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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 359,000, a decrease of 26,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 385,000. The 4-week moving average was 374,000, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous week's revised average of 378,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.6 percent for the week ending September 15, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 15 was 3,271,000, a decrease of 4,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,275,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,295,500, a decrease of 15,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,310,500.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 300,661 in the week ending September 22, a decrease of 29,702 from the previous week. There were 328,073 initial claims in the comparable week in 2011.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.2 percent during the week ending September 15, a decline of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,833,088, a decrease of 94,416 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.5 percent and the volume was 3,207,559.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 8 was 5,173,586, a decrease of 11 from the previous week. There were 6,983,307 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2011.

Extended Benefits were not available in any states during the week ending September 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,270 in the week ending September 15, an increase of 308 from the prior week. There were 2,909 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 194 from the preceding week.

There were 17,029 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 8, an increase of 419 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,128, an increase of 1,035 from the prior week.

States reported 2,160,448 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending September 8, a decrease of 2,084 from the prior week. There were 3,036,635 persons claiming EUC in the comparable week in 2011. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending September 8 were in Puerto Rico (3.9), Alaska (3.6), New Jersey (3.5), Pennsylvania (3.4), California (3.1), Connecticut (3.1), Nevada (2.9), New York (2.8), Oregon (2.8), and Arkansas (2.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 15 were in California (+18,522), Michigan (+3,522), Florida (+2,018), New York (+1,969), and Indiana (+1,739), while the largest decreases were in Louisiana (-4,150), Puerto Rico (-854), Missouri (-811), Kentucky (-710), and Mississippi (-518).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Change	Sept. 8	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	359,000	385,000	-26,000	385,000	393,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	300,661	330,363	-29,702	299,729	328,073
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	374,000	378,500	-4,500	375,750	410,500
WEEK ENDING	Advance Sept. 15	Sept. 8	Change	Sept. 1	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,271,000	3,275,000	-4,000	3,304,000	3,725,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	2,833,088	2,927,504	-94,416	2,930,825	3,207,559
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,295,500	3,310,500	-15,000	3,321,750	3,723,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.6%	2.6%	0.0	2.6%	3.0%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	2.2%	2.3%	-0.1	2.3%	2.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 15	Sept. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,270	962	+308	2,328
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,909	2,715	+194	2,903

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 8	Sept. 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	2,919,021	2,923,959	-4,938	3,296,439
Federal Employees (UCFE)	17,029	16,610	+419	25,078
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,128	37,093	+1,035	38,439
EUC 2008³	2,160,448	2,162,532	-2,084	3,036,635
Extended Benefits⁴	2,556	2,407	+149	542,164
State Additional Benefits⁵	6,309	5,583	+726	4,511
STC / Workshare⁶	30,095	25,413	+4,682	40,041
TOTAL	5,173,586	5,173,597	-11	6,983,307

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 127,495,952 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 09/15/2012

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
LA	-4,150	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	+18,522	Return to a 5 day work week.
MI	+3,522	Layoffs in the administrative support, waste management and remediation service industry.
FL	+2,018	Layoffs in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade industries.
NY	+1,969	Layoffs in the construction, retail trade and public administrative industries.
IN	+1,739	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
VA	+1,709	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
GA	+1,451	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OR	+1,327	No comment.
SC	+1,307	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NC	+1,076	Layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries.

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

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