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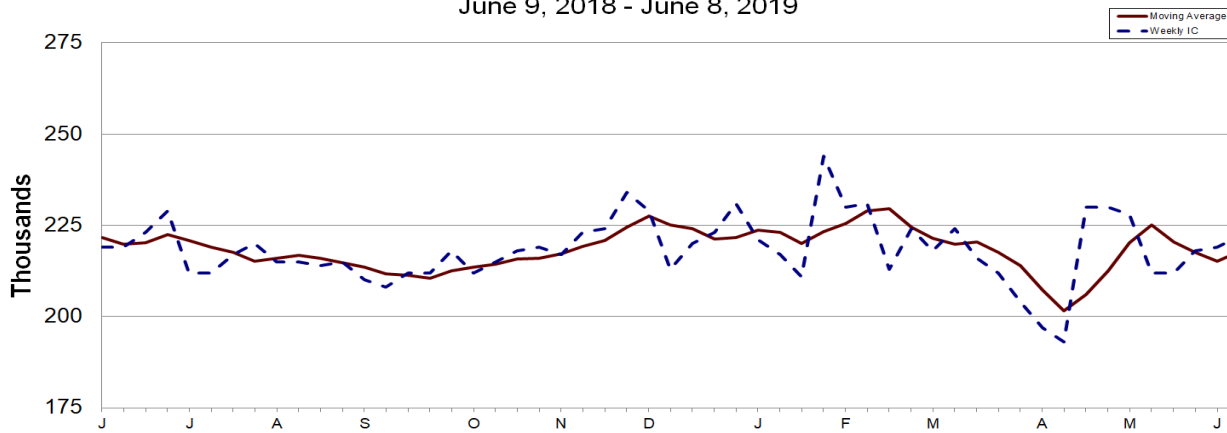
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 222,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 218,000 to 219,000. The 4-week moving average was 217,750, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 215,000 to 215,250.

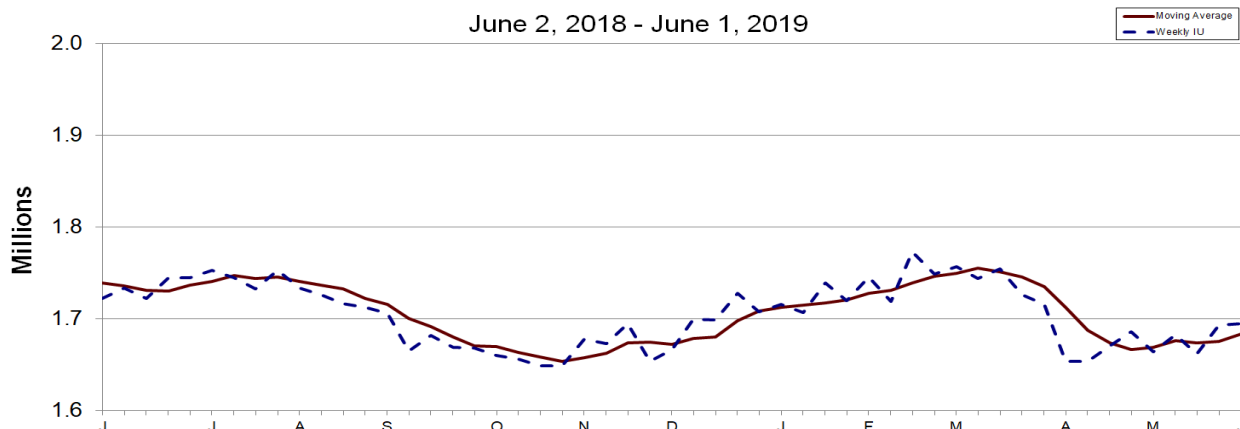
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 1, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 1 was 1,695,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 11,000 from 1,682,000 to 1,693,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,683,250, an increase of 7,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,750 from 1,672,750 to 1,675,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 9, 2018 - June 8, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 2, 2018 - June 1, 2019



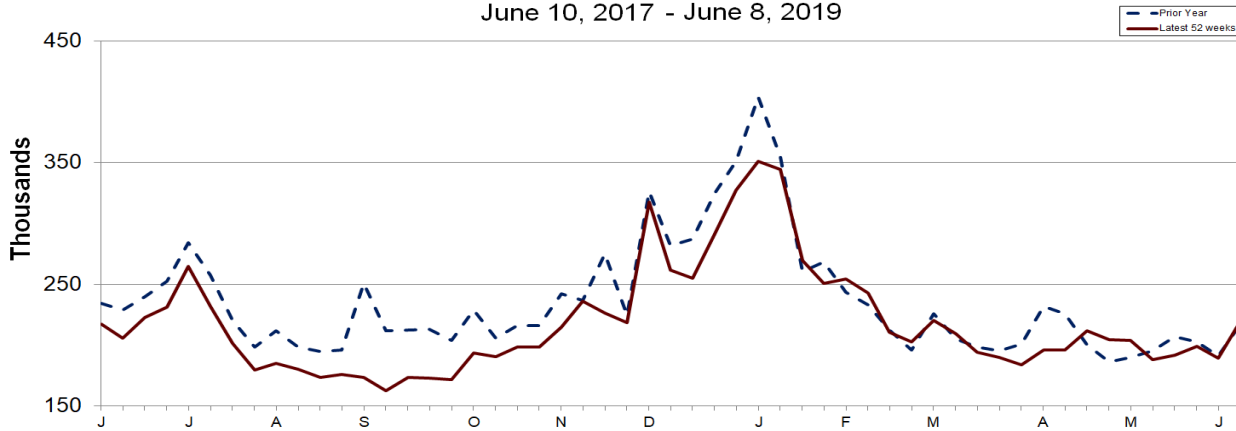
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,892 in the week ending June 8, an increase of 30,315 (or 16.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,364 (or 14.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 217,289 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 1, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,534,079, an increase of 12,357 (or 0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 10,156 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,559,759.

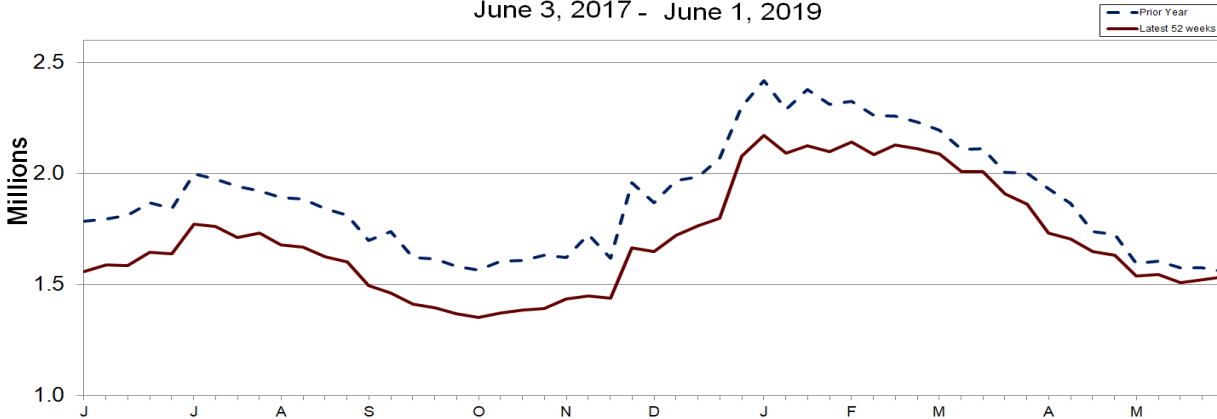
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 10, 2017 - June 8, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 3, 2017 - June 1, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 25 was 1,545,589, an increase of 11,140 from the previous week. There were 1,600,947 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending May 25.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 705 in the week ending June 1, an increase of 139 from the prior week. There were 419 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 17 from the preceding week.

There were 6,853 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 25, a decrease of 86 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,441, a decrease of 340 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 25 were in Alaska (2.0), California (1.9), New Jersey (1.9), Connecticut (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.7), Pennsylvania (1.6), Illinois (1.4), Massachusetts (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 1 were in Pennsylvania (+2,128), Tennessee (+888), Illinois (+885), Arkansas (+611), and Ohio (+493), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-4,291), California (-3,494), New Jersey (-1,698), Massachusetts (-1,632), and Texas (-1,582).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 8	June 1	Change	May 25	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	222,000	219,000	+3,000	218,000	219,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	219,892	189,577	+30,315	199,094	217,289
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	217,750	215,250	+2,500	217,500	221,750
WEEK ENDING	June 1	May 25	Change	May 18	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,695,000	1,693,000	+2,000	1,662,000	1,722,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,534,079	1,521,722	+12,357	1,509,264	1,559,759
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,683,250	1,675,500	+7,750	1,673,750	1,739,250
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 1	May 25	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	705	566	+139	817
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	419	436	-17	755

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 25	May 18	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,519,326	1,506,500	+12,826	1,571,132
Federal Employees	6,853	6,939	-86	8,421
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,441	5,781	-340	7,537
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	0	1	-1	22
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	5,603	6,002	-399	6,165
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	8,366	9,226	-860	7,670
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,545,589	1,534,449	+11,140	1,600,947

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 143,629,179 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 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,794	2,929	-135	17,807	15,210	2,597
Alaska	957	973	-16	6,267	6,235	32
Arizona	4,412	4,078	334	22,684	25,307	-2,623
Arkansas	2,899	2,602	297	10,549	10,139	410
California	41,847	34,781	7,066	324,805	317,598	7,207
Colorado	2,011	1,613	398	18,644	17,684	960
Connecticut	2,538	2,124	414	29,951	28,471	1,480
Delaware	650	390	260	4,032	4,491	-459
District of Columbia	540	410	130	6,204	6,299	-95
Florida	8,358	5,971	2,387	30,560	34,600	-4,040
Georgia	5,141	4,474	667	23,812	24,268	-456
Hawaii	1,598	994	604	7,195	6,534	661
Idaho	924	995	-71	4,281	4,471	-190
Illinois	10,669	8,551	2,118	83,468	83,430	38
Indiana	2,992	2,101	891	14,495	13,170	1,325
Iowa	2,766	2,195	571	14,147	13,632	515
Kansas	1,630	1,533	97	8,353	8,257	96
Kentucky	2,137	2,403	-266	15,651	16,305	-654
Louisiana	2,602	2,800	-198	13,499	14,745	-1,246
Maine	505	351	154	4,331	4,312	19
Maryland	2,770	2,630	140	22,506	25,059	-2,553
Massachusetts	4,396	3,797	599	48,935	49,765	-830
Michigan	4,886	4,112	774	41,139	43,562	-2,423
Minnesota	3,459	2,936	523	28,221	27,075	1,146
Mississippi	1,770	1,967	-197	7,952	9,128	-1,176
Missouri	4,243	4,651	-408	19,630	20,153	-523
Montana	824	757	67	4,771	4,730	41
Nebraska	912	996	-84	3,760	3,337	423
Nevada	2,142	2,355	-213	16,329	17,177	-848
New Hampshire	331	357	-26	2,755	3,026	-271
New Jersey	8,113	6,230	1,883	77,809	75,880	1,929
New Mexico	994	1,235	-241	8,799	8,436	363
New York	14,115	13,151	964	114,924	112,515	2,409
North Carolina	3,099	2,778	321	18,158	19,177	-1,019
North Dakota	374	452	-78	2,242	1,791	451
Ohio	7,070	7,161	-91	46,625	45,360	1,265
Oklahoma	1,721	2,144	-423	13,553	13,404	149
Oregon	3,548	3,491	57	24,825	24,221	604
Pennsylvania	17,345	11,990	5,355	90,566	92,256	-1,690
Puerto Rico	2,185	1,305	880	12,945	13,856	-911
Rhode Island	744	472	272	6,723	6,552	171
South Carolina	2,914	1,799	1,115	13,925	13,591	334
South Dakota	195	205	-10	1,122	1,117	5
Tennessee	2,785	3,865	-1,080	17,516	16,966	550
Texas	15,372	12,773	2,599	118,496	113,823	4,673
Utah	1,021	918	103	6,711	6,778	-67
Vermont	302	405	-103	3,266	3,000	266
Virgin Islands	9	24	-15	378	330	48
Virginia	3,008	2,388	620	19,587	18,453	1,134
Washington	5,688	4,908	780	44,957	44,252	705
West Virginia	843	864	-21	10,155	8,877	1,278
Wisconsin	4,395	3,753	642	22,253	21,075	1,178
Wyoming	349	440	-91	1,811	1,842	-31
US Total	219,892	189,577	30,315	1,534,079	1,521,722	12,357

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 claims 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	Initial Claims	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
June 2, 2018	220	-1	222.25	1,722	-26	1,739.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	219	-1	221.75	1,734	12	1,736.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	219	0	219.75	1,722	-12	1,731.50	1.2
June 23, 2018	223	4	220.25	1,745	23	1,730.75	1.2
June 30, 2018	229	6	222.50	1,745	0	1,736.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	212	-17	220.75	1,753	8	1,741.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	212	0	219.00	1,745	-8	1,747.00	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	5	217.50	1,733	-12	1,744.00	1.2
July 28, 2018	220	3	215.25	1,753	20	1,746.00	1.2
August 4, 2018	215	-5	216.00	1,734	-19	1,741.25	1.2
August 11, 2018	215	0	216.75	1,726	-8	1,736.50	1.2
August 18, 2018	214	-1	216.00	1,717	-9	1,732.50	1.2
August 25, 2018	215	1	214.75	1,713	-4	1,722.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	210	-5	213.50	1,706	-7	1,715.50	1.2
September 8, 2018	208	-2	211.75	1,665	-41	1,700.25	1.2
September 15, 2018	212	4	211.25	1,682	17	1,691.50	1.2
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,695	2	1,683.25	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 1					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 25						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	2929	200	-164	6	3	15210	0.8	529	-1976	62	54	15326
Alaska	973	-14	-15	3	1	6235	2.0	-366	-1453	54	12	6301
Arizona	4078	-51	-222	37	4	25307	0.9	-302	-2409	68	41	25416
Arkansas	2602	611	230	1	0	10139	0.9	324	-1097	46	28	10213
California	34781	-3494	-826	105	83	317598	1.9	-1558	7147	1473	1241	320312
Colorado	1613	-267	-291	5	13	17684	0.7	-482	-2097	78	179	17941
Connecticut	2124	-568	-153	2	3	28471	1.7	11	-2939	39	44	28554
Delaware	390	-7	-138	0	3	4491	1.0	642	78	8	10	4509
District of Columbia	410	-42	78	12	0	6299	1.1	71	-1125	296	5	6600
Florida	5971	-133	-1025	20	31	34600	0.4	613	-3555	129	105	34834
Georgia	4474	283	-361	19	23	24268	0.6	226	-1506	161	160	24589
Hawaii	994	-209	-261	4	3	6534	1.0	-289	-197	56	68	6658
Idaho	995	136	6	2	2	4471	0.6	17	149	26	11	4508
Illinois	8551	885	-1805	4	6	83430	1.4	-1096	-4631	329	163	83922
Indiana	2101	196	133	2	3	13170	0.4	-166	38	22	30	13222
Iowa	2195	67	420	1	2	13632	0.9	131	228	33	16	13681
Kansas	1533	-491	-16	0	1	8257	0.6	546	-170	28	24	8309
Kentucky	2403	-235	168	0	0	16305	0.9	667	-885	71	85	16461
Louisiana	2800	58	-146	3	2	14745	0.8	1217	-2047	52	16	14813
Maine	351	-125	-96	0	1	4312	0.7	-459	-349	13	14	4339
Maryland	2630	-544	-171	10	5	25059	1.0	427	-2388	213	65	25337
Massachusetts	3797	-1632	-271	12	5	49765	1.4	66	3152	90	78	49933
Michigan	4112	-4291	6	12	8	43562	1.0	2867	-291	79	71	43712
Minnesota	2936	244	179	2	4	27075	1.0	-689	-761	50	55	27180
Mississippi	1967	-243	-310	3	6	9128	0.8	1373	21	95	24	9247
Missouri	4651	301	225	2	2	20153	0.7	3078	-3534	72	29	20254
Montana	757	-22	-8	4	3	4730	1.1	-130	-224	50	15	4795
Nebraska	996	128	23	2	0	3337	0.3	189	-415	15	5	3357
Nevada	2355	213	33	3	1	17177	1.3	133	-639	60	46	17283
New Hampshire	357	-39	-57	0	0	3026	0.5	-71	-343	3	2	3031
New Jersey	6230	-1698	123	9	8	75880	1.9	60	-3746	161	182	76223
New Mexico	1235	204	-63	18	3	8436	1.1	180	365	83	34	8553
New York	13151	402	698	20	16	112515	1.2	766	-5323	305	273	113093
North Carolina	2778	-631	182	3	21	19177	0.4	247	-699	85	95	19357
North Dakota	452	124	101	96	0	1791	0.4	-12	-59	19	3	1813
Ohio	7161	493	295	5	11	45360	0.9	-933	440	72	92	45524
Oklahoma	2144	422	685	4	6	13404	0.9	213	263	38	53	13495
Oregon	3491	-160	497	17	3	24221	1.3	-339	-38	199	61	24481
Pennsylvania	11990	2128	1092	47	24	92256	1.6	4158	-4419	389	192	92837
Puerto Rico	1305	-100	73	3	1	13856	1.7	-252	-1335	141	34	14031
Rhode Island	472	-212	-106	4	0	6552	1.4	-399	-178	20	13	6585
South Carolina	1799	-194	-410	9	7	13591	0.7	287	-1236	48	40	13679
South Dakota	205	-75	31	90	0	1117	0.3	67	132	54	2	1173
Tennessee	3865	888	-1206	8	9	16966	0.6	1141	-2353	76	114	17156
Texas	12773	-1582	546	49	68	113823	0.9	563	-5465	895	922	115640
Utah	918	-135	-10	22	0	6778	0.5	-76	-379	39	13	6830
Vermont	405	-25	9	0	0	3000	1.0	-203	-76	7	0	3007
Virgin Islands	24	-1	17	0	0	330	1.0	-142	-770	10	0	340
Virginia	2388	-180	-149	10	6	18453	0.5	90	-2778	137	162	18752
Washington	4908	-591	154	7	12	44252	1.3	-792	1617	211	422	44885
West Virginia	864	29	94	1	4	8877	1.3	206	375	25	21	8923
Wisconsin	3753	239	72	5	2	21075	0.7	-533	-1300	57	13	21145
Wyoming	440	223	164	2	0	1842	0.7	642	-422	11	4	1857
Totals	189577	-9517	-1946	705	419	1521722	1.1	12458	-51602	6853	5441	1534016

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 U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 1, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+2,128	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and construction industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-4,291	Fewer layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
CA	-3,494	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-1,698	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
MA	-1,632	No comment.
TX	-1,582	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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