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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

Special Factor: As a result of a labor dispute between Communications Workers of America and Verizon Communications, at least 12,500 initial claims were filed in the week ending 8/13/2011 and at least 8,500 initial claims were filed in the week ending 8/20/2011 .

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 20, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 417,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 412,000. The 4-week moving average was 407,500, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average of 403,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.9 percent for the week ending August 13, a 0.1 percentage point decrease from the prior week's revised rate of 3.0 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 13 was 3,641,000, a decrease of 80,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,721,250. The 4-week moving average was 3,701,000, a decrease of 19,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,720,750.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 341,436 in the week ending August 20, a decrease of 4,536 from the previous week. There were 384,955 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.7 percent during the week ending August 13, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,452,004, a decrease of 101,224 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.3 percent and the volume was 4,219,639.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 6 was 7,290,189, a decrease of 45,989 from the previous week.

Extended benefits were available in Alabama, 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, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin during the week ending August 6.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,959 in the week ending August 13, a decrease of 1,585 from the prior week. There were 2,540 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 414 from the preceding week.

There were 26,769 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 6, an increase of 635 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,135, an increase of 508 from the prior week.

States reported 3,086,781 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending August 6, a decrease of 43,827 from the prior week. There were 4,820,132 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 August 6 were in Puerto Rico (5.2), Pennsylvania (4.2), New Jersey (4.0), Alaska (3.9), Connecticut (3.8), California (3.7), Oregon (3.7), Nevada (3.6), Rhode Island (3.6) and Wisconsin (3.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 13 were in New York (+5,047), Massachusetts (+2,499), New Jersey (+2,223), Puerto Rico (+1,236), and Connecticut (+532) while the largest decreases were in California (-10,912), Texas (-1,690), Minnesota (-1,061), Florida (-987), and Missouri (-836).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance August 20	August 13	Change	August 6	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	417,000	412,000	+5,000	399,000	469,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	341,436	345,972	-4,536	354,408	384,955
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	407,500	403,500	+4,000	406,000	477,250

WEEK ENDING	Advance August 13	August 6	Change	July 30	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,641,000	3,721,000	-80,000	3,695,000	4,461,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,452,004	3,553,228	-101,224	3,580,433	4,219,639
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,701,250	3,720,750	-19,500	3,720,500	4,489,750
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	2.9	3.0	-0.1	2.9	3.5
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	2.7	2.8	-0.1	2.8	3.3

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 13	August 6	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,959	3,544	-1,585	3,752
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,540	2,954	-414	2,757

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 6	July 30	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	3,541,327	3,570,120	-28,793	4,266,446
Federal Employees (UCFE)	26,769	26,134	635	24,041
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,135	37,627	508	40,440
EUC 2008 ³	3,086,781	3,130,608	-43,827	4,820,132
Extended Benefits ⁴	550,903	527,490	23,413	938,727
State Additional Benefits ⁵	4,631	3,577	1,054	3,962
STC / Workshare ⁶	41,643	40,622	1,021	63,198
TOTAL	7,290,189	7,336,178	-45,989	10,156,946

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 125,807,389 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 08/13/2011

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	-10,912	Fewer layoffs in the service industries.
TX	-1,690	No comment.
MN	-1,061	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
PR	+1,236	No comment.
NJ	+2,223	Layoffs in the service industries.
MA	+2,499	No comment.

NY +5,047 Layoffs in the service industries.

[State Detail Prior Week](#)
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