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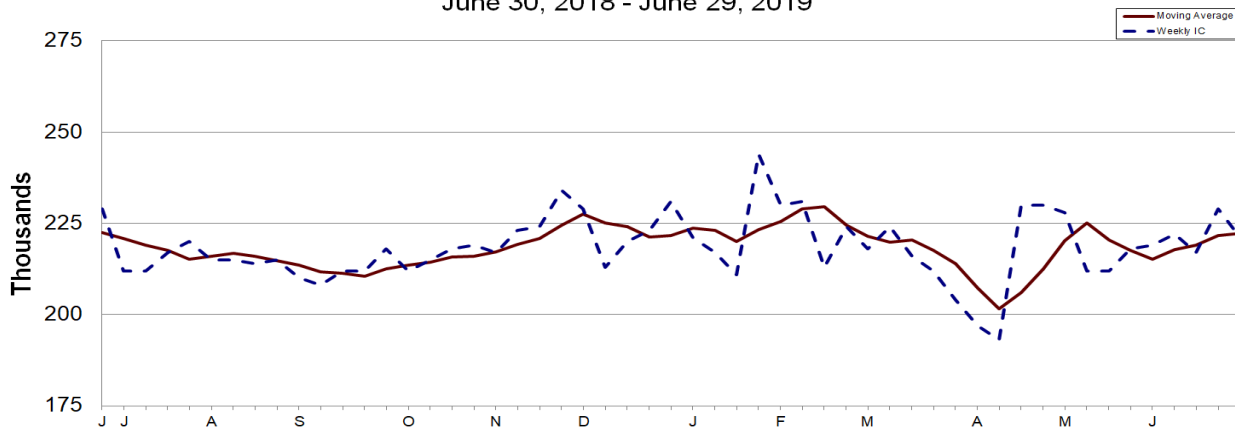
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 221,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 227,000 to 229,000. The 4-week moving average was 222,250, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 221,250 to 221,750.

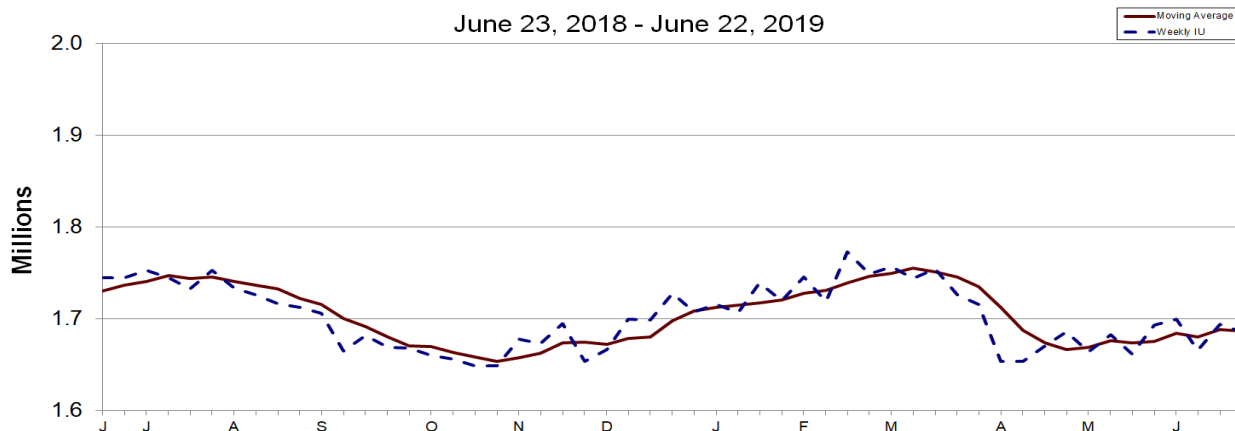
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending June 22, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 22 was 1,686,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 6,000 from 1,688,000 to 1,694,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,686,500, a decrease of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,500 from 1,686,750 to 1,688,250.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 30, 2018 - June 29, 2019



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 23, 2018 - June 22, 2019



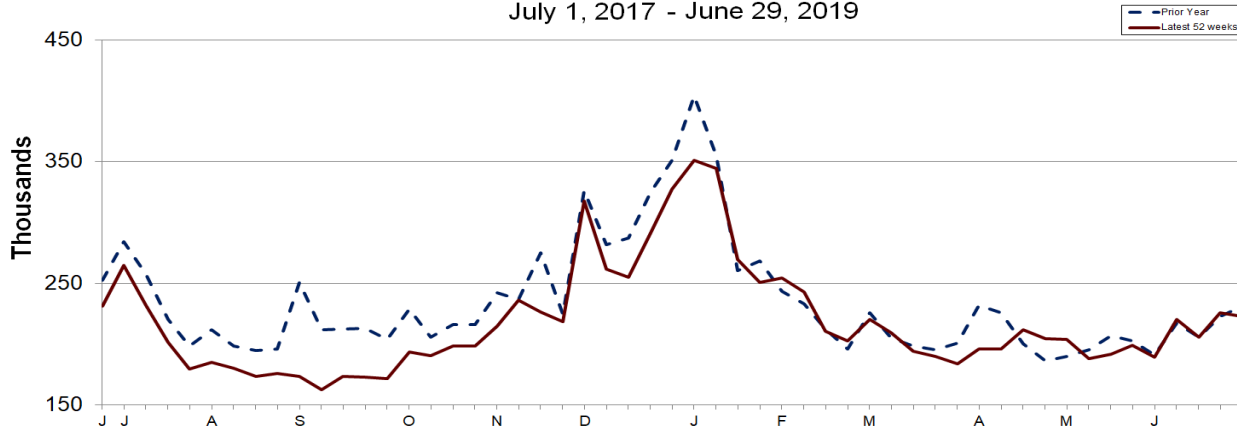
UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 222,844 in the week ending June 29, a decrease of 2,974 (or -1.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,262 (or 2.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 231,539 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending June 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,579,998, an increase of 21,375 (or 1.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 28,801 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,645,954.

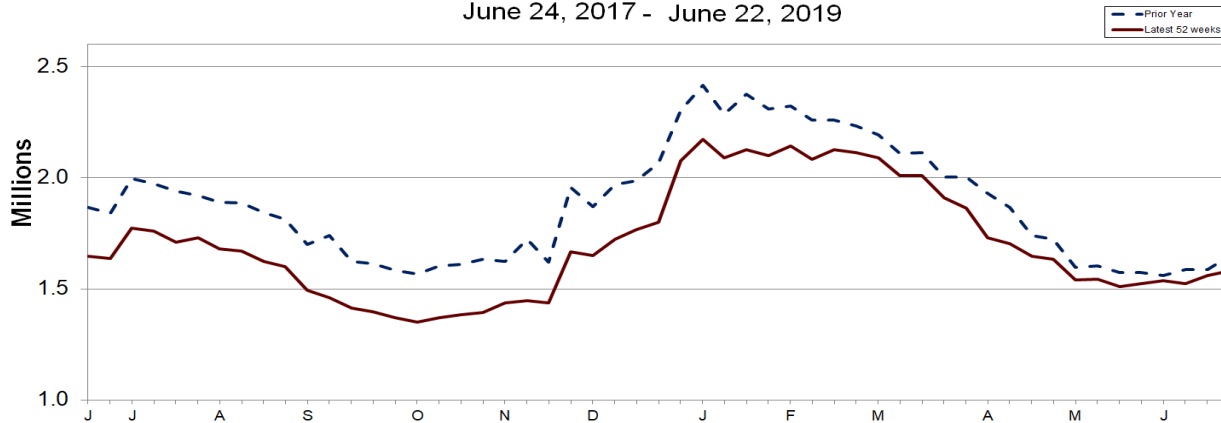
Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 1, 2017 - June 29, 2019



Not Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

June 24, 2017 - June 22, 2019



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 15 was 1,582,283, an increase of 36,075 from the previous week. There were 1,611,767 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 544 in the week ending June 22, an increase of 1 from the prior week. There were 524 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 40 from the preceding week.

There were 6,575 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 15, a decrease of 364 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,596, an increase of 303 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 15 were in Puerto Rico (2.1), Alaska (1.9), New Jersey (1.9), California (1.8), Connecticut (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.7), Illinois (1.5), Massachusetts (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 22 were in California (+5,643), New Jersey (+5,580), Massachusetts (+4,660), Connecticut (+3,719), and Maryland (+1,742), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-947), Illinois (-738), Puerto Rico (-640), Texas (-587), and New York (-504).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 29	June 22	Change	June 15	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	221,000	229,000	-8,000	217,000	229,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	222,844	225,818	-2,974	205,919	231,539
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	222,250	221,750	+500	219,000	222,500
WEEK ENDING	June 22	June 15	Change	June 8	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,686,000	1,694,000	-8,000	1,666,000	1,745,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,579,998	1,558,623	+21,375	1,522,662	1,645,954
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,686,500	1,688,250	-1,750	1,680,250	1,730,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 22	June 15	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	544	543	+1	606
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	524	484	+40	571

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 15	June 8	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,556,231	1,520,519	+35,712	1,583,846
Federal Employees	6,575	6,939	-364	6,936
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,596	5,293	+303	7,556
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	0	0	0	114
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	5,276	5,343	-67	5,760
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	8,605	8,114	+491	7,555
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,582,283	1,546,208	+36,075	1,611,767

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 143,629,179 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 benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 29			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 22		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,098	2,380	718	16,624	17,698	-1,074
Alaska	702	754	-52	5,308	5,869	-561
Arizona	4,000	4,177	-177	23,366	26,606	-3,240
Arkansas	1,422	1,492	-70	11,725	12,639	-914
California	42,953	44,396	-1,443	307,673	306,005	1,668
Colorado	1,364	1,537	-173	17,357	18,078	-721
Connecticut	5,117	6,799	-1,682	36,073	29,791	6,282
Delaware	639	886	-247	5,255	4,714	541
District of Columbia	658	787	-129	6,610	6,405	205
Florida	6,693	7,025	-332	34,692	38,862	-4,170
Georgia	4,110	4,412	-302	23,826	25,072	-1,246
Hawaii	1,119	1,280	-161	7,205	7,268	-63
Idaho	813	740	73	4,354	4,621	-267
Illinois	8,099	8,100	-1	87,702	87,646	56
Indiana	2,299	1,960	339	13,672	13,321	351
Iowa	2,320	1,781	539	14,513	14,233	280
Kansas	1,521	1,292	229	8,093	8,149	-56
Kentucky	2,991	3,086	-95	15,938	16,608	-670
Louisiana	2,027	2,238	-211	15,036	16,630	-1,594
Maine	529	536	-7	3,874	4,096	-222
Maryland	3,607	5,100	-1,493	25,086	25,760	-674
Massachusetts	6,908	9,275	-2,367	53,950	49,746	4,204
Michigan	6,791	5,219	1,572	37,488	38,080	-592
Minnesota	3,106	2,593	513	27,399	26,186	1,213
Mississippi	1,406	1,360	46	9,682	10,694	-1,012
Missouri	3,877	3,223	654	20,925	21,127	-202
Montana	692	664	28	4,711	4,641	70
Nebraska	1,016	648	368	3,936	3,913	23
Nevada	2,242	2,402	-160	16,698	17,595	-897
New Hampshire	569	800	-231	3,131	2,957	174
New Jersey	18,476	13,644	4,832	80,820	75,852	4,968
New Mexico	672	746	-74	8,785	9,060	-275
New York	14,454	11,783	2,671	114,744	112,721	2,023
North Carolina	3,170	3,252	-82	18,668	19,830	-1,162
North Dakota	403	290	113	2,199	1,942	257
Ohio	5,940	5,980	-40	45,143	44,625	518
Oklahoma	1,579	1,691	-112	13,917	14,364	-447
Oregon	3,775	3,933	-158	24,757	23,953	804
Pennsylvania	14,494	18,601	-4,107	112,509	98,828	13,681
Puerto Rico	1,462	1,805	-343	17,267	17,790	-523
Rhode Island	1,633	1,805	-172	8,244	6,632	1,612
South Carolina	2,098	2,116	-18	14,924	14,819	105
South Dakota	171	157	14	1,033	1,041	-8
Tennessee	2,811	2,323	488	18,422	19,459	-1,037
Texas	13,816	14,494	-678	125,969	127,130	-1,161
Utah	979	918	61	6,545	6,832	-287
Vermont	596	837	-241	3,276	2,798	478
Virgin Islands	15	32	-17	378	410	-32
Virginia*	2,433	2,450	-17	20,285	19,669	616
Washington	5,876	5,408	468	42,966	41,773	1,193
West Virginia	748	880	-132	10,208	8,652	1,556
Wisconsin	4,333	5,467	-1,134	25,276	23,915	1,361
Wyoming	222	264	-42	1,761	1,518	243
US Total	222,844	225,818	-2,974	1,579,998	1,558,623	21,375

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 claims 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 23, 2018	223	4	220.25	1,745	23	1,730.75	1.2
June 30, 2018	229	6	222.50	1,745	0	1,736.50	1.2
July 7, 2018	212	-17	220.75	1,753	8	1,741.25	1.2
July 14, 2018	212	0	219.00	1,745	-8	1,747.00	1.2
July 21, 2018	217	5	217.50	1,733	-12	1,744.00	1.2
July 28, 2018	220	3	215.25	1,753	20	1,746.00	1.2
August 4, 2018	215	-5	216.00	1,734	-19	1,741.25	1.2
August 11, 2018	215	0	216.75	1,726	-8	1,736.50	1.2
August 18, 2018	214	-1	216.00	1,717	-9	1,732.50	1.2
August 25, 2018	215	1	214.75	1,713	-4	1,722.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	210	-5	213.50	1,706	-7	1,715.50	1.2
September 8, 2018	208	-2	211.75	1,665	-41	1,700.25	1.2
September 15, 2018	212	4	211.25	1,682	17	1,691.50	1.2
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
November 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
January 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
January 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
January 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
January 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
February 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
February 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
February 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
March 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
March 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
March 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
March 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
March 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
April 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
April 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
April 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
April 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
May 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
May 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
May 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
May 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,693	31	1,675.50	1.2
June 1, 2019	219	1	215.25	1,700	7	1,684.50	1.2
June 8, 2019	222	3	217.75	1,666	-34	1,680.25	1.2
June 15, 2019	217	-5	219.00	1,694	28	1,688.25	1.2
June 22, 2019	229	12	221.75	1,686	-8	1,686.50	1.2
June 29, 2019	221	-8	222.25				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 22					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 15					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹		UCX ¹
Alabama	2380	-42	-422	9	10	17698	0.9	1771	4	74	52	17824
Alaska	754	21	-108	1	1	5869	1.9	-161	-840	54	16	5939
Arizona	4177	-42	-141	11	5	26606	1.0	614	-1715	152	51	26809
Arkansas	1492	-244	124	1	5	12639	1.1	-261	217	47	23	12709
California	44396	5643	-2441	124	105	306005	1.8	5593	4456	1174	1280	308459
Colorado	1537	20	-75	6	16	18078	0.7	920	-972	87	182	18347
Connecticut	6799	3719	3061	5	3	29791	1.8	1317	-449	28	51	29870
Delaware	886	-226	117	0	1	4714	1.1	723	-336	4	10	4728
District of Columbia	787	314	95	12	0	6405	1.1	4	-1063	306	4	6715
Florida	7025	-484	-345	15	25	38862	0.5	3731	-4925	125	108	39095
Georgia	4412	80	-252	24	21	25072	0.6	424	-999	174	172	25418
Hawaii	1280	-23	92	4	10	7268	1.2	99	264	52	69	7389
Idaho	740	-94	-100	0	4	4621	0.6	85	116	17	13	4651
Illinois	8100	-738	-893	6	8	87646	1.5	2841	-2828	271	175	88092
Indiana	1960	-160	-575	1	6	13321	0.4	48	-420	21	29	13371
Iowa	1781	-339	-209	0	3	14233	0.9	504	364	33	16	14282
Kansas	1292	-144	-186	0	2	8149	0.6	292	-740	26	25	8200
Kentucky	3086	1150	-681	2	0	16608	0.9	73	-375	80	107	16795
Louisiana	2238	-134	-25	3	3	16630	0.9	246	-2044	56	15	16701
Maine	536	99	26	0	0	4096	0.7	108	-153	19	10	4125
Maryland	5100	1742	-765	18	11	25760	1.0	365	-1606	286	57	26103
Massachusetts	9275	4660	3821	7	9	49746	1.4	684	3947	81	82	49909
Michigan	5219	500	-416	15	11	38080	0.9	-1062	2833	79	39	38198
Minnesota	2593	-192	-10	4	2	26186	0.9	-379	-1070	46	55	26287
Mississippi	1360	78	161	0	0	10694	1.0	270	-475	96	34	10824
Missouri	3223	-88	349	0	5	21127	0.8	313	-2918	68	27	21222
Montana	664	-46	-81	5	1	4641	1.0	181	-312	41	14	4696
Nebraska	648	-64	-8	5	3	3913	0.4	22	-326	13	5	3931
Nevada	2402	-112	52	2	9	17595	1.3	548	-793	42	33	17670
New Hampshire	800	370	218	0	1	2957	0.5	27	-428	1	1	2959
New Jersey	13644	5580	560	5	16	75852	1.9	574	-2182	172	179	76203
New Mexico	746	-40	12	3	2	9060	1.1	149	-89	97	44	9201
New York	11783	-504	-1532	17	16	112721	1.2	-124	-4166	307	275	113303
North Carolina	3252	-71	236	13	19	19830	0.5	214	-98	79	106	20015
North Dakota	290	37	16	9	2	1942	0.5	-28	-136	131	0	2073
Ohio	5980	282	643	13	14	44625	0.8	-449	-2551	71	110	44806
Oklahoma	1691	-129	341	2	5	14364	0.9	-186	934	41	46	14451
Oregon	3933	429	-75	9	9	23953	1.3	43	122	155	61	24169
Pennsylvania	18601	-947	783	66	24	98828	1.7	4699	-1785	371	219	99418
Puerto Rico	1805	-640	389	17	3	17790	2.1	2008	-32	150	50	17990
Rhode Island	1805	653	-187	3	0	6632	1.4	254	-48	13	10	6655
South Carolina	2116	-390	70	10	4	14819	0.7	385	-1271	54	36	14909
South Dakota	157	-47	-10	14	1	1041	0.3	24	-45	189	3	1233
Tennessee	2323	-40	-236	8	4	19459	0.7	162	-2417	59	64	19582
Texas	14494	-587	1020	44	84	127130	1.1	6773	3966	627	1001	128758
Utah	918	33	9	12	3	6832	0.5	179	-39	56	16	6904
Vermont	837	502	38	1	0	2798	0.9	9	-69	4	0	2802
Virgin Islands	32	3	20	0	0	410	1.3	2	-616	10	4	424
Virginia	2450	-141	-195	3	8	19669	0.5	206	-2076	164	162	19995
Washington	5408	522	117	8	20	41773	1.3	-1000	749	193	415	42381
West Virginia	880	-55	267	3	4	8652	1.3	-214	178	27	20	8699
Wisconsin	5467	259	410	4	4	23915	0.8	2341	-1356	47	15	23977
Wyoming	264	-34	-27	0	2	1518	0.6	0	-743	5	5	1528
Totals	225818	19899	3052	544	524	1558623	1.1	35961	-27356	6575	5596	1570794

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 U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 22, 2019

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+5,643	Layoffs in the service industry.
NJ	+5,580	Layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
MA	+4,660	Layoffs in the educational service industry.
CT	+3,719	Layoffs in the educational service and transportation and warehousing industries.
MD	+1,742	No comment.
KY	+1,150	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
None		

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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