



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: October 31, 2010*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 6,153 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 626 (11.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 756 (-10.9%) from a year ago. Of the 6,153 initial claims processed this month, 186 (3.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,569 monetary determinations issued in October, 469 (13.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 52,168 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 7,428 (-12.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 16,643 (-24.2%) from a year ago. There were 48,872 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.8 million. There were 6,026 (12.3%) partial payments issued in October 2010 compared to 7,087 (11.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$364. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 18.4 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 611 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 200 (-24.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,297 (-68.0%) from October 2009. It is estimated that 129 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,528 first payments and 1,945 final payments were issued in October 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 58.5 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,656 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2010. Of the 1,656 determinations, 1,200 (72.5%) were separation issues and 456 (27.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 584 (48.7%) separation issues and 416 (91.2%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 407 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2010. Of the 407 processed, 356 (87.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 51 (12.5%) 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 3,128 initial claims processed during the month of October, an increase of 172 (5.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,120 (-26.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,799 monetary determinations issued 37 (2.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 46,881 (20,159 under tier 1, 13,247 under tier 2, 10,258 under tier 3 and 3,217 under tier 4) payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.1 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$364.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,107 first payments (1,736 under tier 1, 1,026 under tier 2, 721 under tier 3 and 624 under tier 4) and 3,027 final payments (800 under tier 1, 749 under tier 2, 690 under tier 3 and 788 under tier 4) were issued in October 2010. To date 55,421 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 596 initial claims processed during the month of October, a decrease of 300 (-33.5%) from the previous month. Of the 401 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 26,485 payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.0 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$379.

**First and Final Claims** – 557 first payments were issued and 1,996 final payments were issued in October 2010. To date 22,288 first payments and 11,797 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	6,153	5,527	6,909	11.3%	-10.9%	79,551	98,078
Monetary Determinations	3,569	3,588	3,692	-0.5%	-3.3%	50,960	59,105
Monetary Ineligible	469	569	383	-17.6%	22.5%	5,364	4,049
Weeks Claimed	52,168	59,596	68,811	-12.5%	-24.2%	808,688	1,034,106
Number of Payments	48,872	54,120	62,270	-9.7%	-21.5%	738,090	965,491
Amount of Payments	\$17,784,801	\$19,596,400	\$23,514,094	-9.2%	-24.4%	\$269,526,828	\$357,427,017
Average Payment	\$364	\$362	\$378	0.5%	-3.6%	\$365	\$370
Partial Payments	6,026	6,577	7,087	-8.4%	-15.0%	79,840	82,905
Average Duration (12 Months)	18.4	18.6	19.4	-1.0%	-5.1%	18.4	19.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	58.5	57.5	60.8	1.7%	-3.8%	58.5	60.8
First Payments	2,528	2,642	2,836	-4.3%	-10.9%	40,728	48,340
Final Payments	1,945	1,857	2,611	4.7%	-25.5%	23,549	29,247
Workshare Initial Claim:	611	811	1,908	-24.7%	-68.0%	10,516	23,692
Workshare Equivalency	129	211	405	-38.9%	-68.1%	2,553	5,793

## 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	3,128	2,956	4,248	5.8%	-26.4%	29,759	92,007
Monetary Determinations	1,799	1,689	2,254	6.5%	-20.2%	14,552	55,796
Monetary Ineligible	37	40	50	-7.5%	-26.0%	336	1,137
Number of Payments	46,881	44,499	55,008	5.4%	-14.8%	669,950	1,485,487
Amount of Payments	\$17,082,786	\$16,489,513	\$20,480,621	3.6%	-16.6%	\$247,375,281	\$540,390,959
Average Payment	\$364	\$371	\$372	-1.7%	-2.1%	\$369	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	45.9	45.1	21.4	1.8%	114.4%	45.9	26.8
First Payments (tier 1)	1,736	1,610	2,247	7.8%	-22.7%	14,144	55,421
Final Payments (tier 1)	800	1,144	1,759	-30.1%	-54.5%	14,441	37,144
First Payments (tier 2)	1,026	1,210	1,612	-15.2%	-36.4%	12,347	33,263
Final Payments (tier 2)	749	678	1,189	10.5%	-37.0%	16,178	30,560
First Payments (tier 3)	721	767	-	-6.0%	-	12,732	19,057
Final Payments (tier 3)	690	428	-	61.2%	-	16,260	16,349
First Payments (tier 4)	624	618	-	1.0%	-	13,032	13,039
Final Payments (tier 4)	788	1,107	-	-28.8%	-	12,576	12,577

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	596	896	989	-33.5%	-39.7%	14,377	25,387
Monetary Determinations	401	703	908	-43.0%	-55.8%	12,945	23,000
Monetary Ineligible	0	1	2	-100.0%	-100.0%	122	449
Number of Payments	26,485	31,924	12,357	-17.0%	114.3%	173,136	303,592
Amount of Payments	\$10,039,721	\$11,906,469	\$4,328,135	-15.7%	132.0%	\$63,961,029	\$109,757,466
Average Payment	\$379	\$373	\$350	1.6%	8.2%	\$369	\$362
Average Duration (12months)	15.0	13.6	14.4	10.2%	4.1%	15.0	13.6
First Payments	557	656	861	-15.1%	-35.3%	12,549	22,288
Final Payments	1,996	1,355	659	47.3%	202.9%	6,305	11,797