



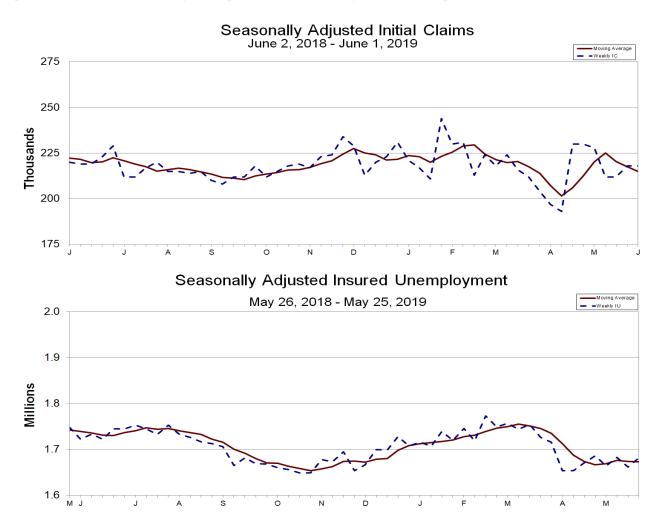
### TRANSMISSION OF MATERIALS IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8:30 A.M. (Eastern) Thursday, June 6, 2019

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 218,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 3,000 from 215,000 to 218,000. The 4-week moving average was 215,000, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 216,750 to 217,500.

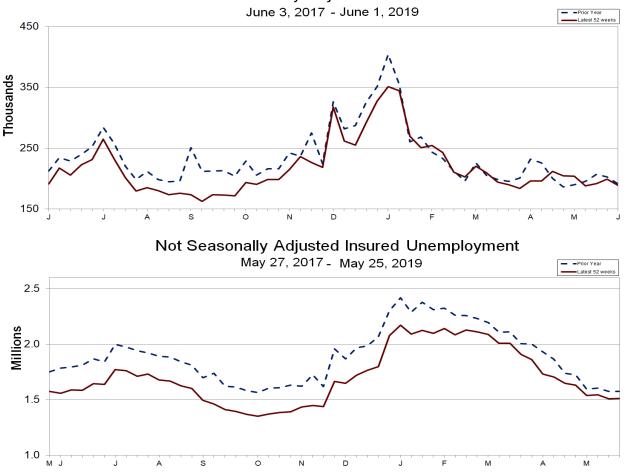
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 25, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 25 was 1,682,000, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 1,657,000 to 1,662,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,672,750, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 1,672,500 to 1,673,750.



### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 188,697 in the week ending June 1, a decrease of 10,397 (or -5.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,456 (or -5.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 191,523 initial claims in the comparable week in 2018.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 25, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,511,706, an increase of 2,460 (or 0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 14,959 (or -1.0 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.1 percent and the volume was 1,573,324.



Not Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 18 was 1,534,431, a decrease of 34,781 from the previous week. There were 1,600,524 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2018.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending May 18.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 566 in the week ending May 25, an increase of 19 from the prior week. There were 436 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 24 from the preceding week.

There were 6,939 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 18, a decrease of 535 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 5,781, an increase of 106 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 18 were in Alaska (2.2), California (1.9), New Jersey (1.9), Connecticut (1.7), Puerto Rico (1.7), Pennsylvania (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), Virgin Islands (1.5), Illinois (1.4), Massachusetts (1.4), and Washington (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 25 were in Michigan (+2,537), Missouri (+1,046), New York (+875), New Jersey (+874), and California (+847), while the largest decreases were in Ohio (-3,273), Pennsylvania (-2,067), Florida (-250), Arizona (-151), and Indiana (-104).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 1	May 25	Change	May 18	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	218,000	218,000	0	212,000	220,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	188,697	199,094	-10,397	191,931	191,523
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	215,000	217,500	-2,500	220,500	222,250
WEEK ENDING	May 25	May 18	Change	May 11	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,682,000	1,662,000	+20,000	1,683,000	1,748,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,511,706	1,509,246	+2,460	1,543,471	1,573,324
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,672,750	1,673,750	-1,000	1,676,000	1,742,750
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.1%

### INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	<b>May 25</b>	May 18	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	566	547	+19	734
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	436	460	-24	655

### PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 18	May 11	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	1,506,482	1,540,485	-34,003	1,571,916
Federal Employees	6,939	7,474	-535	6,775
Newly Discharged Veterans	5,781	5,675	+106	7,529
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	1	0	+1	44
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	6,002	6,214	-212	6,675
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	9,226	9,364	-138	7,585
TOTAL	1,534,431	1,569,212	-34,781	1,600,524

### 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 143,629,179 as denominator.
- 3. Information on the EB program can be found here: <u>EB Program information</u>
- 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: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>
- 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

	Initial Clair	ms Filed During Wee	k Ended June 1	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 25			
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang	
Alabama	2,715	2,729	-14	14,716	14,681	35	
Alaska	1,015	987	28	6,134	6,601	-467	
Arizona	3,895	4,129	-234	22,203	25,609	-3,406	
Arkansas	2,447	1,991	456	9,227	9,815	-588	
California	35,284	38,275	-2,991	324,681	319,156	5,525	
Colorado	1,655	1,880	-225	18,118	18,166	-48	
Connecticut	2,124	2,692	-568	29,453	28,460	993	
Delaware	375	397	-22	3,990	3,849	141	
District of Columbia	466	452	14	6,077	6,228	-151	
Florida	5,898	6,104	-206	30,125	33,987	-3,862	
Georgia	4,242	4,191	51	23,167	24,042	-875	
Hawaii	1,010	1,203	-193	6,799	6,805	-6	
Idaho	936	859	-195 77	4,116	4,454	-338	
Illinois	8,644	7,666	978	84,315	84,526	-338	
Indiana	2,211	1,905	306	13,720	13,336	384	
Iowa	2,366	2,128	238	14,147	13,501	646	
Kansas	1,700	2,024	-324	8,299	7,711	588	
Kentucky	2,319	2,638	-319	15,638	15,638	0	
Louisiana	2,540	2,742	-202	12,352	13,528	-1,176	
Maine	330	476	-146	4,380	4,771	-391	
Maryland	2,305	3,174	-869	22,293	24,632	-2,339	
Massachusetts	3,764	5,429	-1,665	49,147	49,699	-552	
Michigan	3,966	8,403	-4,437	42,228	40,695	1,533	
Minnesota	3,042	2,692	350	28,477	27,764	713	
Mississippi	2,004	2,210	-206	6,863	7,755	-892	
Missouri	4,351	4,350	1	18,432	17,075	1,357	
Montana	755	779	-24	4,813	4,860	-47	
Nebraska	995	868	127	3,303	3,148	155	
Nevada	2,370	2,142	228	15,956	17,044	-1,088	
New Hampshire	326	396	-70	2,782	3,097	-315	
New Jersey	6,161	7,928	-1,767	76,610	75,820	790	
New Mexico	1,225	1,031	194	8,228	8,256	-28	
New York	13,280	12,749	531	113,177	111,749	1,428	
North Carolina	2,647	3,409	-762	17,708	18,930	-1,222	
North Dakota	499	328	171	2,044	1,803	241	
Ohio	7,131	6,668	463	45,241	46,293	-1,052	
Oklahoma	1,886	1,722	164	12,908	13,191	-1,032	
	3,494	3,651	-157	24,140	24,560	-283	
Oregon							
Pennsylvania	11,984	9,862	2,122	93,822	88,098	5,724	
Puerto Rico	1,253	1,405	-152	12,526	14,108	-1,582	
Rhode Island	499	684	-185	6,779	6,951	-172	
South Carolina	1,740	1,993	-253	13,451	13,304	147	
South Dakota	184	280	-96	1,066	1,050	16	
Tennessee	3,749	2,977	772	15,315	15,825	-510	
Texas	12,933	14,355	-1,422	114,454	113,260	1,194	
Utah	935	1,053	-118	6,765	6,854	-89	
Vermont	403	430	-27	3,186	3,203	-17	
Virgin Islands	8	25	-17	334	472	-138	
Virginia	2,550	2,568	-18	18,375	18,363	12	
Washington	5,083	5,499	-416	45,396	45,044	352	
West Virginia	830	835	-5	10,503	8,671	1,832	
Wisconsin	3,775	3,514	261	21,679	21,608	71	
Wyoming	398	217	181	2,048	1,200	848	
US Total	188,697	199,094	-10,397	1,511,706	1,509,246	2,460	

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 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)

		Change					
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Week Ending	Initial Claims	Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
May 26, 2018	221	-6	220.00	1,748	7	1,742.75	1.2
une 2, 2018	221	-0 -1	220.00	1,748	-26	1,739.25	1.2
une 9, 2018	220	-1 -1	222.23	1,722	-20 12	1,736.25	1.2
	219	-1 0	221.75	1,734	-12	1,731.50	1.2
une 16, 2018 une 23, 2018	219	4	219.75	1,722	-12 23	1,730.75	1.2
une 30, 2018	223		220.23	1,745		1,736.50	1.2
uly 7, 2018	229	6 -17	222.30 220.75	1,743	0 8	1,741.25	1.2
uly 14, 2018	212	-17	220.73	1,735	-8	1,747.00	1.2
•	212		219.00	1,733	-8 -12	1,744.00	1.2
uly 21, 2018	217	5 3	217.50	1,753	-12 20	1,746.00	1.2
uly 28, 2018	220	-5	215.25 216.00	1,735	-19		1.2
August 4, 2018						1,741.25	
August 11, 2018	215	0	216.75	1,726	-8 -9	1,736.50	1.2
August 18, 2018	214	-1	216.00	1,717		1,732.50	1.2
August 25, 2018	215	1	214.75	1,713	-4	1,722.50	1.2
September 1, 2018	210	-5	213.50	1,706	-7	1,715.50	1.2
September 8, 2018	208	-2	211.75	1,665	-41	1,700.25	1.2
eptember 15, 2018	212	4	211.25	1,682	17	1,691.50	1.2
September 22, 2018	212	0	210.50	1,669	-13	1,680.50	1.2
September 29, 2018	218	6	212.50	1,668	-1	1,671.00	1.2
October 6, 2018	212	-6	213.50	1,660	-8	1,669.75	1.2
October 13, 2018	215	3	214.25	1,656	-4	1,663.25	1.2
October 20, 2018	218	3	215.75	1,649	-7	1,658.25	1.2
October 27, 2018	219	1	216.00	1,649	0	1,653.50	1.2
lovember 3, 2018	217	-2	217.25	1,678	29	1,658.00	1.2
November 10, 2018	223	6	219.25	1,673	-5	1,662.25	1.2
November 17, 2018	224	1	220.75	1,695	22	1,673.75	1.2
November 24, 2018	234	10	224.50	1,654	-41	1,675.00	1.2
December 1, 2018	229	-5	227.50	1,667	13	1,672.25	1.2
December 8, 2018	213	-16	225.00	1,700	33	1,679.00	1.2
December 15, 2018	220	7	224.00	1,699	-1	1,680.00	1.2
December 22, 2018	223	3	221.25	1,728	29	1,698.50	1.2
December 29, 2018	231	8	221.75	1,708	-20	1,708.75	1.2
anuary 5, 2019	221	-10	223.75	1,716	8	1,712.75	1.2
anuary 12, 2019	217	-4	223.00	1,707	-9	1,714.75	1.2
anuary 19, 2019	211	-6	220.00	1,739	32	1,717.50	1.2
anuary 26, 2019	244	33	223.25	1,720	-19	1,720.50	1.2
February 2, 2019	230	-14	225.50	1,746	26	1,728.00	1.2
ebruary 9, 2019	231	1	229.00	1,719	-27	1,731.00	1.2
ebruary 16, 2019	213	-18	229.50	1,773	54	1,739.50	1.2
ebruary 23, 2019	224	11	224.50	1,749	-24	1,746.75	1.2
Iarch 2, 2019	218	-6	221.50	1,757	8	1,749.50	1.2
Iarch 9, 2019	224	6	219.75	1,744	-13	1,755.75	1.2
Iarch 16, 2019	216	-8	220.50	1,755	11	1,751.25	1.2
Iarch 23, 2019	212	-4	217.50	1,726	-29	1,745.50	1.2
Iarch 30, 2019	204	-8	214.00	1,716	-10	1,735.25	1.2
pril 6, 2019	197	-7	207.25	1,654	-62	1,712.75	1.2
pril 13, 2019	193	-4	201.50	1,654	0	1,687.50	1.2
pril 20, 2019	230	37	206.00	1,671	17	1,673.75	1.2
april 27, 2019	230	0	212.50	1,686	15	1,666.25	1.2
fay 4, 2019	228	-2	220.25	1,664	-22	1,668.75	1.2
fay 11, 2019	212	-16	225.00	1,683	19	1,676.00	1.2
fay 18, 2019	212	0	220.50	1,662	-21	1,673.75	1.2
lay 25, 2019	218	6	217.50	1,682	20	1,672.75	1.2
une 1, 2019	218	0	215.00				

# INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED

	MAY 25						noord		MAY 18	1 011	
		CHANG	E FROM				CHA	NGE FROM			ALL PROGRAMS
		LAST	YEAR				LAST				EXCLUDING
STATE NAME	STATE	WEEK	AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%	$)^2$ WEE	K AGO	UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	RAILROAD RETIREMENT
Alabama	2729	248	-525	9	7	14681 0.		-2199	64	60	14805
Alaska	987	168	-185	2	0	6601 2.	2 -260	-1419	55	14	6670
Arizona	4129	-151	-314	19	2	25609 0.	9 112	-1897	73	52	25734
Arkansas	1991	294	6	4	3	9815 0.	8 192	-1246	47	28	9890
California	38275	847	730	145	63	319156 1.	9 -2557	9 -7161	1742	1321	322219
Colorado	1880	263	23	5	12	18166 0.	7 -367	-871	100	190	18456
Connecticut	2692	110	209	3	4	28460 1.	7 -125	-3191	41	48	28549
Delaware	397	-30	-21	1	0	3849 0.	9 -24	-320	6	13	3868
District of Columbia	452	-48	141	9	0	6228 1.	1 -88	-1322	309	5	6542
Florida	6104	-250	-976	24	25	33987 0.		-3311	128	103	34218
Georgia	4191	-95	-1042	26	22	24042 0.	6 12	-1368	170	171	24383
Hawaii	1203	-39	26	2	10	6805 1.		332	52	74	6931
Idaho	859	135	27	2	3	4454 0.			25	15	4494
Illinois	7666	284	-1123	9	8	84526 1.			298	177	85001
Indiana	1905	-104	-130	6	7	13336 0.		-331	24	32	13392
Iowa	2128	169	-296	0	1	13500 0.			33	16	13550
Kansas	2024	622	302	3	2	7711 0.			34	27	7772
	2638	366	-236	0	4	15638 0.		-2957	60	106	15804
Kentucky Louisiana	2038	300 446	-230	6	4 5	13528 0.		-1839	64	21	13613
Maine	476	-52	1	0	1 5	4771 0. 24632 1.			12	11 70	4794
Maryland	3174 5429	462 684	-348	18 9	9				288		24990 49867
Massachusetts			732						86	82	
Michigan	8403	2537	659	5	5	40695 1.			92	46	40833
Minnesota	2692	-21	-19	0	5	27764 1.			50	49	27863
Mississippi	2210	306	116	5	0	7755 0.		-285	103	28	7886
Missouri	4350	1046	-935	1	1	17075 0.		-7162	71	25	17171
Montana	779	155	78	4	2	4860 1.			39	26	4925
Nebraska	868	210	47	1	0	3148 0.		-406	11	5	3164
Nevada	2142	161	-47	1	2	17044 1.			55	47	17146
New Hampshire	396	-22	37	2	2	3097 0.		-464	1	1	3099
New Jersey	7928	874	143	16	22	75820 1.			169	195	76184
New Mexico	1031	247	86	3	1	8256 1.		-541	79	40	8375
New York	12749	875	-1158	21	17	111749 1.			322	292	112363
North Carolina	3409	23	618	10	14	18930 0.		-240	87	102	19119
North Dakota	328	28	32	8	0	1803 0.			17	2	1822
Ohio	6668	-3273	500	8	9	46293 0.			93	101	46487
Oklahoma	1722	-8	257	2	3	13191 0.			44	49	13284
Oregon	3651	393	513	17	8	24560 1.			210	57	24827
Pennsylvania	9862	-2067	-1989	30	23	88098 1.			393	248	88739
Puerto Rico	1405	292	123	7	2	14108 1.		-1067	141	50	14299
Rhode Island	684	-29	76	0	1	6951 1.		165	15	14	6980
South Carolina	1993	-8	-465	2	4	13304 0.		-1299	41	57	13402
South Dakota	280	116	100	30	0	1050 0.		-6	21	2	1073
Tennessee	2977	431	-507	8	6	15825 0.	5 578	-2306	64	63	15952
Texas	14355	548	1519	53	74	113260 0.	9 2755		600	980	114840
Utah	1053	155	43	9	2	6854 0.	5 -52	-324	36	15	6905
Vermont	430	-98	43	1	0	3203 1.	1 24	-36	5	0	3208
Virgin Islands	25	-6	9	0	0	472 1.	5 104	-974	2	2	477
Virginia	2568	-76	-532	5	10	18363 0.	5 186	-2557	162	169	18694
Washington	5499	-14	405	10	17	45044 1.	4 -49	1855	213	441	45698
West Virginia	835	45	0	0	7	8671 1.	3 5	186	25	18	8714
Wisconsin	3514	4	-145	4	6	21608 0.	8 -1341	-459	57	17	21682
Wyoming	217	10	-43	1	0	1200 0.	5 -591	-1128	10	4	1214
Totals	199094	7163	-3752	566	436	1509246 1.	1 -3422	5 -64759	6939	5781	1521967

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 Exservicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.

2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

# UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 25, 2019

# STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+2,537	Layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.
MO	+1,046	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, transportation and warehousing, and health care and
		social assistance industries.

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

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OH	-3,273	No comment.
PA	-2,067	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food service, manufacturing, construction, and arts, entertainment, and recreation 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.

#### Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <u>http://www.dol.gov</u>. The Departments <u>Reasonable Accommodation</u> <u>Resource Center</u> converts Departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

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