

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

For the week ending June 9, 2018.

Shown below is a table containing this week's unemployment data – initial claims filed [as compared to the same week last year](#).

"Initial claims" initiate a determination of eligibility to begin a claimant's benefit year (new claims) or subsequent period of unemployment (additional claims) within the benefit year.

| State/ county | 2018 | 2017 | Number change | Percent change |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| State | 1,568 | 1,539 | 29 | 1.9% |
| Oahu | 885 | 903 | -18 | -2.0% |
| Hawaii | 365 | 342 | 23 | 6.7% |
| Maui | 199 | 212 | -13 | -6.1% |
| Kauai | 93 | 54 | 39 | 72.2% |
| <i>Agent*</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>-2</i> | <i>-7.1%</i> |

*Agent claims are filed in Hawaii against another state.

Statewide initial unemployment claims increased by 1.9%, with this week's total filings of 1,568 and filings during the same week in 2017 of 1,539.

Comparing 2018 to 2017 for the counties:

- Oahu had 18 fewer claims filed
- Hawaii had 23 more claims filed
- Maui had 13 fewer claims filed
- Kauai had 39 more claims filed
- *Agent had 2 fewer claims filed*

In percentage changes, comparing the current week to the same week a year ago:

- Oahu had a 2.0% decrease
- Hawaii had a 6.7% increase
- Maui had a 6.1% decrease
- Kauai had a 72.2% increase
- *Agent had a 7.1% decrease*