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

In the week ending December 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 372,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 362,000. The 4-week moving average was 360,000, an increase of 250 from the previous week's revised average of 359,750.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.5 percent for the week ending December 22, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 22 was 3,245,000, an increase of 44,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,201,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,224,250, an increase of 6,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,217,750.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 495,588 in the week ending December 29, an increase of 40,459 from the previous week. There were 540,057 initial claims in the comparable week in 2011.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.6 percent during the week ending December 22, a increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,293,218, an increase of 43,722 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.0 percent and the volume was 3,779,025.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending December 15 was 5,402,987, a decrease of 68,727 from the previous week. There were 7,223,309 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2011.

Extended Benefits were not available in any state during the week ending December 15.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,732 in the week ending December 22, an increase of 52 from the prior week. There were 2,575 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 1 from the preceding week.

There were 22,220 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending December 15, an increase of 1,125 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 39,789, a decrease of 772 from the prior week.

States reported 2,065,706 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending December 15, a decrease of 30,537 from the prior week. There were 2,932,561 persons claiming EUC in the comparable week in 2011. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 15 were in Alaska (6.6), Puerto Rico (3.9), New Jersey (3.8), Pennsylvania (3.8), Montana (3.6), California (3.4), Nevada (3.4), Oregon (3.4), Connecticut (3.3), and Wisconsin (3.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 22 were in Ohio (+8,795), Michigan (+6,641), Pennsylvania (+5,530), Kentucky (+4,745), and Massachusetts (+4,330), while the largest decreases were in California (-11,789), West Virginia (-473), Florida (-450), Arizona (-192) and South Dakota (-186).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance Dec. 29	Dec. 22	Change	Dec. 15	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	372,000	362,000	+10,000	362,000	383,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	495,588	455,129	+40,459	401,429	540,057
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	360,000	359,750	+250	368,000	377,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance Dec. 22	Dec. 15	Change	Dec. 8	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,245,000	3,201,000	+44,000	3,238,000	3,606,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,293,218	3,249,496	+43,722	3,244,564	3,779,025
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,224,250	3,217,750	+6,500	3,243,750	3,596,250
Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.5%	2.5%	0.0	2.5%	2.9%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	2.6%	2.5%	+0.1	2.5%	3.0%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 22	Dec. 15	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees	1,732	1,680	+52	2,092
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,575	2,574	+1	2,332

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	Dec. 15	Dec. 8	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	3,243,617	3,238,182	+5,435	3,603,495
Federal Employees (UCFE)	22,220	21,095	+1,125	30,787
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	39,789	40,561	-772	42,374
EUC 2008³	2,065,706	2,096,243	-30,537	2,932,561
Extended Benefits⁴	2,322	44,610	-42,288	570,908
State Additional Benefits⁵	6,014	6,056	-42	4,525
STC / Workshare⁶	23,319	24,967	-1,648	38,659
TOTAL	5,402,987	5,471,714	-68,727	7,223,309

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 128,066,082 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 paid, 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 12/22/2012

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	-11,789	Fewer layoffs in all sectors, with the largest decrease in the service industry.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
OH	+8,795	Layoffs in the automobile and manufacturing industries.
MI	+6,641	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
PA	+5,530	Layoffs in the entertainment and accommodations, and food service industries.
KY	+4,745	No comment.
MA	+4,330	Layoffs in the educational services, construction, transportation, retail, food service and manufacturing industries.
NJ	+3,710	Layoffs in the educational services, construction, manufacturing, and real estate and rental industries.
IL	+3,445	Layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries.
VA	+3,366	No comment.
WI	+2,833	No comment.
NY	+2,401	Layoffs in the construction, food service, professional, scientific, and technical service industries.
CT	+2,084	No comment.
WA	+2,008	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and construction industries.
IA	+1,648	Layoffs in construction and manufacturing industries.

NC	+1,394	Layoffs in the business services and construction industries.
MD	+1,353	No comment.
MO	+1,311	Layoffs in the accommodation and food service industries.
OK	+1,198	No comment.
IN	+1,175	Layoffs in the construction and transportation manufacturing industries.
OR	+1,150	Layoffs in seasonal industries.
AR	+1,092	No comment.
TN	+1,030	Layoffs in the administrative and supporting service, food service, specialty trade contractors, metal, and construction industries.

State Detail Prior Week

UI Claims Series 1967 to current

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