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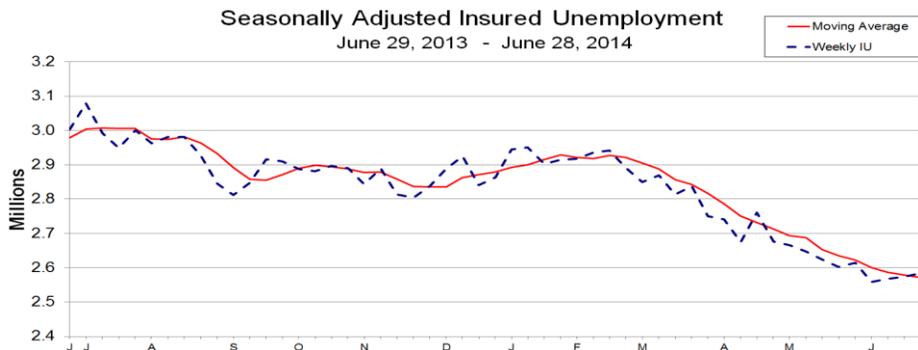
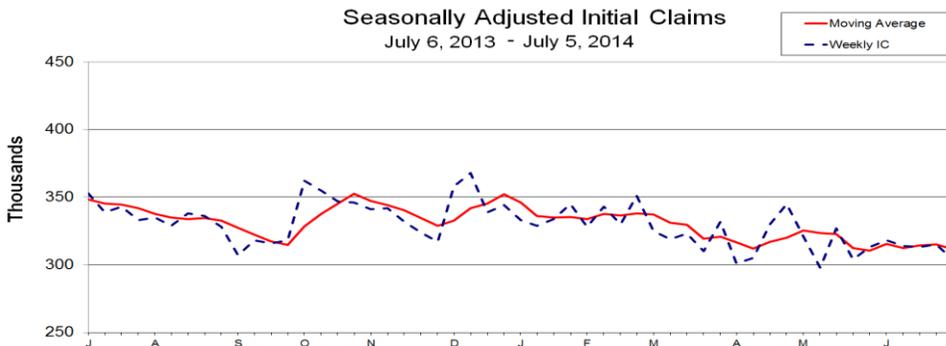
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 5, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 304,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 315,000. The 4-week moving average was 311,500, a decrease of 3,500 from the previous week's unrevised average of 315,000.

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

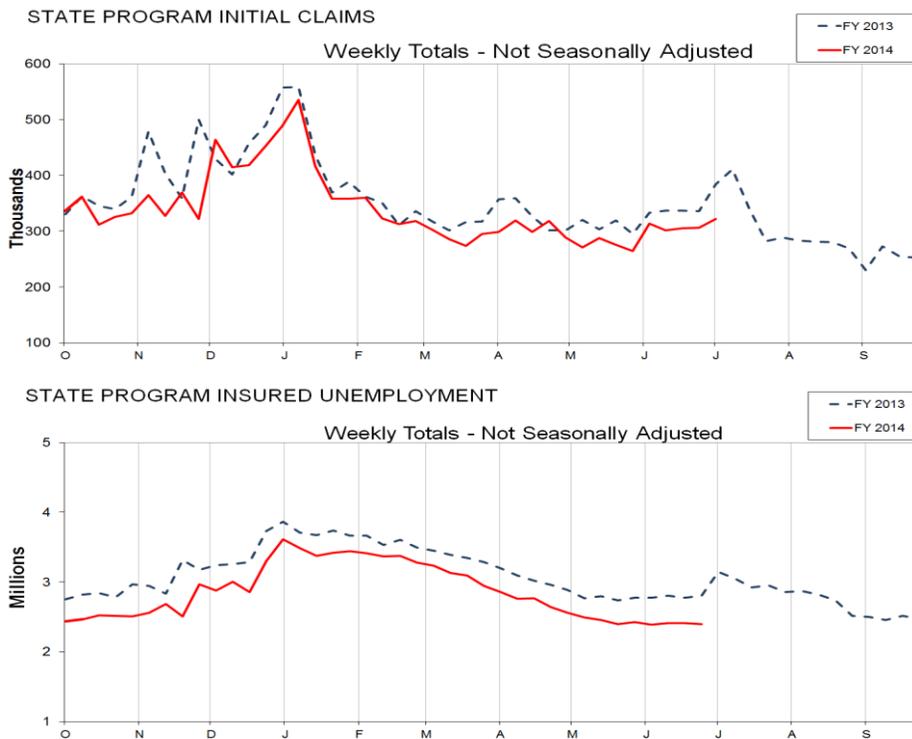
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.0 percent for the week ending June 28, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 28 was 2,584,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 2,579,000 to 2,574,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,571,250, a decrease of 7,750 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since October 27, 2007 when it was 2,561,750. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 2,580,250 to 2,579,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 322,248 in the week ending July 5, an increase of 16,542 (or +5.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 28,394 (or + 9.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 383,811 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.8 percent during the week ending June 28, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,393,005, a decrease of 18,627 (or -0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 28,312 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.2 percent and the volume was 2,807,991.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 21 was 2,465,792, a decrease of 3,427 from the previous week. There were 4,514,417 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 21.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,382 in the week ending June 28, an increase of 266 from the prior week. There were 1,836 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 36 from the preceding week.

There were 11,496 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 21, a decrease of 266 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 23,570, a decrease of 213 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 21 were in Puerto Rico (3.8), Alaska (3.4), Pennsylvania (2.9), Connecticut (2.8), New Jersey (2.8), California (2.7), Nevada (2.6), Illinois (2.4), Massachusetts (2.2), Oregon (2.2), Rhode Island (2.2), and Virgin Islands (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 28 were in New Jersey (+8,579), Massachusetts (+4,566), Connecticut (+1,409), Michigan (+983), and New York (+916), while the largest decreases were in California (-7,294), Pennsylvania (-4,608), Illinois (-1,243), Maryland (-1,092), and Wisconsin (-1,063).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 5	June 28	Change	June 21	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	304,000	315,000	-11,000	313,000	353,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	322,248	305,706	+16,542	305,029	383,811
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	311,500	315,000	-3,500	314,500	348,500
WEEK ENDING	June 28	June 21	Change	June 14	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,584,000	2,574,000	+10,000	2,568,000	3,003,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,393,005	2,411,632	-18,627	2,413,778	2,807,991
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,571,250	2,579,000	-7,750	2,586,250	2,978,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	2.0%	2.0%	0.0	2.0%	2.3%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.8%	1.8%	0.0	1.8%	2.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 28	June 21	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,382	1,116	+266	2,343
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,836	1,800	+36	2,320

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 21	June 14	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,407,543	2,408,508	-965	2,770,984
Federal Employees	11,496	11,762	-266	16,741
Newly Discharged Veterans	23,570	23,783	-213	33,648
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	183	264	-81	466
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,668	8,012	-344	4,362
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	15,332	16,890	-1,558	27,333
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,465,792	2,469,219	-3,427	4,514,417

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 131,532,656 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 JUNE 28, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-7,294	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
PA	-4,608	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, food service, social assistance, and administrative and support service industries.
IL	-1,243	No comment.
MD	-1,092	No comment.
WI	-1,063	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+8,579	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, public administration, and health care and social assistance industries.
MA	+4,566	Layoffs in the educational service, transportation, and food service industries.
CT	+1,409	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		
June 29, 2013	344	-1	344.50	3003	44	2978.50	2.3	
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	2574	6	2579.00	2.0	
June 28, 2014	315	2	315.00	2584	10	2571.25	2.0	
July 5, 2014	304	-11	311.50					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 28										Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 21			
INITIAL CLAIMS										INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT			
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	%	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
										ALL PROGRAMS		EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
Alabama	3467	-387	-903	13	37	29423	1.6	-334	-4472	141	261	29825	
Alaska	1010	-88	-390	8	4	10609	3.4	-1265	-1065	94	92	10795	
Arizona	5176	216	-113	61	7	43149	1.8	365	-1054	305	287	43741	
Arkansas	2602	-181	-546	8	11	23765	2.1	-144	-4405	101	214	24080	
California	55033	-7294	-1702	311	258	409662	2.7	-5162	-29273	1983	4433	416092	
Colorado	2168	-63	-347	31	55	31744	1.4	-2634	-5602	186	895	32825	
Connecticut	6458	1409	-676	9	14	45638	2.8	1282	-3612	92	170	45900	
Delaware	748	-361	-88	1	3	7751	1.9	140	-2183	28	52	7832	
District of Columbia	771	244	-46	8	1	10012	1.9	261	-1026	326	8	10346	
Florida	13890	-14	1811	40	111	91568	1.2	-998	-23064	401	792	92761	
Georgia	8055	-221	-797	30	90	49984	1.3	316	-12615	322	868	51174	
Hawaii	1361	-419	-198	9	25	10181	1.8	-517	-1296	122	239	10542	
Idaho	1161	15	-268	3	13	8807	1.4	77	-1443	38	62	8907	
Illinois	10735	-1243	-1912	13	41	131498	2.4	-4910	-13358	475	629	132602	
Indiana	3886	-157	-1375	19	33	29176	1.0	-123	-13036	194	254	29624	
Iowa	1988	-95	-525	5	10	18192	1.2	177	-3157	59	105	18356	
Kansas	2005	133	-871	9	6	18071	1.4	-783	-4476	159	233	18463	
Kentucky	4289	619	-797	25	18	25715	1.5	-729	-6232	131	495	26341	
Louisiana	2577	-27	-450	7	14	20876	1.1	-961	-4513	69	114	21059	
Maine	1118	139	-306	3	2	8384	1.5	-335	-1911	23	51	8458	
Maryland	5128	-1092	-95	62	27	50727	2.1	1661	-217	465	388	51580	
Massachusetts	10960	4566	6577	16	29	70498	2.2	64	-2752	179	417	71094	
Michigan	8714	983	-2919	14	41	64591	1.6	-1478	-8151	149	400	65140	
Minnesota	3708	124	-406	7	14	36970	1.4	-52	-5453	94	207	37271	
Mississippi	2170	27	-419	14	5	22690	2.1	-62	-2874	141	142	22973	
Missouri	5243	-4	-653	84	24	39652	1.5	-88	-7101	277	202	40131	
Montana	823	-236	-184	5	6	6874	1.6	106	-2345	82	83	7039	
Nebraska	1090	115	-196	4	3	7690	0.8	-33	-1775	29	39	7758	
Nevada	3139	-136	-244	7	13	28941	2.6	-216	-1980	105	235	29281	
New Hampshire	1612	757	-82	2	1	6329	1.0	22	-1385	12	23	6364	
New Jersey	20624	8579	757	17	32	106120	2.8	-1287	-8470	259	550	107087	
New Mexico	1048	-73	-143	11	14	15820	2.1	49	-1682	120	160	16100	
New York	18547	916	-5745	73	82	169263	2.0	-390	-43430	651	1122	171036	
North Carolina	5356	-429	-4214	16	60	51416	1.3	256	-24615	154	688	52258	
North Dakota	295	-3	-59	3	2	1758	0.4	16	-616	145	14	1917	
Ohio	7432	-101	-2484	14	56	67307	1.3	-704	-12346	144	642	68093	
Oklahoma	1942	452	-26	8	22	16842	1.1	-57	-3946	60	184	17086	
Oregon	6091	228	146	27	43	35405	2.2	900	-8552	239	322	35966	
Pennsylvania	19675	-4608	-1911	108	85	157489	2.9	11529	-15090	570	924	158988	
Puerto Rico	2384	-358	-474	5	11	34447	3.8	-844	-10796	135	258	34840	
Rhode Island	2136	453	223	3	3	9697	2.2	262	-691	34	71	9802	
South Carolina	4248	421	-585	16	35	19590	1.1	234	-11194	53	182	19825	
South Dakota	161	-50	-107	9	3	1466	0.4	-60	-256	235	12	1713	
Tennessee	3972	-529	-648	19	29	33937	1.3	-53	-9349	143	279	34359	
Texas	16951	229	-1537	81	250	157568	1.5	2017	-8316	773	3172	161518	
Utah	1248	-102	-271	75	10	11444	0.9	-174	-2128	206	108	11758	
Vermont	815	20	163	1	2	4317	1.5	145	-1119	11	21	4349	
Virgin Islands	5	-37	-61	0	0	842	2.2	18	-204	6	14	862	
Virginia	4195	-319	-562	21	34	36067	1.0	411	-6946	303	861	37231	
Washington	7241	-290	-2706	33	117	50754	1.8	-595	-8721	249	1298	52301	
West Virginia	1121	10	-201	4	11	13559	2.0	-946	-1970	72	81	13712	
Wisconsin	8875	-1063	-22	7	16	54337	2.0	3636	-13286	133	188	54658	
Wyoming	259	2	-131	3	3	3020	1.1	-156	-1009	19	29	3068	
Totals	305706	677	-29718	1382	1836	2411632	1.8	-2146	-366558	11496	23570	2446881	

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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