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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending September 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 367,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 363,000. The 4-week moving average was 375,000, unchanged from the previous week's revised average.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.6 percent for the week ending September 22, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending September 22 was 3,281,000, unchanged from the preceding week's revised level. The 4-week moving average was 3,285,250, a decrease of 12,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,298,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 298,743 in the week ending September 29, a decrease of 4,942 from the previous week. There were 332,394 initial claims in the comparable week in 2011.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.2 percent during the week ending September 22, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,815,352, a decrease of 26,169 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.5 percent and the volume was 3,165,909.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending September 15 was 5,088,612, a decrease of 85,386 from the previous week. There were 6,859,096 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2011.

Extended Benefits were only available in New York during the week ending September 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,315 in the week ending September 22, an increase of 45 from the prior week. There were 2,510 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 400 from the preceding week.

There were 16,579 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending September 15, a decrease of 453 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,529, an increase of 411 from the prior week.

States reported 2,143,049 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending September 15, a decrease of 17,399 from the prior week. There were 3,027,447 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 15 were in Puerto Rico (4.0), Alaska (3.5), California (3.2), Pennsylvania (3.2), New Jersey (3.2), Virgin Islands (3.1), Connecticut (3.0), Nevada (2.8), and Oregon (2.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending September 22 were in Mississippi (+3,314), Ohio (+1,975), Michigan (+1,179), Alabama (+823), and Kentucky (+372), while the largest decreases were in California (-13,527), New York (-3,773), North Carolina (-2,198), Indiana (-2,160), and Virginia (-1,969).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Sept. 29	Sept. 22	Change	Sept. 15	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	367,000	363,000	+4,000	385,000	402,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	298,743	303,685	-4,942	330,454	332,394
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	375,000	375,000	0	378,500	408,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Change	Sept. 8	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,281,000	3,281,000	0	3,275,000	3,698,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	2,815,352	2,841,521	-26,169	2,927,923	3,165,909
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,285,250	3,298,000	-12,750	3,310,500	3,718,000
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.6%	2.6%	0.0	2.6%	2.9%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	2.2%	2.2%	0.0	2.3%	2.5%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,315	1,270	+45	2,211
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,510	2,910	-400	2,730

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Sept. 15	Sept. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	2,834,061	2,919,440	-85,379	3,196,242
Federal Employees (UCFE)	16,579	17,032	-453	23,868
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,529	38,118	+411	38,619
EUC 2008³	2,143,049	2,160,448	-17,399	3,027,447
Extended Benefits⁴	21,384	2,556	+18,828	521,777
State Additional Benefits⁵	6,304	6,309	-5	4,538
STC / Workshare⁶	28,706	30,095	-1,389	46,605
TOTAL	5,088,612	5,173,998	-85,386	6,859,096

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 09/22/2012

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	-13,527	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
NY	-3,773	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, and educational service industries.
NC	-2,198	Fewer layoffs in the construction, and manufacturing industries.
IN	-2,160	No comment.
VA	-1,969	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
SC	-1,712	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
LA	-1,579	No comment.
GA	-1,482	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, trade, and administrative and support service industries.
WI	-1,212	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
MS	+3,314	Individuals separated from work due to Tropical Storm Isaac.
OH	+1,975	Layoffs in the automotive industry.
MI	+1,179	No comment.

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

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