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**Note:** This week's release reflects the annual revision to the weekly unemployment claims seasonal adjusted factors. The historical factors from 2006 forward have been revised. The calendar year 2011 factors can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.oui.doleta.gov/press/2011/033111.asp>

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

In the week ending March 26, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 388,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 394,000. The 4-week moving average was 394,250, a increase of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average of 391,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending March 19, 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 19 was 3,714,000, a decrease of 51,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,765,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,765,250, a decrease of 32,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,798,000.

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 354,301 in the week ending March 26, a decrease of 156 from the previous week. There were 412,710 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.3 percent during the week ending March 19, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,111,925, a decrease of 165,167 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.0 percent and the volume was 5,207,496.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending March 12 was 8,770,443.

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 12.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,566 in the week ending March 19, a decrease of 61 from the prior week. There were 2,110 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 208 from the preceding week.

There were 40,164 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 12, an increase of 725 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,651, a decrease of 477 from the prior week.

States reported 3,588,816 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for

the week ending March 12, a decrease of 38,838 from the prior week. There were 5,891,783 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 12 were in Alaska (6.5 percent), Pennsylvania (5.1), Idaho (4.9), Montana (4.9), Puerto Rico (4.9), Rhode Island (4.9), Oregon (4.7), Wisconsin (4.7), New Jersey (4.6), California (4.4), Connecticut (4.4), and Illinois (4.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 19 were in North Carolina (+974), Missouri (+907), Tennessee (+474), Louisiana (+424), and Iowa (+334), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-2,696), California (-2,150), Pennsylvania (-2,145), Ohio (-1,320), and Washington (-1,215).

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance March 26	March 19	Change	March 12	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	388,000	394,000	-6,000	390,000	452,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	354,301	354,457	-156	371,721	412,710
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	394,250	391,000	+3,250	388,500	459,500
WEEK ENDING	Advance March 19	March 12	Change	March 5	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,714,000	3,765,000	-51,000	3,763,000	4,725,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,111,925	4,277,092	-165,167	4,296,805	5,207,496
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,765,250	3,798,000	-32,750	3,819,750	4,735,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.0%	3.0%	0.0	3.0%	3.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.3%	3.4%	-0.1	3.4%	4.0%

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

WEEK ENDING	March 19	March 12	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees	1,566	1,627	-61	1,296
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,110	2,318	-208	2,269

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

WEEK ENDING	March 12	March 5	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	4,262,025	4,284,468	-22,443	5,333,949
Federal Employees (UCFE)	40,164	39,439	+725	23,107
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,651	39,128	-477	36,339
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	3,588,816	3,627,654	-38,838	5,891,783

<b>Extended Benefits</b> <sup>4</sup>	773,721	716,951	+56,770	157,745
<b>State Additional Benefits</b> <sup>5</sup>	8,130	8,160	-30	1,863
<b>STC / Workshare</b> <sup>6</sup>	58,936	50,271	+8,665	92,612
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,770,443	8,766,071	+4,372	11,537,398

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 03/19/2011

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STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
IL	-2,696	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.
CA	-2,150	No comment.
PA	-2,145	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, construction, and service industries.
OH	-1,320	No comment.
WA	-1,215	No comment.
OR	-1,105	No comment.
TX	-1,087	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NY	-1,071	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and transportation industries.
NJ	-1,031	Fewer layoffs in the 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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