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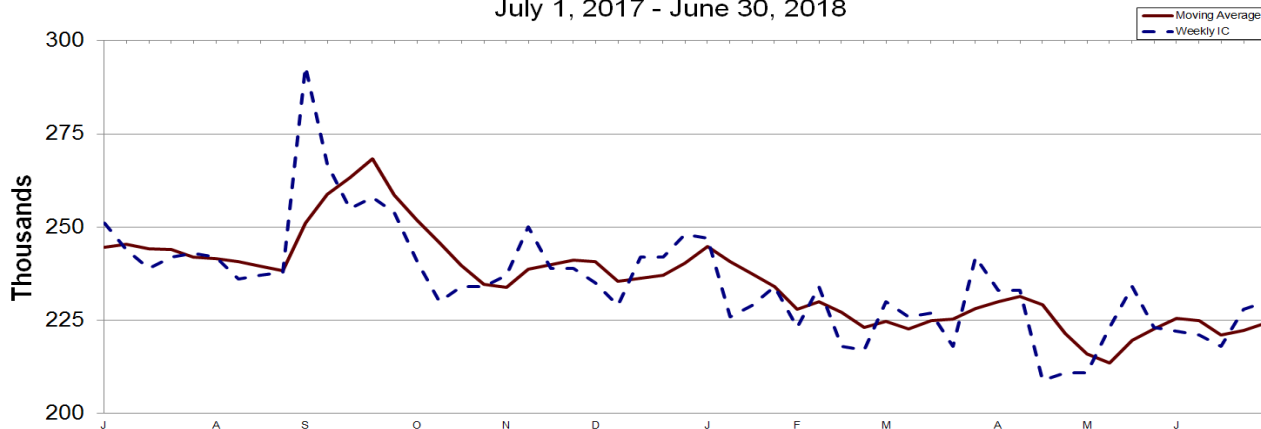
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

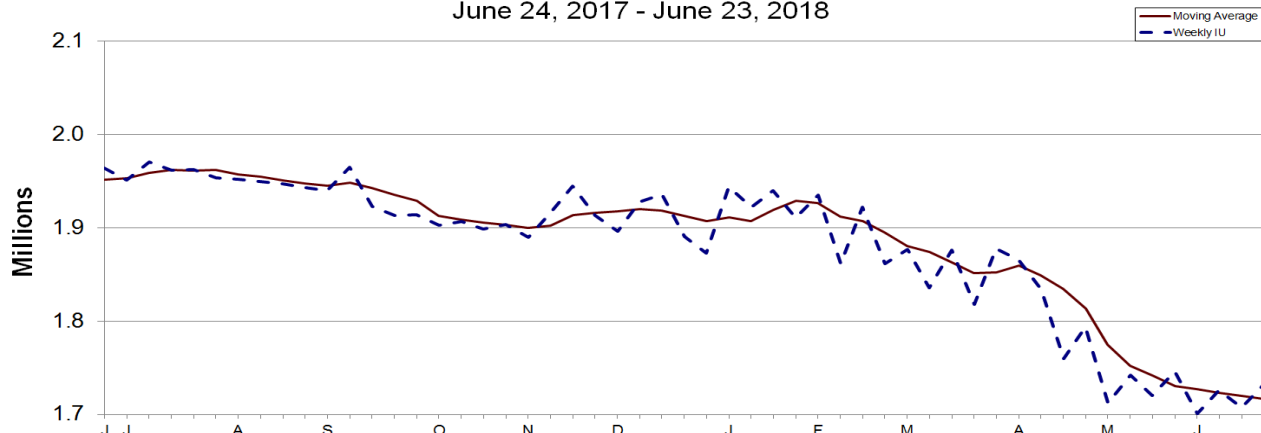
In the week ending June 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 231,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 227,000 to 228,000. The 4-week moving average was 224,500, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 222,000 to 222,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 23, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 23 was 1,739,000, an increase of 32,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 1,705,000 to 1,707,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,718,250, a decrease of 1,750 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 500 from 1,719,500 to 1,720,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims  
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



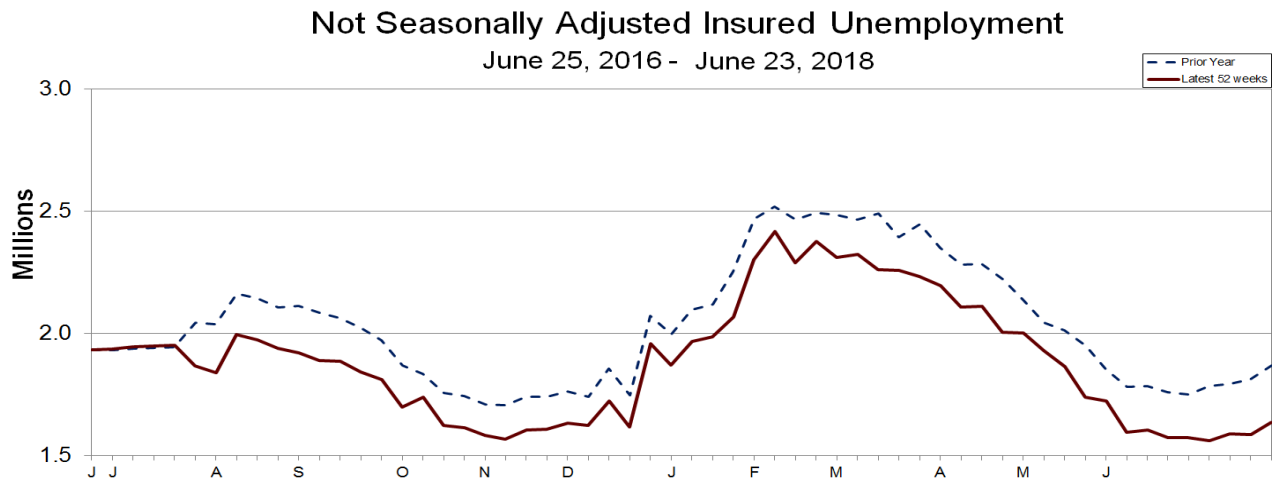
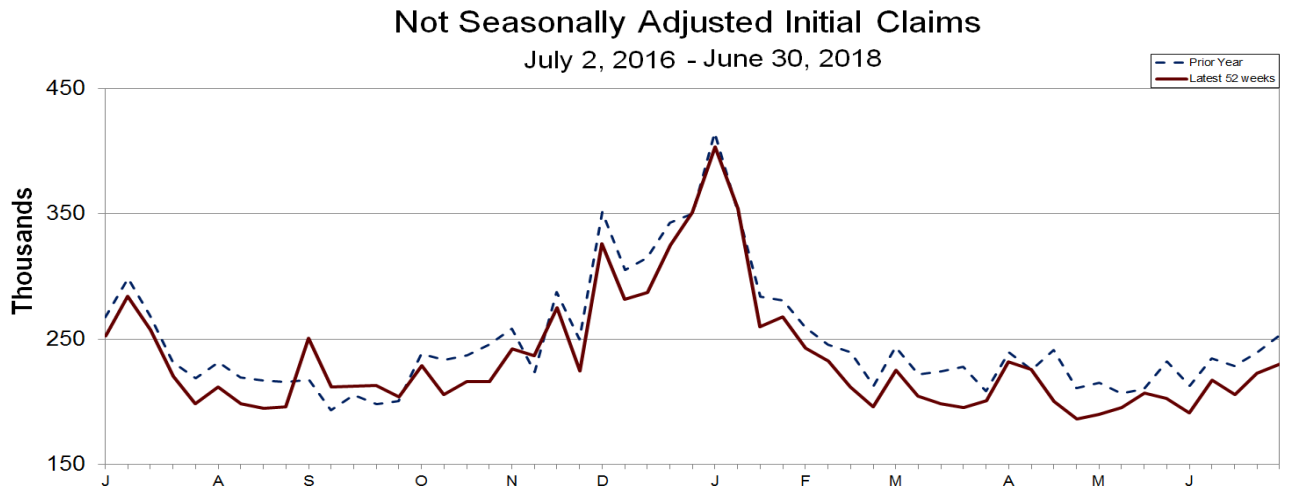
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment  
June 24, 2017 - June 23, 2018



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 231,072 in the week ending June 30, an increase of 8,306 (or 3.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 4,778 (or 2.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 252,886 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending June 23, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,643,174, an increase of 57,195 (or 3.6 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 27,315 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,867,478.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 16 was 1,611,767, a decrease of 2,640 from the previous week. There were 1,844,632 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 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 606 in the week ending June 23, a decrease of 33 from the prior week. There were 571 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 68 from the preceding week.

There were 6,936 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 16, a decrease of 383 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,556, a decrease of 31 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 16 were in the Virgin Islands (2.7), Alaska (2.2), Puerto Rico (2.1), New Jersey (2.0), California (1.8), Connecticut (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.8), Illinois (1.6), Nevada (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 23 were in New Jersey (+5,436), California (+5,420), Maryland (+2,763), Kentucky (+1,968), and New York (+1,897), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-1,672), Puerto Rico (-1,234), Wisconsin (-899), Texas (-693), and Ohio (-669).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 30</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	231,000	228,000	+3,000	218,000	251,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	231,072	222,766	+8,306	206,023	252,886
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	224,500	222,250	+2,250	221,000	244,500
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,739,000	1,707,000	+32,000	1,726,000	1,964,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,643,174	1,585,979	+57,195	1,588,055	1,867,478
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,718,250	1,720,000	-1,750	1,723,250	1,951,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.1%	+0.1	1.1%	1.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	606	639	-33	599
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	571	639	-68	749

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,583,846	1,586,041	-2,195	1,810,078
Federal Employees	6,936	7,319	-383	8,035
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,556	7,587	-31	10,356
<u>Extended Benefits</u> <sup>3</sup>	114	36	+78	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> <sup>4</sup>	5,760	6,012	-252	6,642
<u>STC / Workshare</u> <sup>5</sup>	7,555	7,412	+143	9,521
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,611,767	1,614,407	-2,640	1,844,632

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 30			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 23		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,526	2,802	-276	17,619	17,694	-75
Alaska	815	862	-47	6,315	6,709	-394
Arizona	4,344	4,318	26	25,568	28,321	-2,753
Arkansas	1,408	1,368	40	11,711	12,422	-711
California	41,025	46,837	-5,812	324,562	301,549	23,013
Colorado	1,670	1,612	58	19,849	19,050	799
Connecticut	6,386	3,738	2,648	33,610	30,240	3,370
Delaware	506	769	-263	4,460	5,050	-590
District of Columbia	625	692	-67	7,507	7,468	39
Florida	7,092	7,370	-278	38,818	43,787	-4,969
Georgia	4,994	4,664	330	25,260	26,071	-811
Hawaii	1,125	1,188	-63	7,478	7,004	474
Idaho	844	840	4	4,294	4,505	-211
Illinois	8,796	8,993	-197	94,072	90,474	3,598
Indiana	2,291	2,535	-244	14,606	13,741	865
Iowa	2,211	1,990	221	14,739	13,869	870
Kansas	1,476	1,478	-2	8,861	8,889	-28
Kentucky	7,782	3,767	4,015	19,412	16,983	2,429
Louisiana	1,981	2,263	-282	16,982	18,674	-1,692
Maine*	578	510	68	4,106	4,249	-143
Maryland	3,159	5,865	-2,706	27,970	27,366	604
Massachusetts	10,192	5,454	4,738	45,477	45,799	-322
Michigan	7,002	5,635	1,367	38,555	35,247	3,308
Minnesota	2,829	2,603	226	28,476	27,256	1,220
Mississippi	1,432	1,199	233	10,496	11,169	-673
Missouri	3,465	2,874	591	23,283	24,045	-762
Montana	637	745	-108	5,115	4,953	162
Nebraska	772	656	116	4,442	4,239	203
Nevada	2,504	2,350	154	21,021	18,388	2,633
New Hampshire	868	582	286	3,226	3,385	-159
New Jersey	17,357	13,084	4,273	81,472	78,034	3,438
New Mexico	777	734	43	9,080	9,149	-69
New York	16,130	13,315	2,815	119,669	116,887	2,782
North Carolina	3,100	3,016	84	19,209	19,928	-719
North Dakota	349	274	75	2,432	2,078	354
Ohio	6,941	5,337	1,604	46,994	47,176	-182
Oklahoma	1,120	1,350	-230	13,139	13,430	-291
Oregon	3,520	4,008	-488	24,742	23,831	911
Pennsylvania	13,849	17,818	-3,969	113,162	100,613	12,549
Puerto Rico	1,094	1,416	-322	17,511	17,822	-311
Rhode Island	1,897	1,992	-95	7,439	6,680	759
South Carolina	2,061	2,046	15	15,726	16,090	-364
South Dakota	142	167	-25	1,092	1,086	6
Tennessee	3,077	2,559	518	20,889	21,876	-987
Texas	13,730	13,474	256	128,850	123,164	5,686
Utah	1,086	909	177	6,802	6,871	-69
Vermont	602	799	-197	3,346	2,867	479
Virgin Islands	12	12	0	892	1,026	-134
Virginia	2,887	2,645	242	22,309	21,745	564
Washington	5,439	5,291	148	42,529	41,024	1,505
West Virginia	636	613	23	9,398	8,474	924
Wisconsin	3,737	5,057	-1,320	26,297	25,271	1,026
Wyoming	194	291	-97	2,305	2,261	44
US Total	231,072	222,766	8,306	1,643,174	1,585,979	57,195

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 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	1,707	-19	1,720.00	1.2
June 23, 2018	228	10	222.25	1,739	32	1,718.25	1.2
June 30, 2018	231	3	224.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 23					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 16					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO		
		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>				UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>				
Alabama	2802	351	51	13	4	17694	0.9	383	-1503	60	74	17828
Alaska	862	8	-283	1	1	6709	2.2	-474	-927	48	16	6773
Arizona	4318	20	-115	16	3	28321	1.1	-234	-2592	188	68	28577
Arkansas	1368	-249	-115	4	2	12422	1.1	-65	-2131	49	67	12538
California	46837	5420	150	113	111	301549	1.8	-7462	-26409	1200	1546	304295
Colorado	1612	-133	31	6	10	19050	0.8	-573	-3742	100	244	19394
Connecticut	3738	1351	-2097	5	4	30240	1.8	-629	-3423	62	72	30374
Delaware	769	-426	-79	0	0	5050	1.2	900	-762	10	16	5076
District of Columbia	692	202	149	12	0	7468	1.3	-33	-871	294	13	7775
Florida	7370	-391	-929	17	31	43787	0.5	4151	-5652	128	163	44078
Georgia	4664	-96	-229	25	37	26071	0.6	-168	-3459	174	240	26485
Hawaii	1188	-136	-116	2	6	7004	1.1	-261	-929	66	79	7149
Idaho	840	34	11	4	4	4505	0.7	71	-1016	17	15	4537
Illinois	8993	565	341	11	4	90474	1.6	-2520	-11282	271	231	90976
Indiana	2535	278	-132	2	3	13741	0.5	192	-2448	20	44	13805
Iowa	1990	212	60	2	5	13869	0.9	-63	-2744	36	25	13930
Kansas	1478	-6	-222	0	1	8889	0.7	236	-1601	40	31	8960
Kentucky	3767	1968	1719	10	4	16983	0.9	304	-1826	88	126	17197
Louisiana	2263	-278	-601	4	2	18674	1.0	368	-3568	38	18	18730
Maine	510	26	-118	0	1	4249	0.7	-78	-419	13	17	4279
Maryland	5865	2763	1594	19	10	27366	1.1	34	-7721	308	123	27797
Massachusetts	5454	815	-1898	9	11	45799	1.3	269	-13535	94	140	46033
Michigan	5635	1225	-1625	6	8	35247	0.8	-2875	-8346	59	79	35385
Minnesota	2603	-291	-239	0	1	27256	1.0	-286	-2834	45	63	27364
Mississippi	1199	-226	-478	4	4	11169	1.0	315	-2340	81	17	11267
Missouri	2874	-236	-1028	21	3	24045	0.9	-166	-3066	109	51	24205
Montana	745	-23	75	4	0	4953	1.1	-68	-634	49	19	5021
Nebraska	656	13	-105	8	0	4239	0.4	-30	-725	18	12	4269
Nevada	2350	-30	-45	6	3	18388	1.4	478	-3167	59	72	18519
New Hampshire	582	155	-220	1	1	3385	0.5	43	-369	8	4	3397
New Jersey	13084	5436	-3580	11	15	78034	2.0	-475	-5412	198	281	78513
New Mexico	734	-36	-132	2	4	9149	1.2	-35	-1925	114	43	9306
New York	13315	1897	-1897	21	22	116887	1.3	204	-16791	293	338	117518
North Carolina	3016	-38	-106	12	11	19928	0.5	253	-3032	75	168	20171
North Dakota	274	23	-93	13	1	2078	0.5	-67	-540	133	5	2216
Ohio	5337	-669	-734	10	25	47176	0.9	366	-7471	94	182	47452
Oklahoma	1350	190	-96	8	2	13430	0.9	-156	-2352	67	76	13573
Oregon	4008	318	-119	21	11	23831	1.3	167	-1190	173	98	24102
Pennsylvania	17818	-1672	93	70	33	100613	1.8	4413	-14580	398	246	101257
Puerto Rico	1416	-1234	-238	12	4	17822	2.1	1629	-10149	37	95	17954
Rhode Island	1992	1113	-50	3	1	6680	1.4	150	-558	24	20	6724
South Carolina	2046	-280	-258	6	5	16090	0.8	284	1566	43	71	16204
South Dakota	167	-9	0	6	0	1086	0.3	11	-176	245	3	1334
Tennessee	2559	53	-8	10	7	21876	0.8	-1759	18	75	83	22034
Texas	13474	-693	-1933	50	117	123164	1.0	-867	-28212	692	1247	125103
Utah	909	-27	-25	10	4	6871	0.5	-60	-1017	37	21	6929
Vermont	799	432	-38	0	0	2867	0.9	-54	-453	8	4	2879
Virgin Islands	12	4	-19	0	0	1026	2.7	-166	624	2	2	1144
Virginia	2645	-134	-435	4	14	21745	0.6	114	-3767	200	242	22187
Washington	5291	288	-291	6	18	41024	1.3	-415	-3619	174	583	41781
West Virginia	613	-255	-241	0	1	8474	1.3	-349	-1629	47	35	8556
Wisconsin	5057	-899	-206	5	1	25271	0.9	2929	-4054	49	19	25339
Wyoming	291	50	30	1	1	2261	0.9	48	-646	26	9	2296
Totals	222766	16743	-16869	606	571	1585979	1.1	-2076	-225406	6936	7556	1600585

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 23, 2018**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NJ	+5,436	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
CA	+5,420	Layoffs in the service industry.
MD	+2,763	No comment.
KY	+1,968	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
NY	+1,897	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, health care and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
CT	+1,351	No comment.
MI	+1,225	No comment.
RI	+1,113	Layoffs in the educational service and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
PA	-1,672	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodations and food service, and health care and social assistance industries.
PR	-1,234	No comment.

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## 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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