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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

In the week ending Oct. 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 530,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous week's unrevised figure of 531,000. The 4-week moving average was 526,250, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's unrevised average of 532,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 4.4 percent for the week ending Oct. 17, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 4.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Oct. 17 was 5,797,000, a decrease of 148,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 5,945,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,960,750, a decrease of 78,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 6,039,500.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 492,456 in the week ending Oct. 24, an increase of 32,026 from the previous week. There were 449,389 initial claims in the comparable week in 2008.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.8 percent during the week ending Oct. 17, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,968,019, an increase of 51,445 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.4 percent and the volume was 3,233,118.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin during the week ending Oct. 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,895 in the week ending Oct. 17, a decrease of 337 from the prior week. There were 2,417 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 231 from the preceding week.

There were 21,217 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Oct. 10, an increase of 1,096 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 33,081, an increase of 2,343 from the prior week.

States reported 3,368,909 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Oct. 10, a decrease of 21,713 from the prior week. There were 1,050,369 claimants in the comparable week in 2008. EUC weekly claims include both first and second tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending Oct. 10 were in Puerto Rico (6.3 percent), Nevada (5.3), Oregon (5.3), Pennsylvania (5.0), Wisconsin (4.8), Arkansas (4.6), California (4.6), Michigan (4.6), North Carolina (4.5), and South Carolina (4.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Oct. 17 were in California (+5,774), Puerto Rico (+685), Minnesota (+614), Nevada (+366), and Nebraska (+239), while the largest decreases were in Wisconsin (-5,681), New York (-4,711), Pennsylvania (-4,033), Illinois (-3,870), and Oregon (-2,706).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Change	Oct. 10	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	530,000	531,000	-1,000	520,000	485,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	492,456	460,430	+32,026	509,730	449,389
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	526,250	532,250	-6,000	533,000	477,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Change	Oct. 3	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	5,797,000	5,945,000	-148,000	6,034,000	3,773,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,968,019	4,916,574	+51,445	4,953,947	3,233,118
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,960,750	6,039,500	-78,750	6,093,250	3,746,500

Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	4.4%	4.5%	-0.1	4.6%	2.8%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	3.8%	3.7%	+0.1	3.8%	2.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,895	2,232	-337	1,363
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,417	2,648	-231	1,512

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Oct. 10	Oct. 3	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	21,217	20,121	+1,096	14,006
Newly Discharged Veterans	33,081	30,738	+2,343	22,890
Railroad Retirement Board	9,000	9,000	0	3,000
Extended Benefits	526,704	576,057	-49,353	8,049
EUC 2008³	3,368,909	3,390,622	-21,713	1,050,369

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 131,823,421 as denominator.

³ - EUC weekly claims include both first and second tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 10/17/2009

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
WI	-5,681	Fewer layoffs in the trade and manufacturing industries.
NY	-4,711	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and public administration industries.
PA	-4,033	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and transportation equipment industries.
IL	-3,870	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
OR	-2,706	No comment.
AR	-2,504	Fewer layoffs in the trade and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-2,461	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, and warehousing industries.
KY	-2,366	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	-2,343	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
GA	-2,305	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
IN	-2,008	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.
MD	-1,817	No comment.
OH	-1,721	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.
MO	-1,718	Fewer layoffs in the trade and service industries.
FL	-1,644	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-1,440	Fewer layoffs in the industrial machinery, computer equipment, textile, and lumber /wood industries.
WA	-1,214	No comment.
KS	-1,205	No comment.
MI	-1,158	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	+5,774	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.

State Detail Prior Week
UI Claims Series 1967 to current

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