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### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT**

### **SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

In the week ending November 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 393,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 391,000. The 4-week moving average was 394,250, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average of 397,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.9 percent for the week ending November 12, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 12 was 3,691,000, an increase of 68,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,623,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,671,500, a decrease of 2,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,673,750.

### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 437,049 in the week ending November 19, an increase of 74,214 from the previous week. There were 464,817 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.7 percent during the week ending November 12, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,362,820, an increase of 185,343 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.1 percent and the volume was 3,871,043.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 5 was 6,728,652, a decrease of 44,608 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 November 5.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,425 in the week ending November 12, an increase of 296 from the prior week. There were 2,399 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 366 from the preceding week.

There were 28,322 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 5, a decrease of 565 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 40,149, a decrease of 923 from the prior week.

States reported 2,896,629 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending November 5, a decrease of 38,837 from the prior week. There were 3,801,294 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 November 5 were in Alaska (5.1), Puerto Rico (4.7), Oregon (3.6), Pennsylvania (3.5), Connecticut (3.4), New Jersey (3.4), California (3.3), Nevada (3.2), Arkansas (3.1), New Mexico (3.0), and South Carolina (3.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 12 were in Indiana (+2,251), Minnesota (+839), Iowa (+745), Connecticut (+541), and Puerto Rico (+274) while the largest decreases were in California (-9,382), Pennsylvania (-3,994), Texas (-2,831), Massachusetts (-2,223), and New York (-2,161).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS					
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 19	Nov. 12	Change	Nov. 5	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	393,000	391,000	+2,000	393,000	416,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	437,049	362,835	+74,214	402,532	464,817
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	394,250	397,500	-3,250	400,750	436,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 12	Nov. 5	Change	Oct. 29	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,691,000	3,623,000	+68,000	3,665,000	4,226,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,362,820	3,177,477	+185,343	3,210,417	3,871,043
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,671,500	3,673,750	-2,250	3,702,750	4,290,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.9%	2.9%	0.0	2.9%	3.4%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	2.7%	2.5%	+0.2	2.5%	3.1%
	INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN I	FEDERAL PROGRAMS	(UNADJUSTED)		

#### WEEK ENDING Nov. 12 Nov. 5 Change Prior Year<sup>1</sup> 2,129 Federal Employees 2.425 +296 3.301 **Newly Discharged Veterans** 2.399 2,765 -366 2,194 PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 5	Oct. 29	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	3,168,697	3,200,997	-32,300	3,722,997
Federal Employees (UCFE)	28,322	28,887	-565	43,847
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	40,149	41,072	-923	42,006
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	2,896,629	2,935,466	-38,837	3,801,294
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	555,256	523,772	+31,484	863,470
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	4,646	4,674	-28	4,377
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	34,953	38,392	-3,439	54,547
TOTAL	6,728,652	6,773,260	-44,608	8,532,538

## **FOOTNOTES**

- SA Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Data 

  1 Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- $^{\rm 2}$  Most recent week used covered employment of 126,188,733 as denominator.
- <sup>3</sup> 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
- <sup>5</sup> 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
- <sup>6</sup> 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 11/12/2011

STATES WITH A	DECREASE (	OF MORE	THAN 1.000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
CA	-9,382	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
PA	-3,994	No comment.
TX	-2,831	No comment.
MA	-2,223	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-2,161	Fewer layoffs in the construction, healthcare and social assistance, and manufacturing industries.
WA	-1,473	No comment.
IL	-1,454	No comment.
FL	-1,433	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, trade, retail and service industries.
MD	-1,403	No comment.
ОН	-1,379	No comment.
NC	-1,285	No comment.
MI	-1,130	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
GA	-1,101	Fewer layoffs in the trade, construction, healthcare and social assistance, and service industries.
VA	-1,072	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AZ	-1,035	No comment.
SC	-1,013	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

# STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment
IN	+2,251	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

State Detail Prior Week

UI Claims Series 1967 to current

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