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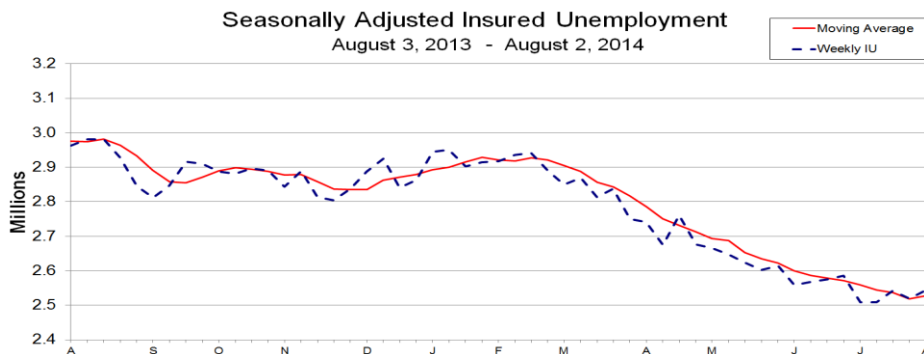
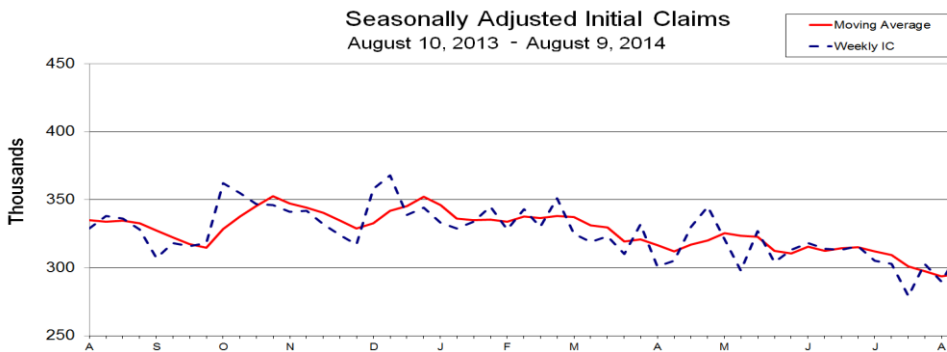
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 311,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 289,000 to 290,000. The 4-week moving average was 295,750, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 293,500 to 293,750.

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

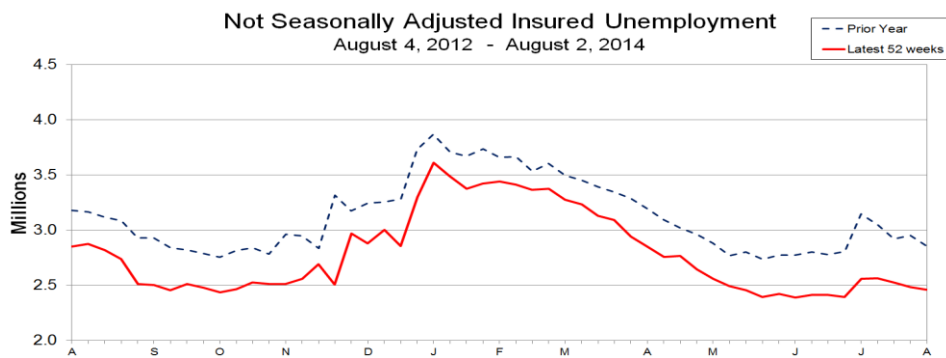
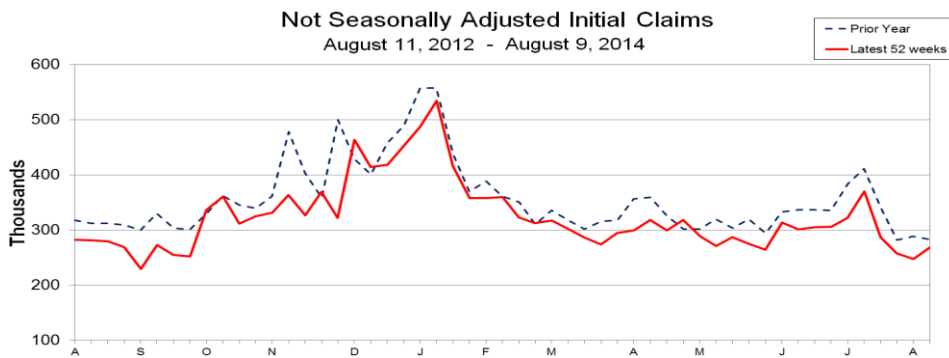
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.9 percent for the week ending August 2, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 2 was 2,544,000, an increase of 25,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 2,518,000 to 2,519,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,528,250, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 2,519,000 to 2,519,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 268,837 in the week ending August 9, an increase of 20,960 (or 8.5 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,317 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 282,756 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending August 2, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,457,732, a decrease of 23,628 (or -1.0 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 47,864 (or -1.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.2 percent and the volume was 2,853,207.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 26 was 2,536,430, a decrease of 40,062 from the previous week. There were 4,579,832 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 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,059 in the week ending August 2, a decrease of 67 from the prior week. There were 1,826 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 15 from the preceding week.

There were 15,312 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 26, an increase of 881 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 24,452, an increase of 588 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 26 were in Puerto Rico (4.3), New Jersey (3.4), Alaska (3.1), Connecticut (3.1), California (2.8), Pennsylvania (2.8), West Virginia (2.8), Nevada (2.6), Rhode Island (2.6), Massachusetts (2.5), Illinois (2.4), and Maryland (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 2 were in South Carolina (+982), Pennsylvania (+853), Michigan (+782), Iowa (+681), and Kansas (+440), while the largest decreases were in California (-9,244), Tennessee (-1,090), New York (-1,063), Oregon (-967), and Georgia (-638).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	August 9	August 2	Change	July 26	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	311,000	290,000	+21,000	303,000	329,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	268,837	247,877	+20,960	257,625	282,756
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	295,750	293,750	+2,000	297,500	335,000
WEEK ENDING	August 2	July 26	Change	July 19	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,544,000	2,519,000	+25,000	2,542,000	2,963,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,457,732	2,481,360	-23,628	2,524,006	2,853,207
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,528,250	2,519,250	+9,000	2,536,000	2,976,250
<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	August 2	July 26	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,059	1,126	-67	1,714
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,826	1,811	+15	2,238

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 26	July 19	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,477,345	2,520,675	-43,330	2,947,880
Federal Employees	15,312	14,431	+881	21,743
Newly Discharged Veterans	24,452	23,864	+588	34,343
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	285	246	+39	314
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,322	5,394	-72	4,148
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	13,714	11,882	+1,832	18,494
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,536,430	2,576,492	-40,062	4,579,832

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 AUGUST 2, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-9,244	No comment.
TN	-1,090	No comment.
NY	-1,063	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, food service, and educational service industries.

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		
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	-78	2559.25	1.9	
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2508	0	2544.25	1.9	
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2542	34	2536.00	1.9	
July 26, 2014	303	24	297.50	2519	-23	2519.25	1.9	
August 2, 2014	290	-13	293.75	2544	25	2528.25	1.9	
August 9, 2014	311	21	295.75					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended August 2
INITIAL CLAIMS

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 26
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	CHANGE FROM					STATE	RATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	
Alabama	3244	-343	-955	15	34	29239	1.6	-625	-5471	121	246	29606
Alaska	962	-23	-632	4	8	9729	3.1	-196	-750	180	102	10011
Arizona	4744	-248	-59	6	5	45034	1.9	-694	-2487	346	308	45688
Arkansas	2602	-112	-781	9	18	23838	2.1	117	-4697	75	225	24138
California	44936	-9244	-4292	229	275	416489	2.8	47	-81924	2356	4590	423435
Colorado	2393	80	-372	10	61	31340	1.4	406	-6080	305	916	32561
Connecticut	3489	289	-22	3	23	49714	3.1	-501	-5272	77	206	49997
Delaware	652	50	-199	2	3	8530	2.1	727	-1146	33	61	8624
District of Columbia	409	25	-20	7	3	10918	2.1	-154	-1105	352	12	11282
Florida	13498	-579	-233	29	105	96719	1.3	-1166	-23556	640	784	98143
Georgia	6973	-638	-1964	28	78	48893	1.3	-1628	-13479	401	842	50136
Hawaii	1379	-35	-415	4	17	9535	1.6	-298	-1842	102	238	9875
Idaho	1056	98	-304	2	10	8484	1.4	-284	-1862	30	71	8585
Illinois	9766	250	-2206	17	40	132168	2.4	1070	-20877	454	789	133411
Indiana	4066	112	-787	16	20	27266	1.0	-879	-14514	233	216	27715
Iowa	2700	681	-200	4	10	18110	1.2	-99	-2719	60	118	18288
Kansas	2378	440	-412	7	11	16957	1.3	-2312	-5252	155	196	17308
Kentucky	3057	-69	-1220	15	9	26266	1.5	-155	-7437	277	680	27223
Louisiana	2293	-19	-551	3	19	23204	1.2	-202	-3703	83	97	23384
Maine	830	-70	-297	1	2	7999	1.4	-294	-1333	27	36	8062
Maryland	4012	-179	-1189	36	26	53306	2.2	-136	-980	575	396	54277
Massachusetts	5490	-117	323	16	34	80599	2.5	-2492	-3310	381	449	81429
Michigan	7484	782	-778	13	43	73975	1.9	-172	-11037	170	511	74656
Minnesota	3081	139	-64	7	9	34558	1.3	-461	-5992	84	221	34863
Mississippi	1954	153	-425	13	17	23078	2.2	-296	-4351	117	131	23326
Missouri	4665	-92	-781	79	3	40579	1.6	-1469	-8545	736	231	41546
Montana	708	49	-183	9	7	6387	1.5	-154	-2136	60	86	6533
Nebraska	913	-57	-303	1	2	7645	0.8	-214	-1771	26	44	7715
Nevada	3171	113	-465	8	22	29513	2.6	-493	-1816	125	261	29899
New Hampshire	693	-68	-81	0	5	6982	1.1	-56	-1065	17	20	7019
New Jersey	8773	-390	200	10	37	127498	3.4	-1518	-5189	306	567	128655
New Mexico	977	-20	-236	8	12	15411	2.0	-138	-1987	132	151	15694
New York	16145	-1063	-1708	70	68	187398	2.2	-1847	-43643	904	1132	189434
North Carolina	5091	335	-1867	13	66	52810	1.4	380	-41834	247	727	53784
North Dakota	302	71	-55	4	1	1930	0.5	-38	-401	169	14	2113
Ohio	7409	406	-3090	14	48	65344	1.3	-2605	-12549	247	627	66218
Oklahoma	1557	132	-484	7	25	16993	1.1	-185	-3673	65	178	17236
Oregon	3665	-967	-676	20	30	34543	2.1	-256	-7846	281	342	35166
Pennsylvania	15603	853	-2921	80	91	151629	2.8	-13372	-25543	1072	868	153569
Puerto Rico	2291	198	-792	4	16	38951	4.3	979	-8726	202	283	39436
Rhode Island	961	-162	-426	2	3	11477	2.6	-144	-1171	36	62	11575
South Carolina	3669	982	-355	6	41	20904	1.2	-138	-10134	73	203	21180
South Dakota	182	-34	-77	4	2	1401	0.4	33	-502	295	14	1710
Tennessee	3567	-1090	-1107	19	22	33831	1.3	-1433	-9479	221	283	34335
Texas	14149	-308	-3191	129	272	152760	1.4	-10508	-19000	1199	3280	157240
Utah	1313	248	-152	24	8	10895	0.9	-237	-2286	269	107	11271
Vermont	353	-77	-171	2	0	4408	1.5	-24	-601	11	18	4437
Virgin Islands	42	-18	-31	0	0	754	2.0	-96	-344	4	12	770
Virginia	4028	204	-837	13	40	34858	1.0	-939	-7710	372	883	36113
Washington	6627	-193	-993	28	103	49316	1.7	196	-9140	345	1287	50948
West Virginia	955	-141	-426	1	6	18772	2.8	4978	3642	122	121	19015
Wisconsin	6399	-43	-1532	7	12	49747	1.8	-2294	-15633	122	180	50049
Wyoming	221	-39	-190	1	4	2676	1.0	-377	-1213	20	30	2726
Totals	247877	-9748	-40984	1059	1826	2481360	1.9	-42646	-471471	15312	24452	2521409

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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