



Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,358 initial claims were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 683 (-9.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 205 (3.3%) from a year ago. Of the 6,358 initial claims processed this month, 399 (6.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,603 monetary determinations issued in October, 436 (12.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 59,016 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, an increase of 5,088 (9.4%) from the previous month and an increase of 6,848 (13.1%) from a year ago. There were 52,336 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$19.1 million. There were 6,395 (12.2%) partial payments issued in October 2011 compared to 6,026 (12.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 174 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 61 (-26.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 437 (-71.5%) from October 2010. It is estimated that 43 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,966 first payments and 1,815 final payments were issued in October 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 55.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,634 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2011. Of the 1,634 determinations, 1,124 (68.8%) were separation issues and 510 (31.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 565 (50.3%) separation issues and 392 (76.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 820 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2011. Of the 820 processed, 641 (78.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 179 (21.8%) 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 2,538 initial claims processed during the month of October, a decrease of 170 (-6.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 590 (-18.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,224 monetary determinations issued 37 (3.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 62,497 (24,930 under tier 1, 16,895 under tier 2, 14,087 under tier 3 and 6,585 under tier 4) payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.0 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

First and Final Claims – 4,507 first payments (1,345 under tier 1, 1,155 under tier 2, 975 under tier 3 and 1,032 under tier 4) and 5,112 final payments (1,370 under tier 1, 1,295 under tier 2, 1,283 under tier 3 and 1,164 under tier 4) were issued in October 2011. To date 74,143 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 531 initial claims processed during the month of October, a decrease of 86 (-13.9%) from the previous month. Of the 495 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 7,518 payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$362.

First and Final Claims – 584 first payments were issued and 416 final payments were issued in October 2011. To date 29,093 first payments and 20,837 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	2011	2010
Initial Claims	6,358	7,041	6,153	-9.7%	3.3%	75,024	79,551
Monetary Determinations	3,603	4,188	3,569	-14.0%	1.0%	46,923	50,960
Monetary Ineligible	436	451	469	-3.3%	-7.0%	4,855	5,364
Weeks Claimed	59,016	53,928	52,168	9.4%	13.1%	733,146	808,688
Number of Payments	52,336	49,286	48,872	6.2%	7.1%	662,690	738,090
Amount of Payments	\$19,114,980	\$17,685,643	\$17,784,801	8.1%	7.5%	\$239,974,939	\$269,526,828
Average Payment	\$365	\$359	\$364	1.8%	0.4%	\$362	\$365
Partial Payments	6,395	6,570	6,026	-2.7%	6.1%	73,064	79,840
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.2	17.3	18.4	-0.5%	-6.5%	17.2	18.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	55.0	54.0	58.5	1.9%	-5.9%	55.0	58.5
First Payments	2,966	2,855	2,528	3.9%	17.3%	37,795	40,728
Final Payments	1,815	1,692	1,945	7.3%	-6.7%	21,319	23,549
Workshare Initial Claim:	174	235	611	-26.0%	-71.5%	2,852	10,516
Workshare Equivalency	43	53	129	-18.9%	-66.7%	742	2,553
Workshare Continued Claim:	3,758	4,500	6,703	-16.5%	-43.9%	52,686	92,706

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,538	2,708	3,128	-6.3%	-18.9%	28,632	126,881
Monetary Determinations	1,224	1,410	1,799	-13.2%	-32.0%	15,821	74,798
Monetary Ineligible	37	47	37	-21.3%	0.0%	600	1,801
Number of Payments	62,497	53,976	46,881	15.8%	33.3%	602,280	2,214,039
Amount of Payments	\$22,958,873	\$19,941,252	\$17,082,786	15.1%	34.4%	\$221,617,735	\$808,375,272
Average Payment	\$367	\$369	\$364	-0.6%	0.8%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	38.9	37.3	45.9	4.3%	-15.2%	38.9	29.9
First Payments (tier 1)	1,345	1,299	1,736	3.5%	-22.5%	15,553	74,143
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,370	1,417	800	-3.3%	71.3%	14,494	53,820
First Payments (tier 2)	1,155	1,174	1,026	-1.6%	12.6%	12,108	47,302
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,295	1,198	749	8.1%	72.9%	12,480	45,612
First Payments (tier 3)	975	938	721	3.9%	35.2%	9,780	31,243
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,283	1,110	690	15.6%	85.9%	10,934	29,464
First Payments (tier 4)	1,032	878	624	17.5%	65.4%	8,798	24,391
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,164	1,059	788	9.9%	47.7%	9,948	24,690

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	531	617	596	-13.9%	-10.9%	4,757	33,511
Monetary Determinations	495	562	401	-11.9%	23.4%	3,898	29,715
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	486
Number of Payments	7,518	6,053	26,485	24.2%	-71.6%	90,806	426,522
Amount of Payments	\$2,718,475	\$2,191,976	\$10,039,721	24.0%	-72.9%	\$33,259,942	\$154,971,833
Average Payment	\$362	\$362	\$379	-0.1%	-4.6%	\$366	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	584	516	557	13.2%	4.8%	4,211	29,093
Final Payments	416	299	1,996	39.1%	-79.2%	5,139	20,837