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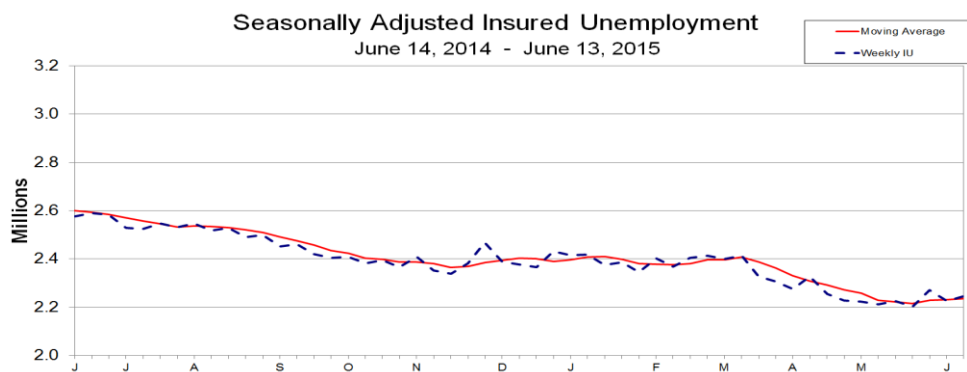
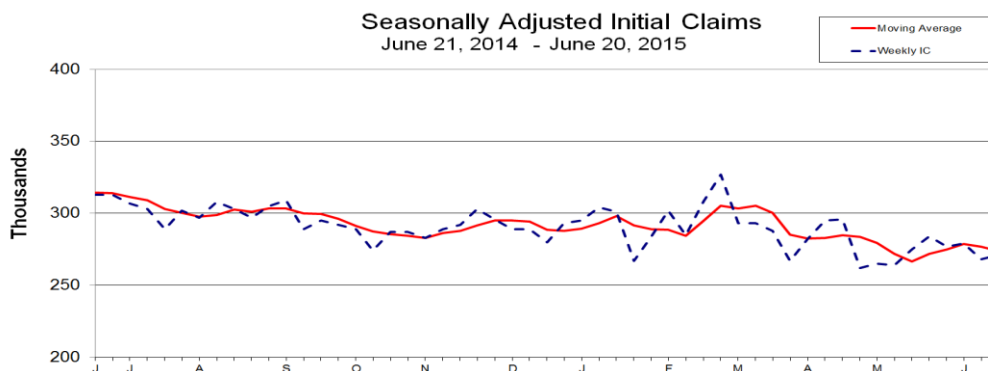
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 271,000, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 267,000 to 268,000. The 4-week moving average was 273,750, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 276,750 to 277,000.

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

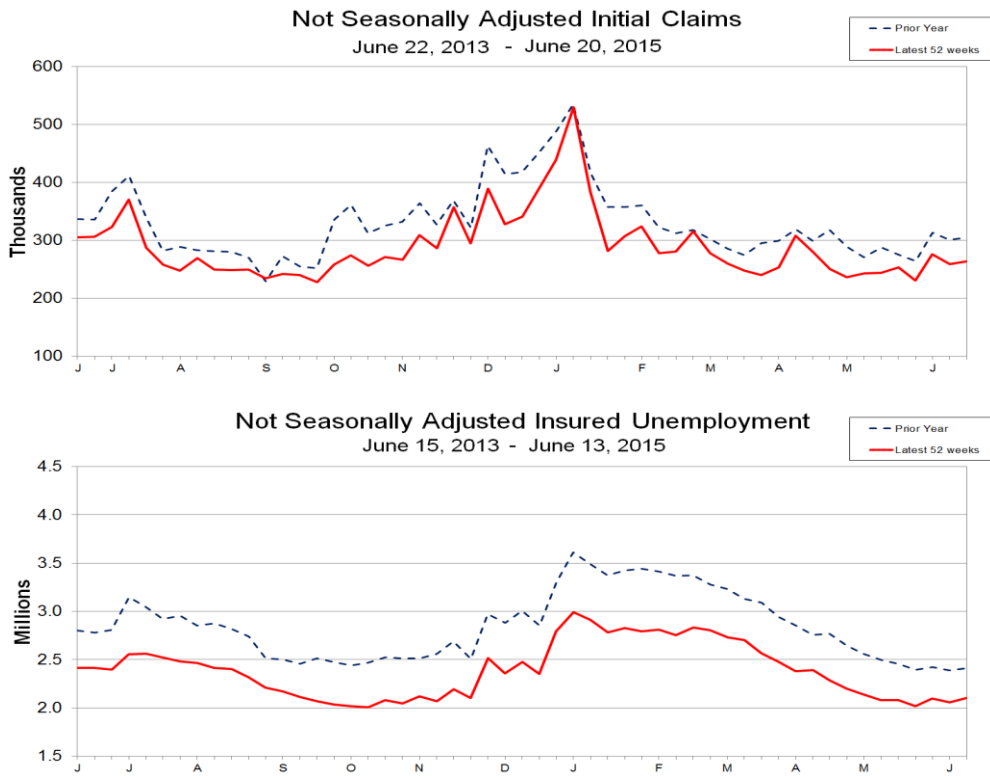
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending June 13, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 13 was 2,247,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 3,000 from 2,222,000 to 2,225,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,237,000, an increase of 5,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 750 from 2,231,000 to 2,231,750.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 263,221 in the week ending June 20, an increase of 4,457 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,607 (or 0.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 305,029 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending June 13, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,101,132, an increase of 44,959 (or 2.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,478 (or 1.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.8 percent and the volume was 2,413,778.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 6 was 2,101,392, a decrease of 40,915 from the previous week. There were 2,441,475 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 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 739 in the week ending June 13, a decrease of 448 from the prior week. There were 1,343 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 140 from the preceding week.

There were 9,608 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 6, a decrease of 351 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 17,982, a decrease of 1,221 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 6 were in Puerto Rico (3.3), Alaska (3.0), New Jersey (2.4), California (2.2), Connecticut (2.2), Nevada (2.2), Pennsylvania (2.2), West Virginia (2.2), Arkansas (2.0), and the Virgin Islands (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 13 were in Pennsylvania (+6,007), Florida (+1,063), Wisconsin (+709), Nevada (+537), and Delaware (+396), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,592), Tennessee (-1,899), Georgia (-1,893), Texas (-1,575), and New York (-1,458).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 20	June 13	Change	June 6	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	271,000	268,000	+3,000	279,000	313,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	263,221	258,764	+4,457	275,619	305,029
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	273,750	277,000	-3,250	278,750	314,250
WEEK ENDING	June 13	June 6	Change	May 30	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,247,000	2,225,000	+22,000	2,272,000	2,576,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,101,132	2,056,173	+44,959	2,096,985	2,413,778
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,237,000	2,231,750	+5,250	2,228,500	2,600,000
<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%	1.5%	+0.1	1.6%	1.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 13	June 6	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	739	1,187	-448	1,054
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,343	1,483	-140	1,792

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 6	May 30	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,051,922	2,093,208	-41,286	2,382,824
Federal Employees	9,608	9,959	-351	11,463
Newly Discharged Veterans	17,982	19,203	-1,221	23,511
<u>Extended Benefits</u> ³	0	0	0	141
<u>State Additional Benefits</u> ⁴	7,102	7,072	+30	8,193
<u>STC / Workshare</u> ⁵	14,778	12,865	+1,913	15,343
TOTAL	2,101,392	2,142,307	-40,915	2,441,475

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](#)

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 13, 2015

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	+6,007	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and educational service industries.
FL	+1,063	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,592	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
TN	-1,899	No comment.
GA	-1,893	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, construction, accommodation and food service, trade, and manufacturing industries.
TX	-1,575	No comment.
NY	-1,458	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
MO	-1,284	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and construction industries.
PR	-1,241	No comment.
OH	-1,168	No comment.

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 14, 2014	313	-4	312.75	2,576	-10	2,600.00	2.0
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	1.7
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	2,247	22	2,237.00	1.7
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 13 INITIAL CLAIMS								Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 6 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT				
STATE	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE	%	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹			LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	3429	-790	-1005	10	17	24494	1.4	-236	-5197	127	193	24814
Alaska	1018	-240	-131	3	4	9303	3.0	-523	-2357	75	59	9437
Arizona	4361	-808	-894	22	21	35908	1.5	803	-6666	269	209	36386
Arkansas	3140	-247	-85	4	6	22117	2.0	-935	-1145	105	186	22408
California	43112	-2592	-18660	124	171	347060	2.2	-21225	-69441	1502	3434	351996
Colorado	2336	-442	-149	10	47	29586	1.3	-3219	-3572	170	825	30581
Connecticut	2795	-259	-390	5	12	36643	2.2	-299	-7684	86	162	36891
Delaware	1236	396	-143	0	4	5950	1.4	168	-871	22	29	6001
District of Columbia	319	-44	-25	8	1	7824	1.5	-97	-2026	388	15	8227
Florida	12045	1063	-3200	26	89	60725	0.8	526	-27665	174	478	61377
Georgia	7210	-1893	-1167	31	50	39680	1.0	1272	-9685	248	619	40547
Hawaii	1305	-253	-354	8	19	7792	1.3	116	-2695	91	153	8036
Idaho	882	-492	-346	2	4	7249	1.1	-277	-1664	31	46	7326
Illinois	11862	-783	-1443	4	21	107270	1.9	-377	-20755	373	509	108152
Indiana	3460	-166	-437	7	14	21946	0.8	207	-7799	88	124	22158
Iowa	2530	-425	335	9	6	17657	1.2	273	-238	76	94	17827
Kansas	1961	-482	-323	3	18	14633	1.1	-1043	-4243	72	145	14850
Kentucky	2661	-528	-811	19	11	22345	1.3	87	-3490	264	359	22968
Louisiana	2888	-480	197	5	17	25858	1.4	571	4282	33	65	25956
Maine	924	119	-21	0	1	7410	1.3	383	-1529	26	45	7481
Maryland	3834	-226	-762	18	24	38321	1.6	250	-10734	331	319	38971
Massachusetts	5121	-231	-931	18	27	63754	1.9	182	-8650	237	434	64425
Michigan	5862	-61	-1300	11	23	48040	1.2	-2937	-17693	167	247	48454
Minnesota	3762	-964	-168	8	12	33855	1.3	-1462	-3719	83	190	34128
Mississippi	2237	-592	-396	2	4	16055	1.5	727	-6107	89	62	16206
Missouri	4534	-1284	-1150	12	15	34115	1.3	-421	-6056	197	187	34499
Montana	963	-48	-18	10	5	6400	1.5	-244	-19	55	44	6499
Nebraska	947	-295	-163	6	6	6709	0.7	87	-1101	44	21	6774
Nevada	3790	537	237	1	10	25300	2.2	-373	-3397	66	161	25527
New Hampshire	607	-65	-102	1	0	4719	0.8	0	-1705	24	12	4755
New Jersey	7740	-457	-1070	14	23	90898	2.4	-2701	-14526	262	410	91570
New Mexico	1095	-453	-116	18	5	13715	1.8	104	-2364	130	99	13944
New York	15138	-1458	-1063	27	75	148648	1.7	-2191	-22298	542	893	150083
North Carolina	4522	-368	-966	14	49	34814	0.9	155	-16604	142	447	35403
North Dakota	431	-36	141	16	2	3447	0.8	-84	1775	101	11	3559
Ohio	7594	-1168	-1320	7	35	58744	1.2	-244	-9153	132	494	59370
Oklahoma	1799	-455	175	5	18	23645	1.5	191	7021	81	164	23890
Oregon	5039	-634	343	16	48	29334	1.7	-1000	-4999	256	237	29827
Pennsylvania	25234	6007	-642	67	62	123099	2.2	271	-21316	586	614	124299
Puerto Rico	2737	-1241	-326	2	9	29380	3.3	2551	-3260	92	220	29692
Rhode Island	865	43	-299	3	1	8183	1.8	-2	-1200	26	50	8259
South Carolina	3598	-31	-678	8	22	16046	0.9	177	-2798	53	163	16262
South Dakota	242	-35	2	25	2	1443	0.4	-43	-66	189	5	1637
Tennessee	3958	-1899	-633	6	19	27608	1.0	810	-5385	122	177	27907
Texas	16929	-1575	435	51	185	169953	1.5	-4366	20982	517	2539	173009
Utah	1195	-254	-204	31	4	10756	0.9	113	-942	124	64	10944
Vermont	395	-27	-42	2	2	3927	1.3	-128	-296	12	7	3946
Virgin Islands	39	-9	3	0	0	744	2.0	-254	-22	14	10	768
Virginia	3637	-350	-726	13	26	28551	0.8	-145	-7432	255	690	29496
Washington	5961	-92	-930	23	78	45559	1.5	-3693	-7030	224	1047	46830
West Virginia	1302	-410	135	0	8	14670	2.2	-340	1345	103	71	14844
Wisconsin	7744	709	-961	4	9	39051	1.4	-1537	-10973	112	104	39267
Wyoming	439	-87	116	0	2	5240	1.9	-440	2153	20	40	5300
Totals	258764	-16855	-42431	739	1343	2056173	1.5	-40812	-331009	9608	17982	2083763

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.

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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