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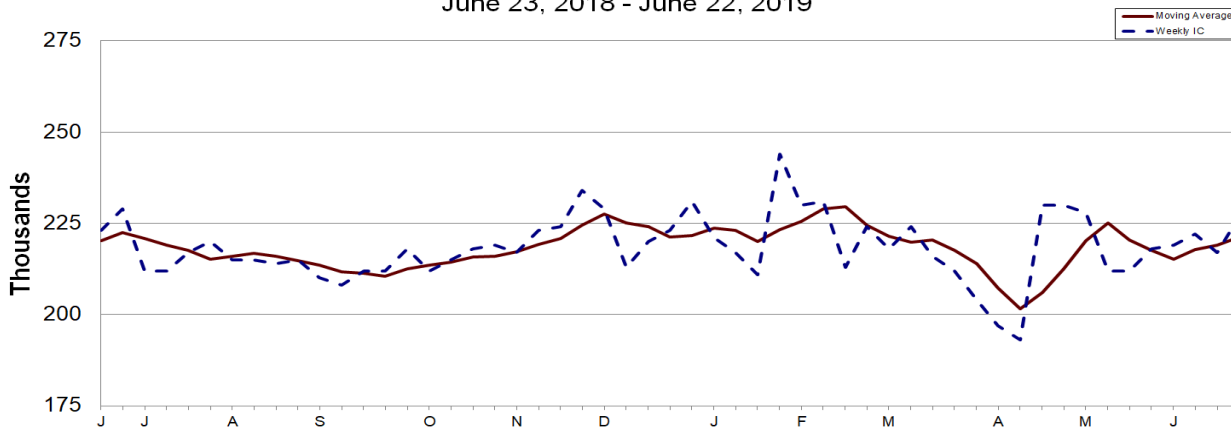
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 216,000 to 217,000. The 4-week moving average was 221,250, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 218,750 to 219,000.

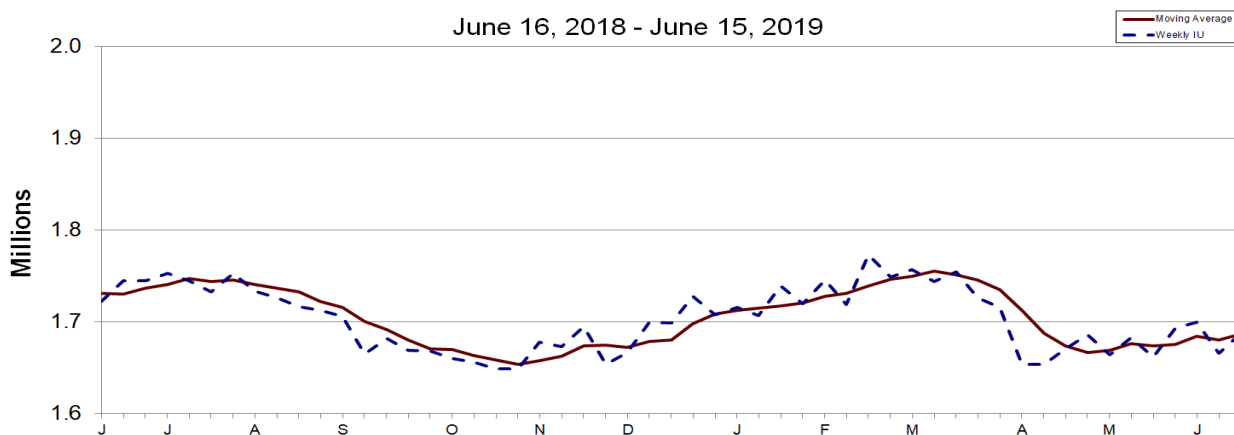
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 15, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 15 was 1,688,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,662,000 to 1,666,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,686,750, an increase of 6,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,679,000 to 1,680,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
June 23, 2018 - June 22, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 16, 2018 - June 15, 2019



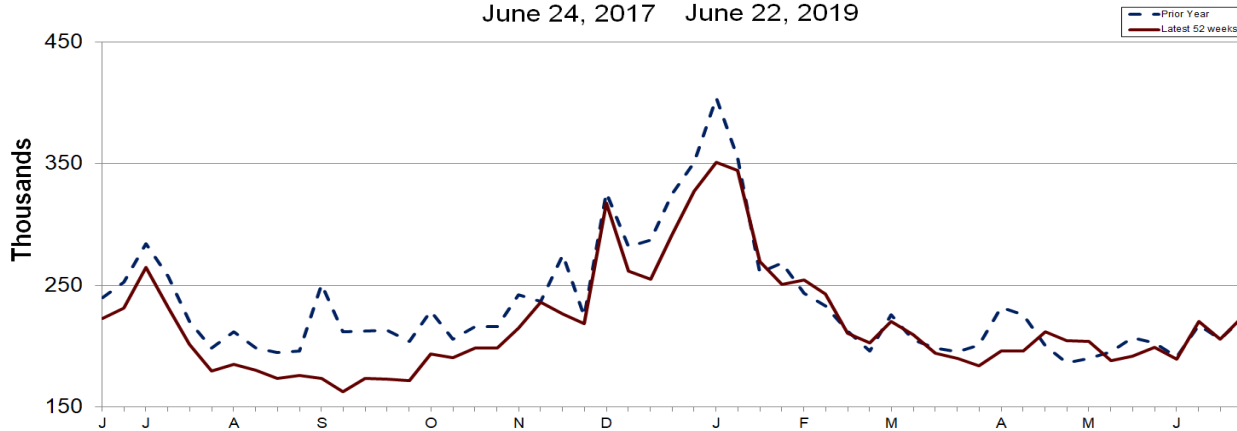
**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,092 in the week ending June 22, an increase of 18,173 (or 8.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,471 (or 4.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 222,766 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,552,601, an increase of 29,958 (or 2.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 9,995 (or 0.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,585,979.

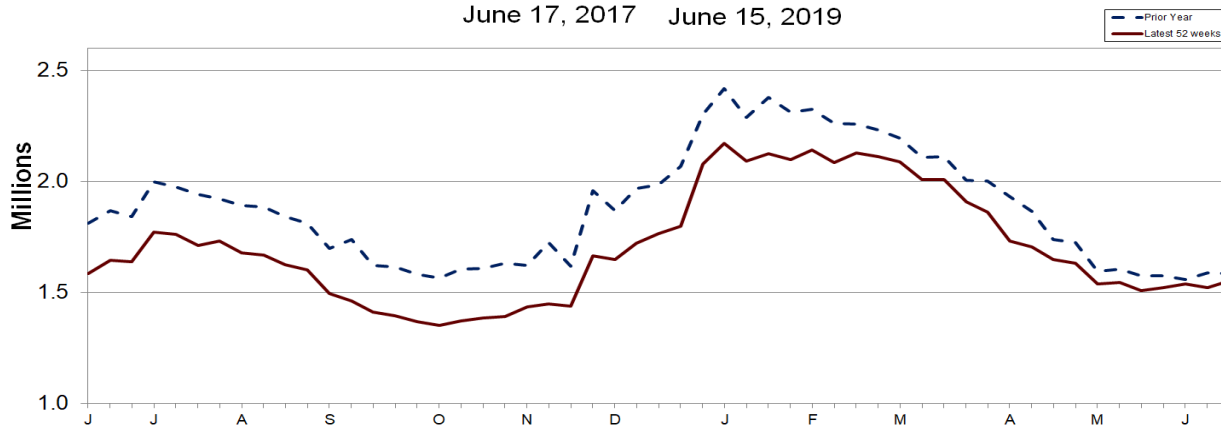
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims**

June 24, 2017    June 22, 2019



**Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment**

June 17, 2017    June 15, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 8 was 1,546,189, a decrease of 16,287 from the previous week. There were 1,614,407 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 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 543 in the week ending June 15, a decrease of 149 from the prior week. There were 484 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 37 from the preceding week.

There were 6,939 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 8, an increase of 237 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,293, a decrease of 351 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 8 were in Alaska (2.0), New Jersey (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), California (1.8), Connecticut (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 15 were in Pennsylvania (+2,184), Wisconsin (+841), Connecticut (+563), Delaware (+442), and Rhode Island (+405), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,535), Illinois (-1,745), New York (-1,704), Ohio (-1,365), and Arkansas (-1,313).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	217,000	+10,000	222,000	223,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	224,092	205,919	+18,173	220,186	222,766
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	221,250	219,000	+2,250	217,750	220,250
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,688,000	1,666,000	+22,000	1,700,000	1,722,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,552,601	1,522,643	+29,958	1,538,064	1,585,979
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,686,750	1,680,250	+6,500	1,684,500	1,731,500
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u><sup>2</sup></a>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u><sup>2</sup></a>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	543	692	-149	639
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	484	521	-37	639

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,520,500	1,535,571	-15,071	1,586,041
Federal Employees	6,939	6,702	+237	7,319
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,293	5,644	-351	7,587
<a href="#"><u>Extended Benefits</u><sup>3</sup></a>	0	0	0	36
<a href="#"><u>State Additional Benefits</u><sup>4</sup></a>	5,343	5,576	-233	6,012
<a href="#"><u>STC / Workshare</u><sup>5</sup></a>	8,114	8,983	-869	7,412
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>1,546,189</b>	<b>1,562,476</b>	<b>-16,287</b>	<b>1,614,407</b>

**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 22			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 15		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,197	2,422	-225	17,102	15,927	1,175
Alaska	811	733	78	5,759	6,030	-271
Arizona	3,969	4,219	-250	23,159	25,992	-2,833
Arkansas	1,362	1,736	-374	11,667	12,900	-1,233
California**	43,908	38,753	5,155	310,092	300,412	9,680
Colorado	1,544	1,517	27	18,621	17,158	1,463
Connecticut	6,791	3,080	3,711	30,861	28,474	2,387
Delaware	864	1,112	-248	4,941	3,991	950
District of Columbia	855	473	382	6,190	6,401	-211
Florida	6,820	7,509	-689	34,945	35,131	-186
Georgia	4,188	4,332	-144	24,007	24,648	-641
Hawaii	1,316	1,303	13	7,589	7,150	439
Idaho	685	834	-149	4,352	4,536	-184
Illinois	8,169	8,838	-669	88,857	84,805	4,052
Indiana	2,035	2,120	-85	13,859	13,273	586
Iowa	1,967	2,120	-153	14,670	13,729	941
Kansas	1,377	1,436	-59	8,191	7,857	334
Kentucky	2,991	1,936	1,055	15,938	16,535	-597
Louisiana	2,027	2,372	-345	14,735	16,384	-1,649
Maine	520	437	83	3,993	3,988	5
Maryland	4,810	3,358	1,452	23,015	25,395	-2,380
Massachusetts	9,240	4,615	4,625	49,152	49,062	90
Michigan	5,103	4,719	384	36,919	39,142	-2,223
Minnesota	2,731	2,785	-54	27,386	26,565	821
Mississippi*	1,265	1,282	-17	10,582	10,424	158
Missouri	3,097	3,311	-214	20,475	20,814	-339
Montana	683	710	-27	4,711	4,460	251
Nebraska	646	712	-66	3,910	3,891	19
Nevada	2,511	2,514	-3	16,639	17,047	-408
New Hampshire	763	430	333	2,715	2,930	-215
New Jersey	13,563	8,064	5,499	76,881	75,278	1,603
New Mexico	744	786	-42	8,900	8,911	-11
New York	11,950	12,287	-337	113,474	112,845	629
North Carolina	3,126	3,323	-197	18,530	19,616	-1,086
North Dakota	327	253	74	2,200	1,970	230
Ohio	5,990	5,698	292	44,409	45,074	-665
Oklahoma	1,495	1,820	-325	13,814	14,550	-736
Oregon	3,929	3,504	425	24,003	23,910	93
Pennsylvania	18,596	19,548	-952	100,198	94,129	6,069
Puerto Rico	1,752	2,445	-693	16,790	15,782	1,008
Rhode Island	1,823	1,152	671	6,708	6,378	330
South Carolina	2,034	2,506	-472	14,658	14,434	224
South Dakota	152	204	-52	1,016	1,017	-1
Tennessee	2,240	2,363	-123	18,252	19,297	-1,045
Texas	14,623	15,081	-458	128,805	120,357	8,448
Utah	931	885	46	6,545	6,653	-108
Vermont	829	335	494	2,967	2,789	178
Virgin Islands	17	29	-12	412	408	4
Virginia	2,629	2,591	38	20,149	19,463	686
Washington	5,556	4,886	670	42,783	42,773	10
West Virginia	838	935	-97	10,019	8,866	1,153
Wisconsin	5,471	5,208	263	24,349	21,574	2,775
Wyoming	232	298	-66	1,707	1,518	189
US Total	224,092	205,919	18,173	1,552,601	1,522,643	29,958

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.

\*Denotes OUI estimate.  
 \*\*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	
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	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,688	22	1,686.75	1.2
June 22, 2019	227	10	221.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 15					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 8					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		(%) <sup>2</sup>	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>		UCX <sup>1</sup>
Alabama	2422	-368	-29	7	5	15927	0.8	-173	-1384	69	48	16044
Alaska	733	-176	-121	1	1	6030	2.0	-345	-1153	51	14	6095
Arizona	4219	-451	-79	22	2	25992	0.9	-316	-2563	141	43	26176
Arkansas	1736	-1313	119	1	2	12900	1.1	1390	413	60	28	12988
California	38753	-2535	-2664	91	108	300412	1.8	-16696	-8599	1246	1191	302849
Colorado	1517	-461	-228	7	11	17158	0.7	-903	-2465	66	164	17388
Connecticut	3080	563	693	3	10	28474	1.7	-370	-2395	36	49	28559
Delaware	1112	442	-83	0	1	3991	0.9	175	-159	5	11	4007
District of Columbia	473	17	-17	15	0	6401	1.1	-12	-1100	294	4	6699
Florida	7509	-1072	-252	13	30	35131	0.4	631	-4505	149	111	35391
Georgia	4332	-1034	-428	17	17	24648	0.6	-212	-1591	178	170	24996
Hawaii	1303	-268	-21	3	5	7150	1.1	211	-115	49	55	7254
Idaho	834	-154	28	0	3	4536	0.6	-19	102	17	14	4567
Illinois	8838	-1745	410	5	6	84805	1.4	2476	-8189	326	161	85292
Indiana	2120	-701	-137	1	5	13273	0.4	-581	-276	19	34	13326
Iowa	2120	-449	342	4	1	13729	0.9	38	-203	34	18	13781
Kansas	1436	-76	-48	2	0	7857	0.6	-253	-796	23	23	7903
Kentucky	1936	-265	137	2	0	16535	0.9	226	-144	73	10	16618
Louisiana	2372	-446	-169	6	2	16384	0.9	1026	-1922	58	16	16458
Maine	437	-83	-47	1	0	3988	0.7	-339	-339	10	16	4014
Maryland	3358	298	256	21	7	25395	1.0	143	-1937	282	63	25740
Massachusetts	4615	172	-24	12	15	49062	1.4	-475	3532	100	91	49253
Michigan	4719	-291	309	13	7	39142	0.9	-4368	1020	76	63	39281
Minnesota	2785	-565	-109	6	3	26565	0.9	-1058	-977	46	55	26666
Mississippi	1282	-484	-143	0	2	10424	0.9	601	-430	87	34	10545
Missouri	3311	-1018	201	4	3	20814	0.8	-95	-3397	66	26	20906
Montana	710	-102	-58	3	0	4460	1.0	-232	-561	55	19	4534
Nebraska	712	-198	69	13	2	3891	0.4	144	-378	8	4	3903
Nevada	2514	400	134	0	5	17047	1.3	-372	-863	46	37	17130
New Hampshire	430	66	3	1	0	2930	0.5	-49	-412	4	1	2935
New Jersey	8064	-153	416	7	19	75278	1.9	-1432	-3231	167	184	75629
New Mexico	786	-209	16	3	2	8911	1.1	-71	-273	96	35	9042
New York	12287	-1704	869	23	20	112845	1.2	-1300	-3838	317	281	113443
North Carolina	3323	76	269	15	22	19616	0.5	69	-59	77	102	19795
North Dakota	253	-74	2	15	1	1970	0.5	-19	-175	116	2	2088
Ohio	5698	-1365	-308	10	13	45074	0.8	-1674	-1736	72	105	45251
Oklahoma	1820	-113	660	8	3	14550	0.9	351	964	37	50	14637
Oregon	3504	-44	-186	13	5	23910	1.3	-825	246	168	68	24146
Pennsylvania	19548	2184	58	45	21	94129	1.6	4978	-2071	387	173	94689
Puerto Rico	2445	206	-205	6	2	15782	1.9	1733	-411	145	34	15961
Rhode Island	1152	405	273	1	1	6378	1.4	-224	-152	14	11	6403
South Carolina	2506	-497	180	4	7	14434	0.7	400	-1372	53	45	14532
South Dakota	204	-4	28	20	1	1017	0.2	-166	-58	193	2	1212
Tennessee	2363	-526	-143	3	7	19297	0.7	616	-4338	61	64	19422
Texas	15081	-105	914	74	68	120357	1.0	2932	-3674	900	907	122164
Utah	885	-108	-51	2	4	6653	0.5	-70	-278	54	13	6720
Vermont	335	23	-32	0	0	2789	0.9	-312	-132	4	0	2793
Virgin Islands	29	4	21	0	0	408	1.3	32	-784	6	0	414
Virginia	2591	-230	-188	9	8	19463	0.5	384	-2168	139	188	19790
Washington	4886	-540	-117	4	21	42773	1.3	-1137	1334	187	417	43377
West Virginia	935	54	67	3	3	8866	1.3	278	43	20	20	8906
Wisconsin	5208	841	-748	3	3	21574	0.8	-62	-768	48	17	21639
Wyoming	298	-91	57	1	0	1518	0.6	-95	-695	4	2	1524
Totals	205919	-14267	-104	543	484	1522643	1.1	-15421	-65412	6939	5293	1534875

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 15, 2019**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
PA	+2,184	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, health care and social assistance, and educational service industries.

**STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-2,535	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
IL	-1,745	No comment.
NY	-1,704	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food service, and manufacturing industries.
OH	-1,365	No comment.
AR	-1,313	No comment.
FL	-1,072	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, wholesale trade, and service industries.
GA	-1,034	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, professional, scientific and technical service and trade industries.
MO	-1,018	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and retail trade industries.

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## 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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