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

In the week ending Dec. 18, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 420,000, a decrease of 3,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 423,000. The 4-week moving average was 426,000, an increase of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average of 423,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.2 percent for the week ending Dec. 11, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.3 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Dec.11 was 4,064,000, a decrease of 103,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,167,000. The 4-week moving average was 4,155,500, a decrease of 38,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,193,750.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 495,587 in the week ending Dec. 18, an increase of 5,311 from the previous week. There were 565,243 initial claims in the comparable week in 2009.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.3 percent during the week ending Dec. 11, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,173,407, an increase of 110,889 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.1 percent and the volume was 5,345,467.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Dec. 4 was 8,883,578.

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 Dec. 4.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 3,281 in the week ending Dec. 11, an increase of 306 from the prior week. There were 2,586 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 293 from the preceding week.

There were 47,578 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Dec. 4, a decrease of 3,365 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 42,176, a decrease of 1,768 from the prior week.

States reported 3,785,978 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Dec. 4, a decrease of 68,089 from the prior week. There were 4,456,518 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 Dec. 4 were in Alaska (6.5 percent), Puerto Rico (5.8), Oregon (4.8), Montana (4.6), Pennsylvania (4.6), Idaho (4.4), California (4.3), Nevada (4.3),

Wisconsin (4.2), and New Jersey (4.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Dec. 11 were in Kentucky (+1,680), California (+1,202), Iowa (+1,154), Puerto Rico (+935), and Massachusetts (+839), while the largest decreases were in New York (-12,355), North Carolina (-9,951), Georgia (-8,662), Pennsylvania (-8,315), and Washington (-7,929).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Change	Dec. 4	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	420,000	423,000	-3,000	423,000	469,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	495,587	490,276	+5,311	585,678	565,243
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	426,000	423,500	+2,500	428,000	479,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Change	Nov. 27	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	4,064,000	4,167,000	-103,000	4,114,000	5,185,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,173,407	4,062,518	+110,889	4,216,367	5,345,467
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	4,155,500	4,193,750	-38,250	4,233,000	5,332,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.2%	3.3%	-0.1	3.3%	3.9%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.3%	3.2%	+0.1	3.4%	4.1%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	3,281	2,975	+306	2,177
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,586	2,879	-293	2,195

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	4,046,869	4,202,589	-155,720	5,167,579
Federal Employees (UCFE)	47,578	50,943	-3,365	26,514
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	42,176	43,944	-1,768	36,163
EUC 2008 ³	3,785,978	3,854,067	-68,089	4,456,518
Extended Benefits ⁴	893,016	977,339	-84,323	387,666
State Additional Benefits ⁵	4,931	7,957	-3,026	2,264
	63,030	55,077	+7,953	103,574

STC / Workshare ⁶

TOTAL	8,883,578	9,191,916	-308,338	10,180,278
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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 125,845,577 as denominator.³ - 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>⁴ - Information on the EB program can be found here:<http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/extenben.asp>⁵ - 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>⁶ - 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 12/11/2010

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NY	-12,355	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries.
NC	-9,951	Fewer layoffs in the transportation equipment, textile, furniture, primary metals, fabricated metals, lumber/wood, and rubber/plastics industries.
GA	-8,662	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	-8,315	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, transportation, and wood products industries.
WA	-7,929	No comment.
WI	-7,255	No comment.
OR	-5,751	No comment.
TX	-4,127	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-3,612	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
MN	-3,054	No comment.
AL	-2,830	Fewer layoffs in the textile, furniture, and wood products industries.
TN	-2,435	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
VA	-2,318	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
AR	-2,298	No comment.
MI	-2,226	No comment.
SC	-2,115	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IL	-1,550	Fewer layoffs in the construction and service industries.
MO	-1,358	Fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.

ID	-1,207	No comment.
OH	-1,205	No comment.
NV	-1,204	No comment.
MS	-1,087	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
IA	+1,154	Layoffs in the construction industry.
CA	+1,202	Layoffs in the trade and service industries.
KY	+1,680	No comment.

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