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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

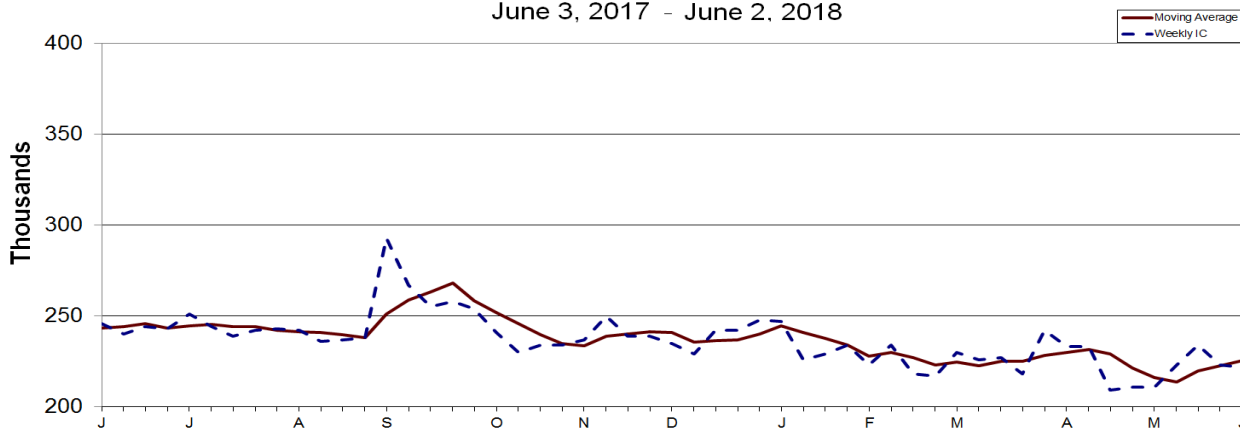
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 222,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 221,000 to 223,000. The 4-week moving average was 225,500, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 222,250 to 222,750.

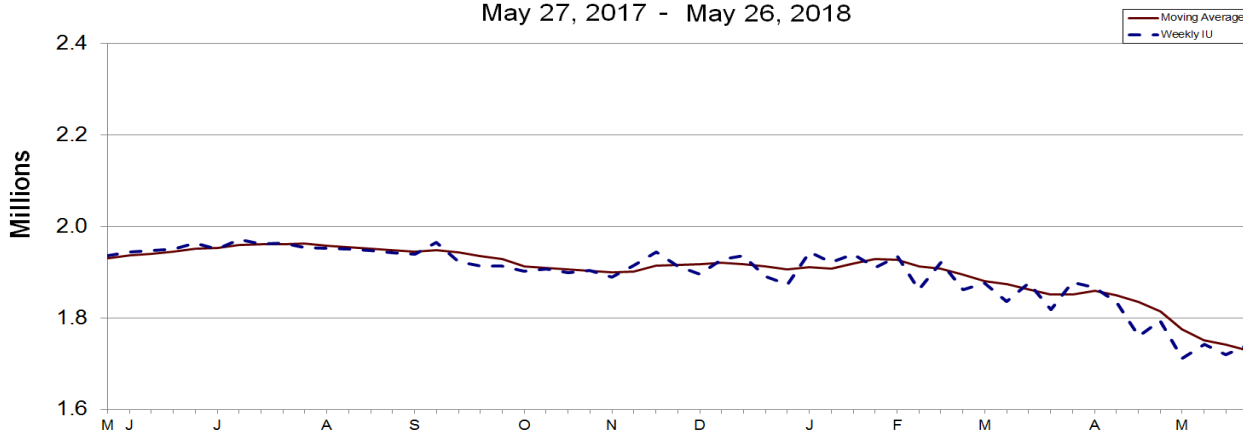
Claims taking procedures in Puerto Rico and in the Virgin Islands have still not returned to normal.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending May 26, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 26 was 1,741,000, an increase of 21,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 6,000 from 1,726,000 to 1,720,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,728,750, a decrease of 13,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since December 8, 1973 when it was 1,715,500. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,500 from 1,743,500 to 1,742,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
June 3, 2017 - June 2, 2018



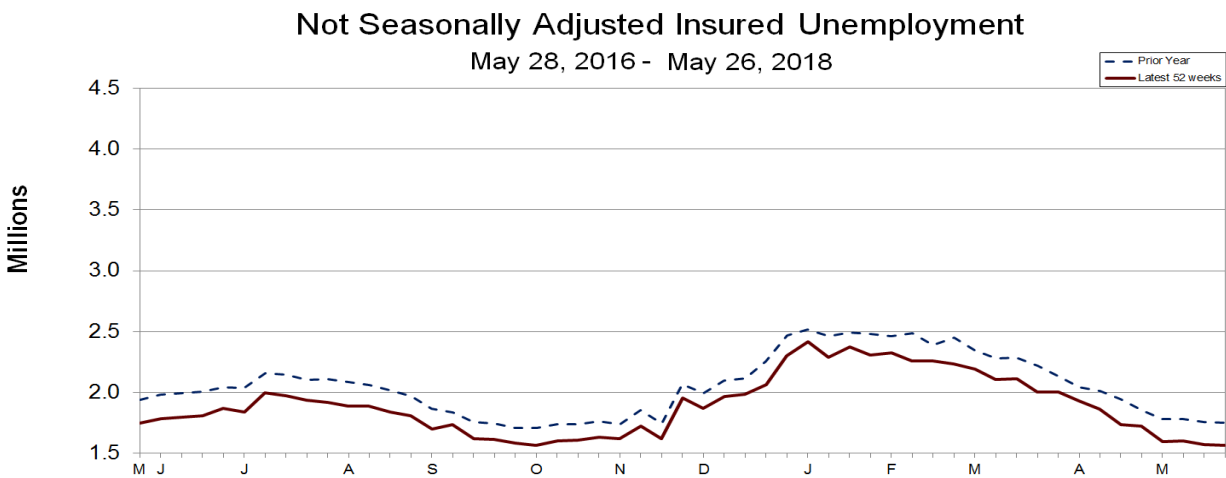
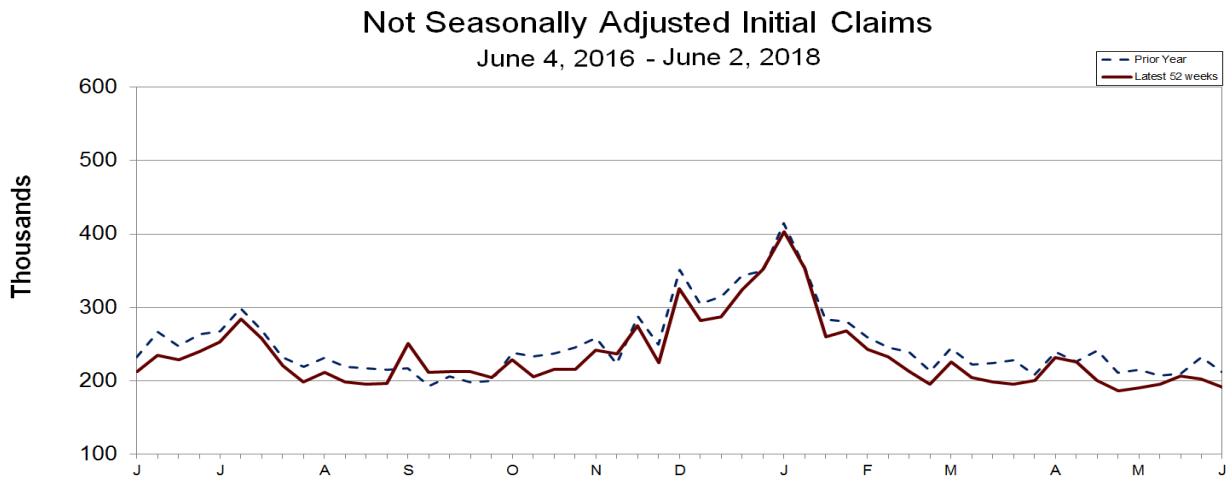
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
May 27, 2017 - May 26, 2018



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 191,177 in the week ending June 2, a decrease of 11,669 (or -5.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 10,910 (or -5.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 212,696 initial claims in the comparable week in 2017.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.1 percent during the week ending May 26, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 1,568,788, a decrease of 5,215 (or -0.3 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 24,083 (or -1.5 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 1,751,112.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 19 was 1,600,524, a decrease of 31,381 from the previous week. There were 1,795,803 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2017.

Extended benefits were payable in the Virgin Islands during the week ending May 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 734 in the week ending May 26, an increase of 80 from the prior week. There were 655 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 69 from the preceding week.

There were 6,775 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 19, a decrease of 982 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 7,529, a decrease of 182 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 19 were in the Virgin Islands (3.9), Alaska (2.6), California (2.0), New Jersey (2.0), Connecticut (1.9), Puerto Rico (1.7), Pennsylvania (1.6), Illinois (1.5), Rhode Island (1.5), and Nevada (1.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 26 were in New York (+1,628), Missouri (+1,125), Michigan (+1,023), Illinois (+917), and Tennessee (+748), while the largest decreases were in California (-3,999), Kentucky (-3,755), Pennsylvania (-1,511), Texas (-1,117), and Alabama (-837).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	June 2	May 26	Change	May 19	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	222,000	223,000	-1,000	234,000	246,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	191,177	202,846	-11,669	207,043	212,696
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	225,500	222,750	+2,750	219,750	243,500
WEEK ENDING	May 26	May 19	Change	May 12	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,741,000	1,720,000	+21,000	1,742,000	1,937,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,568,788	1,574,003	-5,215	1,604,119	1,751,112
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,728,750	1,742,000	-13,250	1,752,000	1,931,000
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.4%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	1.1%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 26	May 19	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	734	654	+80	703
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	655	724	-69	694

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 19	May 12	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	1,571,916	1,601,888	-29,972	1,760,297
Federal Employees	6,775	7,757	-982	8,154
Newly Discharged Veterans	7,529	7,711	-182	10,408
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	44	0	+44	0
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	6,675	6,903	-228	7,367
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	7,585	7,646	-61	9,577
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,600,524	1,631,905	-31,381	1,795,803

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 141,433,196 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 June 2			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended May 26		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,880	3,254	-374	17,317	16,880	437
Alaska	1,047	1,172	-125	7,601	8,020	-419
Arizona	4,140	4,443	-303	24,340	27,506	-3,166
Arkansas	2,220	1,985	235	10,491	11,061	-570
California	36,097	37,545	-1,448	318,392	326,317	-7,925
Colorado	1,915	1,857	58	20,196	19,037	1,159
Connecticut	2,277	2,483	-206	32,747	31,651	1,096
Delaware	503	418	85	4,102	4,169	-67
District of Columbia	512	311	201	7,064	7,550	-486
Florida	6,766	7,080	-314	33,924	37,298	-3,374
Georgia	4,630	5,233	-603	24,565	25,410	-845
Hawaii	1,281	1,177	104	7,043	6,473	570
Idaho	931	832	99	3,918	4,214	-296
Illinois	10,425	8,789	1,636	89,371	86,286	3,085
Indiana	2,049	2,035	14	14,052	13,667	385
Iowa	1,972	2,424	-452	13,920	13,308	612
Kansas	1,596	1,722	-126	8,390	8,380	10
Kentucky	2,239	2,874	-635	16,947	18,595	-1,648
Louisiana	2,765	3,059	-294	14,704	15,367	-663
Maine *	440	475	-35	4,664	4,971	-307
Maryland	2,587	3,522	-935	24,977	27,651	-2,674
Massachusetts	4,008	4,697	-689	44,799	46,488	-1,689
Michigan	3,970	7,744	-3,774	42,578	41,543	1,035
Minnesota	2,861	2,711	150	29,222	28,922	300
Mississippi	2,094	2,094	0	8,458	8,040	418
Missouri	4,196	5,285	-1,089	21,992	24,237	-2,245
Montana	769	701	68	5,040	5,274	-234
Nebraska	966	821	145	3,806	3,554	252
Nevada	2,480	2,189	291	16,568	17,991	-1,423
New Hampshire	392	359	33	3,061	3,561	-500
New Jersey	6,038	7,785	-1,747	80,607	79,863	744
New Mexico	1,322	945	377	8,406	8,797	-391
New York	12,575	13,907	-1,332	118,405	118,812	-407
North Carolina	2,720	2,791	-71	18,467	19,170	-703
North Dakota	406	296	110	2,238	2,002	236
Ohio	6,887	6,168	719	45,081	45,555	-474
Oklahoma	1,331	1,465	-134	12,818	13,170	-352
Oregon	3,002	3,138	-136	24,183	24,480	-297
Pennsylvania	10,888	11,851	-963	97,838	89,648	8,190
Puerto Rico ^{IM}	1,188	1,282	-94	14,556	15,175	-619
Rhode Island	580	608	-28	6,841	6,786	55
South Carolina	2,094	2,458	-364	14,412	14,603	-191
South Dakota	160	180	-20	947	1,056	-109
Tennessee	4,984	3,484	1,500	17,748	18,131	-383
Texas	12,361	12,836	-475	120,844	114,482	6,362
Utah	944	1,010	-66	7,153	7,178	-25
Vermont	391	387	4	3,221	3,239	-18
Virgin Islands ^{IM}	7	16	-9	1,100	1,446	-346
Virginia	2,787	3,100	-313	21,469	20,920	549
Washington	4,776	5,094	-318	43,887	43,189	698
West Virginia	722	835	-113	9,026	8,485	541
Wisconsin	3,700	3,659	41	23,134	22,067	1,067
Wyoming	306	260	46	2,158	2,328	-170
US Total	191,177	202,846	-11,669	1,568,788	1,574,003	-5,215

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.

^IAffected by Hurricane Irma.

^MAffected by Hurricane Maria

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
May 27, 2017	253	16	241.25	1,937	5	1,931.00	1.4
June 3, 2017	246	-7	243.50	1,945	8	1,937.25	1.4
June 10, 2017	240	-6	244.00	1,947	2	1,940.25	1.4
June 17, 2017	244	4	245.75	1,950	3	1,944.75	1.4
June 24, 2017	243	-1	243.25	1,964	14	1,951.50	1.4
July 1, 2017	251	8	244.50	1,951	-13	1,953.00	1.4
July 8, 2017	244	-7	245.50	1,971	20	1,959.00	1.4
July 15, 2017	239	-5	244.25	1,962	-9	1,962.00	1.4
July 22, 2017	242	3	244.00	1,963	1	1,961.75	1.4
July 29, 2017	243	1	242.00	1,954	-9	1,962.50	1.4
August 5, 2017	242	-1	241.50	1,952	-2	1,957.75	1.4
August 12, 2017	236	-6	240.75	1,950	-2	1,954.75	1.4
August 19, 2017	237	1	239.50	1,947	-3	1,950.75	1.4
August 26, 2017	238	1	238.25	1,943	-4	1,948.00	1.4
September 2, 2017	293	55	251.00	1,940	-3	1,945.00	1.4
September 9, 2017	267	-26	258.75	1,965	25	1,948.75	1.4
September 16, 2017	255	-12	263.25	1,923	-42	1,942.75	1.4
September 23, 2017	258	3	268.25	1,913	-10	1,935.25	1.4
September 30, 2017	254	-4	258.50	1,914	1	1,928.75	1.4
October 7, 2017	241	-13	252.00	1,903	-11	1,913.25	1.4
October 14, 2017	230	-11	245.75	1,907	4	1,909.25	1.4
October 21, 2017	234	4	239.75	1,899	-8	1,905.75	1.4
October 28, 2017	234	0	234.75	1,904	5	1,903.25	1.4
November 4, 2017	237	3	233.75	1,890	-14	1,900.00	1.3
November 11, 2017	250	13	238.75	1,916	26	1,902.25	1.4
November 18, 2017	239	-11	240.00	1,945	29	1,913.75	1.4
November 25, 2017	239	0	241.25	1,913	-32	1,916.00	1.4
December 2, 2017	235	-4	240.75	1,896	-17	1,917.50	1.3
December 9, 2017	229	-6	235.50	1,928	32	1,920.50	1.4
December 16, 2017	242	13	236.25	1,936	8	1,918.25	1.4
December 23, 2017	242	0	237.00	1,891	-45	1,912.75	1.3
December 30, 2017	248	6	240.25	1,873	-18	1,907.00	1.3
January 6, 2018	247	-1	244.75	1,944	71	1,911.00	1.4
January 13, 2018	226	-21	240.75	1,922	-22	1,907.50	1.4
January 20, 2018	229	3	237.50	1,940	18	1,919.75	1.4
January 27, 2018	234	5	234.00	1,911	-29	1,929.25	1.4
February 3, 2018	223	-11	228.00	1,935	24	1,927.00	1.4
February 10, 2018	234	11	230.00	1,862	-73	1,912.00	1.3
February 17, 2018	218	-16	227.25	1,922	60	1,907.50	1.4
February 24, 2018	217	-1	223.00	1,862	-60	1,895.25	1.3
March 3, 2018	230	13	224.75	1,877	15	1,880.75	1.3
March 10, 2018	226	-4	222.75	1,836	-41	1,874.25	1.3
March 17, 2018	227	1	225.00	1,876	40	1,862.75	1.3
March 24, 2018	218	-9	225.25	1,818	-58	1,851.75	1.3
March 31, 2018	242	24	228.25	1,878	60	1,852.00	1.3
April 7, 2018	233	-9	230.00	1,866	-12	1,859.50	1.3
April 14, 2018	233	0	231.50	1,834	-32	1,849.00	1.3
April 21, 2018	209	-24	229.25	1,760	-74	1,834.50	1.2
April 28, 2018	211	2	221.50	1,794	34	1,813.50	1.3
May 5, 2018	211	0	216.00	1,712	-82	1,775.00	1.2
May 12, 2018	223	12	213.50	1,742	30	1,752.00	1.2
May 19, 2018	234	11	219.75	1,720	-22	1,742.00	1.2
May 26, 2018	223	-11	222.75	1,741	21	1,728.75	1.2
June 2, 2018	222	-1	225.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 26					INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 19						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM					
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	3254	-837	127	13	10	16880	0.9	1047	-57	52	74	17006
Alaska	1172	258	-153	4	0	8020	2.6	-500	-677	66	26	8114
Arizona	4443	34	64	38	2	27506	1.0	-125	-1951	79	71	27656
Arkansas	1985	111	-213	6	4	11061	0.9	334	-1720	52	86	11199
California	37545	-3999	-5288	177	111	326317	2.0	-8729	-18269	1403	1629	329349
Colorado	1857	86	-250	12	19	19037	0.7	-1438	-4212	114	241	19392
Connecticut	2483	-207	-513	2	5	31651	1.9	204	-2144	43	64	31758
Delaware	418	-15	-102	0	3	4169	1.0	32	-644	14	13	4196
District of Columbia	311	-39	-6	4	1	7550	1.3	141	-495	298	14	7862
Florida	7080	240	-506	18	37	37298	0.4	-283	-4920	137	144	37579
Georgia	5233	386	-131	23	35	25410	0.6	94	-2450	161	203	25774
Hawaii	1177	19	77	5	10	6473	1.0	-419	-1070	70	78	6621
Idaho	832	123	-80	4	4	4214	0.6	-243	-1627	19	14	4247
Illinois	8789	917	-1269	13	10	86286	1.5	-6116	-12306	260	247	86793
Indiana	2035	-23	-778	2	9	13667	0.5	-159	-5447	27	42	13736
Iowa	2424	377	295	3	0	13308	0.9	-9	-2507	40	23	13371
Kansas	1722	-30	-2608	0	2	8380	0.6	149	-1387	43	36	8459
Kentucky	2874	-3755	-43	5	5	18595	1.0	736	904	95	117	18807
Louisiana	3059	708	-399	4	7	15367	0.8	109	-3695	35	13	15415
Maine	475	-74	-78	2	2	4971	0.8	-382	-758	20	14	5005
Maryland	3522	-91	-486	19	10	27651	1.1	414	-4327	317	118	28086
Massachusetts	4697	-136	-737	10	19	46488	1.3	-504	-13105	74	140	46702
Michigan	7744	1023	2176	7	7	41543	1.0	566	-4308	91	78	41712
Minnesota	2711	219	-1111	2	2	28922	1.0	-2775	-3356	54	63	29039
Mississippi	2094	172	-815	3	3	8040	0.7	716	-2088	80	16	8136
Missouri	5285	1125	-1526	9	0	24237	0.9	1125	372	91	48	24376
Montana	701	110	-88	5	0	5274	1.2	-362	-535	57	17	5348
Nebraska	821	158	-217	1	1	3554	0.4	1	-657	18	11	3583
Nevada	2189	-29	-111	3	2	17991	1.4	-588	-2540	79	63	18133
New Hampshire	359	-84	-233	0	0	3561	0.6	5	-232	2	8	3571
New Jersey	7785	-633	-273	15	24	79863	2.0	316	-5026	233	268	80364
New Mexico	945	139	-245	12	4	8797	1.1	-62	-1524	69	40	8906
New York	13907	1628	-1826	24	33	118812	1.3	1	-15360	334	386	119532
North Carolina	2791	-403	-472	6	9	19170	0.5	408	-2528	78	152	19400
North Dakota	296	12	-181	10	0	2002	0.5	-175	-458	18	5	2025
Ohio	6168	209	-954	10	14	45555	0.9	-473	-6228	94	161	45810
Oklahoma	1465	1	-182	4	6	13170	0.9	256	-1784	58	74	13302
Oregon	3138	-54	19	67	10	24480	1.3	-309	-1191	181	97	24758
Pennsylvania	11851	-1511	-1223	45	30	89648	1.6	-6404	-10964	412	255	90315
Puerto Rico	1282	342	-1733	1	3	15175	1.7	-1266	-7719	23	96	15294
Rhode Island	608	-238	-370	5	1	6786	1.5	-17	-661	30	19	6835
South Carolina	2458	132	65	4	7	14603	0.7	1504	1263	40	61	14704
South Dakota	180	6	-46	31	1	1056	0.3	-71	-177	29	2	1087
Tennessee	3484	748	-2993	12	1	18131	0.6	194	-338	79	75	18285
Texas	12836	-1117	-2299	61	150	114482	1.0	-4767	-22683	640	1242	116364
Utah	1010	53	-56	3	2	7178	0.5	-126	-953	42	18	7238
Vermont	387	-200	-2	2	0	3239	1.1	12	-721	5	4	3248
Virgin Islands	16	10	-5	0	0	1446	3.9	128	1038	0	4	1492
Virginia	3100	-48	-125	12	13	20920	0.6	162	-3084	193	223	21336
Washington	5094	4	-256	7	20	43189	1.4	-1155	-4108	193	580	43962
West Virginia	835	-36	-220	0	4	8485	1.3	-235	-1332	53	31	8569
Wisconsin	3659	25	-804	8	0	22067	0.8	-832	-4118	48	21	22136
Wyoming	260	-13	-109	1	3	2328	0.9	-246	-838	32	4	2364
Totals	202846	-4197	-29292	734	655	1574003	1.1	-30116	-185702	6775	7529	1588351

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 MAY 26, 2018

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+1,628	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service, construction, and art, entertainment, and recreation industries.
MO	+1,125	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food service, and educational service industries.
MI	+1,023	Layoffs in the wholesale trade industry.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-3,999	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
KY	-3,755	No comment.
PA	-1,511	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food service, construction, and professional, scientific and technical service industries.
TX	-1,117	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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