



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,122 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 1,600 (-20.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 423 (7.4%) from a year ago. Of the 6,122 initial claims processed this month, 385 (6.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,922 monetary determinations issued in May, 454 (11.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 54,164 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 19,866 (-26.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 16,275 (-23.1%) from a year ago. There were 50,085 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.7 million. There were 6,294 (12.6%) partial payments issued in May 2012 compared to 7,638 (12.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 197 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 32 (19.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 49 (-19.9%) from May 2011. It is estimated that 63 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,637 first payments and 1,898 final payments were issued in May 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 50.9 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,782 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2012. Of the 1,782 determinations, 1,314 (73.7%) were separation issues and 468 (26.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 607 (46.2%) separation issues and 389 (83.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 547 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2012. Of the 547 processed, 437 (79.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 110 (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 2,430 initial claims processed during the month of May, a decrease of 68 (-2.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 620 (-20.3%) from a year ago. Of the 1,355 monetary determinations issued 71 (5.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 43,910 (20,099 under tier 1, 10,571 under tier 2, 9,148 under tier 3 and 4,092 under tier 4) payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$368.

First and Final Claims – 3,179 first payments (1,243 under tier 1, 784 under tier 2, 631 under tier 3 and 521 under tier 4) and 3,555 final payments (1,088 under tier 1, 907 under tier 2, 744 under tier 3 and 816 under tier 4) were issued in May 2012. To date 83,425 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 540 initial claims processed during the month of May, an increase of 36 (7.1%) from the previous month. Of the 508 monetary determinations issued 2 (0.4%) of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 7,651 payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365.

First and Final Claims – 469 first payments were issued and 942 final payments was issued in May 2012. To date 32,666 first payments and 24,027 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	6,122	7,722	5,699	-20.7%	7.4%	39,714	39,412
Monetary Determinations	3,922	3,447	3,761	13.8%	4.3%	24,613	25,420
Monetary Ineligible	454	301	540	50.8%	-15.9%	2,444	2,750
Weeks Claimed	54,164	74,030	70,439	-26.8%	-23.1%	380,975	419,793
Number of Payments	50,085	67,014	63,845	-25.3%	-21.6%	347,243	381,320
Amount of Payments	\$18,663,022	\$24,775,546	\$23,239,777	-24.7%	-19.7%	\$129,430,204	\$140,257,632
Average Payment	\$373	\$370	\$364	0.8%	2.4%	\$373	\$368
Partial Payments	6,294	7,656	7,638	-17.8%	-17.6%	36,474	40,334
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.8	17.0	17.9	-1.5%	-6.4%	16.8	17.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	50.9	52.4	56.5	-2.8%	-9.8%	50.9	56.5
First Payments	2,637	3,019	2,842	-12.7%	-7.2%	20,629	21,678
Final Payments	1,898	2,538	2,595	-25.2%	-26.9%	10,855	12,198
Workshare Initial Claim:	197	165	246	19.4%	-19.9%	1,322	1,905
Workshare Equivalency	63	47	59	34.0%	6.8%	358	492
Workshare Continued Claim:	5,795	4,814	5,691	20.4%	1.8%	24,287	31,024

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	2,430	2,498	3,050	-2.7%	-20.3%	12,828	145,181
Monetary Determinations	1,355	1,381	1,724	-1.9%	-21.4%	7,026	84,574
Monetary Ineligible	71	62	52	14.5%	36.5%	350	2,257
Number of Payments	43,910	54,095	70,154	-18.8%	-37.4%	253,211	2,570,879
Amount of Payments	\$16,156,089	\$19,814,057	\$25,748,193	-18.5%	-37.3%	\$92,854,023	\$939,365,205
Average Payment	\$368	\$366	\$367	0.5%	0.2%	\$367	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	40.6	40.6	38.5	0.1%	5.5%	40.6	30.8
First Payments (tier 1)	1,243	1,492	1,901	-16.7%	-34.6%	6,771	83,425
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,088	1,217	1,608	-10.6%	-32.3%	5,793	61,910
First Payments (tier 2)	784	865	1,321	-9.4%	-40.7%	4,382	53,376
Final Payments (tier 2)	907	1,165	1,460	-22.1%	-37.9%	5,288	53,268
First Payments (tier 3)	631	743	1,207	-15.1%	-47.7%	3,712	36,518
Final Payments (tier 3)	744	1,059	1,109	-29.7%	-32.9%	5,019	36,523
First Payments (tier 4)	521	757	901	-31.2%	-42.2%	3,524	29,374
Final Payments (tier 4)	816	1,024	1,094	-20.3%	-25.4%	4,750	31,412

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	540	504	567	7.1%	-4.8%	2,837	37,461
Monetary Determinations	508	456	493	11.4%	3.0%	2,630	33,357
Monetary Ineligible	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	3	489
Number of Payments	7,651	8,978	8,017	-14.8%	-4.6%	41,150	482,209
Amount of Payments	\$2,793,372	\$3,279,730	\$2,926,490	-14.8%	-4.5%	\$15,040,810	\$175,322,069
Average Payment	\$365	\$365	\$365	-0.1%	0.0%	\$366	\$364
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.8
First Payments	469	512	517	-8.4%	-9.3%	2,656	32,666
Final Payments	942	439	895	114.6%	5.3%	2,698	24,027