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Calendar Year 2010 Seasonal Factors: Seasonal factors for CY 2010 and the revised historical series for CY 2005-2009 for both initial claims and continued claims will be made available on line on March 25, 2010, with the release of the *Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report*.

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

In the week ending March 13, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 457,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's unrevised figure of 462,000. The 4-week moving average was 471,250, a decrease of 4,250 from the previous week's unrevised average of 475,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending March 6, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.5 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending March 6 was 4,579,000, an increase of 12,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,567,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,575,250, a decrease of 8,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,583,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.166 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 432,166 in the week ending March 13, a decrease of 28,083 from the previous week. There were 601,163 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 4.1 percent during the week ending March 6, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,375,836, a decrease of 163,482 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.7 percent and the volume was 6,357,202.

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, Missouri, Montana, 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. 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,357 in the week ending March 6, an increase of 67 from the prior week. There were 2,383 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 48 from the preceding week.

There were 23,693 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Feb. 27, an increase of 738 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,501, a decrease of 84 from the prior week.

States reported 5,888,048 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Feb. 27, an increase of 360,123 from the prior week. There were 2,086,682 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. 27 were in Alaska (7.2 percent), Oregon (6.3), Pennsylvania (6.3), Idaho (6.2), Montana (6.1), Wisconsin (6.1), Puerto Rico (6.0), Michigan (5.6), Nevada (5.6), North Carolina (5.4), and Rhode Island (5.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 6 were in North Carolina (+5,100), Illinois (+2,461), Oregon (+1,542), Ohio (+1,301), and Alabama (+1,274), while the largest decreases were in New York (-10,929), California (-7,235), Connecticut (-2,082), Kentucky (-1,950), and West Virginia (-827).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			Feb. 27	Prior1 Year
	March 13	March 6	Change		
Initial Claims (SA)	457,000	462,000	-5,000	468,000	644,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	432,166	460,249	-28,083	471,256	601,163
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	471,250	475,500	-4,250	470,500	650,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance			Feb. 20	Prior1 Year
	March 6	Feb. 27	Change		
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,579,000	4,567,000	+12,000	4,521,000	5,438,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	5,375,836	5,539,318	-163,482	5,597,137	6,357,202
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,575,250	4,583,250	-8,000	4,581,000	5,207,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	3.5%	4.1%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	4.1%	4.3%	-0.2	4.3%	4.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 6	Feb. 27	Change	Prior1 Year

Newly Discharged Veterans	2,383	2,335	+48	2,076
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PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Feb. 27	Feb. 20	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	23,693	22,955	+738	19,888
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,501	36,585	-84	28,791
Railroad Retirement Board	11,000	11,000	0	9,000
Extended Benefits	155,952	163,291	-7,339	5,011
EUC 2008 ³	5,888,048	5,527,925	+360,123	2,086,682

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 03/06/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NY	-10,929	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and service industries.
CA	-7,235	Fewer layoffs in the trade and service industries.
CT	-2,082	Fewer school closings related claims.
KY	-1,950	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
AL	+1,274	Layoffs in the construction, service, and industrial machinery industries.
OH	+1,301	Layoffs in the automobile industry.
OR	+1,542	No comment.
IL	+2,461	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
NC	+5,100	Layoffs in the construction, service, industrial machinery, apparel, and transportation equipment industries.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)

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