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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending November 12, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 388,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 393,000. The 4-week moving average was 396,750, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average of 400,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.9 percent for the week ending November 5, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 5 was 3,608,000, a decrease of 57,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,665,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,670,000, a decrease of 32,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,702,750.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 360,139 in the week ending November 12, a decrease of 42,355 from the previous week. There were 409,548 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.5 percent during the week ending November 5, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,164,504, a decrease of 46,356 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.0 percent and the volume was 3,735,938.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending October 29 was 6,773,326, a decrease of 62,278 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 29.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,130 in the week ending November 5, a decrease of 476 from the prior week. There were 2,756 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 44 from the preceding week.

There were 28,719 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending October 29, an increase of 62 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 40,858, a decrease of 208 from the prior week.

States reported 2,935,466 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending October 29, a decrease of 18,358 from the prior week. There were 3,961,485 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 29 were in Alaska (4.9), Puerto Rico (4.8), Oregon (3.6), California (3.5), Pennsylvania (3.5), New Jersey (3.4), Nevada (3.2), Arkansas (3.1), Connecticut (3.1), and South Carolina (3.1).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 5 were in Michigan (+3,106), Illinois (+2,516), Texas (+2,335), Washington (+2,278), and Pennsylvania (+2,261) while the largest decreases were in Florida (-1,896), Oregon (-804), Puerto Rico (-487), District of Columbia (-40), and Arizona (-36).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS								
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 12	Nov. 5	Change	Oct. 29	Prior Year ¹			
Initial Claims (SA)	388,000	393,000	-5,000	400,000	441,000			
Initial Claims (NSA)	360,139	402,494	-42,355	369,647	409,548			
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	396,750	400,750	-4,000	405,250	441,500			
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 5	Oct. 29	Change	Oct. 22	Prior Year ¹			
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,608,000	3,665,000	-57,000	3,707,000	4,270,000			
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,164,504	3,210,860	-46,356	3,199,527	3,735,938			
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,670,000	3,702,750	-32,750	3,709,750	4,322,000			
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.9%	2.9%	0.0	2.9%	3.4%			
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.5%	2.5%	0.0	2.5%	3.0%			
	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN I	FEDERAL PROGRA	AMS (UNADJUSTED)					
WEEK ENDING	Nov. 5		Oct. 29	Change	Prior Year ¹			
Federal Employees	2,130		2,606	-476	3,373			
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,756		2,712	+44	2,524			
	PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEI	FITS IN ALL PRO	GRAMS (UNADJUSTED)					
WEEK ENDING	Oct. 29		Oct. 22	Change	Prior Year ¹			

Regular State	3,201,454	3,188,365	+13,089	3,766,898
Federal Employees (UCFE)	28,719	28,657	+62	46,522
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	40,858	41,066	-208	42,719
EUC 2008 ³	2,935,466	2,953,824	-18,358	3,961,485
Extended Benefits ⁴	523,772	575,791	-52,019	965,710
State Additional Benefits ⁵	4,665	4,753	-88	4,333
STC / Workshare ⁶	38,392	43,148	-4,756	61,233
TOTAL	6,773,326	6,835,604	-62,278	8,848,900

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 paid, 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 11/5/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000				
<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment		
FL	-1,896	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, trade, retail, and service industries.		
STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000				
<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment		
MI	+3,106	Layoffs in the construction, and service industries.		
IL	+2,516	Layoffs in the construction, service, and trade industries.		
TX	+2,335	Layoffs in the manufacturing, service, and finance industries.		
WA	+2,278	No comment.		
PA	+2,261	Layoffs in the service, entertainment, and construction industries.		
CT	+1,808	No comment.		
NJ	+1,754	Layoffs in the service, manufacturing, and healthcare industries.		
MA	+1,563	Layoffs in the transportation industry.		
CA	+1,449	No comment.		
NY	+1,334	Layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.		
NV	+1236	Increase due to state holiday in the previous week.		
MN	+1,209	No comment.		
NC	+1,090	Layoffs in the service, furniture and fixture, metal, and petroleum refining industries.		
MD	+1,065	No comment.		
KY	+1,014	No comment.		
State Detail Prior Week UI Claims Series 1967 to current				

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