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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 471,000, an increase of 25,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 446,000. The 4-week moving average was 453,500, an increase of 3,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 450,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending May 8, 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 8 was 4,625,000, a decrease of 40,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,665,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,642,500, a decrease of 9,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,652,000.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.146 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 407,940 in the week ending May 15, a decrease of 1,819 from the previous week. There were 540,925 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.5 percent during the week ending May 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,439,549, a decrease of 113,074 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.6 percent and the volume was 6,203,661.

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 May 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,318 in the week ending May 8, an increase of 18 from the prior week. There were 2,489 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 176 from the preceding week.

There were 17,472 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 1, a decrease of 1,722 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 35,054, a decrease of 1,737 from the prior week.

States reported 5,101,246 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending May 1, a decrease of 94,788 from the prior week. There were 2,268,367 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 May 1 were in Alaska (6.4 percent), Puerto Rico (6.0), Oregon (5.6), Nevada (5.0), California (4.9), Pennsylvania (4.6), Wisconsin (4.6), Montana (4.5), Idaho (4.4), North Carolina (4.4), and Washington (4.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 8 were in California (+8,351), Michigan (+3,175), New Jersey (+2,362), Georgia (+2,333), and Puerto Rico (+1,362), while the largest decreases were in New York (-3,144), Kentucky (-2,193), Connecticut (-1,512), Missouri (-1,031), and New Hampshire (-607).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance May 15	May 8	Change	May 1	Prior1 Year
Initial Claims (SA)	471,000	446,000	+25,000	446,000	625,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	407,940	409,759	-1,819	394,640	540,925
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	453,500	450,500	+3,000	459,000	619,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance May 8	May 1	Change	April 24	Prior1 Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,625,000	4,665,000	-40,000	4,627,000	6,449,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,439,549	4,552,623	-113,074	4,668,932	6,203,661
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,642,500	4,652,000	-9,500	4,657,250	6,318,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.6%	4.8%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.6%	4.6%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 8	May 1	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,318	1,300	+18	1,174
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,489	2,313	+176	1,751

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 1	April 24	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	17,472	19,194	-1,722	15,866
Newly Discharged Veterans	35,054	36,791	-1,737	28,521
Railroad Retirement Board	6,000	6,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	240,260	218,841	+21,419	173,527
EUC 2008 ³	5,101,246	5,196,034	-94,788	2,268,367

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 05/08/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-3,144	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, service, and manufacturing industries.
KY	-2,193	No comment.
CT	-1,512	No comment.
MO	-1,031	Fewer layoffs in the construction and trade industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WA	+1,007	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
FL	+1,123	Layoffs in the trade and manufacturing industries.
PR	+1,362	No comment.
GA	+2,333	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	+2,362	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
MI	+3,175	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
CA	+8,351	Layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.

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

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