



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,458 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 2,727 (-29.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,009 (-13.5%) from a year ago. Of the 6,458 initial claims processed this month, 259 (4.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,429 monetary determinations issued in March, 485 (11.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 87,908 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 1,788 (-2.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 26,157 (-22.9%) from a year ago. There were 82,035 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$30.4 million. There were 8,367 (10.2%) partial payments issued in March 2011 compared to 10,724 (10.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$370. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 498 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 77 (18.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 616 (-55.3%) from March 2010. It is estimated that 127 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,736 first payments and 2,479 final payments were issued in March 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 57.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,911 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2011. Of the 1,911 determinations, 1,306 (68.3%) were separation issues and 605 (31.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 582 (44.6%) separation issues and 458 (75.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 584 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2011. Of the 584 processed, 507 (86.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 77 (13.2%) 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 3,368 initial claims processed during the month of March, an increase of 405 (13.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 809 (-19.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,940 monetary determinations issued 100 (5.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 59,270 (26,987 under tier 1, 15,379 under tier 2, 10,917 under tier 3 and 5,987 under tier 4) payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$21.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

First and Final Claims – 4,710 first payments (1,725 under tier 1, 1,272 under tier 2, 872 under tier 3 and 841 under tier 4) and 4,815 final payments (1,600 under tier 1, 1,103 under tier 2, 930 under tier 3 and 1,182 under tier 4) were issued in March 2011. To date 63,807 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 575 initial claims processed during the month of March, an increase of 235 (69.1%) from the previous month. Of the 483 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 10,767 payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$3.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

First and Final Claims – 408 first payments were issued and 514 final payments were issued in March 2011. To date 26,039 first payments and 17,439 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	6,458	9,185	7,467	-29.7%	-13.5%	25,893	28,926
Monetary Determinations	4,429	5,676	5,086	-22.0%	-12.9%	17,779	19,853
Monetary Ineligible	485	600	588	-19.2%	-17.5%	1,770	1,704
Weeks Claimed	87,908	89,696	114,065	-2.0%	-22.9%	277,682	302,656
Number of Payments	82,035	81,556	106,257	0.6%	-22.8%	251,124	275,129
Amount of Payments	\$30,365,350	\$30,066,081	\$39,999,043	1.0%	-24.1%	\$92,773,701	\$103,516,704
Average Payment	\$370	\$369	\$376	0.4%	-1.7%	\$369	\$376
Partial Payments	8,367	8,476	10,724	-1.3%	-22.0%	25,382	26,937
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.6	17.8	20.4	-1.1%	-13.7%	17.6	20.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	57.0	57.9	61.4	-1.5%	-7.2%	57.0	61.4
First Payments	3,736	5,071	4,683	-26.3%	-20.2%	15,906	16,939
Final Payments	2,479	2,093	3,013	18.4%	-17.7%	7,159	7,557
Workshare Initial Claim	498	421	1,114	18.3%	-55.3%	1,447	4,075
Workshare Equivalency	127	119	264	6.7%	-51.9%	381	953

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	3,368	2,963	4,177	13.7%	-19.4%	9,425	107,674
Monetary Determinations	1,940	1,645	1,922	17.9%	0.9%	5,336	64,313
Monetary Ineligible	100	69	49	44.9%	104.1%	232	1,433
Number of Payments	59,270	55,426	103,449	6.9%	-42.7%	179,306	1,791,065
Amount of Payments	\$21,709,276	\$20,495,433	\$38,162,888	5.9%	-43.1%	\$66,076,938	\$652,834,475
Average Payment	\$366	\$370	\$369	-0.9%	-0.7%	\$369	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	40.9	42.8	29.7	-4.5%	37.6%	40.9	28.1
First Payments (tier 1)	1,725	1,595	1,955	8.2%	-11.8%	5,217	63,807
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,600	1,307	1,996	22.4%	-19.8%	4,537	43,863
First Payments (tier 2)	1,272	1,174	1,908	8.3%	-33.3%	3,912	39,106
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,103	926	2,690	19.1%	-59.0%	3,305	36,437
First Payments (tier 3)	872	748	2,411	16.6%	-63.8%	2,702	24,165
Final Payments (tier 3)	930	1,201	2,262	-22.6%	-58.9%	3,201	21,731
First Payments (tier 4)	841	1,099	2,978	-23.5%	-71.8%	2,682	18,275
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,182	651	2,348	81.6%	-49.7%	3,018	17,760

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	575	340	376	69.1%	52.9%	1,422	30,176
Monetary Determinations	483	221	309	118.6%	56.3%	1,083	26,900
Monetary Ineligible	0	1	0	-	-	1	486
Number of Payments	10,767	12,519	2,775	-14.0%	288.0%	40,648	376,364
Amount of Payments	\$3,942,711	\$4,573,333	\$893,148	-13.8%	341.4%	\$14,940,677	\$136,652,568
Average Payment	\$366	\$365	\$322	0.2%	13.8%	\$368	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	14.6	14.3	18.5	2.4%	-20.9%	14.6	14.5
First Payments	408	248	265	64.5%	54.0%	1,157	26,039
Final Payments	514	700	478	-26.6%	7.5%	1,741	17,439