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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 404,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 405,000. The 4-week moving average was 408,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised average of 415,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.9 percent for the week ending October 1, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's revised rate of 3.0 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 1 was 3,670,000, a decrease of 55,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,725,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,724,000, a decrease of 21,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,745,250.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 398,836 in the week ending October 8, an increase of 66,442 from the previous week. There were 462,667 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.5 percent during the week ending October 1, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,093,486, a decrease of 72,423 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.9 percent and the volume was 3,705,947.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 24 was 6,821,585, a decrease of 39,203 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 24.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,424 in the week ending October 1, an increase of 213 from the prior week. There were 2,748 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 18 from the preceding week.

There were 24,928 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 24, an increase of 1,060 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 39,134, an increase of 515 from the prior week.

States reported 3,016,035 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending September 24, a decrease of 11,412 from the prior week. There were 3,888,001 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 24 were in Puerto Rico (4.6), Alaska (3.8), Pennsylvania (3.6), California (3.4), New Jersey (3.4), Oregon (3.3), Nevada (3.2), Connecticut (3.1), Arkansas (3.0), Illinois (2.9), and South Carolina (2.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 1 were in North Carolina (+3,354), California (+2,527), Indiana (+866), Washington (+758), and Illinois (+754) while the largest decreases were in Alabama (-1,883), Michigan (-1,469), Florida (-1,175), Pennsylvania (-966), and Georgia (-646).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 8	Oct. 1	Change	Sept. 24	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	404,000	405,000	-1,000	395,000	463,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	398,836	332,394	+66,442	328,073	462,667

4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	408,000	415,000	-7,000	418,000	456,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 1	Sept. 24	Change	Sept. 17	Prior Year¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,670,000	3,725,000	-55,000	3,752,000	4,407,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,093,486	3,165,909	-72,423	3,207,559	3,705,947
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,724,000	3,745,250	-21,250	3,748,750	4,450,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.9%	3.0%	-0.1	3.0%	3.5%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	2.5%	2.5%	0.0	2.5%	2.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 1	Sept. 24	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees	2,424	2,211	+213	4,844
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,748	2,730	+18	2,695

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 24	Sept. 17	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	3,155,266	3,196,242	-40,976	3,766,398
Federal Employees (UCFE)	24,928	23,868	+1,060	32,016
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	39,134	38,619	+515	41,941
EUC 2008³	3,016,035	3,027,447	-11,412	3,888,001
Extended Benefits⁴	537,165	523,469	+13,696	907,298
State Additional Benefits⁵	4,693	4,538	+155	4,206
STC / Workshare⁶	44,364	46,605	-2,241	55,266
TOTAL	6,821,585	6,860,788	-39,203	8,695,126

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 126,188,733 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 10/1/2011****STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
AL	-1,883	Fewer layoffs in the textile, and service industries.
MI	-1,469	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
FL	-1,175	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, service, retail, and construction industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	+2,527	Layoffs in the service, fishing, agriculture, and forestry industries.
NC	+3,354	Layoffs in the construction, transportation, and warehousing industries.

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