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

In the week ending Oct. 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 457,000, an increase of 20,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 437,000. The 4-week moving average was 456,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average of 454,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.4 percent for the week ending Oct. 23, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Oct. 23 was 4,340,000, a decrease of 42,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,382,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,410,750, a decrease of 42,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,453,500.

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 419,351 in the week ending Oct. 30, an increase of 10,881 from the previous week. There were 482,612 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.0 percent during the week ending Oct. 23, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,719,209, a decrease of 45,084 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.7 percent and the volume was 4,932,036.

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. 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 3,802 in the week ending Oct. 23, a decrease of 1,638 from the prior week. There were 2,593 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 5 from the preceding week.

There were 45,159 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Oct. 16, an increase of 7,853 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 58,829, an increase of 17,143 from the prior week.

States reported 3,978,374 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Oct. 16, an increase of 198,579 from the prior week. There were 3,496,960 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. 16 were in Puerto Rico (5.8 percent), Alaska (5.0), California (4.1), Oregon (4.1), Pennsylvania (4.1), New Jersey (3.9), Nevada (3.7), Connecticut (3.6), Wisconsin (3.6), Arkansas (3.5), and South Carolina (3.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Oct. 23 were in California (+3,755), Illinois (+3,710), Pennsylvania (+2,256), Georgia (+1,593), and Michigan (+1,480), while the largest decreases were in Kentucky (-1,699), Florida (-1,615), Puerto Rico (-1,153), Indiana (-1,095), and Alabama (-1,087).

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Oct. 30	Oct. 23	Change	Oct. 16	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	457,000	437,000	+20,000	455,000	522,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	419,351	408,470	+10,881	394,016	482,612
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	456,000	454,000	+2,000	458,750	526,500
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Oct. 23	Oct. 16	Change	Oct. 9	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,340,000	4,382,000	-42,000	4,477,000	5,748,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,719,209	3,764,293	-45,084	3,715,958	4,932,036
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,410,750	4,453,500	-42,750	4,485,500	5,848,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.4%	3.5%	-0.1	3.6%	4.4%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.0%	3.0%	0.0	3.0%	3.7%

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

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 23	Oct. 16	Change	Prior1
				Year
Federal Employees	3,802	5,440	-1,638	2,106
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,593	2,598	-5	2,551

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

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 16	Oct. 9	Change	Prior1
				Year
Federal Employees	45,159	37,306	+7,853	21,697
Newly Discharged Veterans	58,829	41,686	+17,143	33,938
Railroad Retirement Board	3,000	3,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	1,034,703	875,569	+159,134	591,682
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	3,978,374	3,779,795	+198,579	3,496,960

**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 10/23/2010

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

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
KY	-1,699	No comment.
FL	-1,615	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
PR	-1,153	No comment.
IN	-1,095	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
AL	-1,087	Fewer layoffs in the service and furniture industries.

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

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
SC	+1,258	Layoffs in the industrial machinery industry.
NJ	+1,305	Return to a five day workweek, as well as layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
MA	+1,473	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
MI	+1,480	No comment.
GA	+1,593	Layoffs in the trade and service industries.
PA	+2,256	Layoffs in the trade and service industries.
IL	+3,710	No comment.
CA	+3,755	Layoffs in forestry, fishing, and agriculture.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)[UI Claims Series 1967 to current](#)

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