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

In the week ending September 3, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 414,000, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 412,000. The 4-week moving average was 414,750, an increase of 3,750 from the previous week's revised average of 411,000.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.0 percent for the week ending August 27, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.0 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending August 27 was 3,717,000, a decrease of 30,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,747,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,734,500, an increase of 5,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,729,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 346,065 in the week ending September 3, an increase of 9,355 from the previous week. There were 381,863 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.7 percent during the week ending August 27, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,416,001, a decrease of 57,181 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.3 percent and the volume was 4,138,965.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending August 20 was 7,169,176, a decrease of 167,009 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 20.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,015 in the week ending August 27, an increase of 272 from the prior week. There were 2,687 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 55 from the preceding week.

There were 23,988 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending August 20, a decrease of 2,028 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,171, an increase of 138 from the prior week.

States reported 3,060,622 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending August 20, a decrease of 57,420 from the prior week. There were 4,507,669 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 20 were in Puerto Rico (5.1), New Jersey (4.1), Pennsylvania (4.1), Alaska (3.8), Connecticut (3.8), California (3.7), Rhode Island (3.7), Oregon (3.6), Nevada (3.4), Massachusetts (3.2), and New York (3.2).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending August 27 were in California (+3,337), South Carolina (+3,108), Florida (+914), Kansas (+437), and Arkansas (+232) while the largest decreases were in New Jersey(-2,415), Pennsylvania (-2,371), Oregon (-1,680), North Carolina (-1,591), and Massachusetts (-1,438).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance September 3	August 27	Change	August 20	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	414,000	412,000	+2,000	421,000	455,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	346,065	336,710	+9,355	344,870	381,863
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	414,750	411,000	+3,750	408,500	470,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance August 27	August 20	Change	August 13	Prior Year ¹

Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,717,000	3,747,000	-30,000	3,753,000	4,519,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,416,001	3,473,182	-57,181	3,557,586	4,138,965
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,734,500	3,729,000	+5,500	3,729,250	4,480,500
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	3.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.6
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 27	August 20	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees	2,015	1,743	+272	4,720
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,687	2,742	-55	2,645

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	August 20	August 13	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	3,461,773	3,545,584	-83,811	4,110,662
Federal Employees (UCFE)	23,988	26,016	-2,028	25,042
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,171	38,033	+138	40,801
EUC 2008³	3,060,622	3,118,042	-57,420	4,507,669
Extended Benefits⁴	536,892	557,923	-21,031	959,812
State Additional Benefits⁵	4,165	4,405	-240	3,567
STC / Workshare⁶	43,565	46,182	-2,617	61,139
TOTAL	7,169,176	7,336,185	-167,009	9,708,692

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 08/27/2011****STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
NJ	-2,415	Fewer layoffs in the information, trade, and transportation industries.
PA	-2,371	No comment.
OR	-1,680	No comment.
NC	-1,591	Fewer layoffs in the non classifiable establishments, and the textile industry.
MA	-1,438	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
SC	+3,108	Layoffs in the machinery manufacturing industry.
CA	+3,337	Layoffs in all sectors, and largest increase the service industry.

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