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Beginning with this week's News Release, a table has been added to display unadjusted State-level "advance" claims.

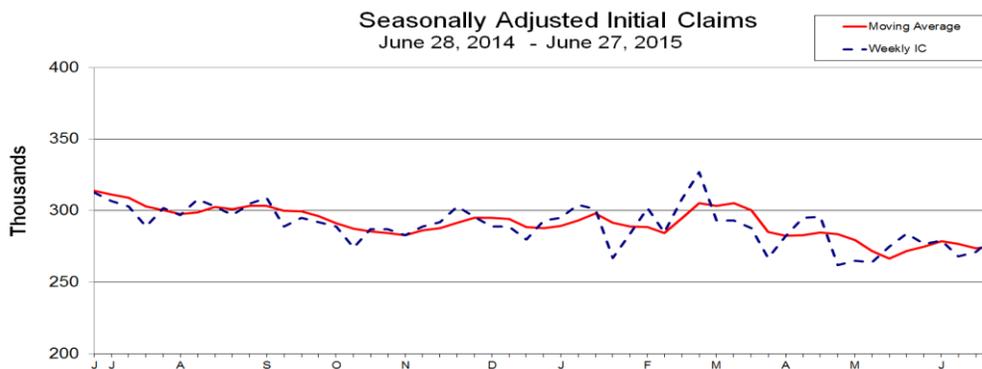
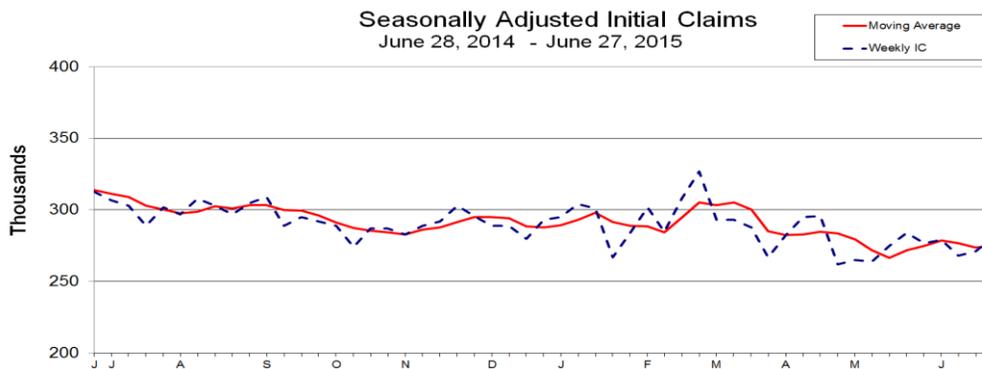
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 281,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 271,000. The 4-week moving average was 274,750, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 273,750.

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

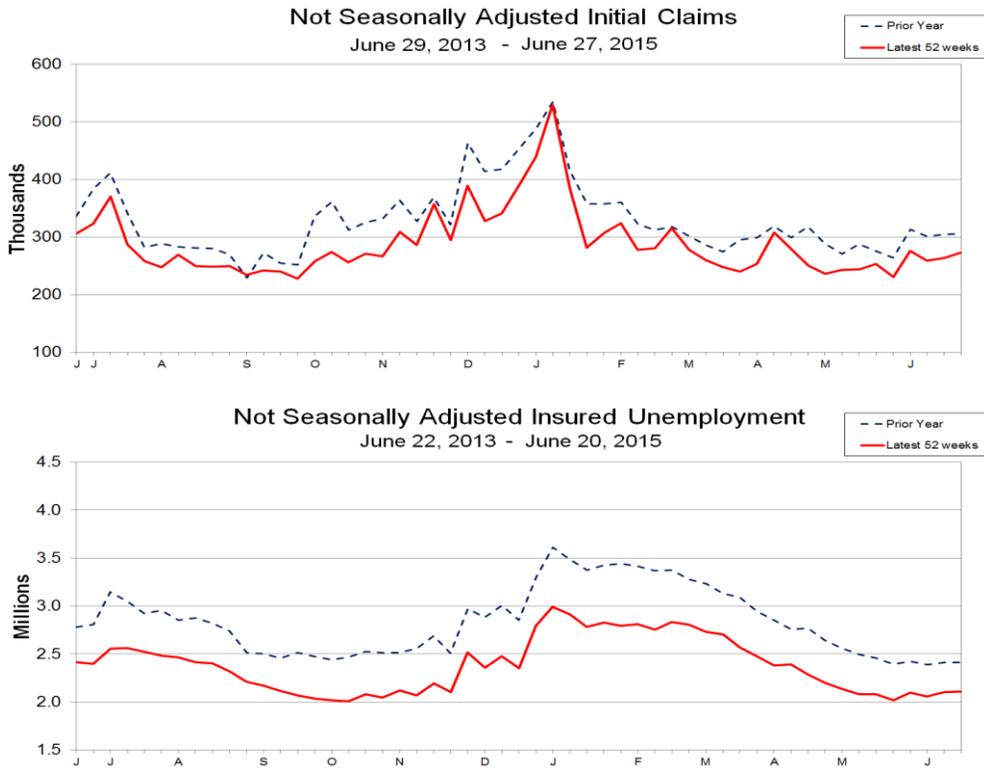
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending June 20, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 20 was 2,264,000, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 2,000 from 2,247,000 to 2,249,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,252,500, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 2,237,000 to 2,237,500.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 273,182 in the week ending June 27, an increase of 9,983 (or 3.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 271 (or 0.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 305,791 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending June 20, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,105,430, an increase of 3,049 (or 0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,243 (or - 0.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,412,611.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 13 was 2,147,542, an increase of 46,150 from the previous week. There were 2,469,219 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 June 13.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 807 in the week ending June 20, an increase of 68 from the prior week. There were 1,275 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 68 from the preceding week.

There were 9,816 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 13, an increase of 208 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 18,934, an increase of 952 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 13 were in Puerto Rico (3.5), Alaska (2.9), New Jersey (2.4), California (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.3), Connecticut (2.2), Nevada (2.2), the Virgin Islands (2.2), West Virginia (2.2), and Arkansas (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 20 were in New Jersey (+3,983), California (+2,185), Connecticut (+1,545), Maryland (+1,447), and Michigan (+1,391), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-2,525), Illinois (-815), Georgia (-790), Florida (-688), and Puerto Rico (-629).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	June 13	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	281,000	271,000	+10,000	268,000	313,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	273,182	263,199	+9,983	258,764	305,791
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	274,750	273,750	+1,000	277,000	314,000
WEEK ENDING	June 20	June 13	Change	June 6	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,264,000	2,249,000	+15,000	2,225,000	2,591,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,105,430	2,102,381	+3,049	2,056,173	2,412,611
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,252,500	2,237,500	+15,000	2,231,750	2,592,750
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u> ²	1.7%	1.7%	0.0	1.7%	2.0%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u> ²	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.5%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 20	June 13	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	807	739	+68	1,116
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,275	1,343	-68	1,800

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 13	June 6	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,098,554	2,051,922	+46,632	2,408,508
Federal Employees	9,816	9,608	+208	11,762
Newly Discharged Veterans	18,934	17,982	+952	23,783
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	2	0	+2	264
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,027	7,102	-75	8,012
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	13,209	14,778	-1,569	16,890
<u>TOTAL</u> ⁶	2,147,542	2,101,392	+46,150	2,469,219

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](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 27			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 20		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,940	3,182	-242	23,379	24,649	-1,270
Alaska	900	824	76	8,044	9,045	-1,001
Arizona	4,178	4,278	-100	33,068	36,382	-3,314
Arkansas	2,129	3,002	-873	22,008	22,655	-647
California	48,703	45,297	3,406	354,425	358,319	-3,894
Colorado	2,057	2,221	-164	29,815	31,439	-1,624
Connecticut	6,982	4,340	2,642	38,854	36,485	2,369
Delaware	710	1,235	-525	7,149	6,470	679
District of Columbia	1,065	397	668	7,566	7,903	-337
Florida	9,464	11,357	-1,893	60,219	64,414	-4,195
Georgia	5,669	6,420	-751	37,366	39,372	-2,006
Hawaii	1,161	1,435	-274	8,086	7,980	106
Idaho	729	1,214	-485	6,505	7,354	-849
Illinois	11,391	11,047	344	113,158	110,645	2,513
Indiana	3,818	3,472	346	22,113	21,893	220
Iowa	2,456	2,116	340	19,010	18,225	785
Kansas	2,224	1,936	288	16,334	14,822	1,512
Kentucky	3,578	2,500	1,078	21,893	22,940	-1,047
Louisiana	2,359	2,731	-372	24,882	26,412	-1,530
Maine	851	813	38	6,456	7,133	-677
Maryland	5,134	5,281	-147	36,326	38,324	-1,998
Massachusetts	8,064	5,145	2,919	62,445	62,647	-202
Michigan	8,003	7,253	750	47,395	49,060	-1,665
Minnesota	3,276	3,387	-111	35,551	33,845	1,706
Mississippi	1,985	1,958	27	14,677	16,316	-1,639
Missouri	4,719	4,590	129	31,882	34,211	-2,329
Montana	731	936	-205	5,714	6,380	-666
Nebraska	825	927	-102	6,760	6,683	77
Nevada	2,724	3,507	-783	25,292	26,372	-1,080
New Hampshire	1,354	487	867	4,494	4,726	-232
New Jersey	18,624	11,723	6,901	91,182	92,193	-1,011
New Mexico	864	980	-116	13,062	13,642	-580
New York	16,969	15,295	1,674	150,865	148,506	2,359
North Carolina	4,304	4,720	-416	34,327	35,148	-821
North Dakota	867	531	336	7,229	3,344	3,885
Ohio	6,625	7,156	-531	59,567	60,016	-449
Oklahoma	1,788	1,824	-36	23,486	23,529	-43
Oregon	4,582	4,657	-75	30,046	29,572	474
Pennsylvania	18,330	22,709	-4,379	140,740	129,095	11,645
Puerto Rico	1,890	2,108	-218	30,459	31,514	-1,055
Rhode Island	1,865	1,339	526	8,367	8,074	293
South Carolina	3,443	3,076	367	16,672	15,672	1,000
South Dakota	213	222	-9	1,337	1,173	164
Tennessee	3,202	3,452	-250	27,586	28,125	-539
Texas	18,602	17,436	1,166	184,730	179,381	5,349
Utah	1,095	1,162	-67	9,543	10,505	-962
Vermont	724	761	-37	4,179	3,747	432
Virgin Islands	34	45	-11	732	834	-102
Virginia	3,915	3,741	174	31,353	28,663	2,690
Washington	6,676	6,673	3	45,364	44,313	1,051
West Virginia	1,129	1,199	-70	15,581	14,751	830
Wisconsin	6,857	8,782	-1,925	43,369	41,996	1,373
Wyoming	405	320	85	4,788	5,487	-699
US Total	273,182	263,199	9,983	2,105,430	2,102,381	3,049

Note: Advance Claims are not directly comparable to claims recorded 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.

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 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	1.8
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308	-19	2,361.75	1.8
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	1.7
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	1.7
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272	68	2,228.50	1.7
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,225	-47	2,231.75	1.7
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249	24	2,237.50	1.7
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75	2,264	15	2,252.50	1.7
June 27, 2015	281	10	274.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June
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Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 13
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS 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	3182	-247	-672	15	13	24649	1.4	155	-5108	131	186	24966
Alaska	824	-194	-274	2	4	9045	2.9	-258	-2829	88	76	9209
Arizona	4278	-83	-682	32	11	36382	1.5	474	-6402	289	220	36891
Arkansas	3002	-138	219	6	14	22655	2.0	538	-1254	111	182	22948
California	45297	2185	-17030	156	209	358319	2.3	11259	-56505	1402	3711	363432
Colorado	2221	-115	-10	12	40	31439	1.3	1853	-2939	168	827	32434
Connecticut	4340	1545	-709	9	6	36485	2.2	-158	-7871	90	153	36728
Delaware	1235	-1	126	1	3	6470	1.6	520	-1141	15	26	6511
District of Columbia	397	78	-130	10	0	7903	1.5	79	-1848	394	14	8311
Florida	11357	-688	-2547	17	87	64414	0.9	3689	-28152	167	495	65076
Georgia	6420	-790	-1856	30	56	39372	1.0	-308	-10296	271	648	40291
Hawaii	1435	130	-345	12	20	7980	1.3	188	-2718	79	182	8241
Idaho	1214	332	68	3	2	7354	1.2	105	-1376	33	46	7433
Illinois	11047	-815	-931	14	19	110645	2.0	3375	-25763	421	528	111594
Indiana	3472	12	-571	7	21	21893	0.8	-53	-7406	87	123	22103
Iowa	2116	-414	33	3	4	18225	1.2	568	210	68	107	18400
Kansas	1936	-25	64	1	7	14822	1.1	189	-4032	80	157	15059
Kentucky	2500	-161	-1170	12	11	22940	1.3	595	-3504	302	373	23615
Louisiana	2731	-157	127	6	8	26412	1.4	554	4575	33	67	26512
Maine	813	-111	-166	1	1	7133	1.2	-277	-1586	22	50	7205
Maryland	5281	1447	-939	23	17	38324	1.6	3	-10742	334	331	38989
Massachusetts	5145	24	-1249	13	22	62647	1.9	-1107	-7787	206	443	63296
Michigan	7253	1391	-478	12	23	49060	1.2	1020	-17009	146	317	49523
Minnesota	3387	-375	-197	2	14	33845	1.3	-10	-3177	92	198	34135
Mississippi	1958	-279	-185	4	2	16316	1.5	261	-6436	85	84	16485
Missouri	4590	56	-657	32	22	34211	1.3	96	-5529	196	152	34559
Montana	936	-27	-123	5	4	6380	1.5	-20	-388	81	36	6497
Nebraska	927	-20	-48	4	3	6683	0.7	-26	-1040	47	14	6744
Nevada	3507	-283	232	5	6	26372	2.2	1072	-2785	79	155	26606
New Hampshire	487	-120	-368	0	3	4726	0.8	7	-1581	13	7	4746
New Jersey	11723	3983	-322	19	33	92193	2.4	1295	-15214	269	472	92934
New Mexico	980	-115	-141	11	4	13642	1.8	-73	-2129	135	104	13881
New York	15295	157	-2336	24	64	148506	1.7	-142	-21147	536	892	149934
North Carolina	4720	198	-1065	12	41	35148	0.9	334	-16012	154	446	35748
North Dakota	531	100	233	10	1	3344	0.8	-103	1602	123	24	3491
Ohio	7156	-438	-377	9	32	60016	1.2	1272	-7995	148	448	60612
Oklahoma	1824	25	334	7	22	23529	1.5	-116	6630	71	164	23764
Oregon	4657	-382	-1206	16	30	29572	1.8	238	-4933	240	243	30055
Pennsylvania	22709	-2525	-1574	88	45	129095	2.3	5996	-16865	557	697	130349
Puerto Rico	2108	-629	-634	8	5	31514	3.5	2134	-3777	71	222	31807
Rhode Island	1339	474	-344	4	2	8074	1.8	-109	-1361	22	46	8142
South Carolina	3076	-522	-751	3	15	15672	0.8	-374	-3684	43	150	15865
South Dakota	222	-20	11	13	0	1173	0.3	-270	-353	214	6	1393
Tennessee	3452	-506	-1049	9	18	28125	1.0	517	-5865	141	192	28458
Texas	17436	507	714	33	181	179381	1.6	9428	23830	630	2870	182883
Utah	1162	-33	-188	43	5	10505	0.8	-251	-1113	152	62	10719
Vermont	761	366	-34	2	1	3747	1.3	-180	-425	15	11	3773
Virgin Islands	45	6	3	0	0	834	2.2	90	10	8	14	856
Virginia	3741	104	-773	16	22	28663	0.8	112	-6993	282	683	29628
Washington	6673	712	-858	21	89	44313	1.5	-1246	-7036	216	1058	45587
West Virginia	1199	-103	88	0	2	14751	2.2	81	246	98	68	14917
Wisconsin	8782	1038	-1156	10	8	41996	1.5	2945	-8705	135	119	42250
Wyoming	320	-119	63	0	3	5487	2.0	247	2311	26	35	5548
Totals	263199	4435	-41830	807	1275	2102381	1.6	46208	-311397	9816	18934	2131133

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.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 20, 2015

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+3,983	Layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
CA	+2,185	No comment.
CT	+1,545	No comment.
MD	+1,447	No comment.
MI	+1,391	No comment.
WI	+1,038	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-2,525	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.

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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