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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 453,000, a decrease of 10,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 463,000. The 4-week moving average was 459,000, an increase of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average of 457,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending May 22, 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 22 was 4,666,000, an increase of 31,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,635,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,654,000, an increase of 9,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,644,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.124 million.

### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 410,302 in the week ending May 29, an increase of 3,427 from the previous week. There were 500,380 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending May 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,330,107, a decrease of 77,692 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.5 percent and the volume was 6,033,293.

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 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,584 in the week ending May 22, an increase of 103 from the prior week. There were 2,604 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 232 from the preceding week.

There were 17,057 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 15, a decrease of 878 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,960, an increase of 589 from the prior week.

States reported 5,081,015 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending May 15, an increase of 21,172 from the prior week. There were 2,347,218 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 15 were in Puerto Rico (5.9 percent), Alaska (5.8), Oregon (5.2), Nevada (4.8), California (4.6), Pennsylvania (4.5), Wisconsin (4.4), North Carolina (4.3), Connecticut (4.1), Michigan (4.0), Montana (4.0), New Jersey (4.0), Rhode Island (4.0), and South Carolina (4.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 22 were in New York (+1,556), Missouri (+1,189), Oklahoma (+682), Oregon (+647), and Iowa (+525), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,269), Tennessee (-1,808), Pennsylvania (-1,597), Georgia (-1,544), and California (-1,206).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	May 29	May 22	Change	May 15	Year
<b>Initial Claims (SA)</b>	453,000	463,000	-10,000	474,000	616,000
<b>Initial Claims (NSA)</b>	410,302	406,875	+3,427	410,264	500,380
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	459,000	457,250	+1,750	454,250	619,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	May 22	May 15	Change	May 8	Year
<b>Ins. Unemployment (SA)</b>	4,666,000	4,635,000	+31,000	4,656,000	6,515,000

Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,330,107	4,407,799	-77,692	4,469,365	6,033,293
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,654,000	4,644,250	+9,750	4,648,750	6,462,750

Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.6%	4.9%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.4%	3.4%	0.0	3.5%	4.5%

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

WEEK ENDING	May 22	May 15	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,584	1,481	+103	1,640
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,604	2,372	+232	1,750

#### PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 15	May 8	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	17,057	17,935	-878	15,276
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,960	36,371	+589	28,454
Railroad Retirement Board	5,000	5,000	0	12,000
Extended Benefits	314,311	278,953	+35,358	315,985
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	5,081,015	5,059,843	+21,172	2,347,218

#### 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 05/22/2010

#### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,269	No comment.
TN	-1,808	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and electrical equipment industries.
PA	-1,597	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and transportation industries.
GA	-1,544	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
CA	-1,206	No comment.

#### STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MO	+1,189	Layoffs in the construction industry.
NY	+1,556	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.

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