



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,160 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,328 (-24.5%) from the previous month, and an increase of 233 (3.4%) from a year ago. Of the 7,160 initial claims processed this month, 243 (3.4%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,341 monetary determinations issued in May, 552 (12.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 82,720 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 569 (-0.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 12,424 (-13.1%) from a year ago. There were 66,943 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$24.3million. There were 7,753 (11.6%) partial payments issued in May 2010 compared to 8,005 (8.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$363. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 20.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 954 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 353 (-27.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,131 (-54.2%) from April 2009. It is estimated that 243 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,294 first payments and 2,457 final payments were issued in May 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 59.5percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,847 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2010. Of the 1,847 determinations, 1,273 (68.9%) were separation issues and 574 (31.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 602 (47.3%) separation issues and 500 (87.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 501 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2010. Of the 501 processed, 430 (85.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 71 (14.2%) 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 3,778 initial claims processed during the month of May, an increase of 965 (34.3%) from the previous month, and an increase of 690 (22.3%) from a year ago. Of the 1,836 monetary determinations issued 60 (3.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 71,646 (26,161 under tier 1, 17,988 under tier 2, 19,592 under tier 3 and 7,905 under tier 4) payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$26.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373.

First and Final Claims – 5,799 first payments (1,671 under tier 1, 1,361 under tier 2, 1,319 under tier 3 and 1,448 under tier 4) and 6,131 final payments (1,439 under tier 1, 1,569 under tier 2, 1,665 under tier 3 and 1,458 under tier 4) were issued in May 2010. To date 49,405 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 1,047 initial claims processed during the month of May, a decrease of 209 (-16.6%) from the previous month. Of the 995 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 5,259 payments issued in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$1.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$353.

First and Final Claims – 758 first payments were issued and 98 final payments was issued in May 2010. To date 11,843 first payments and 7,372 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	7,160	9,488	6,927	-24.5%	3.4%	45,574	57,088
Monetary Determinations	4,341	5,572	3,858	-22.1%	12.5%	29,766	36,721
Monetary Ineligible	552	667	282	-17.2%	95.7%	2,923	2,468
Weeks Claimed	82,720	83,289	95,144	-0.7%	-13.1%	468,665	578,473
Number of Payments	66,943	76,218	91,613	-12.2%	-26.9%	418,290	538,437
Amount of Payments	\$24,308,109	\$28,200,206	\$34,264,205	-13.8%	-29.1%	\$156,025,019	\$200,070,135
Average Payment	\$363	\$370	\$374	-1.9%	-2.9%	\$373	\$372
Partial Payments	7,753	8,942	8,005	-13.3%	-3.1%	43,632	41,090
Average Duration (12 Months)	20.1	20.5	17.5	-2.1%	14.7%	20.1	17.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	59.5	60.7	57.5	-2.0%	3.5%	59.5	57.5
First Payments	3,294	4,045	3,505	-18.6%	-6.0%	24,278	30,531
Final Payments	2,457	2,748	3,215	-10.6%	-23.6%	12,762	13,765
Workshare Initial Claim:	954	1,307	2,085	-27.0%	-54.2%	6,336	12,201
Workshare Equivalency	243	301	515	-19.3%	-52.8%	1,497	3,202

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	3,778	2,813	3,088	34.3%	22.3%	17,835	80,083
Monetary Determinations	1,836	1,469	2,220	25.0%	-17.3%	8,466	49,710
Monetary Ineligible	60	18	5	233.3%	1100.0%	194	995
Number of Payments	71,646	75,133	41,086	-4.6%	74.4%	411,172	1,226,709
Amount of Payments	\$26,729,908	\$27,904,824	\$14,601,281	-4.2%	83.1%	\$151,737,274	\$444,752,952
Average Payment	\$373	\$371	\$355	0.5%	5.0%	\$369	\$363
Average Duration (12 months)	34.1	32.1	-	6.1%	-	34.1	24.8
First Payments (tier 1)	1,671	1,326	2,239	26.0%	-25.4%	8,128	49,405
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,439	1,505	1,334	-4.4%	7.9%	8,061	30,764
First Payments (tier 2)	1,361	1,282	1,262	6.2%	7.8%	7,610	28,526
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,569	1,874	894	-16.3%	75.5%	10,239	24,621
First Payments (tier 3)	1,319	1,377	-	-4.2%	-	8,634	14,959
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,665	1,697	-	-1.9%	-	10,304	10,393
First Payments (tier 4)	1,448	1,235	-	17.2%	-	8,577	8,584
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,458	2,163	-	-32.6%	-	7,147	7,148

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	1,047	1,256	1,068	-16.6%	-2.0%	2,940	13,950
Monetary Determinations	995	1,142	1,058	-12.9%	-6.0%	2,566	12,621
Monetary Ineligible	0	5	10	-100.0%	-100.0%	6	333
Number of Payments	5,259	3,558	10,147	47.8%	-48.2%	21,320	151,776
Amount of Payments	\$1,857,830	\$1,211,066	\$3,573,439	53.4%	-48.0%	\$7,409,649	\$53,206,086
Average Payment	\$353	\$340	\$352	3.8%	0.3%	\$348	\$351
Average Duration (12months)	16.2	16.7	-	-3.2%	-	16.2	12.8
First Payments	758	988	807	-23.3%	-6.1%	2,104	11,843
Final Payments	98	97	247	1.0%	-60.3%	1,880	7,372