



Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,820 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,362 (21.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,668 (-17.6%) from a year ago. Of the 7,820 initial claims processed this month, 182 (2.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,880 monetary determinations issued in April, 440 (11.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 71,672 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 16,236 (-18.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 11,617 (-13.9%) from a year ago. There were 66,351 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$24.2 million. There were 7,314 (11.0%) partial payments issued in April 2011 compared to 8,942 (11.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 212 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 286 (-57.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,095 (-83.8%) from April 2010. It is estimated that 52 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,930 first payments and 2,444 final payments were issued in April 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 56.7 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,500 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2011. Of the 1,500 determinations, 1,034 (68.9%) were separation issues and 466 (31.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 449 (43.4%) separation issues and 391 (83.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 590 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2011. Of the 590 processed, 549 (93.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 41 (6.9%) 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 3,040 initial claims processed during the month of April, a decrease of 328 (-9.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 227 (8.1%) from a year ago. Of the 1,790 monetary determinations issued 86 (4.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 56,969 (25,447 under tier 1, 15,955 under tier 2, 10,690 under tier 3 and 4,877 under tier 4) payments issued in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365.

First and Final Claims – 4,594 first payments (1,654 under tier 1, 1,185 under tier 2, 941 under tier 3 and 814 under tier 4) and 4,427 final payments (1,355 under tier 1, 1,221 under tier 2, 941 under tier 3 and 910 under tier 4) were issued in April 2011. To date 65,461 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 402 initial claims processed during the month of April, a decrease of 173 (-30.1%) from the previous month. Of the 324 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 9,973 payments issued in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$3.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373.

First and Final Claims – 402 first payments were issued and 821 final payments were issued in April 2011. To date 26,441 first payments and 18,260 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	7,820	6,458	9,488	21.1%	-17.6%	33,713	38,414
Monetary Determinations	3,880	4,429	5,572	-12.4%	-30.4%	21,659	25,425
Monetary Ineligible	440	485	667	-9.3%	-34.0%	2,210	2,371
Weeks Claimed	71,672	87,908	83,289	-18.5%	-13.9%	349,354	385,945
Number of Payments	66,351	82,035	76,218	-19.1%	-12.9%	317,475	351,347
Amount of Payments	\$24,244,154	\$30,365,350	\$28,200,206	-20.2%	-14.0%	\$117,017,855	\$131,716,910
Average Payment	\$365	\$370	\$370	-1.3%	-1.2%	\$369	\$375
Partial Payments	7,314	8,367	8,942	-12.6%	-18.2%	32,696	35,879
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.8	17.6	20.5	1.2%	-13.1%	17.8	20.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	56.7	57.0	60.7	-0.5%	-6.5%	56.7	60.7
First Payments	2,930	3,736	4,045	-21.6%	-27.6%	18,836	20,984
Final Payments	2,444	2,479	2,748	-1.4%	-11.1%	9,603	10,305
Workshare Initial Claim:	212	498	1,307	-57.4%	-83.8%	1,659	5,382
Workshare Equivalency	52	127	301	-59.1%	-82.7%	433	1,254

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	3,040	3,368	2,813	-9.7%	8.1%	12,465	110,714
Monetary Determinations	1,790	1,940	1,469	-7.7%	21.9%	7,126	66,103
Monetary Ineligible	86	100	18	-14.0%	377.8%	318	1,519
Number of Payments	56,969	59,270	75,133	-3.9%	-24.2%	236,275	1,848,034
Amount of Payments	\$20,800,582	\$21,709,276	\$27,904,824	-4.2%	-25.5%	\$86,877,520	\$673,635,057
Average Payment	\$365	\$366	\$371	-0.3%	-1.7%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	39.1	40.9	32.1	-4.4%	21.8%	39.1	28.2
First Payments (tier 1)	1,654	1,725	1,326	-4.1%	24.7%	6,871	65,461
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,355	1,600	1,505	-15.3%	-10.0%	5,892	45,218
First Payments (tier 2)	1,185	1,272	1,282	-6.8%	-7.6%	5,097	40,291
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,221	1,103	1,874	10.7%	-34.8%	4,526	37,658
First Payments (tier 3)	941	872	1,377	7.9%	-31.7%	3,643	25,106
Final Payments (tier 3)	941	930	1,697	1.2%	-44.5%	4,142	22,672
First Payments (tier 4)	814	841	1,235	-3.2%	-34.1%	3,496	19,089
Final Payments (tier 4)	910	1,182	2,163	-23.0%	-57.9%	3,928	18,670

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	402	575	1,256	-30.1%	-68.0%	1,824	30,578
Monetary Determinations	324	483	1,142	-32.9%	-71.6%	1,407	27,224
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	5	-	-	1	486
Number of Payments	9,973	10,767	3,558	-7.4%	180.3%	50,621	386,337
Amount of Payments	\$3,720,395	\$3,942,711	\$1,211,066	-5.6%	207.2%	\$18,661,072	\$140,372,963
Average Payment	\$373	\$366	\$340	1.9%	9.6%	\$369	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	15.6	14.6	16.7	7.0%	-6.5%	15.6	14.6
First Payments	402	408	988	-1.5%	-59.3%	1,559	26,441
Final Payments	821	514	97	59.7%	746.4%	2,562	18,260