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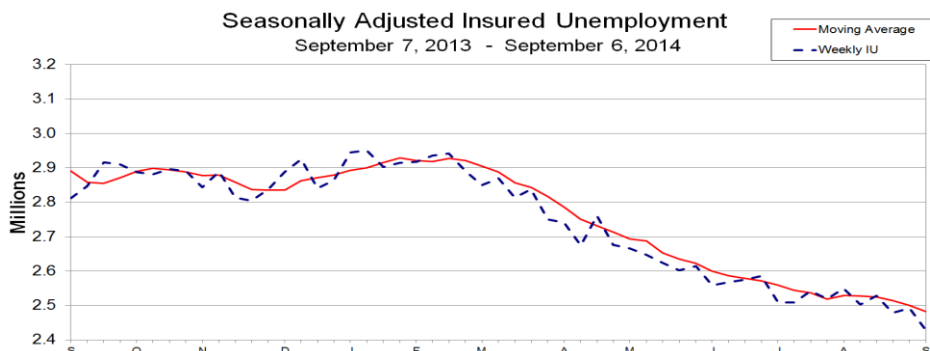
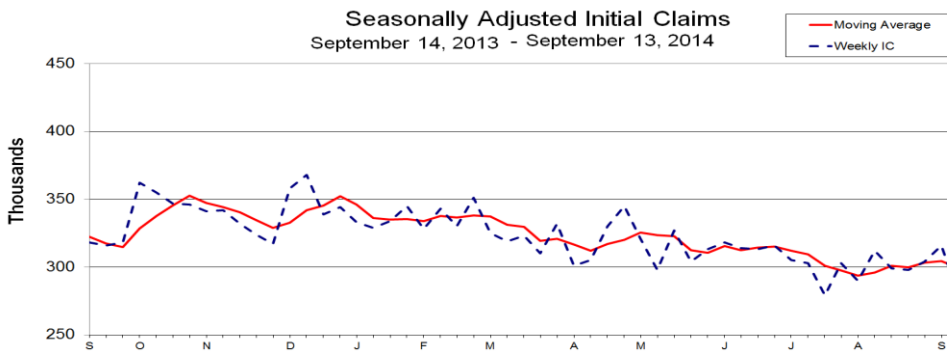
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 280,000, a decrease of 36,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 315,000 to 316,000. The 4-week moving average was 299,500, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 250 from 304,000 to 304,250.

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

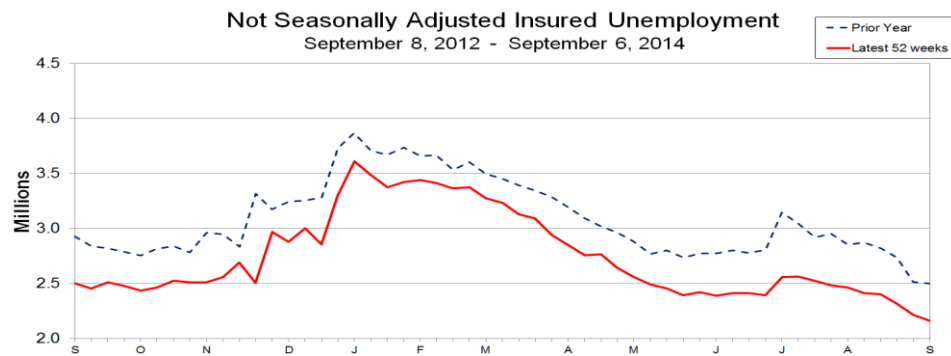
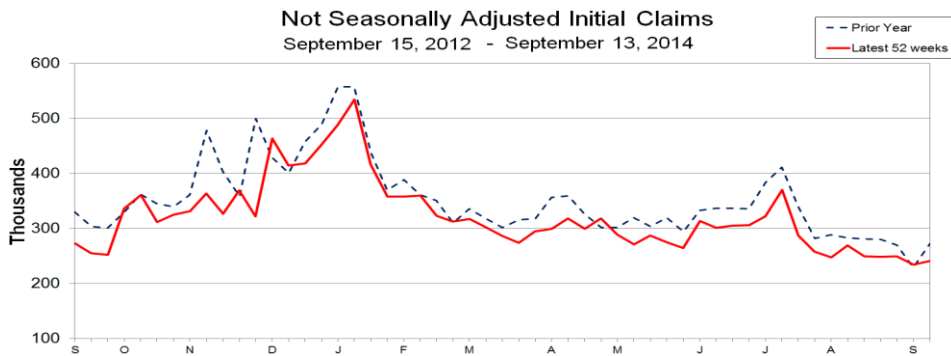
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.8 percent for the week ending September 6, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 6 was 2,429,000, a decrease of 63,000 from the previous week's revised level. This is the lowest level for insured unemployment since May 19, 2007 when it was 2,417,000. The previous week's level was revised up 5,000 from 2,487,000 to 2,492,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,481,750, a decrease of 18,250 from the previous week's revised average. This is the lowest level for this average since June 23, 2007 when it was 2,477,250. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,250 from 2,498,750 to 2,500,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 241,074 in the week ending September 13, an increase of 6,358 (or 2.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 37,277 (or 15.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 272,946 initial claims in the comparable week in 2013.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.6 percent during the week ending September 6, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,164,511, a decrease of 48,227 (or -2.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 7,475 (or 0.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,499,855.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 30 was 2,264,224, a decrease of 110,090 from the previous week. There were 3,891,893 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2013.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending August 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,539 in the week ending September 6, an increase of 363 from the prior week. There were 2,000 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 118 from the preceding week.

There were 14,315 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 30, a decrease of 935 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 23,685, a decrease of 755 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending August 30 were in Puerto Rico (3.9), New Jersey (3.3), Alaska (3.0), Connecticut (2.7), Pennsylvania (2.5), California (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), New York (2.2), Nevada (2.1), Rhode Island (2.1), Virgin Islands (2.1), and District of Columbia (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 6 were in New Jersey (+2,918), Illinois (+912), Nebraska (+877), Kansas (+670), and Tennessee (+651), while the largest decreases were in California (-10,968), New York (-2,811), Michigan (-1,117), Pennsylvania (-860), and Oregon (-740).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	September 13	September 6	Change	August 30	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Initial Claims (SA)	280,000	316,000	-36,000	304,000	318,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	241,074	234,716	+6,358	249,780	272,946
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	299,500	304,250	-4,750	303,250	322,250
WEEK ENDING	September 6	August 30	Change	August 23	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,429,000	2,492,000	-63,000	2,478,000	2,812,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,164,511	2,212,738	-48,227	2,319,238	2,499,855
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,481,750	2,500,000	-18,250	2,514,250	2,891,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)</u>²	1.8%	1.9%	-0.1	1.9%	2.2%
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA)</u>²	1.6%	1.7%	-0.1	1.8%	1.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	September 6	August 30	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,539	1,176	+363	926
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	2,000	1,882	+118	2,081

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 30	August 23	Change	<u>Prior Year</u>¹
Regular State	2,209,095	2,314,948	-105,853	2,508,117
Federal Employees	14,315	15,250	-935	18,581
Newly Discharged Veterans	23,685	24,440	-755	31,179
<u>Extended Benefits</u>³	37	10	+27	290
<u>State Additional Benefits</u>⁴	4,380	4,754	-374	3,823
<u>STC / Workshare</u>⁵	12,712	14,912	-2,200	13,940
<u>TOTAL</u>⁶	2,264,224	2,374,314	-110,090	3,891,893

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 132,140,947 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](#)
6. Prior Year Total includes Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) claimants.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-10,968	No comment.
NY	-2,811	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational services, and health care and social assistance industries.
MI	-1,117	Fewer layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industry.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	+2,918	Layoffs in the accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, construction, and real estate industries.

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	
September 7, 2013	307	-21	327.25	2812	-33	2891.50	2.2
September 14, 2013	318	11	322.25	2847	35	2858.00	2.2
September 21, 2013	316	-2	317.25	2916	69	2855.00	2.2
September 28, 2013	318	2	314.75	2910	-6	2871.25	2.2
October 5, 2013	362	44	328.50	2888	-22	2890.25	2.2
October 12, 2013	355	-7	337.75	2881	-7	2898.75	2.2
October 19, 2013	347	-8	345.50	2896	15	2893.75	2.2
October 26, 2013	346	-1	352.50	2890	-6	2888.75	2.2
November 2, 2013	341	-5	347.25	2843	-47	2877.50	2.2
November 9, 2013	342	1	344.00	2889	46	2879.50	2.2
November 16, 2013	332	-10	340.25	2813	-76	2858.75	2.2
November 23, 2013	324	-8	334.75	2804	-9	2837.25	2.2
November 30, 2013	317	-7	328.75	2837	33	2835.75	2.2
December 7, 2013	358	41	332.75	2887	50	2835.25	2.2
December 14, 2013	368	10	341.75	2925	38	2863.25	2.2
December 21, 2013	339	-29	345.50	2840	-85	2872.25	2.2
December 28, 2013	344	5	352.25	2863	23	2878.75	2.2
January 4, 2014	333	-11	346.00	2945	82	2893.25	2.2
January 11, 2014	329	-4	336.25	2951	6	2899.75	2.3
January 18, 2014	334	5	335.00	2903	-48	2915.50	2.2
January 25, 2014	345	11	335.25	2915	12	2928.50	2.2
February 1, 2014	328	-17	334.00	2918	3	2921.75	2.2
February 8, 2014	343	15	337.50	2936	18	2918.00	2.2
February 15, 2014	330	-13	336.50	2941	5	2927.50	2.2
February 22, 2014	351	21	338.00	2890	-51	2921.25	2.2
March 1, 2014	325	-26	337.25	2850	-40	2904.25	2.2
March 8, 2014	319	-6	331.25	2869	19	2887.50	2.2
March 15, 2014	323	4	329.50	2814	-55	2855.75	2.1
March 22, 2014	310	-13	319.25	2838	24	2842.75	2.2
March 29, 2014	332	22	321.00	2750	-88	2817.75	2.1
April 5, 2014	301	-31	316.50	2741	-9	2785.75	2.1
April 12, 2014	305	4	312.00	2674	-67	2750.75	2.0
April 19, 2014	330	25	317.00	2761	87	2731.50	2.1
April 26, 2014	345	15	320.25	2676	-85	2713.00	2.0
May 3, 2014	321	-24	325.25	2666	-10	2694.25	2.0
May 10, 2014	298	-23	323.50	2648	-18	2687.75	2.0
May 17, 2014	327	29	322.75	2623	-25	2653.25	2.0
May 24, 2014	304	-23	312.50	2603	-20	2635.00	2.0
May 31, 2014	313	9	310.50	2615	12	2622.25	2.0
June 7, 2014	318	5	315.50	2559	-56	2600.00	1.9
June 14, 2014	314	-4	312.25	2568	9	2586.25	2.0
June 21, 2014	313	-1	314.50	2575	7	2579.25	2.0
June 28, 2014	316	3	315.25	2586	11	2572.00	2.0
July 5, 2014	305	-11	312.00	2508	-78	2559.25	1.9
July 12, 2014	303	-2	309.25	2508	0	2544.25	1.9
July 19, 2014	279	-24	300.75	2542	34	2536.00	1.9
July 26, 2014	303	24	297.50	2519	-23	2519.25	1.9
August 2, 2014	290	-13	293.75	2549	30	2529.50	1.9
August 9, 2014	312	22	296.00	2502	-47	2528.00	1.9
August 16, 2014	299	-13	301.00	2528	26	2524.50	1.9
August 23, 2014	298	-1	299.75	2478	-50	2514.25	1.9
August 30, 2014	304	6	303.25	2492	14	2500.00	1.9
September 6, 2014	316	12	304.25	2429	-63	2481.75	1.8
September 13, 2014	280	-36	299.50				

Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended September 6
INITIAL CLAIMS

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended August 30
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE	CHANGE FROM						CHANGE FROM						ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT
	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹	STATE	(%) ²	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	2997	-57	-669	9	25	25385	1.4	-709	-6194	106	268	25759	
Alaska	962	-220	-247	3	7	9299	3.0	242	-302	115	83	9497	
Arizona	3741	-480	-318	4	9	38953	1.6	-1485	-3016	150	302	39405	
Arkansas	2285	65	-327	11	3	20434	1.8	-611	-5266	89	235	20758	
California	37734	-10968	19688	216	269	348517	2.3	-41995	45731	2435	4231	355183	
Colorado	2091	-194	-273	11	62	27641	1.2	-739	-6431	222	841	28704	
Connecticut	2607	-371	-345	9	13	43568	2.7	-5885	-4840	72	197	43837	
Delaware	594	-39	-118	0	3	6390	1.6	-2126	-1114	28	60	6479	
District of Columbia	336	-25	-50	7	2	10290	2.0	-571	-1329	343	11	10644	
Florida	12546	-550	2889	20	135	90845	1.2	-1520	-18075	431	719	91995	
Georgia	6725	-39	-913	135	66	44279	1.2	-112	-11926	509	882	45670	
Hawaii	1301	-83	-356	6	21	8729	1.5	-397	-2020	108	255	9092	
Idaho	686	-334	-698	3	9	7544	1.2	-406	-1819	34	66	7644	
Illinois	9756	912	-1716	7	47	113504	2.0	-7377	-25344	443	626	114573	
Indiana	3790	-281	-623	13	21	24165	0.9	-380	-15804	227	196	24588	
Iowa	1781	-693	-110	5	9	16240	1.1	24	-2241	60	114	16414	
Kansas	2760	670	319	3	9	14550	1.1	-418	-5241	111	211	14872	
Kentucky	2442	-87	-735	32	19	23141	1.3	-22	-5055	297	506	23944	
Louisiana	1961	-276	-229	5	19	20739	1.1	-724	-3383	86	101	20926	
Maine	863	88	-296	0	3	6862	1.2	-539	-1404	30	50	6942	
Maryland	3953	233	-484	30	43	46519	1.9	-3350	-2970	545	381	47445	
Massachusetts	5379	-27	441	110	45	74790	2.3	-7173	3939	361	481	75632	
Michigan	8580	-1117	979	13	31	63362	1.6	827	-6425	142	374	63878	
Minnesota	3147	337	-335	2	17	31590	1.2	-362	-6438	85	222	31897	
Mississippi	1417	-162	-948	6	9	17574	1.6	-1253	-4951	117	167	17858	
Missouri	4445	5	-741	177	22	33281	1.3	-898	-7544	1003	223	34507	
Montana	787	41	-144	7	11	5438	1.3	-482	-1797	56	65	5559	
Nebraska	1845	877	751	7	1	6244	0.7	-145	-2416	26	38	6308	
Nevada	3039	-142	1620	3	19	24510	2.1	-328	358	57	215	24802	
New Hampshire	624	-37	-191	3	5	6227	1.0	-1122	-723	14	24	6265	
New Jersey	10564	2918	1853	19	42	122552	3.3	-1673	-7493	269	546	123367	
New Mexico	1006	-107	13	4	5	12951	1.7	-296	-2428	107	138	13196	
New York	18159	-2811	-950	89	99	185076	2.2	-3285	-41177	1018	1142	187236	
North Carolina	4491	-382	-1209	41	46	47504	1.2	-1935	-28676	182	720	48406	
North Dakota	226	62	11	1	0	1475	0.4	-135	-240	15	12	1502	
Ohio	6562	-148	-1575	10	60	56416	1.1	-2294	-11687	268	669	57353	
Oklahoma	1725	265	-606	3	30	15297	1.0	-331	-3883	64	180	15541	
Oregon	3731	-740	-347	18	30	31415	1.9	-1043	-7135	212	367	31994	
Pennsylvania	14201	-860	-2553	148	112	139487	2.5	-5844	-22705	718	945	141161	
Puerto Rico	1882	-270	62	2	9	35493	3.9	10	-1638	191	304	35988	
Rhode Island	903	-121	-199	2	5	9392	2.1	-1900	-1240	31	57	9480	
South Carolina	2779	-298	-1364	6	35	18580	1.0	-978	-8516	58	243	18881	
South Dakota	209	23	5	4	1	1088	0.3	-144	-318	33	12	1133	
Tennessee	3966	651	-608	115	29	28620	1.1	-1730	-8333	275	301	29196	
Texas	13798	-291	-975	132	314	141662	1.3	-650	-16355	1354	3332	146352	
Utah	1093	-114	-262	36	12	9825	0.8	-249	-2446	241	91	10157	
Vermont	413	37	-63	1	0	3278	1.1	-757	-487	12	17	3307	
Virgin Islands	42	-26	7	0	1	782	2.1	-106	-306	0	10	792	
Virginia	3812	-46	-571	13	44	31765	0.9	-1949	-6580	362	889	33016	
Washington	6612	533	5	27	150	48336	1.7	1086	-9150	388	1259	49983	
West Virginia	955	-69	-278	3	6	11777	1.7	-954	-1610	69	95	11941	
Wisconsin	6151	-281	-1031	7	15	46789	1.7	-1416	-12242	122	188	47100	
Wyoming	262	-35	-118	1	1	2568	0.9	109	-1037	24	24	2616	
Totals	234716	-15064	5068	1539	2000	2212738	1.7	-106500	-299722	14315	23685	2250775	

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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