632	-203	-190	4	0	9428	2.0	-299	-576	28	29	9485
South Carolina	2757	-700	59	9	8	16764	0.9	-431	-1151	54	90	16908
South Dakota	175	-116	-30	10	3	1243	0.3	-1129	-200	242	5	1490
Tennessee	2576	-364	26	10	2	23149	0.8	-390	50	406	52	23607
Texas	13166	-441	-1824	76	95	152941	1.3	-79	-37047	626	1682	155249
Utah	747	-195	-205	18	2	7711	0.6	-126	-1407	177	28	7916
Vermont	320	-56	-42	2	0	3533	1.2	-13	-530	9	6	3548
Virgin Islands	34	11	-25	2	1	496	1.3	90	-212	0	6	502
Virginia	2877	-23	-300	8	27	26376	0.7	-97	-2269	312	390	27078
Washington	5156	240	-1037	3	11	45859	1.5	-156	2097	184	696	46739
West Virginia	875	-184	-376	1	3	10557	1.6	-4	-5122	44	35	10636
Wisconsin	3610	-50	-1464	3	7	29070	1.0	-914	-5679	50	30	29150
Wyoming	227	-1	-134	0	1	2776	1.1	-163	-3102	10	15	2801
Totals	198776	-21801	-20426	711	686	1939673	1.4	-35210	-164917	8966	10035	1958674

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 29, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-5,239	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
MO	-2,928	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and retail trade industries.
CA	-2,491	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-1,523	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
CT	-1,251	No comment.
AL	-1,207	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	-1,059	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-1,006	Fewer layoffs in the retail trade, accommodation and food service, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and health care and social assistance industries.
GA	-1,000	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service 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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