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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 221,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 228,000. The 4-week moving average was 233,750, a decrease of 3,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 237,500.

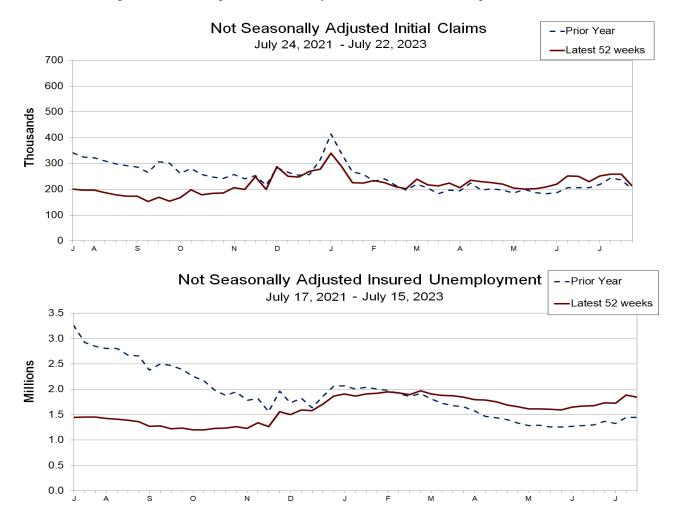
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.1 percent for the week ending July 15, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 15 was 1,690,000, a decrease of 59,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 1,754,000 to 1,749,000. The 4-week moving average was 1,719,500, a decrease of 10,750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,250 from 1,731,500 to 1,730,250.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 213,677 in the week ending July 22, a decrease of 44,487 (or -17.2 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 37,402 (or -14.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 200,929 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.2 percent during the week ending July 15, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 1,846,833, a decrease of 40,614 (or -2.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 24,490 (or 1.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.0 percent and the volume was 1,443,848.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending July 8 was 1,913,225, an increase of 165,181 from the previous week. There were 1,476,272 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2022.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 446 in the week ending July 15, an increase of 41 from the prior week. There were 421 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 63 from the preceding week.

There were 4,861 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending July 8, an increase of 95 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 4,035, an increase of 156 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 8 were in Connecticut (2.6), New Jersey (2.5), California (2.4), Puerto Rico (2.4), Rhode Island (2.2), Massachusetts (2.0), New York (1.9), Oregon (1.9), Minnesota (1.8), and Pennsylvania (1.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 15 were in Georgia (+4,879), California (+3,875), South Carolina (+2,376), Oregon (+1,354), and Texas (+1,267), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-3,620), Kentucky (-2,730), New Jersey (-2,036), New York (-1,917), and Indiana (-1,360).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 22	July 15	Change	July 8	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	221,000	228,000	-7,000	237,000	211,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	213,677	258,164	-44,487	258,252	200,929
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	233,750	237,500	-3,750	246,750	214,250
WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	July 1	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	1,690,000	1,749,000	-59,000	1,721,000	1,317,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	1,846,833	1,887,447	-40,614	1,724,290	1,443,848
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	1,719,500	1,730,250	-10,750	1,733,250	1,331,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	1.1%	1.2%	-0.1	1.2%	0.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.2%	1.3%	-0.1	1.2%	1.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 15	July 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	446	405	+41	518
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	421	358	+63	420

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

WEEK ENDING	July 8	July 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	1,880,127	1,719,244	+160,883	1,447,311
Federal Employees	4,861	4,766	+95	7,183
Newly Discharged Veterans	4,035	3,879	+156	4,312
Extended Benefits ³	617	398	+219	6,334
State Additional Benefits ⁴	1,797	1,737	+60	1,699
STC / Workshare ⁵	21,788	18,020	+3,768	9,433
TOTAL	1,913,225	1,748,044	+165,181	1,476,272

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 148,060,578 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

	Initial Clair	ns Filed During Wee	ek Ended July 22	Insured Unempl	oyment For Week Ende	ed July 15
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	2,490	3,617	-1,127	10,269	11,927	-1,658
Alaska	545	585	-40	3,229	3,365	-136
Arizona	4,180	4,801	-621	29,169	30,148	-979
Arkansas	1,279	2,004	-725	11,801	11,691	110
California	44,618	49,037	-4,419	409,905	421,920	-12,015
Colorado	2,527	2,396	131	21,985	19,337	2,648
Connecticut	3,131	3,724	-593	35,191	43,103	-7,912
Delaware	299	347	-48	5,305	5,041	264
District of Columbia	477	512	-35	4,965	5,395	-430
Florida	5,841	6,474	-633	41,928	42,857	-929
Georgia	7,377	10,490	-3,113	38,814	33,481	5,333
Hawaii	1,088	1,192	-104	6,239	6,341	-102
Idaho	729	842	-113	5,358	5,971	-613
Illinois	7,594	8,135	-541	92,898	92,463	435
Indiana	3,113	3,673	-560	21,188	22,615	-1,427
Iowa	1,812	2,167	-355	8,028	10,114	-2,086
Kansas	1,136	1,310	-333 -174	5,548	5,411	137
	1,453	1,947	-174 -494	8,756	8,926	-170
Kentucky						
Louisiana	1,920	2,402	-482	14,235	15,448	-1,213
Maine	404	553	-149	4,681	4,839	-158
Maryland	1,833	2,329	-496	21,915	22,052	-137
Massachusetts	2,852	3,077	-225	69,091	70,450	-1,359
Michigan	5,254	7,202	-1,948	41,162	47,559	-6,397
Minnesota	3,320	4,755	-1,435	48,410	50,680	-2,270
Mississippi	928	1,446	-518	8,070	8,760	-690
Missouri	2,577	3,630	-1,053	19,302	20,549	-1,247
Montana	364	440	-76	3,806	4,205	-399
Nebraska	610	639	-29	4,695	4,836	-141
Nevada	2,310	2,631	-321	21,115	21,888	-773
New Hampshire	329	404	-75	2,993	3,371	-378
New Jersey	7,722	8,711	-989	103,974	101,962	2,012
New Mexico	808	902	-94	9,899	9,762	137
New York	15,203	24,561	-9,358	170,890	172,812	-1,922
North Carolina	3,249	3,700	-451	20,641	21,562	-921
North Dakota	190	239	-49	1,708	1,715	-7
Ohio	21,386	22,440	-1,054	40,927	44,513	-3,586
Oklahoma	1,312	1,336	-24	10,241	10,908	-667
Oregon	4,548	6,083	-1,535	34,856	35,515	-659
Pennsylvania	10,901	13,688	-2,787	101,230	102,399	-1,169
Puerto Rico	1,924	1,964	-40	23,351	21,568	1,783
Rhode Island	690	956	-266	10,341	10,261	80
South Carolina	2,194	4,850	-2,656	15,056	18,036	-2,980
South Dakota	124	129	-5	951	973	-22
Tennessee	2,399	3,074	-675	17,427	17,475	-48
Texas	15,519	16,986	-1,467	149,149	149,314	-165
Utah	1,561	1,598	-37	9,786	9,453	333
Vermont	591	357	234	2,816	2,455	361
Virgin Islands	30	34	-4	232	2,433	14
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Virginia Washington	2,402	2,424		14,787	13,696	1,091
Washington	4,230	5,831	-1,601	55,446	54,087	1,359
West Virginia	918	920	-2	7,845	7,389	456
Wisconsin	3,168	4,366	-1,198	23,683	25,230	-1,547
Wyoming	218	254	-36	1,546	1,401	145
US Total	213,677	258,164	-44,487	1,846,833	1,887,447	-40,614

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.

		Change from					
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week	
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR
July 16, 2022	213	-8	214.75	1,317	-24	1,331.50	0.9
July 23, 2022	211	-2	214.25	1,350	33	1,330.50	1.0
July 30, 2022	218	7	215.75	1,352	2	1,340.00	1.0
August 6, 2022	214	-4	214.00	1,350	-2	1,342.25	1.0
August 13, 2022	213	-1	214.00	1,329	-21	1,345.25	0.9
August 20, 2022	208	-5	213.25	1,343	14	1,343.50	0.9
August 27, 2022	206	-2	210.25	1,316	-27	1,334.50	0.9
September 3, 2022	197	-9	206.00	1,302	-14	1,322.50	0.9
September 10, 2022	192	-5	200.75	1,289	-13	1,312.50	0.9
September 17, 2022	191	-1	196.50	1,290	1	1,299.25	0.9
-	182	-1 -9	190.50	1,302			0.9
September 24, 2022					12	1,295.75	
October 1, 2022	198	16	190.75	1,325	23	1,301.50	0.9
October 8, 2022	206	8	194.25	1,346	21	1,315.75	0.9
October 15, 2022	198	-8	196.00	1,391	45	1,341.00	1.0
October 22, 2022	201	3	200.75	1,432	41	1,373.50	1.0
October 29, 2022	204	3	202.25	1,439	7	1,402.00	1.0
November 5, 2022	207	3	202.50	1,454	15	1,429.00	1.0
November 12, 2022	211	4	205.75	1,484	30	1,452.25	1.0
November 19, 2022	219	8	210.25	1,554	70	1,482.75	1.1
November 26, 2022	213	-6	212.50	1,558	4	1,512.50	1.1
December 3, 2022	216	3	214.75	1,601	43	1,549.25	1.1
December 10, 2022	206	-10	213.50	1,601	0	1,578.50	1.1
December 17, 2022	212	6	211.75	1,627	26	1,596.75	1.1
December 24, 2022	213	1	211.75	1,650	23	1,619.75	1.1
December 31, 2022	206	-7	209.25	1,645	-5	1,630.75	1.1
January 7, 2023	205	-1	209.00	1,634	-11	1,639.00	1.1
January 14, 2023	200	-5	206.00	1,658	24	1,646.75	1.1
January 21, 2023	194	-6	201.25	1,660	2	1,649.25	1.1
January 28, 2023	199	5	199.50	1,688	28	1,660.00	1.1
February 4, 2023	220	21	203.25		35		1.2
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February 11, 2023	216	-4	207.25	1,714	-9	1,696.25	1.2
February 18, 2023	217	1	213.00	1,718	4	1,710.75	1.2
February 25, 2023	221	4	218.50	1,781	63	1,734.00	1.2
March 4, 2023	245	24	224.75	1,772	-9	1,746.25	1.2
March 11, 2023	230	-15	228.25	1,804	32	1,768.75	1.2
March 18, 2023	247	17	235.75	1,817	13	1,793.50	1.3
March 25, 2023	246	-1	242.00	1,823	6	1,804.00	1.3
April 1, 2023	228	-18	237.75	1,804	-19	1,812.00	1.2
April 8, 2023	240	12	240.25	1,861	57	1,826.25	1.3
April 15, 2023	246	6	240.00	1,843	-18	1,832.75	1.3
April 22, 2023	229	-17	235.75	1,801	-42	1,827.25	1.2
April 29, 2023	242	13	239.25	1,807	6	1,828.00	1.2
May 6, 2023	231	-11	237.00	1,799	-8	1,812.50	1.2
May 13, 2023	225	-6	231.75	1,789	-10	1,799.00	1.2
May 20, 2023	230	5	232.00	1,794	5	1,797.25	1.2
May 27, 2023	233	3	229.75	1,755	-39	1,784.25	1.2
June 3, 2023	262	29	237.50	1,772	17	1,777.50	1.2
June 10, 2023	264	2	247.25	1,772	-11	1,777.50	1.2
							1.2
June 17, 2023	265	1	256.00	1,733	-28	1,755.25	
June 24, 2023	236	-29	256.75	1,718	-15	1,746.00	1.2
July 1, 2023	249	13	253.50	1,721	3	1,733.25	1.2
July 8, 2023	237	-12	246.75	1,749	28	1,730.25	1.2
July 15, 2023	228	-9	237.50	1,690	-59	1,719.50	1.1
July 22, 2023	221	-7	233.75				

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STATE NAME	STATE	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	STATE	2 (0/) 2	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE 1	UCX 1	RAILROAD RETIREMENT
Alabama	3,617	706	-2,431	5	3	11,927		1,564	4,925	34	13	11,974
	585	-3	-2, 4 31 -82	0	0		1.1	-4	-267	20	10	
Alaska Arizona	4,801	-3 18	-82 583	15	1	3,365 30,148		-4 1,488	7,384	108	39	3,395 30,295
Arkansas	2,004	-478	183	0	0	11,691		1,009	1,922	27	11	11,729
California	49,037	3,875	5,843	94	78	421,920		47,398	101,491	845	861	423,626
Colorado	2,396	152	-109	0	7	19,337		530	2,865	34	90	19,461
Connecticut	3,724	-657	-6,975	3	1	43,103		10,109	18,924	28	26	43,157
Delaware	347	-36	-40	1	0	5,041	1.1	314	1,267	0	8	5,049
District of Columbia	512	-66	-68	3	2	5,395	1.0	255	2,453	154	3	5,552
Florida	6,474	1,043	-1,384	16	32	42,857	0.5	4,264	4,039	69	92	43,018
Georgia	10,490	4,879	2,224	49	27	33,481		3,946	468	137	106	33,724
Hawaii	1,192	169	-48	1	7	6,341	1.1	373	99	36	67	6,444
Idaho	842	-326	70	1	3	5,971	0.7	516	1,922	6	11	5,988
Illinois	8,135	-1,045	568	2	2	92,463		5,311	26,104	285	111	92,859
Indiana	3,673	-1,360	-1,610	9	6	22,615		-2,205	3,204	55	30	22,700
Iowa	2,167	-1,138	729	1	3	10,114		1,948	1,965	22	8	10,144
Kansas	1,310	-55	-256	0	0	5,411	0.4	94	1,268	20	9	5,440
Kentucky	1,947	-2,730	-810	2	0	8,926	0.5	1,357	-489	39	25	8,990
Louisiana	2,402	486	-473	2	2	15,448	0.8	209	3,635	30	9	15,487
Maine	553	-5	113	0	0	4,839	0.8	396	1,273	11	4	4,854
Maryland	2,329	85	-145	9	5	22,052	0.9	1,364	3,450	111	63	22,226
Massachusetts	3,077	-483	1,570	2	10	70,450	2.0	1,860	21,020	74	88	70,612
Michigan	7,202	-3,620	-3,017	3	7	47,559	1.1	10,094	8,319	36	38	47,633
Minnesota	4,755	652	1,576	1	5	50,680	1.8	5,325	24,687	45	51	50,776
Mississippi	1,446	-109	-489	4	0	8,760	0.8	758	679	53	9	8,822
Missouri	3,630	-95	-68	1	3	20,549	0.7	1,792	3,209	62	20	20,631
Montana	440	-162	-68	1	1	4,205	0.9	448	636	33	7	4,245
Nebraska	639	28	143	2	2	4,836	0.5	92	1,621	5	1	4,842
Nevada	2,631	-190	334	3	3	21,888	1.5	2,743	6,770	53	60	22,001
New Hampshire	404	-36	109	1	1	3,371	0.5	47	988	0	3	3,374
New Jersey	8,711	-2,036	1,481	18	11	101,962	2 2.5	6,662	20,418	252	132	102,346
New Mexico	902	190	224	2	1	9,762	1.2	284	1,538	59	25	9,846
New York	24,561	-1,917	4,398	39	17	172,812	2 1.9	11,450	31,989	349	231	173,392
North Carolina	3,700	515	242	3	1	21,562		931	4,955	45	80	21,687
North Dakota	239	-38	34	13	0	1,715	0.4	121	197	158	4	1,877
Ohio	22,440	-690	11,308	3	6	44,513	0.8	1,485	6,086	59	55	44,627
Oklahoma	1,336	-811	-1,343	9	4	10,908		553	-277	17	26	10,951
Oregon	6,083	1,354	2,248	15	6	35,515		3,734	13,594	104	53	35,672
Pennsylvania	13,688	641	5,205	14	16	102,399		8,910	15,445	235	120	102,754
Puerto Rico	1,964	-308	-48	11	3	21.568		365	3,498	224	103	21,895
Rhode Island	956	-244	44	2	2	10,261		820	1,886	15	10	10,286
South Carolina	4,850	2,376	-698	1	11	18,036		3,321	3,761	39	36	18,111
South Dakota	129	-4	16	13	0	973	0.2	89	187	155	4	1,132
Tennessee	3,074	-426	-1,024	3	5	17,475		633	2,424	34	28	17,537
Texas	16,986	1,267	240	43	86	149,314		10,311	42,818	429	839	150,582
Utah	1,598	0	295	8	6	9,453	0.6	0	3,493	29	14	9,496
Vermont	357	106	106	0	0	2,455	0.8	80	303	0	0	2,455
Virgin Islands	34	11	-5	0	0	2,433	0.6	-22	-226	0	2	220
· ·	2,424	-392	-5 358	10	16	13,696		400	3,060	76	2 98	13,870
Virginia Washington	5,831		338 1,947	4	17	54,087			21,873	76 75	98 270	54,432
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West Virginia	920	215	145	1	1	7,389	1.1	789	744	26 46	10	7,425
Wisconsin	4,366	442	-92	3	0	25,230		3,298	3,573	46	15 7	25,291
Wyoming	254	2	19	0	1	1,401	0.5	69	135	3		1,411
Totals	258,164	-88	21,072	446	421	1,887,44	1.3	163,157	437,305	4,861	4,035	1,896,343

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 15, 2023

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	+4,879	Layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, information, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
CA	+3,875	No comment.
SC	+2,376	No comment.
OR	+1,354	No comment.
TX	+1,267	Layoffs in the professional, scientific, and technical services, retail trade, finance and insurance, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries.
FL	+1,043	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
MI	-3,620	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	-2,730	No comment.
NJ	-2,036	No comment.
NY	-1,917	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, public administration, and educational services industries.
IN	-1,360	No comment.
IA	-1,138	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IL	-1,045	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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