



Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 8,379 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 2,695 (47.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,812 (-17.8%) from a year ago. Of the 8,379 initial claims processed this month, 594 (7.1%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,682 monetary determinations issued in December, 408 (8.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 59,697 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 17,829 (42.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 7,159 (-10.7%) from a year ago. There were 54,090 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.3 million. There were 4,822 (8.9%) partial payments issued in December 2013 compared to 6,307 (10.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$338. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.5 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 30 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 20 (-40.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 56 (-65.1%) from December 2012. It is estimated that 9 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,481 first payments and 1,411 final payments were issued in December 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 42.6 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,502 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2013. Of the 1,502 determinations, 1,038 (69.1%) were separation issues and 464 (30.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 441 (42.5%) separation issues and 440 (94.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 374 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2013. Of the 374 processed, 303 (81.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 71 (19.0%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

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Initial Claims – EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provides up to 47 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 1,719 initial claims processed during the month of November, an increase of 348 (25.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 382 (-18.2%) from a year ago. Of the 2,172 monetary determinations issued 5 (0.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 25,050 (10,265 under tier 1, 7,917 under tier 2, 4,289 under tier 3 and 2,579 under tier 4) payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$353.

First and Final Claims – 1,909 first payments (712 under tier 1, 202 under tier 2, 181 under tier 3 and 814 under tier 4) and 2,042 final payments (827 under tier 1, 657 under tier 2, 529 under tier 3 and 29 under tier 4) were issued in December 2013. To date 100,926 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	2013	2012
Initial Claims	8,379	5,684	10,191	47.4%	-17.8%	79,864	90,039
Monetary Determinations	4,682	4,300	5,995	8.9%	-21.9%	49,918	56,203
Monetary Ineligible	408	438	688	-6.8%	-40.7%	5,869	7,408
Weeks Claimed	59,697	41,868	66,856	42.6%	-10.7%	670,747	773,589
Number of Payments	54,090	37,906	59,154	42.7%	-8.6%	611,257	705,082
Amount of Payments	\$18,265,672	\$12,898,167	\$20,218,310	41.6%	-9.7%	\$207,731,359	\$255,794,692
Average Payment	\$338	\$340	\$342	-0.8%	-1.2%	\$340	\$363
Partial Payments	4,822	3,776	6,307	27.7%	-23.5%	55,940	77,538
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.5	16.4	16.7	0.7%	-1.1%	16.5	16.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	42.6	42.3	48.8	0.6%	-12.8%	42.6	48.8
First Payments	3,481	2,574	4,172	35.2%	-16.6%	36,995	42,126
Final Payments	1,411	1,101	1,699	28.2%	-17.0%	16,329	21,778
Workshare Initial Claim:	30	50	86	-40.0%	-65.1%	1,997	2,299
Workshare Equivalency	9	12	19	-25.0%	-52.6%	475	625
Workshare Continued Claim:	1,591	1,007	2,071	58.0%	-23.2%	24,413	44,728

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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	1,719	1,371	2,101	25.4%	-18.2%	21,046	180,999
Monetary Determinations	2,172	1,847	924	17.6%	135.1%	28,364	120,125
Monetary Ineligible	5	2	36	150.0%	-86.1%	91	2,564
Number of Payments	25,050	19,241	39,500	30.2%	-36.6%	333,102	3,182,018
Amount of Payments	\$8,840,781	\$5,930,762	\$14,833,158	49.1%	-40.4%	\$113,454,423	\$1,156,713,567
Average Payment	\$353	\$308	\$376	14.5%	-6.0%	\$341	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	32.4	33.2	38.2	-2.4%	-15.2%	32.4	31.6
First Payments (tier 1)	712	778	1,007	-8.5%	-29.3%	10,366	100,926
Final Payments (tier 1)	827	647	1,481	27.8%	-44.2%	8,872	78,198
First Payments (tier 2)	202	220	1,015	-8.2%	-80.1%	4,739	63,573
Final Payments (tier 2)	657	461	925	42.5%	-29.0%	7,557	66,651
First Payments (tier 3)	181	194	445	-6.7%	-59.3%	3,996	44,168
Final Payments (tier 3)	529	401	690	31.9%	-23.3%	6,833	48,825
First Payments (tier 4)	814	0	470	-	73.2%	3,522	36,476
Final Payments (tier 4)	29	49	519	-40.8%	-94.4%	5,106	40,475