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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 444,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 451,000. The 4-week moving average was 458,500, a decrease of 4,750 from the previous week's revised average of 463,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending April 24, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 24 was 4,594,000, a decrease of 59,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,653,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,649,000, an increase of 8,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,641,000.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.183 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 392,629 in the week ending May 1, a decrease of 33,783 from the previous week. There were 536,648 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.6 percent during the week ending April 24, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,635,631, a decrease of 152,657 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.7 percent and the volume was 6,280,863.

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 17.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,214 in the week ending April 24, a decrease of 5 from the prior week. There were 2,386 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 57 from the preceding week.

There were 19,211 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending April 17, a decrease of 990 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 37,199, an increase of 134 from the prior week.

States reported 5,354,259 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending April 17, an increase of 153,786 from the prior week. There were 2,279,478 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 17 were in Alaska (6.6 percent), Puerto Rico (6.0), Oregon (5.8), Nevada (5.1), Wisconsin (5.1), California (5.0), Michigan (4.9), Montana (4.9), Pennsylvania (4.9), Idaho (4.7), and North Carolina (4.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 24 were in California (+6,418), Massachusetts (+4,526), Oregon (+3,117), Kentucky (+1,800), and Louisiana (+993), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-2,766), North Carolina (-2,650), New York (-2,601), Wisconsin (-2,522), and Georgia (-2,197).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	May 1	April 24	Change	April 17	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	444,000	451,000	-7,000	459,000	604,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	392,629	426,412	-33,783	434,438	536,648
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	458,500	463,250	-4,750	461,000	617,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	April 24	April 17	Change	April 10	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,594,000	4,653,000	-59,000	4,663,000	6,225,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,635,631	4,788,288	-152,657	4,924,111	6,280,863
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,649,000	4,641,000	+8,000	4,648,000	6,118,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.6%	4.7%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	3.6%	3.7%	-0.1	3.8%	4.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING				Prior1	
	April 24	April 17	Change	Year	
Federal Employees	1,214	1,219	-5	1,114	
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,386	2,443	-57	1,681	

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 17	April 10	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	19,211	20,201	-990	16,606
Newly Discharged Veterans	37,199	37,065	+134	29,242
Railroad Retirement Board	7,000	7,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	201,487	202,484	-997	85,068
EUC 2008 ³	5,354,259	5,200,473	+153,786	2,279,478

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

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 04/24/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
FL	-2,766	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-2,650	Fewer layoffs in the industrial machinery, computer equipment, fabricated metals, electrical equipment, electronic equipment, leather, leather goods, and finance industries.
NY	-2,601	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and transportation industries.
WI	-2,522	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
GA	-2,197	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
SC	-1,807	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PR	-1,761	No comment.
IN	-1,652	No comment.
PA	-1,347	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and transportation industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
KY	+1,800	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
OR	+3,117	No comment.
MA	+4,526	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, and service industries.
CA	+6,418	Layoffs in the service industry.

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

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