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

In the week ending March 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 385,000, a decrease of 16,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 401,000. The 4-week moving average was 386,250, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised average of 393,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending March 5, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.0 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 5 was 3,706,000, a decrease of 80,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,786,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,779,000, a decrease of 58,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,837,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 372,370 in the week ending March 12, a decrease of 37,313 from the previous week. There were 434,424 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending March 5, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,276,916, a decrease of 183,553 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.1 percent and the volume was 5,393,589.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Feb 26 was 8,953,610.

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 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,882 in the week ending March 5, an increase of 386 from the prior week. There were 2,492 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 417 from the preceding week.

There were 43,550 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Feb. 26, an increase of 2,408 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 40,110, an increase of 907 from the prior week.

States reported 3,541,942 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Feb. 26, a decrease of 58,580 from the prior week. There were 5,885,754 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. 26 were in Alaska (6.7 percent), Rhode Island (5.5), Montana (5.4), Pennsylvania (5.3), Idaho (5.1), Oregon (5.1), Puerto Rico (5.0), Wisconsin

(4.9), New Jersey (4.8), and Connecticut (4.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 5 were in New York (+17,926), California (+13,388), Illinois (+4,514), Pennsylvania (+3,907), and Texas (+2,828), while the largest decreases were in Massachusetts (-2,482), Oregon (-1,680), Rhode Island (-1,120), Connecticut (-838), and Florida (-687).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance March 12	March 5	Change	Feb. 26	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	385,000	401,000	-16,000	371,000	454,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	372,370	409,683	-37,313	353,961	434,424
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	386,250	393,250	-7,000	389,250	464,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance March 5	Feb. 26	Change	Feb. 19	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,706,000	3,786,000	-80,000	3,791,000	4,694,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,276,916	4,460,469	-183,553	4,344,862	5,393,589
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,779,000	3,837,000	-58,000	3,868,000	4,723,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.0%	3.0%	0.0	3.0%	3.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.4%	3.6%	-0.2	3.5%	4.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 5	Feb. 26	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,882	1,496	+386	1,392
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,492	2,075	+417	2,466

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 26	Feb. 19	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	4,445,901	4,332,547	+113,354	5,519,632
Federal Employees (UCFE)	43,550	41,142	+2,408	23,817
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	40,110	39,203	+907	36,575
EUC 2008 ³	3,541,942	3,600,522	-58,580	5,885,754
Extended Benefits ⁴	815,191	702,604	+112,587	161,324
State Additional Benefits ⁵	8,286	8,195	+91	1,763

STC / Workshare ⁶	58,630	48,632	+9,998	98,008
TOTAL	8,953,610	8,772,845	+180,765	11,726,873

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 03/05/2011****STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
MA	-2,482	No comment.
OR	-1,680	No comment.
RI	-1,120	Fewer layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
VA	+1,000	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WI	+1,009	No comment.
AR	+1,031	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OK	+1,085	No comment.
MI	+1,094	No comment.
GA	+1,152	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
MO	+1,281	Layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.
OH	+2,246	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
TX	+2,828	Layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+3,907	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and transportation industries.
IL	+4,514	Return to a five day workweek.
CA	+13,388	Return to a five day workweek.
NY	+17,926	Layoffs in the transportation and service industries.

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