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

In the week ending Jan. 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 444,000, an increase of 11,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 433,000. The 4-week moving average was 440,750, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised average of 449,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Jan. 2, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Jan. 2 was 4,596,000, a decrease of 211,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,807,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,855,000, a decrease of 151,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 5,006,500.

The fiscal year-to-date average for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment for all programs is 5.448 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 801,086 in the week ending Jan. 9, an increase of 156,165 from the previous week. There were 956,791 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.6 percent during the week ending Jan. 2, an increase of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,988,940, an increase of 503,924 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.4 percent and the volume was 5,855,855.

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. 26.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,466 in the week ending Jan. 2, a decrease of 187 from the prior week. There were 1,454 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 73 from the preceding week.

There were 25,959 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Dec. 26, an increase of 193 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,116, an increase of 1,742 from the prior week.

States reported 5,002,180 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Dec. 26, a decrease of 141,279 from the prior week. There were 1,666,412 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. 26 were in Alaska (7.4 percent), Oregon (6.6), Idaho (6.2), Wisconsin (6.2), Michigan (5.9), Montana (5.7), Nevada (5.7), North Carolina (5.6), Pennsylvania (5.5), and Washington (5.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Jan. 2 were in New York (+22,810), North Carolina (+20,942), Georgia (+11,172), Wisconsin (+9,938), and Alabama (+5,748), while the largest decreases were in Illinois (-6,928), Florida (-6,523), Kansas (-3,701), Maryland (-2,309), and California (-2,284).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance				Prior1 Year
	Jan. 9	Jan. 2	Change	Dec. 26	
Initial Claims (SA)	444,000	433,000	+11,000	432,000	535,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	801,086	644,921	+156,165	556,517	956,791
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	440,750	449,750	-9,000	460,250	523,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance				Prior1 Year
	Jan. 2	Dec. 26	Change	Dec. 19	
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,596,000	4,807,000	-211,000	4,979,000	4,487,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	5,988,940	5,485,016	+503,924	5,088,864	5,855,855
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,855,000	5,006,500	-151,500	5,100,500	4,454,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1	3.8%	3.4%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	4.6%	4.2%	+0.4	3.9%	4.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 2	Dec. 26	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	1,466	1,653	-187	1,434
Newly Discharged Veterans	1,454	1,381	+73	1,543

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 26	Dec. 19	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	25,959	25,766	+193	19,710
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,116	34,374	+1,742	25,937
Railroad Retirement Board	10,000	10,000	0	7,000
Extended Benefits	302,272	296,580	+5,692	1,640
EUC 2008 ³	5,002,180	5,143,459	-141,279	1,666,412

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 130,128,328 as denominator.³ - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 01/02/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	-6,928	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
FL	-6,523	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
KS	-3,701	No comment.
MD	-2,309	No comment.
CA	-2,284	Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
NV	-1,113	Decrease due to a shorter workweek.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MA	+1,166	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
AR	+1,779	Layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
IA	+1,871	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MN	+2,142	No comment.
MI	+2,166	No comment.
NJ	+2,477	Layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, trade, service, public administration, and manufacturing industries.
OR	+2,939	No comment.
OH	+3,032	Increase due to holiday shutdowns.
SC	+3,414	Layoffs in the textile industry.
TX	+3,474	Layoffs in the trade, service, transportation, and manufacturing industries.
CT	+3,895	No comment.
TN	+4,609	Layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
PA	+5,427	Layoffs in the transportation, primary metals, and industrial machinery industries.
AL	+5,748	Increase due to seasonal shutdowns, as well as layoffs in the apparel and service industries.
WI	+9,938	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
GA	+11,172	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	+20,942	Layoffs in the construction, transportation equipment, textile, furniture, rubber/plastics, and

lumber/wood industries.
NY +22,810 Layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries. Figures are based on a five day processing week.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)
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