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

In the week ending Jan. 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 404,000, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 441,000. The 4-week moving average was 411,750, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average of 415,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.1 percent for the week ending Jan. 8, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.1 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Jan. 8 was 3,861,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,887,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,006,250, a decrease of 52,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,058,500.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 550,594 in the week ending Jan. 15, a decrease of 212,504 from the previous week. There were 652,327 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending Jan. 8, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,609,826, a decrease of 167,288 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.5 percent and the volume was 5,791,080.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Jan. 1 was 9,607,423.

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, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, during the week ending Jan. 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 5,438 in the week ending Jan. 8, an increase of 3,513 from the prior week. There were 2,815 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 772 from the preceding week.

There were 48,216 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Jan. 1, a decrease of 1,556 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 41,464, a decrease of 401 from the prior week.

States reported 3,719,607 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Jan. 1, a decrease of 53,485 from the prior week. There were 5,392,352 claimants in the comparable week in 2010. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending Jan. 1 were in Alaska (7.2 percent), Puerto Rico (6.1), Idaho (5.6), Oregon (5.6), Wisconsin (5.6), Pennsylvania (5.4), Montana (5.1), Connecticut

(5.0), Rhode Island (4.9), Illinois (4.7), and New Jersey (4.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Jan. 8 were in New York (+24,363), California (+17,536), North Carolina (+16,873), Texas (+13,828), and Illinois (+11,211), while the largest decreases were in Oregon (-9,579), Iowa (-3,122), Michigan (-3,101), Wisconsin (-2,029), and Kentucky (-1,006).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Jan. 15	Jan. 8	Change	Jan. 1	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	404,000	441,000	-37,000	411,000	489,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	550,594	763,098	-212,504	578,904	652,327
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	411,750	415,750	-4,000	411,250	467,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance Jan. 8	Jan. 1	Change	Dec. 25	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,861,000	3,887,000	-26,000	4,127,000	4,895,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,609,826	4,777,114	-167,288	4,415,512	5,791,080
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,006,250	4,058,500	-52,250	4,128,500	4,977,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.1%	3.1%	0.0	3.3%	3.8%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.7%	3.8%	-0.1	3.5%	4.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 8	Jan. 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	5,438	1,925	+3,513	2,785
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,815	2,043	+772	2,536

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 1	Dec. 25	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	4,777,114	4,415,512	+361,602	6,013,891
Federal Employees (UCFE)	48,216	49,772	-1,556	27,809
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	41,464	41,865	-401	36,837
EUC 2008 ³	3,719,607	3,773,092	-53,485	5,392,352
Extended Benefits ⁴	957,289	874,679	+82,610	263,762
State Additional Benefits ⁵	6,978	6,549	+429	2,352
STC / Workshare ⁶	56,755	44,717	+12,038	105,257

TOTAL	9,607,423	9,206,186	+401,237	11,842,260
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FOOTNOTES

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

¹ - Prior year is comparable to most recent data.² - Most recent week used covered employment of 125,845,577 as denominator.³ - 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>⁴ - Information on the EB program can be found here:<http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/extenben.asp>⁵ - 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>⁶ - 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>

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 01/08/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
OR	-9,579	No comment.
IA	-3,122	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MI	-3,101	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
WI	-2,029	No comment.
KY	-1,006	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
MA	+1,033	No comment.
NV	+1,115	Return to a five day workweek.
OK	+1,122	No comment.
MT	+1,249	No comment.
ME	+1,290	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
WV	+1,402	No comment.
MS	+1,563	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MN	+1,920	Return to a five day workweek.
UT	+2,093	Start of a new quarter of wage credits for benefit purposes.
OH	+2,523	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
NJ	+2,580	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
AK	+2,729	No comment.

MD	+2,918	No comment.
LA	+2,991	No comment.
AZ	+3,522	Return to a five day workweek.
CO	+3,788	No comment.
VA	+3,926	Return to a five day workweek, as well as layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WA	+4,108	Layoffs in the finance, insurance, trade, and service industries.
IN	+5,311	Layoffs in the automobile and trade industries.
KS	+5,393	Layoffs in the transportation, construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
CT	+5,994	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and transportation industries.
MO	+6,259	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, service, and manufacturing industries.
SC	+7,009	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
FL	+7,836	Start of a new quarter of wage credits for benefit purposes, as well as layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
TN	+7,927	Layoffs in the trade, service, apparel, and manufacturing industries.
GA	+8,495	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
AL	+9,298	Layoffs in the construction and service industries.
PA	+9,989	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
IL	+11,211	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
TX	+13,828	Start of a new quarter of wage credits for benefit purposes, as well as layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	+16,873	Layoffs in the construction, service, textile, and furniture industries.
CA	+17,536	Start of a new quarter of wage credits for benefit purposes, as well as layoffs in the trade and service industries, and agriculture.
NY	+24,363	Layoffs in the trade, service, and transportation industries.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)
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