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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

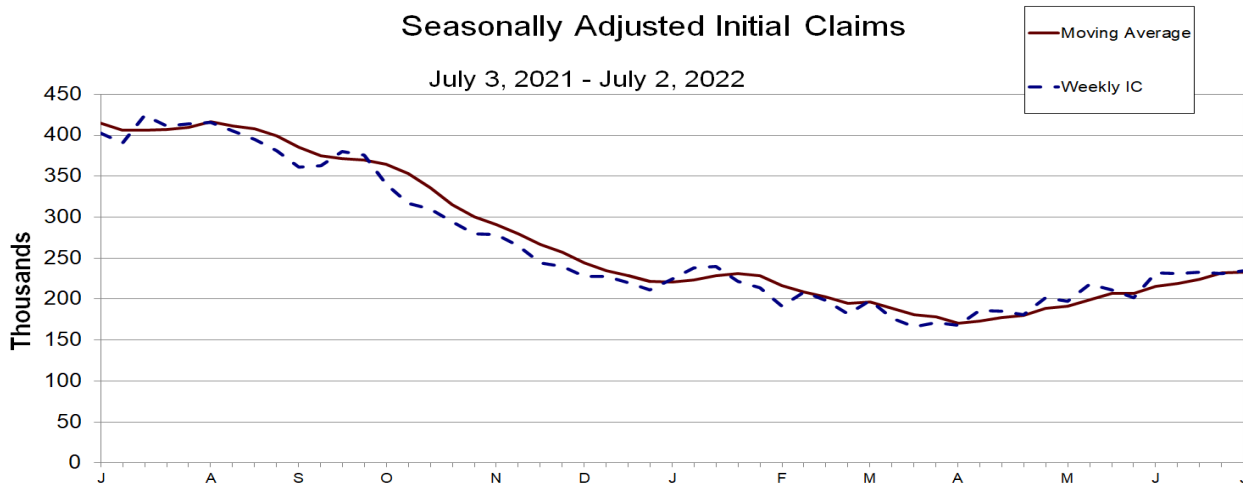
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 235,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 231,000. The 4-week moving average was 232,500, an increase of 750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 231,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.0 percent for the week ending June 25, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 25 was 1,375,000, an increase of 51,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 4,000 from 1,328,000 to 1,324,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,335,000, an increase of 16,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,000 from 1,319,500 to 1,318,500.

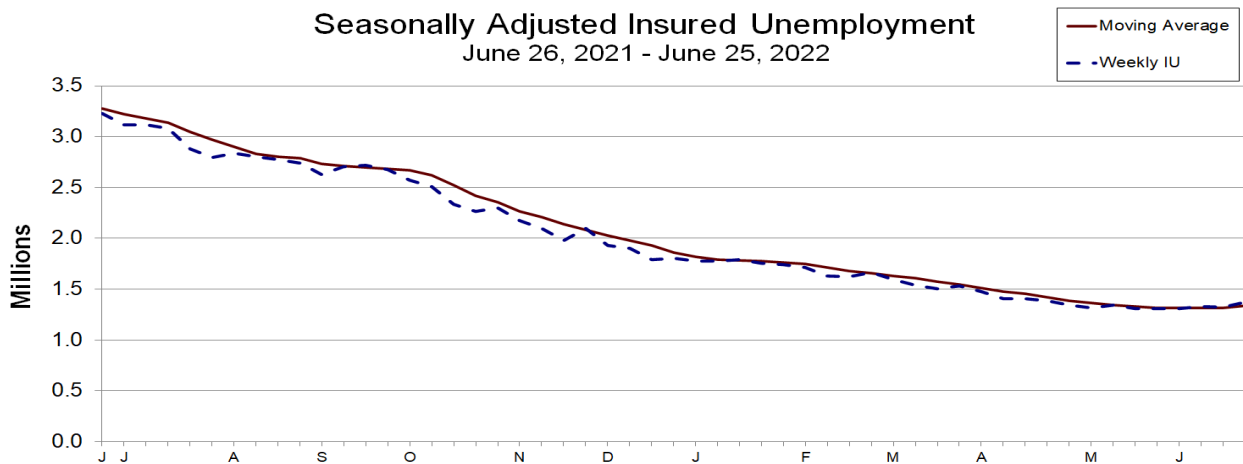
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

July 3, 2021 - July 2, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

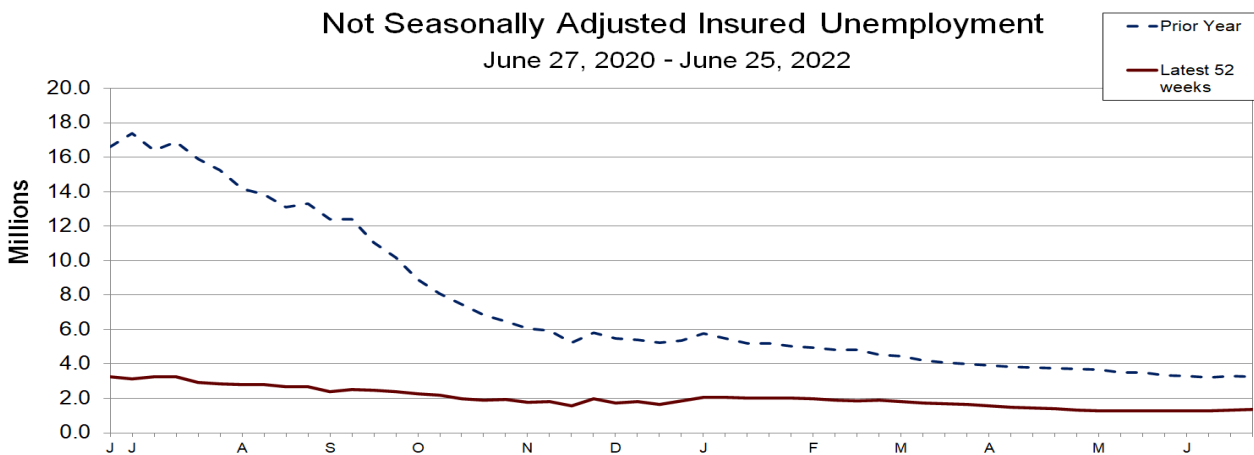
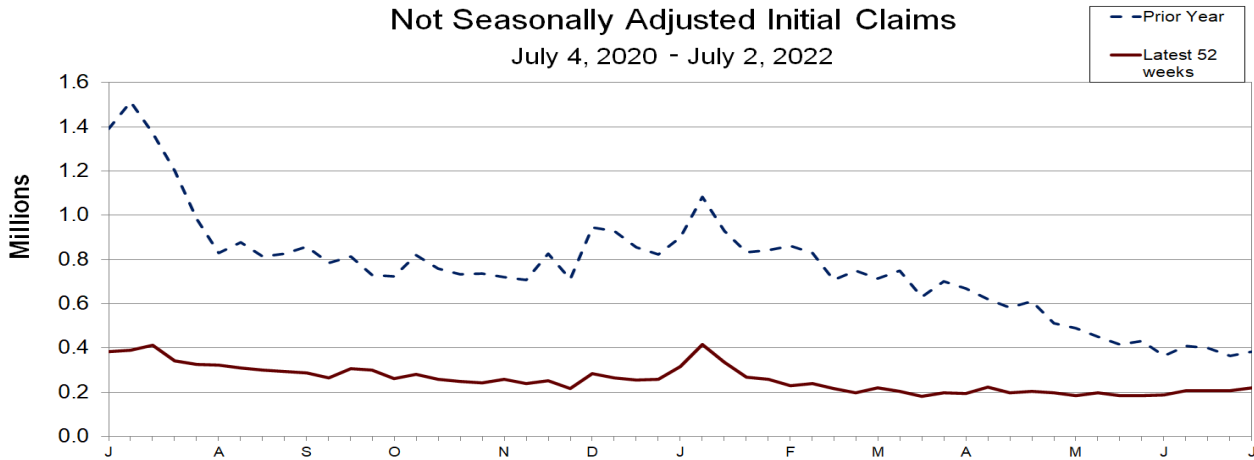
June 26, 2021 - June 25, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 219,507 in the week ending July 2, an increase of 11,919 (or 5.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,553 (or 4.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 382,622 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.0 percent during the week ending June 25, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,378,215, an increase of 76,664 (or 5.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 25,157 (or 1.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.3 percent and the volume was 3,243,237.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending June 18 was 1,327,839, an increase of 13,570 from the previous week. There were 14,208,913 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 493 in the week ending June 25, a decrease of 42 from the prior week. There were 344 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 16 from the preceding week.

There were 6,337 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending June 18, a decrease of 62 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,078, an increase of 11 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 18 were in New Jersey (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.9), California (1.8), Pennsylvania (1.5), New York (1.4), Alaska (1.3), Rhode Island (1.3), Connecticut (1.2), Hawaii (1.2), Illinois (1.2), and Massachusetts (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 25 were in New Jersey (+5,569), Massachusetts (+3,217), Ohio (+2,588), Kentucky (+1,478), and Missouri (+1,375), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,504), Texas (-2,074), Michigan (-1,683), Pennsylvania (-1,628), and Georgia (-1,606).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	235,000	231,000	+4,000	233,000	403,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	219,507	207,588	+11,919	206,361	382,622
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	232,500	231,750	+750	224,500	415,250

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,375,000	1,324,000	+51,000	1,331,000	3,230,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,378,215	1,301,551	+76,664	1,288,700	3,243,237
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,335,000	1,318,500	+16,500	1,314,000	3,279,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	0.9%	+0.1	1.0%	2.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.0%	0.9%	+0.1	0.9%	2.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	493	535	-42	877
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	344	360	-16	580

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,298,628	1,286,093	+12,535	3,261,624
Federal Employees	6,337	6,399	-62	10,426
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,078	4,067	+11	6,619
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	6,566	6,655	-89	118,983
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,811	1,850	-39	1,177
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	10,419	9,205	+1,214	77,146
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,327,839</b>	<b>1,314,269</b>	<b>+13,570</b>	<b>14,208,913</b>

**FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 140,025,048 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 25		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,984	2,703	281	4,359	5,169	-810
Alaska	652	698	-46	3,597	3,838	-241
Arizona	2,457	3,071	-614	18,996	20,837	-1,841
Arkansas	1,284	1,426	-142	8,172	8,813	-641
California*	45,425	41,491	3,934	321,236	295,392	25,844
Colorado	2,368	2,074	294	17,591	16,277	1,314
Connecticut*	3,500	3,500	0	18,971	18,659	312
Delaware	394	494	-100	3,841	3,276	565
District of Columbia	306	183	123	2,733	2,749	-16
Florida	5,939	6,318	-379	34,614	36,984	-2,370
Georgia	6,777	4,024	2,753	56,538	28,611	27,927
Hawaii	1,217	1,086	131	6,368	6,287	81
Idaho	830	831	-1	3,543	3,559	-16
Illinois	6,091	7,624	-1,533	68,717	69,125	-408
Indiana	5,053	3,839	1,214	17,627	17,881	-254
Iowa	1,542	1,196	346	7,179	6,981	198
Kansas*	1,034	887	147	4,133	3,823	310
Kentucky	1,603	2,802	-1,199	9,142	8,070	1,072
Louisiana*	1,963	2,137	-174	10,670	11,466	-796
Maine	523	490	33	3,311	3,269	42
Maryland	2,310	2,660	-350	15,928	15,179	749
Massachusetts	7,866	7,567	299	45,398	41,264	4,134
Michigan	11,091	6,321	4,770	31,108	29,351	1,757
Minnesota	2,814	2,569	245	26,011	24,121	1,890
Mississippi	2,467	1,183	1,284	6,189	6,761	-572
Missouri	3,651	4,720	-1,069	16,421	15,268	1,153
Montana	494	581	-87	3,418	3,385	33
Nebraska*	534	587	-53	3,734	3,495	239
Nevada	2,085	1,938	147	13,388	13,813	-425
New Hampshire	344	768	-424	2,074	1,767	307
New Jersey	12,169	12,898	-729	75,188	71,026	4,162
New Mexico	444	768	-324	7,609	7,766	-157
New York	17,475	12,135	5,340	124,243	117,274	6,969
North Carolina	2,960	2,898	62	14,686	14,350	336
North Dakota	221	227	-6	1,517	1,383	134
Ohio	12,347	13,489	-1,142	34,909	32,704	2,205
Oklahoma	1,143	1,249	-106	10,634	10,917	-283
Oregon	4,262	3,671	591	20,891	19,699	1,192
Pennsylvania	7,772	8,759	-987	77,651	80,083	-2,432
Puerto Rico	1,855	1,985	-130	8,034	15,915	-7,881
Rhode Island	1,539	1,695	-156	7,112	5,808	1,304
South Carolina	1,693	1,975	-282	10,946	11,381	-435
South Dakota	118	125	-7	690	720	-30
Tennessee*	2,897	2,512	385	12,713	12,535	178
Texas	14,673	14,532	141	105,935	99,290	6,645
Utah	1,338	1,113	225	5,564	5,542	22
Vermont	283	521	-238	2,214	1,863	351
Virgin Islands	33	34	-1	340	236	104
Virginia*	1,556	1,554	2	10,494	10,016	478
Washington	4,345	4,425	-80	34,066	31,381	2,685
West Virginia	587	815	-228	6,481	6,019	462
Wisconsin	3,979	4,145	-166	19,875	18,859	1,016
Wyoming	220	295	-75	1,416	1,314	102
US Total	219,507	207,588	11,919	1,378,215	1,301,551	76,664

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 26, 2021	405	-19	419.50	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-2	415.25	3,116	-114	3,220.75	2.3
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,331	21	1,314.00	1.0
June 18, 2022	233	2	224.50	1,324	-7	1,318.50	0.9
June 25, 2022	231	-2	231.75	1,375	51	1,335.00	1.0
July 2, 2022	235	4	232.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 25						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 18						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					
Alabama	2,703	-275	-3,113	11	3	5,169	0.3	572	-7,888	41	20	5,230	
Alaska	698	-33	-893	1	3	3,838	1.3	-179	-5,236	41	9	3,888	
Arizona	3,071	-283	-585	8	0	20,837	0.7	110	-23,852	110	17	20,964	
Arkansas	1,426	-55	-84	2	0	8,813	0.8	66	-11,754	35	24	8,872	
California	41,491	-2,504	-14,768	99	55	295,392	1.8	1,713	-358,475	1,039	883	297,314	
Colorado	2,074	-31	-1,691	1	9	16,277	0.6	-491	-22,994	48	122	16,447	
Connecticut	3,500	405	-3,053	4	3	18,659	1.2	990	-41,104	61	56	18,776	
Delaware	494	-371	-1,689	3	5	3,276	0.8	479	-9,812	9	2	3,287	
District of Columbia	183	-3	-1,460	7	0	2,749	0.5	-116	-15,001	59	9	2,817	
Florida	6,318	-182	-599	28	25	36,984	0.4	2,424	-60,649	235	111	37,330	
Georgia	4,024	-1,606	-16,725	30	21	28,611	0.7	-941	-116,139	262	128	29,001	
Hawaii	1,086	-250	-760	4	6	6,287	1.2	-207	-7,747	53	93	6,433	
Idaho	831	9	-372	1	0	3,559	0.5	45	-2,266	9	9	3,577	
Illinois	7,624	-1,104	-12,836	7	1	69,125	1.2	4,704	-134,561	484	124	69,733	
Indiana	3,839	-475	-2,532	5	2	17,881	0.7	1,778	-29,589	63	29	17,973	
Iowa	1,196	-66	-668	4	1	6,981	0.5	53	-13,138	22	1	7,004	
Kansas	887	-30	-293	0	0	3,823	0.3	-199	-6,323	20	21	3,864	
Kentucky	2,802	1,478	-4,378	4	0	8,070	0.4	-1,677	-20,844	60	50	8,180	
Louisiana	2,137	132	-1,992	4	5	11,466	0.7	-542	-37,697	58	13	11,537	
Maine	490	-4	-878	1	1	3,269	0.6	-4	-6,212	9	14	3,292	
Maryland	2,660	53	-4,959	14	2	15,179	0.6	305	-27,746	151	43	15,373	
Massachusetts	7,567	3,217	-3,332	9	9	41,264	1.2	19	-24,651	121	58	41,443	
Michigan	6,321	-1,683	152	3	4	29,351	0.7	723	-56,392	49	49	29,449	
Minnesota	2,569	-262	-1,432	2	2	24,121	0.9	-329	-36,558	51	48	24,220	
Mississippi	1,183	-122	-498	1	1	6,761	0.6	-112	-25,698	84	10	6,855	
Missouri	4,720	1,375	722	4	3	15,268	0.6	819	-37,467	49	24	15,341	
Montana	581	-165	-453	5	3	3,385	0.8	155	-3,837	52	8	3,445	
Nebraska	587	-20	-1,057	0	1	3,495	0.4	171	-3,407	6	1	3,502	
Nevada	1,938	-3	-1,642	3	2	13,813	1.1	472	-42,302	96	38	13,947	
New Hampshire	768	448	-527	1	0	1,767	0.3	56	-8,759	1	2	1,770	
New Jersey	12,898	5,569	754	16	10	71,026	1.9	2,827	-57,453	256	184	71,466	
New Mexico	768	-70	-2,734	4	0	7,766	1.0	13	-12,525	86	22	7,874	
New York	12,135	-297	-8,218	30	12	117,274	1.4	-996	-179,741	467	199	117,940	
North Carolina	2,898	-245	-1,640	1	1	14,350	0.3	109	-26,894	38	56	14,444	
North Dakota	227	-5	-181	14	0	1,383	0.4	-74	-1,653	116	3	1,502	
Ohio	13,489	2,588	2,971	8	11	32,704	0.6	-644	-46,792	65	89	32,858	
Oklahoma	1,249	-332	-7,982	3	7	10,917	0.7	-122	-23,797	52	44	11,013	
Oregon	3,671	334	-2,378	13	4	19,699	1.1	1	-31,835	185	40	19,924	
Pennsylvania	8,759	-1,628	-17,881	13	6	80,083	1.5	2,723	-82,878	179	107	80,369	
Puerto Rico	1,985	-745	-6,141	9	8	15,915	1.9	2,228	-21,315	210	54	16,179	
Rhode Island	1,695	808	-6,314	1	2	5,808	1.3	195	-14,595	31	21	5,860	
South Carolina	1,975	40	299	0	4	11,381	0.6	-354	-22,108	45	43	11,469	
South Dakota	125	-2	-63	24	0	720	0.2	-18	-1,004	121	2	843	
Tennessee	2,512	317	-2,674	3	4	12,535	0.4	-648	-39,809	34	16	12,585	
Texas	14,532	-2,074	-5,039	66	79	99,290	0.8	-4,981	-98,389	741	813	100,844	
Utah	1,113	-92	-1,284	7	2	5,542	0.4	26	-4,198	41	15	5,598	
Vermont	521	75	90	0	0	1,863	0.7	136	-4,104	1	0	1,864	
Virgin Islands	34	-11	-142	0	1	236	0.7	-26	-668	0	0	236	
Virginia	1,554	-449	-6,642	7	6	10,016	0.3	363	-30,209	88	65	10,169	
Washington	4,425	527	-3,300	4	15	31,381	1.0	-735	-42,343	128	254	31,763	
West Virginia	815	188	-608	1	1	6,019	1.0	217	-7,157	32	17	6,068	
Wisconsin	4,145	-868	-3,717	2	4	18,859	0.7	1,738	-34,920	38	11	18,908	
Wyoming	295	9	-92	1	0	1,314	0.5	16	-1,147	5	7	1,326	
Totals	207,588	1,227	-155,311	493	344	1,301,551	0.9	12,851	-1,983,632	6,337	4,078	1,311,966	

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 25, 2022**

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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	+5,569	No comment.
MA	+3,217	No comment.
OH	+2,588	Layoffs in the automotive industry.
KY	+1,478	No comment.
MO	+1,375	Layoffs in the automotive industry.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-2,504	No comment.
TX	-2,074	No comment.
MI	-1,683	Fewer layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.
PA	-1,628	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
GA	-1,606	Fewer layoffs in the trade, manufacturing, healthcare and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
IL	-1,104	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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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