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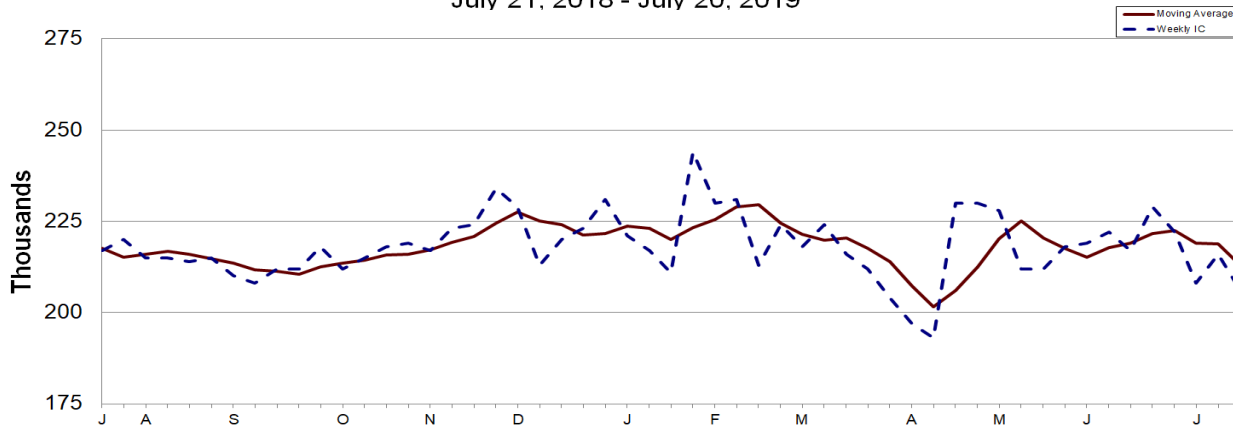
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 206,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 216,000. The 4-week moving average was 213,000, a decrease of 5,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 218,750.

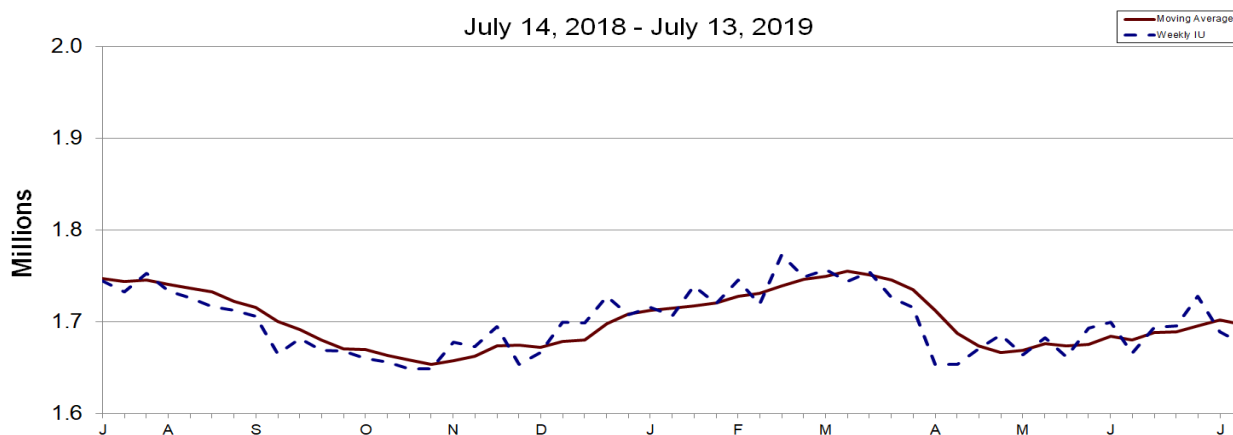
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 13 was 1,676,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,686,000 to 1,689,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,697,250, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,701,000 to 1,701,750.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 21, 2018 - July 20, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

July 14, 2018 - July 13, 2019



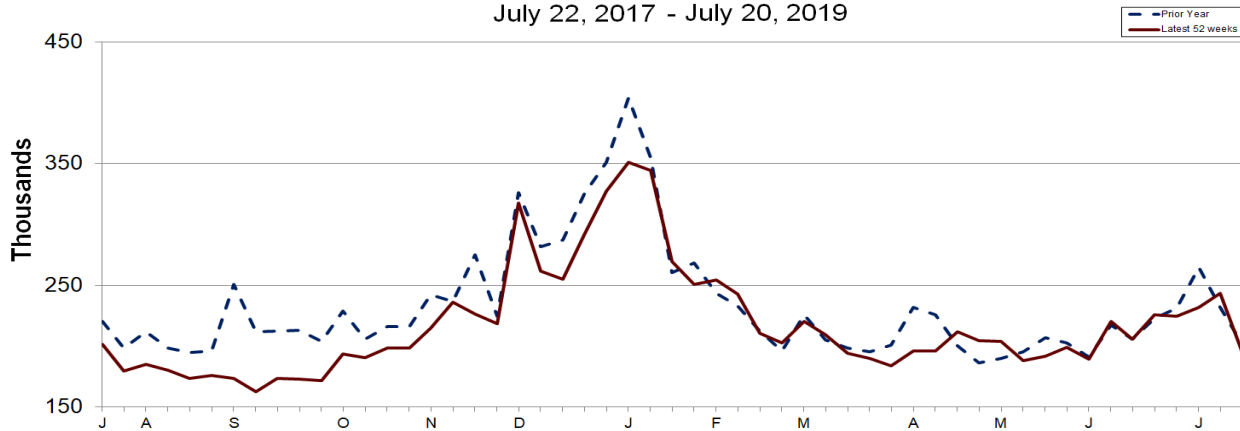
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 194,895 in the week ending July 20, a decrease of 48,724 (or -20.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 38,512 (or -15.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 201,288 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 13, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,696,353, a decrease of 6,372 (or -0.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 6,757 (or 0.4 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,760,512.

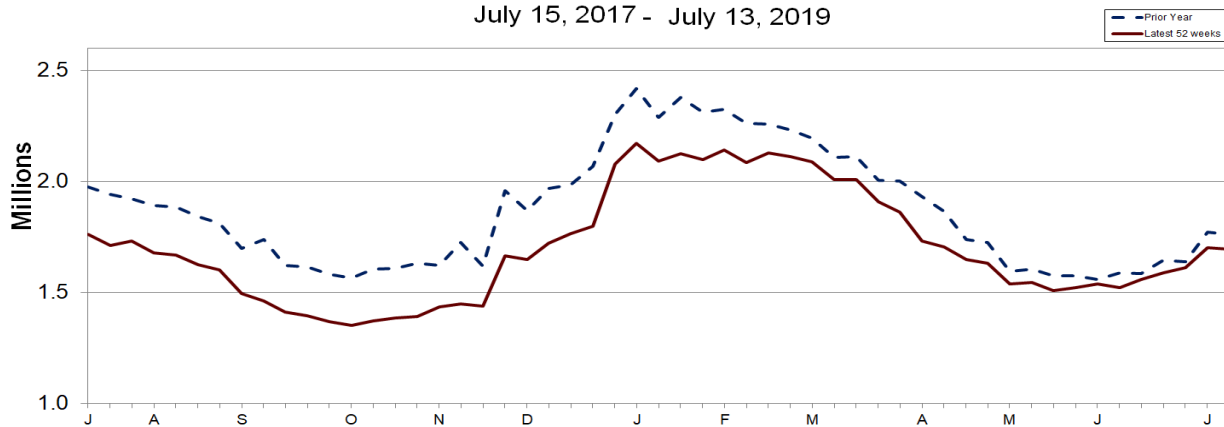
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 22, 2017 - July 20, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

July 15, 2017 - July 13, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 6 was 1,725,936, an increase of 93,247 from the previous week. There were 1,798,244 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 July 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 680 in the week ending July 13, an increase of 126 from the prior week. There were 535 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 34 from the preceding week.

There were 6,902 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 6, an increase of 455 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,420, a decrease of 18 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 6 were in New Jersey (2.5), Puerto Rico (2.4), Connecticut (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.0), Rhode Island (2.0), California (1.8), Alaska (1.7), Massachusetts (1.7), Illinois (1.5), New York (1.5), and Oregon (1.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 13 were in Texas (+4,546), California (+3,867), Georgia (+3,831), Alabama (+1,930), and Pennsylvania (+1,744), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-5,561), New Jersey (-3,702), Illinois (-1,888), Arkansas (-1,181), and Massachusetts (-842).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 20	July 13	Change	July 6	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	206,000	216,000	-10,000	208,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	194,895	243,619	-48,724	231,993	201,288
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	213,000	218,750	-5,750	219,000	217,500
WEEK ENDING	July 13	July 6	Change	June 29	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,676,000	1,689,000	-13,000	1,728,000	1,745,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,696,353	1,702,725	-6,372	1,610,630	1,760,512
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,697,250	1,701,750	-4,500	1,696,000	1,747,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.1%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 13	July 6	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	680	554	+126	838
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	535	569	-34	658

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 6	June 29	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,700,311	1,608,768	+91,543	1,770,665
Federal Employees	6,902	6,447	+455	7,447
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,420	5,438	-18	7,500
Extended Benefits ³	0	0	0	21
State Additional Benefits ⁴	4,994	5,109	-115	5,534
STC / Workshare ⁵	8,309	6,927	+1,382	7,077
TOTAL	1,725,936	1,632,689	+93,247	1,798,244

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 144,199,701 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 20			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 13		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,620	4,293	-1,673	18,053	20,440	-2,387
Alaska	680	696	-16	4,969	5,262	-293
Arizona	4,316	5,723	-1,407	25,493	27,400	-1,907
Arkansas	1,373	1,757	-384	12,898	13,856	-958
California	39,887	39,061	826	313,830	301,444	12,386
Colorado	1,522	1,809	-287	17,811	16,974	837
Connecticut	2,555	3,255	-700	37,068	36,920	148
Delaware	513	665	-152	5,493	5,213	280
District of Columbia	568	570	-2	6,974	7,186	-212
Florida	6,261	7,710	-1,449	37,682	40,614	-2,932
Georgia	5,902	9,065	-3,163	25,987	30,818	-4,831
Hawaii	1,116	1,320	-204	7,514	7,304	210
Idaho	597	772	-175	4,722	5,209	-487
Illinois	8,046	7,249	797	95,198	85,669	9,529
Indiana	2,391	3,527	-1,136	14,563	13,592	971
Iowa	2,013	2,635	-622	15,294	16,194	-900
Kansas	1,418	2,657	-1,239	10,715	8,316	2,399
Kentucky	5,321	5,442	-121	17,095	17,861	-766
Louisiana	2,102	2,410	-308	15,525	17,408	-1,883
Maine	485	708	-223	3,998	4,301	-303
Maryland	2,608	3,100	-492	26,111	29,479	-3,368
Massachusetts	4,281	4,905	-624	56,249	59,033	-2,784
Michigan	9,380	8,058	1,322	55,192	42,764	12,428
Minnesota	2,425	4,095	-1,670	27,997	30,143	-2,146
Mississippi	1,001	1,716	-715	10,731	12,284	-1,553
Missouri	2,963	4,522	-1,559	23,369	24,323	-954
Montana	516	702	-186	4,760	5,319	-559
Nebraska	552	546	6	4,064	4,578	-514
Nevada	2,147	2,483	-336	17,039	18,814	-1,775
New Hampshire	375	490	-115	3,245	3,691	-446
New Jersey	7,976	8,910	-934	98,650	98,783	-133
New Mexico	659	823	-164	8,658	8,839	-181
New York	11,902	25,416	-13,514	134,742	142,051	-7,309
North Carolina	3,101	3,397	-296	18,994	20,582	-1,588
North Dakota	306	335	-29	2,416	2,426	-10
Ohio	5,631	7,503	-1,872	46,400	47,650	-1,250
Oklahoma	1,528	2,000	-472	14,658	15,233	-575
Oregon	3,444	4,972	-1,528	25,809	27,638	-1,829
Pennsylvania	11,366	14,876	-3,510	115,803	114,361	1,442
Puerto Rico	1,350	1,974	-624	20,142	19,920	222
Rhode Island	723	861	-138	9,135	9,404	-269
South Carolina	2,293	3,507	-1,214	15,301	16,057	-756
South Dakota	188	204	-16	1,097	1,195	-98
Tennessee	2,141	2,706	-565	19,410	21,734	-2,324
Texas	13,165	16,144	-2,979	130,976	128,079	2,897
Utah	848	949	-101	6,429	6,712	-283
Vermont	256	384	-128	3,383	3,484	-101
Virgin Islands	17	43	-26	428	464	-36
Virginia	2,622	3,183	-561	20,573	20,754	-181
Washington	4,928	6,312	-1,384	44,383	44,130	253
West Virginia	854	1,261	-407	10,601	9,381	1,220
Wisconsin	3,441	5,475	-2,034	26,645	29,809	-3,164
Wyoming	222	443	-221	2,081	1,630	451
US Total	194,895	243,619	-48,724	1,696,353	1,702,725	-6,372

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	
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	1,728	32	1,696.00	1.2
July 6, 2019	208	-14	219.00	1,689	-39	1,701.75	1.2
July 13, 2019	216	8	218.75	1,676	-13	1,697.25	1.2
July 20, 2019	206	-10	213.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 13					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 6					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	4293	1930	-1790	14	13	20440	1.1	2555	-2536	67	49	20556
Alaska	696	144	-54	0	0	5262	1.7	-48	-941	44	10	5316
Arizona	5723	1311	682	32	2	27400	1.0	711	-3810	189	58	27647
Arkansas	1757	-1181	15	3	5	13856	1.2	1700	121	39	24	13919
California	39061	3867	-2330	174	96	301444	1.8	-6006	-19786	1102	1180	303726
Colorado	1809	359	119	9	13	16974	0.6	-331	-2191	61	140	17175
Connecticut	3255	-296	-880	4	4	36920	2.2	1239	-1637	32	58	37010
Delaware	665	136	106	0	1	5213	1.2	240	-241	5	6	5224
District of Columbia	570	69	11	17	1	7186	1.2	296	-967	308	3	7497
Florida	7710	560	-229	20	21	40614	0.5	2912	-3974	121	120	40855
Georgia	9065	3831	-1031	15	29	30818	0.7	5846	-1913	169	174	31161
Hawaii	1320	-119	22	3	5	7304	1.2	-146	-101	46	65	7415
Idaho	772	-311	-79	1	1	5209	0.7	533	257	8	16	5233
Illinois	7249	-1888	-735	2	8	85669	1.5	-652	-7789	318	157	86144
Indiana	3527	1437	1234	3	9	13592	0.5	647	-710	23	33	13648
Iowa	2635	-672	592	0	1	16194	1.1	1834	-907	31	14	16239
Kansas	2657	238	1219	2	2	8316	0.6	402	-835	32	25	8373
Kentucky	5442	-628	1551	1	2	17861	1.0	23	-1324	83	80	18024
Louisiana	2410	566	-115	1	6	17408	0.9	311	-1555	50	12	17470
Maine	708	267	-309	0	0	4301	0.7	518	-716	13	10	4324
Maryland	3100	-53	-125	27	5	29479	1.2	851	-2129	274	66	29819
Massachusetts	4905	-842	-641	13	15	59033	1.7	3210	6869	121	101	59255
Michigan	8058	-5561	919	7	13	42764	1.0	2549	1061	93	53	42910
Minnesota	4095	906	432	0	3	30143	1.1	3683	113	43	55	30241
Mississippi	1716	400	260	1	4	12284	1.1	1486	-160	86	26	12396
Missouri	4522	-502	547	7	3	24323	0.9	1750	-3389	62	32	24417
Montana	702	-86	142	2	0	5319	1.2	544	179	48	12	5379
Nebraska	546	-242	-65	2	0	4578	0.5	308	-360	9	4	4591
Nevada	2483	124	161	2	1	18814	1.4	1184	-1156	43	42	18899
New Hampshire	490	-63	-34	1	3	3691	0.6	247	-483	2	3	3696
New Jersey	8910	-3702	-262	15	10	98783	2.5	11739	-873	153	197	99133
New Mexico	823	137	41	4	2	8839	1.1	156	-643	100	42	8981
New York	25416	137	3992	17	26	142051	1.5	18243	-7087	323	298	142672
North Carolina	3397	718	405	17	24	20582	0.5	922	-441	93	113	20788
North Dakota	335	-162	60	6	0	2426	0.6	333	161	188	2	2616
Ohio	7503	1208	948	13	16	47650	0.9	3704	-5139	76	126	47852
Oklahoma	2000	-11	615	8	4	15233	1.0	595	1272	56	51	15340
Oregon	4972	57	497	16	12	27638	1.5	3122	-49	144	66	27848
Pennsylvania	14876	1744	856	53	22	114361	2.0	4930	-1975	372	174	114907
Puerto Rico	1974	516	452	3	12	19920	2.4	1583	1378	167	49	20136
Rhode Island	861	-503	-265	2	0	9404	2.0	768	-269	16	10	9430
South Carolina	3507	1548	-165	6	7	16057	0.8	891	-1401	52	45	16154
South Dakota	204	52	41	10	0	1195	0.3	228	19	228	4	1427
Tennessee	2706	-289	-164	11	7	21734	0.7	1367	-2726	61	52	21847
Texas	16144	4546	2441	77	89	128079	1.1	4227	-169	900	919	129898
Utah	949	88	-164	47	5	6712	0.5	162	-780	72	18	6802
Vermont	384	-154	49	0	1	3484	1.1	274	18	4	0	3488
Virgin Islands	43	22	31	1	0	464	1.4	116	-238	2	2	468
Virginia	3183	696	469	2	11	20754	0.6	1784	-2272	129	156	21039
Washington	6312	765	491	4	12	44130	1.3	2531	678	171	433	44734
West Virginia	1261	645	416	3	3	9381	1.4	918	236	30	21	9432
Wisconsin	5475	-134	786	1	4	29809	1.0	4848	1293	39	12	29860
Wyoming	443	1	216	1	2	1630	0.6	258	37	4	2	1636
Totals	243619	11626	11381	680	535	1702725	1.2	92095	-69980	6902	5420	1715047

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 JULY 13, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+4,546	No comment.
CA	+3,867	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and service industries.
GA	+3,831	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
AL	+1,930	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
PA	+1,744	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, construction, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
SC	+1,548	No comment.
IN	+1,437	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AZ	+1,311	No comment.
OH	+1,208	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-5,561	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-3,702	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
IL	-1,888	No comment.
AR	-1,181	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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