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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 17, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 423,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 432,000. The 4-week moving average was 421,000, an increase of 500 from the previous week's revised average of 420,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending September 10, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 10 was 3,727,000, a decrease of 28,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,755,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,742,000, a decrease of 6,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,748,500.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 350,176 in the week ending September 17, an increase of 21,308 from the previous week. There were 382,341 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.6 percent during the week ending September 10, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,286,967, a decrease of 6,138 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.1 percent and the volume was 3,930,908.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 3 was 6,889,058, a decrease of 256,256 from the previous week.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, 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, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin during the week ending September 3.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,561 in the week ending September 10, a decrease of 338 from the prior week. There were 2,492 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 259 from the preceding week.

There were 23,522 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 3, a decrease of 1,600 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 37,366, a decrease of 924 from the prior week.

States reported 2,996,662 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending September 3, a decrease of 70,009 from the prior week. There were 4,219,465 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 September 3 were in Puerto Rico (5.0), New Jersey (3.9), Pennsylvania (3.8), Alaska (3.6), Connecticut (3.5), Oregon (3.5), California (3.4), Nevada (3.4), Rhode Island (3.4), and New York (3.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 10 were in Pennsylvania (+3,662), Puerto Rico (+2,007), North Carolina (+1,699), Oregon (+847), and Virginia (+667) while the largest decreases were in Texas (-3,776), California (-3,321), Kansas (-2,733), Illinois (-2,358), and Missouri (-1,419).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Sept. 17	Sept. 10	Change	Sept. 3	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	423,000	432,000	-9,000	417,000	463,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	350,176	328,868	+21,308	348,582	382,341
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	421,000	420,500	+500	415,500	459,000

WEEK ENDING	Advance Sept. 10	Sept. 3	Change	August 27	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,727,000	3,755,000	-28,000	3,739,000	4,482,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,286,967	3,293,105	-6,138	3,436,188	3,930,908
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,742,000	3,748,500	-6,500	3,740,000	4,486,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.5
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.6	2.6	0.0	2.7	3.1

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 10	September 3	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,561	1,899	-338	3,918
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,492	2,751	-259	4,011

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 3	August 27	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	3,283,381	3,424,616	-141,235	3,919,289
Federal Employees (UCFE)	23,522	25,122	-1,600	26,904
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	37,366	38,290	-924	42,633
EUC 2008 ³	2,996,662	3,066,671	-70,009	4,219,465
Extended Benefits ⁴	507,700	541,041	-33,341	948,509
State Additional Benefits ⁵	4,160	4,156	+4	3,580
STC / Workshare ⁶	36,267	45,418	-9,151	58,795
TOTAL	6,889,058	7,145,314	-256,256	9,219,175

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 125,807,389 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 09/10/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TX	-3,776	Fewer layoffs due to holiday.
CA	-3,321	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
KS	-2,733	No comment.
IL	-2,358	No comment.
MO	-1,419	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, service, and construction industries.
FL	-1,307	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, trade, retail, and service industries.
WA	-1,205	No comment.
NY	-1,168	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, real estate, and manufacturing industries.

AZ	-1,033	No comment.
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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NC	+1,699	Layoffs in the textile, construction, leather, and lumber industries.
PR	+2,007	No comment.
PA	+3,662	No comment.

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