DOL Home > Newsroom > News Releases

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

USDL 10-493-NAT

Program Contact: Scott Gibbons (202) 693-3008 Tony Sznoluch (202) 693-3176

Media Contact :

TRANSMISSION OF MATERIAL IN THIS RELEASE IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8:30 A.M. (EDT), THURSDAY April 22, 2010

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 456,000, a decrease of 24,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 480,000. The 4-week moving average was 460,250, an increase of 2,750 from the previous week's revised average of 457,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending April 10, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's revised rate of 3.7 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 10 was 4,646,000, a decrease of 40,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,686,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,643,750, a decrease of 5,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,649,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.202 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 431,740 in the week ending April 17, a decrease of 79,187 from the previous week. There were 596,564 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.8 percent during the week ending April 10, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,906,633, a decrease of 75,054 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.8 percent and the volume was 6,406,046.

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 April 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,443 in the week ending April 10, an increase of 200 from the prior week. There were 2,418 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 691 from the preceding week.

There were 20,084 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending April 3, a decrease of 936 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,596, an increase of 1,802 from the prior week.

States reported 5,347,114 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending April 3, a decrease of 508,187 from the prior week. There were 2,364,774 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 April 3 were in Alaska (6.6 percent), Oregon (6.1), Wisconsin (5.5), Nevada (5.4), Puerto Rico (5.4), Idaho (5.3), Michigan (5.2), Montana (5.2), Pennsylvania (5.1), and North Carolina (5.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 10 were in New York (+23,876), California (+23,785), Florida (+7,304), Indiana (+5,603), and Texas (+4,576), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-2,147), Iowa (-1,447), New Jersey (-867), Nevada (-850), and Puerto Rico (-763).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

	Advance				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	April 17	April 10	Change	April 3	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	456,000	480,000	-24,000	463,000	633,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	431,740	510,927	-79,187	417,296	596,564
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	460,250	457,500	+2,750	451,000	634,000
	Advance				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	April 10	April 3	Change	March 27	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,646,000	4,686,000	-40,000	4,562,000	6,049,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,906,633	4,981,687	-75,054	5,040,758	6,406,046
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,643,750	4,649,250	-5,500	4,651,250	5,915,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.6%	3.7%	-0.1	3.5%	4.5%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.8%	3.9%	-0.1	3.9%	4.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 10	April 3	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees Newly Discharged Veterans	1,443	1,243	+200	1,221
	2,418	3,109	-691	1,847

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	April 3	March 27	Change	Year
Federal Employees	20,084	21,020	-936	17,103
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,596	34,794	+1,802	28,529
Railroad Retirement Board	8,000	8,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	146,583	117,955	+28,628	42,254
EUC 2008 ³	5,347,114	5,855,301	-508,187	2,364,774

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 128,298,468 as denominator.
- ³ EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 04/10/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
KY	-2,147	No comment.
IA	-1,447	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	Change	State Supplied Comment
RI	+1,015	Claims were flood related.
OH	+1,129	No comment.
MO	+1,180	Layoffs in the service industry.
SC	+1,642	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AZ	+2,096	No comment.
AR	+2,176	Layoffs in the finance and manufacturing industries.
AK	+2,331	No comment.
NC	+2,422	Layoffs in the construction, service, transportation, warehousing, and lumber/wood industries.
WI	+2,850	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
TN	+2,988	Layoffs in the trade, service, and transportation industries.
KS	+3,601	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	+4,576	Layoffs in the service, finance, and manufacturing industries.
IN	+5,603	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
FL	+7,304	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
CA	+23,785	Return to a five day workweek, as well as layoffs in the service industry.
NY	+23,876	Layoffs in the transportation and service industries.

This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-693-4676. TDD Message Phone: 1-800-326-2577. News releases from the U.S. Department of Labor are accessible on the Internet at: http://www.dol.gov/ and http://www.dol.gov/