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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending Nov. 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 407,000, a decrease of 34,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 441,000. The 4-week moving average was 436,000, a decrease of 7,500 from the previous week's revised average of 443,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.3 percent for the week ending Nov. 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.4 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Nov. 13 was 4,182,000, a decrease of 142,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,324,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,309,000, a decrease of 51,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,360,500.

### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 462,027 in the week ending Nov. 20, an increase of 52,490 from the previous week. There were 542,492 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.1 percent during the week ending Nov. 13, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,839,033, an increase of 103,105 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.9 percent and the volume was 5,081,961.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Nov. 6 was 8,532,502.

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 Nov. 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 3,301 in the week ending Nov. 13, a decrease of 72 from the prior week. There were 2,194 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 330 from the preceding week.

There were 43,847 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Nov. 6, a decrease of 2,675 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 42,006, a decrease of 713 from the prior week.

States reported 3,801,294 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for

the week ending Nov. 6, a decrease of 160,191 from the prior week. There were 3,583,412 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 Nov. 6 were in Puerto Rico (5.8 percent), Alaska (5.7), Oregon (4.3), Pennsylvania (4.0), California (3.9), Nevada (3.9), New Jersey (3.9), Arkansas (3.6), Connecticut (3.6), South Carolina (3.5), and Wisconsin (3.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Nov. 13 were in Indiana (+2,094), Michigan (+985), Montana (+159), Louisiana (+67), and North Dakota (+38), while the largest decreases were in California (-5,044), Pennsylvania (-4,494), North Carolina (-2,685), Texas (-2,632), and Wisconsin (-2,416).

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

WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 20	Nov. 13	Change	Nov. 6	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	407,000	441,000	-34,000	437,000	477,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	462,027	409,537	+52,490	452,657	542,492
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	436,000	443,500	-7,500	447,000	503,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 13	Nov. 6	Change	Oct. 30	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,182,000	4,324,000	-142,000	4,343,000	5,506,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,839,033	3,735,928	+103,105	3,783,092	5,081,961
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,309,000	4,360,500	-51,500	4,398,750	5,640,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.3%	3.4%	-0.1	3.5%	4.2%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)	3.1%	3.0%	+0.1	3.0%	3.9%

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

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 13	Nov. 6	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees	3,301	3,373	-72	2,412
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,194	2,524	-330	1,992

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

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WEEK ENDING	Nov. 6	Oct. 30	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	3,722,997	3,766,898	-43,901	4,861,478
Federal Employees (UCFE)	43,847	46,522	-2,675	23,226
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	42,006	42,719	-713	34,677
	3,801,294	3,961,485	-160,191	3,583,412

EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>				
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	863,470	965,710	-102,240	586,330
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	4,377	4,333	+44	10,799
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	54,511	61,219	-6,708	105,132
TOTAL	8,532,502	8,848,886	-316,384	9,205,054

#### **FOOTNOTES**

### UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 11/13/2010

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

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
CA	-5,044	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the service industry.
PA	-4,494	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and furniture industries.
NC	-2,685	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, transportation, and textile industries.
TX	-2,632	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the trade, service, transportation, and manufacturing industries.
WI	-2,416	No comment.
GA	-2,257	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-2,062	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the service, transportation, and warehousing industries.
OR	-1,966	No comment.
MA	-1,758	Fewer layoffs in the trade and service industries.
TN	-1,739	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and textile industries.
AR	-1,686	No comment.
ОН	-1,620	No comment.
WA	-1,508	No comment.
KY	-1,361	No comment.
FL	-1,252	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
IL	-1,207	No comment.
MO	-1,171	Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
MS	-1,106	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  - Prior year is comparable to most recent data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> - Most recent week used covered employment of 125,845,577 as denominator.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity. Tier-specific EUC data can be found here: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/docs/persons.xls

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  - Information on the EB program can be found here: http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/extenben.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> - Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate and the extent of benefits can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/pdf/uilawcompar/2010/special.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> - Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/pdf/uilawcompar/2010/special.pdf

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State Detail Prior Week

UI Claims Series 1967 to current

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