



Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 10,297 initial claims were processed during the month of January, an increase of 1,918 (22.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 387 (-3.6%) from a year ago. Of the 10,297 initial claims processed this month, 611 (5.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 7,342 monetary determinations issued in January, 602 (8.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 68,603 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 8,906 (14.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,452 (-6.1%) from a year ago. There were 61,024 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.5 million. There were 5,566 (9.1%) partial payments issued in January 2014 compared to 6,020 (9.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$336. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 43 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 13 (43.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 141 (-76.6%) from January 2013. It is estimated that 8 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 6,113 first payments and 1,193 final payments were issued in January 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 42.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,285 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2014. Of the 1,285 determinations, 855 (66.5%) were separation issues and 430 (33.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 409 (47.8%) separation issues and 377 (87.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 428 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2014. Of the 428 processed, 353 (82.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 75 (17.5%) 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 454 initial claims processed during the month of January, a decrease of 1,265 (73.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,522 (-77.0%) from a year ago. Of the 239 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments – There were 1,926 (715 under tier 1, 476 under tier 2, 315 under tier 3 and 420 under tier 4) payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling over \$700 thousand. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365.

First and Final Claims – 347 first payments (137 under tier 1, 60 under tier 2, 39 under tier 3 and 111 under tier 4) and 91 final payments (33 under tier 1, 25 under tier 2, 26 under tier 3 and 7 under tier 4) were issued in January 2014. To date 101,063 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Claims Summary

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2014	2013
Initial Claims	10,297	8,379	10,684	22.9%	-3.6%	10,297	10,684
Monetary Determinations	7,342	4,682	7,403	56.8%	-0.8%	7,342	7,403
Monetary Ineligible	602	408	665	47.5%	-9.5%	602	665
Weeks Claimed	68,603	59,697	73,055	14.9%	-6.1%	68,603	73,055
Number of Payments	61,024	54,090	65,542	12.8%	-6.9%	61,024	65,542
Amount of Payments	\$20,532,506	\$18,265,672	\$22,679,886	12.4%	-9.5%	\$20,532,506	\$22,679,886
Average Payment	\$336	\$338	\$346	-0.4%	-2.8%	\$336	\$346
Partial Payments	5,566	4,822	6,020	15.4%	-7.5%	5,566	6,020
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.3	16.5	16.8	-1.5%	-3.2%	16.3	16.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	42.3	42.6	47.1	-0.6%	-10.1%	42.3	47.1
First Payments	6,113	3,481	5,784	75.6%	5.7%	6,113	5,784
Final Payments	1,193	1,411	1,444	-15.5%	-17.4%	1,193	1,444
Workshare Initial Claim:	43	30	184	43.3%	-76.6%	43	184
Workshare Equivalency	8	9	45	-11.1%	-82.2%	8	45
Workshare Continued Claim:	1,270	1,591	1,791	-20.2%	-29.1%	1,270	1,791

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2013	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	454	1,719	1,976	-73.6%	-77.0%	454	181,453
Monetary Determinations	239	2,172	927	-89.0%	-74.2%	239	120,364
Monetary Ineligible	0	5	20	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	2,564
Number of Payments	1,926	25,050	31,737	-92.3%	-93.9%	1,926	3,183,944
Amount of Payments	\$703,120	\$8,840,781	\$12,147,942	-92.0%	-94.2%	\$703,120	\$1,157,416,687
Average Payment	\$365	\$353	\$383	3.4%	-4.6%	\$365	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	31.9	32.4	38.1	-1.4%	-16.2%	31.9	31.6
First Payments (tier 1)	137	712	814	-80.8%	-83.2%	137	101,063
Final Payments (tier 1)	33	827	908	-96.0%	-96.4%	33	78,231
First Payments (tier 2)	60	202	869	-70.3%	-93.1%	60	63,633
Final Payments (tier 2)	25	657	624	-96.2%	-96.0%	25	66,676
First Payments (tier 3)	39	181	501	-78.5%	-92.2%	39	44,207
Final Payments (tier 3)	26	529	702	-95.1%	-96.3%	26	48,851
First Payments (tier 4)	111	814	429	-86.4%	-74.1%	111	36,587
Final Payments (tier 4)	7	29	735	-75.9%	-99.0%	7	40,482