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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT**

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

In the week ending Jan. 23, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 470,000, a decrease of 8,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 478,000. The 4-week moving average was 456,250, an increase of 9,500 from the previous week's revised average of 446,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Jan. 16, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's revised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Jan. 16 was 4,602,000, a decrease of 57,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,659,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,669,250, a decrease of 94,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,763,500.

The fiscal year-to-date average for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment for all programs is 5.404 million.

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 500,392 in the week ending Jan. 23, a decrease of 145,417 from the previous week. There were 620,143 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.3 percent during the week ending Jan. 16, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,605,729, a decrease of 185,351 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.3 percent and the volume was 5,715,432.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, 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 Jan. 9.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,950 in the week ending Jan. 16, a decrease of 505 from the prior week. There were 2,412 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 73 from the preceding week.

There were 26,226 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Jan. 9, a decrease of 1,548 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 37,836, an increase of 978 from the prior week.

States reported 5,350,477 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Jan. 9, a decrease of 304,067 from the prior week. There were 1,766,009 claimants in the comparable week in 2009. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending Jan. 9 were in Alaska (7.4 percent), Oregon (6.8), Wisconsin (6.6), Idaho (6.4), Michigan (6.4), Montana (6.0), Pennsylvania (6.0), Nevada (5.7), Connecticut (5.5), North Carolina (5.5), and Washington (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Jan. 16 were in California (+43,748), Florida (+2,345), West Virginia (+1,460), Iowa (+937), and Puerto Rico (+415), while the largest decreases were in Pennsylvania (-25,819), New York (-22,173), North Carolina (-17,265), Wisconsin (-13,614), and Georgia (-12,452).

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS**

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Jan. 9	Prior1 Year
	Jan. 23	Jan. 16	Change		
<b>Initial Claims (SA)</b>	470,000	478,000	-8,000	444,000	590,000
<b>Initial Claims (NSA)</b>	500,392	645,809	-145,417	802,573	620,143
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	456,250	446,750	+9,500	440,750	547,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Jan. 2	Prior1 Year
	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Change		
<b>Ins. Unemployment (SA)</b>	4,602,000	4,659,000	-57,000	4,609,000	4,673,000
<b>Ins. Unemployment (NSA)</b>	5,605,729	5,791,080	-185,351	6,004,895	5,715,432
<b>4-Wk Moving Average (SA)</b>	4,669,250	4,763,500	-94,250	4,858,250	4,566,250
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)<sup>2</sup></b>	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1	3.5%	3.5%
<b>Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)<sup>2</sup></b>	4.3%	4.5%	-0.2	4.6%	4.3%

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

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Change	Prior1 Year
<b>Newly Discharged Veterans</b>	2,412	2,485	-73	2,221

## PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 9	Jan. 2	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	26,226	27,774	-1,548	20,255
Newly Discharged Veterans	37,836	36,858	+978	27,261
Railroad Retirement Board	12,000	12,000	0	8,000
Extended Benefits	261,962	263,016	-1,054	12,472
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	5,350,477	5,654,544	-304,067	1,766,009

## FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data

NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

<sup>1</sup> - Prior year is comparable to most recent data.<sup>2</sup> - Most recent week used covered employment of 130,128,328 as denominator.<sup>3</sup> - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 01/16/2010

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

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PA	-25,819	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries.
NY	-22,173	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries.
NC	-17,265	Fewer layoffs in the service, textile, furniture, primary metals, fabricated metals, rubber/plastics, lumber/wood, electrical equipment, and electronic equipment industries.
WI	-13,614	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
GA	-12,452	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
SC	-8,660	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NJ	-8,567	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
TX	-8,054	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
OH	-6,969	No comment.
IL	-6,465	Fewer layoffs in the trade and service industries.
VA	-6,373	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
MO	-5,749	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
KY	-5,023	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AL	-4,749	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MN	-4,733	No comment.
TN	-4,564	Fewer layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
KS	-4,496	No comment.
MI	-4,381	No comment.
IN	-3,683	Fewer layoffs in the trade industry.
OR	-3,378	No comment.
CT	-3,242	No comment.
MA	-3,229	No comment.
WA	-2,928	No comment.
MD	-2,403	No comment.
AR	-2,148	No comment.
LA	-1,538	No comment.
CO	-1,454	No comment.
MS	-1,296	No comment.
ND	-1,163	No comment.
NE	-1,025	No comment.

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

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
WV	+1,460	Layoffs in the service and information industries.
FL	+2,345	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.
CA	+43,748	State clearing claims backlog.

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