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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending Sept. 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 453,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 469,000. The 4-week moving average was 458,000, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average of 464,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Sept. 18, 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. 18 was 4,457,000, a decrease of 83,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,540,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,526,750, a decrease of 5,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,532,250.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 370,147 in the week ending Sept. 25, a decrease of 12,176 from the previous week. There were 445,618 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.0 percent during the week ending Sept. 18, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,766,450, a decrease of 169,875 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.8 percent and the volume was 5,072,855.

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 Sept. 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 4,170 in the week ending Sept. 18, an increase of 252 from the prior week. There were 2,811 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 1,200 from the preceding week.

There were 29,905 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Sept. 11, an increase of 3,001 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 40,965, a decrease of 1,668 from the prior week.

States reported 3,965,778 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Sept. 11, a decrease of 256,536 from the prior week. There were 3,312,386 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 Sept. 11 were in Puerto Rico (6.4 percent), New Jersey (4.3), Alaska (4.2), Oregon (4.2), Pennsylvania (4.2), California (4.1), Nevada (4.1), Connecticut (3.6), Illinois (3.6), and Wisconsin (3.6).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Sept. 18 were in California (+15,153), Illinois (+5,949), New York (+2,303), Tennessee (+2,133), and Georgia (+1,956), while the largest decreases were in Florida (-1,777), Wisconsin (-1,049), Arkansas (-426), Kansas (-357), and Nebraska (-223).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

	Advance			Prior1	
WEEK ENDING	Sept. 25	Sept. 18	Change	Sept. 11	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	453,000	469,000	-16,000	453,000	546,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	370,147	382,323	-12,176	341,664	445,618
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	458,000	464,250	-6,250	466,500	546,750
	Advance				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	Sept. 18	Sept. 11	Change	Sept. 4	Year

Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,457,000	4,540,000	-83,000	4,537,000	6,010,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,766,450	3,936,325	-169,875	3,933,940	5,072,855
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,526,750	4,532,250	-5,500	4,517,000	6,056,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1	3.6%	4.5%
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Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.0%	3.1%	-0.1	3.1%	3.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 18	Sept. 11	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees Newly Discharged Veterans	4,170	3,918	+252	1,489
	2,811	4,011	-1,200	2,336

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

				Prior1
WEEK ENDING	Sept. 11	Sept. 4	Change	Year
Federal Employees	29,905	26,904	+3,001	20,450
Newly Discharged Veterans	40,965	42,633	-1,668	30,754
Railroad Retirement Board	3,000	3,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	913,113	949,799	-36,686	675,252
EUC 2008 ³	3,965,778	4,222,314	-256,536	3,312,386

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 09/18/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
FL	-1,777	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
WI	-1,049	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
PA	+1,123	Layoffs in the construction, service, and furniture industries.
NC	+1,361	Layoffs in the industrial machinery and service industries.
ОН	+1,497	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
TX	+1,852	Layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	+1,864	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.

GA	+1,956	Layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.
TN	+2,133	Layoffs in the apparel, industrial machinery, trade, and service industries.
NY	+2,303	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
IL	+5,949	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
CA	+15,153	Return to a five day workweek, as well as layoffs in the service industry.
State Detail Pric	o <u>r Week</u> s 1967 to current	

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