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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending Feb. 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 496,000, an increase of 22,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 474,000. The 4-week moving average was 473,750, an increase of 6,000 from the previous week's revised average of 467,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending Feb. 13, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Feb. 13 was 4,617,000, an increase of 6,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,611,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,600,750, an increase of 4,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,596,500.

The fiscal year-to-date average for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment for all programs is 5.209 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 452,468 in the week ending Feb. 20, a decrease of 25,767 from the previous week. There were 605,668 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.2 percent during the week ending Feb. 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,527,142, a decrease of 70,546 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.6 percent and the volume was 6,108,398.

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 Feb. 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,196 in the week ending Feb. 13, a decrease of 240 from the prior week. There were 2,174 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 108 from the preceding week.

There were 24,095 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Feb. 6, a decrease of 2,215 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,429 a decrease of 18 from the prior week.

States reported 5,479,942 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Feb. 6, a decrease of 317,933 from the prior week. There were 1,847,439 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 Feb. 6 were in Alaska (7.5 percent), Oregon (6.5), Idaho (6.4), Montana (6.2), Wisconsin (6.2), Michigan (5.9), Puerto Rico (5.9), Nevada (5.8), Pennsylvania (5.7), and North Carolina (5.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Feb. 13 were in North Carolina (+5,897), Pennsylvania (+2,813), Kentucky (+2,510), Virginia (+559), and Puerto Rico (+468), while the largest decreases were in California (-5,540), Illinois (-3,858), New York (-2,747), Texas (-2,636), and Missouri (-2,534).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

| WEEK ENDING | Advance | | | Feb. 6 | Prior1 Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| | Feb. 20 | Feb. 13 | Change | | |
| Initial Claims (SA) | 496,000 | 474,000 | +22,000 | 442,000 | 656,000 |
| Initial Claims (NSA) | 452,468 | 478,235 | -25,767 | 507,634 | 605,668 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 473,750 | 467,750 | +6,000 | 469,000 | 632,000 |
| WEEK ENDING | Advance | | | Jan. 30 | Prior1 Year |
| | Feb. 13 | Feb. 6 | Change | | |
| Ins. Unemployment (SA) | 4,617,000 | 4,611,000 | +6,000 | 4,558,000 | 5,065,000 |
| Ins. Unemployment (NSA) | 5,527,142 | 5,597,688 | -70,546 | 5,683,530 | 6,108,398 |
| 4-Wk Moving Average (SA) | 4,600,750 | 4,596,500 | +4,250 | 4,608,500 | 4,879,000 |
| Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)² | 3.5% | 3.5% | 0.0 | 3.5% | 3.8% |
| Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)² | 4.2% | 4.3% | -0.1 | 4.4% | 4.6% |

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | Feb. 13 | Feb. 6 | Change | Prior1 |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | | Year |
| Federal Employees | 1,196 | 1,436 | -240 | 1,244 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 2,174 | 2,282 | -108 | 1,941 |

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

| WEEK ENDING | Feb. 6 | Jan. 30 | Change | Prior1 Year |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Federal Employees | 24,095 | 26,310 | -2,215 | 19,556 |
| Newly Discharged Veterans | 36,429 | 36,447 | -18 | 28,092 |
| Railroad Retirement Board | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0 | 9,000 |
| Extended Benefits | 203,612 | 206,017 | -2,405 | 2,710 |
| EUC 2008 ³ | 5,479,942 | 5,797,875 | -317,933 | 1,847,439 |

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 02/13/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|-------|--------|--|
| CA | -5,540 | Fewer layoffs in the service industry. |
| IL | -3,858 | Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries. |
| NY | -2,747 | Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries. |
| TX | -2,636 | Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries. |
| MO | -2,534 | Fewer layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries. |
| IA | -2,339 | Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry. |
| NJ | -2,130 | Decrease primarily due to a shorter workweek because of office closures caused by inclement weather, and a mandatory state furlough day. |
| MA | -2,087 | No comment. |
| GA | -2,027 | Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries. |
| WI | -1,826 | Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, information, and manufacturing industries. |
| MI | -1,621 | No comment. |
| OH | -1,513 | Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry. |
| LA | -1,225 | No comment. |

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

| State | Change | State Supplied Comment |
|-------|--------|--|
| KY | +2,510 | Layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries. |
| PA | +2,813 | Layoffs in the construction, service, transportation, and food industries. |
| NC | +5,897 | Layoffs in the construction, furniture, stone/clay/glass, and mining industries. |

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