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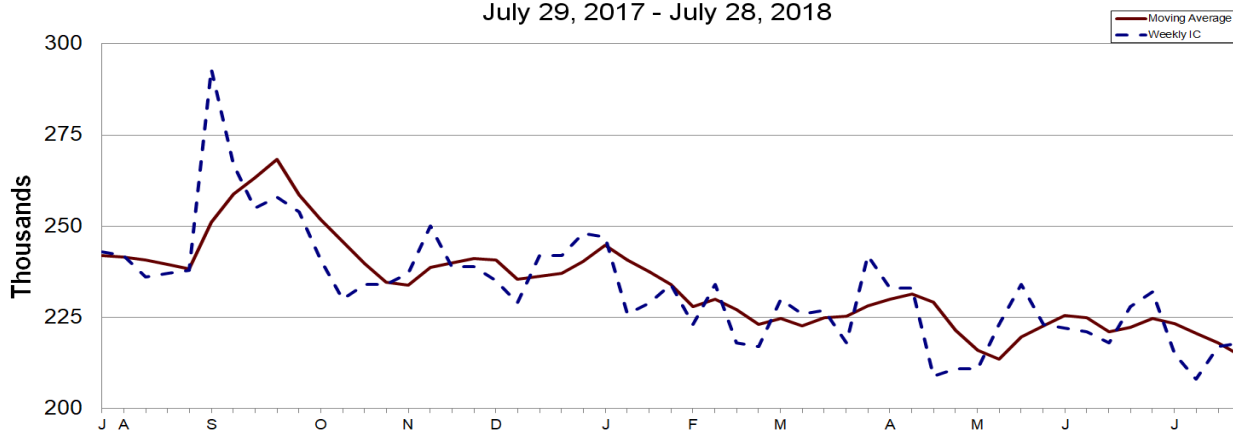
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

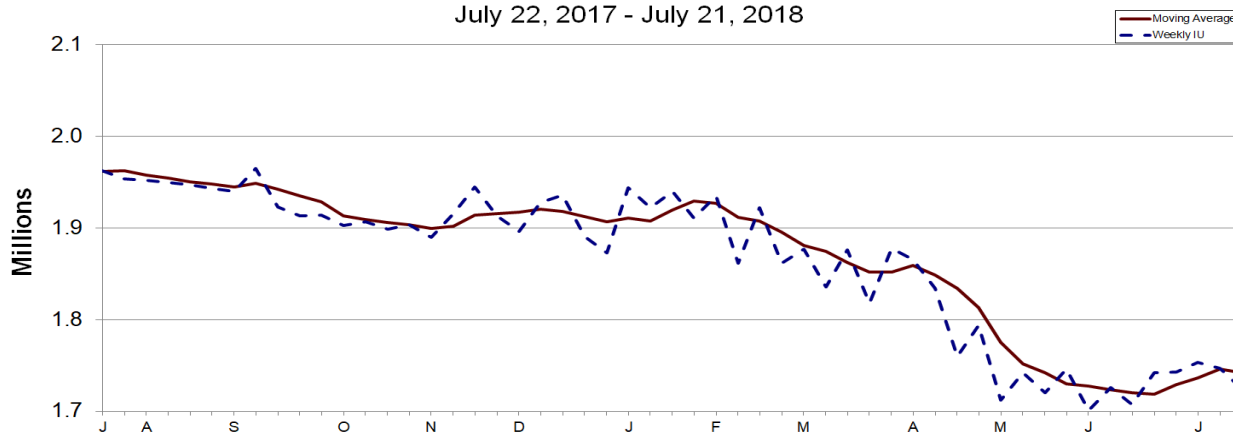
In the week ending July 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 217,000. The 4-week moving average was 214,500, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 218,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 21, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 21 was 1,724,000, a decrease of 23,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,745,000 to 1,747,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,741,750, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 1,745,750 to 1,746,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 29, 2017 - July 28, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 22, 2017 - July 21, 2018



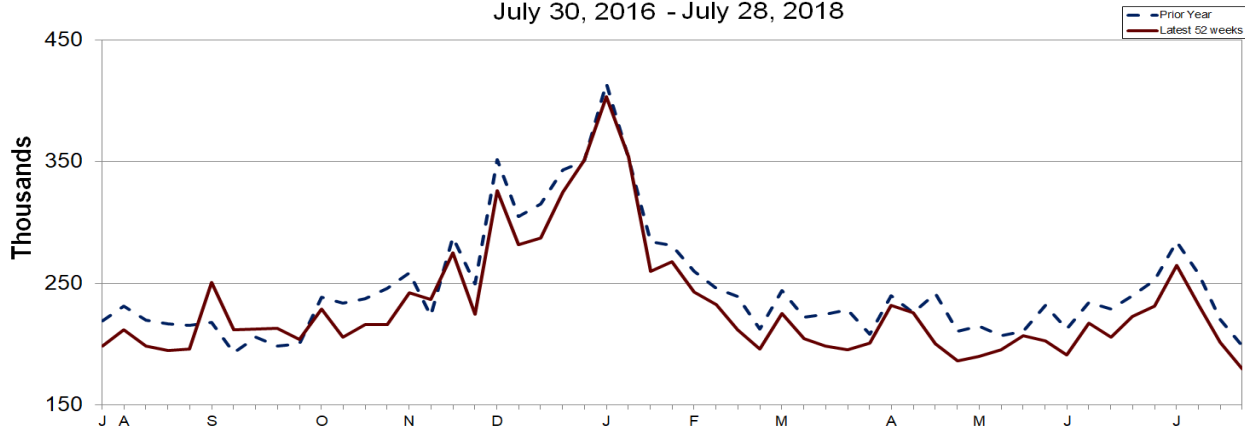
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 179,538 in the week ending July 28, a decrease of 21,750 (or -10.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 22,607 (or -11.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 198,776 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 21, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,708,718, a decrease of 51,786 (or -2.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 29,691 (or -1.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.4 percent and the volume was 1,939,674.

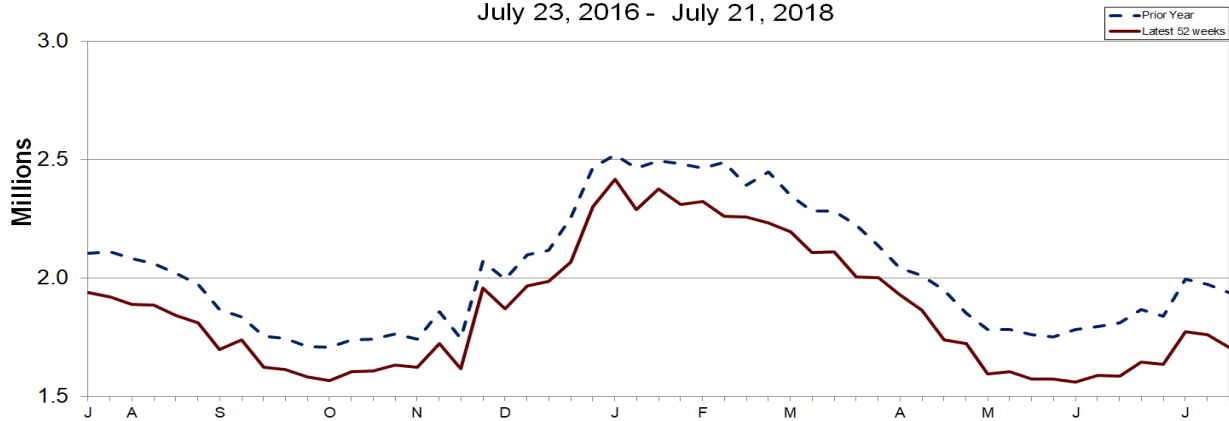
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 30, 2016 - July 28, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

July 23, 2016 - July 21, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 14 was 1,786,144, a decrease of 12,100 from the previous week. There were 2,006,190 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 14.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 738 in the week ending July 21, a decrease of 100 from the prior week. There were 611 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 47 from the preceding week.

There were 7,652 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 14, an increase of 205 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,534, an increase of 34 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 14 were in New Jersey (2.5), Connecticut (2.3), Puerto Rico (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.1), Alaska (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), California (1.9), the Virgin Islands (1.9), Illinois (1.6), Massachusetts (1.5), and New York (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 21 were in Michigan (+3,703), Kentucky (+2,562), Missouri (+1,053), Kansas (+301), and Wyoming (+11), while the largest decreases were in New York (-8,310), Georgia (-3,732), Alabama (-3,361), Pennsylvania (-2,388), and Oregon (-1,884).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 28	July 21	Change	July 14	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	217,000	+1,000	208,000	243,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	179,538	201,288	-21,750	232,238	198,776
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	214,500	218,000	-3,500	220,750	242,000
WEEK ENDING	July 21	July 14	Change	July 7	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,724,000	1,747,000	-23,000	1,753,000	1,963,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,708,718	1,760,504	-51,786	1,772,698	1,939,674
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,741,750	1,746,250	-4,500	1,736,250	1,961,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)²</u>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)²</u>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 21	July 14	Change	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	738	838	-100	731
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	611	658	-47	724

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 14	July 7	Change	<u>Prior Year¹</u>
Regular State	1,758,517	1,770,665	-12,148	1,971,760
Federal Employees	7,652	7,447	+205	8,391
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,534	7,500	+34	10,120
<u>Extended Benefits³</u>	11	21	-10	0
<u>State Additional Benefits⁴</u>	5,317	5,534	-217	6,042
<u>STC / Workshare⁵</u>	7,113	7,077	+36	9,877
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,786,144	1,798,244	-12,100	2,006,190

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 141,951,699 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 28			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 21		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,095	2,722	-627	18,084	18,784	-700
Alaska	807	684	123	5,793	6,196	-403
Arizona	3,916	4,300	-384	28,573	31,670	-3,097
Arkansas	1,330	1,487	-157	11,865	13,112	-1,247
California	37,125	39,610	-2,485	316,781	321,417	-4,636
Colorado	1,624	1,606	18	19,158	19,331	-173
Connecticut	2,560	2,592	-32	38,529	37,630	899
Delaware	503	475	28	5,503	5,396	107
District of Columbia	559	481	78	8,019	8,178	-159
Florida	6,467	7,519	-1,052	41,456	47,755	-6,299
Georgia	4,543	6,364	-1,821	26,091	28,305	-2,214
Hawaii	1,101	1,100	1	7,266	7,068	198
Idaho	652	736	-84	4,360	4,627	-267
Illinois	6,778	7,446	-668	93,227	95,868	-2,641
Indiana	2,112	1,946	166	14,577	13,965	612
Iowa	2,571	1,502	1,069	14,113	14,096	17
Kansas	1,422	1,739	-317	8,995	8,890	105
Kentucky	5,774	6,453	-679	22,065	22,580	-515
Louisiana	1,997	2,198	-201	17,440	19,196	-1,756
Maine*	472	707	-235	4,153	4,816	-663
Maryland	3,187	2,932	255	28,608	31,037	-2,429
Massachusetts	4,164	4,356	-192	53,303	53,255	48
Michigan	4,717	10,842	-6,125	45,145	56,582	-11,437
Minnesota	2,188	2,293	-105	26,576	26,203	373
Mississippi	926	1,082	-156	10,974	12,221	-1,247
Missouri	2,679	5,028	-2,349	25,388	26,444	-1,056
Montana	411	430	-19	4,724	4,788	-64
Nebraska	567	545	22	4,502	4,511	-9
Nevada	2,417	2,141	276	17,616	18,846	-1,230
New Hampshire	409	410	-1	3,609	3,969	-360
New Jersey	7,527	8,254	-727	101,144	99,334	1,810
New Mexico	590	724	-134	9,218	9,473	-255
New York	12,066	13,114	-1,048	137,063	138,878	-1,815
North Carolina	2,918	2,856	62	19,987	21,026	-1,039
North Dakota	270	217	53	2,359	2,114	245
Ohio	4,899	5,534	-635	48,009	50,906	-2,897
Oklahoma	1,015	1,239	-224	13,013	13,468	-455
Oregon	2,749	2,591	158	24,663	25,110	-447
Pennsylvania	11,164	11,632	-468	116,561	121,549	-4,988
Puerto Rico	1,275	1,525	-250	18,729	19,357	-628
Rhode Island	767	672	95	9,250	9,310	-60
South Carolina	1,907	3,629	-1,722	16,983	17,812	-829
South Dakota	128	171	-43	1,137	1,097	40
Tennessee	1,926	2,142	-216	21,165	22,751	-1,586
Texas	11,855	12,549	-694	130,329	128,927	1,402
Utah	858	1,039	-181	7,154	7,449	-295
Vermont	303	304	-1	3,323	3,169	154
Virgin Islands	9	17	-8	606	692	-86
Virginia	2,553	2,356	197	22,517	22,603	-86
Washington	4,773	4,807	-34	42,414	42,059	355
West Virginia	656	737	-81	9,274	8,557	717
Wisconsin	3,056	3,215	-159	25,472	26,336	-864
Wyoming	201	238	-37	1,855	1,791	64
US Total	179,538	201,288	-21,750	1,708,718	1,760,504	-51,786

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	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,742	35	1,719.00	1.2
June 30, 2018	232	4	224.75	1,743	1	1,729.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	215	-17	223.25	1,753	10	1,736.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	208	-7	220.75	1,747	-6	1,746.25	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	9	218.00	1,724	-23	1,741.75	1.2
July 28, 2018	218	1	214.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 21					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 14					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2722	-3361	-1014	14	13	18784	1.0	-4192	-3496	68	74	18926
Alaska	684	-66	-149	3	1	6196	2.0	-7	-782	58	14	6268
Arizona	4300	-741	-631	15	1	31670	1.2	460	-2543	264	76	32010
Arkansas	1487	-255	-145	1	6	13112	1.1	-623	-1933	68	41	13221
California	39610	-1781	-5356	189	111	321417	1.9	187	-19861	1343	1583	324343
Colorado	1606	-84	-124	9	12	19331	0.8	166	-3053	82	246	19659
Connecticut	2592	-1543	-1392	7	5	37630	2.3	-927	-3551	39	69	37738
Delaware	475	-84	-8	2	2	5396	1.2	-58	-676	16	18	5430
District of Columbia	481	-78	109	15	1	8178	1.4	25	-897	305	11	8494
Florida	7519	-420	-887	22	34	47755	0.6	3167	-5437	141	150	48046
Georgia	6364	-3732	247	28	34	28305	0.7	-4426	-2521	180	246	28731
Hawaii	1100	-198	-2	4	9	7068	1.1	-337	-863	64	79	7211
Idaho	736	-115	20	2	4	4627	0.7	-325	-653	12	11	4650
Illinois	7446	-538	-818	8	11	95868	1.6	2410	-10889	307	222	96397
Indiana	1946	-347	-439	5	7	13965	0.5	-337	-832	22	44	14031
Iowa	1502	-541	-137	5	2	14096	0.9	-3005	-2534	36	24	14156
Kansas	1739	301	87	2	1	8890	0.7	-261	-2060	36	31	8957
Kentucky	6453	2562	3524	1	1	22580	1.2	3395	631	107	132	22819
Louisiana	2198	-327	-502	9	10	19196	1.0	233	-4064	48	14	19258
Maine	707	-310	101	1	0	4816	0.8	-201	64	16	13	4845
Maryland	2932	-293	-389	17	11	31037	1.2	-564	-5623	305	124	31466
Massachusetts	4356	-1190	-170	12	10	53255	1.5	1091	-14631	104	129	53488
Michigan	10842	3703	33	12	8	56582	1.3	14879	-8999	66	89	56737
Minnesota	2293	-1370	-70	1	3	26203	0.9	-3827	-2954	45	58	26306
Mississippi	1082	-374	-255	3	1	12221	1.1	-223	-2495	72	19	12312
Missouri	5028	1053	-1136	23	5	26444	1.0	-1268	-4649	167	44	26655
Montana	430	-130	-75	4	4	4788	1.1	-352	-687	46	19	4853
Nebraska	545	-66	-110	3	3	4511	0.5	-427	-697	16	7	4534
Nevada	2141	-181	-137	1	9	18846	1.4	-1124	-1835	55	60	18961
New Hampshire	410	-114	-70	0	0	3969	0.6	-205	-518	4	6	3979
New Jersey	8254	-918	-1121	13	22	99334	2.5	-322	-6690	218	264	99816
New Mexico	724	-58	-133	0	4	9473	1.2	-9	-1512	129	52	9654
New York	13114	-8310	-1316	33	29	138878	1.5	-10260	-16565	312	342	139532
North Carolina	2856	-136	-158	10	6	21026	0.5	3	-2661	96	166	21288
North Dakota	217	-58	-81	10	0	2114	0.5	-151	-545	200	5	2319
Ohio	5534	-1021	-513	5	20	50906	1.0	-1883	-9261	112	170	51188
Oklahoma	1239	-146	-175	11	10	13468	0.9	-493	-2360	63	80	13611
Oregon	2591	-1884	-519	8	8	25110	1.4	-2577	-1440	152	103	25365
Pennsylvania	11632	-2388	-1042	50	32	121549	2.1	5213	-9340	428	272	122249
Puerto Rico	1525	3	-978	3	2	19357	2.3	815	-13906	45	69	19471
Rhode Island	672	-454	-163	4	0	9310	2.0	-363	-417	28	17	9355
South Carolina	3629	-43	172	3	11	17812	0.9	354	617	49	76	17937
South Dakota	171	8	2	24	0	1097	0.3	-79	-169	258	2	1357
Tennessee	2142	-728	-798	5	10	22751	0.8	-1709	-788	71	83	22905
Texas	12549	-1154	-1058	82	96	128927	1.1	679	-24093	855	1277	131059
Utah	1039	-74	97	36	2	7449	0.5	-43	-388	60	24	7533
Vermont	304	-31	-72	0	0	3169	1.0	-297	-377	7	6	3182
Virgin Islands	17	5	-6	0	0	692	1.9	-10	286	0	2	705
Virginia	2356	-358	-544	11	19	22603	0.6	-423	-3870	213	240	23056
Washington	4807	-1014	-109	5	16	42059	1.3	-1393	-3956	165	573	42797
West Virginia	737	-108	-322	0	2	8557	1.3	-588	-2004	44	34	8635
Wisconsin	3215	-1474	-445	7	3	26336	0.9	-2180	-3648	43	20	26399
Wyoming	238	11	10	0	0	1791	0.7	198	-1148	12	4	1807
Totals	201288	-30950	-19167	738	611	1760504	1.2	-12194	-213273	7652	7534	1775701

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 21, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+3,703	Layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
KY	+2,562	No comment.
MO	+1,053	Layoffs in the manufacturing, wholesale trade, and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-8,310	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
GA	-3732	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, manufacturing, retail trade, and construction industries.
AL	-3,361	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
PA	-2,388	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and construction industries.
OR	-1,884	No comment.
CA	-1,781	No comment.
CT	-1,543	No comment.
WI	-1,474	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MN	-1,370	No comment.
MA	-1,190	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, art, entertainment and recreation, and construction industries.
TX	-1,154	No comment.
OH	-1,021	No comment.
WA	-1,014	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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