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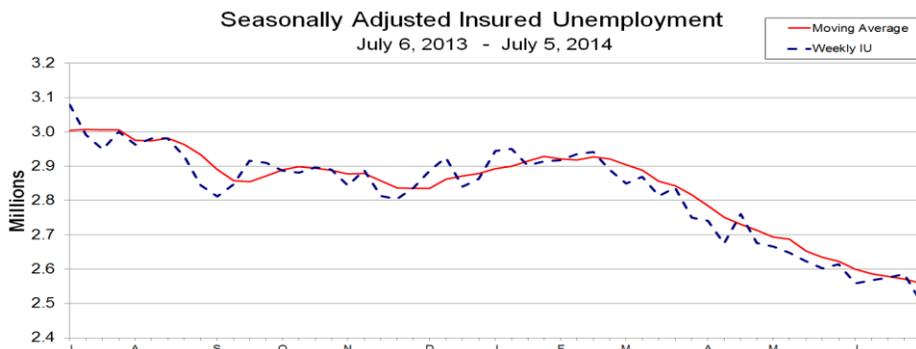
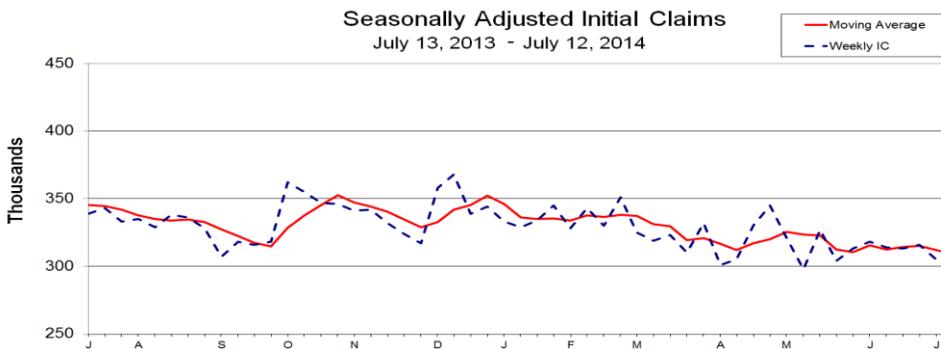
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 302,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 304,000 to 305,000. The 4-week moving average was 309,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since June 2, 2007 when it was 307,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 311,500 to 312,000.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

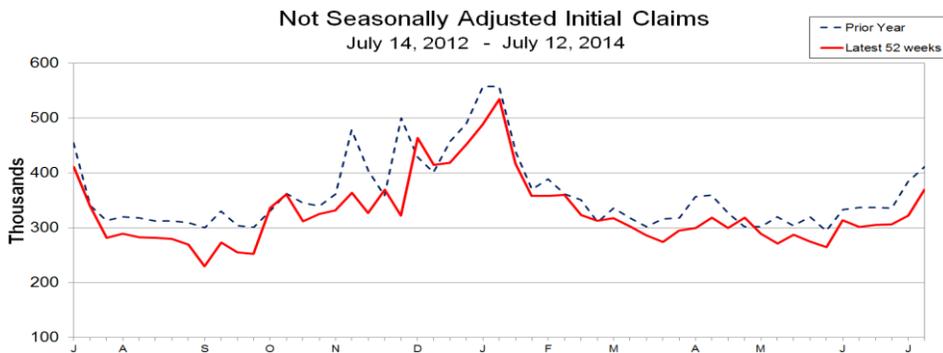
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.9 percent for the week ending July 5, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 5 was 2,507,000, a decrease of 79,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since June 30, 2007 when it was 2,501,000. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 2,584,000 to 2,586,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,559,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since October 20, 2007 when it was 2,544,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 2,571,250 to 2,572,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 369,591 in the week ending July 12, an increase of 47,079 (or 14.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 49,945 (or 15.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 410,974 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending July 5, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,557,108, an increase of 162,125 (or 6.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 243,119 (or 10.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.4 percent and the volume was 3,146,960.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 28 was 2,446,488, a decrease of 20,292 from the previous week. There were 4,516,255 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2013.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,534 in the week ending July 5, an increase of 1,151 from the prior week. There were 1,721 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 115 from the preceding week.

There were 11,805 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 28, an increase of 303 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 23,122, a decrease of 451 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 28 were in Puerto Rico (3.9), Alaska (3.4), Connecticut (3.0), New Jersey (3.0), Pennsylvania (2.8), California (2.6), Nevada (2.6), Rhode Island (2.6), Illinois (2.4), Massachusetts (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 5 were in Michigan (+9,821), New York (+5,272), Ohio (+3,532), Arkansas (+1,981), Missouri (+1,844) and Kentucky (+1,844), while the largest decreases were in California (-4,008), New Jersey (-3,953), Texas (-2,923), Massachusetts (-1,981), and Connecticut (-1,135).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 12	July 5	Change	June 28	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	302,000	305,000	-3,000	316,000	339,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	369,591	322,512	+47,079	305,791	410,974
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	309,000	312,000	-3,000	315,250	345,250
WEEK ENDING	July 5	June 28	Change	June 21	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,507,000	2,586,000	-79,000	2,575,000	3,079,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,557,108	2,394,983	+162,125	2,412,611	3,146,960
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,559,000	2,572,000	-13,000	2,579,250	3,004,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.9%	2.0%	-0.1	2.0%	2.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.9%	1.8%	+0.1	1.8%	2.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 5	June 28	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,534	1,383	+1,151	1,724
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,721	1,836	-115	2,044

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 28	June 21	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,390,956	2,408,522	-17,566	2,802,027
Federal Employees	11,805	11,502	+303	17,678
Newly Discharged Veterans	23,122	23,573	-451	33,055
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	134	183	-49	434
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,052	7,668	-616	4,174
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	13,419	15,332	-1,913	22,156
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,446,488	2,466,780	-20,292	4,516,255

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 132,140,947 as denominator.
3. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 5, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-4,008	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NJ	-3,953	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, public administration, construction, and retail trade industries.
TX	-2,923	No comment.
MA	-1,981	Fewer layoffs in the transportation industry.
CT	-1,135	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+9,821	Layoffs in the service industry.
NY	+5,272	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
OH	+3,532	Layoffs in the transportation industry.
AR	+1,981	No comment.
MO	+1,844	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and administrative service industries.
KY	+1,844	No comment.
FL	+1,721	Layoffs in the agriculture, construction, retail trade, and service industries.
IA	+1,597	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
NE	+1,148	No comment.
TN	+1,104	Layoffs in the administrative and support service, manufacturing, educational service, and food service industries.
PR	+1,070	No comment.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Insured Unemployment	Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average		
July 6, 2013	353	9	348.50	3079	76	3004.50	2.4	
July 13, 2013	339	-14	345.25	2991	-88	3008.00	2.3	
July 20, 2013	343	4	344.75	2950	-41	3005.75	2.3	
July 27, 2013	333	-10	342.00	3001	51	3005.25	2.3	
August 3, 2013	335	2	337.50	2963	-38	2976.25	2.3	
August 10, 2013	329	-6	335.00	2981	18	2973.75	2.3	
August 17, 2013	338	9	333.75	2981	0	2981.50	2.3	
August 24, 2013	336	-2	334.50	2928	-53	2963.25	2.3	
August 31, 2013	328	-8	332.75	2845	-83	2933.75	2.2	
September 7, 2013	307	-21	327.25	2812	-33	2891.50	2.2	
September 14, 2013	318	11	322.25	2847	35	2858.00	2.2	
September 21, 2013	316	-2	317.25	2916	69	2855.00	2.2	
September 28, 2013	318	2	314.75	2910	-6	2871.25	2.2	
October 5, 2013	362	44	328.50	2888	-22	2890.25	2.2	
October 12, 2013	355	-7	337.75	2881	-7	2898.75	2.2	
October 19, 2013	347	-8	345.50	2896	15	2893.75	2.2	
October 26, 2013	346	-1	352.50	2890	-6	2888.75	2.2	
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2843	-47	2877.50	2.2	
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2889	46	2879.50	2.2	
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2813	-76	2858.75	2.2	
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2804	-9	2837.25	2.2	
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2837	33	2835.75	2.2	
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2887	50	2835.25	2.2	
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2925	38	2863.25	2.2	
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2840	-85	2872.25	2.2	
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2863	23	2878.75	2.2	
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2945	82	2893.25	2.2	
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2951	6	2899.75	2.3	
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2903	-48	2915.50	2.2	
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2915	12	2928.50	2.2	
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2918	3	2921.75	2.2	
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2936	18	2918.00	2.2	
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2941	5	2927.50	2.2	
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2890	-51	2921.25	2.2	
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2850	-40	2904.25	2.2	
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2869	19	2887.50	2.2	
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2814	-55	2855.75	2.1	
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2838	24	2842.75	2.2	
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2750	-88	2817.75	2.1	
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2741	-9	2785.75	2.1	
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2674	-67	2750.75	2.0	
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2761	87	2731.50	2.1	
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2676	-85	2713.00	2.0	
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2666	-10	2694.25	2.0	
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2648	-18	2687.75	2.0	
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2623	-25	2653.25	2.0	
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2603	-20	2635.00	2.0	
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2615	12	2622.25	2.0	
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2559	-56	2600.00	1.9	
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2568	9	2586.25	2.0	
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2575	7	2579.25	2.0	
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2586	11	2572.00	2.0	
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2507	-79	2559.00	1.9	
July 12, 2014	302	-3	309.00					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 5							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 28						
INITIAL CLAIMS							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT						
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM		ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT		
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹				LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹
Alabama	3983	516	-1604	11	32	28880	1.6	-543	-4939	128	238	29246	
Alaska	802	-208	-292	1	2	10699	3.4	90	-616	133	112	10944	
Arizona	5131	-45	17	54	3	41070	1.7	-2079	-1887	324	274	41668	
Arkansas	4583	1981	26	5	6	23498	2.1	-267	-4277	93	201	23792	
California	51025	-4008	-1445	336	236	390393	2.6	-19269	-70378	1704	4091	396188	
Colorado	2373	205	-410	73	52	32516	1.4	772	-4510	175	872	33563	
Connecticut	5323	-1135	-1274	8	16	48955	3.0	3317	-3199	70	193	49218	
Delaware	724	-24	-284	0	7	8569	2.1	818	-94	33	51	8655	
District of Columbia	518	-253	-86	7	1	10480	2.0	468	-824	358	9	10847	
Florida	15611	1721	1846	131	128	90883	1.2	-685	-17120	494	730	92107	
Georgia	8142	87	-2136	55	59	48036	1.3	-1948	-13853	314	785	49135	
Hawaii	1403	42	-332	3	30	9942	1.7	-239	-1400	78	235	10255	
Idaho	1267	106	-546	2	18	8680	1.4	-127	-1557	31	69	8780	
Illinois	11072	337	-1895	9	38	134533	2.4	3035	-6613	466	741	135740	
Indiana	3985	99	-2425	53	13	28294	1.0	-882	-13115	181	230	28705	
Iowa	3585	1597	-110	6	9	16509	1.1	-1683	-4593	63	102	16674	
Kansas	2988	983	187	7	4	17282	1.3	-789	-4819	167	239	17688	
Kentucky	6133	1844	-3339	39	6	26228	1.5	513	-5955	261	491	26980	
Louisiana	2301	-276	217	2	16	22473	1.2	1597	-2535	83	110	22666	
Maine	1315	197	269	1	0	8554	1.5	170	-966	30	45	8629	
Maryland	4674	-454	-1201	94	35	50819	2.1	92	-1905	533	365	51717	
Massachusetts	9064	-1981	1256	141	41	73868	2.3	2391	1563	212	388	74468	
Michigan	18535	9821	-10798	17	37	66651	1.7	2060	-7147	170	506	67327	
Minnesota	3714	6	-566	8	14	34815	1.3	-2155	-7330	71	207	35093	
Mississippi	2170	0	-866	14	5	22690	2.1	0	-2535	141	142	22973	
Missouri	7087	1844	-158	227	23	38882	1.5	-770	-7147	312	208	39402	
Montana	770	-53	-339	6	3	6579	1.6	-295	-2329	67	77	6723	
Nebraska	2238	1148	438	1	6	7535	0.8	-155	-1839	30	39	7604	
Nevada	3768	629	-76	6	19	29129	2.6	188	-1637	109	248	29486	
New Hampshire	1132	-480	-159	2	6	6992	1.1	663	-1230	7	22	7021	
New Jersey	16671	-3953	1174	22	21	111627	3.0	5507	-7275	246	595	112581	
New Mexico	1101	53	-10	5	8	15693	2.1	-127	-1527	144	140	15977	
New York	23819	5272	-15636	101	69	174233	2.0	4970	-51953	671	1122	176042	
North Carolina	4824	-532	-2510	22	36	50775	1.3	-641	-33924	179	692	51646	
North Dakota	569	274	186	29	1	1826	0.4	68	-550	141	18	1985	
Ohio	10964	3532	-2723	89	48	65694	1.3	-1613	-12632	157	635	66486	
Oklahoma	1498	-444	-271	4	19	16717	1.1	-125	-4185	57	168	16942	
Oregon	5772	-319	-202	82	43	34569	2.1	-836	-8711	227	316	35112	
Pennsylvania	19715	40	-6702	335	90	154598	2.8	-2891	-18008	756	880	156234	
Puerto Rico	3454	1070	385	58	13	35665	3.9	1218	-7361	115	286	36066	
Rhode Island	2229	93	363	5	8	11334	2.6	1637	245	35	68	11437	
South Carolina	3628	-620	-547	4	25	20312	1.1	722	-10593	68	185	20565	
South Dakota	193	32	-18	16	1	1419	0.4	-47	-263	230	7	1656	
Tennessee	5076	1104	-1094	53	27	34358	1.3	421	-8877	143	264	34765	
Texas	14028	-2923	-1327	191	257	151934	1.4	-5634	-14127	777	3157	155871	
Utah	1228	-20	-293	62	6	11227	0.9	-217	-2311	250	160	11637	
Vermont	582	-233	-445	0	2	4340	1.5	23	-870	9	18	4367	
Virgin Islands	61	56	24	0	1	680	1.8	-162	-210	0	8	688	
Virginia	4294	99	-1079	48	29	34255	1.0	-1812	-7814	291	820	35366	
Washington	7048	-193	-1646	76	123	49139	1.7	-1615	-12249	234	1263	50636	
West Virginia	1097	-24	41	7	3	14491	2.1	932	-805	91	94	14676	
Wisconsin	8984	109	-2783	5	23	52695	2.0	-1642	-13022	124	174	52993	
Wyoming	261	2	-101	1	3	2968	1.1	-52	-1200	22	32	3022	
Totals	322512	16721	-61299	2534	1721	2394983	1.8	-17628	-413008	11805	23122	2430044	

Figures Appearing In columns showing Over-The-Week Changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by State agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of US total covered employment is BLS.

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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