



Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,291 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 644 (-9.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,107 (-15.0%) from a year ago. Of the 6,291 initial claims processed this month, 209 (3.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,999 monetary determinations issued in August, 483 (12.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 83,789 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, an increase of 8,262 (10.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 21,561 (-20.5%) from a year ago. There were 77,817 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$26.9 million. There were 8,077 (10.4%) partial payments issued in August 2010 compared to 9,250 (9.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$345. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 18.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 730 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 495 (40.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,278 (-63.6%) from August 2009. It is estimated that 196 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,125 first payments and 2,345 final payments were issued in August 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 55.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,087 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2010. Of the 2,087 determinations, 1,243 (59.6%) were separation issues and 844 (40.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 606 (48.8%) separation issues and 599 (71.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 546 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2010. Of the 546 processed, 465 (85.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 81 (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 3,312 initial claims processed during the month of August, an increase of 1,803 (119.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 778 (-19.0%) from a year ago. Of the 1,824 monetary determinations issued 28 (1.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 49,556 (19,995 under tier 1, 12,020 under tier 2, 10,787 under tier 3 and 6,754 under tier 4) payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.4 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$371.

First and Final Claims – 6,312 first payments (1,830 under tier 1, 1,494 under tier 2, 1,484 under tier 3 and 1,504 under tier 4) and 4,924 final payments (1,471 under tier 1, 1,402 under tier 2, 1,309 under tier 3 and 742 under tier 4) were issued in July 2010. To date 52,075 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 459 initial claims processed during the month of August, a decrease of 3,512 (-88.4%) from the previous month. Of the 247 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 43,841 payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$371.

First and Final Claims – 329 first payments were issued and 704 final payments were issued in August 2010. To date 21,075 first payments and 8,446 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	6,291	6,935	7,398	-9.3%	-15.0%	67,871	84,564
Monetary Determinations	3,999	4,722	4,138	-15.3%	-3.4%	43,803	51,976
Monetary Ineligible	483	496	334	-2.6%	44.6%	4,326	3,366
Weeks Claimed	83,789	75,527	105,350	10.9%	-20.5%	696,924	888,318
Number of Payments	77,817	67,526	98,920	15.2%	-21.3%	635,098	831,949
Amount of Payments	\$26,862,263	\$23,556,985	\$35,680,504	14.0%	-24.7%	\$232,145,627	\$307,299,013
Average Payment	\$345	\$349	\$361	-1.0%	-4.3%	\$366	\$369
Partial Payments	8,077	7,046	9,250	14.6%	-12.7%	67,237	68,198
Average Duration (12 Months)	18.9	19.1	19.0	-1.3%	-0.8%	18.9	19.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	55.8	56.9	66.4	-2.0%	-16.0%	55.8	66.4
First Payments	3,125	4,849	3,676	-35.6%	-15.0%	35,558	42,669
Final Payments	2,345	2,070	3,450	13.3%	-32.0%	19,747	23,949
Workshare Initial Claim:	730	1,225	2,008	-40.4%	-63.6%	9,094	19,597
Workshare Equivalency	196	312	475	-37.2%	-58.7%	2,213	4,892

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	3,312	1,509	4,090	119.5%	-19.0%	23,675	85,923
Monetary Determinations	1,824	573	2,674	218.3%	-31.8%	11,064	52,308
Monetary Ineligible	28	17	37	64.7%	-24.3%	259	1,060
Number of Payments	49,556	39,661	61,142	24.9%	-18.9%	578,570	1,394,107
Amount of Payments	\$18,400,654	\$14,668,679	\$22,431,015	25.4%	-18.0%	\$213,802,982	\$506,818,660
Average Payment	\$371	\$370	\$367	0.4%	1.2%	\$370	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	43.8	41.9	20.3	4.5%	115.8%	43.8	26.8
First Payments (tier 1)	1,830	257	2,974	612.1%	-38.5%	10,798	52,075
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,471	1,294	1,952	13.7%	-24.6%	12,497	35,200
First Payments (tier 2)	1,494	233	1,730	541.2%	-13.6%	10,111	31,027
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,402	1,248	1,257	12.3%	11.5%	14,751	29,133
First Payments (tier 3)	1,484	245	-	505.7%	-	11,244	17,569
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,309	1,338	-	-2.2%	-	15,142	15,231
First Payments (tier 4)	1,504	422	-	256.4%	-	11,790	11,797
Final Payments (tier 4)	742	1,033	-	-28.2%	-	10,681	10,682

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	459	3,971	869	-88.4%	-47.2%	12,885	23,895
Monetary Determinations	247	3,713	846	-93.3%	-70.8%	11,841	21,896
Monetary Ineligible	0	47	3	-100.0%	-100.0%	121	448
Number of Payments	43,841	32,747	15,546	33.9%	182.0%	114,727	245,183
Amount of Payments	\$16,271,223	\$12,177,526	\$5,512,627	33.6%	195.2%	\$42,014,839	\$87,811,276
Average Payment	\$371	\$372	\$355	-0.2%	4.7%	\$366	\$358
Average Duration (12months)	12.0	9.5	11.0	26.4%	9.2%	12.0	11.6
First Payments	329	4,600	913	-92.8%	-64.0%	11,336	21,075
Final Payments	704	192	842	266.7%	-16.4%	2,954	8,446