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COVID-19 Impact

The COVID-19 virus continues to impact the number of initial claims and insured unemployment. This report includes information on claimants filing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims.

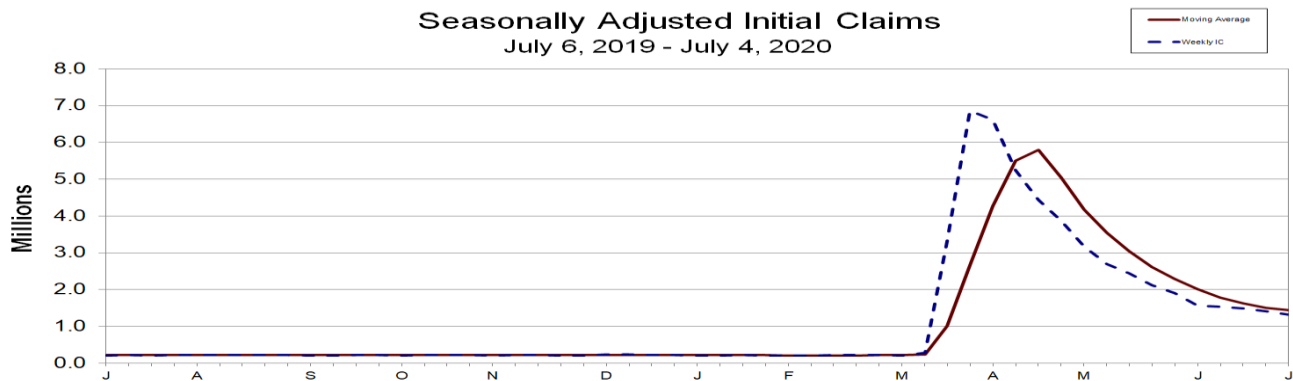
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

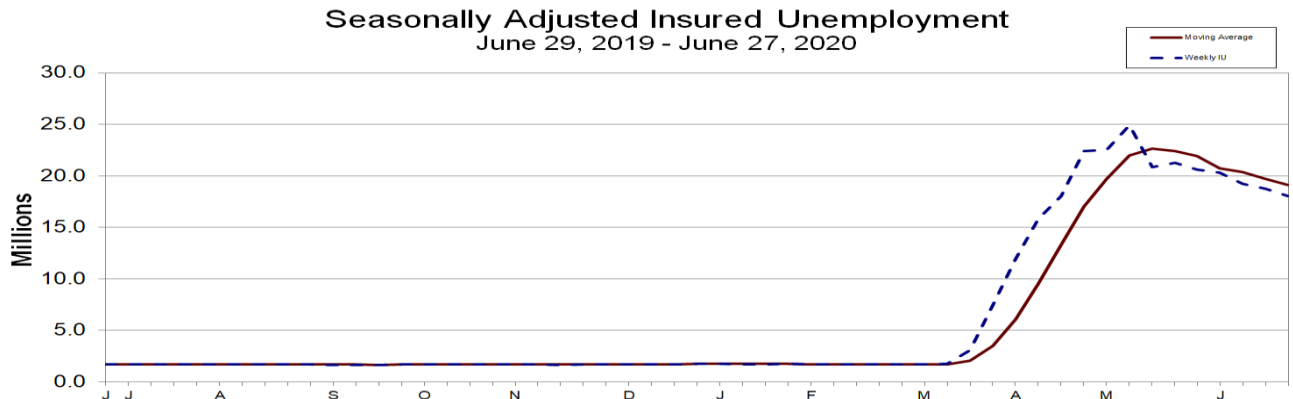
In the week ending July 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,314,000, a decrease of 99,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 14,000 from 1,427,000 to 1,413,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,437,250, a decrease of 63,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 3,500 from 1,503,750 to 1,500,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 12.4 percent for the week ending June 27, a decrease of 0.5 percentage point from the previous week's revised rate. The previous week's rate was revised down by 0.3 from 13.2 to 12.9 percent. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 27 was 18,062,000, a decrease of 698,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 530,000 from 19,290,000 to 18,760,000. The 4-week moving average was 19,085,500, a decrease of 636,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 132,500 from 19,854,000 to 19,721,500.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
July 6, 2019 - July 4, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
June 29, 2019 - June 27, 2020



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	June 20	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,314,000	1,413,000	-99,000	1,482,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	1,399,699	1,431,343	-31,644	1,460,056	231,995
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,437,250	1,500,250	-63,000	1,621,250	219,000

WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	June 13	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	18,062,000	18,760,000	-698,000	19,231,000	1,717,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	16,797,353	17,427,940	-630,587	17,654,450	1,610,633
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	19,085,500	19,721,500	-636,000	20,348,500	1,696,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	12.4%	12.9%	-0.5	13.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	11.5%	12.0%	-0.5	12.1%	1.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	June 20
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	1,038,905	996,842	+42,063	881,242

WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,331	1,599	-268	594
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,021	1,196	-175	509

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 20	June 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	17,316,689	17,552,371	-235,682	1,586,713
Federal Employees	14,482	14,645	-163	7,017
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,107	12,637	+470	5,400
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	14,363,143	12,853,484	+1,509,659	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	850,461	769,155	+81,306	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	2,266	2,615	-349	1
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,241	2,128	+113	5,041
STC / Workshare ⁷	359,946	304,512	+55,434	7,950
TOTAL⁸	32,922,335	31,511,547	+1,410,788	1,612,122

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 145,671,710 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. 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](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	18,498	18,338	160	132,490	141,450	-8,960
Alaska	6,437	6,467	-30	41,643	43,208	-1,565
Arizona	26,627	26,328	299	209,930	217,505	-7,575
Arkansas	10,797	10,395	402	101,990	108,691	-6,701
California	267,123	277,362	-10,239	2,784,366	2,901,601	-117,235
Colorado	7,727	8,646	-919	247,094	237,236	9,858
Connecticut	12,369	10,133	2,236	252,966	247,195	5,771
Delaware	2,663	2,771	-108	47,723	44,034	3,689
District of Columbia	2,538	3,132	-594	70,357	72,807	-2,450
Florida	67,070	84,370	-17,300	648,508	741,344	-92,836
Georgia	103,590	117,485	-13,895	644,633	661,233	-16,600
Hawaii	7,734	8,192	-458	124,307	128,819	-4,512
Idaho	4,705	5,417	-712	27,356	30,886	-3,530
Illinois	38,897	45,752	-6,855	668,804	676,722	-7,918
Indiana	24,086	44,827	-20,741	189,085	191,288	-2,203
Iowa	10,698	7,732	2,966	135,177	141,748	-6,571
Kansas	12,183	9,738	2,445	95,372	79,455	15,917
Kentucky	23,068	30,640	-7,572	150,476	159,565	-9,089
Louisiana	31,907	21,976	9,931	299,411	306,089	-6,678
Maine	2,837	3,119	-282	61,735	62,989	-1,254
Maryland	32,497	22,623	9,874	241,585	233,086	8,499
Massachusetts	26,755	29,699	-2,944	537,616	557,288	-19,672
Michigan *	34,470	38,309	-3,839	525,843	633,953	-108,110
Minnesota	19,886	19,373	513	344,786	337,382	7,404
Mississippi	11,850	13,673	-1,823	141,667	147,624	-5,957
Missouri	16,894	20,008	-3,114	198,849	204,121	-5,272
Montana	2,613	2,695	-82	37,903	41,027	-3,124
Nebraska	6,143	4,203	1,940	54,330	56,831	-2,501
Nevada	16,169	11,110	5,059	284,458	286,943	-2,485
New Hampshire	5,285	5,163	122	73,963	86,586	-12,623
New Jersey	46,711	27,992	18,719	490,572	519,167	-28,595
New Mexico	6,113	5,083	1,030	95,215	95,903	-688
New York	93,797	89,834	3,963	1,610,200	1,611,991	-1,791
North Carolina	27,202	29,580	-2,378	405,149	463,568	-58,419
North Dakota	1,830	1,511	319	31,654	28,446	3,208
Ohio	33,176	35,908	-2,732	410,783	448,112	-37,329
Oklahoma	7,562	18,405	-10,843	123,267	165,298	-42,031
Oregon	9,771	11,195	-1,424	348,019	216,513	131,506
Pennsylvania	43,602	49,986	-6,384	653,926	809,609	-155,683
Puerto Rico	11,158	10,228	930	227,323	217,712	9,611
Rhode Island	3,357	3,229	128	66,659	67,100	-441
South Carolina	16,062	17,654	-1,592	191,537	197,125	-5,588
South Dakota	799	644	155	15,801	17,142	-1,341
Tennessee	25,843	21,544	4,299	267,112	279,199	-12,087
Texas	117,244	96,593	20,651	1,270,086	1,301,714	-31,628
Utah	4,850	4,965	-115	70,590	72,216	-1,626
Vermont	1,814	2,163	-349	38,706	42,420	-3,714
Virgin Islands	4	57	-53	4,640	6,194	-1,554
Virginia	33,069	31,955	1,114	379,906	366,714	13,192
Washington	29,889	33,266	-3,377	415,819	416,604	-785
West Virginia	3,143	3,532	-389	71,370	69,096	2,274
Wisconsin	27,487	24,925	2,562	219,797	222,897	-3,100
Wyoming	1,100	1,418	-318	14,799	14,494	305
US Total	1,399,699	1,431,343	-31,644	16,797,353	17,427,940	-630,587

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 29, 2019	222	-2	221.25	1,717	18	1,696.25	1.2
July 6, 2019	211	-11	219.00	1,694	-23	1,700.50	1.2
July 13, 2019	217	6	218.50	1,682	-12	1,698.00	1.2
July 20, 2019	211	-6	215.25	1,699	17	1,698.00	1.2
July 27, 2019	216	5	213.75	1,692	-7	1,691.75	1.2
August 3, 2019	214	-2	214.50	1,719	27	1,698.00	1.2
August 10, 2019	218	4	214.75	1,687	-32	1,699.25	1.2
August 17, 2019	215	-3	215.75	1,699	12	1,699.25	1.2
August 24, 2019	215	0	215.50	1,683	-16	1,697.00	1.2
August 31, 2019	219	4	216.75	1,683	0	1,688.00	1.2
September 7, 2019	208	-11	214.25	1,675	-8	1,685.00	1.2
September 14, 2019	211	3	213.25	1,672	-3	1,678.25	1.2
September 21, 2019	215	4	213.25	1,667	-5	1,674.25	1.2
September 28, 2019	218	3	213.00	1,698	31	1,678.00	1.2
October 5, 2019	212	-6	214.00	1,689	-9	1,681.50	1.2
October 12, 2019	218	6	215.75	1,691	2	1,686.25	1.2
October 19, 2019	213	-5	215.25	1,700	9	1,694.50	1.2
October 26, 2019	217	4	215.00	1,695	-5	1,693.75	1.2
November 2, 2019	212	-5	215.00	1,702	7	1,697.00	1.2
November 9, 2019	222	10	216.00	1,697	-5	1,698.50	1.2
November 16, 2019	223	1	218.50	1,665	-32	1,689.75	1.2
November 23, 2019	211	-12	217.00	1,697	32	1,690.25	1.2
November 30, 2019	206	-5	215.50	1,700	3	1,689.75	1.2
December 7, 2019	237	31	219.25	1,725	25	1,696.75	1.2
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,413	-69	1,500.25	18,062	-698	19,085.50	12.4
July 4, 2020	1,314	-99	1,437.25				

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	June 20	June 13	Change	June 6	May 30
Alabama	24,279	19,452	4,827	15,243	16,019
Alaska	20	0	20	0	0
Arizona	0	6,924	-6,924	1,994	0
Arkansas	7,251	7,067	184	7,110	6,529
California	251,012	208,089	42,923	296,831	425,056
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	15,101	16,067	-966	16,552	21,704
Delaware	1,981	1,919	62	1,834	1,786
District of Columbia	1,770	1,659	111	1,516	1,411
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	4,409	3,967	442	3,351	2,846
Illinois	39,265	32,604	6,661	37,167	28,128
Indiana	11,280	12,192	-912	9,926	9,190
Iowa	9,070	9,384	-314	7,823	9,855
Kansas	0	1,402	-1,402	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,432	3,367	65	3,114	2,599
Maine	125	127	-2	136	138
Maryland	11,699	10,579	1,120	8,642	7,230
Massachusetts	34,024	31,078	2,946	32,501	42,051
Michigan	22,033	37,471	-15,438	19,509	35,584
Minnesota	19,817	18,436	1,381	16,909	15,632
Mississippi	4,093	4,591	-498	728	0
Missouri	14,814	13,198	1,616	12,995	11,162
Montana	2,187	1,991	196	1,778	1,833
Nebraska	1,590	1,605	-15	1,792	1,115
Nevada	8,561	7,817	744	7,195	6,681
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	73,018	72,750	268	128,341	164,948
New Mexico	4,027	3,797	230	3,531	3,326
New York	73,072	71,696	1,376	69,209	75,140
North Carolina	78,038	35,360	42,678	19,970	18,348
North Dakota	2,122	1,868	254	1,716	1,767
Ohio	16,702	15,653	1,049	15,066	13,899
Oklahoma	694	0	694	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	39,955	67,549	-27,594	60,964	125,988
Puerto Rico	9,143	8,690	453	8,783	6,875
Rhode Island	3,085	2,946	139	3,989	2,348
South Carolina	15,363	9,988	5,375	13,807	0
South Dakota	344	670	-326	210	181
Tennessee	4,797	4,782	15	4,923	4,641
Texas	7,166	7,053	113	6,759	5,763
Utah	3,557	2,898	659	2,365	1,968
Vermont	1,165	1,143	22	1,145	1,309
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	6,812	7,070	-258	17,653	16,373
West Virginia	4,487	4,256	231	4,149	3,915
Wisconsin	19,101	0	19,101	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	850,461	769,155	81,306	867,226	1,093,338

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#) %DFNGDWHGFODLPV PDEHLEOXGHGLQKXVHILJXUHV

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JUNE 27

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JUNE 20

STATE NAME	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	18,338	-333	15,060	34	21	141,450	7.3	-8,552	124,190	138	125	141,713
Alaska	6,467	-290	5,778	12	2	43,208	14.0	-1,172	37,804	137	51	43,396
Arizona	26,328	442	22,120	9	1	217,505	7.5	-429	191,035	359	202	218,066
Arkansas	10,395	726	8,831	2	6	108,691	9.1	-3,498	96,088	158	62	108,911
California	277,362	-7,132	234,958	201	155	2,901,601	16.7	122,176	2,601,026	1,573	1,845	2,905,019
Colorado	8,646	-1,367	7,291	6	32	237,236	8.9	-22,105	220,276	170	360	237,766
Connecticut	10,133	-278	5,026	17	7	247,195	15.0	-3,579	212,104	151	146	247,492
Delaware	2,771	-26	2,121	3	4	44,034	9.9	-1,078	38,387	14	33	44,081
District of Columbia	3,132	59	2,541	33	1	72,807	12.6	-120	65,967	798	8	73,613
Florida	84,370	-11,313	77,525	12	12	741,344	8.6	-254,448	702,611	320	293	741,957
Georgia	117,485	-8,240	113,149	82	67	661,233	15.1	-8,502	636,260	556	545	662,334
Hawaii	8,192	1,014	7,106	6	21	128,819	20.7	-3,647	121,862	314	153	129,286
Idaho	5,417	1,132	4,551	0	0	30,886	4.2	-2,174	26,218	18	23	30,927
Illinois	45,752	-524	37,714	18	9	676,722	11.4	-29,117	590,100	451	253	677,426
Indiana	44,827	15,496	42,602	30	21	191,288	6.3	-9,954	178,183	105	127	191,520
Iowa	7,732	-476	5,609	9	6	141,748	9.3	-11,033	127,662	173	65	141,986
Kansas	9,738	559	8,222	1	3	79,455	5.8	-1,718	71,584	76	75	79,606
Kentucky	30,640	5,794	27,085	1	0	159,565	8.4	-12,580	142,966	218	220	160,003
Louisiana	21,976	2,452	19,770	29	25	306,089	16.2	5,700	288,472	129	62	306,280
Maine	3,119	208	2,588	0	1	62,989	10.4	-1,728	59,023	35	25	63,049
Maryland	22,623	-9,926	18,726	64	35	233,086	9.1	-10,625	205,283	54	6	233,146
Massachusetts	29,699	-306	22,735	32	24	557,288	15.6	-8,877	501,634	338	213	557,839
Michigan	38,309	18,668	31,419	22	14	633,953	14.7	49,529	595,231	171	248	634,372
Minnesota	19,373	-1,114	16,374	7	6	337,382	11.8	-14,390	311,262	200	180	337,762
Mississippi	13,673	-1,557	12,086	6	2	147,624	13.3	50,555	136,558	194	69	147,887
Missouri	20,008	2,650	15,965	2	3	204,121	7.3	-6,074	181,600	146	96	204,363
Montana	2,695	-302	1,990	6	5	41,027	9.0	-1,654	36,219	111	51	41,189
Nebraska	4,203	-203	3,205	3	5	56,831	5.9	-415	52,923	14	31	56,876
Nevada	11,110	763	8,980	1	1	286,943	20.8	-7,706	269,145	103	157	287,203
New Hampshire	5,163	-250	4,548	3	8	86,586	13.3	-6,190	83,195	36	15	86,637
New Jersey	27,992	-5,035	9,434	37	24	519,167	12.9	-9,006	439,077	257	486	519,910
New Mexico	5,083	138	4,412	5	0	95,903	11.9	-4,445	86,957	177	77	96,157
New York	89,834	803	75,458	34	52	1,611,991	17.1	-37,872	1,497,992	543	698	1,613,232
North Carolina	29,580	381	26,259	55	59	463,568	10.5	-65,775	443,489	460	829	464,857
North Dakota	1,511	-310	1,135	4	1	28,446	6.9	-290	26,506	202	32	28,680
Ohio	35,908	982	29,938	14	34	448,112	8.4	-18,251	402,683	217	389	448,718
Oklahoma	18,405	-40,208	16,584	19	10	165,298	10.5	-16,893	150,754	75	118	165,491
Oregon	11,195	-5,079	7,424	27	7	216,513	11.3	-7,963	191,812	408	151	217,072
Pennsylvania	49,986	-4,097	35,503	212	71	809,609	13.9	60,735	698,631	1,793	600	812,002
Puerto Rico	10,228	1,068	8,697	2	3	217,712	25.4	21,209	199,404	264	76	218,052
Rhode Island	3,229	-785	1,581	0	1	67,100	14.2	-2,136	59,157	55	38	67,193
South Carolina	17,654	43	15,471	20	24	197,125	9.4	-1,099	182,007	71	105	197,301
South Dakota	644	-266	464	11	0	17,142	4.1	-21	16,098	236	14	17,392
Tennessee	21,544	1,038	18,640	26	19	279,199	8.5	-4,432	259,081	147	143	279,489
Texas	96,593	7,046	82,938	145	176	1,301,714	10.6	79,901	1,177,455	1,152	1,981	1,304,847
Utah	4,965	50	4,008	16	7	72,216	4.9	-1,403	65,540	62	40	72,318
Vermont	2,163	774	1,560	0	1	42,420	14.0	-261	39,328	4	2	42,426
Virgin Islands	57	-6	28	0	0	6,194	17.5	-100	5,818	6	6	6,206
Virginia	31,955	6,662	29,540	15	8	366,714	9.8	-8,865	346,917	482	538	367,734
Washington	33,266	2,473	27,640	21	15	416,604	12.4	-1,855	374,632	394	878	417,876
West Virginia	3,532	-224	2,739	2	0	69,096	10.3	-1,180	60,192	82	70	69,248
Wisconsin	24,925	-503	20,580	13	12	222,897	7.8	-2,527	197,791	109	89	223,095
Wyoming	1,418	16	1,070	2	0	14,494	5.4	-576	12,872	26	8	14,528
Totals	1,431,343	-28,713	1,206,778	1,331	1,021	17,427,940	11.9	-226,510	15,839,061	14,482	13,107	17,455,529

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 27, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+18,668	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services and health care and social assistance industries.
IN	+15,496	No comment.
TX	+7,046	Layoffs in the health care and social assistance, transportation and warehousing, and art, entertainment and recreation industries.
VA	+6,662	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	+5,794	No comment.
MO	+2,650	Layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.
WA	+2,473	No comment.
LA	+2,452	No comment.
ID	+1,132	No comment.
PR	+1,068	No comment.
TN	+1,038	Layoffs in the public administration, arts, entertainment, and recreation, management of companies and enterprises, wholesale trade, and educational services industries.
HI	+1,014	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OK	-40,208	No comment.
FL	-11,313	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
MD	-9,926	No comment.
GA	-8,240	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, trade, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and educational services industries.
CA	-7,132	No comment.
OR	-5,079	No comment.
NJ	-5,035	No comment.
PA	-4,097	No comment.
MS	-1,557	No comment.
CO	-1,367	No comment.
MN	-1,114	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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