



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,904 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 3,064 (-34.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 554 (-8.6%) from a year ago. Of the 5,904 initial claims processed this month, 416 (7.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,851 monetary determinations issued in March, 423 (11.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 76,257 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 7,012 (-8.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 11,651 (-13.3%) from a year ago. There were 71,858 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$27.0 million. There were 7,201 (10.0%) partial payments issued in March 2012 compared to 8,367 (10.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$376. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 388 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 26 (7.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 110 (-22.1%) from March 2011. It is estimated that 88 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,269 first payments and 2,198 final payments were issued in March 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 52.7 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,068 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2012. Of the 2,068 determinations, 1,537 (74.3%) were separation issues and 531 (25.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 699 (45.5%) separation issues and 467 (87.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 752 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2012. Of the 752 processed, 587 (78.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 165 (21.9%) 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 2,664 initial claims processed during the month of March, an increase of 206 (8.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 704 (-20.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,452 monetary determinations issued 88 (6.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 47,909 (20,411 under tier 1, 12,105 under tier 2, 10,719 under tier 3 and 4,674 under tier 4) payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

First and Final Claims – 3,494 first payments (1,313 under tier 1, 773 under tier 2, 691 under tier 3 and 717 under tier 4) and 3,960 final payments (1,039 under tier 1, 1,001 under tier 2, 1,069 under tier 3 and 851 under tier 4) were issued in February 2012. To date 80,690 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 581 initial claims processed during the month of March, a decrease of 6 (-1.0%) from the previous month. Of the 550 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 7,820 payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

First and Final Claims – 533 first payments were issued and 416 final payments were issued in March 2012. To date 31,685 first payments and 22,646 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	5,904	8,968	6,458	-34.2%	-8.6%	25,870	25,893
Monetary Determinations	3,851	5,404	4,429	-28.7%	-13.1%	17,244	17,779
Monetary Ineligible	423	585	485	-27.7%	-12.8%	1,689	1,770
Weeks Claimed	76,257	83,269	87,908	-8.4%	-13.3%	252,781	277,682
Number of Payments	71,858	76,496	82,035	-6.1%	-12.4%	230,144	251,124
Amount of Payments	\$27,027,758	\$28,578,014	\$30,365,350	-5.4%	-11.0%	\$85,991,636	\$92,773,701
Average Payment	\$376	\$374	\$370	0.7%	1.6%	\$374	\$369
Partial Payments	7,201	7,438	8,367	-3.2%	-13.9%	22,524	25,382
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.0	17.1	17.6	-0.6%	-3.4%	17.0	17.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	52.7	53.6	57.0	-1.7%	-7.5%	52.7	57.0
First Payments	3,269	4,913	3,736	-33.5%	-12.5%	14,973	15,906
Final Payments	2,198	1,896	2,479	15.9%	-11.3%	6,419	7,159
Workshare Initial Claim:	388	362	498	7.2%	-22.1%	960	1,447
Workshare Equivalency	88	106	127	-17.0%	-30.7%	248	381
Workshare Continued Claim:	4,907	5,008	8,605	-2.0%	-43.0%	13,678	19,386

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	2,664	2,458	3,368	8.4%	-20.9%	7,900	140,253
Monetary Determinations	1,452	1,349	1,940	7.6%	-25.2%	4,290	81,838
Monetary Ineligible	88	67	100	31.3%	-12.0%	217	2,124
Number of Payments	47,909	47,873	59,270	0.1%	-19.2%	155,206	2,472,874
Amount of Payments	\$17,514,028	\$17,534,501	\$21,709,276	-0.1%	-19.3%	\$56,883,877	\$903,395,059
Average Payment	\$366	\$366	\$366	-0.2%	-0.2%	\$367	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	40.4	40.1	40.9	0.7%	-1.3%	40.4	30.6
First Payments (tier 1)	1,313	1,237	1,725	6.1%	-23.9%	4,036	80,690
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,039	1,044	1,600	-0.5%	-35.1%	3,488	59,605
First Payments (tier 2)	773	832	1,272	-7.1%	-39.2%	2,733	51,727
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,001	908	1,103	10.2%	-9.2%	3,216	51,196
First Payments (tier 3)	691	640	872	8.0%	-20.8%	2,338	35,144
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,069	969	930	10.3%	14.9%	3,216	34,720
First Payments (tier 4)	717	687	841	4.4%	-14.7%	2,246	28,096
Final Payments (tier 4)	851	913	1,182	-6.8%	-28.0%	2,910	29,572

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	581	587	575	-1.0%	1.0%	1,793	36,417
Monetary Determinations	550	542	483	1.5%	13.9%	1,666	32,393
Monetary Ineligible	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	1	487
Number of Payments	7,820	7,581	10,767	3.2%	-27.4%	24,521	465,580
Amount of Payments	\$2,870,881	\$2,772,932	\$3,942,711	3.5%	-27.2%	\$8,967,708	\$169,248,967
Average Payment	\$367	\$366	\$366	0.4%	0.3%	\$366	\$364
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	533	528	408	0.9%	30.6%	1,675	31,685
Final Payments	416	394	514	5.6%	-19.1%	1,317	22,646