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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending May 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 354,000, an increase of 10,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 344,000. The 4-week moving average was 347,250, an increase of 6,750 from the previous week's revised average of 340,500.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.3 percent for the week ending May 18, unchanged from the prior week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending May 18 was 2,986,000, an increase of 63,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 2,923,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,986,500, a decrease of 11,500 from the preceding week's revised average of 2,998,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 317,732 in the week ending May 25, an increase of 13,653 from the previous week. There were 346,260 initial claims in the comparable week in 2012.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.2 percent during the week ending May 18, an 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 2,792,143, an increase of 15,423 from the preceding week's revised level of 2,776,720. A year earlier, the rate was 2.4 percent and the volume was 3,060,148.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending May 11 was 4,578,592, a decrease of 166,659 from the previous week. There were 6,138,246 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2012.

Extended Benefits were not available in any state during the week ending May 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,066 in the week ending May 18, a decrease of 405 from the prior week. There were 2,063 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 66 from the preceding week.

There were 17,311 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending May 11, a decrease of 1,038 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 35,330, a decrease of 827 from the prior week.

States reported 1,726,659 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending May 11, a decrease of 50,027 from the prior week. There were 2,618,445 persons claiming EUC in the comparable week in 2012. EUC weekly claims include first, second, third, and fourth tier activity.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending May 11 were in Alaska (4.9), Puerto Rico (4.5), New Jersey (3.1), New Mexico (3.1), Connecticut (3.0), California (2.9), Pennsylvania (2.9), Nevada (2.8), Oregon (2.8), Illinois (2.7).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending May 18 were in South Carolina (+1,263), Tennessee (+1,191), Missouri (+785), Michigan (+634), and Massachusetts (+610), while the largest decreases were in California (-16,334), Georgia (-1,802), Illinois (-1,198), Kentucky (-902), and Ohio (-623).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance May 25	May 18	Change	May 11	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	354,000	344,000	+10,000	363,000	382,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	317,732	304,079	+13,653	320,873	346,260
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	347,250	340,500	+6,750	340,000	373,000
WEEK ENDING	Advance May 18	May 11	Change	May 4	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	2,986,000	2,923,000	+63,000	3,024,000	3,283,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	2,792,143	2,776,720	+15,423	2,890,798	3,060,148
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,986,500	2,998,000	-11,500	3,019,000	3,291,000

Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.3%	2.3%	0.0	2.3%	2.6%
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	2.2%	2.1%	+0.1	2.2%	2.4%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 18	May 11	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees	1,066	1,471	-405	1,199
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,063	2,129	-66	2,532

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	May 11	May 4	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	2,771,022	2,884,477	-113,455	3,116,948
Federal Employees (UCFE)	17,311	18,349	-1,038	16,047
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	35,330	36,157	-827	39,147
EUC 2008³	1,726,659	1,776,686	-50,027	2,618,445
Extended Benefits⁴	463	398	+65	312,434
State Additional Benefits⁵	5,858	5,884	-26	5,286
STC / Workshare⁶	21,949	23,300	-1,351	29,939
TOTAL	4,578,592	4,745,251	-166,659	6,138,246

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 129,204,324 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 05/18/2013

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
CA	-16,334	Fewer layoffs in the service industry.
GA	-1,802	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support service, and construction industries.
IL	-1,198	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
SC	+1,263	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
TN	+1,191	Layoffs in the administrative and support service, food and drinks service, trade contractors, social assistance, and technical service industries.

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