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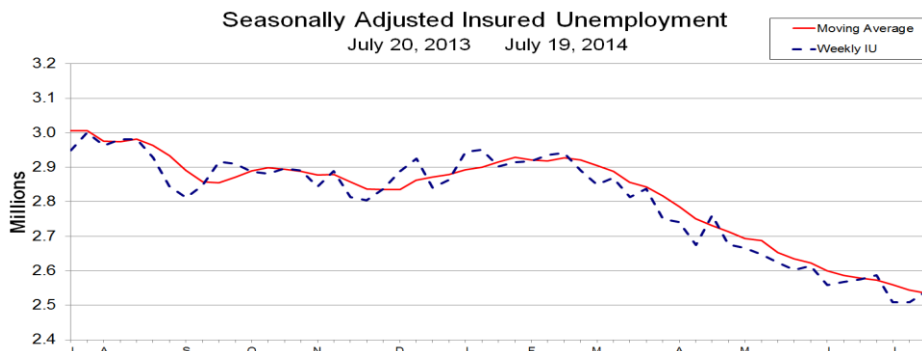
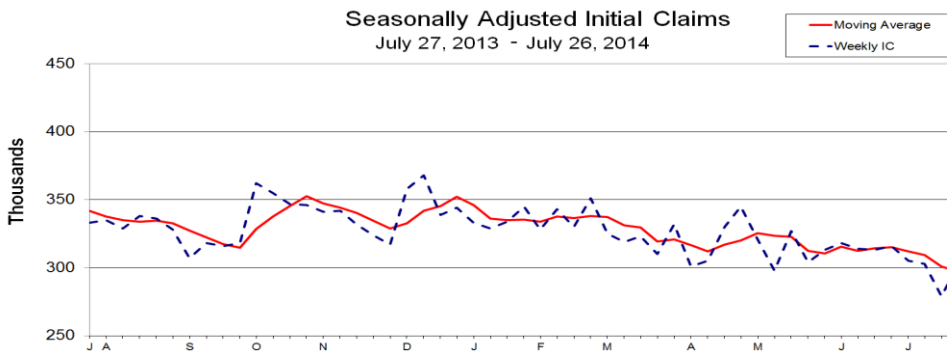
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 302,000, an increase of 23,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 284,000 to 279,000. The 4-week moving average was 297,250, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since April 15, 2006 when it was 296,000. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 302,000 to 300,750.

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

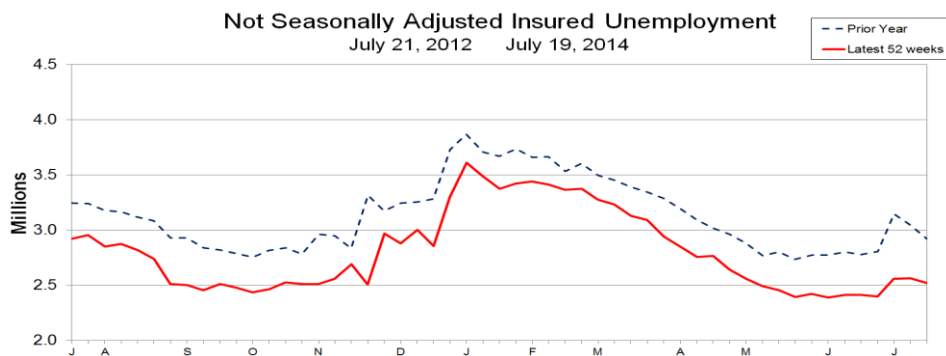
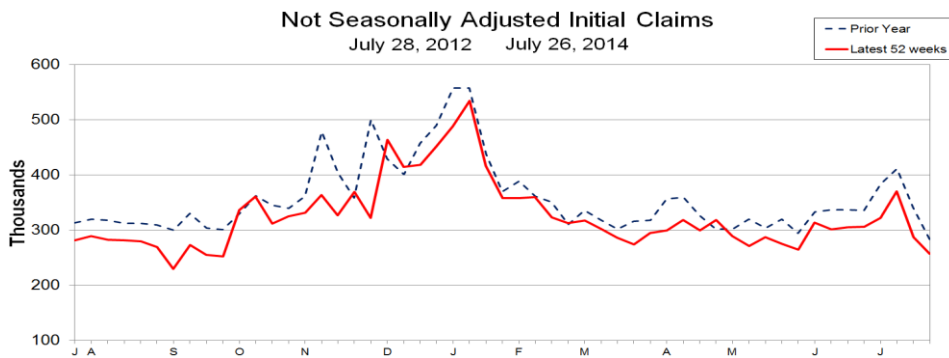
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.9 percent for the week ending July 19, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 19 was 2,539,000, an increase of 31,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 8,000 from 2,500,000 to 2,508,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,535,250, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since October 13, 2007 when it was 2,527,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,000 from 2,542,250 to 2,544,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 257,210 in the week ending July 26, a decrease of 29,839 (or -10.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 49,885 (or -17.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 281,692 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending July 19, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,520,936, a decrease of 42,228 (or -1.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 72,732 (or -2.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.2 percent and the volume was 2,920,771.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 12 was 2,618,115, an increase of 6,244 from the previous week. There were 4,688,629 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 July 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,429 in the week ending July 19, a decrease of 404 from the prior week. There were 1,855 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 8 from the preceding week.

There were 14,579 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 12, an increase of 1,695 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 24,086, an increase of 577 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 12 were in Puerto Rico (4.3), New Jersey (3.5), Alaska (3.1), Connecticut (3.1), Pennsylvania (2.9), California (2.8), Nevada (2.7), Rhode Island (2.7), Illinois (2.5), Massachusetts (2.5), Michigan (2.3), and New York (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 19 were in Kansas (+867), Maine (+296), Ohio (+292), and South Carolina (+206), while the largest decreases were in New York (-18,663), Pennsylvania (-7,233), California (-6,222), Georgia (-4,661), and Indiana (-4,283).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 26	July 19	Change	July 12	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	302,000	279,000	+23,000	303,000	333,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	257,210	287,049	-29,839	370,559	281,692
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	297,250	300,750	-3,500	309,250	342,000
WEEK ENDING	July 19	July 12	Change	July 5	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,539,000	2,508,000	+31,000	2,508,000	2,950,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,520,936	2,563,164	-42,228	2,558,065	2,920,771
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,535,250	2,544,250	-9,000	2,559,250	3,005,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.9%	1.9%	0.0	1.9%	2.3%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.9%	1.9%	0.0	1.9%	2.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 19	July 12	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,429	1,833	-404	2,277
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,855	1,847	+8	2,219

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 12	July 5	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,558,986	2,553,950	+5,036	3,041,555
Federal Employees	14,579	12,884	+1,695	19,923
Newly Discharged Veterans	24,086	23,509	+577	34,946
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	108	339	-231	808
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,713	5,885	-172	4,017
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	14,643	15,304	-661	22,863
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,618,115	2,611,871	+6,244	4,688,629

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 132,140,947 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.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 19, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-18,663	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
PA	-7,233	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support service, food service, transportation, and construction industries.
CA	-6,222	No comment.
GA	-4,661	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support service, construction, accommodation and food service, and wholesale trade industries.
IN	-4,283	No comment.
WI	-3,719	No comment.
TN	-3,203	No comment.
TX	-2,964	No comment.
AL	-2,827	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, accommodation and food service, manufacturing, and construction industries.
AZ	-2,273	No comment.
VA	-2,170	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MA	-2,021	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food service industries.
NJ	-1,968	Fewer layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation services, health care and social assistance, trade, education service, construction, accommodation and food service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
IL	-1,910	No comment.
OR	-1,643	No comment.
MO	-1,643	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and administrative service industries.
IA	-1,412	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CT	-1,400	No comment.
FL	-1,316	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture industry.
MN	-1,255	No comment.
MI	-1,214	No comment.
WA	-1,193	No comment.
MD	-1,016	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average		
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	2568	9	2586.25	2.0	
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2575	7	2579.25	2.0	
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2586	11	2572.00	2.0	
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2508	-79	2559.25	1.9	
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2508	0	2544.25	1.9	
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2539	31	2535.25	1.9	
July 26, 2014	302	23	297.25					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 19 INITIAL CLAIMS							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 12 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM		ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO		UCFE ¹
							(%) ²					
Alabama	4328	-2827	-1086	16	27	30916	1.7	-1829	-5320	120	243	31279
Alaska	980	-252	-689	1	4	9752	3.1	-301	-975	133	100	9985
Arizona	5395	-2273	-9	29	9	45495	1.9	102	-2396	391	272	46158
Arkansas	2648	-901	-416	6	10	24524	2.2	-424	-4354	80	201	24805
California	55929	-6222	-11063	378	333	421331	2.8	1993	-83513	2156	4506	427993
Colorado	2354	-562	-531	11	54	31885	1.4	928	-5570	319	914	33118
Connecticut	3665	-1400	-1145	5	17	50964	3.1	-1477	-5173	66	198	51228
Delaware	769	-189	-133	4	5	8027	2.0	87	-1019	30	51	8110
District of Columbia	425	-114	-224	7	2	10960	2.1	112	-1090	349	12	11321
Florida	14138	-1316	-1052	50	116	93978	1.3	-536	-23566	635	726	95339
Georgia	9593	-4661	-2208	49	89	52390	1.4	-4536	-14337	361	887	53638
Hawaii	1386	-272	-158	7	29	10260	1.8	1	-1266	94	254	10608
Idaho	1181	-107	-121	4	13	8758	1.4	-392	-1735	31	70	8859
Illinois	10697	-1910	-2899	12	43	137508	2.5	7338	-17551	478	756	138742
Indiana	4450	-4283	-1184	30	24	30493	1.1	1295	-14588	226	229	30948
Iowa	2034	-1412	-797	7	17	19176	1.3	-844	-2123	57	112	19345
Kansas	3677	867	607	4	3	18479	1.4	-117	-4296	162	210	18851
Kentucky	3501	-959	-1137	11	12	27508	1.6	-76	-8403	286	531	28325
Louisiana	2543	-441	-492	11	13	23386	1.3	596	-3037	80	98	23564
Maine	1161	296	-239	1	3	8616	1.5	-98	-1347	25	52	8693
Maryland	4072	-1016	-837	32	36	52367	2.2	131	-1733	563	389	53319
Massachusetts	5784	-2021	-104	16	27	81733	2.5	-3919	-1586	339	514	82586
Michigan	10475	-1214	-6996	12	35	90481	2.3	20958	-12365	154	555	91190
Minnesota	3177	-1255	-347	2	17	36058	1.4	-2989	-5865	77	215	36350
Mississippi	2155	-958	-256	11	8	24023	2.2	367	-4380	123	118	24264
Missouri	5602	-1643	-2964	90	11	41787	1.6	-896	-8254	593	208	42588
Montana	777	-131	-118	6	7	6522	1.5	-68	-2252	66	80	6668
Nebraska	1065	-381	-128	5	3	8984	1.0	-68	-1114	28	40	9052
Nevada	3624	-330	223	9	17	30561	2.7	-53	-1268	105	251	30917
New Hampshire	748	-269	-77	2	3	7207	1.2	-150	-1144	11	22	7240
New Jersey	8817	-1968	-675	24	30	130981	3.5	4042	-4727	272	605	131961
New Mexico	1125	-141	-136	9	10	15749	2.1	-72	-1986	119	134	16002
New York	19583	-18663	-163	89	96	193395	2.3	-1229	-45663	850	1141	195386
North Carolina	5560	-294	-1592	25	72	52380	1.3	-974	-51613	210	704	53294
North Dakota	231	-225	-289	18	3	2107	0.5	-142	-465	167	12	2286
Ohio	9704	292	512	21	65	69743	1.4	-714	-15289	245	613	70601
Oklahoma	1514	-446	-345	8	19	17520	1.2	-62	-3628	66	167	17753
Oregon	4550	-1643	-1438	22	31	35875	2.2	-2346	-8680	311	344	36530
Pennsylvania	16974	-7233	-2838	74	90	159176	2.9	-539	-29250	1089	882	161147
Puerto Rico	3059	-596	351	8	16	39241	4.3	2493	-5670	201	291	39733
Rhode Island	1027	-434	-504	5	2	11943	2.7	-73	-414	34	72	12049
South Carolina	4950	206	85	19	32	22375	1.2	106	-10090	75	183	22633
South Dakota	203	-20	-20	39	6	1444	0.4	-12	-311	246	16	1706
Tennessee	5317	-3203	-2348	23	24	36474	1.4	-38	-10031	168	246	36888
Texas	16211	-2964	-2760	105	215	155648	1.4	-1045	-17153	1097	3254	160000
Utah	1275	-366	-249	39	7	11296	0.9	179	-2384	320	111	11727
Vermont	406	-178	-122	2	0	4565	1.5	-38	-601	10	18	4593
Virgin Islands	38	-13	-15	0	1	786	2.1	-136	-348	0	0	786
Virginia	3893	-2170	-1416	18	42	36264	1.0	-2316	-7717	394	860	37518
Washington	6394	-1193	-1041	43	88	50026	1.7	-4211	-8902	301	1316	51643
West Virginia	1184	-320	-683	2	5	14926	2.2	1428	-902	106	87	15119
Wisconsin	6416	-3719	-1018	7	11	54232	2.0	-4257	-15758	136	188	54558
Wyoming	285	-63	-124	1	3	2889	1.1	-80	-1151	24	28	2941
Totals	287049	-83510	-53408	1429	1855	2563164	1.9	5099	-484353	14579	24086	2601937

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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