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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 444,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 448,000. The 4-week moving average was 450,500, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised average of 459,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending May 1, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 1 was 4,627,000, an increase of 12,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,615,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,639,500, a decrease of 14,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,654,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.174 million.

### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 407,267 in the week ending May 8, an increase of 11,132 from the previous week. There were 570,412 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.5 percent during the week ending May 1, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,515,632, a decrease of 140,708 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.6 percent and the volume was 6,191,149.

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 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,300 in the week ending May 1, an increase of 86 from the prior week. There were 2,289 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 97 from the preceding week.

There were 18,944 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending April 24, a decrease of 267 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,699, a decrease of 500 from the prior week.

States reported 5,137,385 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending April 24, a decrease of 216,874 from the prior week. There were 2,156,516 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 24 were in Alaska (6.6 percent), Puerto Rico (6.3), Oregon (5.8), Nevada (5.1), California (4.9), Pennsylvania (4.8), Wisconsin (4.8), Montana (4.7), North Carolina (4.6), Rhode Island (4.6), Connecticut (4.5), and Idaho (4.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 1 were in New York (+4,021), Kentucky (+1,015), Pennsylvania (+773), Illinois (+611), and Tennessee (+609), while the largest decreases were in California (-18,546), Massachusetts (-3,628), Indiana (-3,242), Michigan (-1,748), and Florida (-1,291).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance May 8	May 1	Change	April 24	Prior1 Year
<b>Initial Claims (SA)</b>	444,000	448,000	-4,000	451,000	625,000
<b>Initial Claims (NSA)</b>	407,267	396,135	+11,132	426,412	570,412
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	450,500	459,500	-9,000	463,250	621,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance May 1	April 24	Change	April 17	Prior1 Year
<b>Ins. Unemployment (SA)</b>	4,627,000	4,615,000	+12,000	4,653,000	6,389,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment (NSA)</b>	4,515,632	4,656,340	-140,708	4,788,288	6,191,149
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	4,639,500	4,654,250	-14,750	4,641,000	6,218,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.6%	4.8%
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1	3.7%	4.6%

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

WEEK ENDING	May 1	April 24	Change	Prior1 Year
<b>Federal Employees</b>	1,300	1,214	+86	1,220
<b>Newly Discharged Veterans</b>	2,289	2,386	-97	1,684

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 PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)
 

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WEEK ENDING	April 24	April 17	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	18,944	19,211	-267	16,420
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,699	37,199	-500	28,464
Railroad Retirement Board	6,000	6,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	218,812	201,487	+17,325	221,886
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	5,137,385	5,354,259	-216,874	2,156,516

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

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 05/01/2010

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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>
CA	-18,546	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
MA	-3,628	No comment.
IN	-3,242	No comment.
MI	-1,748	No comment.
FL	-1,291	Fewer layoffs in the construction, 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>
KY	+1,015	No comment.
NY	+4,021	Layoffs in the transportation, service, and manufacturing industries.

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