



Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,385 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 1,192 (23.0%) from the previous month, and an increase of 27 (0.4%) from a year ago. Of the 6,385 initial claims processed this month, 423 (6.6%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,565 monetary determinations issued in October, 565 (15.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 52,245 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, an increase of 7,600 (17.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,771 (-11.5%) from a year ago. There were 47,535 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.9 million. There were 5,656 (11.9%) partial payments issued in October 2012 compared to 6,395 (12.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$356. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 277 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 135 (95.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 103 (59.2%) from October 2011. It is estimated that 63 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,523 first payments and 1,548 final payments were issued in October 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 49.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,477 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2012. Of the 1,477 determinations, 1,132 (76.6%) were separation issues and 345 (23.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 510 (45.1%) separation issues and 316 (91.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 610 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2012. Of the 610 processed, 512 (83.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 98 (16.1%) 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 2,205 initial claims processed during the month of October, an increase of 203 (10.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 333 (-13.1%) from a year ago. Of the 949 monetary determinations issued 25 (2.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 42,959 (18,620 under tier 1, 11,407 under tier 2, 8,502 under tier 3 and 4,430 under tier 4) payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$376.

First and Final Claims – 2,910 first payments (1,016 under tier 1, 761 under tier 2, 597 under tier 3 and 536 under tier 4) and 3,157 final payments (998 under tier 1, 906 under tier 2, 895 under tier 3 and 358 under tier 4) were issued in October 2012. To date 88,564 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	2012	2011
Initial Claims	6,385	5,193	6,358	23.0%	0.4%	72,023	75,024
Monetary Determinations	3,565	3,253	3,603	9.6%	-1.1%	45,263	46,923
Monetary Ineligible	565	516	436	9.5%	29.6%	6,015	4,855
Weeks Claimed	52,245	44,645	59,016	17.0%	-11.5%	658,530	733,146
Number of Payments	47,535	41,036	52,336	15.8%	-9.2%	602,267	662,690
Amount of Payments	\$16,912,736	\$14,824,969	\$19,114,980	14.1%	-11.5%	\$220,407,997	\$239,974,939
Average Payment	\$356	\$361	\$365	-1.5%	-2.6%	\$366	\$362
Partial Payments	5,656	5,061	6,395	11.8%	-11.6%	65,676	73,064
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.8	16.7	17.2	0.4%	-2.5%	16.8	17.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	49.8	50.5	55.0	-1.5%	-9.5%	49.8	55.0
First Payments	2,523	2,117	2,966	19.2%	-14.9%	35,129	37,795
Final Payments	1,548	1,306	1,815	18.5%	-14.7%	18,642	21,319
Workshare Initial Claim:	277	142	174	95.1%	59.2%	2,082	2,852
Workshare Equivalency	63	38	43	65.8%	46.5%	570	742
Workshare Continued Claim:	3,414	2,592	3,758	31.7%	-9.2%	40,494	52,686

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,205	2,002	2,538	10.1%	-13.1%	23,100	155,453
Monetary Determinations	949	950	1,224	-0.1%	-22.5%	12,205	89,753
Monetary Ineligible	25	23	37	8.7%	-32.4%	494	2,401
Number of Payments	42,959	35,246	62,497	21.9%	-31.3%	455,723	2,773,391
Amount of Payments	\$16,167,413	\$13,212,135	\$22,958,873	22.4%	-29.6%	\$168,415,422	\$1,014,926,604
Average Payment	\$376	\$375	\$367	0.4%	2.4%	\$370	\$366
Average Duration (12 months)	38.8	39.2	38.9	-1.1%	-0.3%	38.8	31.3
First Payments (tier 1)	1,016	861	1,345	18.0%	-24.5%	11,910	88,564
Final Payments (tier 1)	998	850	1,370	17.4%	-27.2%	10,781	66,898
First Payments (tier 2)	761	686	1,155	10.9%	-34.1%	8,131	57,125
Final Payments (tier 2)	906	793	1,295	14.2%	-30.0%	9,451	57,431
First Payments (tier 3)	597	540	975	10.6%	-38.8%	6,396	39,202
Final Payments (tier 3)	895	620	1,283	44.4%	-30.2%	8,874	40,378
First Payments (tier 4)	536	421	1,032	27.3%	-48.1%	6,007	31,857
Final Payments (tier 4)	358	523	1,164	-31.5%	-69.2%	7,665	34,327