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

In the week ending Dec. 4, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 421,000, a decrease of 17,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 438,000. The 4-week moving average was 427,500, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average of 431,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.2 percent for the week ending Nov. 27, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.4 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Nov. 27 was 4,086,000, a decrease of 191,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,277,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,226,000, a decrease of 64,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,290,250.

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 582,007 in the week ending Dec. 4, an increase of 169,085 from the previous week. There were 665,685 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.3 percent during the week ending Nov. 27, an increase of 0.4 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,188,560, an increase of 522,787 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.1 percent and the volume was 5,400,752.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Nov. 13 was 8,297,938.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, during the week ending Nov. 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,445 in the week ending Nov. 27, a decrease of 687 from the prior week. There were 1,574 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 981 from the preceding week.

There were 43,802 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Nov. 20, a decrease of 5,097 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 39,843, a decrease of 2,804 from the prior week.

States reported 3,711,136 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Nov. 20, a decrease of 233,032 from the prior week. There were 4,195,322 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 Nov. 20 were in Alaska (6.1 percent), Puerto Rico (5.5), Oregon (4.4), Nevada (3.9), Pennsylvania (3.9), California (3.7), Idaho (3.7), Montana (3.7),

New Jersey (3.7), Arkansas (3.6), Wisconsin (3.6), and Connecticut (3.5).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Nov. 27 were in Wisconsin (+7,545), Iowa (+2,789), Idaho (+1,810), Indiana (+1,667), and Washington (+1,260), while the largest decreases were in Texas (-8,742), California (-8,320), Florida (-7,027), Georgia (-5,823), and North Carolina (-4,171).

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Change	Nov. 20	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	421,000	438,000	-17,000	410,000	483,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	582,007	412,922	+169,085	464,813	665,685
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	427,500	431,500	-4,000	436,750	486,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance Nov. 27	Nov. 20	Change	Nov. 13	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,086,000	4,277,000	-191,000	4,217,000	5,305,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,188,560	3,665,773	+522,787	3,870,994	5,400,752
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,226,000	4,290,250	-64,250	4,317,750	5,489,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	3.2%	3.4%	-0.2	3.4%	4.0%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	3.3%	2.9%	+0.4	3.1%	4.1%

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

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 27	Nov. 20	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees	2,445	3,132	-687	1,740
Newly Discharged Veterans	1,574	2,555	-981	1,375

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

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 20	Nov. 13	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	3,654,367	3,854,813	-200,446	4,782,460
Federal Employees (UCFE)	43,802	48,899	-5,097	24,216
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	39,843	42,647	-2,804	33,793
EUC 2008 <sup>3</sup>	3,711,136	3,944,168	-233,032	4,195,322
Extended Benefits <sup>4</sup>	795,733	955,928	-160,195	431,559
State Additional Benefits <sup>5</sup>	4,514	4,617	-103	2,529
STC / Workshare <sup>6</sup>	48,543	58,810	-10,267	76,621

<b>TOTAL</b>	8,297,938	8,909,882	-611,944	9,546,500
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**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 125,845,577 as denominator.<sup>3</sup> - EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity. Tier-specific EUC data can be found here: <http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/docs/persons.xls><sup>4</sup> - Information on the EB program can be found here:<http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/extenben.asp><sup>5</sup> - Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate and the extent of benefits can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: <http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/pdf/uilawcompar/2010/special.pdf><sup>6</sup> - Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link:<http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/pdf/uilawcompar/2010/special.pdf>

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED 11/27/2010

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

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
TX	-8,742	Fewer layoffs in the service and manufacturing industries.
CA	-8,320	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the service industry.
FL	-7,027	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.
GA	-5,823	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-4,171	Fewer layoffs in the service, furniture, and fabricated metals industries.
MI	-3,304	No comment.
NY	-3,302	Fewer layoffs in the trade and service industries.
IL	-3,093	A shorter workweek.
NJ	-2,644	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
SC	-2,188	A shorter workweek.
TN	-2,184	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
AZ	-1,963	A shorter workweek.
KY	-1,808	No comment.
CT	-1,808	No comment.
AL	-1,608	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
VA	-1,559	A shorter workweek.
OK	-1,488	No comment.
PA	-1,216	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, service, and manufacturing industries.
CO	-1,127	No comment.
MD	-1,100	No comment.

LA            -1,088        No comment.

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STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

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<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
OH	+1,092	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AR	+1,155	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WA	+1,260	No comment.
IN	+1,667	Layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.
ID	+1,810	No comment.
IA	+2,789	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
WI	+7,545	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.

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