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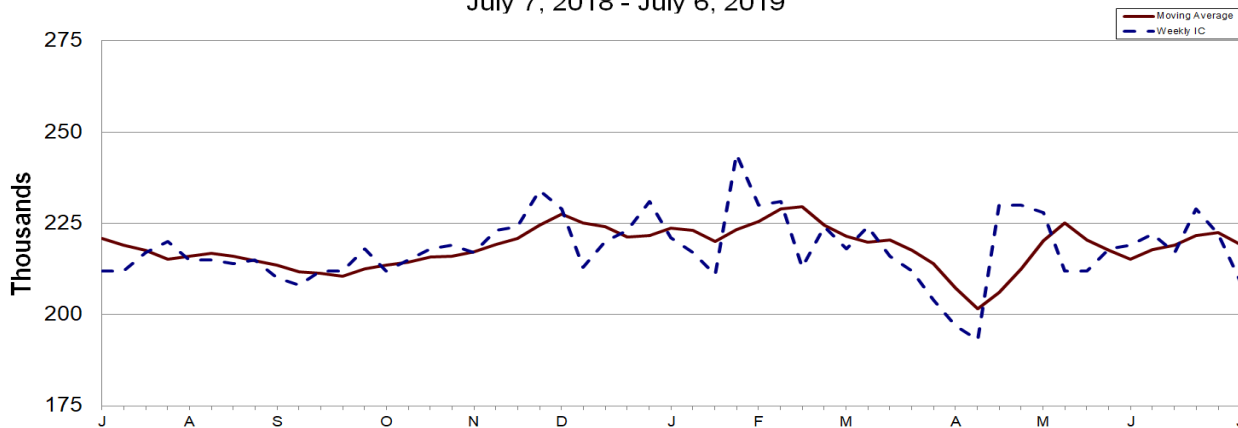
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 209,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 221,000 to 222,000. The 4-week moving average was 219,250, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 222,250 to 222,500.

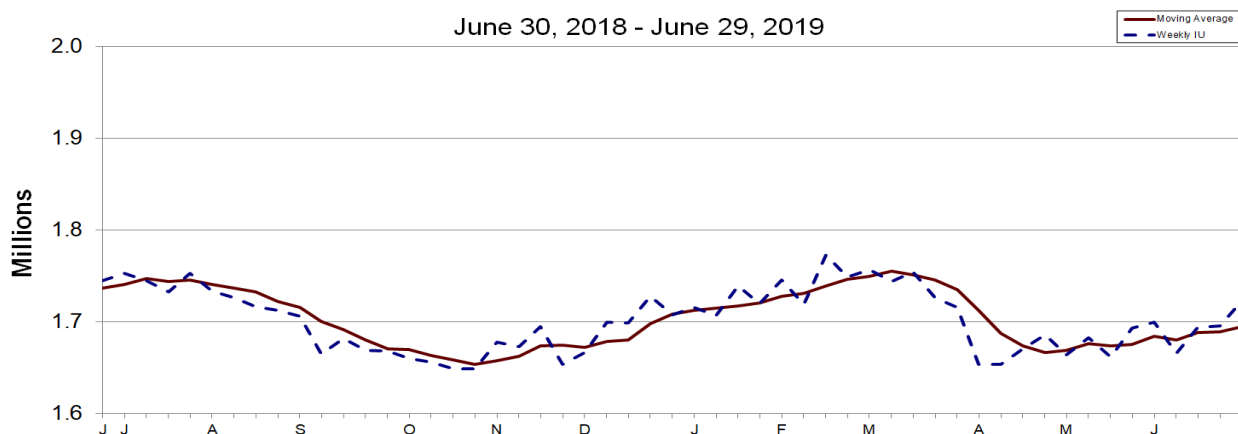
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 29, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 29 was 1,723,000, an increase of 27,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 10,000 from 1,686,000 to 1,696,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,694,750, an increase of 5,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,500 from 1,686,500 to 1,689,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 7, 2018 - July 6, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 30, 2018 - June 29, 2019



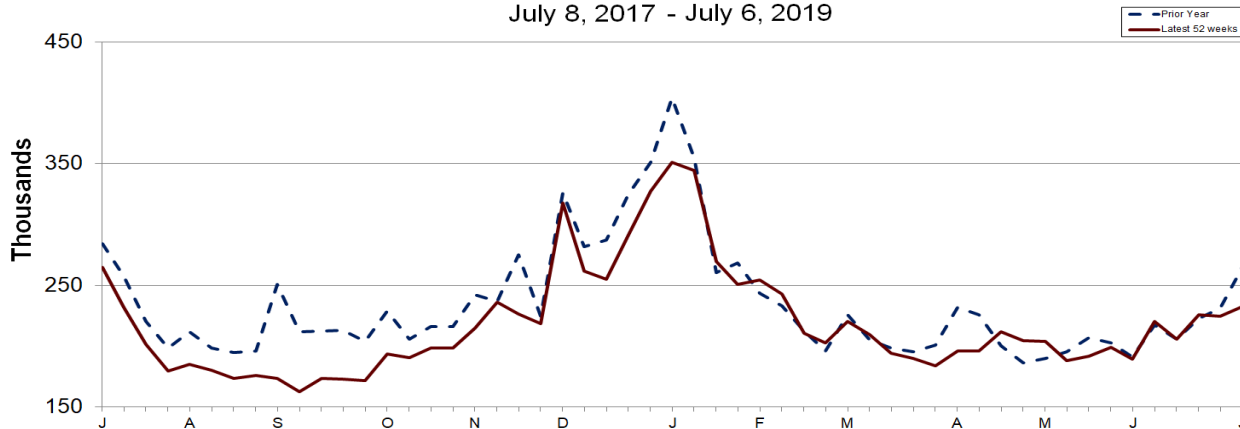
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 232,688 in the week ending July 6, an increase of 8,160 (or 3.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 23,342 (or 10.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 264,869 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 29, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,605,405, an increase of 16,704 (or 1.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,478 (or - 0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,636,791.

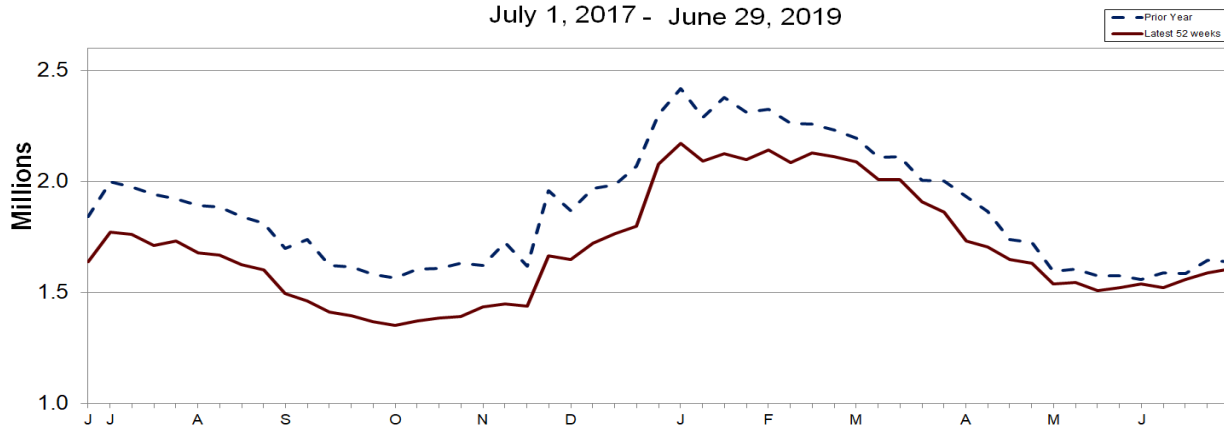
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 8, 2017 - July 6, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

July 1, 2017 - June 29, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 22 was 1,611,938, an increase of 29,629 from the previous week. There were 1,672,230 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 22.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 593 in the week ending June 29, an increase of 49 from the prior week. There were 509 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 15 from the preceding week.

There were 7,010 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 22, an increase of 435 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,400, a decrease of 196 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 22 were in Puerto Rico (2.2), Connecticut (2.1), New Jersey (2.0), Pennsylvania (1.9), Alaska (1.8), California (1.8), Rhode Island (1.7), Massachusetts (1.6), and Illinois (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 29 were in New Jersey (+4,914), New York (+2,593), Michigan (+1,671), Alabama (+898), and Missouri (+820), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-4,119), Massachusetts (-2,311), California (-1,992), Connecticut (-1,692), and Maryland (-1,203).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 6	June 29	Change	June 22	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	209,000	222,000	-13,000	229,000	212,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	232,688	224,528	+8,160	225,819	264,869
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	219,250	222,500	-3,250	221,750	220,750
WEEK ENDING	June 29	June 22	Change	June 15	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,723,000	1,696,000	+27,000	1,694,000	1,745,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,605,405	1,588,701	+16,704	1,558,646	1,636,791
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,694,750	1,689,000	+5,750	1,688,250	1,736,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 29	June 22	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	593	544	+49	633
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	509	524	-15	662

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 22	June 15	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,586,536	1,556,252	+30,284	1,643,973
Federal Employees	7,010	6,575	+435	7,447
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,400	5,596	-196	7,573
Extended Benefits ³	1	0	+1	29
State Additional Benefits ⁴	5,041	5,276	-235	5,731
STC / Workshare ⁵	7,950	8,610	-660	7,477
TOTAL	1,611,938	1,582,309	+29,629	1,672,230

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 benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 6			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 29		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,184	3,278	-1,094	17,225	17,260	-35
Alaska	579	689	-110	5,228	5,404	-176
Arizona	4,221	4,208	13	23,421	26,470	-3,049
Arkansas	2,829	1,564	1,265	11,295	12,603	-1,308
California	35,670	42,404	-6,734	314,660	300,575	14,085
Colorado	1,477	1,355	122	17,921	16,960	961
Connecticut	3,547	5,107	-1,560	36,766	35,091	1,675
Delaware	502	650	-148	5,212	5,647	-435
District of Columbia	550	591	-41	6,673	6,840	-167
Florida	6,987	6,845	142	33,945	38,733	-4,788
Georgia	5,041	4,336	705	23,907	24,973	-1,066
Hawaii	1,467	1,086	381	7,698	6,949	749
Idaho	1,022	866	156	4,416	4,668	-252
Illinois	9,267	8,038	1,229	87,549	86,622	927
Indiana	2,199	2,225	-26	13,551	13,105	446
Iowa	3,461	2,123	1,338	14,762	14,086	676
Kansas	4,240	1,516	2,724	7,926	7,871	55
Kentucky	6,011	3,555	2,456	17,174	16,599	575
Louisiana	1,598	2,206	-608	15,112	17,617	-2,505
Maine	425	531	-106	3,836	3,966	-130
Maryland	2,863	3,897	-1,034	25,888	27,803	-1,915
Massachusetts	5,674	6,964	-1,290	55,271	55,654	-383
Michigan	13,506	6,890	6,616	38,731	38,722	9
Minnesota	3,304	2,999	305	27,193	26,120	1,073
Mississippi	1,183	1,587	-404	9,603	11,066	-1,463
Missouri	4,842	4,043	799	20,845	22,521	-1,676
Montana	738	668	70	4,682	4,638	44
Nebraska	797	998	-201	4,273	3,908	365
Nevada	2,530	2,130	400	16,735	17,798	-1,063
New Hampshire	493	615	-122	3,209	3,391	-182
New Jersey	12,535	18,558	-6,023	88,005	80,090	7,915
New Mexico	664	671	-7	8,552	8,946	-394
New York	25,383	14,376	11,007	124,657	113,999	10,658
North Carolina	2,550	3,321	-771	18,380	20,079	-1,699
North Dakota	528	376	152	2,318	1,940	378
Ohio	6,278	5,970	308	43,650	45,429	-1,779
Oklahoma	1,762	1,821	-59	13,825	14,544	-719
Oregon	4,909	3,771	1,138	24,356	24,701	-345
Pennsylvania	13,153	14,483	-1,330	110,782	110,978	-196
Puerto Rico	1,419	1,531	-112	17,576	18,308	-732
Rhode Island	1,382	1,648	-266	8,800	7,943	857
South Carolina	1,883	2,183	-300	14,968	15,118	-150
South Dakota	134	180	-46	964	1,044	-80
Tennessee	2,887	2,904	-17	19,127	20,118	-991
Texas	11,676	13,655	-1,979	126,103	124,259	1,844
Utah	886	957	-71	6,447	6,676	-229
Vermont	533	603	-70	3,389	3,092	297
Virgin Islands	16	29	-13	352	376	-24
Virginia	2,606	2,415	191	19,386	19,797	-411
Washington	5,730	5,626	104	42,576	41,972	604
West Virginia	581	793	-212	9,683	8,904	779
Wisconsin	5,616	4,345	1,271	25,183	25,106	77
Wyoming	370	348	22	1,619	1,622	-3
US Total	232,688	224,528	8,160	1,605,405	1,588,701	16,704

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 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	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,696	2	1,689.00	1.2
June 29, 2019	222	-7	222.50	1,723	27	1,694.75	1.2
July 6, 2019	209	-13	219.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 29					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 22					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	3278	898	591	10	9	17260	0.9	-438	-477	66	50	17376
Alaska	689	-65	-95	1	0	5404	1.8	-465	-1026	44	14	5462
Arizona	4208	31	-378	26	3	26470	1.0	-136	-2572	165	60	26695
Arkansas	1564	72	54	1	2	12603	1.1	-36	98	46	29	12678
California	42404	-1992	1971	110	107	300575	1.8	-5430	-15756	1152	1199	302926
Colorado	1355	-182	-298	6	10	16960	0.7	-1118	-2576	61	162	17183
Connecticut	5107	-1692	-1273	5	8	35091	2.1	5300	2863	32	52	35175
Delaware	650	-236	120	2	7	5647	1.3	933	-147	7	10	5664
District of Columbia	591	-196	70	13	0	6840	1.2	435	-1005	304	3	7147
Florida	6845	-180	-435	19	30	38733	0.5	-129	-4550	134	105	38972
Georgia	4336	-76	-887	24	18	24973	0.6	-99	-1571	184	162	25319
Hawaii	1086	-194	-19	2	7	6949	1.1	-340	-189	57	49	7055
Idaho	866	126	-28	2	1	4668	0.7	47	62	9	17	4694
Illinois	8038	-62	-687	8	2	86622	1.5	-1024	-6248	336	168	87126
Indiana	2225	265	55	4	3	13105	0.4	-216	-842	17	30	13152
Iowa	2123	342	128	1	1	14086	0.9	-147	-310	34	17	14137
Kansas	1516	224	45	2	1	7871	0.6	-278	-1031	33	25	7929
Kentucky	3555	469	-4236	0	5	16599	0.9	-9	-3041	93	79	16771
Louisiana	2206	-32	86	8	3	17617	0.9	987	-1561	50	14	17681
Maine	531	-5	-70	0	0	3966	0.7	-130	-270	16	11	3993
Maryland	3897	-1203	532	22	2	27803	1.1	2041	-2442	282	62	28147
Massachusetts	6964	-2311	-3285	32	6	55654	1.6	5908	8512	114	102	55870
Michigan	6890	1671	-238	12	9	38722	0.9	642	-1082	89	65	38876
Minnesota	2999	406	266	5	1	26120	0.9	-66	-1149	48	49	26217
Mississippi	1587	227	-20	2	1	11066	1.0	372	-304	76	26	11168
Missouri	4043	820	378	5	6	22521	0.8	1394	-2491	68	32	22621
Montana	668	4	49	2	0	4638	1.0	-3	-399	50	14	4702
Nebraska	998	350	224	1	2	3908	0.4	-5	-471	11	4	3923
Nevada	2130	-272	-257	4	6	17798	1.3	203	-848	43	36	17877
New Hampshire	615	-185	-290	1	1	3391	0.5	434	-125	1	1	3393
New Jersey	18558	4914	1110	9	15	80090	2.0	4238	-595	157	188	80435
New Mexico	671	-75	-108	9	3	8946	1.1	-114	-373	116	38	9100
New York	14376	2593	-1710	33	26	113999	1.2	1278	-5238	324	283	114606
North Carolina	3321	69	345	13	20	20079	0.5	249	-168	82	113	20274
North Dakota	376	86	65	16	1	1940	0.5	-2	-141	137	2	2079
Ohio	5970	-10	-967	7	13	45429	0.9	804	-1644	72	105	45606
Oklahoma	1821	130	591	9	7	14544	0.9	180	1124	44	49	14637
Oregon	3771	-162	253	13	6	24701	1.3	748	2	143	56	24900
Pennsylvania	14483	-4119	631	61	23	110978	1.9	12150	-1037	378	165	111521
Puerto Rico	1531	-274	439	3	4	18308	2.2	518	1242	154	44	18506
Rhode Island	1648	-157	-240	2	0	7943	1.7	1311	645	22	10	7975
South Carolina	2183	67	1	4	13	15118	0.7	299	-1083	54	41	15213
South Dakota	180	23	22	6	1	1044	0.3	3	-88	239	4	1287
Tennessee	2904	581	-245	5	6	20118	0.7	659	-2524	66	111	20295
Texas	13655	-839	56	41	83	124259	1.0	-2871	-2840	929	897	126085
Utah	957	39	-108	5	2	6676	0.5	-156	-133	61	18	6755
Vermont	603	-234	-7	1	0	3092	1.0	294	-103	4	0	3096
Virgin Islands	29	-3	7	0	1	376	1.2	-34	-512	6	2	385
Virginia	2415	-35	-280	11	14	19797	0.5	128	-2147	140	152	20089
Washington	5626	218	208	10	15	41972	1.3	199	603	185	430	42587
West Virginia	793	-87	110	0	2	8904	1.3	252	51	30	24	8958
Wisconsin	4345	-1122	610	4	2	25106	0.9	1191	-943	38	17	25161
Wyoming	348	84	133	1	1	1622	0.6	104	-403	7	4	1633
Totals	224528	-1291	-7011	593	509	1588701	1.1	30055	-57253	7010	5400	1601112

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 29, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+4,914	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, public administration, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
NY	+2,593	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
MI	+1,671	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-4,119	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MA	-2,311	Fewer layoffs in the educational service industry.
CA	-1,992	No comment.
CT	-1,692	No comment.
MD	-1,203	No comment.
WI	-1,122	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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