



Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 12,802 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 4,909 (62.2%) from the previous month, and an increase of 2,026 (18.8%) from a year ago. Of the 12,802 initial claims processed this month, 386 (3.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 7,837 monetary determinations issued in December, 763 (9.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 71,036 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 2,676 (3.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 8,568 (-10.8%) from a year ago. There were 63,717 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.3 million. There were 7,403 (11.6%) partial payments issued in December 2010 compared to 7,974 (11.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.7 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 727 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 129 (-15.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,261 (-63.4%) from December 2009. It is estimated that 168 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,554 first payments and 2,109 final payments were issued in December 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 57.6 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,901 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2010. Of the 1,901 determinations, 1,362 (71.6%) were separation issues and 539 (28.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 627 (46.0%) separation issues and 456 (84.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 391 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2010. Of the 391 processed, 333 (85.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 58 (14.8%) 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 2,520 initial claims processed during the month of December, a decrease of 1,202 (-32.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,763 (-41.2%) from a year ago. Of the 1,174 monetary determinations issued 27 (2.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 58,558 (26,935 under tier 1, 12,823 under tier 2, 11,735 under tier 3 and 7,065 under tier 4) payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$21.6 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

First and Final Claims – 3,525 first payments (913 under tier 1, 863 under tier 2, 850 under tier 3 and 899 under tier 4) and 4,813 final payments (1,361 under tier 1, 1,225 under tier 2, 817 under tier 3 and 1,410 under tier 4) were issued in December 2010. To date 58,590 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 2,754 initial claims processed during the month of December, an increase of 2,141 (349.3%) from the previous month. Of the 2,420 monetary determinations issued 34 (1.4%) of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 12,921 payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$4.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

First and Final Claims – 2,383 first payments were issued and 623 final payments were issued in December 2010. To date 24,882 first payments and 15,698 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	2010	2009
Initial Claims	12,802	7,893	10,776	62.2%	18.8%	100,246	116,118
Monetary Determinations	7,837	4,711	6,236	66.4%	25.7%	63,508	69,380
Monetary Ineligible	763	593	469	28.7%	62.7%	6,720	4,950
Weeks Claimed	71,036	68,360	79,604	3.9%	-10.8%	948,084	1,191,837
Number of Payments	63,717	62,122	72,301	2.6%	-11.9%	863,929	1,109,239
Amount of Payments	\$23,339,657	\$22,518,909	\$27,102,597	3.6%	-13.9%	\$315,385,394	\$411,267,553
Average Payment	\$366	\$362	\$375	1.1%	-2.3%	\$365	\$371
Partial Payments	7,403	7,642	7,974	-3.1%	-7.2%	94,885	99,213
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.7	18.0	20.0	-1.5%	-11.4%	17.7	20.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	57.6	57.3	61.4	0.5%	-6.2%	57.6	61.4
First Payments	4,554	3,468	4,146	31.3%	9.8%	48,750	55,512
Final Payments	2,109	2,223	2,446	-5.1%	-13.8%	27,881	34,632
Workshare Initial Claim:	727	856	1,988	-15.1%	-63.4%	12,099	27,372
Workshare Equivalency	168	212	459	-20.8%	-63.4%	2,933	6,618

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,520	3,722	4,283	-32.3%	-41.2%	36,001	98,249
Monetary Determinations	1,174	2,007	1,908	-41.5%	-38.5%	17,733	58,977
Monetary Ineligible	27	37	18	-27.0%	50.0%	400	1,201
Number of Payments	58,558	67,714	81,226	-13.5%	-27.9%	796,222	1,611,759
Amount of Payments	\$21,614,306	\$24,752,272	\$29,847,095	-12.7%	-27.6%	\$293,741,859	\$586,757,537
Average Payment	\$369	\$366	\$367	1.0%	0.4%	\$369	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	46.0	44.8	24.7	2.7%	86.2%	46.0	27.5
First Payments (tier 1)	913	2,256	1,898	-59.5%	-51.9%	17,313	58,590
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,361	821	2,072	65.8%	-34.3%	16,623	39,326
First Payments (tier 2)	863	1,068	2,012	-19.2%	-57.1%	14,278	35,194
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,225	1,347	1,500	-9.1%	-18.3%	18,750	33,132
First Payments (tier 3)	850	1,556	2,504	-45.4%	-66.1%	15,138	21,463
Final Payments (tier 3)	817	1,364	89	-40.1%	818.0%	18,441	18,530
First Payments (tier 4)	899	1,655	7	-45.7%	-	15,586	15,593
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,410	755	1	86.8%	-	14,741	14,742

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,754	613	132	349.3%	-	17,744	28,754
Monetary Determinations	2,420	397	9	509.6%	-	15,762	25,817
Monetary Ineligible	34	2	0	-	-	158	485
Number of Payments	12,921	19,203	9,473	-32.7%	36.4%	205,260	335,716
Amount of Payments	\$4,739,774	\$7,214,651	\$3,338,912	-34.3%	42.0%	\$75,915,454	\$121,711,891
Average Payment	\$367	\$376	\$352	-2.4%	4.1%	\$370	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	13.6	15.8	17.2	-14.2%	-21.2%	13.6	13.5
First Payments	2,383	211	32	-	-	15,143	24,882
Final Payments	623	3,278	699	-81.0%	-10.9%	10,206	15,698