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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

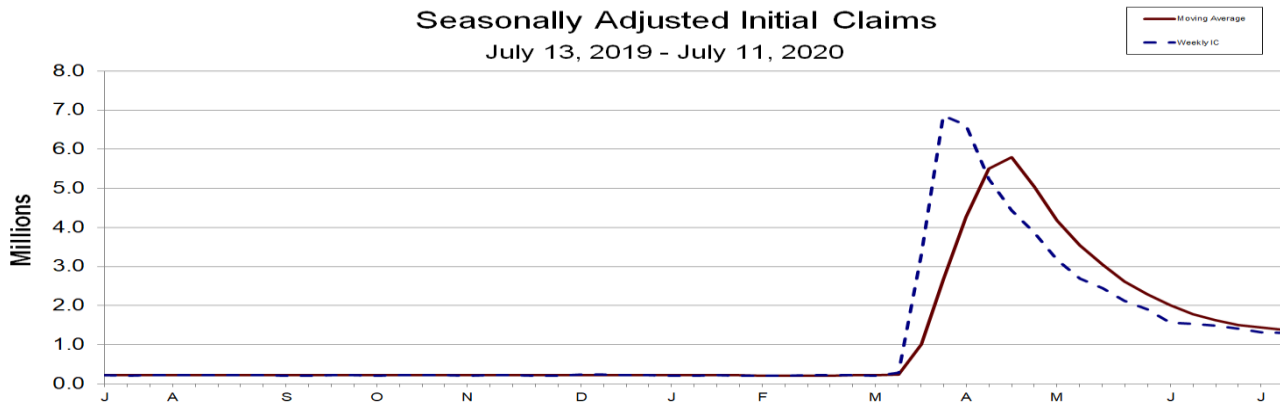
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

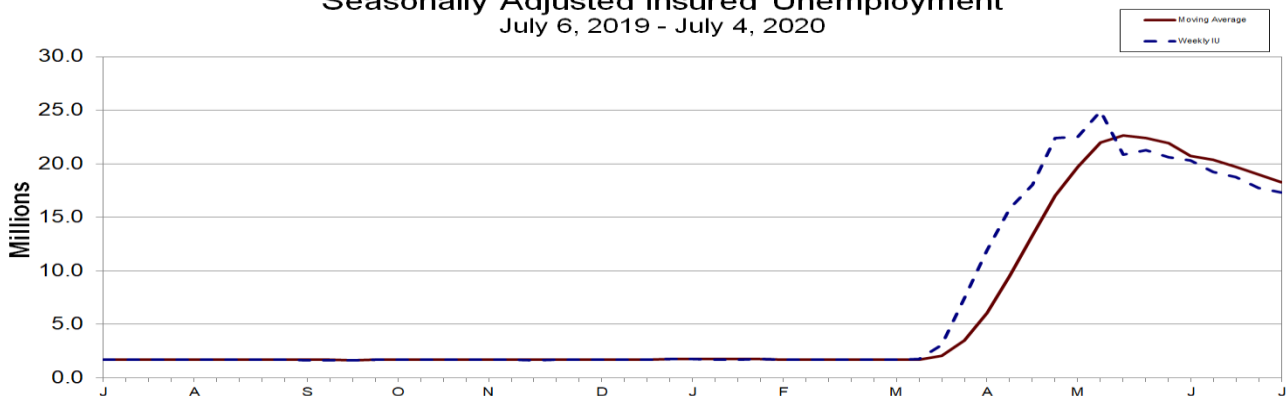
In the week ending July 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,300,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,314,000 to 1,310,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,375,000, a decrease of 60,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,250 from 1,437,250 to 1,435,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 11.9 percent for the week ending July 4, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.2 from 12.4 to 12.2 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 4 was 17,338,000, a decrease of 422,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 302,000 from 18,062,000 to 17,760,000. The 4-week moving average was 18,272,250, a decrease of 737,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 75,500 from 19,085,500 to 19,010,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 13, 2019 - July 11, 2020



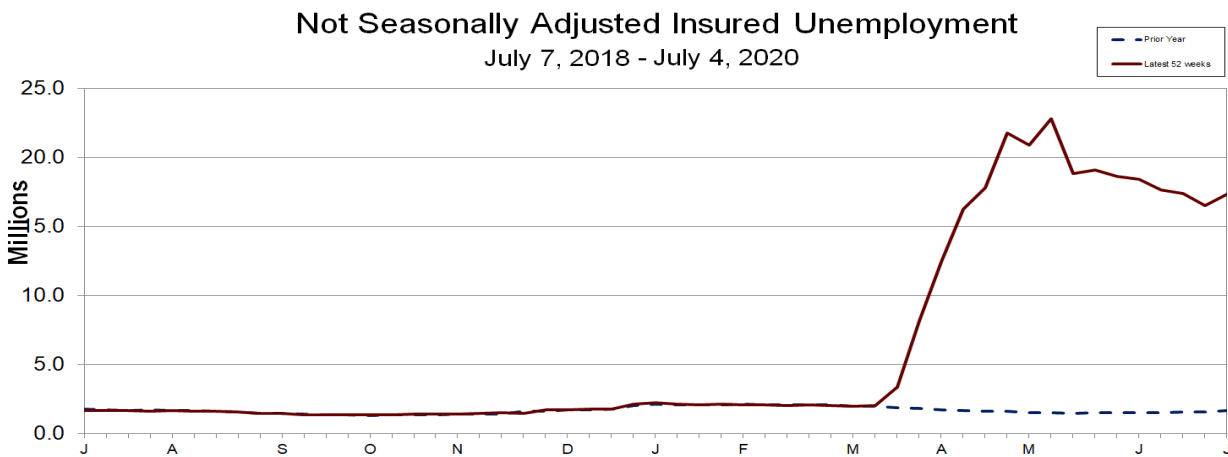
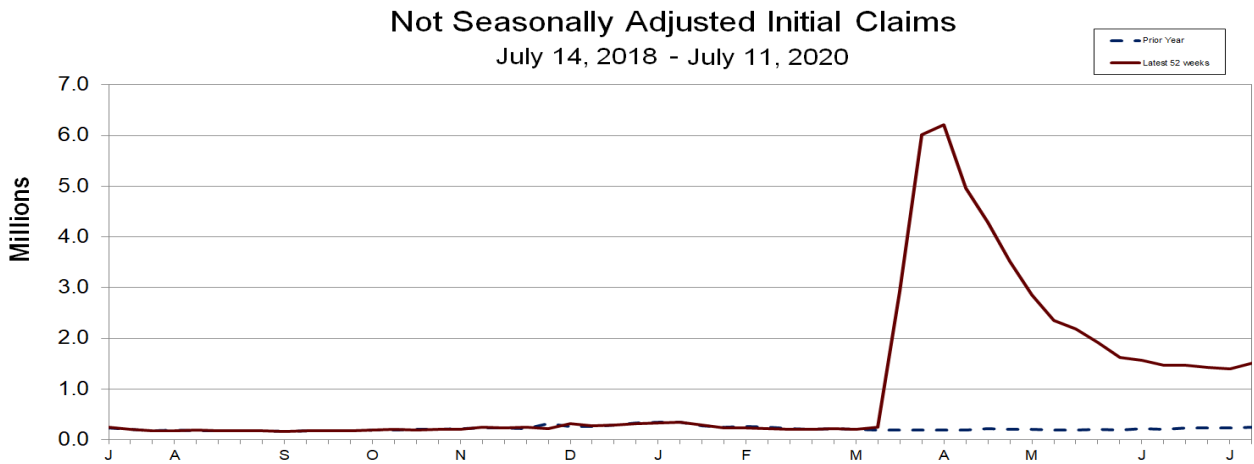
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
July 6, 2019 - July 4, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,503,892 in the week ending July 11, an increase of 108,811 (or 7.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 120,514 (or 8.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 243,621 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending July 11, 47 states reported 928,488 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 11.9 percent during the week ending July 4, an increase of 0.6 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 17,355,176, an increase of 838,307 (or 5.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,260,965 (or 7.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,702,745.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 27 was 32,003,330, a decrease of 433,005 from the previous week. There were 1,632,689 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending June 27, Extended Benefits were available in the following 51 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,323 in the week ending July 4, a decrease of 8 from the prior week. There were 1,077 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 56 from the preceding week.

There were 14,146 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 27, a decrease of 336 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 12,792, a decrease of 315 from the prior week.

During the week ending June 27, 48 states reported 14,282,999 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 44 states reported 936,431 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 27 were in Puerto Rico (26.8), Nevada (20.9), Hawaii (19.9), New York (17.0), Louisiana (16.6), California (15.9), Massachusetts (15.6), Connecticut (15.2), Georgia (14.1), and Rhode Island (14.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 4 were in Texas (+20,506), New Jersey (+19,410), Maryland (+10,568), Louisiana (+9,441), and New York (+3,906), while the largest decreases were in Indiana (-22,725), Florida (-17,429), California (-12,571), Georgia (-12,325), and Oklahoma (-8,982).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	June 27	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,300,000	1,310,000	-10,000	1,408,000	217,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	1,503,892	1,395,081	+108,811	1,426,618	243,621
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,375,000	1,435,000	-60,000	1,499,000	218,500

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	June 20	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	17,338,000	17,760,000	-422,000	18,760,000	1,694,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	17,355,176	16,516,869	+838,307	17,427,940	1,702,745
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	18,272,250	19,010,000	-737,750	19,721,500	1,700,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	11.9%	12.2%	-0.3	12.9%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	11.9%	11.3%	+0.6	12.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	June 27
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	928,488	1,046,433	-117,945	996,842

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,323	1,331	-8	554
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,077	1,021	+56	569

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	16,410,059	17,316,689	-906,630	1,608,768
Federal Employees	14,146	14,482	-336	6,447
Newly Discharged Veterans	12,792	13,107	-315	5,438
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	14,282,999	13,877,143	+405,856	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	936,431	850,461	+85,970	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	2,181	2,266	-85	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,056	2,241	-185	5,109
STC / Workshare ⁷	342,666	359,946	-17,280	6,927
TOTAL⁸	32,003,330	32,436,335	-433,005	1,632,689

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 146,125,989 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 11			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 4		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	19,660	19,056	604	112,147	138,272	-26,125
Alaska	10,011	6,124	3,887	42,697	42,110	587
Arizona	30,257	25,774	4,483	221,776	216,603	5,173
Arkansas	13,576	10,832	2,744	94,758	104,692	-9,934
California	287,732	264,791	22,941	2,974,562	2,758,474	216,088
Colorado	10,495	7,928	2,567	229,058	246,108	-17,050
Connecticut	9,965	12,267	-2,302	255,221	251,926	3,295
Delaware	3,023	2,791	232	46,900	45,598	1,302
District of Columbia	3,210	2,858	352	70,703	72,802	-2,099
Florida	129,408	66,941	62,467	889,934	581,952	307,982
Georgia	136,336	105,160	31,176	785,649	619,947	165,702
Hawaii	7,794	7,648	146	129,303	123,471	5,832
Idaho	5,179	4,924	255	26,799	29,090	-2,291
Illinois	37,626	39,015	-1,389	663,399	667,460	-4,061
Indiana	29,037	22,102	6,935	190,024	183,968	6,056
Iowa	11,125	9,957	1,168	137,036	134,215	2,821
Kansas	16,321	11,458	4,863	94,734	82,694	12,040
Kentucky	24,312	23,282	1,030	158,303	150,748	7,555
Louisiana	26,812	31,417	-4,605	303,529	313,157	-9,628
Maine	4,685	2,939	1,746	59,617	63,635	-4,018
Maryland	18,657	33,191	-14,534	225,826	246,437	-20,611
Massachusetts	23,665	27,051	-3,386	529,777	557,705	-27,928
Michigan *	24,897	34,602	-9,705	553,162	529,147	24,015
Minnesota	22,368	19,362	3,006	345,571	326,245	19,326
Mississippi	11,795	11,266	529	142,377	137,330	5,047
Missouri	15,817	17,685	-1,868	195,643	205,120	-9,477
Montana	2,801	2,788	13	37,658	39,032	-1,374
Nebraska	8,229	5,803	2,426	55,147	58,199	-3,052
Nevada	18,132	12,484	5,648	293,490	287,968	5,522
New Hampshire	2,557	5,776	-3219	71,599	74,476	-2,877
New Jersey	37,347	47,402	-10,055	489,182	491,778	-2,596
New Mexico	6,742	5,666	1,076	95,410	96,390	-980
New York	91,583	93,740	-2,157	1,526,806	1,598,667	-71,861
North Carolina	26,861	27,937	-1,076	358,770	412,353	-53,583
North Dakota	1,687	1,720	-33	31,983	27,021	4,962
Ohio	34,854	33,830	1,024	410,784	433,867	-23,083
Oklahoma	8,621	9,423	-802	122,452	131,034	-8,582
Oregon	11,056	10,343	713	222,547	203,600	18,947
Pennsylvania	44,155	44,086	69	819,225	651,160	168,065
Puerto Rico	7,823	11,257	-3,434	221,711	229,039	-7,328
Rhode Island	3,000	3,436	-436	65,227	66,304	-1,077
South Carolina	19,329	16,015	3,314	198,318	187,282	11,036
South Dakota	1,160	835	325	18,687	15,942	2,745
Tennessee	22,431	24,920	-2,489	262,394	273,815	-11,421
Texas	105,590	117,099	-11,509	1,340,255	1,237,931	102,324
Utah	4,828	4,802	26	69,952	70,639	-687
Vermont	1,743	1,876	-133	39,800	39,089	711
Virgin Islands	23	38	-15	5,590	4,638	952
Virginia	33,850	31,825	2,025	373,310	378,607	-5,297
Washington	41,778	29,506	12,272	436,281	380,975	55,306
West Virginia	3,856	3,330	526	69,787	65,556	4,231
Wisconsin	28,851	27,385	1,466	225,560	218,553	7,007
Wyoming	1,242	1,338	-96	14,746	14,048	698
US Total	1,503,892	1,395,081	108,811	17,355,176	16,516,869	838,307

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 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	
July 6, 2019	211	-11	219.00	1,694	-23	1,700.50	1.2
July 13, 2019	217	6	218.50	1,682	-12	1,698.00	1.2
July 20, 2019	211	-6	215.25	1,699	17	1,698.00	1.2
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,338	-422	18,272.25	11.9
July 11, 2020	1,300	-10	1,375.00				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 11			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jun 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jun 27	Jun 20	Change
Alabama	6,387	2,464	3,923	45,963	41,329	4,634
Alaska	873	1,120	-247	19,007	18,950	57
Arizona	0	184,098	-184,098	2,270,171	1,983,612	286,559
Arkansas	11,231	9,938	1,293	100,545	84,065	16,480
California	126,780	100,588	26,192	1,572,438	1,708,298	-135,860
Colorado	5,402	5,900	-498	94,637	101,348	-6,711
Connecticut	2,882	1,569	1,313	49,218	48,580	638
Delaware	442	503	-61	10,600	11,164	-564
District of Columbia	754	609	145	13,103	12,762	341
Florida	0	11,166	-11,166	0	0	0
Georgia	31,812	23,438	8,374	67,249	0	67,249
Hawaii	3,952	4,586	-634	92,086	106,207	-14,121
Idaho	892	466	426	2,774	2,243	531
Illinois	57,157	42,785	14,372	112,891	108,112	4,779
Indiana	41,088	0	41,088	105,809	279,532	-173,723
Iowa	1,522	1,296	226	15,484	15,766	-282
Kansas	4,528	5,111	-583	118,650	56,155	62,495
Kentucky	2,586	2,950	-364	36,848	56,959	-20,111
Louisiana	9,531	9,070	461	154,047	149,592	4,455
Maine	3,357	2,274	1,083	24,687	27,962	-3,275
Maryland	17,594	32,931	-15,337	712,097	712,097	0
Massachusetts	12,832	12,969	-137	428,570	430,983	-2,413
Michigan	26,485	29,443	-2,958	886,607	1,069,572	-182,965
Minnesota	150	584	-434	63,882	63,474	408
Mississippi	0	4,849	-4,849	56,913	54,403	2,510
Missouri	5,263	4,159	1,104	91,964	88,820	3,144
Montana	2,315	2,696	-381	46,429	46,489	-60
Nebraska	1,628	1,529	99	29,158	29,446	-288
Nevada	26,999	62,810	-35,811	157,196	165,233	-8,037
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	19,530	11,338	8,192	387,853	391,603	-3,750
New Mexico	2,865	2,685	180	57,619	50,908	6,711
New York	51,576	54,723	-3,147	1,104,345	1,010,677	93,668
North Carolina	20,563	23,606	-3,043	192,944	202,756	-9,812
North Dakota	1,231	671	560	7,153	6,951	202
Ohio	92,636	48,532	44,104	438,320	598,238	-159,918
Oklahoma	1,966	1,948	18	0	0	0
Oregon	5,648	4,666	982	20,354	25,899	-5,545
Pennsylvania	209,036	205,645	3,391	3,073,064	2,650,885	422,179
Puerto Rico	26,183	39,490	-13,307	617,061	553,519	63,542
Rhode Island	6,334	6,197	137	47,016	43,942	3,074
South Carolina	11,570	11,022	548	70,734	72,732	-1,998
South Dakota	138	108	30	3,506	4,109	-603
Tennessee	12,082	11,143	939	139,324	129,748	9,576
Texas	33,556	33,547	9	184,229	184,183	46
Utah	1,487	1,506	-19	10,481	10,808	-327
Vermont	522	416	106	9,485	9,896	-411
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	14,560	13,820	740	351,287	280,883	70,404
Washington	9,422	10,178	-756	164,538	150,519	14,019
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2,875	2,954	-79	22,283	21,430	853
Wyoming	266	337	-71	2,380	4,304	-1,924
US Total	928,488	1,046,433	-117,945	14,282,999	13,877,143	405,856

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	June 27	June 20	Change	June 13	June 6
Alabama	31,334	24,279	7,055	19,452	15,243
Alaska	3,478	20	3,458	0	0
Arizona	9,583	0	9,583	6,924	1,994
Arkansas	7,483	7,251	232	7,067	7,110
California	228,594	251,012	-22,418	208,089	296,831
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	15,499	15,101	398	16,067	16,552
Delaware	2,046	1,981	65	1,919	1,834
District of Columbia	1,919	1,770	149	1,659	1,516
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	4,787	4,409	378	3,967	3,351
Illinois	36,561	39,265	-2,704	32,604	37,167
Indiana	10,893	11,280	-387	12,192	9,926
Iowa	9,572	9,070	502	9,384	7,823
Kansas	1,905	0	1,905	1,402	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,609	3,432	177	3,367	3,114
Maine	1,603	125	1,478	127	136
Maryland	11,781	11,699	82	10,579	8,642
Massachusetts	35,765	34,024	1,741	31,078	32,501
Michigan	39,067	22,033	17,034	37,471	19,509
Minnesota	21,558	19,817	1,741	18,436	16,909
Mississippi	4,123	4,093	30	4,591	728
Missouri	19,842	14,814	5,028	13,198	12,995
Montana	2,345	2,187	158	1,991	1,778
Nebraska	1,644	1,590	54	1,605	1,792
Nevada	9,405	8,561	844	7,817	7,195
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	68,872	73,018	-4,146	72,750	128,341
New Mexico	4,400	4,027	373	3,797	3,531
New York	75,980	73,072	2,908	71,696	69,209
North Carolina	115,952	78,038	37,914	35,360	19,970
North Dakota	2,572	2,122	450	1,868	1,716
Ohio	17,113	16,702	411	15,653	15,066
Oklahoma	564	694	-130	0	0
Oregon	9,486	0	9,486	0	0
Pennsylvania	61,587	39,955	21,632	67,549	60,964
Puerto Rico	8,151	9,143	-992	8,690	8,783
Rhode Island	3,377	3,085	292	2,946	3,989
South Carolina	13,181	15,363	-2,182	9,988	13,807
South Dakota	294	344	-50	670	210
Tennessee	4,843	4,797	46	4,782	4,923
Texas	7,242	7,166	76	7,053	6,759
Utah	4,031	3,557	474	2,898	2,365
Vermont	1,173	1,165	8	1,143	1,145
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	8,114	6,812	1,302	7,070	17,653
West Virginia	4,641	4,487	154	4,256	4,149
Wisconsin	10,462	19,101	-8,639	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	936,431	850,461	85,970	769,155	867,226

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JULY 4

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JUNE 27

STATE NAME	CHANGE FROM					CHANGE FROM					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	19,056	718	16,693	19	16	138,272	7.2	-3,178	120,387	134	91	138,497
Alaska	6,124	-343	5,572	11	2	42,110	13.7	-1,098	36,800	131	51	42,292
Arizona	25,774	-554	21,362	6	5	216,603	7.5	-902	189,914	331	213	217,147
Arkansas	10,832	437	7,894	7	2	104,692	8.8	-3,999	92,536	141	76	104,909
California	264,791	-12,571	229,597	261	214	2,758,474	15.9	-143,127	2,451,024	1,694	1,516	2,761,684
Colorado	7,928	-718	6,478	9	26	246,108	9.2	8,872	228,803	207	304	246,619
Connecticut	12,267	2,134	8,716	17	7	251,926	15.2	4,731	216,245	158	134	252,218
Delaware	2,791	20	2,262	1	10	45,598	10.2	1,564	40,625	20	23	45,641
District of Columbia	2,858	-274	2,357	40	1	72,802	12.6	-5	65,912	781	8	73,591
Florida	66,941	-17,429	59,791	12	13	581,952	6.8	-159,392	544,250	235	218	582,405
Georgia	105,160	-12,325	99,926	53	51	619,947	14.1	-41,286	594,975	516	515	620,978
Hawaii	7,648	-544	6,209	8	18	123,471	19.9	-5,348	116,020	284	147	123,902
Idaho	4,924	-493	3,841	3	4	29,090	4.0	-1,796	24,414	20	25	29,135
Illinois	39,015	-6,737	29,878	7	7	667,460	11.3	-9,262	581,139	443	219	668,122
Indiana	22,102	-22,725	20,012	18	15	183,968	6.0	-7,320	171,023	103	141	184,212
Iowa	9,957	2,225	6,650	11	6	134,215	8.8	-7,533	119,855	134	52	134,401
Kansas	11,458	1,720	9,039	1	0	82,694	6.1	3,239	74,780	95	90	82,879
Kentucky	23,282	-7,358	17,212	0	0	150,748	8.0	-8,817	132,910	170	240	151,158
Louisiana	31,417	9,441	29,573	32	17	313,157	16.6	7,068	296,060	141	61	313,359
Maine	2,939	-180	2,498	0	0	63,635	10.5	646	59,852	43	23	63,701
Maryland	33,191	10,568	30,036	49	26	246,437	9.6	13,351	217,807	332	312	247,081
Massachusetts	27,051	-2,648	21,304	29	33	557,705	15.6	417	501,882	305	227	558,237
Michigan	34,602	-3,707	20,983	25	8	529,147	12.3	-104,806	488,932	157	195	529,499
Minnesota	19,362	-11	16,173	13	6	326,245	11.4	-11,137	299,785	185	185	326,615
Mississippi	11,266	-2,407	9,950	2	0	137,330	12.4	-10,294	126,532	166	72	137,568
Missouri	17,685	-2,323	12,661	3	4	205,120	7.3	999	182,547	135	95	205,350
Montana	2,788	93	2,000	9	1	39,032	8.6	-1,995	34,257	82	42	39,156
Nebraska	5,803	1,600	5,015	7	2	58,199	6.0	1,368	53,929	25	30	58,254
Nevada	12,484	1,374	10,125	4	0	287,968	20.9	1,025	270,338	139	165	288,272
New Hampshire	5,776	613	5,223	2	5	74,476	11.5	-12,110	71,032	25	15	74,516
New Jersey	47,402	19,410	34,790	38	13	491,778	12.2	-27,389	404,734	291	561	492,630
New Mexico	5,666	583	4,980	6	0	96,390	12.0	487	87,707	205	88	96,683
New York	93,740	3,906	68,461	18	48	1,598,667	17.0	-13,324	1,474,859	523	713	1,599,903
North Carolina	27,937	-1,643	25,258	41	56	412,353	9.4	-51,215	392,693	415	723	413,491
North Dakota	1,720	209	1,223	7	1	27,021	6.5	-1,425	24,928	210	25	27,256
Ohio	33,830	-2,078	27,535	17	39	433,867	8.1	-14,245	389,921	186	396	434,449
Oklahoma	9,423	-8,982	7,412	17	12	131,034	8.4	-34,264	116,396	78	134	131,246
Oregon	10,343	-852	5,428	21	14	203,600	10.6	-12,913	179,084	370	134	204,104
Pennsylvania	44,086	-1,175	30,954	237	60	651,160	11.2	-158,449	541,729	1,533	565	653,258
Puerto Rico	11,257	1,029	9,799	1	3	229,039	26.8	11,327	210,702	242	59	229,340
Rhode Island	3,436	207	2,072	1	0	66,304	14.0	-796	57,668	56	48	66,408
South Carolina	16,015	-1,639	14,056	11	18	187,282	9.0	-9,843	172,116	38	105	187,425
South Dakota	835	191	683	19	1	15,942	3.8	-1,200	14,975	293	14	16,249
Tennessee	24,920	3,376	21,925	32	21	273,815	8.4	-5,384	253,448	159	176	274,150
Texas	117,099	20,506	105,501	129	249	1,237,931	10.1	-63,783	1,114,079	1,095	1,976	1,241,002
Utah	4,802	-163	3,941	20	10	70,639	4.8	-1,577	64,089	60	37	70,736
Vermont	1,876	-287	1,338	0	0	39,089	12.9	-3,331	35,879	4	3	39,096
Virgin Islands	38	-19	17	0	0	4,638	13.1	-1,556	4,290	2	0	4,640
Virginia	31,825	-130	29,338	15	4	378,607	10.1	11,893	359,637	507	611	379,725
Washington	29,506	-3,760	23,959	19	14	380,975	11.4	-35,629	339,376	348	773	382,096
West Virginia	3,330	-202	2,714	2	3	65,556	9.8	-3,540	57,093	68	62	65,686
Wisconsin	27,385	2,460	21,776	13	11	218,553	7.7	-4,344	193,592	118	98	218,769
Wyoming	1,338	-80	896	0	1	14,048	5.2	-446	12,676	13	6	14,067
Totals	1,395,081	-31,537	1,163,086	1,323	1,077	16,516,869	11.3	-911,071	14,906,236	14,146	12,792	16,543,807

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 4, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+20,506	Layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, information, transportation and warehousing, wholesale trade, art, entertainment, and recreation, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, professional, scientific, and technical services, real estate and rental and leasing, and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	+19,410	No comment.
MD	+10,568	No comment.
LA	+9,441	No comment.
NY	+3,906	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industry.
TN	+3,376	Layoffs in the public administration, art, entertainment, and recreation, management of companies and enterprises, wholesale trade, and educational services industries.
WI	+2,460	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction industries.
IA	+2,225	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
CT	+2,134	Layoffs in the retail trade, accommodations and food services, and health care and social assistance industries.
KS	+1,720	No comment.
NE	+1,600	No comment.
NV	+1,374	No comment.
PR	+1,029	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IN	-22,725	No comment.
FL	-17,429	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
CA	-12,571	No comment.
GA	-12,325	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
OK	-8,982	No comment.
KY	-7,358	No comment.
IL	-6,737	No comment.
WA	-3,760	No comment.
MI	-3,707	No comment.
MA	-2,648	No comment.
MS	-2,407	No comment.
MO	-2,323	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	-2,078	No comment.
NC	-1,643	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and health care and social assistance industries.
SC	-1,639	No comment.
PA	-1,175	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries.

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.

[Weekly Claims Archives](#)

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