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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 462,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 468,000. The 4-week moving average was 475,500, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised average of 470,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Feb. 27, 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. 27 was 4,558,000, an increase of 37,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,521,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,581,000, unchanged from the preceding week's revised average of 4,581,000.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.170 million.

### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 460,287 in the week ending March 6, a decrease of 10,969 from the previous week. There were 652,636 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.2 percent during the week ending Feb. 27, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,528,856, a decrease of 68,281 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.8 percent and the volume was 6,361,354.

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, Montana, 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 Feb. 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,290 in the week ending Feb. 27, an increase of 93 from the prior week. There were 2,335 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 388 from the preceding week.

There were 22,955 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Feb. 20, a decrease of 822 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,585, an increase of 1,113 from the prior week.

States reported 5,527,925 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Feb. 20, a decrease of 159,649 from the prior week. There were 2,068,413 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 Feb. 20 were in Alaska (7.4 percent), Oregon (6.4), Idaho (6.3), Pennsylvania (6.2), Wisconsin (6.2), Montana (6.1), Puerto Rico (6.0), Michigan (5.7), Nevada (5.6), and Rhode Island (5.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Feb. 27 were in California (+16,112), New York (+12,263), Florida (+2,516), Texas (+1,440), and Nevada (+947), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-4,772), Massachusetts (-4,504), New Jersey (-3,972), Kentucky (-3,633), and Missouri (-1,661).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance March 6	Feb. 27	Change	Feb. 20	Prior1 Year
<b>Initial Claims (SA)</b>	462,000	468,000	-6,000	498,000	657,000
<b>Initial Claims (NSA)</b>	460,287	471,256	-10,969	454,492	652,636
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	475,500	470,500	+5,000	474,250	646,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance Feb. 27	Feb. 20	Change	Feb. 13	Prior1 Year
<b>Ins. Unemployment (SA)</b>	4,558,000	4,521,000	+37,000	4,634,000	5,253,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment (NSA)</b>	5,528,856	5,597,137	-68,281	5,546,408	6,361,354
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	4,581,000	4,581,000	0	4,605,000	5,085,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.6%	3.9%
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></b>	4.2%	4.3%	-0.1	4.3%	4.8%

### INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 27	Feb. 20	Change	Prior1 Year
<b>Federal Employees</b>	1,290	1,197	+93	1,179
<b>Newly Discharged Veterans</b>	2,335	1,947	+388	1,949

## PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 20	Feb. 13	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	22,955	23,777	-822	19,151
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,585	35,472	+1,113	28,653
Railroad Retirement Board	11,000	11,000	0	9,000
Extended Benefits	163,291	178,472	-15,181	3,938
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	5,527,925	5,687,574	-159,649	2,068,413

## FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data

NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

<sup>1</sup> - Prior year is comparable to most recent data.<sup>2</sup> - 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 02/27/2010

## STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-4,772	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, transportation, and industrial machinery industries.
MA	-4,504	No comment.
NJ	-3,972	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, and warehousing industries.
KY	-3,633	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.
MO	-1,661	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
MD	-1,363	No comment.
AL	-1,095	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry, and agriculture, forestry, and fishing.
IA	-1,070	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.

## STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	+1,440	Layoffs in the trade and service industries.
FL	+2,516	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
NY	+12,263	Layoffs in the transportation and service industries.
CA	+16,112	Return to a five day workweek, as well as layoffs in the service industry.

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

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