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# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

# SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending Feb. 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 473,000, an increase of 31,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 442,000. The 4-week moving average was 467,500, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average of 469,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.5 percent for the week ending Feb. 6, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Feb. 6 was 4,563,000, unchanged from the preceding week's revised level of 4,563,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,585,750, a decrease of 24,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,609,750.

The fiscal year-to-date average for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment for all programs is 5.240 million.

### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 476,730 in the week ending Feb. 13, a decrease of 30,850 from the previous week. There were 619,951 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.3 percent during the week ending Feb. 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 5,539,706, a decrease of 150,689 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.5 percent and the volume was 5,972,146.

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. 30.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,431 in the week ending Feb. 6, a decrease of 138 from the prior week. There were 2,283 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 41 from the preceding week.

There were 26,387 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Jan. 30, an increase of 511 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,385, a decrease of 1,030 from the prior week.

States reported 5,797,875 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Jan. 30, an increase of 304,748 from the prior week. There were 1,903,779 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. 30 were in Alaska (7.2 percent), Puerto Rico (6.9), Idaho (6.5), Oregon (6.5), Pennsylvania (6.4), Wisconsin (6.4), Montana (6.3), Nevada (5.9), Michigan (5.6), Rhode Island (5.5), and Washington (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Feb. 6 were in Iowa (+2,014), Michigan (+1,724), Arkansas (+1,334), and Oklahoma (+1,246), while the largest decreases were in California (-13,535), Pennsylvania (-9,491), Florida (-3,587), Illinois (-1,815), and Wisconsin (-1,412).

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

	Advance				Prior
WEEK ENDING	Feb. 13	Feb. 6	Change	Jan. 30	Yea
Initial Claims (SA)	473,000	442,000	+31,000	483,000	631,00
Initial Claims (NSA)	476,730	507,580	-30,850	533,320	619,95
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	467,500	469,000	-1,500	469,500	615,500
	Advance				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	Feb. 6	Jan. 30	Change	Jan. 23	Yea
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,563,000	4,563,000	0	4,617,000	4,948,00
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	5,539,706	5,690,395	-150,689	5,683,683	5,972,14
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,585,750	4,609,750	-24,000	4,621,250	4,781,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.5%	3.7%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1	4.4%	4.5%

# INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 6	Jan. 30	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,431	1,569	-138	1,496
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,283	2,242	+41	2,016

# PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Change	Year
Federal Employees	26,387	25,876	+511	21,233
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,385	37,415	-1,030	27,963
Railroad Retirement Board	12,000	12,000	0	8,000
Extended Benefits	205,744	236,041	-30,297	1,309
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	5,797,875	5,493,127	+304,748	1,903,779

FOOTNOTES
SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data

NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

- $^{\mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- $^{\rm 2}$  Most recent week used covered employment of 130,128,328 as denominator.
- <sup>3</sup> EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 02/06/2010

# STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
CA	-13,535	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
PA	-9,491	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
FL	-3,587	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
IL	-1,815	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
WI	-1,412	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, public administration, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-1,408	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and apparel industries.
TN	-1,114	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.

# STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
OK	+1,246	No comment.
AR	+1,334	No comment.
MI	+1,724	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
IA	+2,014	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
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