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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending Sept. 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 450,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 453,000. The 4-week moving average was 464,750, a decrease of 13,500 from the previous week's revised average of 478,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Sept. 4, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's revised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Sept. 4 was 4,485,000, a decrease of 84,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,569,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,503,000, a decrease of 7,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,510,500.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 339,838 in the week ending Sept. 11, a decrease of 38,145 from the previous week. There were 411,126 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.1 percent during the week ending Sept. 4, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,888,599, a decrease of 246,280 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.0 percent and the volume was 5,300,249.

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 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 Aug. 28.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 4,912 in the week ending Sept. 4, an increase of 192 from the prior week. There were 4,226 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 1,581 from the preceding week.

There were 36,028 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Aug. 28, an increase of 10,986 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 42,054, an increase of 1,253 from the prior week.

States reported 4,108,529 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Aug. 28, a decrease of 402,116 from the prior week. There were 3,178,368 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 Aug. 28 were in Puerto Rico (7.3 percent), New Jersey (4.6), Pennsylvania (4.6), Alaska (4.4), Oregon (4.4), California (4.2), Connecticut (4.2), Nevada (4.2), Illinois (4.0), and Rhode Island (3.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Sept. 4 were in Pennsylvania (+1,442), Washington (+1,190), Texas (+809), Kansas (+698), and Kentucky (+581), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-5,619), New York (-2,907), Michigan (-2,864), Connecticut (-802), and Virginia (-709).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

	Advance				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	Sept. 11	Sept. 4	Change	Aug. 28	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	450,000	453,000	-3,000	478,000	547,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	339,838	377,983	-38,145	383,111	411,126
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	464,750	478,250	-13,500	487,000	559,500
	Advance				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	Sept. 4	Aug. 28	Change	Aug. 21	Year

Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,485,000	4,569,000	-84,000	4,479,000	6,113,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,888,599	4,134,879	-246,280	4,125,425	5,300,249
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,503,000	4,510,500	-7,500	4,491,000	6,077,500
Inc. Unampleyment Date (SA)2	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1	3.5%	4.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.5 /0	3.076	-0.1	3.376	4.076
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.1%	3.3%	-0.2	3.3%	4.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 4	Aug. 28	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees Newly Discharged Veterans	4,912	4,720	+192	1,560
	4,226	2,645	+1,581	2,260

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Aug. 28	Aug. 21	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	36,028	25,042	+10,986	20,455
Newly Discharged Veterans	42,054	40,801	+1,253	30,302
Railroad Retirement Board	4,000	4,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	853,631	959,368	-105,737	805,501
EUC 2008 ³	4,108,529	4,510,645	-402,116	3,178,368

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data

NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

- ¹ 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 09/04/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
FL	-5,619	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.
NY	-2,907	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and service industries.
MI	-2,864	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
WA	+1,190	Layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+1,442	Layoffs in the transportation equipment, construction, and service industries.

State Detail Prior Week

UI Claims Series 1967 to current

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