



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 9,240 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 1,057 (-10.3%) from the previous month, and an increase of 533 (6.1%) from a year ago. Of the 9,240 initial claims processed this month, 545 (5.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,809 monetary determinations issued in February, 594 (10.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 72,911 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, an increase of 4,308 (6.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 567 (-0.8%) from a year ago. There were 66,657 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$22.4 million. There were 5,178 (7.8%) partial payments issued in February 2014 compared to 5,310 (7.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$335. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 66 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 23 (53.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 190 (-74.2%) from February 2013. It is estimated that 21 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,536 first payments and 1,158 final payments were issued in February 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 41.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,634 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2014. Of the 1,634 determinations, 1,121 (68.6%) were separation issues and 513 (31.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 500 (44.6%) separation issues and 476 (92.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 408 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2014. Of the 408 processed, 351 (86.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 57 (14.0%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

Initial Claims – EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provided federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. The EUC benefit program expired on December 28, 2013. There were 42 initial claims processed during the month of February, a decrease of 412 (-90.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,975 (-97.9%) from a year ago. Of the 23 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 400 (141 under tier 1, 128 under tier 2, 50 under tier 3 and 81 under tier 4) payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling over \$151 thousand. The average weekly benefit payment was \$378.

First and Final Claims – 53 first payments (19 under tier 1, 11 under tier 2, 5 under tier 3 and 18 under tier 4) and 25 final payments (11 under tier 1, 4 under tier 2, 5 under tier 3 and 5 under tier 4) were issued in February 2014. To date 101,082 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Claims Summary

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2014	Year to Date 2013
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	9,240	10,297	8,707	-10.3%	6.1%	19,537	19,391
Monetary Determinations	5,809	7,342	5,521	-20.9%	5.2%	13,151	12,924
Monetary Ineligible	594	602	725	-1.3%	-18.1%	1,196	1,390
Weeks Claimed	72,911	68,603	73,478	6.3%	-0.8%	141,514	146,533
Number of Payments	66,657	61,024	67,544	9.2%	-1.3%	127,681	133,086
Amount of Payments	\$22,352,237	\$20,532,506	\$23,421,034	8.9%	-4.6%	\$42,884,743	\$46,100,920
Average Payment	\$335	\$336	\$347	-0.3%	-3.3%	\$336	\$346
Partial Payments	5,178	5,566	5,310	-7.0%	-2.5%	10,744	11,330
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.1	16.3	16.8	-1.2%	-4.1%	16.1	16.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	41.2	42.3	47.1	-2.6%	-12.5%	41.2	47.1
First Payments	4,536	6,113	4,255	-25.8%	6.6%	10,649	10,039
Final Payments	1,158	1,193	1,505	-2.9%	-23.1%	2,351	2,949
Workshare Initial Claim:	66	43	256	53.5%	-74.2%	109	440
Workshare Equivalency	21	8	64	162.5%	-67.2%	29	109
Workshare Continued Claim:	1,840	1,270	1,692	44.9%	8.7%	3,110	3,483

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2014	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	42	454	2,017	-90.7%	-97.9%	496	181,495
Monetary Determinations	23	239	1,049	-90.4%	-97.8%	262	120,387
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	17	0.0%	-100.0%	0	2,564
Number of Payments	400	1,926	31,183	-79.2%	-98.7%	2,326	3,184,344
Amount of Payments	\$151,334	\$703,120	\$11,762,256	-78.5%	-98.7%	\$854,454	\$1,157,568,021
Average Payment	\$378	\$365	\$377	3.6%	0.3%	\$367	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	31.4	31.3	37.4	0.2%	-16.2%	31.4	31.5
First Payments (tier 1)	19	137	1,016	-86.1%	-98.1%	156	101,082
Final Payments (tier 1)	11	33	818	-66.7%	-98.7%	44	78,242
First Payments (tier 2)	11	60	619	-81.7%	-98.2%	71	63,644
Final Payments (tier 2)	4	25	642	-84.0%	-99.4%	29	66,680
First Payments (tier 3)	5	39	496	-87.2%	-99.0%	44	44,212
Final Payments (tier 3)	5	26	595	-80.8%	-99.2%	31	48,856
First Payments (tier 4)	18	111	435	-83.8%	-95.9%	129	36,605
Final Payments (tier 4)	5	7	527	-28.6%	-99.1%	12	40,487