Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims for the Three-State Region

For the week ending June 20, workers filed 91,186 initial UI claims (NSA) in our three-state region — greater than the prior week’s 78,151 (revised). This was a second consecutive increase following 10 consecutive weekly declines after initial UI claims set a historic peak of 630,067 (revised) for the week ending March 28.

Compared with the prior week, initial UI claims across our three states:
- rose to 2,701 from 2,516 (revised) in Delaware;
- rose to 32,396 from 26,438 (revised) in New Jersey; and
- rose to 56,089 from 49,197 (revised) in Pennsylvania.

Workers also filed 124,478 initial Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims for the week ending June 20 in our three states. The PUA program provides benefits for workers who are not eligible for regular UI benefits.

For the week ending June 13, continued UI claims in our three-state region fell to 1,337,180 (NSA) — from the prior week’s 1,499,194 (revised).

Compared with the prior week, continued UI claims across our three states:
- rose to 50,625 from 47,115 (revised) in Delaware;
- fell to 528,006 from 538,269 (revised) in New Jersey; and
- fell to 758,549 from 913,810 (revised) in Pennsylvania.

For the week ending June 6, workers in the three-state region also filed continued claims in these special programs:
- 1,565,720 PUA claims, and
- 191,139 Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) claims. The PEUC program provides additional weeks of benefits for workers whose regular benefits have expired.
Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims for the U.S.

For the week ending June 20, workers filed 1,457,373 initial UI claims (NSA) — fewer than the prior week’s 1,463,363 (revised). This was the 11th consecutive weekly decline after initial UI claims set a historic peak of 6,212,523 (revised) for the week ending April 4.

Workers also filed 728,120 initial PUA claims for the week ending June 20.

**Continued UI claims** for the week ending June 13 fell to 17,921,282 (NSA) from the prior week’s 18,422,569 (revised). Continued UI claims are 4.9 million fewer than the peak five weeks ago.

However, for the week ending June 6, a total of 30.6 million continued claims were filed from all programs, including:

- 11.0 million PUA claims, and
- 0.9 million PEUC claims.

Continued UI claims peaked at 6.5 million during the Great Recession.

![Bar chart showing initial UI claims, PUA claims, and continued UI claims from February 15 to June 20.](chart)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics via Haver Analytics; not seasonally adjusted (NSA)

**Source:**

Initial and continued (UI) claims are gathered by individual states and are typically released on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor.

[https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf](https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf)

**Useful Resource:**

ASA Weekly Staffing Index

The ASA Weekly Staffing Index rose to 67.0 for the week ending June 14 — a seventh consecutive increase. This remains a record low for this particular week of the year but is now a mere 1.1 points below the same week in 2009.

The year-over-year change in this index was -8.0 points for the week ending March 15. This declined to near -36.5 points for the three weeks ending April 26 through May 10 and has rebounded slightly to -29.6 as of the week ending June 14.

Sources:
The ASA Staffing Index tracks weekly changes in temporary and contract employment and is typically released on Tuesday mornings. The index is generated from a survey of U.S. staffing firms by the American Staffing Association.

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