



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: August 31, 2013*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 5,386 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 1,989 (-27.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 40 (-0.7%) from a year ago. Of the 5,386 initial claims processed this month, 159 (3.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,470 monetary determinations issued in August, 485 (14.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 51,210 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 8,334 (-14.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,208 (-7.6%) from a year ago. There were 47,327 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$15.1 million. There were 4,172 (8.8%) partial payments issued in August 2013 compared to 5,528 (10.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$319. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.6 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 217 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 58 (36.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 51 (30.7%) from August 2012. It is estimated that 47 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,454 first payments and 1,138 final payments were issued in August 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 43.5 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,651 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2013. Of the 1,651 determinations, 1,086 (65.8%) were separation issues and 565 (34.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 476 (43.8%) separation issues and 406 (71.9%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 515 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2013. Of the 515 processed, 419 (81.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 96 (18.6%) 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, provides up to 47 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 1,784 initial claims processed during the month of August, a decrease of 13 (0.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 124 (-6.5%) from a year ago. Of the 2,358 monetary determinations issued 5 (0.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 25,292 (9,734 under tier 1, 7,049 under tier 2, 4,031 under tier 3 and 4,478 under tier 4) payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.0 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$317.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,519 first payments (968 under tier 1, 191 under tier 2, 250 under tier 3 and 110 under tier 4) and 2,206 final payments (633 under tier 1, 555 under tier 2, 467 under tier 3 and 551 under tier 4) were issued in August 2013. To date 97,751 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

# Claims Summary

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## Unemployment Insurance

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2013	2012
Initial Claims	5,386	7,375	5,426	-27.0%	-0.7%	55,858	60,445
Monetary Determinations	3,470	4,462	3,063	-22.2%	13.3%	34,787	38,445
Monetary Ineligible	485	474	382	2.3%	27.0%	4,185	4,934
Weeks Claimed	51,210	59,544	55,418	-14.0%	-7.6%	482,949	561,640
Number of Payments	47,327	53,700	53,082	-11.9%	-10.8%	440,462	513,696
Amount of Payments	\$15,106,639	\$17,318,504	\$18,422,702	-12.8%	-18.0%	\$149,477,038	\$188,670,292
Average Payment	\$319	\$323	\$347	-1.0%	-8.0%	\$339	\$367
Partial Payments	4,172	4,746	5,528	-12.1%	-24.5%	39,145	54,959
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.6	16.8	16.6	-1.5%	-0.3%	16.6	16.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	43.5	40.0	50.8	8.7%	-14.4%	43.5	50.8
First Payments	2,454	3,827	2,255	-35.9%	8.8%	26,540	30,489
Final Payments	1,138	1,423	1,406	-20.0%	-19.1%	11,599	15,788
Workshare Initial Claims	217	159	166	36.5%	30.7%	1,582	1,663
Workshare Equivalency	47	33	49	42.4%	-4.1%	383	469
Workshare Continued Claims	2,296	2,071	3,087	10.9%	-25.6%	16,621	34,488

## Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2013	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	1,784	1,797	1,908	-0.7%	-6.5%	14,892	174,845
Monetary Determinations	2,358	2,520	986	-6.4%	139.1%	20,646	112,407
Monetary Ineligible	5	3	30	66.7%	-83.3%	80	2,553
Number of Payments	25,292	30,301	36,966	-16.5%	-31.6%	241,934	3,090,850
Amount of Payments	\$8,028,487	\$9,700,713	\$13,803,834	-17.2%	-41.8%	\$84,248,477	\$1,127,507,621
Average Payment	\$317	\$320	\$373	-0.8%	-15.0%	\$348	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	35.8	36.8	39.3	-2.8%	-9.0%	35.8	31.6
First Payments (tier 1)	968	780	971	24.1%	-0.3%	7,191	97,751
Final Payments (tier 1)	633	743	939	-14.8%	-32.6%	6,006	75,332
First Payments (tier 2)	191	183	704	4.4%	-72.9%	3,911	62,745
Final Payments (tier 2)	555	639	771	-13.1%	-28.0%	5,334	64,428
First Payments (tier 3)	250	128	459	95.3%	-45.5%	3,238	43,410
Final Payments (tier 3)	467	644	690	-27.5%	-32.3%	4,954	46,946
First Payments (tier 4)	110	203	428	-45.8%	-74.3%	2,699	35,653
Final Payments (tier 4)	551	597	603	-7.7%	-8.6%	4,360	39,729