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

In the week ending Feb. 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 368,000, a decrease of 20,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 388,000. The 4-week moving average was 388,500, a decrease of 12,750 from the previous week's revised average of 401,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending Feb. 19, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's revised rate of 3.1 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Feb. 19 was 3,774,000, a decrease of 59,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,833,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,863,750, a decrease of 40,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,904,250.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 351,076 in the week ending Feb. 26, a decrease of 30,029 from the previous week. There were 471,256 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending Feb. 19, a decrease of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,325,502, a decrease of 262,110 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.3 percent and the volume was 5,597,500.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Feb 12 was 9,236,041.

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 Feb 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,793 in the week ending Feb. 19, a decrease of 178 from the prior week. There were 2,296 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 56 from the preceding week.

There were 46,303 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Feb. 12, an increase of 714 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 40,570, an increase of 72 from the prior week.

States reported 3,653,267 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Feb. 12, a decrease of 32,094 from the prior week. There were 5,685,912 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 Feb. 12 were in Alaska (7.0 percent), Montana (5.5), Pennsylvania (5.5), Idaho (5.3), Puerto Rico (5.2), Rhode Island (5.2), Wisconsin (5.1),

Oregon (5.0), Illinois (4.8), and New Jersey (4.8).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Feb. 19 were in Illinois (+530), Oregon (+339), Tennessee (+225), Alaska (+191), and Vermont (+186), while the largest decreases were in New York (-4,270), Pennsylvania (-3,842), Wisconsin (-3,163), Kentucky (-2,641), and Florida (-2,613).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Feb. 26	Feb. 19	Change	Feb. 12	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	368,000	388,000	-20,000	413,000	466,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	351,076	381,105	-30,029	424,400	471,256
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	388,500	401,250	-12,750	418,500	467,500
WEEK ENDING	Advance Feb. 19	Feb. 12	Change	Feb. 5	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,774,000	3,833,000	-59,000	3,938,000	4,712,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,325,502	4,587,612	-262,110	4,575,640	5,597,500
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,863,750	3,904,250	-40,500	3,948,250	4,787,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.0%	3.1%	-0.1	3.1%	3.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.4%	3.7%	-0.3	3.6%	4.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 19	Feb. 12	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,793	1,971	-178	1,212
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,296	2,352	-56	1,959

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 12	Feb. 5	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	4,570,411	4,559,945	+10,466	5,524,554
Federal Employees (UCFE)	46,303	45,589	+714	23,788
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	40,570	40,498	+72	35,516
EUC 2008 ³	3,653,267	3,685,361	-32,094	5,685,912
Extended Benefits ⁴	850,372	761,683	+88,689	180,308
State Additional Benefits ⁵	8,191	7,898	+293	2,084
STC / Workshare ⁶	66,927	60,701	+6,226	84,173

TOTAL	9,236,041	9,161,675	+74,366	11,536,335
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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 125,560,066 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 02/19/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NY	-4,270	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries.
PA	-3,842	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, transportation equipment, and transportation industries.
WI	-3,163	No comment.
KY	-2,641	No comment.
FL	-2,613	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.
NJ	-2,405	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
MI	-2,231	No comment.
CA	-2,202	No comment.
MO	-2,200	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
IN	-1,931	No comment.
GA	-1,535	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
MA	-1,531	No comment.
OH	-1,477	No comment.
OK	-1,246	No comment.
AL	-1,182	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
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None

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