



## Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2012

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 7,722 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,818 (30.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 98 (-1.3%) from a year ago. Of the 7,722 initial claims processed this month, 334 (4.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,447 monetary determinations issued in April, 301 (8.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 74,030 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 2,227 (-2.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 2,358 (3.3%) from a year ago. There were 67,014 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$24.8 million. There were 7,656 (11.4%) partial payments issued in April 2012 compared to 7,314 (11.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$370. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.0 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 165 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 223 (-57.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 47 (-22.2%) from April 2011. It is estimated that 47 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,019 first payments and 2,538 final payments were issued in April 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 52.4 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,545 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2012. Of the 1,545 determinations, 1,132 (73.3%) were separation issues and 413 (26.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 512 (45.2%) separation issues and 373 (90.3%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 555 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2012. Of the 555 processed, 459 (82.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 96 (17.3%) 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 2,498 initial claims processed during the month of April, a decrease of 166 (-6.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 542 (-17.8%) from a year ago. Of the 1,381 monetary determinations issued 62 (4.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 54,095 (23,811 under tier 1, 13,320 under tier 2, 11,299 under tier 3 and 5,665 under tier 4) payments issued in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$19.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,857 first payments (1,492 under tier 1, 865 under tier 2, 743 under tier 3 and 757 under tier 4) and 4,465 final payments (1,217 under tier 1, 1,165 under tier 2, 1,059 under tier 3 and 1,024 under tier 4) were issued in April 2012. To date 82,182 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 504 initial claims processed during the month of April, a decrease of 77 (-13.3%) from the previous month. Of the 456 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 8,978 payments issued in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$3.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365.

**First and Final Claims** – 512 first payments were issued and 439 final payments were issued in April 2012. To date 32,197 first payments and 23,085 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	7,722	5,904	7,820	30.8%	-1.3%	33,592	33,713
Monetary Determinations	3,447	3,851	3,880	-10.5%	-11.2%	20,691	21,659
Monetary Ineligible	301	423	440	-28.8%	-31.6%	1,990	2,210
Weeks Claimed	74,030	76,257	71,672	-2.9%	3.3%	326,811	349,354
Number of Payments	67,014	71,858	66,351	-6.7%	1.0%	297,158	317,475
Amount of Payments	\$24,775,546	\$27,027,758	\$24,244,154	-8.3%	2.2%	\$110,767,182	\$117,017,855
Average Payment	\$370	\$376	\$365	-1.7%	1.2%	\$373	\$369
Partial Payments	7,656	7,201	7,314	6.3%	4.7%	30,180	32,696
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.0	17.0	17.8	-0.1%	-4.6%	17.0	17.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	52.4	52.7	56.7	-0.6%	-7.6%	52.4	56.7
First Payments	3,019	3,269	2,930	-7.6%	3.0%	17,992	18,833
Final Payments	2,538	2,198	2,444	15.5%	3.8%	8,957	9,603
Workshare Initial Claim	165	388	212	-57.5%	-22.2%	1,125	1,659
Workshare Equivalency	47	88	52	-46.6%	-9.6%	295	433
Workshare Continued Claim	4,814	4,907	5,947	-1.9%	-19.1%	18,492	25,333

## 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	2,498	2,664	3,040	-6.2%	-17.8%	10,398	142,751
Monetary Determinations	1,381	1,452	1,790	-4.9%	-22.8%	5,671	83,219
Monetary Ineligible	62	88	86	-29.5%	-27.9%	279	2,186
Number of Payments	54,095	47,909	56,969	12.9%	-5.0%	209,301	2,526,969
Amount of Payments	\$19,814,057	\$17,514,028	\$20,800,582	13.1%	-4.7%	\$76,697,934	\$923,209,116
Average Payment	\$366	\$366	\$365	0.2%	0.3%	\$366	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	40.6	40.4	39.1	0.5%	3.8%	40.6	30.7
First Payments (tier 1)	1,492	1,313	1,654	13.6%	-9.8%	5,528	82,182
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,217	1,039	1,355	17.1%	-10.2%	4,705	60,822
First Payments (tier 2)	865	773	1,185	11.9%	-27.0%	3,598	52,592
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,165	1,001	1,221	16.4%	-4.6%	4,381	52,361
First Payments (tier 3)	743	691	941	7.5%	-21.0%	3,081	35,887
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,059	1,069	941	-0.9%	12.5%	4,275	35,779
First Payments (tier 4)	757	717	814	5.6%	-7.0%	3,003	28,853
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,024	851	910	20.3%	12.5%	3,934	30,596

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	504	581	402	-13.3%	25.4%	2,297	36,921
Monetary Determinations	456	550	324	-17.1%	40.7%	2,122	32,849
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	487
Number of Payments	8,978	7,820	9,973	14.8%	-10.0%	33,499	474,558
Amount of Payments	\$3,279,730	\$2,870,881	\$3,720,395	14.2%	-11.8%	\$12,247,438	\$172,528,697
Average Payment	\$365	\$367	\$373	-0.5%	-2.1%	\$366	\$364
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	512	533	402	-3.9%	27.4%	2,187	32,197
Final Payments	439	416	821	5.5%	-46.5%	1,756	23,085