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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT****SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

In the week ending Oct. 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 434,000, a decrease of 21,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 455,000. The 4-week moving average was 453,250, a decrease of 5,500 from the previous week's revised average of 458,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Oct. 16, 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 Oct. 16 was 4,356,000, a decrease of 122,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,478,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,447,250, a decrease of 38,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,485,750.

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 405,639 in the week ending Oct. 23, an increase of 11,678 from the previous week. There were 494,476 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.0 percent during the week ending Oct. 16, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,742,003, an increase of 25,405 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.8 percent and the volume was 4,984,950.

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 Oct. 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 5,441 in the week ending Oct. 16, a decrease of 5,308 from the prior week. There were 2,599 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 556 from the preceding week.

There were 37,306 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Oct. 9, an increase of 5,136 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 41,689, an increase of 695 from the prior week.

States reported 3,782,011 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Oct. 9, a decrease of 258,102 from the prior week. There were 3,407,257 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 Oct. 9 were in Puerto Rico (6.9 percent), Alaska (4.9), Oregon (4.1), Pennsylvania (4.1), Nevada (4.0), California (3.9), New Jersey (3.8), Connecticut (3.6), South Carolina (3.5), and Wisconsin (3.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Oct. 16 were in Puerto Rico (+1,115), Minnesota (+521), Wisconsin (+294), Florida (+190), and Alabama (+158), while the largest decreases were in California (-13,701), North Carolina (-6,607), New York (-6,382), Pennsylvania (-5,248), and Texas (-4,385).

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

| WEEK ENDING                               | Advance   |           | Change   | Oct. 9    | Prior1<br>Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------|
|   | Oct. 23   | Oct. 16   |          |           |                |
| Initial Claims (SA)                       | 434,000   | 455,000   | -21,000  | 475,000   | 528,000        |
| Initial Claims (NSA)                      | 405,639   | 393,961   | +11,678  | 462,667   | 494,476        |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA)                  | 453,250   | 458,750   | -5,500   | 462,250   | 528,750        |
| WEEK ENDING                               | Advance   |           | Change   | Oct. 2    | Prior1<br>Year |
|   | Oct. 16.  | Oct. 9    |          |           |                |
| Ins. Unemployment (SA)                    | 4,356,000 | 4,478,000 | -122,000 | 4,444,000 | 5,803,000      |
| Ins. Unemployment (NSA)                   | 3,742,003 | 3,716,598 | +25,405  | 3,705,942 | 4,984,950      |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA)                  | 4,447,250 | 4,485,750 | -38,500  | 4,499,750 | 5,908,000      |
| Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>  | 3.5%      | 3.6%      | -0.1     | 3.5%      | 4.4%           |
| Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup> | 3.0%      | 3.0%      | 0.0      | 2.9%      | 3.8%           |

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

| WEEK ENDING               | Oct. 16 | Oct. 9 | Change | Prior1<br>Year |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|--------|----------------|
|                           |         |        |        |                |
| Federal Employees         | 5,441   | 10,749 | -5,308 | 1,937          |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 2,599   | 3,155  | -556   | 2,482          |

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

| WEEK ENDING               | Oct. 9    | Oct. 2    | Change   | Prior1<br>Year |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------|
|                           |           |           |          |                |
| Federal Employees         | 37,306    | 32,170    | +5,136   | 21,269         |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 41,689    | 40,994    | +695     | 33,139         |
| Railroad Retirement Board | 3,000     | 3,000     | 0        | 10,000         |
| Extended Benefits         | 875,591   | 1,031,584 | -155,993 | 569,507        |
| EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>     | 3,782,011 | 4,040,113 | -258,102 | 3,407,257      |

**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 125,845,577 as denominator.****<sup>3</sup> - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.**

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 10/16/2010

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

| <u>State</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>State Supplied Comment</u>  |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| CA           | -13,701       | Fewer layoffs in the service industry.   |
| NC           | -6,607        | Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, textile, petroleum, and lumber/wood industries. |
| NY           | -6,382        | Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.  |
| PA           | -5,248        | Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.  |
| TX           | -4,385        | Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.   |
| IL           | -3,437        | No comment.  |
| GA           | -3,360        | Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.  |
| NJ           | -3,108        | A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.    |
| MD           | -3,022        | No comment.  |
| OH           | -2,792        | No comment.  |
| MA           | -1,946        | Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.  |
| AZ           | -1,646        | No comment.  |
| MI           | -1,522        | No comment.  |
| VA           | -1,479        | Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.  |
| CO           | -1,471        | No comment.  |
| WA           | -1,456        | No comment.  |
| CT           | -1,312        | No comment.  |

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

| <u>State</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>State Supplied Comment</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| PR           | +1,115        | No comment.                   |

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