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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 402,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 404,000. The 4-week moving average was 405,500, an increase of 1,750 from the previous week's revised average of 403,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.9 percent for the week ending October 15, 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 15 was 3,645,000, a decrease of 96,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,741,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,701,000, a decrease of 26,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,727,750.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 374,231 in the week ending October 22, an increase of 17,007 from the previous week. There were 408,489 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.5 percent during the week ending October 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,149,676, an increase of 14,906 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.0 percent and the volume was 3,769,438.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 8 was 6,681,507, a decrease of 14,634 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, Maryland, 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 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,845 in the week ending October 15, a decrease of 1,533 from the prior week. There were 2,724 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 688 from the preceding week.

There were 26,697 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 8, an increase of 1,811 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 39,883, an increase of 922 from the prior week.

States reported 2,921,937 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending October 8, a decrease of 45,117 from the prior week. There were 3,779,795 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 8 were in Puerto Rico (4.1), Alaska (3.9), Pennsylvania (3.5), Oregon (3.4), California (3.3), New Jersey (3.3), Nevada (3.2), Connecticut (3.1), Arkansas (2.9), Illinois (2.9), New Mexico (2.9), and Wisconsin (2.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 15 were in Puerto Rico (+1,286), Wisconsin (+1,193), South Carolina (+1,189), Oregon (+416), and Nebraska (+241) while the largest decreases were in California (-8,942), New York (-7,273), Texas (-3,489), Pennsylvania (-3,258), and Georgia (-2,740).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 22	Oct. 15	Change	Oct. 8	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	402,000	404,000	-2,000	411,000	435,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	374,231	357,224	+17,007	405,906	408,489
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	405,500	403,750	+1,750	409,750	449,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 15	Oct. 8	Change	Oct. 1	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,645,000	3,741,000	-96,000	3,693,000	4,353,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,149,676	3,134,770	+14,906	3,113,245	3,769,438
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,701,000	3,727,750	-26,750	3,729,750	4,407,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.9%	3.0%	-0.1	2.9%	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. 15	Oct. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	2,845	4,378	-1,533	5,440
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,724	3,412	-688	2,598

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 8	Oct. 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	3,124,994	3,103,709	+21,285	3,700,704
Federal Employees (UCFE)	26,697	24,886	+1,811	37,306
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	39,883	38,961	+922	41,686
EUC 2008³	2,921,937	2,967,054	-45,117	3,779,795
Extended Benefits⁴	526,435	517,755	+8,680	875,569
State Additional Benefits⁵	4,611	4,628	-17	4,078
STC / Workshare⁶	36,950	39,148	-2,198	58,481
TOTAL	6,681,507	6,696,141	-14,634	8,497,619

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 10/15/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	-8,942	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-7,273	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, service, and public administration industries.
TX	-3,489	No comment.
PA	-3,258	No comment.
GA	-2,740	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, manufacturing, and healthcare industries.
IL	-2,525	No comment.
OH	-2,265	No comment.
MD	-2,028	No comment.
WA	-1,990	No comment.
NJ	-1,625	Fewer layoffs in the trade, transportation, manufacturing, service, and healthcare industries.
AL	-1,575	Fewer layoffs in the service, retail, and manufacturing industries.
MA	-1,320	
KY	-1,292	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
PR	+1,286	No comment.
WI	+1,193	No comment.
SC	+1,189	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)[UI Claims Series 1967 to current](#)

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