



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,401 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,809 (-39.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,721 (-28.1%) from a year ago. Of the 4,401 initial claims processed this month, 419 (9.5%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 2,913 monetary determinations issued in May, 388 (13.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 44,435 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 24,150 (-35.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,729 (-18.0%) from a year ago. There were 40,120 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.9 million. There were 3,943 (9.8%) partial payments issued in May 2013 compared to 6,294 (12.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$345. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.7 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 273 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 185 (210.2%) from the previous month and an increase of 76 (38.6%) from May 2012. It is estimated that 64 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,051 first payments and 1,492 final payments were issued in May 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 45.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,805 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2013. Of the 1,805 determinations, 1,309 (72.5%) were separation issues and 496 (27.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 618 (47.2%) separation issues and 426 (85.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 535 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2013. Of the 535 processed, 434 (81.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 101 (18.9%) 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 1,631 initial claims processed during the month of May, a decrease of 212 (-11.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 799 (-32.9%) from a year ago. Of the 2,930 monetary determinations issued 9 (0.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 28,591 (9,931 under tier 1, 8,103 under tier 2, 5,944 under tier 3 and 4,613 under tier 4) payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$321.

First and Final Claims – 1,878 first payments (794 under tier 1, 410 under tier 2, 349 under tier 3 and 325 under tier 4) and 2,103 final payments (567 under tier 1, 497 under tier 2, 610 under tier 3 and 429 under tier 4) were issued in May 2013. To date 95,252 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	4,401	7,210	6,122	-39.0%	-28.1%	37,557	39,714
Monetary Determinations	2,913	3,549	3,922	-17.9%	-25.7%	23,506	24,613
Monetary Ineligible	388	475	454	-18.3%	-14.5%	2,856	2,444
Weeks Claimed	44,435	68,585	54,164	-35.2%	-18.0%	331,072	380,975
Number of Payments	40,120	62,294	50,085	-35.6%	-19.9%	301,976	347,243
Amount of Payments	\$13,859,764	\$21,210,724	\$18,663,022	-34.7%	-25.7%	\$104,195,997	\$129,430,204
Average Payment	\$345	\$340	\$373	1.5%	-7.3%	\$345	\$373
Partial Payments	3,943	5,715	6,294	-31.0%	-37.4%	26,627	36,474
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.7	16.7	16.8	-0.1%	-0.7%	16.7	16.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	45.0	45.3	50.9	-0.6%	-11.6%	45.0	50.9
First Payments	2,051	2,672	2,637	-23.2%	-22.2%	18,042	20,629
Final Payments	1,492	1,831	1,898	-18.5%	-21.4%	7,874	10,855
Workshare Initial Claim:	273	88	197	210.2%	38.6%	1,004	1,322
Workshare Equivalency	64	21	63	204.8%	1.6%	256	358
Workshare Continued Claim:	2,151	2,084	5,795	3.2%	-62.9%	10,043	24,287

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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	1,631	1,843	2,430	-11.5%	-32.9%	9,642	169,595
Monetary Determinations	2,930	7,457	1,355	-60.7%	116.2%	13,395	105,156
Monetary Ineligible	9	6	71	50.0%	-87.3%	67	2,540
Number of Payments	28,591	36,330	43,910	-21.3%	-34.9%	159,556	3,008,472
Amount of Payments	\$9,184,139	\$13,050,758	\$16,156,089	-29.6%	-43.2%	\$57,916,169	\$1,101,175,313
Average Payment	\$321	\$359	\$368	-10.6%	-12.7%	\$363	\$366
Average Duration (12 months)	37.0	36.9	40.6	0.3%	-8.9%	37.0	31.6
First Payments (tier 1)	794	1,028	1,243	-22.8%	-36.1%	4,692	95,252
Final Payments (tier 1)	567	828	1,088	-31.5%	-47.9%	3,955	73,281
First Payments (tier 2)	410	702	784	-41.6%	-47.7%	3,238	62,072
Final Payments (tier 2)	497	995	907	-50.1%	-45.2%	3,587	62,681
First Payments (tier 3)	349	693	631	-49.6%	-44.7%	2,608	42,780
Final Payments (tier 3)	610	661	744	-7.7%	-18.0%	3,174	45,166
First Payments (tier 4)	325	481	521	-32.4%	-37.6%	2,131	35,085
Final Payments (tier 4)	429	584	816	-26.5%	-47.4%	2,804	38,173