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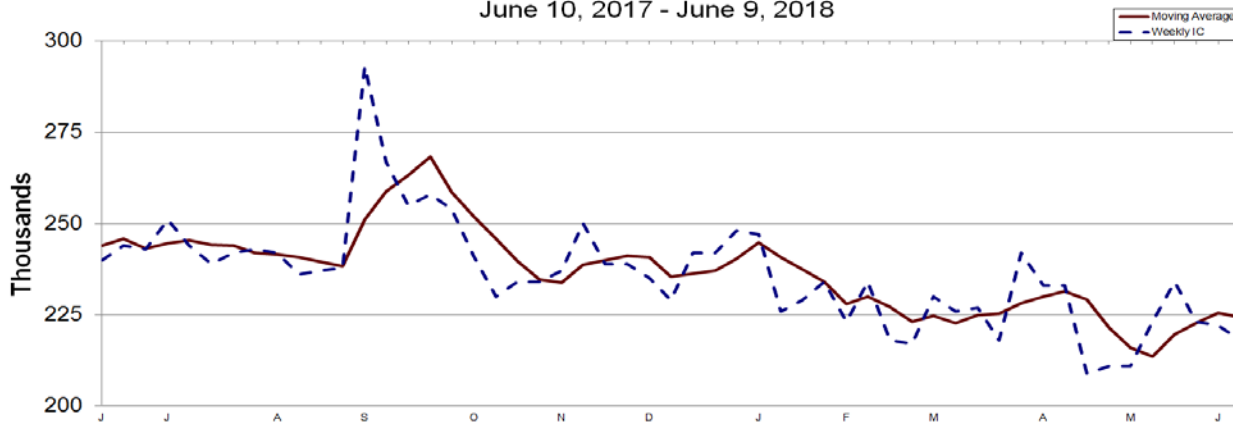
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

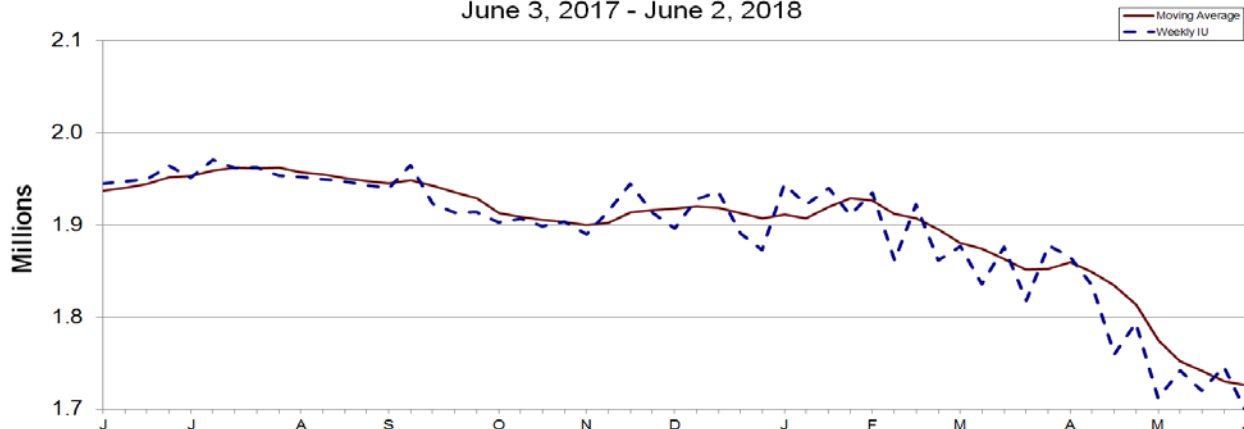
In the week ending June 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 222,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,250, a decrease of 1,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 225,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 2 was 1,697,000, a decrease of 49,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since December 1, 1973 when it was 1,692,000. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,741,000 to 1,746,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,726,250, a decrease of 3,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since December 8, 1973 when it was 1,715,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,728,750 to 1,730,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 10, 2017 - June 9, 2018



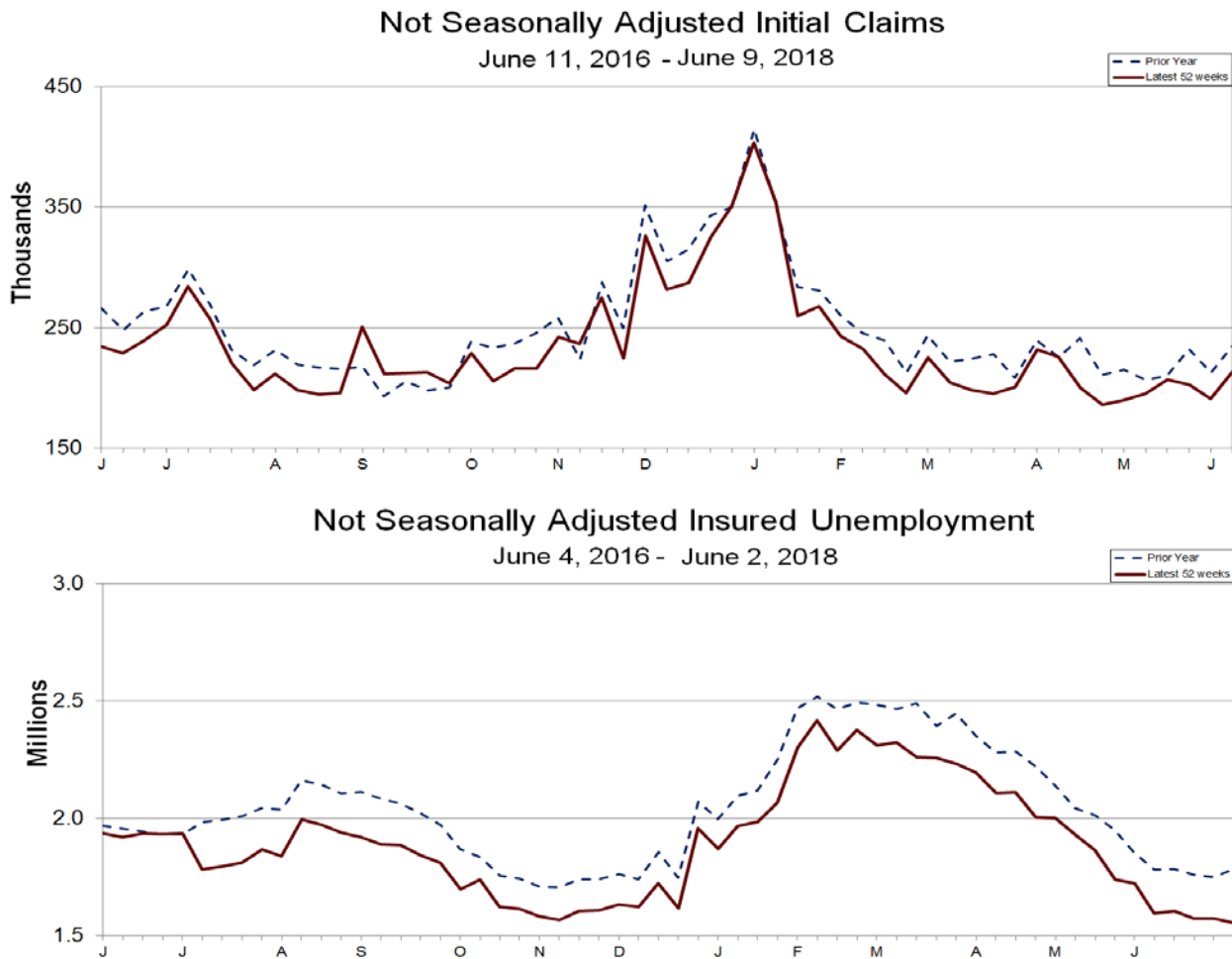
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
June 3, 2017 - June 2, 2018



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,698 in the week ending June 9, an increase of 22,175 (or 11.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 26,440 (or 13.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 234,652 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,555,894, a decrease of 17,430 (or -1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,939 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,783,314.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 26 was 1,600,947, an increase of 423 from the previous week. There were 1,785,860 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

Extended Benefits were payable in the Virgin Islands during the week ending May 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 817 in the week ending June 2, an increase of 83 from the prior week. There were 755 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 100 from the preceding week.

There were 8,421 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 26, an increase of 1,646 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,537, an increase of 8 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 26 were in the Virgin Islands (2.9), Alaska (2.5), New Jersey (2.0), California (1.9), Connecticut (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.7), Illinois (1.5), Nevada (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 2 were in Tennessee (+1,587), Illinois (+1,567), Ohio (+698), Arkansas (+387), and New Mexico (+353), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-3,638), California (-1,938), New Jersey (-1,678), New York (-1,454), and Pennsylvania (-953).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 9	June 2	Change	May 26	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	222,000	-4,000	223,000	240,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	213,698	191,523	+22,175	202,846	234,652
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,250	225,500	-1,250	222,750	244,000

WEEK ENDING	June 2	May 26	Change	May 19	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,697,000	1,746,000	-49,000	1,720,000	1,945,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,555,894	1,573,324	-17,430	1,574,003	1,783,314
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,726,250	1,730,000	-3,750	1,742,000	1,937,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 2	May 26	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	817	734	+83	691
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	755	655	+100	697

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 26	May 19	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,571,132	1,571,916	-784	1,750,899
Federal Employees	8,421	6,775	+1,646	8,209
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,537	7,529	+8	10,316
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	22	44	-22	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,165	6,675	-510	6,920
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	7,670	7,585	+85	9,516
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,600,947	1,600,524	+423	1,785,860

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 141,433,196 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 9			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 2		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,676	3,093	-417	17,358	17,186	172
Alaska	914	988	-74	7,453	7,688	-235
Arizona	4,448	4,300	148	24,899	27,716	-2,817
Arkansas	1,705	2,372	-667	11,365	11,236	129
California	40,714	35,607	5,107	312,970	310,451	2,519
Colorado	1,934	1,904	30	19,229	19,781	-552
Connecticut	2,625	2,277	348	32,879	31,410	1,469
Delaware	622	528	94	4,190	4,413	-223
District of Columbia	565	332	233	7,068	7,424	-356
Florida	6,766	6,996	-230	33,930	38,155	-4,225
Georgia	6,069	4,835	1,234	25,805	25,774	31
Hawaii**	1,215	1,255	-40	6,992	6,731	261
Idaho	1,069	989	80	4,113	4,322	-209
Illinois	10,678	10,356	322	87,108	88,061	-953
Indiana	2,350	1,968	382	14,315	13,132	1,183
Iowa	2,793	1,775	1,018	13,571	13,404	167
Kansas	1,636	1,549	87	8,670	8,427	243
Kentucky	2,290	2,235	55	16,963	17,190	-227
Louisiana	2,690	2,946	-256	15,710	16,792	-1,082
Maine*	433	447	-14	4,459	4,661	-202
Maryland	2,735	2,801	-66	25,049	27,447	-2,398
Massachusetts	4,627	4,068	559	44,995	46,613	-1,618
Michigan	4,274	4,106	168	35,656	43,853	-8,197
Minnesota	3,423	2,757	666	29,428	27,836	1,592
Mississippi	1,566	2,277	-711	9,775	9,107	668
Missouri	3,507	4,426	-919	24,291	23,687	604
Montana	858	765	93	4,943	4,954	-11
Nebraska	786	973	-187	4,210	3,752	458
Nevada	2,527	2,322	205	16,789	17,816	-1,027
New Hampshire	395	414	-19	3,085	3,369	-284
New Jersey	7,609	6,107	1,502	80,983	79,626	1,357
New Mexico	962	1,298	-336	9,059	8,071	988
New York	13,195	12,453	742	119,163	117,838	1,325
North Carolina	3,030	2,596	434	18,510	19,876	-1,366
North Dakota	512	351	161	2,386	1,850	536
Ohio	6,917	6,866	51	46,943	44,920	2,023
Oklahoma	1,332	1,459	-127	13,180	13,141	39
Oregon	3,601	2,994	607	23,961	24,259	-298
Pennsylvania	16,872	10,898	5,974	90,885	96,675	-5,790
Puerto Rico	2,012	1,232	780	14,670	15,191	-521
Rhode Island	686	578	108	6,733	6,730	3
South Carolina	2,900	2,209	691	14,630	14,827	-197
South Dakota	208	174	34	1,047	985	62
Tennessee	4,890	5,071	-181	20,432	19,319	1,113
Texas	14,526	12,227	2,299	115,514	119,288	-3,774
Utah	944	928	16	7,034	7,157	-123
Vermont	323	396	-73	3,249	3,076	173
Virgin Islands	4	7	-3	1,302	1,100	202
Virginia	3,124	2,537	587	21,944	21,231	713
Washington	5,569	4,754	815	43,151	42,635	516
West Virginia	956	770	186	9,169	8,502	667
Wisconsin	4,228	3,681	547	22,567	22,375	192
Wyoming	408	276	132	2,114	2,264	-150
US Total	213,698	191,523	22,175	1,555,894	1,573,324	-17,430

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.
 **Denotes OUI 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 3, 2017	246	-7	243.50	1,945	8	1,937.25	1.4
June 10, 2017	240	-6	244.00	1,947	2	1,940.25	1.4
June 17, 2017	244	4	245.75	1,950	3	1,944.75	1.4
June 24, 2017	243	-1	243.25	1,964	14	1,951.50	1.4
July 1, 2017	251	8	244.50	1,951	-13	1,953.00	1.4
July 8, 2017	244	-7	245.50	1,971	20	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	239	-5	244.25	1,962	-9	1,962.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	242	3	244.00	1,963	1	1,961.75	1.4
July 29, 2017	243	1	242.00	1,954	-9	1,962.50	1.4
August 5, 2017	242	-1	241.50	1,952	-2	1,957.75	1.4
August 12, 2017	236	-6	240.75	1,950	-2	1,954.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	237	1	239.50	1,947	-3	1,950.75	1.4
August 26, 2017	238	1	238.25	1,943	-4	1,948.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	293	55	251.00	1,940	-3	1,945.00	1.4
September 9, 2017	267	-26	258.75	1,965	25	1,948.75	1.4
September 16, 2017	255	-12	263.25	1,923	-42	1,942.75	1.4
September 23, 2017	258	3	268.25	1,913	-10	1,935.25	1.4
September 30, 2017	254	-4	258.50	1,914	1	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	241	-13	252.00	1,903	-11	1,913.25	1.4
October 14, 2017	230	-11	245.75	1,907	4	1,909.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	4	239.75	1,899	-8	1,905.75	1.4
October 28, 2017	234	0	234.75	1,904	5	1,903.25	1.4
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,697	-49	1,726.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	218	-4	224.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 2					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 26					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				
Alabama	3093	-161	-304	5	4	17186	0.9	306	-407	59	77	17322
Alaska	988	-184	-149	4	2	7688	2.5	-332	-1327	55	18	7761
Arizona	4300	-143	-454	61	4	27716	1.0	210	-1650	97	66	27879
Arkansas	2372	387	-582	4	46	11236	1.0	175	-1808	3	78	11317
California	35607	-1938	1087	103	84	310451	1.9	-15866	3787	1401	1549	313401
Colorado	1904	47	-117	9	23	19781	0.8	744	-3115	106	235	20122
Connecticut	2277	-206	-324	6	4	31410	1.9	-241	-2105	47	60	31517
Delaware	528	110	-145	0	2	4413	1.0	244	-800	20	12	4445
District of Columbia	332	21	37	8	1	7424	1.3	-126	-330	294	11	7729
Florida	6996	-84	-1144	22	32	38155	0.5	857	-6243	155	181	38491
Georgia	4835	-398	-840	20	27	25774	0.6	364	-2414	1651	92	27517
Hawaii	1255	78	-139	5	9	6731	1.1	258	-608	58	87	6876
Idaho	989	157	-35	3	2	4322	0.6	108	-1396	31	17	4370
Illinois	10356	1567	54	7	13	88061	1.5	1775	-12340	369	194	88624
Indiana	1968	-67	-181	0	4	13132	0.4	-535	-4862	23	44	13199
Iowa	1775	-649	-707	2	3	13404	0.9	96	-2405	35	21	13460
Kansas	1549	-173	-431	4	2	8427	0.6	47	-3482	39	39	8505
Kentucky	2235	-639	-152	7	2	17190	0.9	-1405	-1096	79	117	17386
Louisiana	2946	-113	-445	6	1	16792	0.9	1425	-3393	36	12	16840
Maine	447	-28	-15	0	1	4661	0.8	-310	-661	16	15	4692
Maryland	2801	-721	-478	22	10	27447	1.1	-204	-5198	320	138	27905
Massachusetts	4068	-629	-617	30	12	46613	1.3	125	-13473	79	139	46831
Michigan	4106	-3638	-1073	4	9	43853	1.0	2310	-6289	74	88	44015
Minnesota	2757	46	-291	2	0	27836	1.0	-1086	-2309	55	61	27952
Mississippi	2277	183	20	4	2	9107	0.8	1067	-2635	73	20	9200
Missouri	4426	-859	-241	4	3	23687	0.9	-550	-3653	98	51	23836
Montana	765	64	-16	9	2	4954	1.1	-320	-493	50	19	5023
Nebraska	973	152	-223	2	1	3752	0.4	198	-604	16	7	3775
Nevada	2322	133	-112	2	6	17816	1.4	-175	-2604	76	64	17956
New Hampshire	414	55	-86	0	0	3369	0.5	-192	-482	2	4	3375
New Jersey	6107	-1678	-1381	14	18	79626	2.0	-237	-4581	223	271	80120
New Mexico	1298	353	-233	17	0	8071	1.0	-726	-2396	66	53	8190
New York	12453	-1454	-2104	23	26	117838	1.3	-974	-17502	334	359	118531
North Carolina	2596	-195	-258	7	12	19876	0.5	706	-2136	76	164	20116
North Dakota	351	55	-163	111	0	1850	0.5	-152	-693	19	5	1874
Ohio	6866	698	-592	11	17	44920	0.9	-635	-7638	92	163	45175
Oklahoma	1459	-6	-165	8	8	13141	0.9	-29	-1881	60	71	13272
Oregon	2994	-144	-127	25	14	24259	1.3	-221	-802	223	84	24566
Pennsylvania	10898	-953	-3156	43	35	96675	1.7	7027	-6554	456	273	97404
Puerto Rico	1232	-50	-1257	1	5	15191	1.8	16	-9811	35	89	15315
Rhode Island	578	-30	-145	0	2	6730	1.4	-56	-857	25	16	6771
South Carolina	2209	-249	-516	5	11	14827	0.7	224	1530	39	67	14933
South Dakota	174	-6	-30	114	0	985	0.2	-71	-194	55	2	1042
Tennessee	5071	1587	695	9	7	19319	0.7	1188	-2969	91	148	19558
Texas	12227	-609	-1793	52	242	119288	1.0	4806	-23580	658	1312	121258
Utah	928	-82	-130	5	3	7157	0.5	-21	-854	41	19	7217
Vermont	396	9	67	1	0	3076	1.0	-163	-528	6	4	3086
Virgin Islands	7	-9	-12	0	0	1100	2.9	-346	612	4	2	1128
Virginia	2537	-563	-317	4	19	21231	0.6	311	-2809	190	229	21650
Washington	4754	-340	-424	2	18	42635	1.3	-554	-3998	181	621	43437
West Virginia	770	-65	-277	1	3	8502	1.3	17	-1648	50	37	8589
Wisconsin	3681	22	-718	8	3	22375	0.8	308	-3179	52	20	22447
Wyoming	276	16	-34	1	1	2264	0.9	-64	-925	28	12	2304
Totals	191523	-11323	-21173	817	755	1573324	1.1	-679	-177788	8421	7537	1589304

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 2, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	+1,587	No comment.
IL	+1,567	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-3,638	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
CA	-1,938	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NJ	-1,678	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
NY	-1,454	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food service, construction, and arts, entertainment, and recreation 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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