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

In the week ending Jan. 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 454,000, an increase of 51,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 403,000. The 4-week moving average was 428,750, an increase of 15,750 from the previous week's revised average of 413,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.2 percent for the week ending Jan. 15, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.1 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Jan. 15 was 3,991,000, an increase of 94,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,897,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,975,500, a decrease of 39,750 from the preceding week's revised average of 4,015,250.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 482,399 in the week ending Jan. 22, a decrease of 67,491 from the previous week. There were 502,710 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending Jan. 15, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,593,535, a decrease of 58,900 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.3 percent and the volume was 5,602,357.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Jan. 8 was 9,410,977.

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, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, during the week ending Jan. 8.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 3,842 in the week ending Jan. 15, a decrease of 1,633 from the prior week. There were 2,690 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 170 from the preceding week.

There were 50,709 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Jan. 8, an increase of 1,877 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 42,676, an increase of 726 from the prior week.

States reported 3,783,493 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Jan. 8, an increase of 63,886 from the prior week. There were 5,348,277 claimants in the comparable week in 2010. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending Jan. 8 were in Alaska (7.5 percent), Oregon (5.4), Wisconsin (5.4), Idaho (5.3), Pennsylvania (5.2), Montana (5.1), Puerto Rico (5.0), Michigan (4.9),

California (4.8), Connecticut (4.7), and New Jersey (4.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Jan. 15 were in Florida (+6,646), Nevada (+242), and the Virgin Islands (+103), while the largest decreases were in New York (-28,714), Georgia (-19,429), North Carolina (-16,132), Pennsylvania (-14,859), and California (-14,309).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Jan. 22	Jan. 15	Change	Jan. 8	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	454,000	403,000	+51,000	447,000	476,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	482,399	549,890	-67,491	773,499	502,710
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	428,750	413,000	+15,750	417,250	472,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance Jan. 15	Jan. 8	Change	Jan. 1	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,991,000	3,897,000	+94,000	3,887,000	4,838,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,593,535	4,652,435	-58,900	4,777,291	5,602,357
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,975,500	4,015,250	-39,750	4,058,500	4,898,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.2%	3.1%	+0.1	3.1%	3.7%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	3.8%	4.3%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 15	Jan. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	3,842	5,475	-1,633	2,024
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,690	2,860	-170	2,468

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 8	Jan. 1	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	4,639,683	4,763,229	-123,546	5,768,910
Federal Employees (UCFE)	50,709	48,832	+1,877	26,238
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	42,676	41,950	+726	37,884
EUC 2008 ³	3,783,493	3,719,607	+63,886	5,348,277
Extended Benefits ⁴	835,539	997,452	-161,913	262,030
State Additional Benefits ⁵	6,644	6,978	-334	1,799
STC / Workshare ⁶	52,233	56,755	-4,522	90,004

TOTAL	9,410,977	9,634,803	-223,826	11,535,142
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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 125,560,066 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 01/15/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NY	-28,714	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries.
GA	-19,429	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NC	-16,132	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, food, textile, furniture, rubber/plastics, and lumber/wood industries.
PA	-14,859	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and transportation industries.
CA	-14,309	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
IL	-10,155	No comment.
AL	-9,550	Fewer layoffs in the construction, service, and manufacturing industries.
MI	-9,464	Fewer layoffs in the construction industry.
SC	-7,318	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TX	-7,190	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
OH	-6,776	No comment.
WI	-6,640	No comment.
CT	-6,545	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and manufacturing industries.
WA	-6,228	No comment.
VA	-6,107	State offices were closed 1/14/2011, as well as fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
MO	-5,871	No comment.
IN	-5,608	Fewer layoffs in the automobile and trade industries.
MA	-5,317	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
NJ	-4,579	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.

TN	-4,576	Fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
KS	-4,541	No comment.
KY	-3,218	No comment.
MN	-3,054	No comment.
MD	-2,957	No comment.
OR	-2,203	No comment.
CO	-1,733	No comment.
MS	-1,728	No comment.
LA	-1,504	No comment.
AZ	-1,328	No comment.
AR	-1,266	Fewer layoffs in the trade industry.
MT	-1,206	No comment.
UT	-1,017	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
FL	+6,646	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries, and agriculture.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)
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