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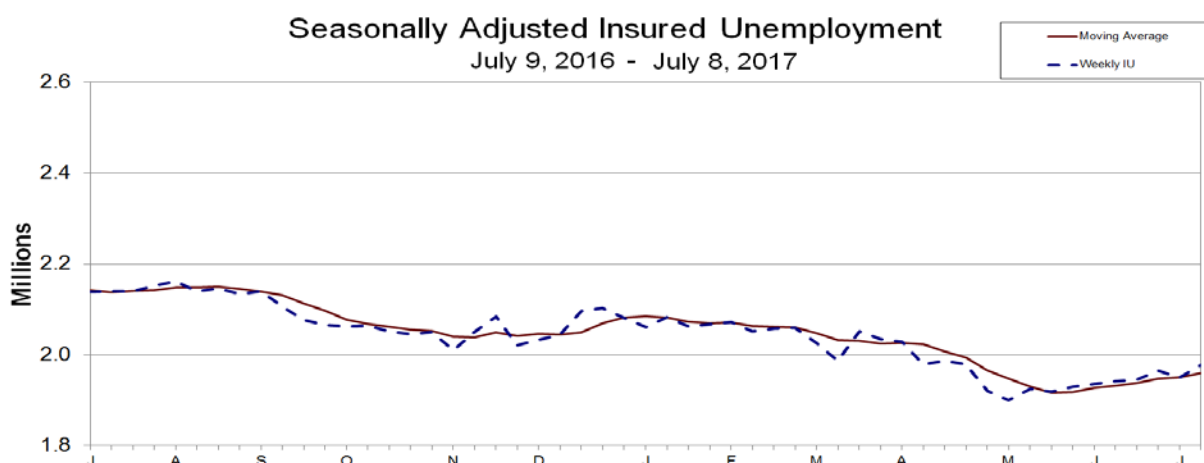
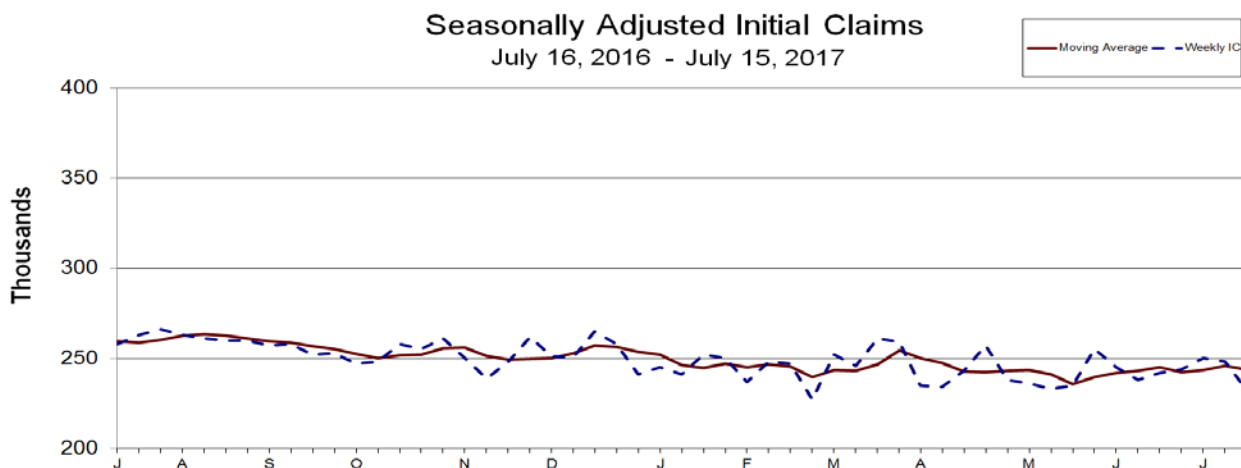
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 233,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 247,000 to 248,000. The 4-week moving average was 243,750, a decrease of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 245,750 to 246,000.

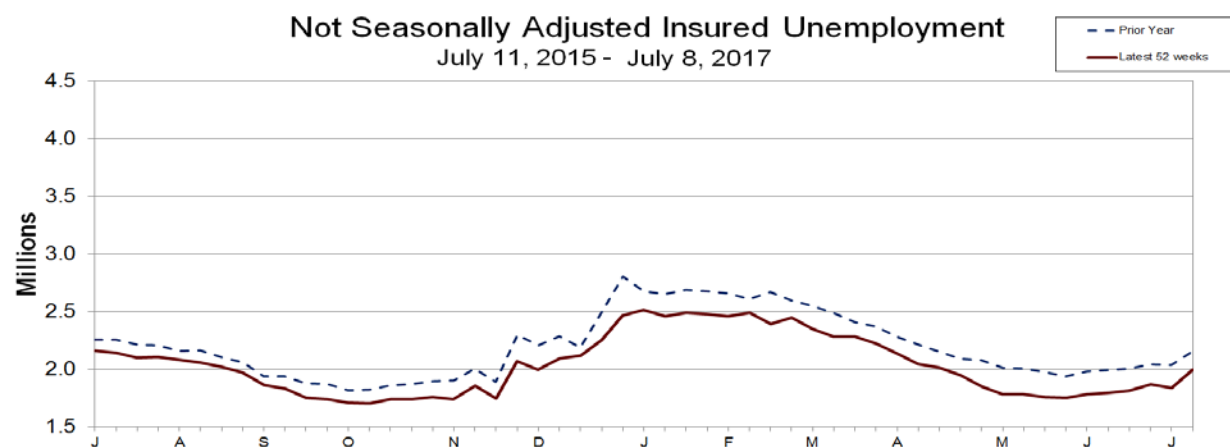
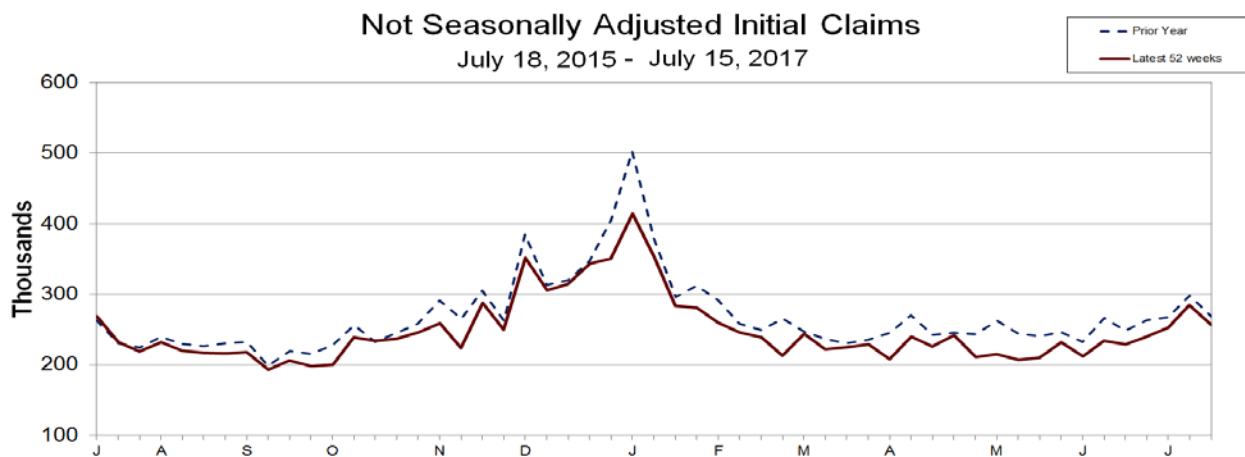
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.4 percent for the week ending July 8, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 8 was 1,977,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 4,000 from 1,945,000 to 1,949,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,959,000, an increase of 8,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,000 from 1,949,250 to 1,950,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 256,594 in the week ending July 15, a decrease of 28,122 (or -9.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 11,160 (or -3.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 268,526 initial claims in the comparable week in 2016.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.4 percent during the week ending July 8, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,996,346, an increase of 154,427 (or 8.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 126,693 (or 6.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.6 percent and the volume was 2,161,272.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 1 was 1,872,064, a decrease of 28,728 from the previous week. There were 2,073,659 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2016.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 807 in the week ending July 8, an increase of 72 from the prior week. There were 685 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 82 from the preceding week.

There were 7,818 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 1, a decrease of 525 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,804, a decrease of 595 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 1 were in Puerto Rico (3.0), New Jersey (2.5), Alaska (2.3), Connecticut (2.3), Pennsylvania (2.2), Rhode Island (2.0), California (1.9), Massachusetts (1.9), Illinois (1.7), and New York (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 8 were in New York (+13,871), Michigan (+8,645), Kentucky (+6,213), Ohio (+4,624), and Puerto Rico (+3,551), while the largest decreases were in California (-8,217), Missouri (-2,773), Massachusetts (-2,000), New Jersey (-1,838), and Connecticut (-1,794).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	July 1	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	233,000	248,000	-15,000	250,000	258,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	256,594	284,716	-28,122	252,851	268,526
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	243,750	246,000	-2,250	243,500	259,500
WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	June 24	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,977,000	1,949,000	+28,000	1,965,000	2,138,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,996,346	1,841,919	+154,427	1,868,501	2,161,272
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,959,000	1,950,250	+8,750	1,947,000	2,141,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)²	1.4%	1.4%	0.0	1.4%	1.6%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	1.4%	1.3%	+0.1	1.3%	1.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	807	735	+72	864
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	685	767	-82	961

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 1	June 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,838,723	1,865,837	-27,114	2,032,058
Federal Employees	7,818	8,343	-525	7,003
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,804	10,399	-595	12,664
Extended Benefits³	0	0	0	0
State Additional Benefits⁴	5,904	6,434	-530	6,421
STC / Workshare⁵	9,815	9,779	+36	15,513
TOTAL	1,872,064	1,900,792	-28,728	2,073,659

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 139,989,708 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 15			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 8		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,290	3,704	2,586	24,936	20,616	4,320
Alaska	871	855	16	7,030	7,109	-79
Arizona	4,575	6,141	-1,566	30,674	31,145	-471
Arkansas	1,727	3,188	-1,461	15,577	14,047	1,530
California	45,254	37,798	7,456	358,684	305,196	53,488
Colorado	1,807	1,829	-22	22,685	21,646	1,039
Connecticut	4,037	4,282	-245	43,048	38,639	4,409
Delaware	591	725	-134	6,484	5,926	558
District of Columbia	702	391	311	8,615	8,764	-149
Florida	8,608	8,904	-296	48,160	49,132	-972
Georgia	8,899	6,646	2,253	32,049	29,491	2,558
Hawaii	1,422	1,322	100	8,542	7,753	789
Idaho	760	1,025	-265	5,356	5,279	77
Illinois	9,771	9,954	-183	105,803	100,036	5,767
Indiana	2,845	2,671	174	15,239	14,644	595
Iowa	2,284	3,224	-940	19,280	16,603	2,677
Kansas	1,999	2,372	-373	12,125	10,805	1,320
Kentucky	3,610	10,771	-7,161	20,066	19,215	851
Louisiana	2,705	3,019	-314	20,910	24,753	-3,843
Maine	710	855	-145	4,830	4,546	284
Maryland	3,314	3,993	-679	33,966	36,226	-2,260
Massachusetts	5,440	7,369	-1,929	66,920	65,206	1,714
Michigan	10,611	17,620	-7,009	51,813	47,212	4,601
Minnesota	3,752	3,148	604	34,038	29,731	4,307
Mississippi	1,430	1,670	-240	13,870	14,125	-255
Missouri	4,451	4,928	-477	29,918	30,450	-532
Montana	552	870	-318	5,610	5,427	183
Nebraska	774	1,029	-255	5,566	5,029	537
Nevada	2,664	2,897	-233	20,582	20,300	282
New Hampshire	535	669	-134	4,388	4,522	-134
New Jersey	10,565	14,620	-4,055	107,256	96,666	10,590
New Mexico	909	1,027	-118	10,902	10,796	106
New York	23,683	31,852	-8,169	164,224	151,594	12,630
North Carolina	3,511	3,141	370	22,582	23,058	-476
North Dakota	466	1,049	-583	4,095	2,590	1,505
Ohio	7,837	10,921	-3,084	59,818	53,543	6,275
Oklahoma	1,340	1,721	-381	15,796	15,682	114
Oregon	4,327	4,246	81	28,286	25,842	2,444
Pennsylvania	14,687	15,880	-1,193	128,018	122,365	5,653
Puerto Rico	3,833	5,181	-1,348	31,104	26,642	4,462
Rhode Island	995	1,389	-394	10,339	9,331	1,008
South Carolina	5,558	3,530	2,028	17,825	15,424	2,401
South Dakota	177	164	13	1,352	1,194	158
Tennessee	3,422	4,147	-725	24,596	22,967	1,629
Texas	14,654	13,296	1,358	157,192	148,194	8,998
Utah	1,007	1,125	-118	7,945	7,767	178
Vermont	438	613	-175	4,106	3,642	464
Virgin Islands	18	17	1	552	386	166
Virginia	3,450	3,536	-86	27,527	24,788	2,739
Washington	6,228	6,307	-79	49,048	44,409	4,639
West Virginia	1,043	1,222	-179	11,731	9,798	1,933
Wisconsin	5,164	5,532	-368	32,532	28,906	3,626
Wyoming	292	331	-39	2,756	2,762	-6
US Total	256,594	284,716	-28,122	1,996,346	1,841,919	154,427

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.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Change from			Change from			IUR
	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	
July 9, 2016	254	-5	260.50	2,138	-9	2,141.50	1.6
July 16, 2016	258	4	259.50	2,140	2	2,137.00	1.6
July 23, 2016	263	5	258.50	2,139	-1	2,141.00	1.6
July 30, 2016	266	3	260.25	2,152	13	2,142.25	1.6
August 6, 2016	263	-3	262.50	2,161	9	2,148.00	1.6
August 13, 2016	261	-2	263.25	2,139	-22	2,147.75	1.6
August 20, 2016	260	-1	262.50	2,146	7	2,149.50	1.6
August 27, 2016	260	0	261.00	2,133	-13	2,144.75	1.5
September 3, 2016	257	-3	259.50	2,139	6	2,139.25	1.6
September 10, 2016	258	1	258.75	2,105	-34	2,130.75	1.5
September 17, 2016	252	-6	256.75	2,076	-29	2,113.25	1.5
September 24, 2016	253	1	255.00	2,066	-10	2,096.50	1.5
October 1, 2016	247	-6	252.50	2,063	-3	2,077.50	1.5
October 8, 2016	248	1	250.00	2,064	1	2,067.25	1.5
October 15, 2016	258	10	251.50	2,052	-12	2,061.25	1.5
October 22, 2016	255	-3	252.00	2,045	-7	2,056.00	1.5
October 29, 2016	261	6	255.50	2,050	5	2,052.75	1.5
November 5, 2016	250	-11	256.00	2,010	-40	2,039.25	1.5
November 12, 2016	239	-11	251.25	2,050	40	2,038.75	1.5
November 19, 2016	248	9	249.50	2,084	34	2,048.50	1.5
November 26, 2016	262	14	249.75	2,020	-64	2,041.00	1.5
December 3, 2016	251	-11	250.00	2,033	13	2,046.75	1.5
December 10, 2016	251	0	253.00	2,044	11	2,045.25	1.5
December 17, 2016	265	14	257.25	2,097	53	2,048.50	1.5
December 24, 2016	258	-7	256.25	2,102	5	2,069.00	1.5
December 31, 2016	241	-17	253.75	2,081	-21	2,081.00	1.5
January 7, 2017	245	4	252.25	2,061	-20	2,085.25	1.5
January 14, 2017	241	-4	246.25	2,083	22	2,081.75	1.5
January 21, 2017	252	11	244.75	2,063	-20	2,072.00	1.5
January 28, 2017	250	-2	247.00	2,067	4	2,068.50	1.5
February 4, 2017	237	-13	245.00	2,071	4	2,071.00	1.5
February 11, 2017	248	11	246.75	2,052	-19	2,063.25	1.5
February 18, 2017	247	-1	245.50	2,057	5	2,061.75	1.5
February 25, 2017	227	-20	239.75	2,059	2	2,059.75	1.5
March 4, 2017	252	25	243.50	2,025	-34	2,048.25	1.5
March 11, 2017	246	-6	243.00	1,987	-38	2,032.00	1.4
March 18, 2017	261	15	246.50	2,052	65	2,030.75	1.5
March 25, 2017	259	-2	254.50	2,035	-17	2,024.75	1.5
April 1, 2017	235	-24	250.25	2,028	-7	2,025.50	1.5
April 8, 2017	234	-1	247.25	1,978	-50	2,023.25	1.4
April 15, 2017	243	9	242.75	1,987	9	2,007.00	1.4
April 22, 2017	257	14	242.25	1,979	-8	1,993.00	1.4
April 29, 2017	238	-19	243.00	1,920	-59	1,966.00	1.4
May 6, 2017	236	-2	243.50	1,899	-21	1,946.25	1.4
May 13, 2017	233	-3	241.00	1,924	25	1,930.50	1.4
May 20, 2017	235	2	235.50	1,919	-5	1,915.50	1.4
May 27, 2017	255	20	239.75	1,929	10	1,917.75	1.4
June 3, 2017	245	-10	242.00	1,936	7	1,927.00	1.4
June 10, 2017	238	-7	243.25	1,942	6	1,931.50	1.4
June 17, 2017	242	4	245.00	1,945	3	1,938.00	1.4
June 24, 2017	244	2	242.25	1,965	20	1,947.00	1.4
July 1, 2017	250	6	243.50	1,949	-16	1,950.25	1.4
July 8, 2017	248	-2	246.00	1,977	28	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	233	-15	243.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 8								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 1					
STATE	STATE	INITIAL CLAIMS CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ₁	UCX ₁	STATE	(%) ₂	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ₁	UCX ₁		
Alabama	3704	-542	153	6	13	20616	1.1	907	-2673	62	116	20794	
Alaska	855	-21	-34	2	0	7109	2.3	-333	-1217	60	26	7195	
Arizona	6141	1101	-312	41	3	31145	1.2	-493	-3791	214	83	31442	
Arkansas	3188	1523	-318	2	6	14047	1.2	-197	-3470	57	64	14168	
California	37798	-8217	-1339	208	140	305196	1.9	-44221	-13576	1065	2052	308313	
Colorado	1829	-92	-425	8	18	21646	0.9	-1179	-5379	96	374	22116	
Connecticut	4282	-1794	354	5	11	38639	2.3	643	-4369	41	80	38760	
Delaware	725	175	20	2	2	5926	1.4	-710	-446	17	13	5956	
District of Columbia	391	-60	1	8	0	8764	1.6	-7	593	776	10	9550	
Florida	8904	554	-1410	19	52	49132	0.6	-2834	-3266	136	242	49510	
Georgia	6646	1370	-700	26	38	29491	0.7	-45	-3076	157	276	29924	
Hawaii	1322	220	-84	5	13	7753	1.3	149	730	64	100	7917	
Idaho	1025	162	-53	1	2	5279	0.8	-366	-1146	26	14	5319	
Illinois	9954	441	-285	12	12	100036	1.7	-2877	-10946	358	241	100635	
Indiana	2671	348	-773	4	7	14644	0.5	-252	-6983	43	38	14725	
Iowa	3224	968	291	0	7	16603	1.1	-91	-1297	39	49	16691	
Kansas	2372	-302	-2358	1	0	10805	0.8	507	-1924	39	43	10887	
Kentucky	10771	6213	4189	24	0	19215	1.1	797	-3061	107	152	19474	
Louisiana	3019	50	-144	4	10	24753	1.3	439	-2397	48	59	24860	
Maine	855	-102	158	0	0	4546	0.8	-143	-692	19	19	4584	
Maryland	3993	559	-34	24	9	36226	1.5	3016	-1818	338	173	36737	
Massachusetts	7369	-2000	1009	7	12	65206	1.9	3162	-1119	178	180	65564	
Michigan	17620	8645	97	8	20	47212	1.1	1545	-4655	101	132	47445	
Minnesota	3148	255	-856	4	3	29731	1.1	-185	-3943	44	91	29866	
Mississippi	1670	-357	-637	1	1	14125	1.3	98	-2455	65	47	14237	
Missouri	4928	-2773	-5501	20	3	30450	1.1	1771	4249	112	51	30613	
Montana	870	168	38	2	3	5427	1.2	-36	-748	52	38	5517	
Nebraska	1029	285	166	1	1	5029	0.5	98	-168	9	11	5049	
Nevada	2897	553	137	3	0	20300	1.6	-1164	-2320	71	91	20462	
New Hampshire	669	-242	-67	0	1	4522	0.7	454	-586	3	3	4528	
New Jersey	14620	-1838	3790	14	18	96666	2.5	6968	-4023	129	273	97068	
New Mexico	1027	211	-46	3	1	10796	1.4	-209	-2779	111	61	10968	
New York	31852	13871	-1460	25	29	151594	1.7	14968	-9761	320	447	152361	
North Carolina	3141	-50	-545	8	13	23058	0.6	-2	-4307	87	199	23344	
North Dakota	1049	702	65	89	2	2590	0.6	-100	-1609	144	3	2737	
Ohio	10921	4624	1082	5	24	53543	1.0	-975	-4625	78	257	53878	
Oklahoma	1721	249	-395	10	5	15682	1.0	123	-8772	67	100	15849	
Oregon	4246	318	453	12	11	25842	1.4	-228	-955	160	140	26142	
Pennsylvania	15880	264	-3838	63	35	122365	2.2	-391	-14982	378	328	123071	
Puerto Rico	5181	3551	2453	4	7	26642	3.0	-1857	-1139	90	93	26825	
Rhode Island	1389	-625	226	0	1	9331	2.0	1162	-370	22	32	9385	
South Carolina	3530	1026	153	5	12	15424	0.8	716	-2125	49	101	15574	
South Dakota	164	-16	-306	17	0	1194	0.3	-81	-234	236	4	1434	
Tennessee	4147	444	-109	8	1	22967	0.8	-157	-2063	393	56	23416	
Texas	13296	-756	-2779	51	92	148194	1.3	-3233	-34901	462	1703	150359	
Utah	1125	88	-104	24	4	7767	0.6	-37	-1366	119	32	7918	
Vermont	613	56	73	0	0	3642	1.2	64	-513	9	6	3657	
Virgin Islands	17	-37	-28	0	0	386	1.0	-118	-176	0	0	386	
Virginia	3536	498	-451	11	17	24788	0.7	165	-3978	280	388	25456	
Washington	6307	427	-955	2	14	44409	1.4	-156	-280	171	635	45215	
West Virginia	1222	473	-200	3	5	9798	1.5	-699	-5358	42	35	9875	
Wisconsin	5532	1171	-2173	5	6	28906	1.0	-621	-5422	51	33	28990	
Wyoming	331	126	-146	0	1	2762	1.0	-337	-3432	23	10	2795	
Totals	284716	31865	-13957	807	685	1841919	1.3	-26582	-195119	7818	9804	1859541	

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 8, 2017

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+13,871	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MI	+8,645	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	+6,213	No comment.
OH	+4,624	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PR	+3,551	No comment.
AR	+1,523	No comment.
GA	+1,370	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
WI	+1,171	Layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises, accommodation and food service, retail trade, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
AZ	+1,101	No comment.
SC	+1,026	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-8,217	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
MO	-2,773	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative, support, waste management and remediation service, and health care and social assistance industries.
MA	-2,000	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, and health care and social assistance industries.
NJ	-1,838	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, public administration, and administrative, support, waste management and remediation service industries.
CT	-1,794	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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