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

In the week ending Jan. 2, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 434,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 433,000. The 4-week moving average was 450,250, a decrease of 10,250 from the previous week's revised average of 460,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending Dec. 26, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.8 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Dec. 26 was 4,802,000, a decrease of 179,000 from the preceding week's unrevised level of 4,981,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,005,750, a decrease of 95,250 from the preceding week's unrevised average of 5,101,000.

The fiscal year-to-date average for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment for all programs is 5.565 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 645,571 in the week ending Jan. 2, an increase of 88,000 from the previous week. There were 731,958 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.2 percent during the week ending Dec. 26, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,479,110, an increase of 388,729 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.0 percent and the volume was 5,317,388.

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 Dec. 19.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,651 in the week ending Dec. 26, a decrease of 105 from the prior week. There were 1,381 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 893 from the preceding week.

There were 25,771 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Dec. 19, a decrease of 651 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 34,397, a decrease of 3,129 from the prior week.

States reported 5,143,410 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Dec. 19, an increase of 235,626 from the prior week. There were 1,922,488 claimants in the comparable week in 2008. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending Dec. 19 were in Alaska (6.7 percent), Oregon (5.9), Puerto Rico (5.8), Nevada (5.6), Idaho (5.5), Pennsylvania (5.2), Wisconsin (5.2), Montana (5.1), Washington (5.1), and Michigan (5.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Dec. 26 were in Pennsylvania (+9,653), Kentucky (+6,069), Indiana (+5,537), Kansas (+5,166), and Ohio (+4,361), while the largest decreases were in California (-23,160), Texas (-7,956), Georgia (-4,661), Florida (-3,736), and North Carolina (-2,993).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Jan. 2	Dec. 26	Change	Dec. 19	Year
Initial Claims (SA)	434,000	433,000	+1,000	454,000	488,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	645,571	557,571	+88,000	565,243	731,958
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	450,250	460,500	-10,250	465,750	528,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Prior1	
	Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Change	Dec. 12	Year
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,802,000	4,981,000	-179,000	5,038,000	4,529,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	5,479,110	5,090,381	+388,729	5,345,467	5,317,388
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,005,750	5,101,000	-95,250	5,223,250	4,421,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.6%	3.8%	-0.2	3.8%	3.4%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	4.2%	3.9%	+0.3	4.1%	4.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,651	1,756	-105	1,419
Newly Discharged Veterans	1,381	2,274	-893	1,115

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	25,771	26,422	-651	19,158
Newly Discharged Veterans	34,397	37,526	-3,129	24,112
Railroad Retirement Board	11,000	11,000	0	5,000
Extended Benefits	296,534	367,498	-70,964	1,168
EUC 2008 ³	5,143,410	4,907,784	+235,626	1,922,488

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 first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 12/26/2009

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-23,160	Decrease due to a shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
TX	-7,956	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
GA	-4,661	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
FL	-3,736	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.
NC	-2,993	Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
AZ	-2,175	No comment.
NY	-2,043	Decrease due to a shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and real estate industries.
NV	-1,871	No comment.
CO	-1,421	No comment.
LA	-1,386	No comment.
CT	-1,307	No comment.
OK	-1,246	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
TN	+1,461	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MD	+1,489	No comment.
AR	+1,638	No comment.
MO	+2,342	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	+2,540	Layoffs in the construction, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
IL	+2,571	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
WI	+2,749	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, and warehousing industries.
MA	+2,757	No comment.
MI	+2,994	No comment.
OH	+4,361	No comment.
KS	+5,166	No comment.

IN	+5,537	Layoffs in the automobile, transportation, service, and manufacturing industries.
KY	+6,069	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+9,653	Layoffs in the construction, service, food, and transportation industries.

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