



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,699 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,121 (-27.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,461 (-20.4%) from a year ago. Of the 5,699 initial claims processed this month, 145 (2.5%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,761 monetary determinations issued in May, 540 (14.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 70,439 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 1,233 (-1.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 12,281 (-14.8%) from a year ago. There were 63,845 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.2 million. There were 7,638 (12.0%) partial payments issued in May 2011 compared to 7,753 (11.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$364. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 246 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 34 (16.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 708 (-74.2%) from May 2010. It is estimated that 59 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,842 first payments and 2,595 final payments were issued in May 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 56.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,939 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2011. Of the 1,939 determinations, 1,386 (71.5%) were separation issues and 553 (28.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 655 (47.3%) separation issues and 489 (88.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 753 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2011. Of the 753 processed, 650 (86.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 103 (13.7%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in more than 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 3,050 initial claims processed during the month of May, an increase of 10 (-0.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 728 (-19.3%) from a year ago. Of the 1,724 monetary determinations issued 52 (3.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 70,154 (31,366 under tier 1, 18,806 under tier 2, 14,088 under tier 3 and 5,894 under tier 4) payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$25.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

First and Final Claims – 5,330 first payments (1,901 under tier 1, 1,321 under tier 2, 1,207 under tier 3 and 901 under tier 4) and 5,271 final payments (1,608 under tier 1, 1,460 under tier 2, 1,109 under tier 3 and 1,094 under tier 4) were issued in May 2011. To date 67,362 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 567 initial claims processed during the month of May, an increase of 165 (41.0%) from the previous month. Of the 493 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 8,017 payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365.

First and Final Claims – 517 first payments were issued and 895 final payments were issued in May 2011. To date 26,958 first payments and 19,155 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 | 5,699 | 7,820 | 7,160 | -27.1% | -20.4% | 39,412 | 45,574 |
| Monetary Determinations | 3,761 | 3,880 | 4,341 | -3.1% | -13.4% | 25,420 | 29,766 |
| Monetary Ineligible | 540 | 440 | 552 | 22.7% | -2.2% | 2,750 | 2,923 |
| Weeks Claimed | 70,439 | 71,672 | 82,720 | -1.7% | -14.8% | 419,793 | 468,665 |
| Number of Payments | 63,845 | 66,351 | 66,943 | -3.8% | -4.6% | 381,320 | 418,290 |
| Amount of Payments | \$23,239,777 | \$24,244,154 | \$24,308,109 | -4.1% | -4.4% | \$140,257,632 | \$156,025,019 |
| Average Payment | \$364 | \$365 | \$363 | -0.4% | 0.2% | \$368 | \$373 |
| Partial Payments | 7,638 | 7,314 | 7,753 | 4.4% | -1.5% | 40,334 | 43,632 |
| Average Duration (12 Months) | 17.9 | 17.8 | 20.1 | 0.7% | -10.9% | 17.9 | 20.1 |
| Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months) | 56.5 | 56.7 | 59.5 | -0.3% | -5.0% | 56.5 | 59.5 |
| First Payments | 2,842 | 2,930 | 3,294 | -3.0% | -13.7% | 21,678 | 24,278 |
| Final Payments | 2,595 | 2,444 | 2,457 | 6.2% | 5.6% | 12,198 | 12,762 |
| Workshare Initial Claim: | 246 | 212 | 954 | 16.0% | -74.2% | 1,905 | 6,336 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 59 | 52 | 243 | 13.5% | -75.7% | 492 | 1,497 |

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 | 3,050 | 3,040 | 3,778 | 0.3% | -19.3% | 15,515 | 113,764 |
| Monetary Determinations | 1,724 | 1,790 | 1,836 | -3.7% | -6.1% | 8,850 | 67,827 |
| Monetary Ineligible | 52 | 86 | 60 | -39.5% | -13.3% | 370 | 1,571 |
| Number of Payments | 70,154 | 56,969 | 71,646 | 23.1% | -2.1% | 306,429 | 1,918,188 |
| Amount of Payments | \$25,748,193 | \$20,800,582 | \$26,729,908 | 23.8% | -3.7% | \$112,625,713 | \$699,383,250 |
| Average Payment | \$367 | \$365 | \$373 | 0.5% | -1.6% | \$368 | \$365 |
| Average Duration (12 months) | 38.5 | 39.1 | 34.1 | -1.5% | 12.9% | 38.5 | 28.5 |
| First Payments (tier 1) | 1,901 | 1,654 | 1,671 | 14.9% | 13.8% | 8,772 | 67,362 |
| Final Payments (tier 1) | 1,608 | 1,355 | 1,439 | 18.7% | 11.7% | 7,500 | 46,826 |
| First Payments (tier 2) | 1,321 | 1,185 | 1,361 | 11.5% | -2.9% | 6,418 | 41,612 |
| Final Payments (tier 2) | 1,460 | 1,221 | 1,569 | 19.6% | -6.9% | 5,986 | 39,118 |
| First Payments (tier 3) | 1,207 | 941 | 1,319 | 28.3% | -8.5% | 4,850 | 26,313 |
| Final Payments (tier 3) | 1,109 | 941 | 1,665 | 17.9% | -33.4% | 5,251 | 23,781 |
| First Payments (tier 4) | 901 | 814 | 1,448 | 10.7% | -37.8% | 4,397 | 19,990 |
| Final Payments (tier 4) | 1,094 | 910 | 1,458 | 20.2% | -25.0% | 5,022 | 19,764 |

Extended Benefits

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|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Previous Month | Year Ago | | |
| Initial Claims | 567 | 402 | 1,047 | 41.0% | -45.8% | 2,391 | 31,145 |
| Monetary Determinations | 493 | 324 | 995 | 52.2% | -50.5% | 1,900 | 27,717 |
| Monetary Ineligible | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 1 | 486 |
| Number of Payments | 8,017 | 9,973 | 5,259 | -19.6% | 52.4% | 58,638 | 394,354 |
| Amount of Payments | \$2,926,490 | \$3,720,395 | \$1,857,830 | -21.3% | 57.5% | \$21,587,562 | \$143,299,453 |
| Average Payment | \$365 | \$373 | \$353 | -2.1% | 3.3% | \$368 | \$363 |
| Average Duration (12months) | 16.0 | 15.6 | 16.2 | 2.9% | -0.9% | 16.0 | 14.6 |
| First Payments | 517 | 402 | 758 | 28.6% | -31.8% | 2,076 | 26,958 |
| Final Payments | 895 | 821 | 98 | 9.0% | 813.3% | 3,457 | 19,155 |