

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 4,722 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 664 (-12.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 471 (-9.1%) from a year ago. Of the 4,722 initial claims processed this month, 107 (2.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,073 monetary determinations issued in September, 473 (15.4%) were monetarily ineligible.
- Weeks Claimed 47,148 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 4,062 (-7.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 2,503 (5.6%) from a year ago. There were 42,493 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$14.5 million. There were 4,486 (10.6%) partial payments issued in September 2013 compared to 5,061 (12.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$341. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.5 weeks per claim.
- **Workshare** 101 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 116 (-53.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 41 (28.9%) from September 2012. It is estimated that 19 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.
- First and Final Claims 2,219 first payments and 1,210 final payments were issued in September 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 43.2 percent.
- **Non-monetary Determinations** 1,692 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2013. Of the 1,692 determinations, 1,254 (74.1%) were separation issues and 438 (25.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 620 (49.4%) separation issues and 397 (90.6%) non-separation issues.
- **Appeals** 454 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2013. Of the 454 processed, 380 (83.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 74 (16.3%) 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 1,541 initial claims processed during the month of September, a decrease of 243 (-13.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 461 (-23.0%) from a year ago. Of the 1,919 monetary determinations issued 3 (0.2%) were monetarily ineligible.
- **Number of Payments** There were 26,759 (11,823 under tier 1, 7,932 under tier 2, 4,513 under tier 3 and 2,491 under tier 4) payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$307.
- First and Final Claims 1,360 first payments (956 under tier 1, 197 under tier 2, 199 under tier 3 and 8 under tier 4) and 2,356 final payments (734 under tier 1, 629 under tier 2, 511 under tier 3 and 482 under tier 4) were issued in September 2013. To date 98,707 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.



Claims Summary

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	Percent Change From							
	Current	Previous	Year	Previous	Year	Year to Date		
	Month	Month	Ago	Month	Ago	2013	2012	
Initial Claims	4,722	5,386	5,193	-12.3%	-9.1%	60,580	65,638	
Monetary Determinations	3,073	3,470	3,253	-11.4%	-5.5%	37,860	41,698	
Monetary Ineligible	473	485	516	-2.5%	-8.3%	4,658	5,450	
Weeks Claimed	47,148	51,210	44,645	-7.9%	5.6%	530,097	606,285	
Number of Payments	42,493	47,327	41,036	-10.2%	3.6%	482,955	554,732	
Amount of Payments	\$14,474,805	\$15,106,639	\$14,824,969	-4.2%	-2.4%	\$163,951,843	\$203,495,261	
Average Payment	\$341	\$319	\$361	6.7%	-5.7%	\$339	\$367	
Partial Payments	4,486	4,172	5,061	7.5%	-11.4%	43,631	60,020	
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.5	16.6	16.7	-0.3%	-0.9%	16.5	16.7	
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	43.2	43.5	50.5	-0.6%	-14.4%	43.2	50.5	
First Payments	2,219	2,454	2,117	-9.6%	4.8%	28,759	32,606	
Final Payments	1,210	1,138	1,306	6.3%	-7.4%	12,809	17,094	
Workshare Initial Claims	101	217	142	-53.5%	-28.9%	1,683	1,805	
Workshare Equivalency	19	47	38	-59.6%	-50.0%	402	507	
Workshare Continued Claims	2,412	2,296	2,592	5.1%	-6.9%	19,033	37,080	

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Ch Previous Month	ange From Year Ago	Year to Date 2013	Since Program Began
Initial Claims	1,541	1,784	2,002	-13.6%	-23.0%	16,433	176,386
Monetary Determinations	1,919	2,358	950	-18.6%	102.0%	22,565	114,326
Monetary Ineligible	3	5	23	-40.0%	-87.0%	83	2,556
Number of Payments	26,759	25,292	35,246	5.8%	-24.1%	268,693	3,117,609
Amount of Payments	\$8,211,498	\$8,028,487	\$13,212,135	2.3%	-37.8%	\$92,459,975	\$1,135,719,119
Average Payment	\$307	\$317	\$375	-3.3%	-18.1%	\$344	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	34.7	35.8	39.2	-3.1%	-11.5%	34.7	31.6
First Payments (tier 1)	956	968	861	-1.2%	11.0%	8,147	98,707
Final Payments (tier 1)	734	633	850	16.0%	-13.6%	6,740	76,066
First Payments (tier 2)	197	191	686	3.1%	-71.3%	4,108	62,942
Final Payments (tier 2)	629	555	793	13.3%	-20.7%	5,963	65,057
First Payments (tier 3)	199	250	540	-20.4%	-63.1%	3,437	43,609
Final Payments (tier 3)	511	467	620	9.4%	-17.6%	5,465	47,457
First Payments (tier 4)	8	110	421	-92.7%	-98.1%	2,707	35,661
Final Payments (tier 4)	482	551	523	-12.5%	-7.8%	4,842	40,211