



Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,457 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 391 (-5.0%) from the previous month, and an increase of 337 (4.7%) from a year ago. Of the 7,457 initial claims processed this month, 436 (5.8%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,282 monetary determinations issued in July, 360 (8.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 72,464 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 19,681 (37.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 6,438 (9.8%) from a year ago. There were 65,029 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$22.8 million. There were 7,018 (10.8%) partial payments issued in July 2012 compared to 6,123 (10.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$351. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.7 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 75 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 25 (-25.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 11 (-12.8%) from July 2011. It is estimated that 24 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,214 first payments and 1,959 final payments were issued in July 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 52.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,030 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2012. Of the 2,030 determinations, 1,022 (50.3%) were separation issues and 1,008 (49.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 467 (45.7%) separation issues and 582 (57.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 588 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2012. Of the 588 processed, 470 (79.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 118 (20.1%) 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 2,119 initial claims processed during the month of July, an increase of 81 (4.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 355 (-14.3%) from a year ago. Of the 1,160 monetary determinations issued 34 (2.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 46,548 (21,056 under tier 1, 11,837 under tier 2, 9,384 under tier 3 and 4,271 under tier 4) payments issued in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$371.

First and Final Claims – 3,152 first payments (1,232 under tier 1, 821 under tier 2, 531 under tier 3 and 568 under tier 4) and 3,755 final payments (1,207 under tier 1, 884 under tier 2, 890 under tier 3 and 774 under tier 4) were issued in July 2012. To date 85,716 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 101 initial claims processed during the month of July, a decrease of 323 (-76.2%) from the previous month. Of the 83 monetary determinations issued one of them was monetarily ineligible. The EB program in RI ended July 7, 2012.

Number of Payments -- There were 3,273 payments issued in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$1.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

First and Final Claims – 135 first payments were issued and 758 final payments were issued in July 2012. To date 33,219 first payments and 25,114 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	7,457	7,848	7,120	-5.0%	4.7%	55,019	54,817
Monetary Determinations	4,282	6,487	4,327	-34.0%	-1.0%	35,382	34,487
Monetary Ineligible	360	1,748	372	-79.4%	-3.2%	4,552	3,537
Weeks Claimed	72,464	52,783	66,026	37.3%	9.8%	506,222	542,473
Number of Payments	65,029	48,342	58,383	34.5%	11.4%	460,614	490,990
Amount of Payments	\$22,824,801	\$17,992,585	\$20,114,957	26.9%	13.5%	\$170,247,590	\$178,964,284
Average Payment	\$351	\$372	\$345	-5.7%	1.9%	\$370	\$364
Partial Payments	7,018	5,939	6,123	18.2%	14.6%	49,431	52,752
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.7	16.4	17.6	1.7%	-5.2%	16.7	17.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	52.3	51.5	53.3	1.5%	-1.9%	52.3	53.3
First Payments	4,214	3,391	4,465	24.3%	-5.6%	28,234	28,888
Final Payments	1,959	1,568	1,771	24.9%	10.6%	14,382	15,668
Workshare Initial Claim:	75	100	86	-25.0%	-12.8%	1,497	2,085
Workshare Equivalency	24	38	25	-36.8%	-4.0%	420	544
Workshare Continued Claim:	3,132	3,982	3,673	-21.3%	-14.7%	31,401	39,407

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	2,119	2,038	2,474	4.0%	-14.3%	16,985	149,338
Monetary Determinations	1,160	1,134	1,341	2.3%	-13.5%	9,320	86,868
Monetary Ineligible	34	32	36	6.3%	-5.6%	416	2,323
Number of Payments	46,548	40,793	54,495	14.1%	-14.6%	340,552	2,658,220
Amount of Payments	\$17,281,281	\$15,096,736	\$20,112,341	14.5%	-14.1%	\$125,232,040	\$971,743,222
Average Payment	\$371	\$370	\$369	0.3%	0.6%	\$368	\$366
Average Duration (12 months)	39.7	40.2	34.9	-1.3%	13.7%	39.7	31.0
First Payments (tier 1)	1,232	1,059	1,242	16.3%	-0.8%	9,062	85,716
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,207	994	1,310	21.4%	-7.9%	7,994	64,111
First Payments (tier 2)	821	777	1,032	5.7%	-20.4%	5,980	54,974
Final Payments (tier 2)	884	809	1,282	9.3%	-31.0%	6,981	54,961
First Payments (tier 3)	531	557	1,019	-4.7%	-47.9%	4,800	37,606
Final Payments (tier 3)	890	760	1,050	17.1%	-15.2%	6,669	38,173
First Payments (tier 4)	568	530	760	7.2%	-25.3%	4,622	30,472
Final Payments (tier 4)	774	657	793	17.8%	-2.4%	6,181	32,843

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	101	424	296	-76.2%	-65.9%	3,362	37,986
Monetary Determinations	83	387	245	-78.6%	-66.1%	3,100	33,827
Monetary Ineligible	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	4	490
Number of Payments	3,273	6,805	5,799	-51.9%	-43.6%	51,228	492,287
Amount of Payments	\$1,200,418	\$2,509,905	\$2,107,459	-52.2%	-43.0%	\$18,751,133	\$179,032,392
Average Payment	\$367	\$369	\$363	-0.6%	0.9%	\$366	\$364
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.8
First Payments	135	418	229	-67.7%	-41.0%	3,209	33,219
Final Payments	758	329	223	130.4%	239.9%	3,785	25,114