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**Note:** This week's release reflects the annual revision to the weekly unemployment claims seasonal adjustment factors. The historical factors from 2005 forward have been revised. The calendar year 2010 factors can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.oui.doleta.gov/press/2010/032510.asp>

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending March 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 442,000, a decrease of 14,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 456,000. The 4-week moving average was 453,750, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised average of 464,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending March 13, unchanged from the prior week's revised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 13 was 4,648,000, a decrease of 54,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,702,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,689,000, a decrease of 36,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,725,500.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.140 million.

#### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 405,557 in the week ending March 20, a decrease of 30,447 from the previous week. There were 590,067 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.1 percent during the week ending March 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,321,697, a decrease of 81,308 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.8 percent and the volume was 6,440,135.

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, Missouri, 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 March 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,219 in the week ending March 13, a decrease of 129 from the prior week. There were 2,273 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 118 from the preceding week.

There were 22,284 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 6, a decrease of 1,571 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,385, a decrease of 142 from the prior week.

States reported 5,558,430 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending March 6, a decrease of 329,618 from the prior week. There were 2,094,811 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 March 6 were in Alaska (7.2 percent), Oregon (6.2), Idaho (6.0), Wisconsin (6.0), Montana (5.9), Puerto Rico (5.8), Pennsylvania (5.7), Michigan (5.6), Nevada (5.6), and Rhode Island (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 13 were in California (+3,434), Michigan (+2,487), Iowa (+917), New Jersey (+534), and Hawaii (+379), while the largest decreases were in New York (-4,142), Illinois (-3,850), North Carolina (-3,383), Pennsylvania (-2,997), and Ohio (-2,899).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			March 6	Prior1 Year
	March 20	March 13	Change		
<b>Initial Claims (SA)</b>	442,000	456,000	-14,000	451,000	642,000
<b>Initial Claims (NSA)</b>	405,557	436,004	-30,447	459,523	590,067
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	453,750	464,750	-11,000	470,500	639,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Feb. 27	Prior1 Year
	March 13	March 6	Change		
<b>Ins. Unemployment (SA)</b>	4,648,000	4,702,000	-54,000	4,694,000	5,634,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment (NSA)</b>	5,321,697	5,403,005	-81,308	5,538,924	6,440,135
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	4,689,000	4,725,500	-36,500	4,761,500	5,462,500
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.6%	4.2%
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></b>	4.1%	4.2%	-0.1	4.3%	4.8%

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

WEEK ENDING	March 13	March 6	Change	Prior1 Year

Federal Employees	1,219	1,348	-129	1,098
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,273	2,391	-118	1,839

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

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WEEK ENDING	March 6	Feb. 27	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	22,284	23,855	-1,571	18,675
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,385	36,527	-142	29,036
Railroad Retirement Board	10,000	10,000	0	9,000
Extended Benefits	139,931	156,155	-16,224	14,888
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	5,558,430	5,888,048	-329,618	2,094,811

**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 03/13/2010

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STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NY	-4,142	Fewer layoffs in the construction, transportation, and manufacturing industries.
IL	-3,850	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-3,383	Fewer layoffs in the lumber/wood, electrical equipment, electronic equipment, industrial machinery, transportation equipment, apparel, construction, and service industries.
PA	-2,997	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and food industries.
OH	-2,899	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
VA	-1,672	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	-1,592	Fewer layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
AL	-1,246	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and industrial machinery industries.
OR	-1,123	No comment.
MA	-1,070	No comment.
IN	-1,060	Fewer layoffs in the automobile, trade, and service industries.

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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
MI	+2,487	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+3,434	No comment.

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