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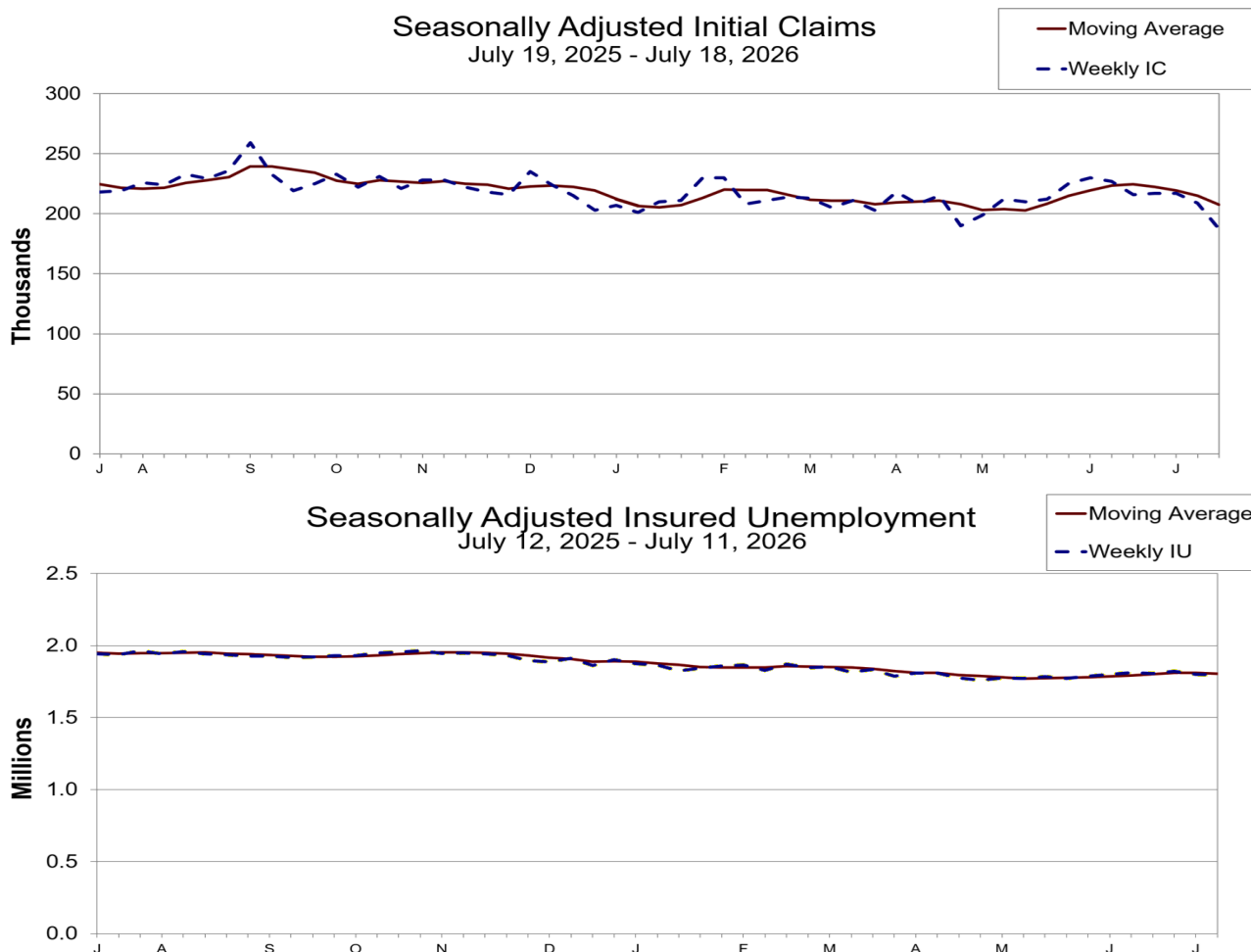
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 187,000, a decrease of 22,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 208,000 to 209,000. The 4-week moving average was 207,500, a decrease of 7,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 214,250 to 214,750.

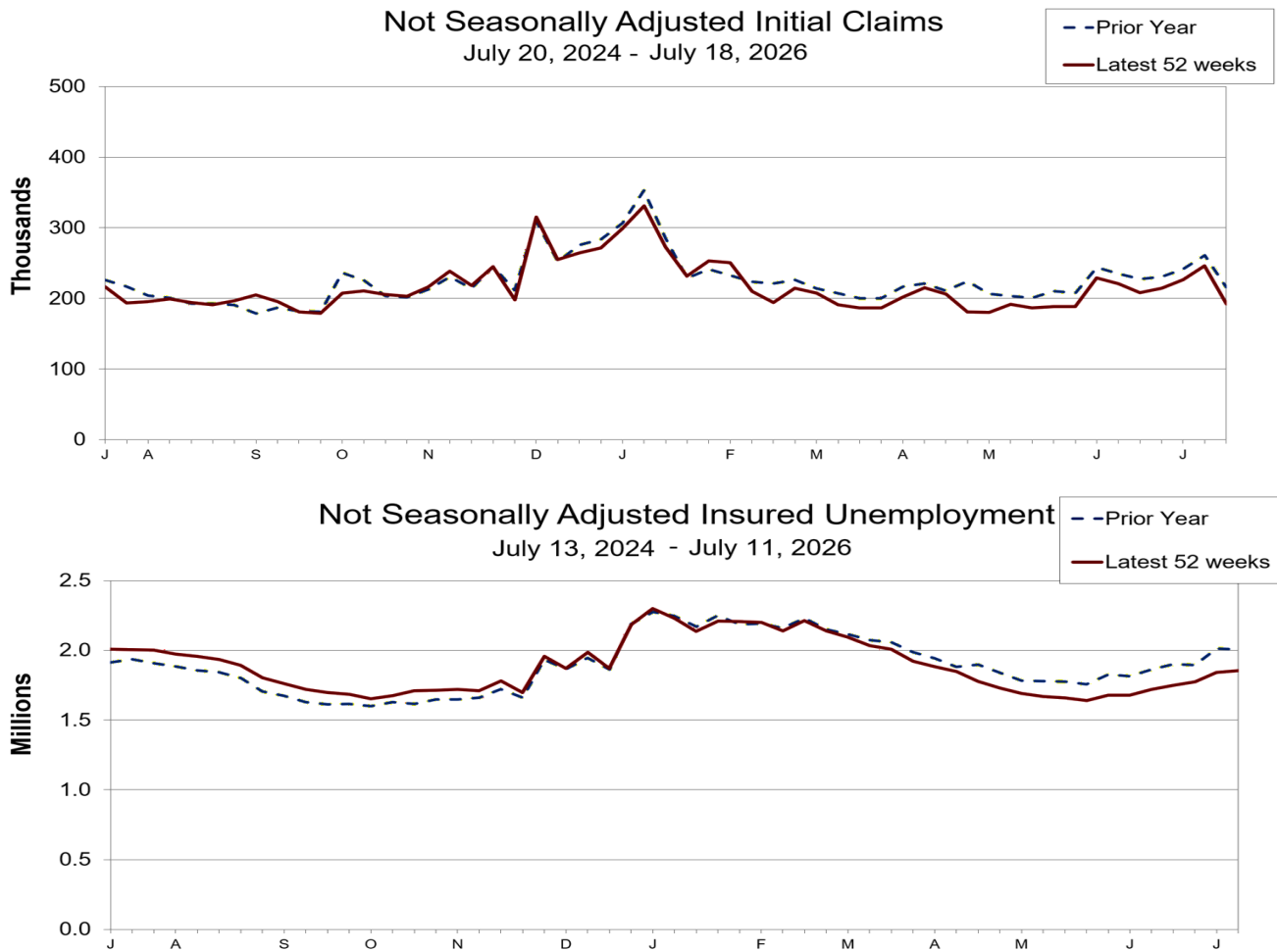
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.2 percent for the week ending July 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 11 was 1,796,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 1,805,000 to 1,798,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,805,250, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 1,811,000 to 1,809,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 192,296 in the week ending July 18, a decrease of 53,718 (or -21.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 31,379 (or -12.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 216,023 initial claims in the comparable week in 2025.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,853,567, an increase of 13,891 (or 0.8 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,185 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.3 percent and the volume was 2,006,612.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 4 was 1,864,638, an increase of 64,843 from the previous week. There were 2,039,439 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2025.

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 470 in the week ending July 11, an increase of 46 from the prior week. There were 384 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 36 from the preceding week.

There were 6,530 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 4, a decrease of 130 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,536, a decrease of 136 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 4 were in New Jersey (2.6), Puerto Rico (2.6), Rhode Island (2.3), Massachusetts (2.2), Minnesota (2.2), Oregon (2.1), Washington (2.0), California (1.9), New York (1.8), Connecticut (1.7), Nevada (1.7), and Pennsylvania (1.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 11 were in New York (+12,580), Michigan (+3,143), Florida (+2,799), Texas (+2,676), and South Carolina (+2,113), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-5,603), Missouri (-5,391), California (-2,311), Massachusetts (-1,342), and Rhode Island (-1,031).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 18	July 11	Change	July 4	Prior Year¹
Initial Claims (SA)	187,000	209,000	-22,000	217,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	192,296	246,014	-53,718	226,177	216,023
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	207,500	214,750	-7,250	219,250	224,500

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	June 27	Prior Year¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,796,000	1,798,000	-2,000	1,821,000	1,941,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,853,567	1,839,676	+13,891	1,773,344	2,006,612
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,805,250	1,809,250	-4,000	1,809,750	1,949,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.2%	0.0	1.2%	1.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	470	424	+46	789
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	384	420	-36	302

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	1,834,707	1,768,451	+66,256	2,005,740
Federal Employees	6,530	6,660	-130	7,226
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,536	4,672	-136	4,479
Extended Benefits ³	13	47	-34	45
State Additional Benefits ⁴	3,142	3,171	-29	2,608
STC / Workshare ⁵	15,710	16,794	-1,084	19,341
TOTAL	1,864,638	1,799,795	+64,843	2,039,439

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 153,732,307 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 benefits, and when applicable, extended 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 4-11 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	1,983	2,523	-540	8,402	9,305	-903
Alaska	435	423	12	3,156	3,198	-42
Arizona	2,982	3,410	-428	22,525	24,583	-2,058
Arkansas	1,437	1,510	-73	5,949	6,143	-194
California	39,473	43,405	-3,932	347,249	338,194	9,055
Colorado	3,030	3,301	-271	32,039	30,779	1,260
Connecticut	2,990	3,542	-552	29,485	28,855	630
Delaware	516	348	168	5,752	5,470	282
District of Columbia	681	831	-150	7,653	7,660	-7
Florida	6,082	7,334	-1,252	28,981	37,623	-8,642
Georgia	5,072	5,664	-592	26,425	27,689	-1,264
Hawaii	947	1,189	-242	6,496	6,128	368
Idaho	601	815	-214	5,191	5,410	-219
Illinois	7,364	8,973	-1,609	95,366	93,182	2,184
Indiana	3,369	4,126	-757	21,094	19,177	1,917
Iowa	1,254	1,601	-347	8,297	9,463	-1,166
Kansas	1,311	1,684	-373	8,804	7,866	938
Kentucky	2,169	2,269	-100	10,208	9,952	256
Louisiana	1,500	1,296	204	6,718	7,846	-1,128
Maine	353	456	-103	5,176	5,341	-165
Maryland	1,844	2,585	-741	25,179	25,092	87
Massachusetts	5,191	5,995	-804	76,684	77,038	-354
Michigan	7,561	12,538	-4,977	51,684	48,479	3,205
Minnesota	3,785	5,069	-1,284	63,060	63,543	-483
Mississippi	970	1,315	-345	8,478	8,900	-422
Missouri	2,765	3,520	-755	22,483	21,388	1,095
Montana	427	448	-21	4,531	4,775	-244
Nebraska	514	673	-159	6,064	6,395	-331
Nevada	2,504	3,052	-548	26,909	26,850	59
New Hampshire	279	489	-210	3,773	4,448	-675
New Jersey	9,249	11,177	-1,928	113,083	109,643	3,440
New Mexico	894	926	-32	10,363	10,210	153
New York	14,937	31,891	-16,954	170,326	170,593	-267
North Carolina	3,035	3,373	-338	19,058	20,005	-947
North Dakota	291	394	-103	2,572	2,274	298
Ohio	4,378	5,753	-1,375	43,621	44,534	-913
Oklahoma	1,173	1,464	-291	11,572	11,861	-289
Oregon	5,301	5,705	-404	42,042	40,198	1,844
Pennsylvania	9,637	11,987	-2,350	100,071	100,956	-885
Puerto Rico	1,792	2,548	-756	23,182	23,693	-511
Rhode Island	827	1,012	-185	11,497	11,347	150
South Carolina	2,416	4,118	-1,702	18,084	18,790	-706
South Dakota	168	181	-13	1,299	1,339	-40
Tennessee	2,791	4,516	-1,725	20,031	19,608	423
Texas	13,978	16,431	-2,453	153,375	150,650	2,725
Utah	1,140	1,338	-198	10,986	11,121	-135
Vermont	285	235	50	2,799	2,663	136
Virgin Islands	31	49	-18	326	270	56
Virginia	2,413	2,875	-462	22,164	20,121	2,043
Washington	4,666	5,721	-1,055	72,861	69,560	3,301
West Virginia	689	690	-1	7,004	6,516	488
Wisconsin	2,608	3,012	-404	21,712	21,366	346
Wyoming	208	234	-26	1,728	1,586	142
US Total	192,296	246,014	-53,718	1,853,567	1,839,676	13,891

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)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	Insured Unemployment	Change from Prior Week	4-Week Average	IUR
July 12, 2025	221	-7	229.00	1,941	-8	1,949.00	1.3
July 19, 2025	218	-3	224.50	1,936	-5	1,944.50	1.3
July 26, 2025	219	1	221.50	1,963	27	1,947.25	1.3
August 2, 2025	226	7	221.00	1,942	-21	1,945.50	1.3
August 9, 2025	224	-2	221.75	1,957	15	1,949.50	1.3
August 16, 2025	233	9	225.50	1,942	-15	1,951.00	1.3
August 23, 2025	229	-4	228.00	1,937	-5	1,944.50	1.3
August 30, 2025	236	7	230.50	1,927	-10	1,940.75	1.3
September 6, 2025	259	23	239.25	1,925	-2	1,932.75	1.3
September 13, 2025	233	-26	239.25	1,916	-9	1,926.25	1.3
September 20, 2025	219	-14	236.75	1,921	5	1,922.25	1.3
September 27, 2025	225	6	234.00	1,929	8	1,922.75	1.3
October 4, 2025	233	8	227.50	1,928	-1	1,923.50	1.3
October 11, 2025	222	-11	224.75	1,947	19	1,931.25	1.3
October 18, 2025	231	9	227.75	1,953	6	1,939.25	1.3
October 25, 2025	221	-10	226.75	1,962	9	1,947.50	1.3
November 1, 2025	228	7	225.50	1,946	-16	1,952.00	1.3
November 8, 2025	228	0	227.00	1,949	3	1,952.50	1.3
November 15, 2025	222	-6	224.75	1,943	-6	1,950.00	1.3
November 22, 2025	218	-4	224.00	1,932	-11	1,942.50	1.3
November 29, 2025	216	-2	221.00	1,894	-38	1,929.50	1.2
December 6, 2025	235	19	222.75	1,887	-7	1,914.00	1.2
December 13, 2025	224	-11	223.25	1,910	23	1,905.75	1.2
December 20, 2025	215	-9	222.50	1,860	-50	1,887.75	1.2
December 27, 2025	203	-12	219.25	1,900	40	1,889.25	1.2
January 3, 2026	207	4	212.25	1,875	-25	1,886.25	1.2
January 10, 2026	201	-6	206.50	1,865	-10	1,875.00	1.2
January 17, 2026	210	9	205.25	1,823	-42	1,865.75	1.2
January 24, 2026	211	1	207.25	1,842	19	1,851.25	1.2
January 31, 2026	230	19	213.00	1,859	17	1,847.25	1.2
February 7, 2026	230	0	220.25	1,865	6	1,847.25	1.2
February 14, 2026	208	-22	219.75	1,827	-38	1,848.25	1.2
February 21, 2026	211	3	219.75	1,871	44	1,855.50	1.2
February 28, 2026	214	3	215.75	1,847	-24	1,852.50	1.2
March 7, 2026	213	-1	211.50	1,851	4	1,849.00	1.2
March 14, 2026	205	-8	210.75	1,816	-35	1,846.25	1.2
March 21, 2026	211	6	210.75	1,832	16	1,836.50	1.2
March 28, 2026	203	-8	208.00	1,787	-45	1,821.50	1.2
April 4, 2026	218	15	209.25	1,809	22	1,811.00	1.2
April 11, 2026	208	-10	210.00	1,808	-1	1,809.00	1.2
April 18, 2026	215	7	211.00	1,776	-32	1,795.00	1.2
April 25, 2026	190	-25	207.75	1,758	-18	1,787.75	1.1
May 2, 2026	199	9	203.00	1,776	18	1,779.50	1.2
May 9, 2026	212	13	204.00	1,771	-5	1,770.25	1.2
May 16, 2026	210	-2	202.75	1,785	14	1,772.50	1.2
May 23, 2026	212	2	208.25	1,771	-14	1,775.75	1.2
May 30, 2026	225	13	214.75	1,786	15	1,778.25	1.2
June 6, 2026	230	5	219.25	1,800	14	1,785.50	1.2
June 13, 2026	227	-3	223.50	1,812	12	1,792.25	1.2
June 20, 2026	216	-11	224.50	1,806	-6	1,801.00	1.2
June 27, 2026	217	1	222.50	1,821	15	1,809.75	1.2
July 4, 2026	217	0	219.25	1,798	-23	1,809.25	1.2
July 11, 2026	209	-8	214.75	1,796	-2	1,805.25	1.2
July 18, 2026	187	-22	207.50				

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JULY 11						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 4						
STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	CHANGE FROM		UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO					LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO			
Alabama	2,523	1,018	-482	7	6	9,305	0.5	862	-1,452	28	16	9,349
Alaska	423	26	-72	0	1	3,198	1.0	-73	-374	27	2	3,227
Arizona	3,410	1,321	-1,269	20	2	24,583	0.8	-210	-8,802	129	25	24,737
Arkansas	1,510	416	-168	1	0	6,143	0.5	66	-3,120	9	4	6,156
California	43,405	-2,311	-2,975	83	89	338,194	1.9	-8,179	-58,935	872	1,101	340,167
Colorado	3,301	230	238	4	7	30,779	1.1	294	-189	116	195	31,090
Connecticut	3,542	-416	-59	1	1	28,855	1.7	155	-2,099	47	28	28,930
Delaware	348	81	-17	1	1	5,470	1.2	-331	-534	8	3	5,481
District of Columbia	831	35	-207	31	4	7,660	1.3	268	-3,856	573	4	8,237
Florida	7,334	2,799	-1	18	29	37,623	0.4	8,405	-1,821	108	76	37,807
Georgia	5,664	1,243	-1,747	27	23	27,689	0.6	1,702	-4,449	180	102	27,971
Hawaii	1,189	296	81	0	9	6,128	1.0	204	85	68	55	6,251
Idaho	815	148	-369	2	0	5,410	0.6	126	-551	12	6	5,428
Illinois	8,973	1,108	-2,811	6	4	93,182	1.6	1,200	-8,541	316	110	93,608
Indiana	4,126	1,862	867	3	1	19,177	0.6	1,287	-2,221	22	11	19,210
Iowa	1,601	-218	-183	2	1	9,463	0.6	583	-1,914	13	3	9,479
Kansas	1,684	589	56	0	1	7,866	0.6	541	-785	27	25	7,918
Kentucky	2,269	492	-704	1	0	9,952	0.5	-69	-1,075	48	34	10,034
Louisiana	1,296	391	-781	4	0	7,846	0.4	-173	-4,432	33	10	7,889
Maine	456	-119	-114	1	1	5,341	0.8	217	-553	12	5	5,358
Maryland	2,585	206	-52	34	7	25,092	1.0	379	-4,197	332	66	25,490
Massachusetts	5,995	-1,342	679	0	2	77,038	2.2	6,150	-124	215	125	77,378
Michigan	12,538	3,143	1,768	2	3	48,479	1.1	881	-1,641	85	36	48,600
Minnesota	5,069	281	-191	8	1	63,543	2.2	2,890	-4,386	65	45	63,653
Mississippi	1,315	144	-269	2	0	8,900	0.8	383	-269	38	7	8,945
Missouri	3,520	-5,391	-1,335	3	1	21,388	0.8	2,174	-848	69	12	21,469
Montana	448	76	-31	2	1	4,775	1.0	214	-56	34	8	4,817
Nebraska	673	76	-485	0	1	6,395	0.6	153	-170	15	3	6,413
Nevada	3,052	160	-1,438	0	2	26,850	1.7	1,224	6,827	45	70	26,965
New Hampshire	489	-39	-53	0	0	4,448	0.7	137	63	3	1	4,452
New Jersey	11,177	-5,603	-847	18	14	109,643	2.6	14,418	-7,778	221	237	110,101
New Mexico	926	9	-52	6	2	10,210	1.2	106	-725	115	20	10,345
New York	31,891	12,580	4,001	20	13	170,593	1.8	18,637	4,679	342	232	171,167
North Carolina	3,373	372	-395	2	1	20,005	0.4	168	-3,217	69	86	20,160
North Dakota	394	75	-122	11	0	2,274	0.5	169	-1,705	161	2	2,437
Ohio	5,753	-435	-1,334	6	10	44,534	0.8	2,283	-7,352	64	52	44,650
Oklahoma	1,464	163	-80	7	7	11,861	0.7	659	-199	48	29	11,938
Oregon	5,705	-126	75	2	3	40,198	2.1	971	2,388	126	53	40,377
Pennsylvania	11,987	1,628	-1,691	15	9	100,956	1.7	1,878	-11,596	351	124	101,431
Puerto Rico	2,548	518	93	4	5	23,693	2.6	2,358	-814	241	58	23,992
Rhode Island	1,012	-1,031	-129	3	1	11,347	2.3	730	-1,635	28	11	11,386
South Carolina	4,118	2,113	904	13	3	18,790	0.8	2,060	-182	47	36	18,873
South Dakota	181	14	-30	14	0	1,339	0.3	28	-58	125	2	1,466
Tennessee	4,516	-685	903	4	6	19,608	0.6	1,612	-1,334	33	36	19,677
Texas	16,431	2,676	-1,783	48	82	150,650	1.1	-4,229	-20,509	503	834	151,987
Utah	1,338	175	-134	4	4	11,121	0.7	194	-943	55	24	11,200
Vermont	235	-133	16	2	0	2,663	0.9	0	-114	11	3	2,677
Virgin Islands	49	4	19	0	0	270	0.8	14	-74	2	0	272
Virginia	2,875	621	-571	14	7	20,121	0.5	320	-939	173	102	20,396
Washington	5,721	423	-464	6	12	69,560	2.0	1,331	-4,646	190	387	70,137
West Virginia	690	88	-277	0	2	6,516	0.9	727	-1,006	32	6	6,554
Wisconsin	3,012	76	-984	5	5	21,366	0.7	440	-3,525	37	13	21,416
Wyoming	234	10	-91	3	0	1,586	0.6	-2	-128	7	1	1,594
Totals	246,014	19,837	-15,097	470	384	1,839,676	1.2	66,332	-171,831	6,530	4,536	1,850,742

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 U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED July 11, 2026

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	+12,580	Layoffs in transportation and warehousing, healthcare and social assistance, and educational services industries.
MI	+3,143	Layoffs in manufacturing industry.
FL	+2,799	Layoffs in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; and retail trade industries.
TX	+2,676	No comment.
SC	+2,113	No comment.
IN	+1,862	No comment.
PA	+1,628	Layoffs in accommodation and food services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
AZ	+1,321	No comment.
GA	+1,243	Layoffs in manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, healthcare and social assistance, and professional, scientific, and technical services industries.
IL	+1,108	Layoffs in manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.
AL	+1,018	Layoffs in manufacturing, retail trade, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, and accommodation and food services industries.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-5,603	No comment.
MO	-5,391	Fewer layoffs in manufacturing, and in transportation and warehousing industries.
CA	-2,311	No comment.
MA	-1,342	No comment.
RI	-1,031	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. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. 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. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

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