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

#### **SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

In the week ending November 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 298,000, a decrease of 23,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 321,000. The 4-week moving average was 322,250, a decrease of 10,750 from the previous week's revised average of 333,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.1 percent for the week ending November 23, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending November 23 was 2,744,000, a decrease of 21,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 2,765,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,796,500, a decrease of 32,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 2,829,000.

#### UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 313,973 in the week ending November 30, a decrease of 54,507 from the previous week. There were 500,163 initial claims in the comparable week in 2012.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.9 percent during the week ending November 23, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,480,863, a decrease of 192,783 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.6 percent and the volume was 3,315,644.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending November 16 was 4,096,901, an increase of 183,227 from the previous week. There were 4,959,201 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2012.

No states were triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending November 16.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,395 in the week ending November 23, an increase of 452 from the prior week. There were 2,144 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 117 from the preceding week.

There were 20,409 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending November 16, an increase of 1,217 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 32,030, an increase of 753 from the prior week.

States reported 1,350,604 persons claiming Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits for the week ending November 16, an increase of 45,705 from the prior week. There were 2,008,608 persons claiming EUC in the comparable week in 2012. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending November 23 were in Alaska (5.5), Puerto Rico (3.7), Virgin Islands (3.3), New Jersey (3.2), California (3.1), Pennsylvania (2.9), Connecticut (2.8), Oregon (2.6), Illinois (2.5), and Nevada (2.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending November 23 were in California (+8,326), Pennsylvania (+4,416), Michigan (+3,426), Illinois (+2,638), and Texas (+2,099), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-572), Florida (-492), Idaho (-293), Mississippi (-287), and Virginia (-72).

### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**

WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Change	Nov. 16	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	298,000	321,000	-23,000	326,000	370,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	313,973	368,480	-54,507	325,879	500,163
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	322,250	333,000	-10,750	339,250	402,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 23	Nov. 16	Change	Nov. 9	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	2,744,000	2,765,000	-21,000	2,867,000	3,216,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	2,480,863	2,673,646	-192,783	2,540,280	3,315,644

4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,796,500	2,829,000	-32,500	2,854,500	3,283,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	2.1%	2.1%	0.0	2.2%	2.5%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.9%	2.1%	-0.2	1.9%	2.6%

# **INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)**

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 23	Nov. 16	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees	2,395	1,943	+452	1,628
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,144	2,027	+117	1,863

# PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 16	Nov. 9	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	2,668,017	2,533,968	+134,049	2,829,876
Federal Employees (UCFE)	20,409	19,192	+1,217	18,848
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	32,030	31,277	+753	36,890
<b>EUC 2008</b> <sup>3</sup>	1,350,604	1,304,899	+45,705	2,008,608
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	216	201	+15	37,096
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	4,703	4,608	+95	5,820
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	20,922	19,529	+1,393	22,063
TOTAL	4,096,901	3,913,674	+183,227	4,959,201

#### **FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/docs/persons.xls

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

## UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 23, 2013

#### STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	State Supplied Comment	
None			

## STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+8,326	Layoffs in the service, agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries.
PA	+4,416	Layoffs in the construction, professional, scientific and technical services, manufacturing, and health care and social service industries.
MI	+3,426	Layoffs in the management of companies and enterprises industries.
IL	+2,638	Layoffs in the manufacturing, adminstrative and support and waste management remediation services, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade industries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> - Prior year is comparable to most recent data.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  - Most recent week used covered employment of 130,396,096 as denominator.

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity. Tier-specific EUC data can be found here:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> - Information on the EB program can be found here: http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/extenben.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> - Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate,

<sup>&</sup>lt;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

TX	+2,099	No comment.
ОН	+2,027	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
OR	+1,488	No comment.
NY	+1,472	Layoffs in the construction, retail trade, and food service industries.
GA	+1,159	Layoffs in the manufacturing, adminstrative and support service, trade, and accomodation and food service industries.
MN	+1,106	No comment.
MA	+1,105	Layoffs in the construction, administrative and waste management, health care and social services, and art, entertainment and recreation industries.
NV	+1,052	No comment.
IN	+1,035	Layoffs in the retail industry.

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