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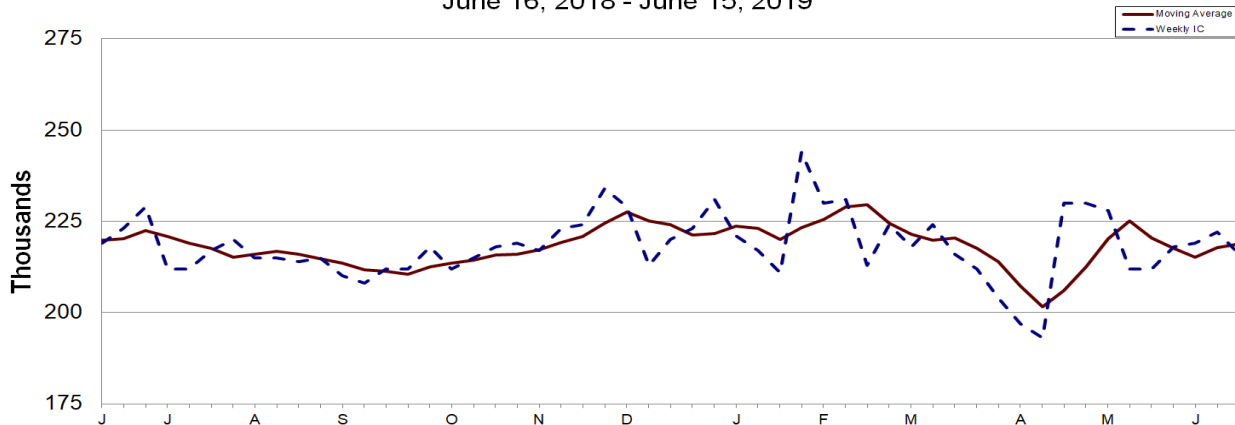
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 216,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 222,000. The 4-week moving average was 218,750, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 217,750.

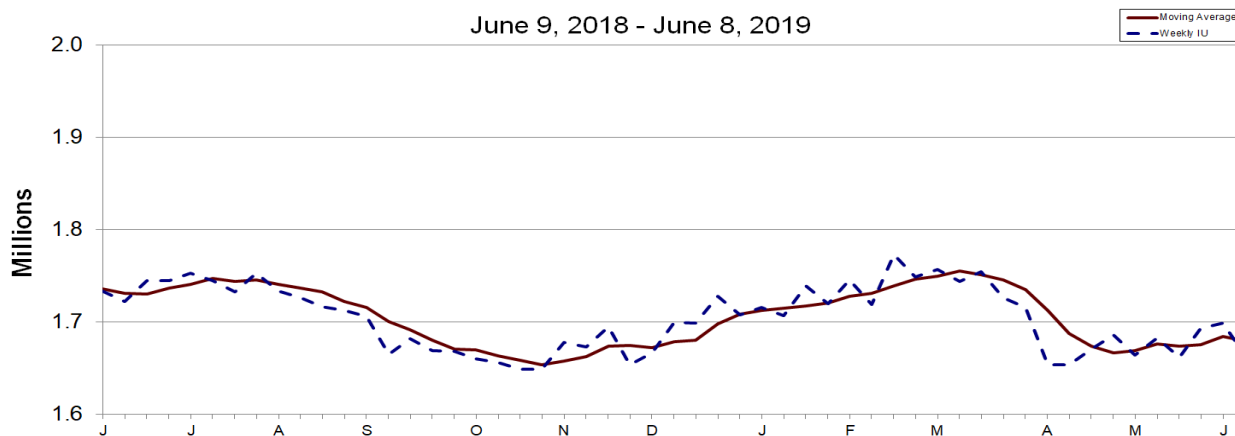
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 8, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 8 was 1,662,000, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,695,000 to 1,699,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,679,000, a decrease of 5,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,683,250 to 1,684,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 16, 2018 - June 15, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 9, 2018 - June 8, 2019



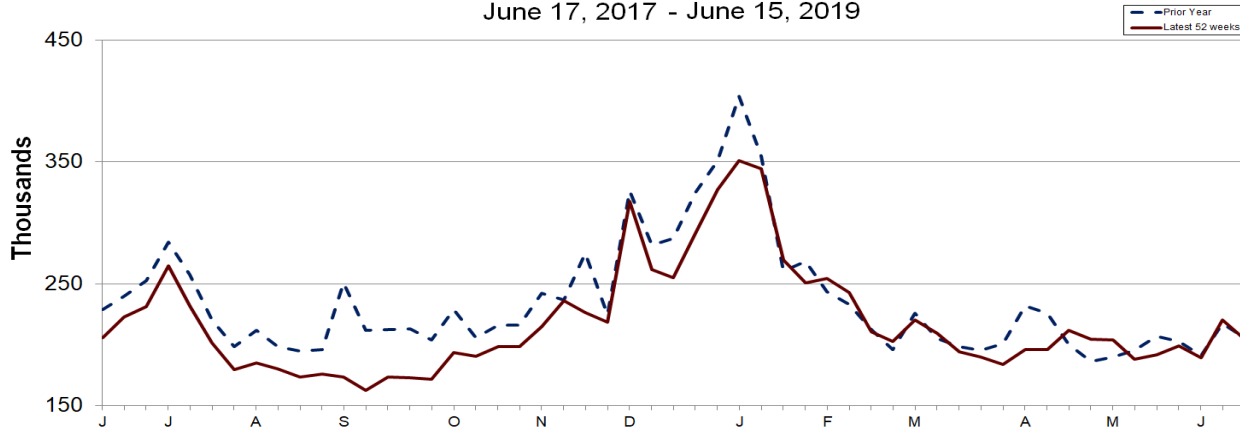
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 204,976 in the week ending June 15, a decrease of 15,210 (or -6.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 9,554 (or -4.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 206,023 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,519,354, a decrease of 18,691 (or -1.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 15,295 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,588,055.

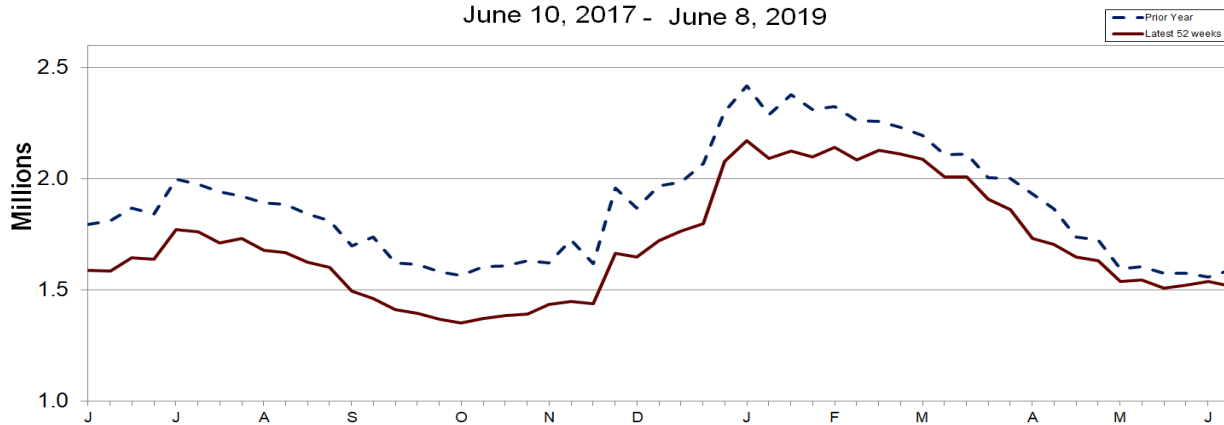
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 17, 2017 - June 15, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 10, 2017 - June 8, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 1 was 1,562,457, an increase of 16,851 from the previous week. There were 1,585,349 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 June 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 692 in the week ending June 8, a decrease of 13 from the prior week. There were 521 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 102 from the preceding week.

There were 6,702 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 1, a decrease of 151 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,644, an increase of 203 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 1 were in Alaska (2.1), California (1.9), New Jersey (1.9), Connecticut (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.7), Pennsylvania (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Massachusetts (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 8 were in California (+6,507), Pennsylvania (+5,374), Florida (+2,610), Texas (+2,413), and Illinois (+2,032), while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-976), Missouri (-322), Nevada (-241), New Mexico (-240), and Oklahoma (-211).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 15	June 8	Change	June 1	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	216,000	222,000	-6,000	219,000	219,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	204,976	220,186	-15,210	189,577	206,023
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	218,750	217,750	+1,000	215,250	219,750
WEEK ENDING	June 8	June 1	Change	May 25	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,662,000	1,699,000	-37,000	1,693,000	1,734,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,519,354	1,538,045	-18,691	1,521,739	1,588,055
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,679,000	1,684,250	-5,250	1,675,500	1,736,250
<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 8	June 1	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	692	705	-13	703
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	521	419	+102	858

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 1	May 25	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,535,552	1,519,343	+16,209	1,557,662
Federal Employees	6,702	6,853	-151	6,882
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,644	5,441	+203	7,480
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	35
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,576	5,603	-27	6,085
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	8,983	8,366	+617	7,205
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,562,457	1,545,606	+16,851	1,585,349

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 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,251	2,790	-539	15,584	16,100	-516
Alaska	778	909	-131	5,925	6,375	-450
Arizona	3,940	4,670	-730	23,024	26,308	-3,284
Arkansas	1,599	3,049	-1,450	11,994	11,510	484
California	39,292	41,288	-1,996	307,625	317,108	-9,483
Colorado	1,555	1,978	-423	17,564	18,061	-497
Connecticut	3,075	2,517	558	29,612	28,844	768
Delaware	1,090	670	420	4,222	3,816	406
District of Columbia	502	456	46	6,193	6,413	-220
Florida	7,329	8,581	-1,252	31,367	34,500	-3,133
Georgia	4,140	5,366	-1,226	23,641	24,860	-1,219
Hawaii	1,341	1,571	-230	7,424	6,920	504
Idaho	769	988	-219	4,264	4,555	-291
Illinois	8,944	10,583	-1,639	85,769	82,329	3,440
Indiana	2,235	2,821	-586	13,847	13,854	-7
Iowa	2,316	2,569	-253	14,204	13,691	513
Kansas	1,570	1,512	58	7,933	8,110	-177
Kentucky	1,863	2,201	-338	15,845	16,309	-464
Louisiana	2,143	2,818	-675	14,425	15,358	-933
Maine	431	520	-89	4,065	4,327	-262
Maryland	3,079	3,060	19	22,649	25,252	-2,603
Massachusetts	4,582	4,443	139	48,466	49,537	-1,071
Michigan	4,596	5,010	-414	37,755	43,510	-5,755
Minnesota	2,887	3,350	-463	27,819	27,623	196
Mississippi	1,129	1,766	-637	9,339	9,823	-484
Missouri	3,114	4,329	-1,215	20,030	20,909	-879
Montana	753	812	-59	4,550	4,692	-142
Nebraska	706	910	-204	3,862	3,747	115
Nevada	2,553	2,114	439	15,999	17,419	-1,420
New Hampshire	393	364	29	2,699	2,979	-280
New Jersey	7,986	8,217	-231	76,289	76,710	-421
New Mexico	787	995	-208	8,823	8,982	-159
New York	12,369	13,991	-1,622	113,510	114,145	-635
North Carolina	3,198	3,247	-49	18,289	19,547	-1,258
North Dakota	289	327	-38	2,210	1,989	221
Ohio	5,689	7,063	-1,374	44,785	46,748	-1,963
Oklahoma	1,573	1,933	-360	13,968	14,199	-231
Oregon	3,502	3,548	-46	23,894	24,735	-841
Pennsylvania	19,541	17,364	2,177	95,625	89,151	6,474
Puerto Rico	2,372	2,239	133	14,795	14,049	746
Rhode Island	1,165	747	418	6,663	6,602	61
South Carolina	2,404	3,003	-599	14,323	14,034	289
South Dakota	181	208	-27	1,007	1,183	-176
Tennessee	2,268	2,889	-621	18,068	18,681	-613
Texas	15,227	15,186	41	121,476	117,425	4,051
Utah	903	993	-90	6,641	6,723	-82
Vermont	329	312	17	2,975	3,101	-126
Virgin Islands	19	25	-6	414	376	38
Virginia	2,754	2,821	-67	19,962	19,079	883
Washington	5,098	5,426	-328	43,905	43,910	-5
West Virginia	883	881	2	10,296	8,588	1,708
Wisconsin	5,208	4,367	841	22,022	21,636	386
Wyoming	276	389	-113	1,719	1,613	106
US Total	204,976	220,186	-15,210	1,519,354	1,538,045	-18,691

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		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
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	1,699	6	1,684.25	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,662	-37	1,679.00	1.2
June 15, 2019	216	-6	218.75				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 8					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 1					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	2790	-139	-101	10	5	16100	0.8	890	-1264	64	56	16220
Alaska	909	-64	44	0	0	6375	2.1	140	-1197	53	18	6446
Arizona	4670	592	20	49	1	26308	1.0	1001	-1620	122	51	26481
Arkansas	3049	447	1197	4	6	11510	1.0	1371	-669	46	35	11591
California	41288	6507	1090	128	114	317108	1.9	-490	11268	1362	1293	319763
Colorado	1978	365	52	5	8	18061	0.7	377	-750	94	185	18340
Connecticut	2517	393	-112	5	4	28844	1.7	373	-2537	29	42	28915
Delaware	670	280	28	4	1	3816	0.9	-675	-211	11	11	3838
District of Columbia	456	46	6	18	0	6413	1.1	114	-1018	299	5	6717
Florida	8581	2610	-957	16	24	34500	0.4	-100	-4095	132	92	34724
Georgia	5366	892	-957	38	23	24860	0.6	592	-2162	178	176	25214
Hawaii	1571	577	16	2	3	6920	1.1	369	41	53	73	7046
Idaho	988	-7	-144	1	4	4555	0.6	84	229	19	11	4585
Illinois	10583	2032	-29	7	6	82329	1.4	-1101	-3612	292	187	82808
Indiana	2821	720	579	1	6	13854	0.5	684	288	16	32	13902
Iowa	2569	374	-16	2	5	13691	0.9	59	527	30	17	13738
Kansas	1512	-21	-98	0	0	8110	0.6	-147	-638	34	26	8170
Kentucky	2201	-202	-105	0	0	16309	0.9	4	-899	62	95	16466
Louisiana	2818	18	-65	3	3	15358	0.8	613	-2059	52	19	15429
Maine	520	169	70	1	0	4327	0.7	15	-157	10	13	4350
Maryland	3060	430	111	23	4	25252	1.0	193	-2246	280	65	25597
Massachusetts	4443	646	-265	6	10	49537	1.4	-228	3857	99	78	49714
Michigan	5010	898	709	8	3	43510	1.0	-52	7568	78	51	43639
Minnesota	3350	414	72	3	4	27623	1.0	548	-1417	56	52	27731
Mississippi	1766	-201	1	3	1	9823	0.9	695	-700	98	27	9948
Missouri	4329	-322	622	6	4	20909	0.8	756	-3569	73	25	21007
Montana	812	55	-47	13	1	4692	1.0	-38	-373	47	18	4757
Nebraska	910	-86	129	6	1	3747	0.4	410	-421	11	4	3762
Nevada	2114	-241	-317	3	4	17419	1.3	242	-678	53	41	17513
New Hampshire	364	7	-68	1	0	2979	0.5	-47	-390	8	2	2989
New Jersey	8217	1987	512	24	11	76710	1.9	830	-3152	168	222	77100
New Mexico	995	-240	22	9	2	8982	1.1	546	-230	84	35	9101
New York	13991	840	955	30	28	114145	1.2	1630	-4518	329	285	114759
North Carolina	3247	469	350	11	9	19547	0.5	370	-2	66	101	19714
North Dakota	327	-125	-123	19	0	1989	0.5	198	-39	114	1	2104
Ohio	7063	-98	174	8	14	46748	0.9	1388	-54	80	98	46926
Oklahoma	1933	-211	508	7	4	14199	0.9	795	556	43	42	14284
Oregon	3548	57	-53	5	11	24735	1.3	514	765	174	58	24967
Pennsylvania	17364	5374	443	59	18	89151	1.5	-3105	-691	375	235	89761
Puerto Rico	2239	934	181	1	5	14049	1.7	193	-1167	131	48	14228
Rhode Island	747	275	70	1	1	6602	1.4	50	21	23	10	6635
South Carolina	3003	1204	-126	10	8	14034	0.7	443	-986	48	42	14124
South Dakota	208	3	-17	68	0	1183	0.3	66	109	138	8	1329
Tennessee	2889	-976	-2092	6	7	18681	0.6	1715	-2941	64	61	18806
Texas	15186	2413	682	54	104	117425	1.0	3602	2509	619	974	119018
Utah	993	75	70	5	3	6723	0.5	-55	-316	55	13	6791
Vermont	312	-93	-20	0	0	3101	1.0	101	9	5	1	3107
Virgin Islands	25	1	18	1	1	376	1.2	46	-924	8	2	386
Virginia	2821	433	-34	2	13	19079	0.5	626	-2581	160	153	19392
Washington	5426	518	-129	4	27	43910	1.3	-342	1907	180	410	44500
West Virginia	881	17	-128	0	4	8588	1.3	-289	-13	20	22	8630
Wisconsin	4367	614	158	1	6	21636	0.8	561	-449	49	17	21702
Wyoming	389	-51	11	1	0	1613	0.6	-229	-623	8	6	1627
Totals	220186	30609	2897	692	521	1538045	1.1	16306	-21714	6702	5644	1550391

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 8, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+6,507	Layoffs in the services industry.
PA	+5,374	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and accommodation and food services industries.
FL	+2,610	Layoffs in the manufacturing, retail trade, wholesale trade, construction, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and services industries.
TX	+2,413	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, retail trade, accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
IL	+2,032	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food services industries.
NJ	+1,987	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, professional, scientific, and technical services, trade, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing industries.
SC	+1,204	Layoffs in the educational services industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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