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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

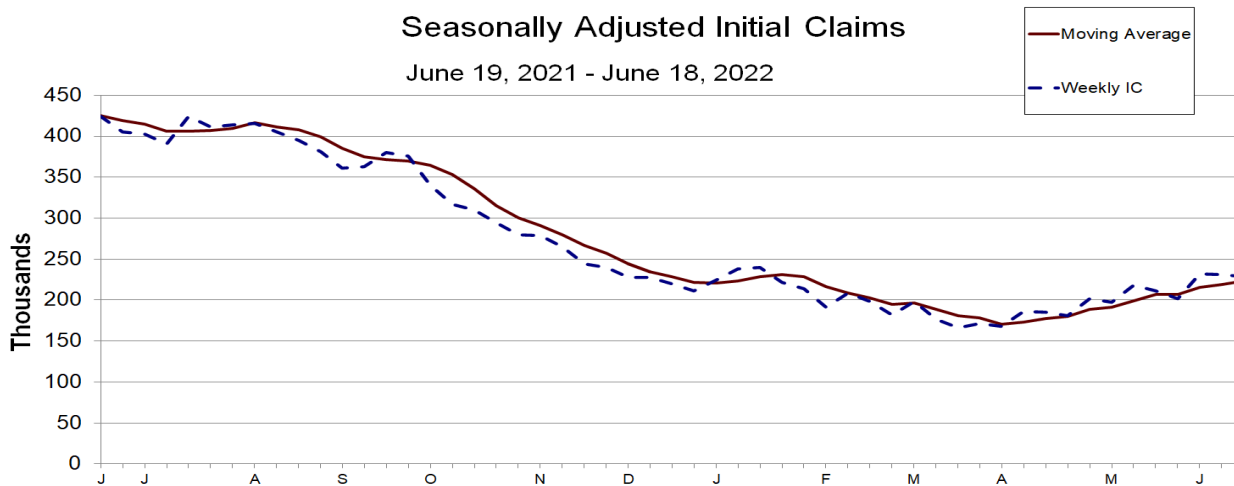
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending June 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 229,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 229,000 to 231,000. The 4-week moving average was 223,500, an increase of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 500 from 218,500 to 219,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 0.9 percent for the week ending June 11, unchanged from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending June 11 was 1,315,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 2,000 from 1,312,000 to 1,310,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,310,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since January 3, 1970 when it was 1,280,250. The previous week's average was revised down by 500 from 1,317,500 to 1,317,000.

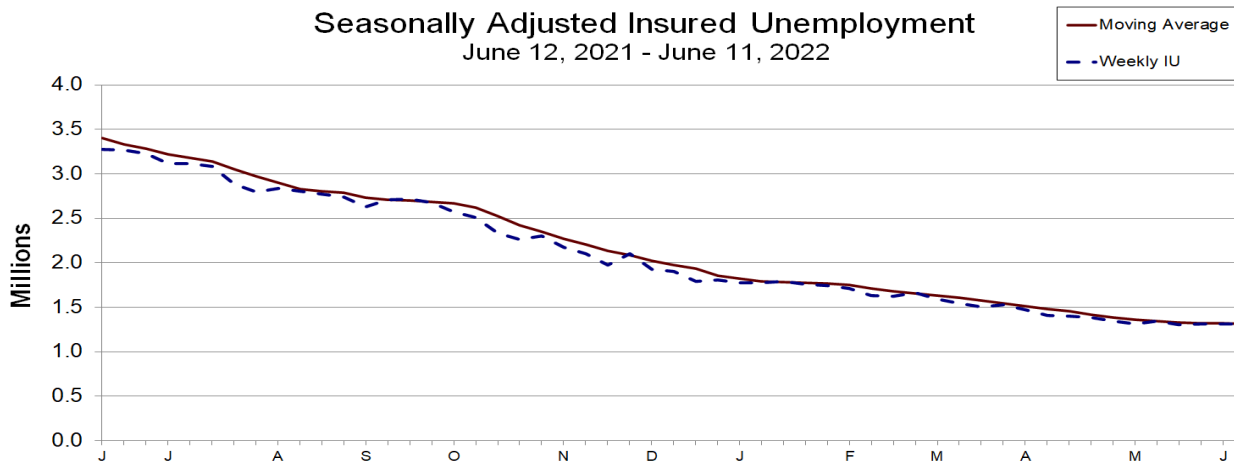
Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims

June 19, 2021 - June 18, 2022



Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment

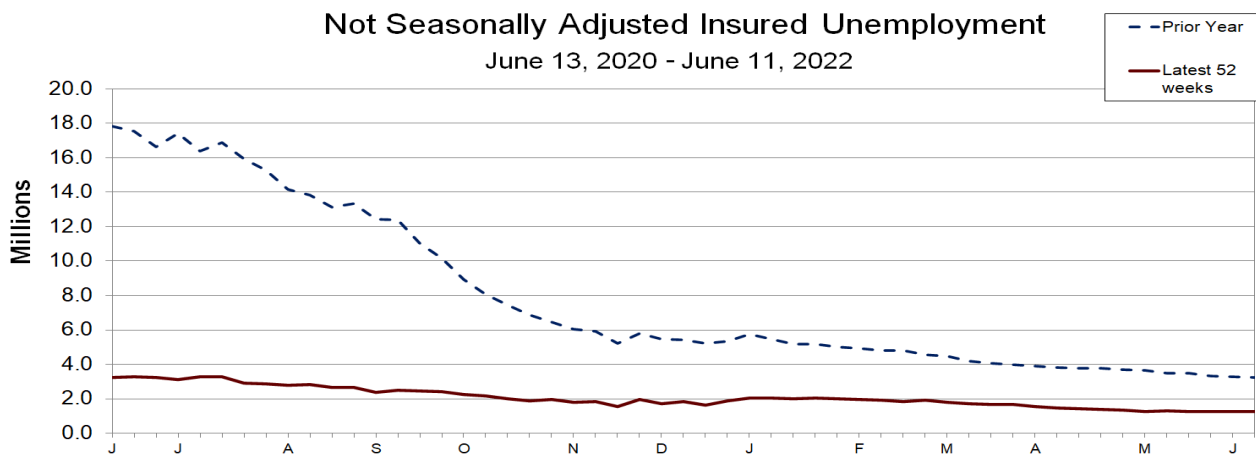
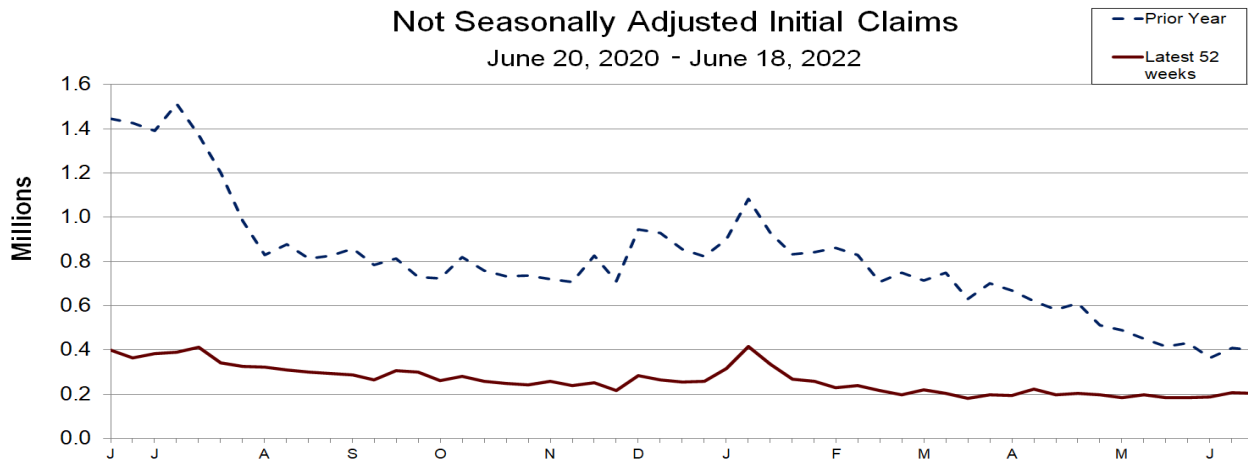
June 12, 2021 - June 11, 2022



**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 202,844 in the week ending June 18, a decrease of 3,255 (or -1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 1,388 (or -0.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 398,284 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 0.9 percent during the week ending June 11, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,272,753, an increase of 1,796 (or 0.1 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 2,621 (or -0.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 2.3 percent and the volume was 3,232,185.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending June 4 was 1,296,581, an increase of 14,479 from the previous week. There were 14,839,818 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2021.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 695 in the week ending June 11, a decrease of 407 from the prior week. There were 415 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 72 from the preceding week.

There were 6,017 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending June 4, an increase of 606 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,120, an increase of 108 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 4 were in New Jersey (1.9), California (1.8), Puerto Rico (1.6), Alaska (1.5), New York (1.4), Pennsylvania (1.4), Rhode Island (1.3), Hawaii (1.2), and Massachusetts (1.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending June 11 were in California (+3,951), Pennsylvania (+2,615), Illinois (+1,903), Ohio (+1,772), and Michigan (+1,587), while the largest decreases were in Missouri (-1,297), Tennessee (-831), Kentucky (-202), Mississippi (-146), and New Mexico (-103).

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Initial Claims (SA)	229,000	231,000	-2,000	232,000	424,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	202,844	206,099	-3,255	186,766	398,284
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	223,500	219,000	+4,500	215,750	425,000

<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,315,000	1,310,000	+5,000	1,309,000	3,271,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,272,753	1,270,957	+1,796	1,258,338	3,232,185
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,310,000	1,317,000	-7,000	1,318,250	3,405,000
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	2.3%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	0.9%	0.9%	0.0	0.9%	2.3%

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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	695	1,102	-407	905
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	415	343	+72	569

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CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)<sup>3</sup>

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<b>WEEK ENDING</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Prior Year<sup>1</sup></b>
Regular State	1,268,247	1,255,626	+12,621	3,272,842
Federal Employees	6,017	5,411	+606	10,764
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,120	4,012	+108	6,553
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	7,244	6,185	+1,059	239,951
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	1,695	1,673	+22	1,503
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	9,258	9,195	+63	83,236
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>1,296,581</b>	<b>1,282,102</b>	<b>+14,479</b>	<b>14,839,818</b>

**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 140,025,048 as denominator.
3. NOTICE: Ongoing claims for PUA and PEUC are no longer included in this news release. Any ongoing claims for these programs represent activity for periods prior to the programs' expiration on September 6, 2021. Claims activity for these programs will continue to be posted online at: [Weekly Pandemic Program Claims](#)
4. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
5. 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](#)
6. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-11 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Prior year total includes PUA and PEUC claims.

## Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended June 18			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 11		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,831	2,590	241	3,770	5,599	-1,829
Alaska	758	776	-18	3,947	4,335	-388
Arizona	3,179	3,455	-276	18,636	19,967	-1,331
Arkansas	1,353	1,737	-384	8,128	8,035	93
California	45,002	45,184	-182	300,727	291,316	9,411
Colorado	2,183	2,377	-194	17,884	17,682	202
Connecticut	3,079	2,232	847	17,975	17,749	226
Delaware	860	385	475	3,057	2,760	297
District of Columbia	194	292	-98	2,789	2,820	-31
Florida	5,778	7,035	-1,257	30,564	33,423	-2,859
Georgia	5,372	6,251	-879	28,902	28,851	51
Hawaii	1,340	1,332	8	6,616	6,261	355
Idaho	792	904	-112	3,313	3,288	25
Illinois	8,847	11,323	-2,476	65,602	61,193	4,409
Indiana	4,411	3,626	785	16,269	17,104	-835
Iowa	1,372	1,567	-195	7,026	6,560	466
Kansas	938	924	14	4,246	4,284	-38
Kentucky	1,324	1,448	-124	9,773	7,857	1,916
Louisiana	1,843	2,312	-469	11,057	11,570	-513
Maine	489	389	100	3,258	3,477	-219
Maryland	2,362	2,108	254	14,343	15,375	-1,032
Massachusetts	4,284	3,868	416	40,903	41,043	-140
Michigan	8,018	6,155	1,863	27,404	28,961	-1,557
Minnesota	2,933	3,172	-239	26,174	25,765	409
Mississippi	1,176	1,741	-565	6,303	6,542	-239
Missouri	3,177	3,459	-282	14,033	14,245	-212
Montana	732	810	-78	3,157	3,125	32
Nebraska	608	677	-69	3,335	3,207	128
Nevada	1,961	1,931	30	12,707	13,335	-628
New Hampshire	251	333	-82	1,543	1,646	-103
New Jersey	7,207	6,432	775	69,050	72,269	-3,219
New Mexico	851	923	-72	7,801	7,848	-47
New York	12,477	12,519	-42	119,544	120,117	-573
North Carolina	2,999	3,282	-283	13,573	14,037	-464
North Dakota	235	326	-91	1,491	1,347	144
Ohio	10,824	11,303	-479	32,894	31,670	1,224
Oklahoma	1,548	1,915	-367	10,817	10,925	-108
Oregon	3,331	3,357	-26	19,728	20,124	-396
Pennsylvania	10,324	10,288	36	76,975	74,608	2,367
Puerto Rico	2,715	1,870	845	7,122	13,518	-6,396
Rhode Island	883	671	212	5,735	5,624	111
South Carolina	1,846	2,666	-820	11,361	11,583	-222
South Dakota	165	165	0	734	734	0
Tennessee	2,100	2,255	-155	12,633	12,841	-208
Texas	14,978	15,256	-278	92,786	93,923	-1,137
Utah	1,206	1,232	-26	5,500	5,380	120
Vermont	437	248	189	1,833	1,811	22
Virgin Islands	14	63	-49	276	282	-6
Virginia*	1,513	1,498	15	10,115	9,101	1,014
Washington	3,886	3,915	-29	33,896	32,573	1,323
West Virginia	577	831	-254	6,088	5,958	130
Wisconsin	5,022	4,385	637	17,907	16,014	1,893
Wyoming	259	306	-47	1,453	1,295	158
US Total	202,844	206,099	-3,255	1,272,753	1,270,957	1,796

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.

\* Indicates state estimate.

## 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	
June 12, 2021	429	9	429.25	3,271	-81	3,405.00	2.3
June 19, 2021	424	-5	425.00	3,266	-5	3,327.75	2.3
June 26, 2021	405	-19	419.50	3,230	-36	3,279.75	2.3
July 3, 2021	403	-2	415.25	3,116	-114	3,220.75	2.3
July 10, 2021	391	-12	405.75	3,116	0	3,182.00	2.3
July 17, 2021	424	33	405.75	3,082	-34	3,136.00	2.2
July 24, 2021	411	-13	407.25	2,881	-201	3,048.75	2.1
July 31, 2021	414	3	410.00	2,794	-87	2,968.25	2.0
August 7, 2021	416	2	416.25	2,839	45	2,899.00	2.1
August 14, 2021	405	-11	411.50	2,804	-35	2,829.50	2.0
August 21, 2021	395	-10	407.50	2,772	-32	2,802.25	2.0
August 28, 2021	381	-14	399.25	2,740	-32	2,788.75	2.0
September 4, 2021	361	-20	385.50	2,628	-112	2,736.00	1.9
September 11, 2021	363	2	375.00	2,705	77	2,711.25	2.0
September 18, 2021	380	17	371.25	2,720	15	2,698.25	2.0
September 25, 2021	376	-4	370.00	2,674	-46	2,681.75	2.0
October 2, 2021	340	-36	364.75	2,571	-103	2,667.50	1.9
October 9, 2021	317	-23	353.25	2,512	-59	2,619.25	1.9
October 16, 2021	310	-7	335.75	2,334	-178	2,522.75	1.7
October 23, 2021	294	-16	315.25	2,263	-71	2,420.00	1.7
October 30, 2021	280	-14	300.25	2,303	40	2,353.00	1.7
November 6, 2021	279	-1	290.75	2,172	-131	2,268.00	1.6
November 13, 2021	265	-14	279.50	2,100	-72	2,209.50	1.6
November 20, 2021	244	-21	267.00	1,976	-124	2,137.75	1.5
November 27, 2021	240	-4	257.00	2,098	122	2,086.50	1.6
December 4, 2021	228	-12	244.25	1,927	-171	2,025.25	1.4
December 11, 2021	228	0	235.00	1,904	-23	1,976.25	1.4
December 18, 2021	220	-8	229.00	1,793	-111	1,930.50	1.3
December 25, 2021	211	-9	221.75	1,805	12	1,857.25	1.3
January 1, 2022	224	13	220.75	1,778	-27	1,820.00	1.3
January 8, 2022	238	14	223.25	1,776	-2	1,788.00	1.3
January 15, 2022	240	2	228.25	1,787	11	1,786.50	1.3
January 22, 2022	222	-18	231.00	1,757	-30	1,774.50	1.3
January 29, 2022	214	-8	228.50	1,743	-14	1,765.75	1.3
February 5, 2022	191	-23	216.75	1,714	-29	1,750.25	1.2
February 12, 2022	209	18	209.00	1,633	-81	1,711.75	1.2
February 19, 2022	198	-11	203.00	1,623	-10	1,678.25	1.2
February 26, 2022	182	-16	195.00	1,664	41	1,658.50	1.2
March 5, 2022	198	16	196.75	1,594	-70	1,628.50	1.2
March 12, 2022	177	-21	188.75	1,542	-52	1,605.75	1.1
March 19, 2022	166	-11	180.75	1,506	-36	1,576.50	1.1
March 26, 2022	171	5	178.00	1,529	23	1,542.75	1.1
April 2, 2022	168	-3	170.50	1,474	-55	1,512.75	1.1
April 9, 2022	186	18	172.75	1,407	-67	1,479.00	1.0
April 16, 2022	185	-1	177.50	1,403	-4	1,453.25	1.0
April 23, 2022	181	-4	180.00	1,387	-16	1,417.75	1.0
April 30, 2022	202	21	188.50	1,342	-45	1,384.75	1.0
May 7, 2022	197	-5	191.25	1,315	-27	1,361.75	0.9
May 14, 2022	218	21	199.50	1,343	28	1,346.75	1.0
May 21, 2022	211	-7	207.00	1,306	-37	1,326.50	0.9
May 28, 2022	202	-9	207.00	1,309	3	1,318.25	0.9
June 4, 2022	232	30	215.75	1,310	1	1,317.00	0.9
June 11, 2022	231	-1	219.00	1,315	5	1,310.00	0.9
June 18, 2022	229	-2	223.50				

STATE NAME	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 11						INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 4						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>	STATE (%) <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE FROM		UCFE <sup>1</sup>	UCX <sup>1</sup>			
		LAST WEEK	LAST WEEK				LAST WEEK	LAST WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Alabama	2,590	19	-2,964	22	5	5,599	0.3	1,445	-7,322	37	15	5,651	
Alaska	776	19	-968	0	2	4,335	1.5	-104	-6,248	45	11	4,391	
Arizona	3,455	59	-497	3	0	19,967	0.7	406	-27,165	75	16	20,058	
Arkansas	1,737	-90	-553	1	1	8,035	0.7	842	-11,827	29	17	8,081	
California	45,184	3,951	-22,830	116	73	291,316	1.8	-1,576	-356,423	1,013	994	293,323	
Colorado	2,377	38	-1,440	3	9	17,682	0.7	1,974	-20,836	58	114	17,854	
Connecticut	2,232	264	-1,812	9	1	17,749	1.1	2,317	-42,938	49	46	17,844	
Delaware	385	85	-4,551	6	1	2,760	0.6	175	-10,140	8	3	2,771	
District of Columbia	292	59	-2,895	2	2	2,820	0.5	141	-14,504	64	6	2,890	
Florida	7,035	1,239	-2,861	44	29	33,423	0.4	1,991	-75,770	139	90	33,652	
Georgia	6,251	1,376	-16,273	90	27	28,851	0.7	-19,861	-103,903	292	139	29,282	
Hawaii	1,332	47	-711	0	6	6,261	1.2	452	-8,252	56	91	6,408	
Idaho	904	-30	-465	1	0	3,288	0.4	167	-3,006	12	9	3,309	
Illinois	11,323	1,903	-16,756	10	5	61,193	1.1	194	-141,029	464	138	61,795	
Indiana	3,626	311	-968	1	3	17,104	0.6	-5	-36,566	65	30	17,199	
Iowa	1,567	9	-1,046	3	0	6,560	0.4	496	-17,184	27	4	6,591	
Kansas	924	4	-658	0	4	4,284	0.3	429	-5,152	31	13	4,328	
Kentucky	1,448	-202	-13,672	2	0	7,857	0.4	-146	-14,445	44	46	7,947	
Louisiana	2,312	218	-2,930	3	2	11,570	0.7	750	-37,785	56	14	11,640	
Maine	389	-2	-966	0	0	3,477	0.6	-134	-6,823	8	12	3,497	
Maryland	2,108	363	-8,229	16	3	15,375	0.6	1,327	-23,701	149	74	15,598	
Massachusetts	3,868	131	-4,030	8	8	41,043	1.2	-233	-37,019	127	79	41,249	
Michigan	6,155	1,587	-1,032	2	6	28,961	0.7	-11	-80,051	44	60	29,065	
Minnesota	3,172	416	-1,802	4	4	25,765	1.0	1,345	-39,536	61	44	25,870	
Mississippi	1,741	-146	-744	2	1	6,542	0.6	77	-19,403	68	8	6,618	
Missouri	3,459	-1,297	-1,737	2	4	14,245	0.5	779	-40,042	53	24	14,322	
Montana	810	127	-594	3	4	3,125	0.7	121	-4,556	39	10	3,174	
Nebraska	677	-32	-504	1	0	3,207	0.3	146	-4,119	4	0	3,211	
Nevada	1,931	18	-2,046	2	3	13,335	1.0	241	-43,886	92	45	13,472	
New Hampshire	333	40	-319	2	1	1,646	0.3	2	-11,086	1	3	1,650	
New Jersey	6,432	1,049	-3,032	27	14	72,269	1.9	5,902	-41,293	305	159	72,733	
New Mexico	923	-103	-2,835	4	1	7,848	1.0	788	-14,910	91	20	7,959	
New York	12,519	182	-6,672	41	15	120,117	1.4	2,288	-189,493	439	198	120,754	
North Carolina	3,282	432	-1,383	2	2	14,037	0.3	298	-30,177	63	62	14,162	
North Dakota	326	38	-164	19	0	1,347	0.3	204	-2,106	123	1	1,471	
Ohio	11,303	1,772	-4,643	6	17	31,670	0.6	2,591	-56,615	54	68	31,792	
Oklahoma	1,915	-58	-8,699	10	6	10,925	0.7	-86	-24,740	43	43	11,011	
Oregon	3,357	198	-2,293	30	5	20,124	1.1	797	-32,751	199	40	20,363	
Pennsylvania	10,288	2,615	-19,301	15	12	74,608	1.4	684	-55,160	185	88	74,881	
Puerto Rico	1,870	194	-1,204	5	4	13,518	1.6	2,311	-18,284	201	78	13,797	
Rhode Island	671	84	-8,566	3	1	5,624	1.3	131	-15,755	28	16	5,668	
South Carolina	2,666	526	931	2	10	11,583	0.6	1,248	-25,259	46	43	11,672	
South Dakota	165	17	-141	17	0	734	0.2	102	-1,231	67	3	804	
Tennessee	2,255	-831	-4,094	3	6	12,841	0.4	1,258	-41,633	33	14	12,888	
Texas	15,256	825	-6,499	129	97	93,923	0.8	-571	-102,678	615	751	95,289	
Utah	1,232	74	-911	8	2	5,380	0.4	-62	-4,884	36	15	5,431	
Vermont	248	-6	-140	0	0	1,811	0.6	2	-4,393	2	0	1,813	
Virgin Islands	63	-8	-119	0	0	282	0.8	24	-426	0	0	282	
Virginia	1,498	367	-6,351	2	2	9,101	0.2	-667	-35,692	67	64	9,232	
Washington	3,915	200	-3,221	3	9	32,573	1.0	401	-29,544	136	263	32,972	
West Virginia	831	119	-893	4	4	5,958	0.9	379	-8,900	28	18	6,004	
Wisconsin	4,385	1,112	-4,441	6	3	16,014	0.6	863	-39,011	40	15	16,069	
Wyoming	306	51	-175	1	1	1,295	0.5	-13	-1,379	6	6	1,307	
Totals	206,099	19,333	-201,699	695	415	1,270,957	0.9	12,619	-2,027,031	6,017	4,120	1,281,094	

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.

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**UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 11, 2022**

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**STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
CA	+3,951	No comment.
PA	+2,615	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, accommodation and food services, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
IL	+1,903	Layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries.
OH	+1,772	No comment.
MI	+1,587	No comment.
GA	+1,376	Layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, health care and social assistance, and accommodation and food services industries.
FL	+1,239	No comment.
WI	+1,112	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and accommodation and food services industries.
NJ	+1,049	No comment.

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

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<b>State</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>State Supplied Comment</b>
MO	-1,297	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodation and food services, and transportation and warehousing 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. 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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