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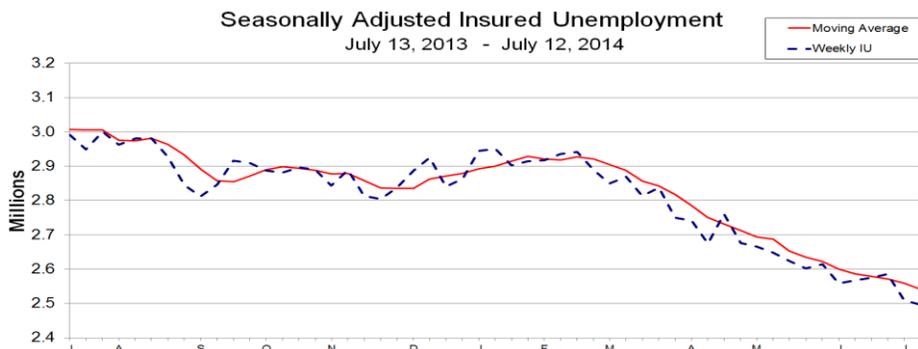
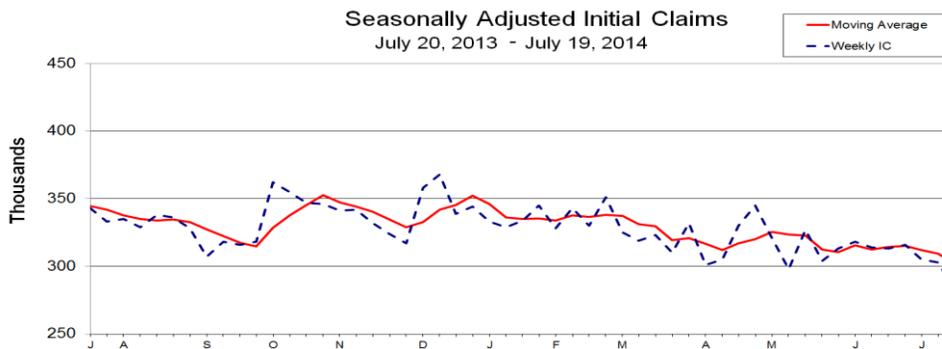
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 284,000, a decrease of 19,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for initial claims since February 18, 2006 when they were 283,000. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 302,000 to 303,000. The 4-week moving average was 302,000, a decrease of 7,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since May 19, 2007 when it was 302,000. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 309,000 to 309,250.

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

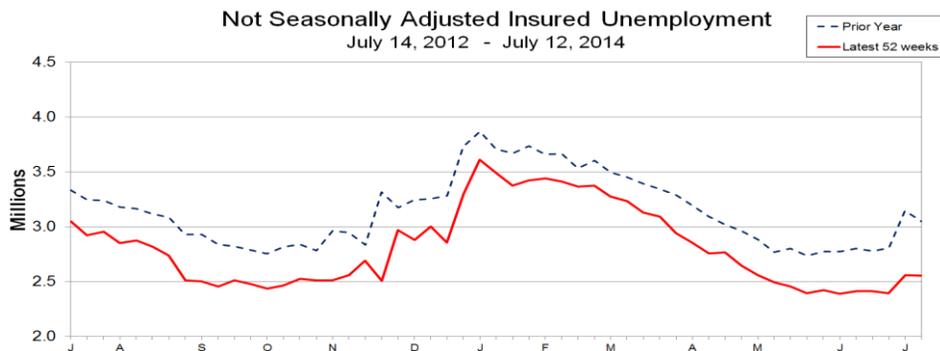
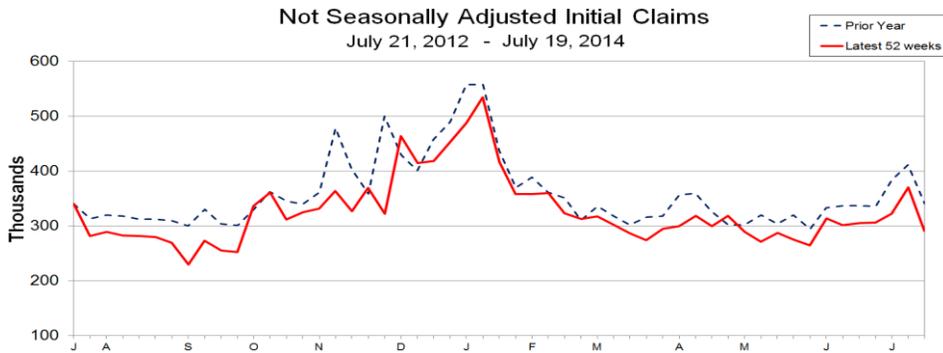
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.9 percent for the week ending July 12, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 12 was 2,500,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since June 16, 2007 when it was 2,453,000. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 2,507,000 to 2,508,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,542,250, a decrease of 17,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since October 13, 2007 when it was 2,527,500. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 2,559,000 to 2,559,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 292,344 in the week ending July 19, a decrease of 78,215 (or -21.1 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 58,477 (or -15.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 340,457 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending July 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,554,739, a decrease of 3,326 (or -0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 5,016 (or 0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.3 percent and the volume was 3,047,517.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 5 was 2,611,871, an increase of 165,383 from the previous week. There were 4,842,653 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 July 5.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,833 in the week ending July 12, a decrease of 701 from the prior week. There were 1,847 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 126 from the preceding week.

There were 12,884 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 5, an increase of 1,079 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 23,509, an increase of 387 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 5 were in Puerto Rico (4.0), New Jersey (3.4), Alaska (3.2), Connecticut (3.2), Pennsylvania (2.9), California (2.8), Nevada (2.7), Rhode Island (2.7), Massachusetts (2.6), Virgin Islands (2.4), Illinois (2.3), and New York (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 12 were in New York (+14,427), California (+11,126), Georgia (+6,112), Texas (+5,147), and Indiana (+4,748), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-6,846), New Jersey (-5,886), Kentucky (-1,673), Ohio (-1,552), and Massachusetts (-1,259).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 19	July 12	Change	July 5	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	284,000	303,000	-19,000	305,000	343,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	292,344	370,559	-78,215	322,512	340,457
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	302,000	309,250	-7,250	312,000	344,750
WEEK ENDING	July 12	July 5	Change	June 28	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,500,000	2,508,000	-8,000	2,586,000	2,991,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,554,739	2,558,065	-3,326	2,394,983	3,047,517
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,542,250	2,559,250	-17,000	2,572,000	3,008,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.9%	1.9%	0.0	2.0%	2.3%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.9%	1.9%	0.0	1.8%	2.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 12	July 5	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,833	2,534	-701	2,302
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,847	1,721	+126	2,411

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 5	June 28	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,553,950	2,390,956	+162,994	3,140,956
Federal Employees	12,884	11,805	+1,079	19,657
Newly Discharged Veterans	23,509	23,122	+387	36,472
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	339	134	+205	3,608
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	5,885	7,052	-1,167	4,261
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,304	13,419	+1,885	23,514
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,611,871	2,446,488	+165,383	4,842,653

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 12, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-6,846	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-5,886	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and public administration industries.
KY	-1,673	No comment.
OH	-1,552	Fewer layoffs in the transportation industry.
MA	-1,259	No comment.
AR	-1,034	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+14,427	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and public administration industries.
CA	+11,126	Layoffs in the service industry.
GA	+6,112	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support service, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
TX	+5,147	Layoffs in the manufacturing, support service, and retail industries.
IN	+4,748	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+4,492	Layoffs in the administrative and support service, food service, and construction industries.
TN	+3,444	Layoffs in the administrative and support service, manufacturing, and professional and technical service industries.
AL	+3,172	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, accommodation and food service, manufacturing, transportation, and retail trade industries.
AZ	+2,537	No comment.
VA	+1,769	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IL	+1,535	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative support service industries.
WI	+1,151	No comment.
SC	+1,116	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NC	+1,030	Layoffs in the service industry.

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 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	2508	-78	2559.25	1.9
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2500	-8	2542.25	1.9
July 19, 2014	284	-19	302.00				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 12
INITIAL CLAIMS

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 5
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	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	7155	3172	-4278	12	30	32745	1.8	3865	-8897	129	247	33121	
Alaska	1232	430	-858	7	3	10053	3.2	-646	-972	86	95	10234	
Arizona	7668	2537	791	45	3	45393	1.9	4323	-1419	346	298	46037	
Arkansas	3549	-1034	-235	4	26	24948	2.2	1450	-4489	76	189	25213	
California	62151	11126	2882	324	274	419338	2.8	28945	-138823	1952	4289	425579	
Colorado	2916	543	-413	29	59	30957	1.4	-1559	-6032	180	861	31998	
Connecticut	5065	-258	-638	10	17	52441	3.2	3486	-5435	73	194	52708	
Delaware	958	234	-96	1	3	7940	1.9	-629	-1241	26	49	8018	
District of Columbia	539	21	-110	8	1	10848	2.1	368	-1202	326	6	11180	
Florida	15454	-157	-1631	66	132	94514	1.3	3631	-23970	407	803	95724	
Georgia	14254	6112	-3051	59	72	56926	1.5	8890	-16486	352	953	58231	
Hawaii	1658	255	-392	5	30	10259	1.8	317	-1890	125	235	10619	
Idaho	1288	21	-343	4	10	9150	1.5	470	-1998	37	80	9267	
Illinois	12607	1535	-606	8	39	130170	2.3	-4363	-28614	478	624	131272	
Indiana	8733	4748	-728	44	25	29198	1.0	904	-14823	229	240	29667	
Iowa	3446	-139	546	5	12	20020	1.4	3511	-2805	60	117	20197	
Kansas	2810	-178	167	9	4	18596	1.4	1314	-4916	154	227	18977	
Kentucky	4460	-1673	-2849	28	21	27584	1.6	1356	-7384	201	495	28280	
Louisiana	2984	683	-780	8	17	22790	1.2	317	-3677	79	94	22963	
Maine	865	-450	-399	2	0	8714	1.5	160	-1640	21	42	8777	
Maryland	5088	414	-908	46	22	52236	2.2	1417	-752	543	388	53167	
Massachusetts	7805	-1259	-248	45	37	85652	2.6	11784	-2366	304	502	86458	
Michigan	11689	-6846	-5675	18	40	69523	1.8	2872	-15291	158	381	70062	
Minnesota	4432	718	-577	15	11	39047	1.5	4232	-7137	107	244	39398	
Mississippi	3113	943	-592	6	9	23656	2.2	966	-4856	132	133	23921	
Missouri	7245	158	-686	59	5	42683	1.7	3801	-7001	571	234	43488	
Montana	908	138	-341	8	3	6590	1.6	11	-2782	65	74	6729	
Nebraska	1446	-792	-72	0	1	9052	1.0	1517	-1101	29	43	9124	
Nevada	3954	186	43	9	22	30614	2.7	1485	-1628	114	235	30963	
New Hampshire	1017	-115	45	4	8	7357	1.2	365	-1400	13	22	7392	
New Jersey	10785	-5886	-235	15	24	126939	3.4	15312	-8454	252	524	128045	
New Mexico	1266	165	-218	12	11	15821	2.1	128	-1425	124	154	16099	
New York	38246	14427	3534	169	84	194624	2.3	20391	-54141	762	1132	196518	
North Carolina	5854	1030	-2640	16	55	53354	1.4	2579	-75385	178	683	54215	
North Dakota	456	-113	-89	61	3	2249	0.5	423	-300	171	12	2432	
Ohio	9412	-1552	-1774	34	59	70457	1.4	4763	-14655	214	614	71285	
Oklahoma	1960	462	-427	6	22	17582	1.2	865	-3766	51	174	17807	
Oregon	6193	421	-1737	49	25	38221	2.3	3652	-8412	293	382	38896	
Pennsylvania	24207	4492	-4422	178	96	159715	2.9	5117	-18480	594	902	161214	
Puerto Rico	3655	201	-9	7	20	36748	4.0	1083	-9033	213	285	37246	
Rhode Island	1461	-768	-297	2	4	12016	2.7	682	-519	41	59	12116	
South Carolina	4744	1116	-2974	12	19	22269	1.2	1957	-13150	96	185	22550	
South Dakota	223	30	-57	8	1	1456	0.4	37	-308	260	9	1725	
Tennessee	8520	3444	-1470	61	29	36512	1.4	2154	-10440	164	276	36952	
Texas	19175	5147	-2181	164	252	156693	1.4	4759	-12231	888	3065	160648	
Utah	1641	413	-241	61	14	11117	0.9	-110	-2553	282	108	11507	
Vermont	584	2	22	0	4	4603	1.6	263	-1118	10	19	4632	
Virgin Islands	51	-10	-6	0	4	922	2.4	242	-206	6	32	960	
Virginia	6063	1769	-596	25	43	38580	1.1	4325	-7117	358	882	39820	
Washington	7587	539	-1512	42	101	54237	1.9	5098	-8137	331	1306	55874	
West Virginia	1504	407	-319	5	12	13498	2.0	-993	-2460	68	84	13650	
Wisconsin	10135	1151	-623	16	25	58489	2.2	5794	-14518	133	190	58813	
Wyoming	348	87	-112	2	4	2969	1.1	1	-1060	22	38	3029	
Totals	370559	48047	-40415	1833	1847	2558065	1.9	163082	-588895	12884	23509	2594797	

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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