



Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,426 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 2,031 (-27.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,382 (-20.3%) from a year ago. Of the 5,426 initial claims processed this month, 295 (5.4%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,063 monetary determinations issued in August, 382 (12.5%) were monetarily ineligible. The August 2011 initial claims figure included approximately 700 initial claims filed by individuals involved in a labor dispute.

Weeks Claimed – 55,418 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 17,046 (-23.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 22,311 (-28.7%) from a year ago. There were 53,082 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.4 million. There were 5,528 (10.4%) partial payments issued in August 2012 compared to 7,347 (10.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$347. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 166 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 91 (121.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 192 (-53.6%) from August 2011. It is estimated that 49 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,255 first payments and 1,406 final payments were issued in August 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 50.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,270 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2012. Of the 2,270 determinations, 1,574 (69.3%) were separation issues and 696 (30.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 721 (45.8%) separation issues and 576 (82.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 677 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2012. Of the 677 processed, 558 (82.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 119 (17.6%) 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 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 1,908 initial claims processed during the month of August, a decrease of 211 (10.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 921 (-32.6%) from a year ago. Of the 986 monetary determinations issued 30 (3.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 36,966 (16,927 under tier 1, 9,812 under tier 2, 7,135 under tier 3 and 3,092 under tier 4) payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373.

First and Final Claims – 2,562 first payments (971 under tier 1, 704 under tier 2, 459 under tier 3 and 428 under tier 4) and 3,003 final payments (939 under tier 1, 771 under tier 2, 690 under tier 3 and 603 under tier 4) were issued in August 2012. To date 86,687 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 12 initial claims processed during the month of August. The EB program in RI ended July 7, 2012.

Number of Payments -- There were 21 payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$9 thousand. The average weekly benefit payment was \$429.

First and Final Claims – 3 first payments were issued and 2 final payments were issued in August 2012. To date 33,222 first payments and 25,116 final payments have been made.

Claims Summary

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Unemployment Insurance

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2012	2011
Initial Claims	5,426	7,457	6,808	-27.2%	-20.3%	60,445	61,625
Monetary Determinations	3,063	4,282	4,645	-28.5%	-34.1%	38,445	39,132
Monetary Ineligible	382	360	431	6.1%	-11.4%	4,934	3,968
Weeks Claimed	55,418	72,464	77,729	-23.5%	-28.7%	561,640	620,202
Number of Payments	53,082	65,029	70,078	-18.4%	-24.3%	513,696	561,068
Amount of Payments	\$18,422,702	\$22,824,801	\$24,210,032	-19.3%	-23.9%	\$188,670,292	\$203,174,316
Average Payment	\$347	\$351	\$345	-1.1%	0.5%	\$367	\$362
Partial Payments	5,528	7,018	7,347	-21.2%	-24.8%	54,959	60,099
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.6	16.7	17.5	-0.5%	-5.1%	16.6	17.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	50.8	52.3	53.3	-2.9%	-4.7%	50.8	53.3
First Payments	2,255	4,214	3,086	-46.5%	-26.9%	30,489	31,974
Final Payments	1,406	1,959	2,144	-28.2%	-34.4%	15,788	17,812
Workshare Initial Claim:	166	75	358	121.3%	-53.6%	1,663	2,443
Workshare Equivalency	49	24	102	104.2%	-52.0%	469	646
Workshare Continued Claim:	3,087	3,132	5,021	-1.4%	-38.5%	34,488	44,428

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	1,908	2,119	2,829	-10.0%	-32.6%	18,893	151,246
Monetary Determinations	986	1,160	1,589	-15.0%	-37.9%	10,306	87,854
Monetary Ineligible	30	34	65	-11.8%	-53.8%	446	2,353
Number of Payments	36,966	46,548	66,596	-20.6%	-44.5%	377,518	2,695,186
Amount of Payments	\$13,803,834	\$17,281,281	\$24,489,890	-20.1%	-43.6%	\$139,035,874	\$985,547,056
Average Payment	\$373	\$371	\$368	0.6%	1.5%	\$368	\$366
Average Duration (12 months)	39.3	39.7	36.2	-0.9%	8.7%	39.3	31.1
First Payments (tier 1)	971	1,232	1,586	-21.2%	-38.8%	10,033	86,687
Final Payments (tier 1)	939	1,207	1,486	-22.2%	-36.8%	8,933	65,050
First Payments (tier 2)	704	821	1,133	-14.3%	-37.9%	6,684	55,678
Final Payments (tier 2)	771	884	1,370	-12.8%	-43.7%	7,752	55,732
First Payments (tier 3)	459	531	987	-13.6%	-53.5%	5,259	38,065
Final Payments (tier 3)	690	890	1,329	-22.5%	-48.1%	7,359	38,863
First Payments (tier 4)	428	568	1,060	-24.6%	-59.6%	5,050	30,900
Final Payments (tier 4)	603	774	1,051	-22.1%	-42.6%	6,784	33,446

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	12	101	577	-88.1%	-97.9%	3,374	37,998
Monetary Determinations	1	83	411	-98.8%	-99.8%	3,101	33,828
Monetary Ineligible	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	4	490
Number of Payments	21	3,273	6,767	-99.4%	-99.7%	51,249	492,308
Amount of Payments	\$9,013	\$1,200,418	\$2,443,024	-99.2%	-99.6%	\$18,760,146	\$179,041,405
Average Payment	\$429	\$367	\$361	17.0%	18.9%	\$366	\$364
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.8
First Payments	3	135	507	-97.8%	-99.4%	3,212	33,222
Final Payments	2	758	500	-99.7%	-99.6%	3,787	25,116