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

In the week ending April 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 460,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 442,000. The 4-week moving average was 450,250, an increase of 2,250 from the previous week's revised average of 448,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.5 percent for the week ending March 27, 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 March 27 was 4,550,000, a decrease of 131,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,681,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,648,250, a decrease of 36,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,684,250.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.236 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 414,657 in the week ending April 3, an increase of 6,492 from the previous week. There were 623,279 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.9 percent during the week ending March 27, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 5,027,944, a decrease of 168,431 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.8 percent and the volume was 6,451,690.

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 March 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,187 in the week ending March 27, a decrease of 76 from the prior week. There were 2,311 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 106 from the preceding week.

There were 21,025 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending March 20, a decrease of 1,776 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 36,877, an increase of 706 from the prior week.

States reported 5,593,484 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending March 20, a decrease of 300,853 from the prior week. There were 2,251,784 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 March 20 were in Alaska (7.1 percent), Puerto Rico (6.1), Oregon (6.0), Wisconsin (5.7), Montana (5.6), Idaho (5.5), Michigan (5.4), Pennsylvania (5.4), Nevada (5.3), and Rhode Island (5.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending March 27 were in Texas (+3,640), Oregon (+2,412), New Jersey (+1,715), California (+1,275), and Kentucky (+926), while the largest decreases were in Michigan (-2,240), Illinois (-1,872), Oklahoma (-1,270), Missouri (-1,079), and North Carolina (-673).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			March 20	Prior1 Year
	April 3	March 27	Change		
Initial Claims (SA)	460,000	442,000	+18,000	445,000	643,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	414,657	408,165	+6,492	408,653	623,279
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	450,250	448,000	+2,250	454,000	643,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance			March 13	Prior1 Year
	March 27	March 20	Change		
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,550,000	4,681,000	-131,000	4,668,000	5,844,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	5,027,944	5,196,375	-168,431	5,344,610	6,451,690
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,648,250	4,684,250	-36,000	4,692,000	5,701,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1	3.6%	4.4%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	3.9%	4.0%	-0.1	4.1%	4.8%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 27	March 20	Change	Prior1 Year
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,311	2,205	+106	1,831

 PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	March 20	March 13	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	21,025	22,801	-1,776	18,080
Newly Discharged Veterans	36,877	36,171	+706	28,434
Railroad Retirement Board	9,000	9,000	0	9,000
Extended Benefits	214,393	136,990	+77,403	22,241
EUC 2008 ³	5,593,484	5,894,337	-300,853	2,251,784

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 03/27/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	-2,240	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
IL	-1,872	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and manufacturing industries.
OK	-1,270	No comment.
MO	-1,079	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing industries.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+1,275	No comment.
NJ	+1,715	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
OR	+2,412	No comment.
TX	+3,640	Layoffs in the finance, service, and manufacturing industries.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)[UI Claims Series 1967 to current](#)

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