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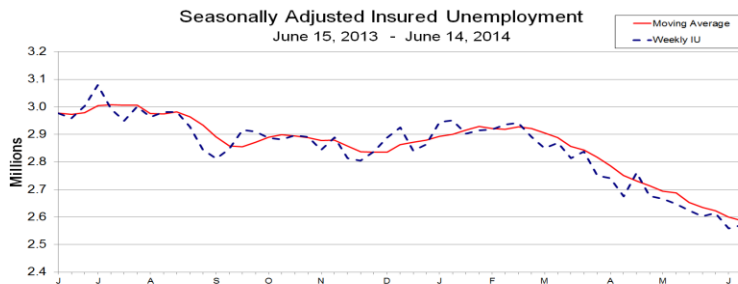
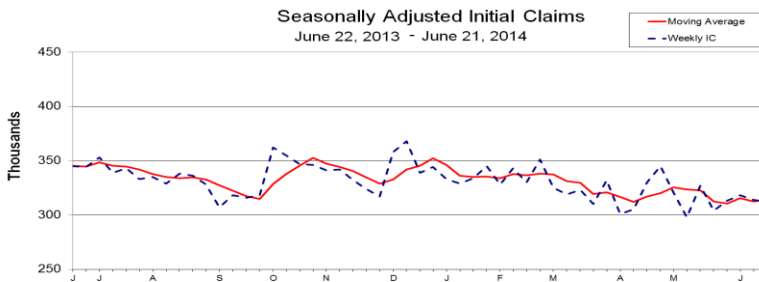
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 21, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 312,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 312,000 to 314,000. The 4-week moving average was 314,250, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 311,750 to 312,250.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

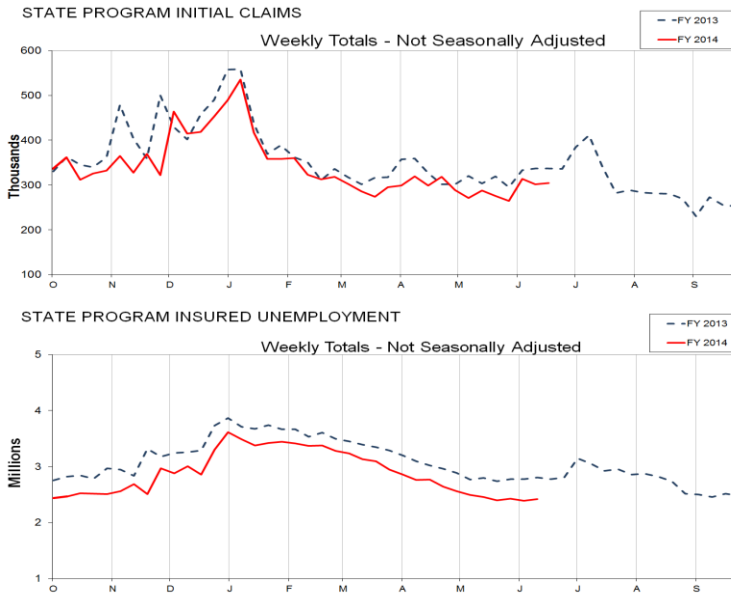
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.0 percent for the week ending June 14, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 14 was 2,571,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 2,561,000 to 2,559,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,587,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since November 3, 2007 when it was 2,585,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 2,600,500 to 2,600,000.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 304,169 in the week ending June 21, an increase of 2,832 (or +0.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 4,076 (or +1.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 336,901 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.8 percent during the week ending June 14, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,417,196, an increase of 30,014 (or +1.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 17,910 (or +0.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.2 percent and the volume was 2,801,508.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 7 was 2,441,475, a decrease of 37,990 from the previous week. There were 4,549,463 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2013.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 7.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,056 in the week ending June 14, a decrease of 199 from the prior week. There were 1,792 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 180 from the preceding week.

There were 11,463 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 7, a decrease of 642 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 23,511, a decrease of 571 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 7 were in Alaska (3.7), Puerto Rico (3.6), California (2.8), New Jersey (2.8), Connecticut (2.7), Pennsylvania (2.6), Nevada (2.5), Illinois (2.3), and Massachusetts (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 14 were in Pennsylvania (+7,120), California (+670), Wisconsin (+542), Delaware (+438), and South Carolina (+173), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-2,245), Missouri (-2,130), New York (-2,078), Tennessee (-1,494), and Puerto Rico (-1,386).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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WEEK ENDING	June 21	June 14	Change	June 7	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	312,000	314,000	-2,000	318,000	345,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	304,169	301,337	+2,832	313,371	336,901
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	314,250	312,250	+2,000	315,500	345,250
WEEK ENDING	June 14	June 7	Change	May 31	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,571,000	2,559,000	+12,000	2,615,000	2,977,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,417,196	2,387,182	+30,014	2,424,134	2,801,508
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,587,000	2,600,000	-13,000	2,622,250	2,977,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	2.0%	1.9%	+0.1	2.0%	2.3%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.8%	2.2%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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WEEK ENDING	June 14	June 7	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,056	1,255	-199	1,202
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,792	1,972	-180	2,261

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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WEEK ENDING	June 7	May 31	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	2,382,824	2,420,183	-37,359	2,768,106
Federal Employees	11,463	12,105	-642	16,834
Newly Discharged Veterans	23,511	24,082	-571	34,527
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	141	181	-40	388
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	8,193	8,660	-467	4,621
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	15,343	14,254	+1,089	17,878
<u>TOTAL</u> <sup>6</sup>	2,441,475	2,479,465	-37,990	4,549,463

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 131,532,656 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](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 14, 2014**

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
GA	-2,245	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support services, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food services industries.
MO	-2,130	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodations and food services, and health care industries.
NY	-2,078	Fewer layoffs in the food services, construction, and information industries.
TN	-1,494	No comment.
PR	-1,386	No comment.
TX	-1,341	No comment.

**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	+7,120	Layoffs in the transportation, food services, educational services, and construction industries.

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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 15, 2013	352	15	346.50	2977	2	2977.75	2.3
June 22, 2013	345	-7	345.25	2959	-18	2972.75	2.3
June 29, 2013	344	-1	344.50	3003	44	2978.50	2.3
July 6, 2013	353	9	348.50	3079	76	3004.50	2.4
July 13, 2013	339	-14	345.25	2991	-88	3008.00	2.3
July 20, 2013	343	4	344.75	2950	-41	3005.75	2.3
July 27, 2013	333	-10	342.00	3001	51	3005.25	2.3
August 3, 2013	335	2	337.50	2963	-38	2976.25	2.3
August 10, 2013	329	-6	335.00	2981	18	2973.75	2.3
August 17, 2013	338	9	333.75	2981	0	2981.50	2.3
August 24, 2013	336	-2	334.50	2928	-53	2963.25	2.3
August 31, 2013	328	-8	332.75	2845	-83	2933.75	2.2
September 7, 2013	307	-21	327.25	2812	-33	2891.50	2.2
September 14, 2013	318	11	322.25	2847	35	2858.00	2.2
September 21, 2013	316	-2	317.25	2916	69	2855.00	2.2
September 28, 2013	318	2	314.75	2910	-6	2871.25	2.2
October 5, 2013	362	44	328.50	2888	-22	2890.25	2.2
October 12, 2013	355	-7	337.75	2881	-7	2898.75	2.2
October 19, 2013	347	-8	345.50	2896	15	2893.75	2.2
October 26, 2013	346	-1	352.50	2890	-6	2888.75	2.2
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2843	-47	2877.50	2.2
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2889	46	2879.50	2.2
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2813	-76	2858.75	2.2
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2804	-9	2837.25	2.2
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2837	33	2835.75	2.2
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2887	50	2835.25	2.2
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2925	38	2863.25	2.2
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2840	-85	2872.25	2.2
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2863	23	2878.75	2.2
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2945	82	2893.25	2.2
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2951	6	2899.75	2.3
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2903	-48	2915.50	2.2
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2915	12	2928.50	2.2
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2918	3	2921.75	2.2
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2936	18	2918.00	2.2
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2941	5	2927.50	2.2
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2890	-51	2921.25	2.2
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2850	-40	2904.25	2.2
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2869	19	2887.50	2.2
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2814	-55	2855.75	2.1
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2838	24	2842.75	2.2
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2750	-88	2817.75	2.1
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2741	-9	2785.75	2.1
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2674	-67	2750.75	2.0
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2761	87	2731.50	2.1
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2676	-85	2713.00	2.0
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2666	-10	2694.25	2.0
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2648	-18	2687.75	2.0
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2623	-25	2653.25	2.0
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2603	-20	2635.00	2.0
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2615	12	2622.25	2.0
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2559	-56	2600.00	1.9
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2571	12	2587.00	2.0
June 21, 2014	312	-2	314.25				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 14 INITIAL CLAIMS								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 7 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	%	CHANGE FROM		UCFE	UCX <sup>1</sup>	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ↓	UCX ↓			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	4434	-279	-34	21	34	29691	1.7	1376	-4069	124	265	30080
Alaska	1149	-138	-333	1	2	11660	3.7	-1257	-1259	92	92	11844
Arizona	5255	-845	15	28	3	42574	1.8	371	-1051	311	260	43145
Arkansas	3225	-288	-144	11	6	23262	2.1	193	-5221	101	203	23566
California	61772	670	1895	257	281	416501	2.8	-8533	-40749	2032	4347	422882
Colorado	2485	-461	-243	18	61	33158	1.5	-347	-4918	221	912	34291
Connecticut	3185	-10	-450	7	16	44327	2.7	-490	-4584	70	188	44585
Delaware	1379	438	-113	2	4	6821	1.7	23	-888	27	50	6899
District of Columbia	344	-35	-46	7	0	9850	1.9	-148	-797	315	15	10185
Florida	15245	-326	-2162	31	120	88390	1.2	-601	-20799	358	783	89531
Georgia	8377	-2245	-1681	33	96	49365	1.3	1247	-14111	323	867	50555
Hawaii	1659	-431	-21	12	24	10487	1.8	523	-1154	121	192	10800
Idaho	1228	-270	-71	3	5	8913	1.5	-222	-1747	36	66	9015
Illinois	13305	-295	-255	22	25	128025	2.3	-7472	-17975	452	630	129107
Indiana	3897	-370	-1113	13	22	29745	1.1	-890	-12615	222	245	30212
Iowa	2195	-397	-116	5	15	17895	1.2	262	-3617	64	97	18056
Kansas	2284	-362	-227	1	5	18876	1.4	-201	-3525	197	244	19317
Kentucky	3472	-133	-1644	12	20	25835	1.5	-413	-5929	149	481	26465
Louisiana	2691	-601	-224	10	13	21576	1.2	831	-2871	79	112	21767
Maine	945	-24	-159	1	0	8939	1.6	-720	-1461	23	43	9005
Maryland	4596	85	-1930	26	26	49055	2.1	86	-1533	476	398	49934
Massachusetts	6052	-363	428	15	33	72404	2.2	522	-6332	180	409	72993
Michigan	7162	-150	-3384	17	34	65733	1.7	-2702	-6305	140	434	66307
Minnesota	3930	-592	-615	3	13	37574	1.4	-1770	-5013	85	234	37893
Mississippi	2633	-858	77	11	13	22162	2.1	972	-3473	142	134	22438
Missouri	5684	-2130	-169	43	33	40171	1.6	2010	-6781	254	208	40633
Montana	981	-59	-110	14	7	6419	1.5	-626	-3176	76	79	6574
Nebraska	1110	-201	-116	10	2	7810	0.9	47	-1958	23	39	7872
Nevada	3553	74	-80	5	20	28697	2.5	-388	-1868	125	229	29051
New Hampshire	709	-53	-136	3	5	6424	1.1	-163	-1212	13	20	6457
New Jersey	8810	-154	-37	21	40	105424	2.8	-3569	-7587	259	556	106362
New Mexico	1211	-405	0	6	17	16079	2.1	257	-1020	101	147	16327
New York	16201	-2078	-3385	59	92	170946	2.0	-3306	-38328	639	1129	172714
North Carolina	5488	-175	-6489	18	44	51418	1.3	-960	-39019	164	719	52301
North Dakota	290	-3	-47	9	4	1672	0.4	-64	-835	137	10	1819
Ohio	8914	-256	-1728	12	51	67897	1.4	515	-11495	163	635	68695
Oklahoma	1624	-207	-418	9	20	16624	1.1	-19	-4061	69	179	16872
Oregon	4696	-786	-421	15	23	34333	2.1	-924	-7739	267	353	34953
Pennsylvania	25876	7120	-2576	83	83	144415	2.6	-3774	-12092	564	959	145938
Puerto Rico	3063	-1386	-441	4	9	32640	3.6	2822	-9295	112	283	33035
Rhode Island	1164	47	-43	2	10	9383	2.1	-135	-645	37	54	9474
South Carolina	4418	173	-845	8	20	18844	1.0	482	-11052	63	172	19079
South Dakota	240	-52	-20	11	2	1509	0.4	16	-362	227	10	1746
Tennessee	4591	-1494	-530	13	27	32993	1.3	1186	-11380	133	289	33415
Texas	16494	-1341	-1267	66	227	148971	1.4	-2103	-8448	755	3088	152819
Utah	1399	-150	-208	22	7	11698	1.0	-86	-2360	153	96	11947
Vermont	437	34	-272	0	2	4223	1.4	-394	-1081	11	20	4254
Virgin Islands	36	1	-17	0	0	766	2.0	-38	-350	4	12	782
Virginia	4363	-347	-503	13	31	35983	1.0	140	-6603	317	883	37183
Washington	6891	-147	-898	31	112	52589	1.8	-5262	-8156	235	1334	54158
West Virginia	1167	-256	-317	3	6	13325	2.0	-1590	-1714	78	99	13502
Wisconsin	8705	542	-1912	7	23	50024	1.9	-1417	-13592	125	171	50320
Wyoming	323	-65	-98	2	4	3087	1.1	-249	-1154	19	37	3143
Totals	301337	-12034	-35633	1056	1792	2387182	1.8	-36952	-385359	11463	23511	2422297

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 US total covered employment is BLS.

## 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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