



## Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2011

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 7,041 initial claims were processed during the month of September, an increase of 233 (3.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 1,514 (27.4%) from a year ago. September initial claims total includes 1,525 claims filed as a result of Tropical Storm Irene. Of the 7,041 initial claims processed this month, 424 (6.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,188 monetary determinations issued in September, 451 (10.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 53,928 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 23,801 (-30.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 5,668 (-9.5%) from a year ago. There were 49,286 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.7 million. There were 6,570 (14.6%) partial payments issued in September 2011 compared to 6,577 (12.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$359. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.2 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 235 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 123 (-34.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 576 (-71.0%) from September 2010. It is estimated that 53 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,855 first payments and 1,692 final payments were issued in September 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 54.0 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,695 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2011. Of the 1,695 determinations, 1,087 (64.1%) were separation issues and 608 (35.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 504 (46.4%) separation issues and 493 (81.1%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 695 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2011. Of the 695 processed, 567 (81.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 128 (18.4%) 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 2,708 initial claims processed during the month of September, a decrease of 121 (-4.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 248 (-8.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,410 monetary determinations issued 47 (3.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** – There were 53,976 (22,027 under tier 1, 14,171 under tier 2, 12,347 under tier 3 and 5,431 under tier 4) payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$19.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,289 first payments (1,299 under tier 1, 1,174 under tier 2, 938 under tier 3 and 878 under tier 4) and 4,784 final payments (1,417 under tier 1, 1,198 under tier 2, 1,110 under tier 3 and 1,059 under tier 4) were issued in September 2011. To date 72,798 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 617 initial claims processed during the month of September, an increase of 40 (6.9%) from the previous month. Of the 562 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** – There were 6,053 payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$362.

**First and Final Claims** – 516 first payments were issued and 299 final payments were issued in September 2011. To date 28,509 first payments and 20,421 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	7,041	6,808	5,527	3.4%	27.4%	68,666	73,398
Monetary Determinations	4,188	4,645	3,588	-9.8%	16.7%	43,320	47,391
Monetary Ineligible	451	431	569	4.6%	-20.7%	4,419	4,895
Weeks Claimed	53,928	77,729	59,596	-30.6%	-9.5%	674,130	756,520
Number of Payments	49,286	70,078	54,120	-29.7%	-8.9%	610,354	689,218
Amount of Payments	\$17,685,643	\$24,210,032	\$19,596,400	-26.9%	-9.8%	\$220,859,959	\$251,742,027
Average Payment	\$359	\$345	\$362	3.9%	-0.9%	\$362	\$365
Partial Payments	6,570	7,347	6,577	-10.6%	-0.1%	66,669	73,814
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.2	17.5	18.6	-1.7%	-7.5%	17.2	18.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	54.0	53.3	57.5	1.4%	-6.0%	54.0	57.5
First Payments	2,855	3,086	2,642	-7.5%	8.1%	34,829	38,200
Final Payments	1,692	2,144	1,857	-21.1%	-8.9%	19,504	21,604
Workshare Initial Claim:	235	358	811	-34.4%	-71.0%	2,678	9,905
Workshare Equivalency	53	102	211	-48.0%	-74.9%	699	2,424
Workshare Continued Claim:	4,500	5,021	7,308	-10.4%	-38.4%	48,928	86,003

## 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	2,708	2,829	2,956	-4.3%	-8.4%	26,094	124,343
Monetary Determinations	1,410	1,589	1,689	-11.3%	-16.5%	14,597	73,574
Monetary Ineligible	47	65	40	-27.7%	17.5%	563	1,764
Number of Payments	53,976	66,596	44,499	-19.0%	21.3%	539,783	2,151,542
Amount of Payments	\$19,941,252	\$24,489,890	\$16,489,513	-18.6%	20.9%	\$198,658,862	\$785,416,399
Average Payment	\$369	\$368	\$371	0.5%	-0.3%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	37.3	36.2	45.1	3.0%	-17.3%	37.3	29.6
First Payments (tier 1)	1,299	1,586	1,610	-18.1%	-19.3%	14,208	72,798
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,417	1,486	1,144	-4.6%	23.9%	13,124	52,450
First Payments (tier 2)	1,174	1,133	1,210	3.6%	-3.0%	10,953	46,147
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,198	1,370	678	-12.6%	76.7%	11,185	44,317
First Payments (tier 3)	938	987	767	-5.0%	22.3%	8,805	30,268
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,110	1,329	428	-16.5%	159.3%	9,651	28,181
First Payments (tier 4)	878	1,060	618	-17.2%	42.1%	7,766	23,359
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,059	1,051	1,107	0.8%	-4.3%	8,784	23,526

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	617	577	896	6.9%	-31.1%	4,226	32,980
Monetary Determinations	562	411	703	36.7%	-20.1%	3,403	29,220
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	1	0.0%	-100.0%	1	486
Number of Payments	6,053	6,767	31,924	-10.6%	-81.0%	83,288	419,004
Amount of Payments	\$2,191,976	\$2,443,024	\$11,906,469	-10.3%	-81.6%	\$30,541,467	\$152,253,358
Average Payment	\$362	\$361	\$373	0.3%	-2.9%	\$367	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	20.9	24.3	13.6	-13.8%	53.9%	20.9	14.7
First Payments	516	507	656	1.8%	-21.3%	3,627	28,509
Final Payments	299	500	1,355	-40.2%	-77.9%	4,723	20,421