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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending April 24, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 448,000, a decrease of 11,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 459,000. The 4-week moving average was 462,500, an increase of 1,500 from the previous week's revised average of 461,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending April 17, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.6 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending April 17 was 4,645,000, a decrease of 18,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,663,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,639,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,648,000.

The fiscal year-to-date average of seasonally adjusted weekly insured unemployment, which corresponds to the appropriated AWIU trigger, was 5.186 million.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 423,286 in the week ending April 24, a decrease of 11,171 from the previous week. There were 583,457 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending April 17, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,779,335, a decrease of 144,978 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.7 percent and the volume was 6,339,490.

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 April 10.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,219 in the week ending April 17, a decrease of 224 from the prior week. There were 2,441 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 23 from the preceding week.

There were 20,197 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending April 10, an increase of 113 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 37,051, an increase of 455 from the prior week.

States reported 5,200,473 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending April 10, a decrease of 146,641 from the prior week. There were 2,286,186 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 April 10 were in Alaska (6.6 percent), Puerto Rico (6.4), Oregon (5.9), Wisconsin (5.6), Pennsylvania (5.4), Nevada (5.2), California (5.0), Idaho (5.0), Montana (5.0), Michigan (4.9), and North Carolina (4.9).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending April 17 were in Puerto Rico (+3,549), Iowa (+1,606), Georgia (+1,412), Connecticut (+768), and Florida (+422), while the largest decreases were in New York (-21,010), California (-15,380), Pennsylvania (-4,512), Oregon (-4,317), and New Jersey (-3,777).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance			April 10	Prior1 Year
	April 24	April 17	Change		
Initial Claims (SA)	448,000	459,000	-11,000	480,000	623,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	423,286	434,457	-11,171	510,927	583,457
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	462,500	461,000	+1,500	457,500	627,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance			April 3	Prior1 Year
	April 17	April 10	Change		
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,645,000	4,663,000	-18,000	4,686,000	6,209,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,779,335	4,924,313	-144,978	4,981,687	6,339,490
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,639,000	4,648,000	-9,000	4,649,250	6,023,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.6%	3.6%	0.0	3.7%	4.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	3.7%	3.8%	-0.1	3.9%	4.7%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 17	April 10	Change	Prior1 Year
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,441	2,418	+23	1,752

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	April 10	April 3	Change	Prior1 Year
Federal Employees	20,197	20,084	+113	17,589
Newly Discharged Veterans	37,051	36,596	+455	28,524
Railroad Retirement Board	7,000	7,000	0	10,000
Extended Benefits	202,215	146,583	+55,632	49,670
EUC 2008 ³	5,200,473	5,347,114	-146,641	2,286,186

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 128,298,468 as denominator.³ - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 04/17/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-21,010	Fewer layoffs in the service and transportation industries.
CA	-15,380	Fewer layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
PA	-4,512	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, construction, and service industries.
OR	-4,317	Decrease attributed to furlough week.
NJ	-3,777	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, warehousing, and service industries.
IL	-3,579	Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
OH	-2,992	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WA	-2,826	No comment.
KS	-2,721	No comment.
TN	-2,548	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, apparel, trade, and service industries.
TX	-2,496	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, service, and manufacturing industries.
WI	-2,305	Fewer layoffs in the public administration, construction, trade, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
MI	-1,905	No comment.
AR	-1,441	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	-1,362	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MD	-1,274	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	+1,412	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IA	+1,606	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PR	+3,549	No comment.

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