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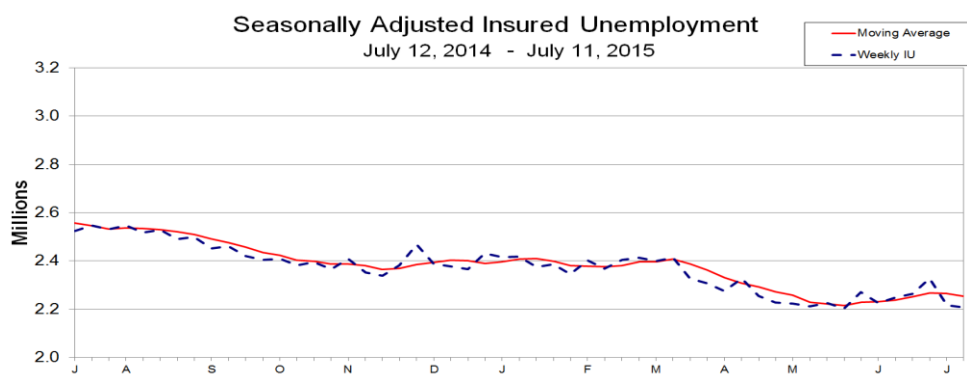
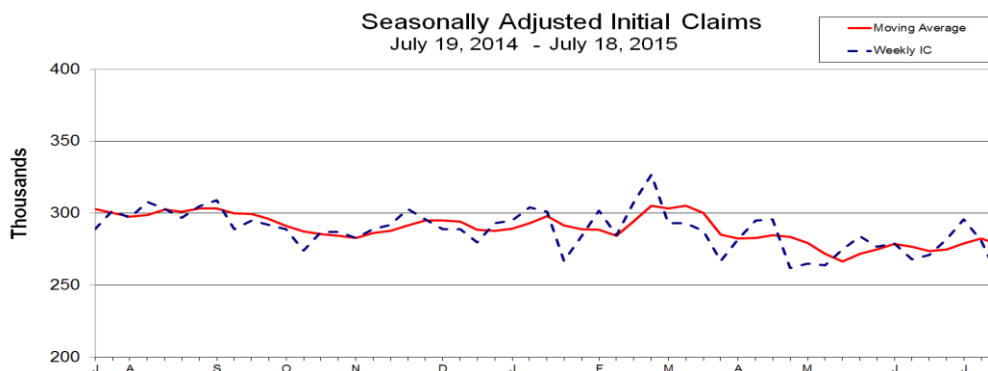
## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 255,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 281,000. This is the lowest level for initial claims since November 24, 1973 when it was 233,000. The 4-week moving average was 278,500, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 282,500.

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

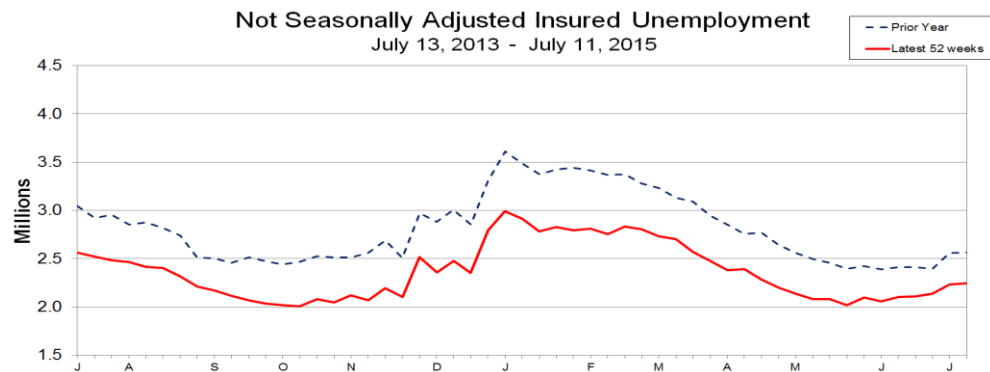
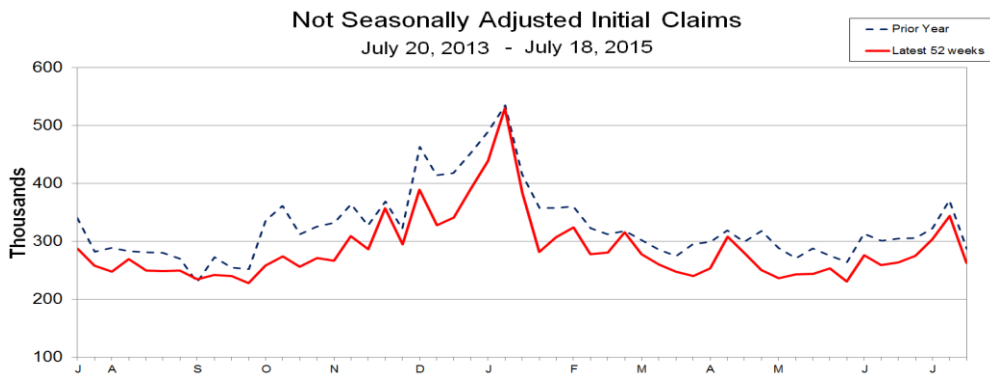
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending July 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 11 was 2,207,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 1,000 from 2,215,000 to 2,216,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,253,750, a decrease of 10,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 2,264,000 to 2,264,250.



## UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 262,981 in the week ending July 18, a decrease of 81,382 (or -23.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 54,210 (or -15.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 287,049 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending July 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,244,838, an increase of 10,907 (or 0.5 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 19,946 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,563,164.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 4 was 2,278,225, an increase of 96,355 from the previous week. There were 2,611,871 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 July 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,156 in the week ending July 11, an increase of 90 from the prior week. There were 1,496 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 83 from the preceding week.

There were 10,044 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 4, an increase of 535 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 17,762, a decrease of 259 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 4 were in Puerto Rico (3.7), New Jersey (3.0), Connecticut (2.7), Pennsylvania (2.6), Alaska (2.4), California (2.3), Nevada (2.3), Rhode Island (2.3), the Virgin Islands (2.2), and West Virginia (2.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 11 were in New York (+15,639), Pennsylvania (+5,659), Georgia (+4,075), Illinois (+3,890), and Tennessee (+3,681), while the largest decreases were in California (-6,999), Michigan (-5,035), Massachusetts (-3,722), New Jersey (-3,540), and Rhode Island (-1,232).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 18</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	255,000	281,000	-26,000	296,000	289,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	262,981	344,363	-81,382	303,586	287,049
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	278,500	282,500	-4,000	279,250	303,000
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 27</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,207,000	2,216,000	-9,000	2,327,000	2,525,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,244,838	2,233,931	+10,907	2,138,350	2,563,164
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,253,750	2,264,250	-10,500	2,266,500	2,557,500
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u><sup>2</sup></a>	1.6%	1.6%	0.0	1.7%	1.9%
<a href="#"><u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u><sup>2</sup></a>	1.7%	1.7%	0.0	1.6%	1.9%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 11</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,156	1,066	+90	1,833
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,496	1,413	+83	1,847

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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>June 27</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b><u>Prior Year</u><sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	2,229,666	2,133,939	+95,727	2,553,950
Federal Employees	10,044	9,509	+535	12,884
Newly Discharged Veterans	17,762	18,021	-259	23,509
<a href="#"><u>Extended Benefits</u><sup>3</sup></a>	6	0	+6	339
<a href="#"><u>State Additional Benefits</u><sup>4</sup></a>	6,423	6,957	-534	5,885
<a href="#"><u>STC / Workshare</u><sup>5</sup></a>	14,324	13,444	+880	15,304
<a href="#"><u>TOTAL</u></a>	2,278,225	2,181,870	+96,355	2,611,871

**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 134,803,907 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 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	3,862	5,906	-2,044	25,616	27,063	-1,447
Alaska	969	1,064	-95	7,171	7,522	-351
Arizona	4,894	7,317	-2,423	35,718	37,983	-2,265
Arkansas	2,320	3,451	-1,131	22,060	22,825	-765
California	49,380	46,942	2,438	363,552	354,829	8,723
Colorado	2,269	2,897	-628	29,275	27,053	2,222
Connecticut	3,430	5,047	-1,617	45,837	44,994	843
Delaware	663	966	-303	7,319	6,901	418
District of Columbia	663	497	166	8,721	8,948	-227
Florida	10,525	12,746	-2,221	62,116	67,736	-5,620
Georgia	8,670	11,338	-2,668	40,937	44,581	-3,644
Hawaii	1,323	1,541	-218	8,043	8,137	-94
Idaho	983	1,021	-38	6,302	7,292	-990
Illinois	10,500	14,510	-4,010	117,753	115,072	2,681
Indiana	3,893	4,954	-1,061	22,866	22,140	726
Iowa	2,454	3,627	-1,173	20,251	19,975	276
Kansas	2,204	2,822	-618	17,020	14,556	2,464
Kentucky	4,255	6,939	-2,684	24,713	22,771	1,942
Louisiana	2,413	3,451	-1,038	26,327	26,805	-478
Maine	815	891	-76	6,403	6,641	-238
Maryland	3,693	4,553	-860	38,695	42,279	-3,584
Massachusetts	5,155	6,660	-1,505	69,711	70,763	-1,052
Michigan	9,842	13,104	-3,262	65,967	55,480	10,487
Minnesota	3,120	3,895	-775	35,139	35,314	-175
Mississippi	1,589	2,737	-1,148	16,543	17,915	-1,372
Missouri	4,559	6,640	-2,081	34,869	37,815	-2,946
Montana	635	870	-235	5,477	6,440	-963
Nebraska	832	1,665	-833	7,801	7,234	567
Nevada	2,958	3,887	-929	26,137	27,432	-1,295
New Hampshire	619	771	-152	5,239	5,801	-562
New Jersey	7,858	11,920	-4,062	115,352	112,254	3,098
New Mexico	1,001	1,279	-278	13,061	13,342	-281
New York	18,092	38,985	-20,893	175,724	176,010	-286
North Carolina	4,229	4,914	-685	34,960	35,599	-639
North Dakota	636	556	80	7,095	3,964	3,131
Ohio	8,052	8,857	-805	62,297	62,339	-42
Oklahoma	1,811	2,115	-304	23,226	23,809	-583
Oregon	4,756	6,403	-1,647	31,279	32,150	-871
Pennsylvania	16,571	24,018	-7,447	146,159	143,026	3,133
* Puerto Rico	2,169	3,482	-1,313	25,591	32,742	-7,151
Rhode Island	1,358	990	368	10,396	10,231	165
South Carolina	3,843	5,515	-1,672	18,512	18,373	139
South Dakota	184	232	-48	1,325	1,525	-200
Tennessee	6,077	7,765	-1,688	30,974	30,617	357
Texas	16,523	19,605	-3,082	186,604	179,996	6,608
Utah	1,049	1,513	-464	9,534	10,153	-619
Vermont	346	496	-150	4,256	4,094	162
Virgin Islands	38	54	-16	880	818	62
Virginia	3,792	4,656	-864	31,536	29,932	1,604
Washington	7,229	8,008	-779	46,898	46,958	-60
West Virginia	1,279	1,681	-402	16,563	14,826	1,737
Wisconsin	6,181	8,121	-1,940	44,605	45,867	-1,262
Wyoming	420	489	-69	4,433	5,009	-576
US Total	262,981	344,363	-81,382	2,244,838	2,233,931	10,907

Note: Advance Claims are not directly comparable to claims reported 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's "workshare equivalent" activity.

\* Denotes state estimate

## 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		
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	2,225	-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	2,327	62	2,266.50	1.7	
July 4, 2015	296	14	279.25	2,216	-111	2,264.25	1.6	
July 11, 2015	281	-15	282.50	2,207	-9	2,253.75	1.6	
July 18, 2015	255	-26	278.50					

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 11 INITIAL CLAIMS								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 4 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM		ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD		RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	
Alabama	5906	2366	-1249	26	19	27063	1.5	2692	-5682	113	182	27358
Alaska	1064	269	-168	1	0	7522	2.4	-469	-2531	52	54	7628
Arizona	7317	2891	-351	38	21	37983	1.5	2859	-7410	355	206	38544
Arkansas	3451	484	-98	9	12	22825	2.0	489	-2123	106	176	23107
California	46942	-6999	-15209	251	208	354829	2.3	-17365	-64509	1511	3230	359570
Colorado	2897	751	-19	12	49	27053	1.1	-1828	-3904	143	775	27971
Connecticut	5047	239	-18	9	12	44994	2.7	2641	-7447	91	167	45252
Delaware	966	333	8	1	4	6901	1.7	-483	-1039	16	21	6938
District of Columbia	497	45	-42	8	2	8948	1.7	553	-1900	385	12	9345
Florida	12746	1922	-2708	23	102	67736	0.9	9209	-26778	208	454	68398
Georgia	11338	4075	-2916	45	59	44581	1.1	6190	-12345	261	676	45518
Hawaii	1541	469	-117	14	20	8137	1.4	791	-2122	93	173	8403
Idaho	1021	-80	-267	4	5	7292	1.1	-22	-1858	23	45	7360
Illinois	14510	3890	1903	16	36	115072	2.0	1883	-15098	374	505	115951
Indiana	4954	1270	-3779	6	14	22140	0.8	392	-7058	79	100	22319
Iowa	3627	-85	181	5	7	19975	1.3	2236	-45	75	97	20147
Kansas	2822	538	12	12	10	14556	1.1	654	-4040	81	173	14810
Kentucky	6939	1217	2479	16	13	22771	1.3	520	-4813	306	327	23404
Louisiana	3451	744	467	4	15	26805	1.4	201	4015	35	66	26906
Maine	891	-51	26	1	1	6641	1.2	108	-2073	18	38	6697
Maryland	4553	583	-535	21	26	42279	1.8	1406	-9957	340	300	42919
Massachusetts	6660	-3722	-1145	24	31	70763	2.1	4875	-14889	197	447	71407
Michigan	13104	-5035	1415	19	30	55480	1.4	3694	-14043	136	261	55877
Minnesota	3895	490	-537	2	13	35314	1.3	2387	-3733	77	198	35589
Mississippi	2737	358	-376	5	6	17915	1.7	1619	-5741	85	64	18064
Missouri	6640	-963	-605	42	9	37815	1.4	3883	-4868	226	162	38209
Montana	870	165	-38	2	3	6440	1.5	131	-150	59	39	6538
Nebraska	1665	262	219	0	4	7234	0.8	662	-1818	40	19	7293
Nevada	3887	496	-67	7	7	27432	2.3	1198	-3182	69	165	27666
New Hampshire	771	-131	-246	4	1	5801	0.9	267	-1556	7	14	5822
New Jersey	11920	-3540	1135	11	26	112254	3.0	11964	-14685	283	430	112967
New Mexico	1279	180	13	17	6	13342	1.7	-46	-2479	166	107	13615
New York	38985	15639	739	73	85	176010	2.0	22352	-18614	572	930	177512
North Carolina	4914	1128	-940	11	35	35599	0.9	868	-17755	165	472	36236
North Dakota	556	-81	100	55	0	3964	0.9	158	1715	153	19	4136
Ohio	8857	-997	-555	7	36	62339	1.2	3350	-8118	154	474	62967
Oklahoma	2115	522	155	12	14	23809	1.5	319	6227	74	179	24062
Oregon	6403	2379	210	33	44	32150	1.9	2699	-6071	219	262	32631
Pennsylvania	24018	5659	-189	115	72	143026	2.6	4597	-16689	568	654	144248
Puerto Rico	3482	524	-173	4	25	32742	3.7	1542	-4006	112	216	33070
Rhode Island	990	-1232	-471	0	4	10231	2.3	852	-1785	26	48	10305
South Carolina	5515	2517	771	5	30	18373	1.0	2258	-3896	40	142	18555
South Dakota	232	69	9	24	0	1525	0.4	25	69	232	5	1762
Tennessee	7765	3681	-755	12	23	30617	1.1	2198	-5895	127	189	30933
Texas	19605	3519	430	65	213	179996	1.6	-253	23303	590	2498	183084
Utah	1513	351	-128	41	7	10153	0.8	20	-964	230	64	10447
Vermont	496	28	-88	3	1	4094	1.4	212	-509	10	11	4115
Virgin Islands	54	5	3	0	1	818	2.2	76	-104	12	12	842
Virginia	4656	836	-1407	11	26	29932	0.9	3331	-8648	286	681	30899
Washington	8008	1920	421	19	94	46958	1.6	4584	-7279	227	1036	48221
West Virginia	1681	630	177	0	4	14826	2.2	12	1328	96	64	14986
Wisconsin	8121	70	-2014	8	9	45867	1.7	3137	-12622	118	93	46078
Wyoming	489	179	141	3	2	5009	1.8	-47	2040	23	30	5062
Totals	344363	40777	-26196	1156	1496	2233931	1.7	95581	-324134	10044	17762	2261743

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 JULY 11, 2015****STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
NY	+15,693	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+5,659	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
GA	+4,075	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food service industries.
IL	+3,890	Layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
TN	+3,681	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, and professional, scientific and technical service industries.
TX	+3,519	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, health care and social assistance, and transportation and warehousing industries.
AZ	+2,891	No comment.
SC	+2,517	No comment.
OR	+2,379	No comment.
AL	+2,366	Layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, manufacturing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
FL	+1,922	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
WA	+1,920	No comment.
IN	+1,270	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	+1,217	No comment.
NC	+1,128	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	-6,999	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
MI	-5,035	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MA	-3,722	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and accommodation and food service industries.
NJ	-3,540	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
RI	-1,232	No comment.



## 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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#### [Weekly Claims Data](#)

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