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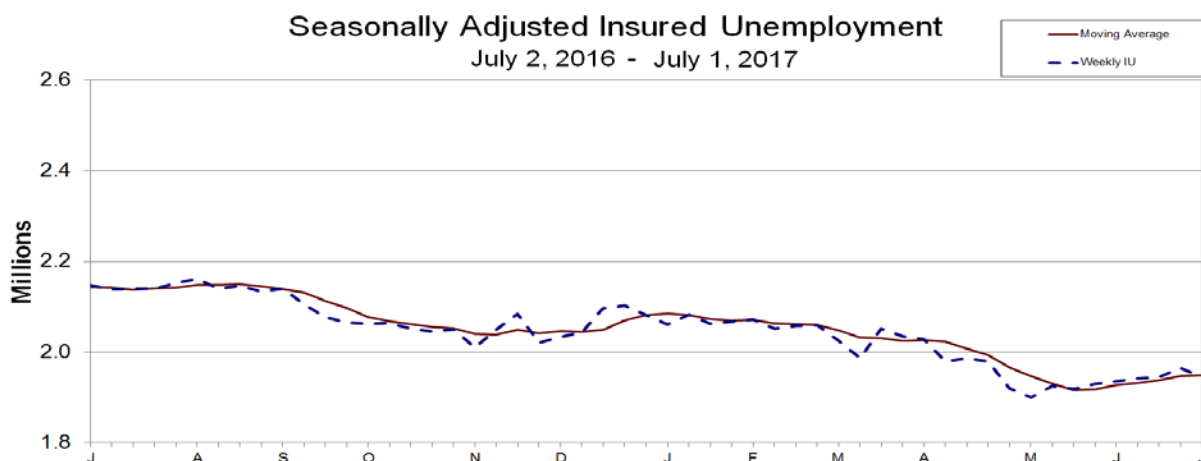
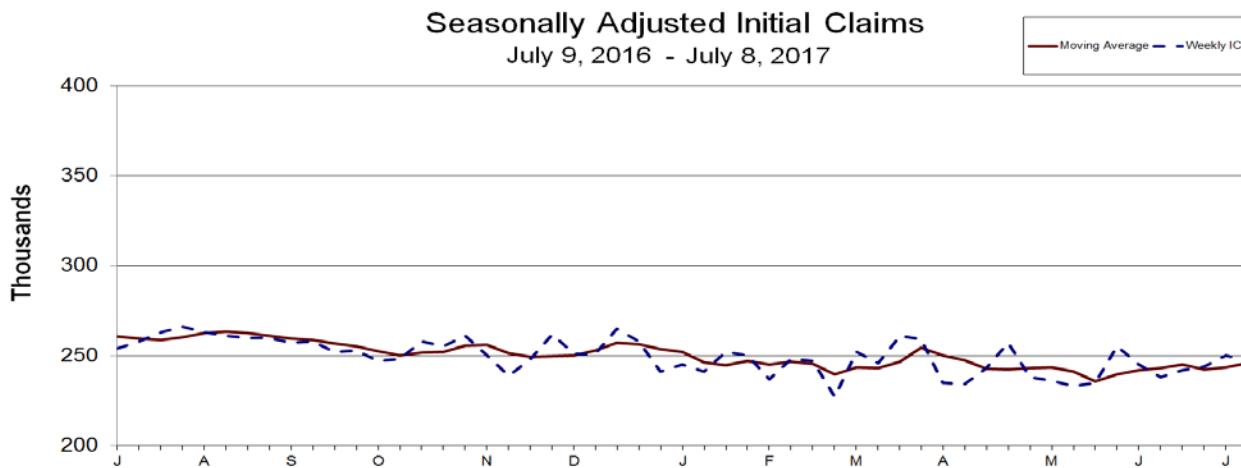
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 247,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 248,000 to 250,000. The 4-week moving average was 245,750, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 243,000 to 243,500.

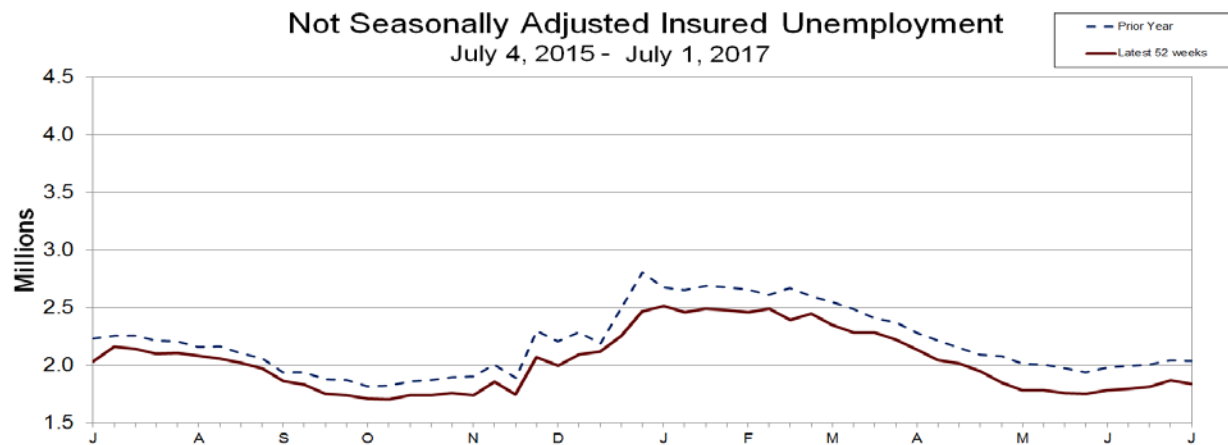
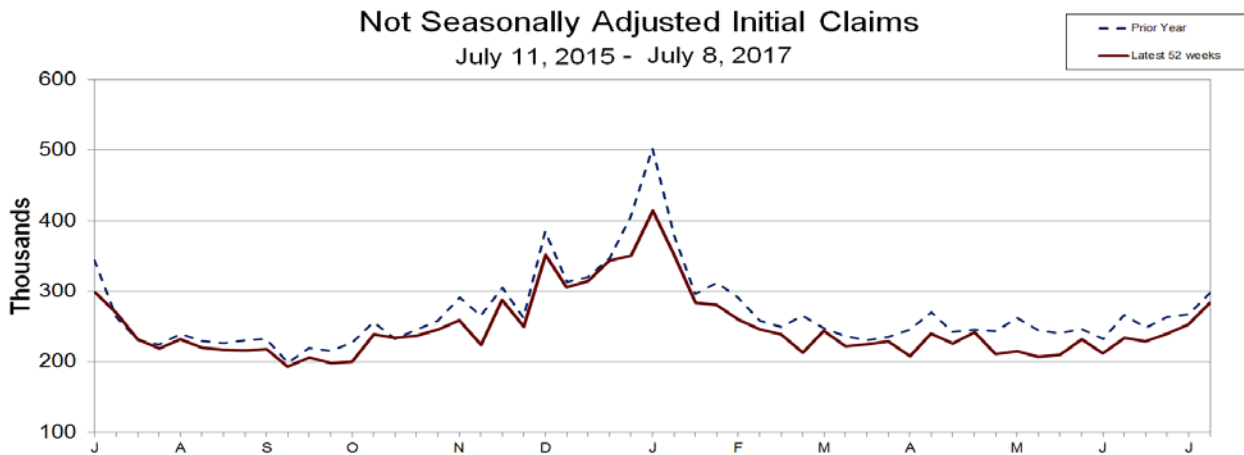
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending July 1, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 1 was 1,945,000, a decrease of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 9,000 from 1,956,000 to 1,965,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,949,250, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 1,944,750 to 1,947,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 283,940 in the week ending July 8, an increase of 31,089 (or 12.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 34,548 (or 13.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 298,673 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.3 percent during the week ending July 1, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,837,699, a decrease of 30,802 (or -1.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,789 (or -0.6 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.5 percent and the volume was 2,037,038.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 24 was 1,900,792, an increase of 56,160 from the previous week. There were 2,083,691 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 735 in the week ending July 1, an increase of 136 from the prior week. There were 767 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 18 from the preceding week.

There were 8,343 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 24, an increase of 308 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 10,399, an increase of 43 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 24 were in Puerto Rico (3.2), Alaska (2.4), Connecticut (2.3), New Jersey (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), California (2.1), Illinois (1.8), Massachusetts (1.8), Rhode Island (1.8), and Nevada (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 1 were in Missouri (+3,799), New York (+2,769), Kentucky (+2,510), Massachusetts (+2,017), and Michigan (+1,715), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-2,109), Texas (-1,355), Wisconsin (-902), Maryland (-837), and California (-672).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	June 24	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	247,000	250,000	-3,000	244,000	254,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	283,940	252,851	+31,089	239,730	298,673
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	245,750	243,500	+2,250	242,250	260,500
WEEK ENDING	July 1	June 24	Change	June 17	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,945,000	1,965,000	-20,000	1,945,000	2,147,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,837,699	1,868,501	-30,802	1,813,029	2,037,038
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,949,250	1,947,000	+2,250	1,938,000	2,143,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.3%	1.3%	0.0	1.3%	1.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 1	June 24	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	735	599	+136	794
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	767	749	+18	1,116

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 24	June 17	Change	<u>Prior Year</u> ¹
Regular State	1,865,837	1,810,078	+55,759	2,039,262
Federal Employees	8,343	8,035	+308	7,419
Newly Discharged Veterans	10,399	10,356	+43	13,350
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,434	6,642	-208	7,002
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	9,779	9,521	+258	16,658
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,900,792	1,844,632	+56,160	2,083,691

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 139,989,708 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](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 8			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 1		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,516	4,246	-730	20,542	19,709	833
Alaska	928	876	52	6,981	7,442	-461
Arizona	5,933	5,040	893	28,437	31,638	-3,201
Arkansas	3,059	1,665	1,394	13,463	14,244	-781
California	38,329	46,015	-7,686	312,419	349,417	-36,998
Colorado	1,829	1,921	-92	22,282	22,825	-543
Connecticut	4,306	6,076	-1,770	39,854	37,996	1,858
Delaware	703	550	153	6,164	6,636	-472
District of Columbia	641	451	190	8,303	8,771	-468
Florida	8,705	8,350	355	44,725	51,966	-7,241
Georgia	6,404	5,276	1,128	28,151	29,536	-1,385
Hawaii	1,343	1,102	241	8,133	7,604	529
Idaho	941	863	78	5,086	5,645	-559
Illinois	10,022	9,513	509	101,382	102,913	-1,531
Indiana	2,788	2,323	465	14,689	14,896	-207
Iowa	3,530	2,256	1,274	17,627	16,694	933
Kansas	2,511	2,674	-163	11,170	10,298	872
Kentucky	10,738	4,558	6,180	19,025	18,418	607
Louisiana	2,417	2,969	-552	20,588	24,314	-3,726
Maine	819	957	-138	4,430	4,689	-259
Maryland	3,678	3,434	244	32,984	33,210	-226
Massachusetts	7,299	9,369	-2,070	64,500	62,044	2,456
Michigan	17,499	8,975	8,524	45,021	45,667	-646
Minnesota	3,303	2,893	410	30,831	29,916	915
Mississippi	1,452	2,027	-575	13,049	14,027	-978
Missouri	4,595	7,701	-3,106	29,312	28,679	633
Montana	858	702	156	5,288	5,463	-175
Nebraska	1,020	744	276	5,110	4,931	179
Nevada	3,156	2,344	812	19,208	21,464	-2,256
New Hampshire	651	911	-260	4,175	4,068	107
New Jersey	14,500	16,458	-1,958	97,681	89,698	7,983
New Mexico	976	816	160	10,619	11,005	-386
New York	31,948	17,981	13,967	152,050	136,626	15,424
North Carolina	3,302	3,191	111	22,000	23,060	-1,060
North Dakota	1,160	347	813	3,185	2,690	495
Ohio	10,878	6,297	4,581	53,476	54,518	-1,042
Oklahoma	1,603	1,472	131	15,270	15,559	-289
Oregon	4,246	3,928	318	25,675	26,070	-395
Pennsylvania	15,910	15,616	294	123,591	122,756	835
Puerto Rico	5,135	1,630	3,505	26,247	28,499	-2,252
Rhode Island	1,383	2,014	-631	9,590	8,169	1,421
South Carolina	3,452	2,504	948	14,909	14,708	201
South Dakota	151	180	-29	1,264	1,275	-11
Tennessee	3,989	3,703	286	22,862	23,124	-262
Texas	13,348	14,052	-704	151,057	151,427	-370
Utah	1,145	1,037	108	7,661	7,804	-143
Vermont	605	557	48	3,858	3,578	280
Virgin Islands	13	54	-41	390	504	-114
Virginia	3,776	3,038	738	25,763	24,623	1,140
Washington	6,414	5,880	534	45,826	44,565	1,261
West Virginia	1,141	749	392	10,209	10,497	-288
Wisconsin	5,514	4,361	1,153	28,956	29,527	-571
Wyoming	378	205	173	2,631	3,099	-468
US Total	283,940	252,851	31,089	1,837,699	1,868,501	-30,802

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 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	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
July 2, 2016	259	-8	265.25	2,147	24	2,143.00	1.6
July 9, 2016	254	-5	260.50	2,138	-9	2,141.50	1.6
July 16, 2016	258	4	259.50	2,140	2	2,137.00	1.6
July 23, 2016	263	5	258.50	2,139	-1	2,141.00	1.6
July 30, 2016	266	3	260.25	2,152	13	2,142.25	1.6
August 6, 2016	263	-3	262.50	2,161	9	2,148.00	1.6
August 13, 2016	261	-2	263.25	2,139	-22	2,147.75	1.6
August 20, 2016	260	-1	262.50	2,146	7	2,149.50	1.6
August 27, 2016	260	0	261.00	2,133	-13	2,144.75	1.5
September 3, 2016	257	-3	259.50	2,139	6	2,139.25	1.6
September 10, 2016	258	1	258.75	2,105	-34	2,130.75	1.5
September 17, 2016	252	-6	256.75	2,076	-29	2,113.25	1.5
September 24, 2016	253	1	255.00	2,066	-10	2,096.50	1.5
October 1, 2016	247	-6	252.50	2,063	-3	2,077.50	1.5
October 8, 2016	248	1	250.00	2,064	1	2,067.25	1.5
October 15, 2016	258	10	251.50	2,052	-12	2,061.25	1.5
October 22, 2016	255	-3	252.00	2,045	-7	2,056.00	1.5
October 29, 2016	261	6	255.50	2,050	5	2,052.75	1.5
November 5, 2016	250	-11	256.00	2,010	-40	2,039.25	1.5
November 12, 2016	239	-11	251.25	2,050	40	2,038.75	1.5
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,945	-20	1,949.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	247	-3	245.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July

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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 24

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS 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	4246	1495	1155	14	14	19709	1.1	512	-3198	65	121	19895
Alaska	876	-269	-49	6	1	7442	2.4	-194	-1804	63	30	7535
Arizona	5040	607	-358	28	2	31638	1.2	725	-3673	219	95	31952
Arkansas	1665	182	-367	3	9	14244	1.2	-309	-3686	54	59	14357
California	46015	-672	100	173	138	349417	2.1	21459	-5506	1368	2023	352808
Colorado	1921	340	-417	6	30	22825	0.9	33	-4251	99	348	23272
Connecticut	6076	241	891	13	7	37996	2.3	4333	-5776	52	96	38144
Delaware	550	-298	-29	1	1	6636	1.5	824	-718	16	15	6667
District of Columbia	451	-92	2	6	1	8771	1.6	432	533	818	17	9606
Florida	8350	51	-564	25	52	51966	0.6	2527	-1792	158	244	52368
Georgia	5276	383	-430	15	48	29536	0.7	6	-1744	175	284	29995
Hawaii	1102	-202	-58	3	11	7604	1.2	-329	317	38	84	7726
Idaho	863	34	-133	3	3	5645	0.8	124	-1061	24	23	5692
Illinois	9513	861	-1017	17	12	102913	1.8	1157	-9159	323	300	103536
Indiana	2323	-344	-753	2	8	14896	0.5	-1293	-6947	37	43	14976
Iowa	2256	326	-138	1	3	16694	1.1	81	-1104	41	49	16784
Kansas	2674	974	392	2	2	10298	0.8	-192	-2947	40	57	10395
Kentucky	4558	2510	-3392	25	4	18418	1.0	-391	-3079	139	191	18748
Louisiana	2969	10	98	4	9	24314	1.3	428	-2910	47	59	24420
Maine	957	329	209	1	0	4689	0.8	21	-691	17	28	4734
Maryland	3434	-837	-803	20	19	33210	1.3	-1877	-4731	185	185	33580
Massachusetts	9369	2017	639	14	18	62044	1.8	2710	-3029	190	190	62424
Michigan	8975	1715	649	15	19	45667	1.1	2074	-807	100	122	45889
Minnesota	2893	51	-708	2	3	29916	1.1	-174	-2666	40	95	30051
Mississippi	2027	350	-261	4	7	14027	1.3	518	-2197	66	41	14134
Missouri	7701	3799	3329	13	3	28679	1.1	1568	2990	109	55	28843
Montana	702	32	-76	2	1	5463	1.2	-124	-1125	59	40	5562
Nebraska	744	-17	-209	3	2	4931	0.5	-33	-36	12	16	4959
Nevada	2344	-51	-466	6	2	21464	1.7	-91	-995	70	103	21637
New Hampshire	911	109	145	0	3	4068	0.6	314	-906	7	6	4081
New Jersey	16458	-206	163	14	10	89698	2.3	6252	-2947	150	302	90150
New Mexico	816	-50	-344	4	2	11005	1.4	-69	-2646	134	57	11196
New York	17981	2769	-2233	19	52	136626	1.5	2948	-6768	337	458	137421
North Carolina	3191	69	-692	7	8	23060	0.6	100	-4317	88	213	23361
North Dakota	347	-20	-128	13	2	2690	0.7	72	-1552	132	3	2825
Ohio	6297	226	-1281	13	25	54518	1.0	-129	-2984	82	266	54866
Oklahoma	1472	26	-335	6	5	15559	1.0	-223	-9091	84	108	15751
Oregon	3928	-199	434	7	15	26070	1.4	1049	-1411	178	148	26396
Pennsylvania	15616	-2109	-1950	60	26	122756	2.2	7563	-13617	483	447	123686
Puerto Rico	1630	-24	-145	2	4	28499	3.2	528	400	69	86	28654
Rhode Island	2014	-28	386	4	2	8169	1.8	931	-1194	20	55	8244
South Carolina	2504	200	-982	5	8	14708	0.8	184	-2140	52	97	14857
South Dakota	180	13	-22	7	2	1275	0.3	13	-160	235	5	1515
Tennessee	3703	1136	-18	8	3	23124	0.8	1266	165	417	169	23710
Texas	14052	-1355	-2488	66	137	151427	1.3	51	-38864	563	1779	153769
Utah	1037	103	-129	33	2	7804	0.6	-84	-1391	91	32	7927
Vermont	557	-280	-182	3	0	3578	1.2	258	-509	6	7	3591
Virgin Islands	54	23	19	1	0	504	1.4	102	-124	20	6	530
Virginia	3038	-42	9	22	14	24623	0.7	-889	-2798	288	378	25289
Washington	5880	298	-316	5	13	44565	1.4	-78	1781	172	676	45413
West Virginia	749	-105	-270	1	3	10497	1.6	394	-4913	43	36	10576
Wisconsin	4361	-902	-1292	8	1	29527	1.1	202	-4821	53	36	29616
Wyoming	205	-56	-171	0	1	3099	1.2	192	-3516	15	16	3130
Totals	252851	13121	-14586	735	767	1868501	1.3	55472	-176115	8343	10399	1887243

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.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 1, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+3,799	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
NY	+2,769	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
KY	+2,510	No comment.
MA	+2,017	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
MI	+1,715	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AL	+1,495	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
TN	+1,136	Layoffs in the administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, retail trade, professional, scientific and technical service, manufacturing, and accommodation and food service industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-2,109	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and educational service industries.
TX	-1,355	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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