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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 15, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 403,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 409,000. The 4-week moving average was 403,000, a decrease of 6,250 from the previous week's revised average of 409,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.9 percent for the week ending October 8, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 2.9 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 8 was 3,719,000, an increase of 25,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,694,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,722,500, a decrease of 7,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,730,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 356,825 in the week ending October 15, a decrease of 47,229 from the previous week. There were 394,016 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.5 percent during the week ending October 8, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,116,875, an increase of 2,431 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.0 percent and the volume was 3,715,967.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 1 was 6,697,346, a decrease of 124,239 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 October 1.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 4,341 in the week ending October 8, an increase of 1,917 from the prior week. There were 3,399 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 651 from the preceding week.

There were 24,902 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 1, a decrease of 26 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,951, a decrease of 183 from the prior week.

States reported 2,967,054 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending October 1, a decrease of 48,981 from the prior week. There were 4,040,113 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 October 1 were in Puerto Rico (4.9), Alaska (3.8), Pennsylvania (3.5), New Jersey (3.4), Virgin Islands (3.4), California (3.3), Nevada (3.2), Oregon (3.2), Connecticut (3.1), Arkansas (2.9), and Illinois (2.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 8 were in California (+13,882), New York (+8,568), Texas (+4,644), Washington (+3,728), and Pennsylvania (+3,640) while the largest decreases were in Wisconsin (-1,536), North Carolina (-856), South Carolina (-818), and Virgin Islands (-33).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 15	Oct. 8	Change	Oct. 1	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	403,000	409,000	-6,000	405,000	452,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	356,825	404,054	-47,229	332,394	394,016
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	403,000	409,250	-6,250	415,000	453,500

WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 8	Oct. 1	Change	Sept. 24	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,719,000	3,694,000	+25,000	3,725,000	4,419,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,116,875	3,114,444	+2,431	3,165,909	3,715,967
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,722,500	3,730,000	-7,500	3,745,250	4,435,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.9%	2.9%	0.0	3.0%	3.5%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.5%	2.5%	0.0	2.5%	3.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 8	Oct. 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	4,341	2,424	+1,917	10,749
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,399	2,748	+651	3,155

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 1	Sept. 24	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	3,104,908	3,155,266	-50,358	3,692,139
Federal Employees (UCFE)	24,902	24,928	-26	32,170
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,951	39,134	-183	40,994
EUC 2008 ³	2,967,054	3,016,035	-48,981	4,040,113
Extended Benefits ⁴	517,755	537,165	-19,410	1,031,584
State Additional Benefits ⁵	4,628	4,693	-65	3,780
STC / Workshare ⁶	39,148	44,364	-5,216	56,611
TOTAL	6,697,346	6,821,585	-124,239	8,897,391

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 10/8/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WI	-1,536	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
KS	+1,012	No comment.
NJ	+1,014	Layoffs in the service, retail, and construction industries.
KY	+1,071	No comment.
TN	+1,093	Layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
CO	+1,147	No comment.

MA	+1,326	Layoffs in the manufacturing and service industries.
MI	+1,475	No comment.
IL	+1,479	Layoffs in the construction, service, and trade industries
AR	+1,571	Layoffs in the healthcare industry.
AK	+1,723	No comment.
AZ	+1,785	No comment.
IN	+1,813	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	+1,822	Layoffs in the manufacturing and service industries.
AL	+1,941	Layoffs in the transportation and service industries.
OH	+2,462	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
FL	+2,507	Layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, trade, retail, and service industries.
GA	+3,605	Layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
PA	+3,640	Layoffs in the service, construction, retail, and educational services industries
WA	+3,728	Layoffs in the construction, retail, and service industries.
TX	+4,644	Layoffs in the manufacturing, service, and retail industries.
NY	+8,568	Layoffs in the transportation, service and public administration industries.
CA	+13,882	Layoffs in the service industry.

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