



Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 10,998 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 315 (-2.8%) from the previous month, and an increase of 748 (7.3%) from a year ago. Of the 10,998 initial claims processed this month, 692 (6.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 7,989 monetary determinations issued in January, 681 (8.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 93,225 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 30,354 (48.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,823 (-6.8%) from a year ago. There were 81,790 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$30.4 million. There were 7,885 (9.6%) partial payments issued in January 2012 compared to 8,539 (9.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$372. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 210 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 121 (-36.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 318 (-60.2%) from January 2011. It is estimated that 54 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 6,791 first payments and 2,325 final payments were issued in January 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 54.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,731 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2012. Of the 1,731 determinations, 1,153 (66.6%) were separation issues and 578 (33.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 491 (42.6%) separation issues and 490 (84.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 556 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2012. Of the 556 processed, 443 (79.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 113 (20.3%) 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 2,778 initial claims processed during the month of January, an increase of 170 (6.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 316 (-10.2%) from a year ago. Of the 1,489 monetary determinations issued 62 (4.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 59,424 (24,235 under tier 1, 14,927 under tier 2, 14,163 under tier 3 and 6,099 under tier 4) payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$21.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

First and Final Claims – 4,463 first payments (1,486 under tier 1, 1,128 under tier 2, 1,007 under tier 3 and 842 under tier 4) and 5,036 final payments (1,405 under tier 1, 1,307 under tier 2, 1,178 under tier 3 and 1,146 under tier 4) were issued in January 2012. To date 78,140 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 625 initial claims processed during the month of January, an increase of 126 (25.3%) from the previous month. Of the 574 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 9,120 payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$3.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$364.

First and Final Claims – 614 first payments were issued and 507 final payments were issued in January 2012. To date 30,624 first payments and 21,836 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	10,998	11,313	10,250	-2.8%	7.3%	10,998	10,250
Monetary Determinations	7,989	6,361	7,674	25.6%	4.1%	7,989	7,674
Monetary Ineligible	681	631	685	7.9%	-0.6%	681	685
Weeks Claimed	93,255	62,901	100,078	48.3%	-6.8%	93,255	100,078
Number of Payments	81,790	56,499	87,533	44.8%	-6.6%	81,790	87,533
Amount of Payments	\$30,385,864	\$20,713,831	\$32,342,270	46.7%	-6.0%	\$30,385,864	\$32,342,270
Average Payment	\$372	\$367	\$369	1.3%	0.5%	\$372	\$369
Partial Payments	7,885	6,585	8,539	19.7%	-7.7%	7,885	8,539
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.1	17.1	17.7	0.0%	-3.3%	17.1	17.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	54.0	54.1	57.6	-0.2%	-6.3%	54.0	57.6
First Payments	6,791	3,802	7,099	78.6%	-4.3%	6,791	7,099
Final Payments	2,325	1,705	2,587	36.4%	-10.1%	2,325	2,587
Workshare Initial Claim:	210	331	528	-36.6%	-60.2%	210	528
Workshare Equivalency	54	107	135	-49.5%	-60.0%	54	135
Workshare Continued Claim:	3,763	4,615	5,612	-18.5%	-32.9%	3,763	5,612

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	2,778	2,608	3,094	6.5%	-10.2%	2,778	135,131
Monetary Determinations	1,489	1,363	1,751	9.2%	-15.0%	1,489	79,037
Monetary Ineligible	62	62	63	0.0%	-1.6%	62	1,969
Number of Payments	59,424	50,813	64,610	16.9%	-8.0%	59,424	2,377,092
Amount of Payments	\$21,835,348	\$18,637,887	\$23,872,229	17.2%	-8.5%	\$21,835,348	\$868,346,530
Average Payment	\$367	\$367	\$369	0.2%	-0.5%	\$367	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	39.7	39.1	44.4	1.5%	-10.6%	39.7	30.4
First Payments (tier 1)	1,486	1,280	1,897	16.1%	-21.7%	1,486	78,140
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,405	1,181	1,630	19.0%	-13.8%	1,405	57,522
First Payments (tier 2)	1,128	879	1,466	28.3%	-23.1%	1,128	50,122
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,307	1,282	1,276	2.0%	2.4%	1,307	49,287
First Payments (tier 3)	1,007	816	1,082	23.4%	-6.9%	1,007	33,813
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,178	1,031	1,070	14.3%	10.1%	1,178	32,682
First Payments (tier 4)	842	698	742	20.6%	13.5%	842	26,692
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,146	937	1,185	22.3%	-3.3%	1,146	27,808

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2012	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	625	499	507	25.3%	23.3%	625	35,249
Monetary Determinations	574	441	379	30.2%	51.5%	574	31,301
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	486
Number of Payments	9,120	7,549	17,362	20.8%	-47.5%	9,120	450,179
Amount of Payments	\$3,323,895	\$2,763,471	\$6,424,633	20.3%	-48.3%	\$3,323,895	\$163,605,154
Average Payment	\$364	\$366	\$370	-0.4%	-1.5%	\$364	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	614	434	501	41.5%	22.6%	614	30,624
Final Payments	507	272	527	86.4%	-3.8%	507	21,836