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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

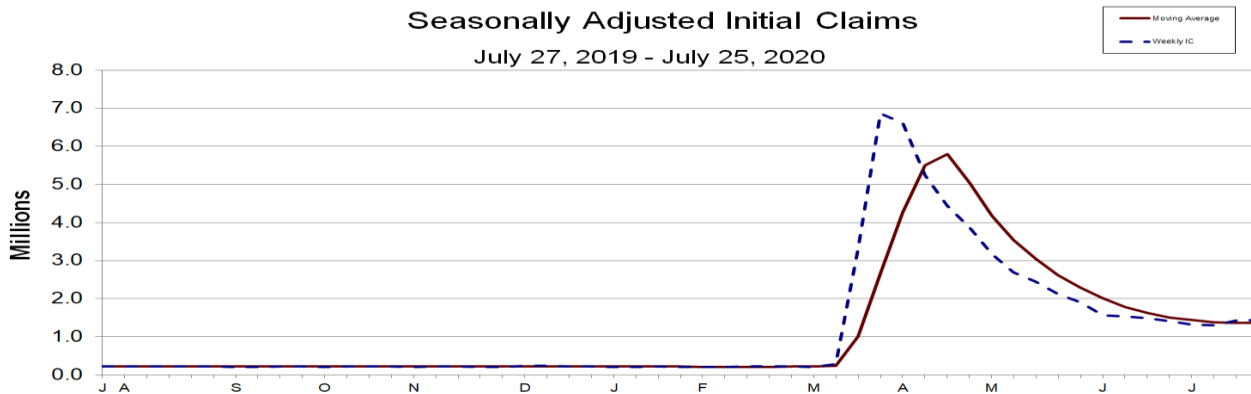
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 1,434,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 6,000 from 1,416,000 to 1,422,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,368,500, an increase of 6,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 1,360,250 to 1,362,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 11.6 percent for the week ending July 18, an increase of 0.5 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 18 was 17,018,000, an increase of 867,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 46,000 from 16,197,000 to 16,151,000. The 4-week moving average was 17,058,250, a decrease of 435,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 11,500 from 17,505,250 to 17,493,750.

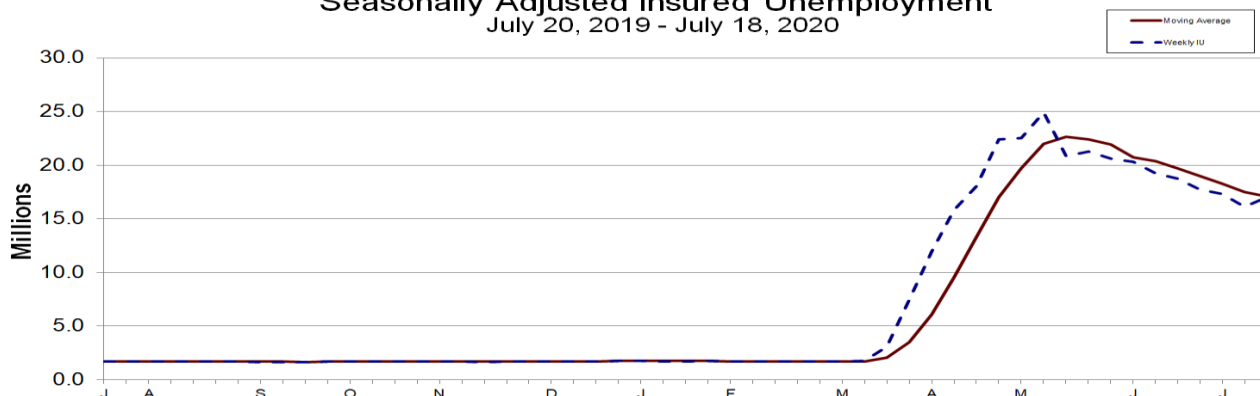
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 27, 2019 - July 25, 2020



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

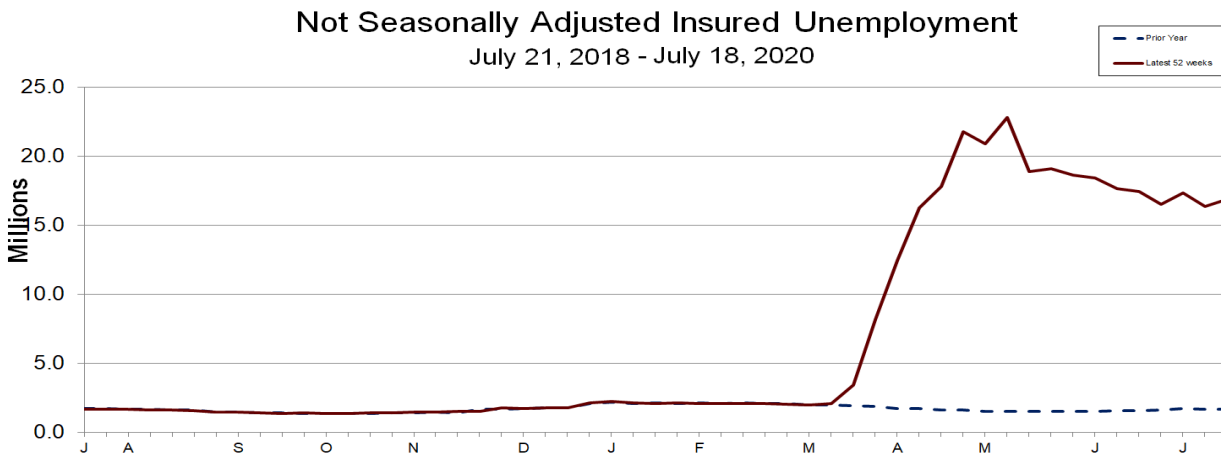
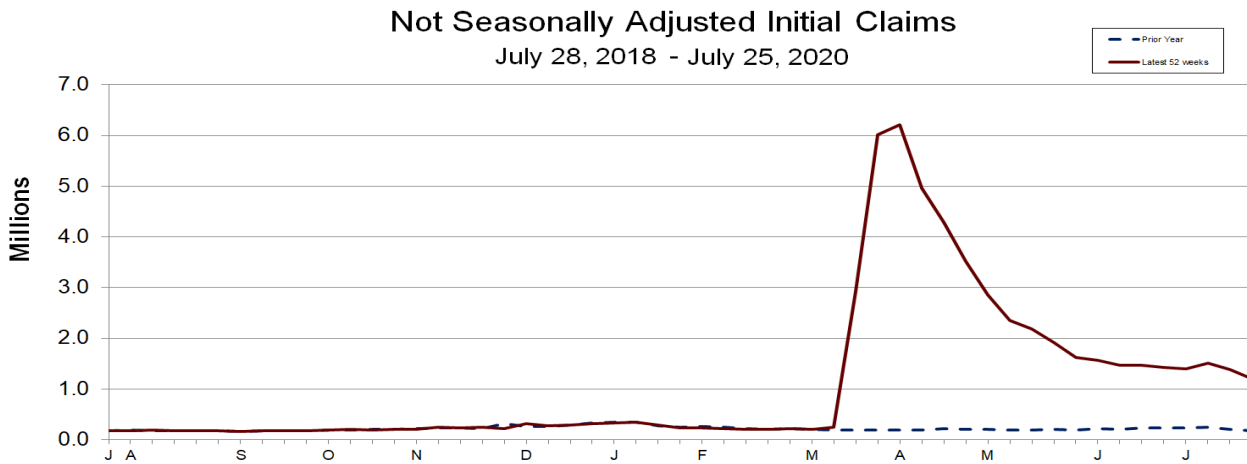
July 20, 2019 - July 18, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,205,871 in the week ending July 25, a decrease of 171,054 (or -12.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 180,650 (or -13.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 178,897 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending July 25, 50 states reported 829,697 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 11.6 percent during the week ending July 18, an increase of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 16,881,463, an increase of 536,757 (or 3.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 323,018 (or -2.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,680,029.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 11 was 30,202,498, a decrease of 1,601,699 from the previous week. There were 1,722,040 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending July 11, Extended Benefits were available in the following 52 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, the Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,393 in the week ending July 18, a decrease of 339 from the

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There were 14,425 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 11, a decrease of 673 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 13,707, a decrease of 345 from the prior week.

During the week ending Jul 11, 46 states reported 12,413,322 individuals claiming Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 46 states reported 1,055,098 individuals claiming Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 11 were in Puerto Rico (24.6), Nevada (22.0), Hawaii (21.0), Louisiana (16.6), New York (16.3), Georgia (16.0), California (15.5), Connecticut (15.1), Massachusetts (14.5), and the Virgin Islands (14.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 18 were in Louisiana (+5,728), Virginia (+5,654), California (+4,680), Tennessee (+3,713), and Alabama (+3,113), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-23,855), Texas (-17,608), Georgia (-16,139), New Jersey (-12,893), and Washington (-12,261).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 25	July 18	Change	July 11	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	1,434,000	1,422,000	+12,000	1,308,000	216,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	1,205,871	1,376,925	-171,054	1,512,816	178,897
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,368,500	1,362,000	+6,500	1,377,000	213,750

WEEK ENDING	July 18	July 11	Change	July 4	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	17,018,000	16,151,000	+867,000	17,304,000	1,699,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	16,881,463	16,344,706	+536,757	17,321,763	1,680,029
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	17,058,250	17,493,750	-435,500	18,263,750	1,698,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	11.6%	11.1%	+0.5	11.8%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	11.6%	11.2%	+0.4	11.9%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 25	July 18	Change	July 11
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	829,697	936,073	-106,376	955,272

WEEK ENDING	July 18	July 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,393	1,732	-339	663
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,130	1,245	-115	494

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	16,220,937	17,188,908	-967,971	1,694,876
Federal Employees	14,425	15,098	-673	6,830
Newly Discharged Veterans	13,707	14,052	-345	5,784
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	12,413,322	13,179,880	-766,558	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	1,055,098	940,113	+114,985	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	83,293	22,904	+60,389	1
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,808	2,534	+274	4,828
STC / Workshare ⁷	398,908	440,708	-41,800	9,721
TOTAL⁸	30,202,498	31,804,197	-1,601,699	1,722,040

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 146,125,989 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 25			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 18		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	16,835	23,676	-6,841	88,565	105,644	-17,079
Alaska	6,312	6,606	-294	40,078	41,685	-1,607
Arizona	20,638	21,441	-803	224,924	229,352	-4,428
Arkansas	14,716	15,932	-1,216	90,079	100,026	-9,947
California	249,007	289,594	-40,587	3,169,156	2,704,904	464,252
Colorado	7,844	8,531	-687	224,839	239,098	-14,259
Connecticut	11,310	11,667	-357	252,912	249,732	3,180
Delaware	2,403	2,720	-317	45,465	41,572	3,893
District of Columbia	2,614	3,053	-439	71,147	73,115	-1,968
Florida	87,062	108,976	-21,914	625,806	748,004	-122,198
Georgia	84,581	122,313	-37,732	641,458	703,153	-61,695
Hawaii	6,033	7,581	-1,548	130,835	130,618	217
Idaho	4,477	5,687	-1,210	25,213	27,622	-2,409
Illinois	32,465	36,435	-3,970	644,903	655,951	-11,048
Indiana	20,609	17,911	2,698	226,972	190,854	36,118
Iowa	7,441	8,811	-1,370	110,961	115,930	-4,969
Kansas	10,891	9,389	1,502	91,011	85,734	5,277
Kentucky	20,810	24,488	-3,678	140,940	146,091	-5,151
Louisiana	17,578	32,079	-14,501	314,448	313,117	1,331
Maine	1,979	2,276	-297	60,295	60,614	-319
Maryland	11,974	17,242	-5,268	207,458	232,305	-24,847
Massachusetts	19,218	18,638	580	505,049	519,211	-14,162
Michigan	21,949	24,596	-2,647	574,095	519,655	54,440
Minnesota	15,917	17,706	-1,789	323,619	314,937	8,682
Mississippi	8,952	12,094	-3,142	155,846	122,686	33,160
Missouri	14,257	12,332	1,925	179,825	177,150	2,675
Montana	2,365	2,735	-370	35,127	36,715	-1,588
Nebraska	3,557	3,989	-432	45,640	53,151	-7,511
Nevada	21,673	15,548	6,125	353,838	306,077	47,761
New Hampshire	3,024	3,519	-495	65,522	71,824	-6,302
New Jersey	27,398	25,932	1,466	483,113	476,539	6,574
New Mexico	7,704	7,668	36	97,608	97,940	-332
New York	85,000	88,176	-3,176	1,545,743	1,535,579	10,164
North Carolina	26,141	29,204	-3,063	308,295	327,363	-19,068
North Dakota	1,318	1,915	-597	28,931	25,974	2,957
Ohio	27,415	30,325	-2,910	400,720	428,880	-28,160
Oklahoma	7,614	9,879	-2,265	118,809	127,134	-8,325
Oregon	8,905	10,152	-1,247	213,732	196,415	17,317
Pennsylvania	34,996	37,986	-2,990	755,875	670,901	84,974
Puerto Rico	6,601	7,017	-416	201,000	211,358	-10,358
Rhode Island	3,589	3,258	331	62,076	63,177	-1,101
South Carolina	12,194	14,307	-2,113	195,208	200,340	-5,132
South Dakota	753	772	-19	15,511	16,600	-1,089
Tennessee	19,461	25,773	-6,312	252,519	260,009	-7,490
Texas	76,109	87,908	-11,799	1,358,964	1,247,269	111,695
Utah	3,737	4,483	-746	66,319	68,097	-1,778
Vermont	1,470	1,637	-167	39,183	38,405	778
Virgin Islands	13	110	-97	4,852	5,330	-478
Virginia	46,524	37,946	8,578	345,542	357,098	-11,556
Washington	33,026	33,361	-335	424,634	375,988	48,646
West Virginia	2,910	3,758	-848	69,866	65,680	4,186
Wisconsin	23,096	25,129	-2,033	212,999	218,606	-5,607
Wyoming	1,406	2,664	-1,258	13,938	13,497	441
US Total	1,205,871	1,376,925	-171,054	16,881,463	16,344,706	536,757

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.

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	
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	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	17,018	867	17,058.25	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,434	12	1,368.50				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 25			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Jul 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Jul 11	Jul 4	Change
Alabama	1,307	2,644	-1,337	37,496	44,321	-6,825
Alaska	566	557	9	15,230	16,633	-1,403
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	11,156	11,165	-9	113,867	88,579	25,288
California	224,679	163,525	61,154	2,414,077	2,253,420	160,657
Colorado	9,727	9,233	494	90,490	93,079	-2,589
Connecticut	2,716	2,419	297	62,215	63,854	-1,639
Delaware	427	373	54	9,760	10,343	-583
District of Columbia	451	525	-74	13,981	13,316	665
Florida	15,908	13,538	2,370	0	0	0
Georgia	17,625	37,138	-19,513	220,676	166,810	53,866
Hawaii	3,798	3,423	375	80,182	86,594	-6,412
Idaho	273	347	-74	670	2,727	-2,057
Illinois	6,458	74,414	-67,956	158,762	142,913	15,849
Indiana	7,330	7,565	-235	161,862	267,770	-105,908
Iowa	1,840	1,710	130	9,496	13,658	-4,162
Kansas	6,301	0	6,301	0	136,546	-136,546
Kentucky	2,936	2,956	-20	32,478	56,969	-24,491
Louisiana	13,127	10,279	2,848	151,757	148,322	3,435
Maine	515	1,649	-1,134	24,959	23,852	1,107
Maryland	10,725	15,670	-4,945	454,835	503,235	-48,400
Massachusetts	14,850	12,402	2,448	456,228	437,247	18,981
Michigan	19,722	23,665	-3,943	860,073	996,849	-136,776
Minnesota	573	665	-92	63,813	65,187	-1,374
Mississippi	3,861	8,874	-5,013	60,537	51,332	9,205
Missouri	1,837	5,088	-3,251	71,628	98,059	-26,431
Montana	2,956	2,298	658	44,420	44,136	284
Nebraska	1,614	1,553	61	26,597	27,589	-992
Nevada	34,072	19,557	14,515	132,955	135,727	-2,772
New Hampshire	5,456	32,095	-26,639	8,220	23,481	-15,261
New Jersey	4,693	9,711	-5,018	396,540	396,381	159
New Mexico	3,774	3,413	361	73,421	62,449	10,972
New York	48,316	58,826	-10,510	1,129,638	1,060,127	69,511
North Carolina	18,790	19,821	-1,031	209,510	197,123	12,387
North Dakota	102	13	89	6,190	8,112	-1,922
Ohio	56,600	72,584	-15,984	414,213	412,034	2,179
Oklahoma	2,039	2,033	6	0	0	0
Oregon	21,622	10,609	11,013	35,569	28,450	7,119
Pennsylvania	134,826	195,224	-60,398	3,154,311	3,421,264	-266,953
Puerto Rico	24,115	23,407	708	470,044	529,714	-59,670
Rhode Island	13,596	8,177	5,419	51,802	49,085	2,717
South Carolina	9,533	10,414	-881	73,418	66,515	6,903
South Dakota	138	121	17	4,069	4,123	-54
Tennessee	8,901	10,407	-1,506	190,929	142,896	48,033
Texas	22,988	33,555	-10,567	184,291	184,253	38
Utah	1,310	1,486	-176	10,880	10,776	104
Vermont	581	619	-38	9,703	9,296	407
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	25,049	0	25,049	0	381,215	-381,215
Washington	6,162	6,860	-698	151,366	145,759	5,607
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	3,206	3,128	78	66,793	54,379	12,414
Wyoming	550	338	212	3,371	3,381	-10
US Total	829,697	936,073	-106,376	12,413,322	13,179,880	-766,558

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#) . Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	July 11	July 4	Change	June 27	June 20
Alabama	56,759	43,666	13,093	31,334	24,279
Alaska	3,330	2,945	385	3,478	20
Arizona	11,945	11,296	649	9,583	0
Arkansas	7,070	5,712	1,358	7,483	7,251
California	215,671	228,541	-12,870	228,594	251,012
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	11,296	10,882	414	15,499	15,101
Delaware	1,672	1,780	-108	2,046	1,981
District of Columbia	1,990	1,881	109	1,919	1,770
Florida	64,346	0	64,346	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	5,195	5,004	191	4,787	4,409
Illinois	33,607	35,951	-2,344	36,561	39,265
Indiana	7,926	7,671	255	10,893	11,280
Iowa	10,786	9,356	1,430	9,572	9,070
Kansas	2,170	2,030	140	1,905	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	3,488	3,453	35	3,609	3,432
Maine	2,543	1,979	564	1,603	125
Maryland	11,374	11,347	27	11,781	11,699
Massachusetts	36,432	36,640	-208	35,765	34,024
Michigan	32,139	25,180	6,959	39,067	22,033
Minnesota	21,778	21,396	382	21,558	19,817
Mississippi	5,992	4,571	1,421	4,123	4,093
Missouri	11,449	11,346	103	19,842	14,814
Montana	2,832	2,685	147	2,345	2,187
Nebraska	1,979	1,830	149	1,644	1,590
Nevada	11,963	10,457	1,506	9,405	8,561
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	55,682	60,125	-4,443	68,872	73,018
New Mexico	4,605	4,506	99	4,400	4,027
New York	79,753	78,651	1,102	75,980	73,072
North Carolina	168,679	144,716	23,963	115,952	78,038
North Dakota	3,276	3,168	108	2,572	2,122
Ohio	17,338	17,331	7	17,113	16,702
Oklahoma	673	648	25	564	694
Oregon	11,562	10,954	608	9,486	0
Pennsylvania	44,151	38,418	5,733	61,587	39,955
Puerto Rico	6,903	7,722	-819	8,151	9,143
Rhode Island	3,259	3,144	115	3,377	3,085
South Carolina	14,608	15,399	-791	13,181	15,363
South Dakota	311	327	-16	294	344
Tennessee	5,702	5,088	614	4,843	4,797
Texas	7,359	7,304	55	7,242	7,166
Utah	5,581	4,680	901	4,031	3,557
Vermont	1,239	1,319	-80	1,173	1,165
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	30,899	17,445	13,454	0	0
Washington	5,921	7,058	-1,137	8,114	6,812
West Virginia	4,173	4,641	-468	4,641	4,487
Wisconsin	7,692	9,870	-2,178	10,462	19,101
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
US Total	1,055,098	940,113	114,985	936,431	850,461

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

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
JULY 18

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
JULY 11

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	23,676	3,113	20,891	43	20	105,644	5.5	-11,744	86,866	106	90	105,840
Alaska	6,606	-2,966	5,957	22	3	41,685	13.5	-1,540	36,620	170	67	41,922
Arizona	21,441	-7,254	16,892	13	2	229,352	7.9	1,933	200,527	343	242	229,937
Arkansas	15,932	1,777	14,416	4	1	100,026	8.4	943	86,214	131	57	100,214
California	289,594	4,680	250,253	294	239	2,704,904	15.5	-241,903	2,398,516	1,693	1,990	2,708,587
Colorado	8,531	-2,023	7,025	12	44	239,098	8.9	10,874	221,849	195	332	239,625
Connecticut	11,667	1,712	9,064	21	9	249,732	15.1	-4,729	213,795	143	109	249,984
Delaware	2,720	-447	2,188	4	7	41,572	9.3	-622	36,312	18	29	41,619
District of Columbia	3,053	-247	2,525	35	0	73,115	12.6	590	65,918	841	7	73,963
Florida	108,976	-23,855	102,057	29	50	748,004	8.6	-166,797	706,451	282	279	748,565
Georgia	122,313	-16,139	116,206	54	51	703,153	16.0	-89,564	676,005	682	753	704,588
Hawaii	7,581	-87	6,513	19	27	130,618	21.0	1,980	123,385	288	229	131,135
Idaho	5,687	229	5,038	2	2	27,622	3.7	-1,144	22,617	17	27	27,666
Illinois	36,435	-1,826	28,449	13	2	655,951	11.1	-8,812	562,067	499	246	656,696
Indiana	17,911	-10,449	15,628	22	19	190,854	6.3	685	176,952	100	137	191,091
Iowa	8,811	-1,842	6,976	5	8	115,930	7.6	-18,354	100,960	162	55	116,147
Kansas	9,389	-3,979	8,023	3	1	85,734	6.3	4,173	76,262	97	96	85,927
Kentucky	24,488	-56	19,100	0	1	146,091	7.7	-12,568	128,344	148	237	146,476
Louisiana	32,079	5,728	29,730	41	18	313,117	16.6	224	295,429	140	76	313,333
Maine	2,276	-2,420	1,783	0	0	60,614	10.0	-9	56,589	31	40	60,685
Maryland	17,242	-2,274	14,342	43	33	232,305	9.1	-1,959	203,488	300	255	232,860
Massachusetts	18,638	-5,493	14,312	29	30	519,211	14.5	-18,091	462,385	289	230	519,730
Michigan	24,596	-3,124	15,048	22	10	519,655	12.1	-85,191	463,225	187	229	520,071
Minnesota	17,706	-3,931	15,370	9	7	314,937	11.0	-17,103	288,192	190	178	315,305
Mississippi	12,094	-129	10,943	7	2	122,686	11.1	22,495	110,822	214	79	122,979
Missouri	12,332	-4,551	9,284	3	3	177,150	6.5	-20,161	153,271	120	96	177,366
Montana	2,735	-255	2,199	3	5	36,715	8.0	-2,369	31,852	70	48	36,833
Nebraska	3,989	-3,922	3,427	6	3	53,151	5.5	-3,803	49,145	20	40	53,211
Nevada	15,548	882	13,527	2	2	306,077	22.0	10,083	288,168	127	146	306,350
New Hampshire	3,519	589	3,111	10	2	71,824	10.9	-699	68,301	25	19	71,868
New Jersey	25,932	-12,893	17,862	38	28	476,539	11.8	-14,757	378,979	362	619	477,520
New Mexico	7,668	1,287	7,037	1	0	97,940	12.1	5,832	89,637	237	82	98,259
New York	88,176	-3,370	76,331	19	42	1,535,579	16.3	14,747	1,401,483	500	676	1,536,755
North Carolina	29,204	1,096	25,940	50	64	327,363	7.4	-38,407	307,010	448	665	328,476
North Dakota	1,915	383	1,642	20	3	25,974	6.3	-1,651	23,817	174	26	26,174
Ohio	30,325	-5,430	24,670	11	31	428,880	8.0	-5,377	381,991	188	386	429,454
Oklahoma	9,879	199	8,041	25	16	127,134	8.1	-4,798	111,902	81	109	127,324
Oregon	10,152	-1,561	6,716	20	12	196,415	10.2	-10,341	170,533	356	139	196,910
Pennsylvania	37,986	-6,812	26,616	198	62	670,901	11.5	-144,381	556,420	1,462	597	672,960
Puerto Rico	7,017	-928	5,611	3	1	211,358	24.6	-11,982	190,622	269	79	211,706
Rhode Island	3,258	125	2,566	1	1	63,177	13.3	-2,200	54,102	52	33	63,262
South Carolina	14,307	-4,965	11,923	10	25	200,340	9.6	-757	184,837	77	115	200,532
South Dakota	772	-444	568	6	0	16,600	4.0	-2,122	15,483	261	16	16,877
Tennessee	25,773	3,713	23,540	26	25	260,009	7.9	-8,211	239,357	146	146	260,301
Texas	87,908	-17,608	74,950	138	179	1,247,269	10.1	-65,817	1,119,070	1,014	2,066	1,250,349
Utah	4,483	-309	3,649	14	8	68,097	4.6	-1,902	61,531	68	40	68,205
Vermont	1,637	-193	1,375	0	0	38,405	12.7	70	35,188	5	3	38,413
Virgin Islands	110	40	82	0	0	5,330	14.5	-244	4,904	4	4	5,338
Virginia	37,946	5,654	35,493	9	4	357,098	9.5	-14,972	337,023	505	505	358,108
Washington	33,361	-12,261	28,690	22	15	375,988	11.1	-11,570	332,650	343	793	377,124
West Virginia	3,758	-312	2,853	2	2	65,680	9.9	1,338	56,411	94	77	65,851
Wisconsin	25,129	-3,922	21,688	9	10	218,606	7.7	-6,159	192,080	138	105	218,849
Wyoming	2,664	1,179	2,423	1	1	13,497	5.0	-214	11,644	13	8	13,518
Totals	1,376,925	-135,891	1,180,543	1,393	1,130	16,344,706	11.2	-977,057	14,647,201	14,425	13,707	16,372,838

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 JULY 18, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
LA	+5,728	No comment.
VA	+5,654	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services assistance industry.
CA	+4,680	No comment.
TN	+3,713	Layoffs in the public administration, arts, entertainment, and recreation, management of companies and enterprises, wholesale trade, and educational services industries.
AL	+3,113	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and health care and social assistance industries.
AR	+1,777	No comment.
CT	+1,712	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service and health care and social assistance industries.
NM	+1,287	No comment.
WY	+1,179	No comment.
NC	+1,096	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
FL	-23,855	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
TX	-17,608	No comment.
GA	-16,139	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
NJ	-12,893	No comment.
WA	-12,261	No comment.
IN	-10,449	No comment.
AZ	-7,254	No comment.
PA	-6,812	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and educational services industries.
MA	-5,493	No comment.
OH	-5,430	No comment.
SC	-4,965	No comment.
MO	-4,551	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
KS	-3,979	No comment.
MN	-3,931	No comment.
WI	-3,922	No comment.
NE	-3,922	No comment.
NY	-3,370	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, educational services, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MI	-3,124	No comment.
AK	-2,966	No comment.
ME	-2,420	No comment.
MD	-2,274	No comment.
CO	-2,023	No comment.
IA	-1,842	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IL	-1,826	No comment.
OR	-1,561	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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