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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 460,000, a decrease of 14,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 474,000. The 4-week moving average was 456,500, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average of 454,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending May 15, 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 15 was 4,607,000, a decrease of 49,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,656,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,637,250, a decrease of 11,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,648,750.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.134 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 404,325 in the week ending May 22, a decrease of 5,765 from the previous week. There were 538,311 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending May 15, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,381,421, a decrease of 88,300 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.6 percent and the volume was 6,153,284.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, 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 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,481 in the week ending May 15, an increase of 163 from the prior week. There were 2,369 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 120 from the preceding week.

There were 17,937 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 8, an increase of 577 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,370, an increase of 1,365 from the prior week.

States reported 5,059,843 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending May 8, a decrease of 41,403 from the prior week. There were 2,185,863 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 8 were in Puerto Rico (6.2 percent), Alaska (5.9), Oregon (5.4), Nevada (4.9), California (4.8), Pennsylvania (4.7), Wisconsin (4.5), North Carolina (4.4), Montana (4.3), and Connecticut (4.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 15 were in Tennessee (+3,041), Missouri (+2,369), Mississippi (+1,697), Illinois (+1,154), and Arkansas (+851), while the largest decreases were in California (-2,161), Michigan (-2,133), Washington (-1,968), Florida (-1,480), and Oregon (-1,200).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	May 22	May 15	Change	May 8	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	460,000	474,000	-14,000	446,000	611,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	404,325	410,090	-5,765	409,759	538,311
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	456,500	454,250	+2,250	450,500	616,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	May 15	May 8	Change	May 1	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,607,000	4,656,000	-49,000	4,659,000	6,498,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,381,421	4,469,721	-88,300	4,547,308	6,153,284
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,637,250	4,648,750	-11,500	4,650,500	6,390,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.6%	4.9%

Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.4%	3.5%	-0.1	3.5%	4.6%
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INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 15	May 8	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,481	1,318	+163	1,417
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,369	2,489	-120	1,777

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 8	May 1	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	17,937	17,360	+577	15,806
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,370	35,005	+1,365	28,246
Railroad Retirement Board	5,000	5,000	0	9,000
Extended Benefits	278,953	240,260	+38,693	398,667
EUC 2008 ³	5,059,843	5,101,246	-41,403	2,185,863

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 05/15/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-2,161	No comment.
MI	-2,133	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
WA	-1,968	No comment.
FL	-1,480	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
OR	-1,200	No comment.
NY	-1,018	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+1,154	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
MS	+1,697	Layoffs in the service industry.
MO	+2,369	Layoffs in the construction and service industries.
TN	+3,041	Layoffs in the trade, service, apparel, and fabricated metals industries.

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

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