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## **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT**

## **SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

In the week ending Aug. 14, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 500,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 488,000. The 4-week moving average was 482,500, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised average of 474,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Aug. 7, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Aug. 7 was 4,478,000, a decrease of 13,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,491,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,526,750, a decrease of 1,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,528,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.010 million.

## **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 401,856 in the week ending Aug. 14, a decrease of 22,650 from the previous week. There were 457,985 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending Aug. 7, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,254,571, a decrease of 78,949 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.4 percent and the volume was 5,808,572.

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, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin during the week ending July 31.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 4,101 in the week ending Aug. 7, an increase of 854 from the prior week. There were 2,926 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 258 from the preceding week.

There were 24,121 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 31, an increase of 1,007 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 42,626, a decrease of 785 from the prior week.

States reported 4,753,456 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending July 31, an increase of 260,105 from the prior week. There were 2,961,457 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 July 31 were in Puerto Rico (6.7 percent), Pennsylvania (4.8), New Jersey (4.6), Oregon (4.6), California (4.5), Alaska (4.3), Connecticut (4.3), Nevada (4.3), Rhode Island (4.1), and Wisconsin (4.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Aug. 7 were in California (+4,393), Indiana (+1,999), North Carolina (+1,895), Pennsylvania (+1,626), and Georgia (+1,458), while the largest decreases were in Wisconsin (-1,873), Puerto Rico (-1,014), New Jersey (-688), Utah (-503), and South Carolina (-291).

### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**

WEEK ENDING	Advance Aug. 14	Aug. 7	Change	July 31	Prior1 Year
Initial Claims (SA)	500,000	488,000	+12,000	482,000	575,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	401,856	424,506	-22,650	402,135	457,985
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	482,500	474,500	+8,000	459,250	567,250

WEEK ENDING	Advance Aug. 7	July 31	Change	July 24	Prior1 Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,478,000	4,491,000	-13,000	4,570,000	6,127,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,254,571	4,333,520	-78,949	4,450,714	5,808,572
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,526,750	4,528,250	-1,500	4,583,000	6,144,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.6%	4.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.4%	3.4%	0.0	3.5%	4.4%

## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Aug. 7	July 31	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees  Newly Discharged Veterans	4,101	3,247	+854	1,639
	2,926	2,668	+258	2,252

# PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 31	July 24	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	24,121	23,114	+1,007	20,577
Newly Discharged Veterans	42,626	43,411	-785	30,325
Railroad Retirement Board	4,000	4,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	837,357	788,128	+49,229	727,404
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	4,753,456	4,493,351	+260,105	2,961,457

# **FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

- <sup>1</sup> Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- $^{\rm 2}$  Most recent week used covered employment of 126,763,245 as denominator.
- $^{\rm 3}$  EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 08/07/2010

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

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
WI	-1,873	No comment.
PR	-1,014	No comment.

# STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
TX	+1,071	Layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
IL	+1,150	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.

F	-L	+1,199	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
(	OR	+1,268	No comment.
N	ΜI	+1,347	No comment.
(	GA	+1,458	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
F	PA	+1,626	Layoffs in the transportation, industrial machinery, construction, and service industries.
1	NC	+1,895	Layoffs in the construction, service, industrial machinery, computer equipment, electrical equipment, electronic equipment, and textile industries.
I	N	+1,999	Layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.
(	CA	+4,393	Layoffs in the service industry.
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<u>State Detail Prior Week</u> <u>UI Claims Series 1967 to current</u>

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