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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending October 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 397,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 406,000. The 4-week moving average was 404,500, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average of 406,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.9 percent for the week ending October 22, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending October 22 was 3,683,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,698,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,703,250, a decrease of 10,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,713,750.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 366,923 in the week ending October 29, a decrease of 10,433 from the previous week. There were 421,097 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.5 percent during the week ending October 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,178,790, a decrease of 16,241 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.0 percent and the volume was 3,759,365.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 15 was 6,781,960, an increase of 103,117 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 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,332 in the week ending October 22, a decrease of 515 from the prior week. There were 2,667 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 64 from the preceding week.

There were 29,178 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 15, an increase of 2,455 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 41,063, an increase of 1,165 from the prior week.

States reported 2,945,642 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending October 15, an increase of 23,705 from the prior week. There were 3,978,374 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 15 were in Puerto Rico (5.0), Alaska (4.4), Pennsylvania (3.6), Oregon (3.5), California (3.4), New Jersey (3.4), Virgin Islands (3.4), Nevada (3.2), Arkansas (3.1), and Connecticut (3.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending October 22 were in California (+7,176), New York (+2,494), Illinois (+2,057), Georgia (+1,642), and Pennsylvania (+1,579) while the largest decreases were in Florida (-2,230), Puerto Rico (-1,393), Washington (-898), Arizona (-735), and Arkansas (-567).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 29	Oct. 22	Change	Oct. 15	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	397,000	406,000	-9,000	404,000	454,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	366,923	377,356	-10,433	357,562	421,097
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	404,500	406,500	-2,000	403,750	451,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance Oct. 22	Oct. 15	Change	Oct. 8	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,683,000	3,698,000	-15,000	3,739,000	4,351,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,178,790	3,195,031	-16,241	3,133,644	3,759,365
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,703,250	3,713,750	-10,500	3,727,250	4,382,500
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. 22	Oct. 15	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	2,332	2,847	-515	3,804
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,667	2,731	-64	2,593

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 15	Oct. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
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Regular State	3,186,845	3,123,868	+62,977	3,753,481
Federal Employees (UCFE)	29,178	26,723	+2,455	45,319
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	41,063	39,898	+1,165	42,868
EUC 2008³	2,945,642	2,921,937	+23,705	3,978,374
Extended Benefits⁴	540,443	524,856	+15,587	1,034,703
State Additional Benefits⁵	4,551	4,611	-60	4,040
STC / Workshare⁶	34,238	36,950	-2,712	57,737
TOTAL	6,781,960	6,678,843	+103,117	8,916,522

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 10/22/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
FL	-2,230	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, manufacturing, trade, retail, and service industries.
PR	-1,393	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	+7,176	Layoffs in the service industry.
NY	+2,494	Layoffs in the construction, finance and insurance, and transportation industries.
IL	+2,057	Layoffs in the construction, service, and trade industries.
GA	+1,642	Layoffs in the construction, service, trade, and manufacturing industries.
PA	+1,579	Layoffs in the construction, retail, service, and healthcare industries.
TN	+1,493	Layoffs in the manufacturing and service industries.
WI	+1,291	No comment.
NJ	+1,074	Layoffs in the construction, retail, service, manufacturing, and healthcare industries.
MA	+1,049	Layoffs in the construction industry.
NC	+1,021	Layoffs in the construction, petroleum refining, and transportation industries.

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

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