



Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 10,191 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 2,366 (30.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,122 (-9.9%) from a year ago. Of the 10,191 initial claims processed this month, 631 (6.2%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,995 monetary determinations issued in December, 688 (11.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 66,856 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 18,653 (38.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 3,955 (6.3%) from a year ago. There were 59,154 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.2 million. There were 6,307 (10.7%) partial payments issued in December 2012 compared to 6,585 (11.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$342. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.7 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 86 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 45 (-34.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 245 (-74.0%) from December 2011. It is estimated that 19 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,172 first payments and 1,699 final payments were issued in December 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 48.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,573 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2012. Of the 1,573 determinations, 1,185 (75.3%) were separation issues and 388 (24.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 540 (45.6%) separation issues and 362 (93.3%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 485 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2012. Of the 485 processed, 392 (80.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 93 (19.2%) 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 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 2,101 initial claims processed during the month of December, a decrease of 298 (-12.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 507 (-19.4%) from a year ago. Of the 924 monetary determinations issued 36 (3.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 39,500 (16,660 under tier 1, 11,628 under tier 2, 5,438 under tier 3 and 5,774 under tier 4) payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$14.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$376.

First and Final Claims – 2,937 first payments (1,007 under tier 1, 1,015 under tier 2, 445 under tier 3 and 470 under tier 4) and 3,615 final payments (1,481 under tier 1, 925 under tier 2, 690 under tier 3 and 519 under tier 4) were issued in December 2012. To date 90,560 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Claims Summary

Month Ending: December 30, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	Year to Date
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2012	2011
Initial Claims	10,191	7,825	11,313	30.2%	-9.9%	90,039	94,173
Monetary Determinations	5,995	4,945	6,361	21.2%	-5.8%	56,203	58,426
Monetary Ineligible	688	705	631	-2.4%	9.0%	7,408	6,169
Weeks Claimed	66,856	48,203	62,901	38.7%	6.3%	773,589	853,163
Number of Payments	59,154	43,661	56,499	35.5%	4.7%	705,082	770,647
Amount of Payments	\$20,218,310	\$15,168,385	\$20,713,831	33.3%	-2.4%	\$255,794,692	\$279,583,430
Average Payment	\$342	\$347	\$367	-1.6%	-6.8%	\$363	\$363
Partial Payments	6,307	5,555	6,585	13.5%	-4.2%	77,538	85,689
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.7	16.8	17.1	-0.4%	-2.1%	16.7	17.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	48.8	49.5	54.1	-1.4%	-9.8%	48.8	54.1
First Payments	4,172	2,825	3,802	47.7%	9.7%	42,126	45,019
Final Payments	1,699	1,437	1,705	18.2%	-0.4%	21,778	24,657
Workshare Initial Claim:	86	131	331	-34.4%	-74.0%	2,299	3,612
Workshare Equivalency	19	36	107	-47.2%	-82.2%	625	963
Workshare Continued Claim:	2,071	2,163	4,615	-4.3%	-55.1%	44,728	62,858

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2012	
Initial Claims	2,101	2,399	2,608	-12.4%	-19.4%	27,600	159,953
Monetary Determinations	924	1,084	1,363	-14.8%	-32.2%	14,213	91,761
Monetary Ineligible	36	36	62	0.0%	-41.9%	566	2,473
Number of Payments	39,500	36,025	50,813	9.6%	-22.3%	531,248	2,848,916
Amount of Payments	\$14,833,158	\$13,499,382	\$18,637,887	9.9%	-20.4%	\$196,747,962	\$1,043,259,144
Average Payment	\$376	\$375	\$367	0.2%	2.4%	\$370	\$366
Average Duration (12 months)	38.2	38.3	39.1	-0.3%	-2.3%	38.2	31.5
First Payments (tier 1)	1,007	989	1,280	1.8%	-21.3%	13,906	90,560
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,481	947	1,181	56.4%	25.4%	13,209	69,326
First Payments (tier 2)	1,015	694	879	46.3%	15.5%	9,840	58,834
Final Payments (tier 2)	925	738	1,282	25.3%	-27.8%	11,114	59,094
First Payments (tier 3)	445	525	816	-15.2%	-45.5%	7,366	40,172
Final Payments (tier 3)	690	924	1,031	-25.3%	-33.1%	10,488	41,992
First Payments (tier 4)	470	627	698	-25.0%	-32.7%	7,104	32,954
Final Payments (tier 4)	519	523	937	-0.8%	-44.6%	8,707	35,369