



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 29, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 8,968 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 2,030 (-18.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 217 (-2.4%) from a year ago. Of the 8,968 initial claims processed this month, 504 (5.6%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,404 monetary determinations issued in February, 585 (10.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 83,269 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 9,986 (-10.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,427 (-7.2%) from a year ago. There were 76,496 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$28.6 million. There were 7,438 (9.7%) partial payments issued in February 2012 compared to 8,476 (10.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$374. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 362 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 152 (72.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 59 (-14.0%) from February 2011. It is estimated that 106 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,913 first payments and 1,896 final payments were issued in February 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 53.6 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,895 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2012. Of the 1,895 determinations, 1,378 (72.7%) were separation issues and 517 (27.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 658 (47.8%) separation issues and 455 (88.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 636 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2012. Of the 636 processed, 503 (79.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 133 (20.9%) 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 2,458 initial claims processed during the month of February, a decrease of 320 (-11.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 505 (-17.0%) from a year ago. Of the 1,349 monetary determinations issued 67 (5.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 47,873 (19,766 under tier 1, 12,253 under tier 2, 11,156 under tier 3 and 4,698 under tier 4) payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

First and Final Claims – 3,396 first payments (1,237 under tier 1, 832 under tier 2, 640 under tier 3 and 687 under tier 4) and 3,834 final payments (1,044 under tier 1, 908 under tier 2, 969 under tier 3 and 913 under tier 4) were issued in February 2012. To date 79,377 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 587 initial claims processed during the month of February, a decrease of 38 (-6.1%) from the previous month. Of the 542 monetary determinations issued 1 (0.2%) of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 7,581 payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

First and Final Claims – 528 first payments were issued and 394 final payments were issued in February 2012. To date 31,152 first payments and 22,230 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	8,968	10,998	9,185	-18.5%	-2.4%	19,966	19,435
Monetary Determinations	5,404	7,989	5,676	-32.4%	-4.8%	13,393	13,350
Monetary Ineligible	585	681	600	-14.1%	-2.5%	1,266	1,285
Weeks Claimed	83,269	93,255	89,696	-10.7%	-7.2%	176,524	189,774
Number of Payments	76,496	81,790	81,556	-6.5%	-6.2%	158,286	169,089
Amount of Payments	\$28,578,014	\$30,385,864	\$30,066,081	-5.9%	-4.9%	\$58,963,878	\$62,408,351
Average Payment	\$374	\$372	\$369	0.6%	1.3%	\$373	\$369
Partial Payments	7,438	7,885	8,476	-5.7%	-12.2%	15,323	17,015
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.1	17.1	17.8	-0.3%	-4.2%	17.1	17.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	53.6	54.0	57.9	-0.8%	-7.5%	53.6	57.9
First Payments	4,913	6,791	5,071	-27.7%	-3.1%	11,704	12,170
Final Payments	1,896	2,325	2,093	-18.5%	-9.4%	4,221	4,680
Workshare Initial Claim:	362	210	421	72.4%	-14.0%	572	949
Workshare Equivalency	106	54	119	96.3%	-10.9%	160	254
Workshare Continued Claim:	5,008	3,763	5,169	33.1%	-3.1%	8,771	10,781

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	2,458	2,778	2,963	-11.5%	-17.0%	5,236	137,589
Monetary Determinations	1,349	1,489	1,645	-9.4%	-18.0%	2,838	80,386
Monetary Ineligible	67	62	69	8.1%	-2.9%	129	2,036
Number of Payments	47,873	59,424	55,426	-19.4%	-13.6%	107,297	2,424,965
Amount of Payments	\$17,534,501	\$21,835,348	\$20,495,433	-19.7%	-14.4%	\$39,369,849	\$885,881,031
Average Payment	\$366	\$367	\$370	-0.3%	-0.9%	\$367	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	40.1	39.7	42.8	1.0%	-6.4%	40.1	30.5
First Payments (tier 1)	1,237	1,486	1,595	-16.8%	-22.4%	2,723	79,377
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,044	1,405	1,307	-25.7%	-20.1%	2,449	58,566
First Payments (tier 2)	832	1,128	1,174	-26.2%	-29.1%	1,960	50,954
Final Payments (tier 2)	908	1,307	926	-30.5%	-1.9%	2,215	50,195
First Payments (tier 3)	640	1,007	748	-36.4%	-14.4%	1,647	34,453
Final Payments (tier 3)	969	1,178	1,201	-17.7%	-19.3%	2,147	33,651
First Payments (tier 4)	687	842	1,099	-18.4%	-37.5%	1,529	27,379
Final Payments (tier 4)	913	1,146	651	-20.3%	40.2%	2,059	28,721

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	587	625	340	-6.1%	72.6%	1,212	35,836
Monetary Determinations	542	574	221	-5.6%	145.2%	1,116	31,843
Monetary Ineligible	1	0	1	0.0%	0.0%	1	487
Number of Payments	7,581	9,120	12,519	-16.9%	-39.4%	16,701	457,760
Amount of Payments	\$2,772,932	\$3,323,895	\$4,573,333	-16.6%	-39.4%	\$6,096,827	\$166,378,086
Average Payment	\$366	\$364	\$365	0.4%	0.1%	\$365	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	528	614	248	-14.0%	112.9%	1,142	31,152
Final Payments	394	507	700	-22.3%	-43.7%	901	22,230