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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending Feb. 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 440,000, a decrease of 43,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 483,000. The 4-week moving average was 468,500, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average of 469,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Jan. 30, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Jan. 30 was 4,538,000, a decrease of 79,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,617,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,603,500, a decrease of 17,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,621,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment for all programs is 5.322 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 504,661 in the week ending Feb. 6, a decrease of 28,640 from the previous week. There were 710,152 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.3 percent during the week ending Jan. 30, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,659,505, a decrease of 24,352 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.4 percent and the volume was 5,953,114.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin during the week ending Jan. 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,569 in the week ending Jan. 30, an increase of 89 from the prior week. There were 2,242 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 375 from the preceding week.

There were 25,878 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Jan. 23, a decrease of 289 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 37,423, an increase of 1,646 from the prior week.

States reported 5,447,592 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Jan. 23, a decrease of 184,627 from the prior week. There were 1,805,007 claimants in the comparable week in 2009. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending Jan. 23 were in Alaska (7.5 percent), Oregon (6.7), Idaho (6.5), Wisconsin (6.4), Puerto Rico (6.3), Montana (6.2), Pennsylvania (6.2), Nevada (5.9), Michigan (5.8), and Rhode Island (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Jan. 30 were in Pennsylvania (+10,495), Illinois (+3,062), North Carolina (+2,868), Georgia (+2,803), and Missouri (+2,677), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-1,819), Kansas (-1,600), Connecticut (-1,282), Virginia (-1,227), and Puerto Rico (-911).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Feb. 6	Jan. 30	Change	Jan. 23	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	440,000	483,000	-43,000	472,000	617,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	504,661	533,301	-28,640	502,710	710,152
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	468,500	469,500	-1,000	457,000	601,500
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Change	Jan. 16	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,538,000	4,617,000	-79,000	4,600,000	4,755,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	5,659,505	5,683,857	-24,352	5,602,357	5,953,114
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,603,500	4,621,250	-17,750	4,668,750	4,688,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.5%	3.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1	4.3%	4.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,569	1,480	+89	1,629
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,242	1,867	+375	2,048

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 23	Jan. 16	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	25,878	26,167	-289	20,211
Newly Discharged Veterans	37,423	35,777	+1,646	27,936
Railroad Retirement Board	12,000	12,000	0	9,000
Extended Benefits	236,041	222,833	+13,208	17,296
EUC 2008 ³	5,447,592	5,632,219	-184,627	1,805,007

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 130,128,328 as denominator.³ - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 01/30/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-1,819	Fewer layoffs in the trade and service industries.
KS	-1,600	No comment.
CT	-1,282	No comment.
VA	-1,227	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IA	+1,008	No comment.
TX	+1,123	Layoffs in the trade, service, finance, and manufacturing industries.
FL	+1,745	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
OH	+1,950	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+1,996	No comment.
WI	+2,429	Layoffs in the trade and manufacturing industries.
MO	+2,677	Layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.
GA	+2,803	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
NC	+2,868	Layoffs in the construction, apparel, stone/clay/glass, and lumber/wood industries.
IL	+3,062	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+10,495	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)[UI Claims Series 1967 to current](#)

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