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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending August 6, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 395,000, a decrease of 7,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 402,000. The 4-week moving average was 405,000, a decrease of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average of 408,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 2.9 percent for the week ending July 30, a 0.1 percentage point decrease from the prior week's unrevised rate of 3.0 percent.

The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 30 was 3,688,000, a decrease of 60,000 from the preceding week's revised level of 3,748,000. The 4-week moving average was 3,718,750, a decrease of 15,250 from the preceding week's revised average of 3,734,000.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 351,370 in the week ending August 6, an increase of 10,267 from the previous week. There were 425,471 initial claims in the comparable week in 2010.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 2.8 percent during the week ending July 30, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,573,254, a decrease of 107,475 from the preceding week. A year earlier, the rate was 3.4 percent and the volume was 4,333,445.

The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 23 was 7,479,915, a decrease of 89,945 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 July 23.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 3,145 in the week ending July 30, an increase of 1364 from the prior week. There were 2,651 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 46 from the preceding week.

There were 24,726 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 23, a decrease of 951 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 38,268, an increase of 559 from the prior week.

States reported 3,158,621 persons claiming EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) benefits for the week ending July 23, a decrease of 26,309 from the prior week. There were 4,145,702 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 July 23 were in Puerto Rico (5.5), Pennsylvania (4.2), New Jersey (4.1), Alaska (3.9) California (3.9), Connecticut (3.8), Oregon (3.8), Rhode Island (3.7), Nevada (3.6) and Arizona (3.4).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 30 were in Minnesota (+472), Kentucky (+393), New Jersey (+291), Delaware (+64), and Vermont (+50) while the largest decreases were in Tennessee (-4,448), Michigan (-3,025), Florida (-2,336), New York (-2,132), and Texas (-1,828).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	Advance August 6	July 30	Change	July 23	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	395,000	402,000	-7,000	401,000	478,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	351,370	341,103	+10,267	369,207	425,471
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	405,000	408,250	-3,250	414,500	468,750
WEEK ENDING	Advance July 30	July 23	Change	July 16	Prior Year ¹
Ins. Unemployment (SA)	3,688,000	3,748,000	-60,000	3,719,000	4,477,000
Ins. Unemployment (NSA)	3,573,254	3,680,729	-107,475	3,752,532	4,333,445
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	3,718,750	3,734,000	-15,250	3,725,000	4,506,250

Ins. Unemployment Rate (SA)²	2.9	3.0	-0.1	3.0	3.5
Ins. Unemployment Rate (NSA)²	2.8	2.9	-0.1	3.0	3.4

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 30	July 23	Change	Prior Year¹
Federal Employees	3,145	1,781	1,364	3,247
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,651	2,697	-46	2,668

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 23	July 16	Change	Prior Year¹
Regular State	3,670,074	3,742,234	-72,160	4,423,548
Federal Employees (UCFE)	24,726	25,677	-951	23,114
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	38,268	37,709	559	43,411
EUC 2008³	3,158,312	3,184,621	-26,309	4,145,702
Extended Benefits⁴	543,513	533,450	10,063	724,897
State Additional Benefits⁵	4,862	4,862	0	4,287
STC / Workshare⁶	40,160	41,307	-1,147	62,844
TOTAL	7,479,915	7,569,860	-89,945	9,427,803

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 07/30/2011****STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000**

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
TN	-4,448	No comment.
MI	-3,025	Fewer layoffs in the automobile industry.
FL	-2,336	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and retail industries.
NY	-2,132	Fewer layoffs in the education related services, transportation, and other service industries.
TX	-1,828	No comment.
PA	-1,675	Fewer layoffs in the education related services and service industries.
AL	-1,587	Fewer layoffs in the transportation, service, plastic and rubber industries.
NC	-1,408	Fewer layoffs in the electronic, transportation, textile, furniture and fixtures, and service industries.
GA	-1,194	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing and service industries.
PR	-1,168	No comment.

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

<u>State</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>State Supplied Comment</u>
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None

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