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**Calendar Year 2011 Seasonal Factors:** Seasonal factors for CY 2011 and the revised historical series for CY 2006-2010 for both initial claims and continued claims will be made available on line on March 31, 2011 , with the release of the *Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report*.

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

In the week ending March 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 382,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 387,000. The 4-week moving average was 385,250, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average of 386,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending March 12, 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 12 was 3,721,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,723,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,755,250, a decrease of 28,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,783,250.

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 351,204 in the week ending March 19, a decrease of 23,487 from the previous week. There were 408,653 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.4 percent during the week ending March 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,260,519, a decrease of 36,286 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.1 percent and the volume was 5,344,610.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending March 5 was 8,766,062.

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 March 5.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,627 in the week ending March 12, a decrease of 284 from the prior week. There were 2,318 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 173 from the preceding week.

There were 39,439 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 5, a decrease of 4,255 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 39,128, a decrease of 983 from the prior week.

States reported 3,627,654 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending March 5, an increase of 85,712 from the prior week. There were 5,625,723 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 March 5 were in Alaska (6.7 percent), Puerto Rico (5.1), Idaho (5.0), Montana (5.0), Rhode Island (5.0), Oregon (4.9), Pennsylvania (4.8), Wisconsin (4.8), New Jersey (4.6), and Connecticut (4.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 12 were in North Carolina (+930), Florida (+776), Oregon (+582), Puerto Rico (+509), and South Carolina (+484), while the largest decreases were in New York (-16,917), California (-5,490), Pennsylvania (-1,907), Massachusetts (-1,778), and Washington (-1,429).

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance March 19	March 12	Change	March 5	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
<b>Initial Claims (SA)</b>	382,000	387,000	-5,000	401,000	445,000
<b>Initial Claims (NSA)</b>	351,204	374,691	-23,487	409,654	408,653
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	385,250	386,750	-1,500	393,250	454,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance March 12	March 5	Change	Feb. 26	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
<b>Ins. Unemployment (SA)</b>	3,721,000	3,723,000	-2,000	3,786,000	4,668,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment (NSA)</b>	4,260,519	4,296,805	-36,286	4,460,146	5,344,610
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	3,755,250	3,783,250	-28,000	3,837,000	4,692,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.0%	3.0%	0.0	3.0%	3.6%
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.4%	3.4%	0.0	3.6%	4.1%

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

WEEK ENDING	March 12	March 5	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
<b>Federal Employees</b>	1,627	1,911	-284	1,250
<b>Newly Discharged Veterans</b>	2,318	2,491	-173	2,331

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

WEEK ENDING	March 5	Feb. 26	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
<b>Regular State</b>	4,284,468	4,445,578	-161,110	5,381,774
<b>Federal Employees (UCFE)</b>	39,439	43,694	-4,255	22,523
<b>Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)</b>	39,128	40,111	-983	36,474
<b>EUC 2008<sup>3</sup></b>	3,627,654	3,541,942	+85,712	5,625,723

<b>Extended Benefits</b> <sup>4</sup>	716,951	815,191	-98,240	157,340
<b>State Additional Benefits</b> <sup>5</sup>	8,151	8,286	-135	1,933
<b>STC / Workshare</b> <sup>6</sup>	50,271	58,630	-8,359	90,653
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,766,062	8,953,432	-187,370	11,316,420

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 125,560,066 as denominator.

<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>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>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>

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 03/12/2011

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STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NY	-16,917	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and service industries.
CA	-5,490	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
PA	-1,907	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, construction, trade, and service industries.
MA	-1,778	Fewer layoffs in the transportation industry.
WA	-1,429	No comment.
GA	-1,222	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.

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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
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