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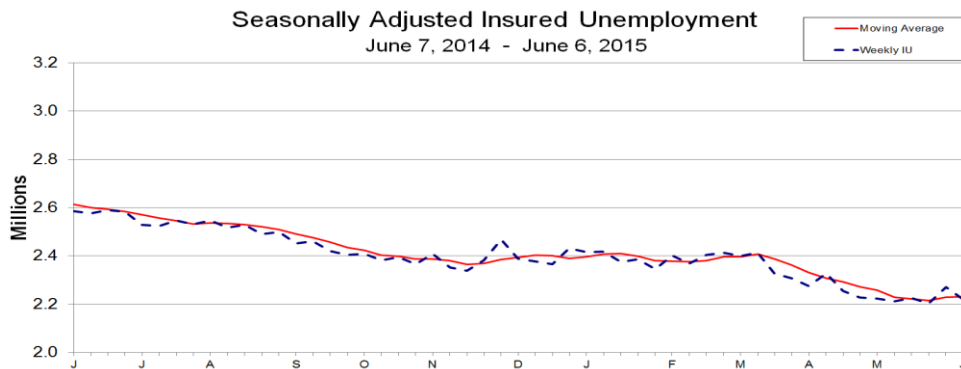
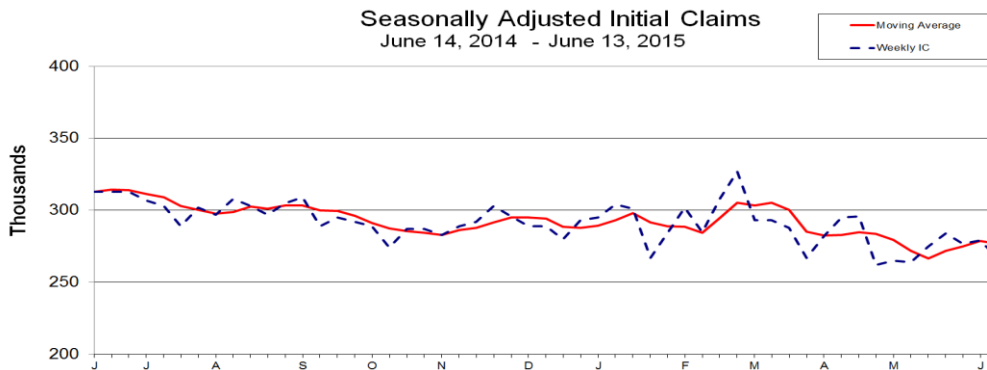
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 267,000, a decrease of 12,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 279,000. The 4-week moving average was 276,750, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 278,750.

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

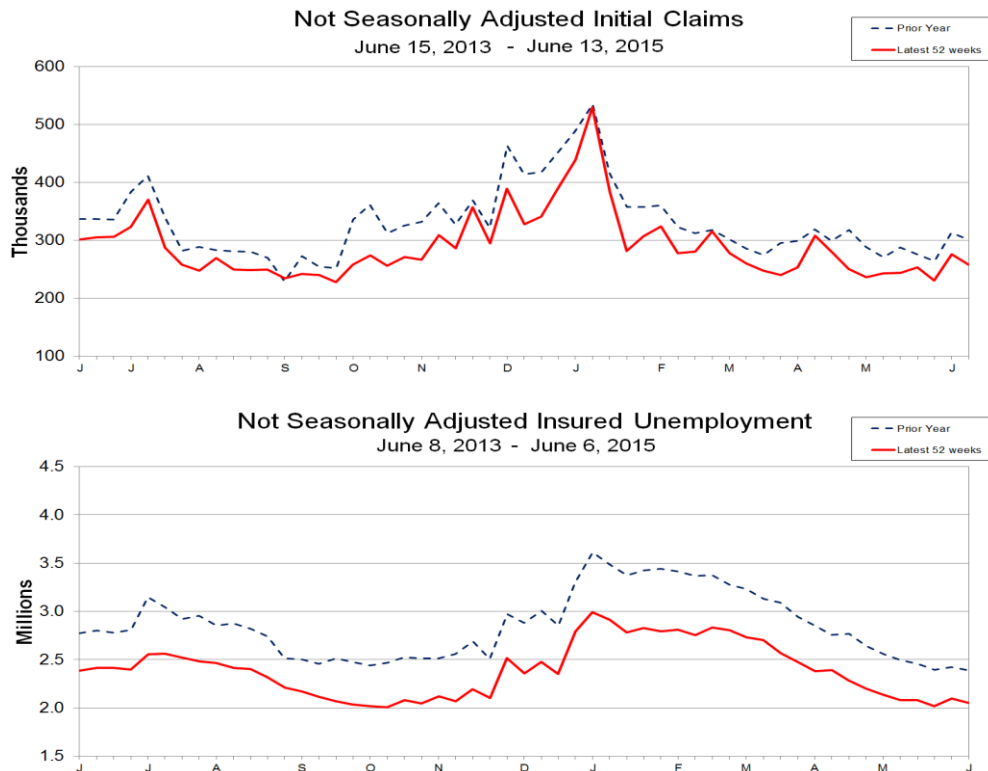
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending June 6, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 6 was 2,222,000, a decrease of 50,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 7,000 from 2,265,000 to 2,272,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,231,000, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 2,226,750 to 2,228,500.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 258,119 in the week ending June 13, a decrease of 17,500 (or -6.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 5,864 (or -2.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 301,195 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.5 percent during the week ending June 6, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,053,584, a decrease of 43,401 (or -2.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,272 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,387,182.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 30 was 2,142,307, an increase of 79,821 from the previous week. There were 2,479,465 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2014.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending May 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,187 in the week ending June 6, an increase of 405 from the prior week. There were 1,483 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 377 from the preceding week.

There were 9,959 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 30, an increase of 612 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 19,203, an increase of 1,008 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 30 were in Alaska (3.1), Puerto Rico (3.0), the Virgin Islands (2.7), New Jersey (2.5), California (2.4), Connecticut (2.3), Nevada (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), West Virginia (2.2), and Wyoming (2.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 6 were in California (+10,917), Pennsylvania (+4,130), Texas (+3,489), Illinois (+3,008), and Florida (+2,502), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-827), Nebraska (-195), New Mexico (-177), Kansas (-171), and North Dakota (-149).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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WEEK ENDING	June 13	June 6	Change	May 30	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Initial Claims (SA)	267,000	279,000	-12,000	277,000	313,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	258,119	275,619	-17,500	230,676	301,195
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	276,750	278,750	-2,000	275,000	312,750
WEEK ENDING	June 6	May 30	Change	May 23	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,222,000	2,272,000	-50,000	2,204,000	2,586,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,053,584	2,096,985	-43,401	2,018,773	2,387,182
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,231,000	2,228,500	+2,500	2,216,250	2,613,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></u>	1.7%	1.7%	0.0	1.6%	2.0%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></u>	1.5%	1.6%	-0.1	1.5%	1.8%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 6	May 30	Change	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,187	782	+405	1,255
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,483	1,106	+377	1,972

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 30	May 23	Change	<u>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></u>
Regular State	2,093,208	2,014,582	+78,626	2,420,183
Federal Employees	9,959	9,347	+612	12,105
Newly Discharged Veterans	19,203	18,195	+1,008	24,082
<u>Extended Benefits<sup>3</sup></u>	0	0	0	181
<u>State Additional Benefits<sup>4</sup></u>	7,072	6,717	+355	8,660
<u>STC / Workshare<sup>5</sup></u>	12,865	13,645	-780	14,254
TOTAL	2,142,307	2,062,486	+79,821	2,479,465

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 134,074,626 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](#)

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 6, 2015**

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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>
CA	+10,917	Layoffs in the service industry.
PA	+4,130	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food service industries.
TX	+3,489	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, retail trade, health care and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
IL	+3,008	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
FL	+2,502	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, service industries.
GA	+2,307	Layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, construction, health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and accommodation and food service industries.
OR	+2,044	No comment.
NJ	+1,622	Layoffs in the trade, transportation and warehousing, health care and social assistance, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
OH	+1,152	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, retail trade, and finance and insurance industries.
MN	+1,091	No comment.
SC	+1,069	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NC	+1,000	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and wholesale trade industries.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
None		

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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 7, 2014	317	3	315.75	2,586	-32	2,613.75	2.0
June 14, 2014	313	-4	312.75	2,576	-10	2,600.00	2.0
June 21, 2014	313	0	314.25	2,591	15	2,592.75	2.0
June 28, 2014	313	0	314.00	2,584	-7	2,584.25	2.0
July 5, 2014	307	-6	311.50	2,530	-54	2,570.25	1.9
July 12, 2014	303	-4	309.00	2,525	-5	2,557.50	1.9
July 19, 2014	289	-14	303.00	2,547	22	2,546.50	1.9
July 26, 2014	302	13	300.25	2,532	-15	2,533.50	1.9
August 2, 2014	297	-5	297.75	2,546	14	2,537.50	1.9
August 9, 2014	308	11	299.00	2,518	-28	2,535.75	1.9
August 16, 2014	303	-5	302.50	2,528	10	2,531.00	1.9
August 23, 2014	297	-6	301.25	2,491	-37	2,520.75	1.9
August 30, 2014	305	8	303.25	2,500	9	2,509.25	1.9
September 6, 2014	309	4	303.50	2,452	-48	2,492.75	1.9
September 13, 2014	289	-20	300.00	2,460	8	2,475.75	1.9
September 20, 2014	295	6	299.50	2,421	-39	2,458.25	1.8
September 27, 2014	292	-3	296.25	2,404	-17	2,434.25	1.8
October 4, 2014	289	-3	291.25	2,409	5	2,423.50	1.8
October 11, 2014	274	-15	287.50	2,383	-26	2,404.25	1.8
October 18, 2014	287	13	285.50	2,395	12	2,397.75	1.8
October 25, 2014	287	0	284.25	2,365	-30	2,388.00	1.8
November 1, 2014	283	-4	282.75	2,408	43	2,387.75	1.8
November 8, 2014	289	6	286.50	2,352	-56	2,380.00	1.8
November 15, 2014	292	3	287.75	2,339	-13	2,366.00	1.8
November 22, 2014	303	11	291.75	2,383	44	2,370.50	1.8
November 29, 2014	296	-7	295.00	2,469	86	2,385.75	1.9
December 6, 2014	289	-7	295.00	2,388	-81	2,394.75	1.8
December 13, 2014	289	0	294.25	2,377	-11	2,404.25	1.8
December 20, 2014	280	-9	288.50	2,366	-11	2,400.00	1.8
December 27, 2014	293	13	287.75	2,431	65	2,390.50	1.8
January 3, 2015	295	2	289.25	2,415	-16	2,397.25	1.8
January 10, 2015	304	9	293.00	2,418	3	2,407.50	1.8
January 17, 2015	301	-3	298.25	2,376	-42	2,410.00	1.8
January 24, 2015	267	-34	291.75	2,386	10	2,398.75	1.8
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346	-40	2,381.50	1.8
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402	56	2,377.50	1.8
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369	-33	2,375.75	1.8
February 21, 2015	308	23	294.75	2,405	36	2,380.50	1.8
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414	9	2,397.50	1.8
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399	-15	2,396.75	1.8
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413	14	2,407.75	1.8
March 21, 2015	288	-5	300.25	2,327	-86	2,388.25	1.7
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308	-19	2,361.75	1.7
April 4, 2015	282	15	282.50	2,275	-33	2,330.75	1.7
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327	52	2,309.25	1.7
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256	-71	2,291.50	1.7
April 25, 2015	262	-34	283.75	2,229	-27	2,271.75	1.7
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223	-6	2,258.75	1.7
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212	-11	2,230.00	1.6
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226	14	2,222.50	1.7
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,204	-22	2,216.25	1.6
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272	68	2,228.50	1.7
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,222	-50	2,231.00	1.7
June 13, 2015	267	-12	276.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 6							Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 30					ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
INITIAL CLAIMS							INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM		CHANGE FROM			STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM			
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>		
						(%) <sup>2</sup>						
Alabama	4219	142	-494	12	29	24730	1.4	1163	-3585	127	184	25041
Alaska	1258	50	-29	4	4	9826	3.1	15	-3091	78	84	9988
Arizona	5169	520	-931	63	14	35105	1.4	1172	-7098	225	211	35541
Arkansas	3387	-42	-126	8	13	23052	2.0	1790	-17	115	192	23359
California	45704	10917	-15398	207	223	368285	2.4	40757	-56749	1625	3705	373615
Colorado	2778	369	-168	13	47	32805	1.4	2524	-700	161	849	33815
Connecticut	3054	629	-141	11	12	36942	2.3	204	-7875	88	156	37186
Delaware	840	243	-101	0	0	5782	1.4	-804	-1016	20	27	5829
District of Columbia	363	37	-16	6	0	7921	1.5	258	-2077	386	20	8327
Florida	10982	2502	-4589	42	79	60199	0.8	211	-28792	183	503	60885
Georgia	9103	2307	-1519	25	89	38408	1.0	1197	-9710	248	646	39302
Hawaii	1558	425	-532	4	16	7676	1.3	-190	-2288	95	198	7969
Idaho	1374	291	-124	8	8	7526	1.2	-233	-1609	27	45	7598
Illinois	12645	3008	-955	12	26	107647	1.9	527	-27850	419	540	108606
Indiana	3626	577	-641	16	14	21739	0.8	-367	-8896	85	118	21942
Iowa	2955	491	363	4	9	17384	1.2	579	-249	71	94	17549
Kansas	2443	-171	-203	5	12	15676	1.2	-1192	-3401	80	164	15920
Kentucky	3189	101	-416	30	14	22258	1.3	1132	-3990	314	354	22926
Louisiana	3368	69	76	1	12	25287	1.3	1581	4542	50	59	25396
Maine	805	134	-164	2	5	7027	1.2	-393	-2632	17	47	7091
Maryland	4060	674	-451	36	28	38071	1.6	398	-10898	342	318	38731
Massachusetts	5352	539	-1063	19	19	63572	1.9	-1191	-8310	232	432	64236
Michigan	5923	315	-1389	16	22	50977	1.3	-1439	-17458	181	333	51491
Minnesota	4726	1091	204	10	17	35317	1.3	1565	-4027	90	196	35603
Mississippi	2829	863	-662	3	2	15328	1.4	1609	-5862	109	67	15504
Missouri	5818	-827	-1996	32	21	34536	1.3	2102	-3625	214	183	34933
Montana	1011	-22	-29	7	5	6644	1.6	-13	-401	73	39	6756
Nebraska	1242	-195	-69	8	4	6622	0.7	521	-1141	43	21	6686
Nevada	3253	295	-226	2	4	25673	2.2	454	-3412	88	145	25906
New Hampshire	672	185	-90	1	3	4719	0.8	-69	-1868	10	13	4742
New Jersey	8197	1622	-767	21	33	93599	2.5	2110	-15394	280	694	94573
New Mexico	1548	-177	-68	11	10	13611	1.8	464	-2211	113	95	13819
New York	16596	912	-1683	52	64	150839	1.7	1264	-23413	555	904	152298
North Carolina	4890	1000	-773	16	55	34659	0.9	474	-17719	181	445	35285
North Dakota	467	-149	174	96	1	3531	0.8	157	1795	26	13	3570
Ohio	8762	1152	-408	14	32	58988	1.2	2192	-8394	151	465	59604
Oklahoma	2254	105	423	4	14	23454	1.5	753	6811	80	167	23701
Oregon	5673	2044	191	40	25	30334	1.8	-54	-4923	271	237	30842
Pennsylvania	19227	4130	471	94	71	122828	2.2	2488	-25361	563	735	124126
Puerto Rico	3978	800	-471	11	8	26829	3.0	1861	-2989	52	214	27095
Rhode Island	822	-88	-295	5	1	8185	1.8	-195	-1333	29	49	8263
South Carolina	3629	1069	-616	8	26	15869	0.9	539	-2493	53	161	16083
South Dakota	277	4	-15	72	0	1486	0.4	204	-7	125	8	1619
Tennessee	5857	930	-228	9	20	26798	1.0	2673	-5009	137	181	27116
Texas	18504	3489	669	46	217	174319	1.6	4563	23245	620	2811	177750
Utah	1449	347	-100	29	11	10643	0.9	-214	-1141	112	68	10823
Vermont	422	-22	19	4	1	4055	1.4	-165	-562	16	7	4078
Virgin Islands	48	2	13	0	0	998	2.7	26	194	12	16	1026
Virginia	3987	813	-723	17	29	28696	0.8	1026	-7147	306	695	29697
Washington	6053	625	-985	19	92	49252	1.7	1370	-8599	238	1085	50575
West Virginia	1712	195	289	8	6	15010	2.2	985	95	94	81	15185
Wisconsin	7035	581	-1128	2	11	40588	1.5	1510	-10853	116	93	40797
Wyoming	526	42	138	2	5	5680	2.1	313	2344	33	36	5749
Totals	275619	44943	-37752	1187	1483	2096985	1.6	78212	-327149	9959	19203	2126147

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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