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

In the week ending Jan. 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 415,000, a decrease of 42,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 457,000. The 4-week moving average was 430,500, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week's revised average of 429,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.1 percent for the week ending Jan. 22, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.2 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending Jan. 22 was 3,925,000, a decrease of 84,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 4,009,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,929,500, a decrease of 50,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,980,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 459,683 in the week ending Jan. 29, a decrease of 26,633 from the previous week. There were 533,320 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending Jan. 22, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 4,619,319, an increase of 5,274 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 4.4 percent and the volume was 5,683,683.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending Jan. 15 was 9,298,859.

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. 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,831 in the week ending Jan. 22, a decrease of 1,011 from the prior week. There were 2,444 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 246 from the preceding week.

There were 49,119 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending Jan. 15, a decrease of 1,590 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 40,422, a decrease of 2,254 from the prior week.

States reported 3,653,080 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending Jan. 15, a decrease of 130,413 from the prior week. There were 5,629,285 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. 15 were in Alaska (7.1 percent), Montana (5.5), Pennsylvania (5.4), Idaho (5.3), Oregon (5.3), Wisconsin (5.3), Puerto Rico (5.2), Illinois

(4.9), Rhode Island (4.8), and Connecticut (4.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending Jan. 22 were in Georgia (+10,335), North Carolina (+6,048), South Carolina (+3,299), Alabama (+1,609), and Puerto Rico (+1,300), while the largest decreases were in California (-13,775), Pennsylvania (-7,897), New York (-5,613), Indiana (-5,396), and Florida (-4,712).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Jan. 29	Jan. 22	Change	Jan. 15	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	415,000	457,000	-42,000	403,000	490,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	459,683	486,316	-26,633	549,890	533,320
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	430,500	429,500	+1,000	413,000	481,250
WEEK ENDING	Advance Jan. 22	Jan. 15	Change	Jan. 8	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,925,000	4,009,000	-84,000	3,897,000	4,866,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	4,619,319	4,614,045	+5,274	4,652,435	5,683,683
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,929,500	3,980,000	-50,500	4,015,250	4,865,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.1%	3.2%	-0.1	3.1%	3.7%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	3.7%	4.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 22	Jan. 15	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	2,831	3,842	-1,011	1,486
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,444	2,690	-246	1,878

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Jan. 15	Jan. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	4,601,522	4,639,683	-38,161	5,580,562
Federal Employees (UCFE)	49,119	50,709	-1,590	26,197
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	40,422	42,676	-2,254	35,805
EUC 2008 ³	3,653,080	3,783,493	-130,413	5,629,285
Extended Benefits ⁴	898,381	835,539	+62,842	224,900
State Additional Benefits ⁵	6,885	6,644	+241	1,661

STC / Workshare ⁶	49,450	52,233	-2,783	89,114
TOTAL	9,298,859	9,410,977	-112,118	11,587,524

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 01/22/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	-13,775	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
PA	-7,897	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, and service industries.
NY	-5,613	Fewer layoffs in the service and transportation industries.
IN	-5,396	Fewer layoffs in the trade industry.
FL	-4,712	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries, and agriculture.
TX	-4,324	A shorter workweek, as well as fewer layoffs in the trade, service, and manufacturing industries.
IL	-3,991	No comment.
MI	-3,308	No comment.
OH	-3,126	No comment.
WI	-2,986	No comment.
MO	-2,405	No comment.
MD	-1,796	No comment.
WA	-1,783	No comment.
NJ	-1,697	Fewer layoffs in the construction, trade, service, transportation, warehousing, and manufacturing industries.
OR	-1,570	No comment.
KY	-1,525	No comment.
NV	-1,455	A shorter workweek.

KS	-1,436	No comment.
CO	-1,394	No comment.
UT	-1,381	No comment.
ID	-1,305	No comment.
AR	-1,108	No comment.
CT	-1,098	No comment.
LA	-1,065	No comment.
IA	-1,006	No comment.
PR	+1,300	No comment.
AL	+1,609	Layoffs in the construction, trade, and wood products industries.
SC	+3,299	Layoffs in the industrial machinery and manufacturing industries.
NC	+6,048	Layoffs in the stone/clay/glass, transportation equipment, mining, construction, and furniture industries.
GA	+10,335	Layoffs in the construction, trade, service, and manufacturing industries.

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