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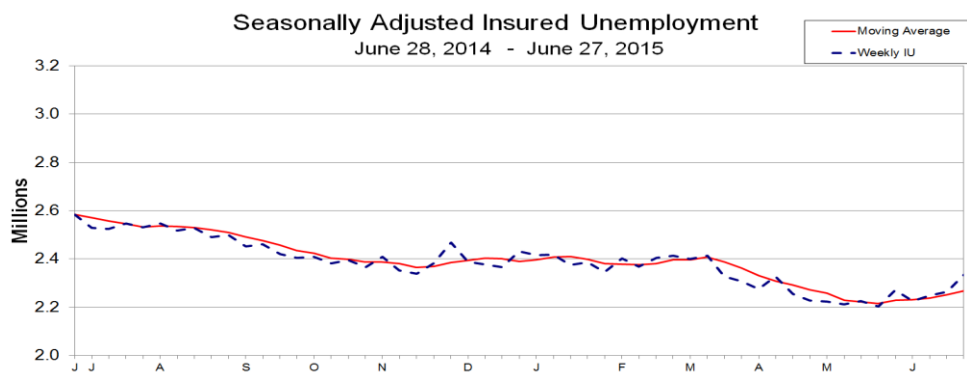
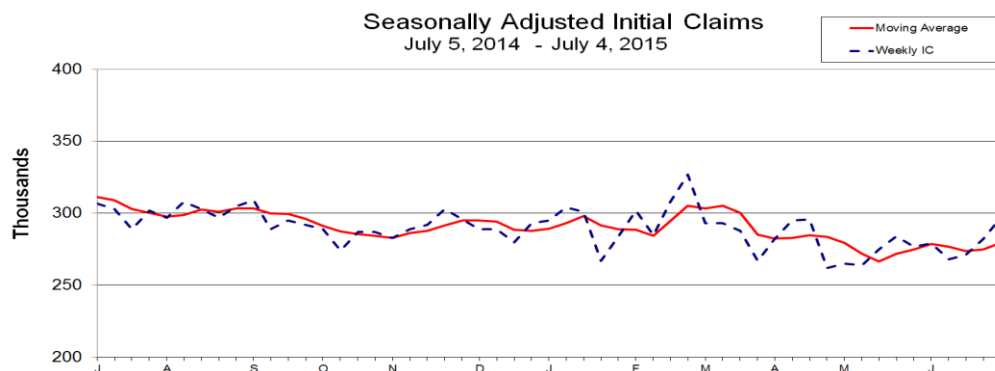
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 297,000, an increase of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 281,000 to 282,000. The 4-week moving average was 279,500, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 274,750 to 275,000.

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

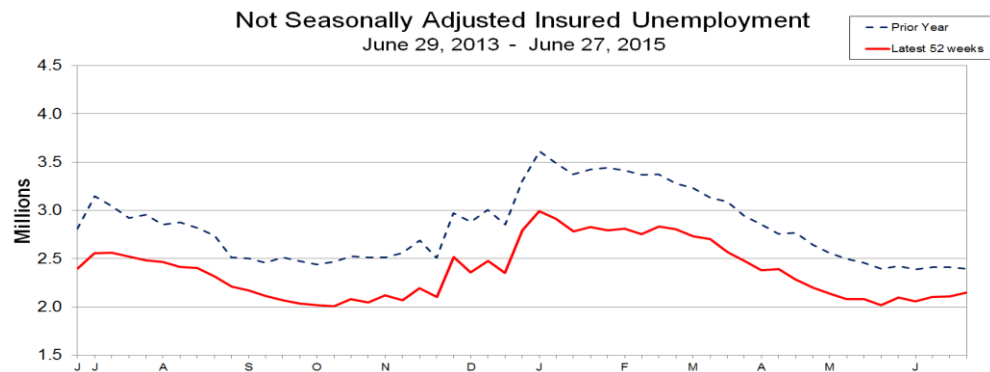
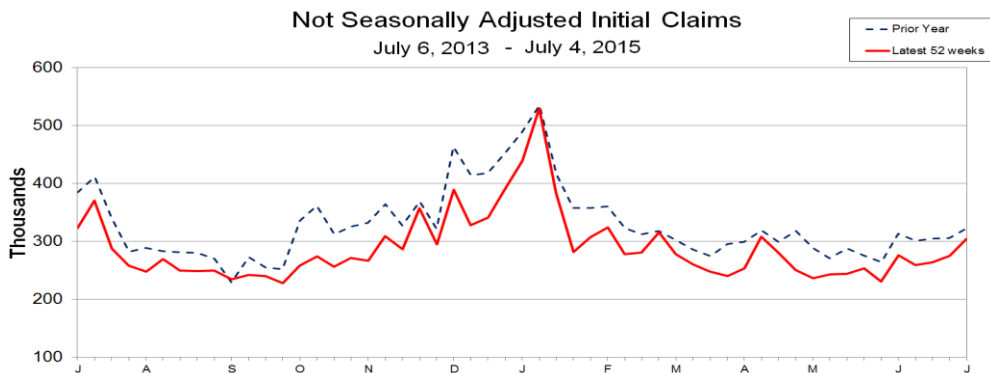
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending June 27, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 27 was 2,334,000, an increase of 69,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 2,264,000 to 2,265,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,268,250, an increase of 15,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 2,252,500 to 2,252,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 303,892 in the week ending July 4, an increase of 29,246 (or 10.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 14,396 (or 5.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 322,753 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending June 27, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,145,271, an increase of 39,195 (or 1.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 24,911 (or -1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,395,821.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 20 was 2,148,300, an increase of 758 from the previous week. There were 2,466,780 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 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 879 in the week ending June 27, an increase of 72 from the prior week. There were 1,309 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 34 from the preceding week.

There were 9,732 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 20, a decrease of 84 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 17,826, a decrease of 1,108 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 20 were in Puerto Rico (3.4), Alaska (2.6), Pennsylvania (2.5), New Jersey (2.4), Connecticut (2.3), Nevada (2.3), California (2.2), West Virginia (2.2), Arkansas (2.0), and Illinois (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 27 were in New Jersey (+7,013), Massachusetts (+2,989), California (+2,930), Connecticut (+2,648), and New York (+1,563), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-4,380), Wisconsin (-1,925), Florida (-1,626), Arkansas (-722), and Nevada (-562).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	June 20	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	297,000	282,000	+15,000	271,000	307,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	303,892	274,646	+29,246	263,199	322,753
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	279,500	275,000	+4,500	273,750	311,500
WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	June 13	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,334,000	2,265,000	+69,000	2,249,000	2,584,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,145,271	2,106,076	+39,195	2,102,381	2,395,821
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,268,250	2,252,750	+15,500	2,237,500	2,584,250
<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	1.6%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	879	807	+72	1,383
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,309	1,275	+34	1,836

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 20	June 13	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,102,290	2,098,554	+3,736	2,408,522
Federal Employees	9,732	9,816	-84	11,502
Newly Discharged Veterans	17,826	18,934	-1,108	23,573
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	2	-2	183
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	6,145	7,027	-882	7,668
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	12,307	13,209	-902	15,332
TOTAL	2,148,300	2,147,542	+758	2,466,780

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](#)

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 4			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 27		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,352	3,152	200	23,230	24,395	-1,165
Alaska	843	842	1	7,802	8,252	-450
Arizona	4,217	4,400	-183	31,756	36,296	-4,540
Arkansas	2,830	2,280	550	21,458	22,765	-1,307
California	54,540	48,227	6,313	378,831	347,736	31,095
Colorado	2,176	2,057	119	29,540	29,042	498
Connecticut	4,809	6,988	-2,179	43,710	37,648	6,062
Delaware	606	743	-137	7,148	6,845	303
District of Columbia	792	675	117	7,920	7,980	-60
Florida	10,995	9,731	1,264	58,531	66,289	-7,758
Georgia	6,970	5,956	1,014	36,696	39,021	-2,325
Hawaii	1,101	1,120	-19	7,729	7,852	-123
Idaho	1,000	1,213	-213	6,322	7,349	-1,027
Illinois	10,705	11,372	-667	114,172	112,286	1,886
Indiana	3,725	3,772	-47	21,995	22,046	-51
Iowa	3,971	2,153	1,818	18,639	18,189	450
Kansas	2,665	1,948	717	15,472	14,405	1,067
Kentucky	5,684	3,608	2,076	22,030	22,204	-174
Louisiana	2,379	2,707	-328	25,031	26,298	-1,267
Maine	910	854	56	6,354	6,572	-218
Maryland	3,926	5,274	-1,348	37,570	39,589	-2,019
Massachusetts	10,311	8,134	2,177	63,809	63,245	564
Michigan	17,977	8,178	9,799	50,001	49,219	782
Minnesota	3,561	3,076	485	34,989	33,446	1,543
Mississippi	2,137	2,249	-112	14,489	16,333	-1,844
Missouri	7,254	4,942	2,312	31,142	34,872	-3,730
Montana	638	792	-154	5,659	6,365	-706
Nebraska	1,397	825	572	6,675	6,667	8
Nevada	3,131	2,945	186	24,874	26,751	-1,877
New Hampshire	890	1,384	-494	5,206	4,837	369
New Jersey	15,369	18,736	-3,367	101,192	90,203	10,989
New Mexico	1,046	940	106	12,854	13,324	-470
New York	23,465	16,858	6,607	155,172	149,156	6,016
North Carolina	3,994	4,330	-336	33,729	35,370	-1,641
North Dakota	815	642	173	7,333	3,594	3,739
Ohio	9,869	6,664	3,205	59,092	59,461	-369
Oklahoma	1,613	1,774	-161	23,186	23,840	-654
Oregon	3,997	4,595	-598	29,155	30,283	-1,128
Pennsylvania	18,365	18,329	36	141,144	138,404	2,740
Puerto Rico	2,929	1,950	979	30,805	30,870	-65
Rhode Island	2,214	1,871	343	9,376	8,267	1,109
South Carolina	2,904	3,903	-999	17,080	15,725	1,355
South Dakota	150	226	-76	1,387	1,447	-60
Tennessee	3,874	3,423	451	27,379	28,638	-1,259
Texas	16,274	18,491	-2,217	186,108	180,742	5,366
Utah	1,156	1,119	37	9,378	10,318	-940
Vermont	445	731	-286	4,118	3,953	165
Virgin Islands	29	45	-16	746	730	16
Virginia	4,136	3,575	561	30,470	29,456	1,014
Washington	6,363	6,437	-74	43,632	44,181	-549
West Virginia	967	1,206	-239	15,551	14,865	686
Wisconsin	8,085	6,857	1,228	42,966	43,282	-316
Wyoming	341	347	-6	4,638	5,173	-535
US Total	303,892	274,646	29,246	2,145,271	2,106,076	39,195

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 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 "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 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	2,265	16	2,252.75	1.7	
June 27, 2015	282	11	275.00	2,334	69	2,268.25	1.7	
July 4, 2015	297	15	279.50					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 27 INITIAL CLAIMS								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 20 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
Alabama	3152	-30	-315	7	18	24395	1.4	-254	-5028	122	177	24694
Alaska	842	18	-168	1	5	8252	2.6	-793	-2357	64	57	8373
Arizona	4400	122	-776	44	11	36296	1.5	-86	-6853	299	206	36801
Arkansas	2280	-722	-322	1	12	22765	2.0	110	-1000	97	201	23063
California	48227	2930	-6806	206	233	347736	2.2	-10583	-61926	1511	3377	352624
Colorado	2057	-164	-111	11	44	29042	1.2	-2397	-2702	153	791	29986
Connecticut	6988	2648	530	7	15	37648	2.3	1163	-7990	89	147	37884
Delaware	743	-492	-5	2	1	6845	1.6	375	-906	17	27	6889
District of Columbia	675	278	-96	6	0	7980	1.5	77	-2032	368	10	8358
Florida	9731	-1626	-4159	36	65	66289	0.9	1875	-25279	193	441	66923
Georgia	5956	-464	-2099	29	58	39021	1.0	-351	-10963	248	631	39900
Hawaii	1120	-315	-241	11	18	7852	1.3	-128	-2329	94	186	8132
Idaho	1213	-1	52	4	2	7349	1.2	-5	-1458	33	46	7428
Illinois	11372	325	637	10	22	112286	2.0	1641	-19212	369	510	113165
Indiana	3772	300	-114	10	17	22046	0.8	153	-7130	95	114	22255
Iowa	2153	37	165	7	7	18189	1.2	-36	-3	70	93	18352
Kansas	1948	12	-57	3	9	14405	1.1	-417	-3666	68	158	14631
Kentucky	3608	1108	-681	25	11	22204	1.3	-736	-3511	274	325	22803
Louisiana	2707	-24	130	2	10	26298	1.4	-114	5422	41	82	26421
Maine	854	41	-264	0	0	6572	1.1	-561	-1812	18	46	6636
Maryland	5274	-7	146	20	13	39589	1.6	1265	-11138	315	319	40223
Massachusetts	8134	2989	-2911	10	23	63245	1.9	598	-8232	226	430	63901
Michigan	8178	925	-536	13	27	49219	1.2	159	-15372	151	255	49625
Minnesota	3076	-311	-632	1	14	33446	1.2	-399	-3524	80	191	33717
Mississippi	2249	291	79	5	8	16333	1.5	17	-6357	85	63	16481
Missouri	4942	352	-301	35	30	34872	1.3	661	-4780	216	171	35259
Montana	792	-144	-31	3	2	6365	1.5	-15	-509	63	39	6467
Nebraska	825	-102	-265	4	4	6667	0.7	-16	-1023	36	20	6723
Nevada	2945	-562	-194	5	5	26751	2.3	379	-2190	72	155	26978
New Hampshire	1384	897	-228	0	0	4837	0.8	111	-1492	12	10	4859
New Jersey	18736	7013	-1888	8	27	90203	2.4	-1990	-15917	271	410	90884
New Mexico	940	-40	-108	10	7	13324	1.7	-318	-2496	142	90	13556
New York	16858	1563	-1689	36	65	149156	1.7	650	-20107	532	895	150583
North Carolina	4330	-390	-1026	14	39	35370	0.9	222	-16046	157	450	35977
North Dakota	642	111	347	1	2	3594	0.8	250	1836	139	18	3751
Ohio	6664	-492	-768	9	32	59461	1.2	-555	-7846	135	464	60060
Oklahoma	1774	-50	-168	5	9	23840	1.6	311	6998	71	162	24073
Oregon	4595	-62	-1496	19	23	30283	1.8	711	-5122	250	253	30786
Pennsylvania	18329	-4380	-1346	76	61	138404	2.5	9309	-19085	544	598	139546
Puerto Rico	1950	-158	-434	3	6	30870	3.4	-644	-3577	107	231	31208
Rhode Island	1871	532	-265	4	3	8267	1.8	193	-1430	20	46	8333
South Carolina	3903	827	-345	7	26	15725	0.9	53	-3865	39	138	15902
South Dakota	226	4	65	10	1	1447	0.4	274	-19	231	4	1682
Tennessee	3423	-29	-549	9	14	28638	1.1	513	-5299	131	190	28959
Texas	18491	1055	1540	60	163	180742	1.6	1361	23174	556	2612	183910
Utah	1119	-43	-129	43	10	10318	0.8	-187	-1126	172	65	10555
Vermont	731	-30	-84	1	1	3953	1.3	206	-364	11	12	3976
Virgin Islands	45	0	40	0	0	730	2.0	-104	-112	12	12	754
Virginia	3575	-166	-620	15	43	29456	0.8	793	-6611	294	651	30401
Washington	6437	-236	-804	22	76	44181	1.5	-132	-6573	201	1042	45424
West Virginia	1206	7	85	1	3	14865	2.2	114	1306	96	60	15021
Wisconsin	6857	-1925	-2018	7	10	43282	1.6	1286	-11055	122	105	43509
Wyoming	347	27	88	1	4	5173	1.9	-314	2153	20	40	5233
Totals	274646	11447	-31145	879	1309	2106076	1.6	3695	-306535	9732	17826	2133634

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 27, 2015

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+7,013	Layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and public administration industries.
MA	+2,989	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and accommodation and food service industries.
CA	+2,930	Layoffs in the service industry.
CT	+2,648	Layoffs in the educational services industry.
NY	+1,563	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
KY	+1,108	No comment.
TX	+1,055	Layoffs in the manufacturing, health care and social assistance, retail trade, and finance and insurance industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-4,380	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
WI	-1,925	No comment.
FL	-1,626	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and 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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