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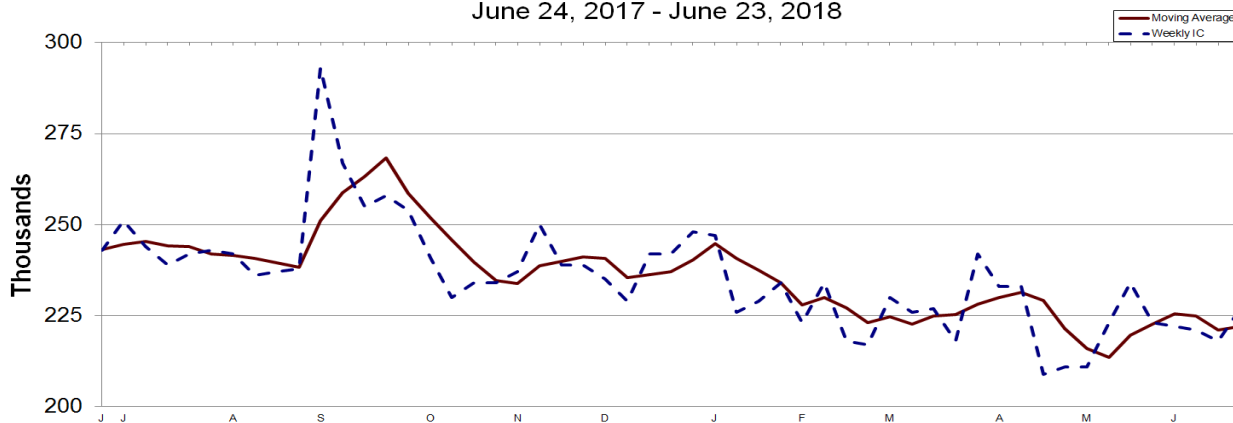
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

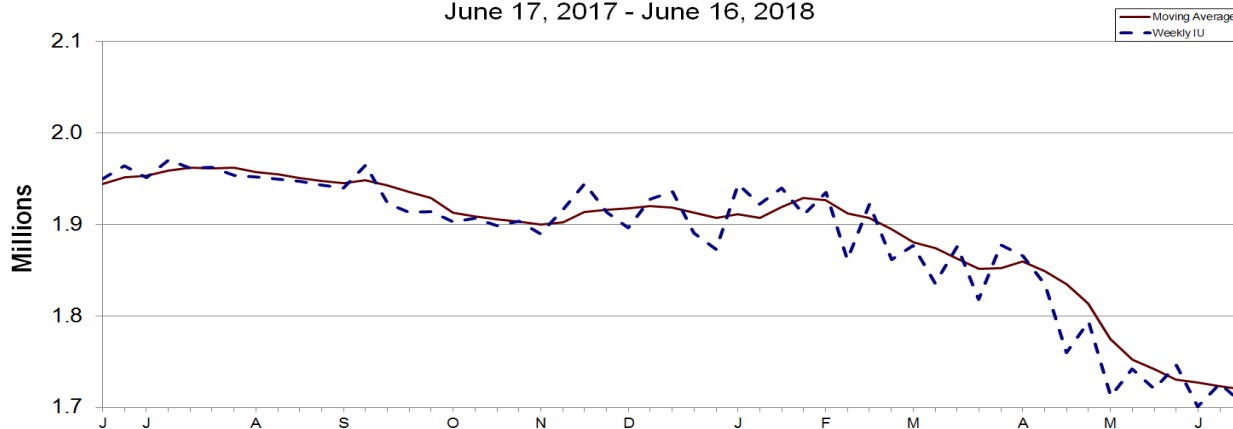
In the week ending June 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 227,000, an increase of 9,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 222,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 221,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 16, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 16 was 1,705,000, a decrease of 21,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 1,723,000 to 1,726,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,719,500, a decrease of 3,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since December 8, 1973 when it was 1,715,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 1,722,500 to 1,723,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 24, 2017 - June 23, 2018



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
June 17, 2017 - June 16, 2018



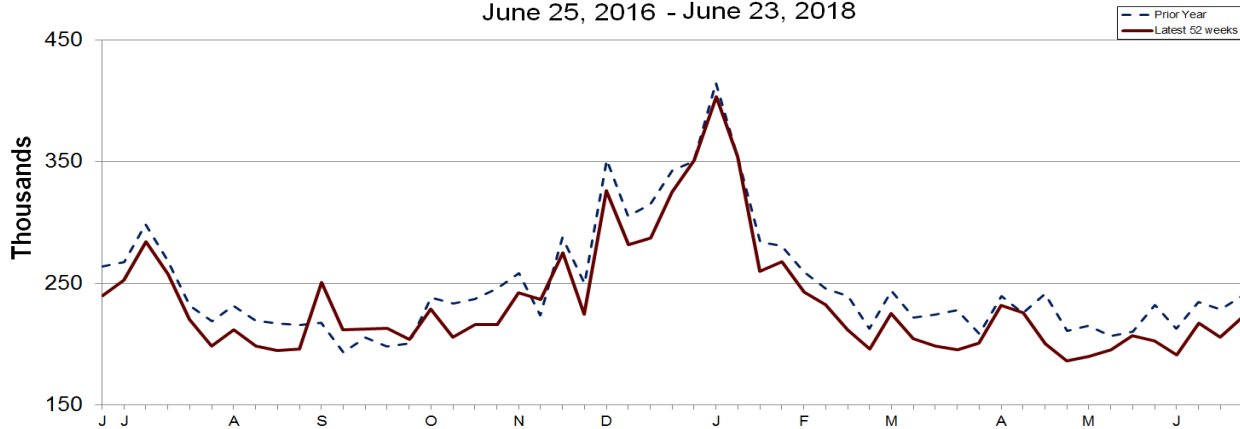
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 222,447 in the week ending June 23, an increase of 16,424 (or 8.0 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 7,865 (or 3.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 239,635 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,583,885, a decrease of 4,170 (or -0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 15,535 (or 1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,811,385.

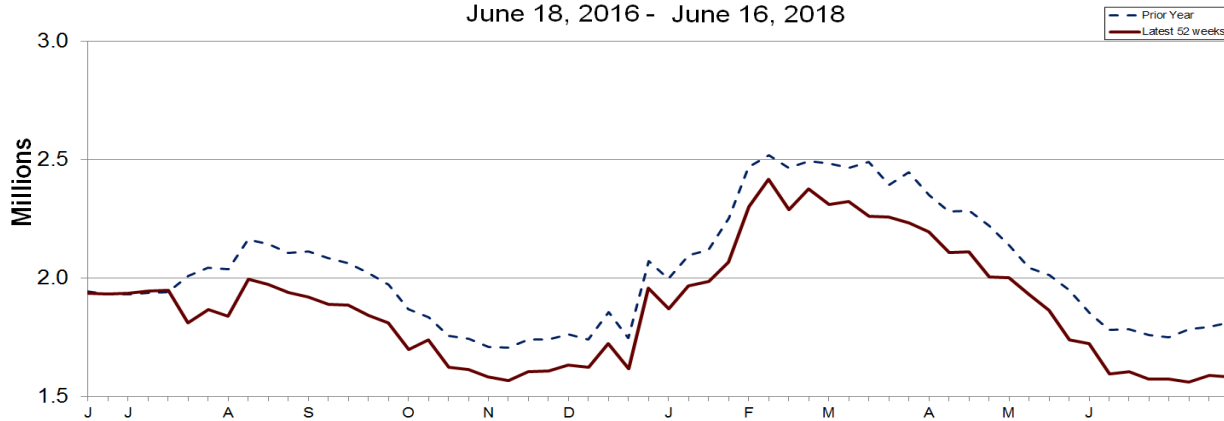
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 25, 2016 - June 23, 2018



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 18, 2016 - June 16, 2018



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 9 was 1,614,407, an increase of 29,058 from the previous week. There were 1,828,688 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

Extended Benefits were payable in the Virgin Islands during the week ending June 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 639 in the week ending June 16, a decrease of 64 from the prior week. There were 639 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 219 from the preceding week.

There were 7,319 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 9, an increase of 437 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,587, an increase of 107 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 9 were in the Virgin Islands (3.2), Alaska (2.3), New Jersey (2.0), California (1.9), Connecticut (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), Pennsylvania (1.7), Illinois (1.6), Nevada (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 16 were in Pennsylvania (+2,569), Wisconsin (+1,747), California (+1,219), Puerto Rico (+592), and Delaware (+553), while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-2,475), Illinois (-2,184), Florida (-1,777), New York (-1,618), and Georgia (-1,563).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 23	June 16	Change	June 9	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	227,000	218,000	+9,000	221,000	243,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	222,447	206,023	+16,424	217,289	239,635
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	222,000	221,000	+1,000	225,000	243,250
WEEK ENDING	June 16	June 9	Change	June 2	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,705,000	1,726,000	-21,000	1,701,000	1,950,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,583,885	1,588,055	-4,170	1,559,757	1,811,385
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,719,500	1,723,250	-3,750	1,727,250	1,944,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 16	June 9	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	639	703	-64	663
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	639	858	-219	733

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 9	June 2	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,586,041	1,557,662	+28,379	1,793,826
Federal Employees	7,319	6,882	+437	8,401
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,587	7,480	+107	10,047
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	36	35	+1	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,012	6,085	-73	6,641
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	7,412	7,205	+207	9,773
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,614,407	1,585,349	+29,058	1,828,688

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 141,433,196 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 June 23			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 16		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,626	2,451	175	17,683	17,311	372
Alaska	924	854	70	6,596	7,183	-587
Arizona	4,090	4,298	-208	25,337	28,555	-3,218
Arkansas	1,263	1,617	-354	11,635	12,487	-852
California	47,465	41,417	6,048	308,887	309,011	-124
Colorado	1,603	1,745	-142	19,514	19,623	-109
Connecticut	3,742	2,387	1,355	31,768	30,869	899
Delaware	741	1,195	-454	5,192	4,150	1,042
District of Columbia	875	490	385	7,124	7,501	-377
Florida	7,188	7,761	-573	39,645	39,636	9
Georgia	4,451	4,760	-309	24,870	26,239	-1,369
Hawaii	1,214	1,324	-110	7,292	7,265	27
Idaho	776	806	-30	4,307	4,434	-127
Illinois	9,042	8,428	614	91,546	92,994	-1,448
Indiana	2,642	2,257	385	14,442	13,549	893
Iowa	2,195	1,778	417	14,251	13,932	319
Kansas	1,469	1,484	-15	8,838	8,653	185
Kentucky	3,770	1,799	1,971	16,816	16,679	137
Louisiana	2,085	2,541	-456	16,928	18,306	-1,378
Maine *	504	484	20	4,139	4,327	-188
Maryland	5,659	3,102	2,557	25,110	27,332	-2,222
Massachusetts	5,386	4,639	747	45,150	45,530	-380
Michigan	5,539	4,410	1,129	34,024	38,122	-4,098
Minnesota	2,711	2,894	-183	28,594	27,542	1,052
Mississippi	1,025	1,425	-400	10,354	10,854	-500
Missouri	2,748	3,110	-362	23,494	24,211	-717
Montana	780	768	12	5,037	5,021	16
Nebraska	671	643	28	4,284	4,269	15
Nevada	2,469	2,380	89	17,134	17,910	-776
New Hampshire	592	427	165	3,080	3,342	-262
New Jersey	12,998	7,648	5,350	79,007	78,509	498
New Mexico	722	770	-48	8,979	9,184	-205
New York	13,295	11,418	1,877	117,406	116,683	723
North Carolina	3,126	3,054	72	18,924	19,675	-751
North Dakota	327	251	76	2,407	2,145	262
Ohio	5,345	6,006	-661	47,202	46,810	392
Oklahoma	1,231	1,160	71	13,142	13,586	-444
Oregon	4,005	3,690	315	24,078	23,664	414
Pennsylvania	17,816	19,490	-1,674	101,558	96,200	5,358
Puerto Rico	1,365	2,650	-1,285	17,362	16,193	1,169
Rhode Island	2,014	879	1,135	6,784	6,530	254
South Carolina	1,942	2,326	-384	15,740	15,806	-66
South Dakota	152	176	-24	1,050	1,075	-25
Tennessee	2,471	2,506	-35	20,648	23,635	-2,987
Texas	13,502	14,167	-665	124,395	124,031	364
Utah	930	936	-6	6,860	6,931	-71
Vermont	789	367	422	3,006	2,921	85
Virgin Islands	7	8	-1	1,026	1,192	-166
Virginia	2,862	2,779	83	22,158	21,631	527
Washington	5,326	5,003	323	42,218	41,439	779
West Virginia	565	868	-303	9,087	8,823	264
Wisconsin	5,091	5,956	-865	25,623	22,342	3,281
Wyoming *	321	241	80	2,154	2,213	-59
US Total	222,447	206,023	16,424	1,583,885	1,588,055	-4,170

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.

*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	
June 17, 2017	244	4	245.75	1,950	3	1,944.75	1.4
June 24, 2017	243	-1	243.25	1,964	14	1,951.50	1.4
July 1, 2017	251	8	244.50	1,951	-13	1,953.00	1.4
July 8, 2017	244	-7	245.50	1,971	20	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	239	-5	244.25	1,962	-9	1,962.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	242	3	244.00	1,963	1	1,961.75	1.4
July 29, 2017	243	1	242.00	1,954	-9	1,962.50	1.4
August 5, 2017	242	-1	241.50	1,952	-2	1,957.75	1.4
August 12, 2017	236	-6	240.75	1,950	-2	1,954.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	237	1	239.50	1,947	-3	1,950.75	1.4
August 26, 2017	238	1	238.25	1,943	-4	1,948.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	293	55	251.00	1,940	-3	1,945.00	1.4
September 9, 2017	267	-26	258.75	1,965	25	1,948.75	1.4
September 16, 2017	255	-12	263.25	1,923	-42	1,942.75	1.4
September 23, 2017	258	3	268.25	1,913	-10	1,935.25	1.4
September 30, 2017	254	-4	258.50	1,914	1	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	241	-13	252.00	1,903	-11	1,913.25	1.4
October 14, 2017	230	-11	245.75	1,907	4	1,909.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	4	239.75	1,899	-8	1,905.75	1.4
October 28, 2017	234	0	234.75	1,904	5	1,903.25	1.4
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,746	26	1,730.00	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50	1,701	-45	1,727.25	1.2
June 9, 2018	221	-1	225.00	1,726	25	1,723.25	1.2
June 16, 2018	218	-3	221.00	1,705	-21	1,719.50	1.2
June 23, 2018	227	9	222.00				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 16					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 9					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2451	-440	-204	10	13	17311	0.9	-53	-1815	57	75	17443
Alaska	854	-11	-275	2	2	7183	2.3	-389	-1287	57	21	7261
Arizona	4298	-352	-436	8	1	28555	1.1	627	-2148	187	63	28805
Arkansas	1617	-235	-278	3	1	12487	1.1	308	-1778	51	65	12603
California	41417	1219	-1126	111	92	309011	1.9	3171	-19432	1306	1554	311871
Colorado	1745	-181	-183	7	20	19623	0.8	812	-3425	101	251	19975
Connecticut	2387	-242	-1130	6	4	30869	1.9	-512	-2482	33	80	30982
Delaware	1195	553	35	2	2	4150	1.0	123	-989	14	16	4180
District of Columbia	490	40	51	11	1	7501	1.3	70	-755	307	30	7838
Florida	7761	-1777	-1177	19	47	39636	0.5	1041	-7302	168	170	39974
Georgia	4760	-1563	-834	25	29	26239	0.6	-783	-3661	172	220	26631
Hawaii	1324	-231	194	3	10	7265	1.2	386	-511	65	80	7410
Idaho	806	-326	-124	3	2	4434	0.6	108	-1234	17	13	4464
Illinois	8428	-2184	-943	9	11	92994	1.6	7053	-10808	378	213	93585
Indiana	2257	15	-484	6	5	13549	0.5	-17	-2360	20	40	13609
Iowa	1778	-807	-134	3	2	13932	0.9	768	-2514	33	23	13988
Kansas	1484	-126	-228	0	0	8653	0.6	-95	-1757	44	35	8732
Kentucky	1799	-507	-236	5	3	16679	0.9	-529	-1908	101	120	16900
Louisiana	2541	-342	-395	5	3	18306	1.0	889	-3627	44	14	18364
Maine	484	34	-64	0	4	4327	0.7	-157	-596	22	16	4365
Maryland	3102	153	-2852	20	11	27332	1.1	-164	-5204	326	125	27783
Massachusetts	4639	-69	-346	16	15	45530	1.3	-150	-12945	116	151	45797
Michigan	4410	109	-1634	11	4	38122	0.9	2180	-7340	55	89	38266
Minnesota	2894	-384	-203	10	2	27542	1.0	-1498	-2685	56	64	27662
Mississippi	1425	-340	-122	4	2	10854	1.0	331	-2466	74	20	10948
Missouri	3110	-597	-584	24	4	24211	0.9	-267	-3174	101	44	24356
Montana	768	-91	-100	4	1	5021	1.1	-44	-283	47	17	5085
Nebraska	643	-138	-122	2	3	4269	0.4	101	-710	16	7	4292
Nevada	2380	-51	-579	4	4	17910	1.4	-187	-2807	65	76	18051
New Hampshire	427	-5	-76	2	0	3342	0.5	-27	-380	4	4	3350
New Jersey	7648	-57	-1806	18	18	78509	2.0	-1353	-4885	219	272	79000
New Mexico	770	-203	-137	10	3	9184	1.2	-28	-1853	123	41	9348
New York	11418	-1618	-2198	23	38	116683	1.3	-1980	-17054	315	351	117349
North Carolina	3054	157	-163	7	11	19675	0.5	126	-2887	82	168	19925
North Dakota	251	-199	-119	13	1	2145	0.5	117	-461	138	5	2288
Ohio	6006	-883	-58	9	16	46810	0.9	8	-7475	97	159	47066
Oklahoma	1160	-265	-415	2	4	13586	0.9	-57	-2018	59	73	13718
Oregon	3690	89	53	18	7	23664	1.3	-306	-1179	181	94	23939
Pennsylvania	19490	2569	-1004	66	37	96200	1.7	6358	-11364	452	270	96922
Puerto Rico	2650	592	924	2	8	16193	1.9	977	-11922	40	85	16318
Rhode Island	879	202	10	4	2	6530	1.4	-51	-785	21	17	6568
South Carolina	2326	-803	-166	3	8	15806	0.8	786	1541	44	72	15922
South Dakota	176	-49	-2	17	1	1075	0.3	1	-239	220	2	1297
Tennessee	2506	-2475	-211	8	11	23635	0.8	2013	1938	76	75	23786
Texas	14167	-337	-1426	69	133	124031	1.1	9115	-25889	688	1287	126006
Utah	936	13	26	9	2	6931	0.5	-108	-1070	39	21	6991
Vermont	367	35	-92	0	1	2921	1.0	-171	-372	8	4	2933
Virgin Islands	8	1	-21	0	0	1192	3.2	-108	714	2	0	1230
Virginia	2779	-76	-211	7	14	21631	0.6	-29	-3077	190	249	22070
Washington	5003	-552	-387	5	16	41439	1.3	-564	-3912	169	587	42195
West Virginia	868	-141	-134	4	4	8823	1.3	222	-1759	48	34	8905
Wisconsin	5956	1747	-694	8	5	22342	0.8	257	-3786	55	17	22414
Wyoming	241	-137	-40	2	1	2213	0.8	-23	-952	16	8	2237
Totals	206023	-11266	-22860	639	639	1588055	1.1	28298	-207129	7319	7587	1602997

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 JUNE 16, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+2,569	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and educational service industries.
WI	+1,747	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and manufacturing industries.
CA	+1,219	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	-2,475	No comment.
IL	-2,184	No comment.
FL	-1,777	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
NY	-1,618	Fewer layoffs in the construction, information, and professional, scientific, and technical service industries.
GA	-1,563	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and construction 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.

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