



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: April 30, 2010*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 9,488 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 2,021 (27.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of -893 (-8.6%) from a year ago. Of the 9,488 initial claims processed this month, 341 (3.6%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,572 monetary determinations issued in April, 667 (12.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 83,289 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 30,776 (-27.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 33,085 (-28.4%) from a year ago. There were 76,218 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$28.2 million. There were 8,942 (11.7%) partial payments issued in April 2010 compared to 9,180 (8.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$370. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 20.5 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 1,307 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 193 (17.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,736 (-57.0%) from April 2009. It is estimated that 301 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,045 first payments and 2,748 final payments were issued in April 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 60.7 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,902 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2010. Of the 1,902 determinations, 1,339 (70.4%) were separation issues and 563 (29.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 659 (49.2%) separation issues and 451 (80.1%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 558 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2010. Of the 558 processed, 480 (86.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 78 (14.0%) 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 2,813 initial claims processed during the month of April, a decrease of 1,364 (-32.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 547 (-16.3%) from a year ago. Of the 1,469 monetary determinations issued 18 (1.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 75,133 (25,812 under tier 1, 18,603 under tier 2, 20,965 under tier 3 and 9,753 under tier 4) payments issued in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$27.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$371.

**First and Final Claims** – 5,220 first payments (1,326 under tier 1, 1,282 under tier 2, 1,377 under tier 3 and 1,235 under tier 4) and 7,239 final payments (1,505 under tier 1, 1,874 under tier 2, 1,697 under tier 3 and 2,163 under tier 4) were issued in April 2010. To date 47,734 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 1,256 initial claims processed during the month of April, an increase of 880 (234.0%) from the previous month. Of the 1,142 monetary determinations issued 5 (0.4%) of them were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 3,558 payments issued in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$1.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$340.

**First and Final Claims** – 988 first payments were issued and 97 final payments were issued in April 2010. To date 11,085 first payments and 7,274 final payments have been made.

# Claims Summary

Month Ending: April 30, 2010

## Unemployment Insurance

|                              | Current Month | Previous Month | Year Ago     | Percent Change From |          | Year to Date  |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
|                              |               |                |              | Previous Month      | Year Ago | 2010          | 2009          |
| Initial Claims               | 9,488         | 7,467          | 10,381       | 27.1%               | -8.6%    | 38,414        | 50,161        |
| Monetary Determinations      | 5,572         | 5,086          | 5,457        | 9.6%                | 2.1%     | 25,425        | 32,863        |
| Monetary Ineligible          | 667           | 588            | 411          | 13.4%               | 62.3%    | 2,371         | 2,186         |
| Weeks Claimed                | 83,289        | 114,065        | 116,374      | -27.0%              | -28.4%   | 385,945       | 483,329       |
| Number of Payments           | 76,218        | 106,257        | 110,415      | -28.3%              | -31.0%   | 351,347       | 446,824       |
| Amount of Payments           | \$28,200,206  | \$39,999,043   | \$40,905,849 | -29.5%              | -31.1%   | \$131,716,910 | \$165,805,930 |
| Average Payment              | \$370         | \$376          | \$370        | -1.7%               | -0.1%    | \$375         | \$371         |
| Partial Payments             | 8,942         | 10,724         | 9,180        | -16.6%              | -2.6%    | 35,879        | 33,085        |
| Average Duration (12 Months) | 20.5          | 20.4           | 17.0         | 0.5%                | 20.5%    | 20.5          | 17.0          |
| Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months) | 60.7          | 61.4           | 54.1         | -1.1%               | 12.2%    | 60.7          | 54.1          |
| First Payments               | 4,045         | 4,683          | 6,048        | -13.6%              | -33.1%   | 20,984        | 27,026        |
| Final Payments               | 2,748         | 3,013          | 3,159        | -8.8%               | -13.0%   | 10,305        | 10,550        |
| Workshare Initial Claim:     | 1,307         | 1,114          | 3,043        | 17.3%               | -57.0%   | 5,382         | 10,116        |
| Workshare Equivalency        | 301           | 264            | 775          | 14.0%               | -61.2%   | 1,254         | 2,687         |

## 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               | 2,813         | 4,177          | 3,360        | -32.7%              | -16.3%   | 14,057            | 76,305              |
| Monetary Determinations      | 1,469         | 1,922          | 2,311        | -23.6%              | -36.4%   | 6,630             | 47,874              |
| Monetary Ineligible          | 18            | 49             | 0            | -63.3%              | -        | 134               | 935                 |
| Number of Payments           | 75,133        | 103,449        | 44,148       | -27.4%              | 70.2%    | 339,526           | 1,155,063           |
| Amount of Payments           | \$27,904,824  | \$38,162,888   | \$15,549,790 | -26.9%              | 79.5%    | \$125,007,366     | \$418,023,044       |
| Average Payment              | \$371         | \$369          | \$352        | 0.7%                | 5.4%     | \$368             | \$362               |
| Average Duration (12 months) | 32.1          | 29.7           | -            | 8.0%                | -        | 32.1              | 24.2                |
| First Payments (tier 1)      | 1,326         | 1,955          | 2,339        | -32.2%              | -43.3%   | 6,457             | 47,734              |
| Final Payments (tier 1)      | 1,505         | 1,996          | 1,275        | -24.6%              | 18.0%    | 6,622             | 29,325              |
| First Payments (tier 2)      | 1,282         | 1,908          | 1,158        | -32.8%              | 10.7%    | 6,249             | 27,165              |
| Final Payments (tier 2)      | 1,874         | 2,690          | 3,093        | -30.3%              | -39.4%   | 8,670             | 23,052              |
| First Payments (tier 3)      | 1,377         | 2,411          | -            | -42.9%              | -        | 7,315             | 13,640              |
| Final Payments (tier 3)      | 1,697         | 2,262          | -            | -25.0%              | -        | 8,639             | 8,728               |
| First Payments (tier 4)      | 1,235         | 2,978          | -            | -                   | -        | 7,129             | 7,136               |
| Final Payments (tier 4)      | 2,163         | 2,348          | -            | -                   | -        | 5,689             | 5,690               |

## Extended Benefits

|                             | Current Month | Previous Month | Year Ago    | Percent Change From |          | Year to Date 2010 | Since Program Began |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                             |               |                |             | Previous Month      | Year Ago |                   |                     |
| Initial Claims              | 1,256         | 376            | 647         | 234.0%              | 94.1%    | 1,893             | 12,903              |
| Monetary Determinations     | 1,142         | 309            | 526         | 269.6%              | 117.1%   | 1,571             | 11,626              |
| Monetary Ineligible         | 5             | 0              | 60          | -                   | -        | 6                 | 333                 |
| Number of Payments          | 3,558         | 2,775          | 5,288       | 28.2%               | -32.7%   | 16,061            | 146,517             |
| Amount of Payments          | \$1,211,066   | \$893,148      | \$1,743,474 | 35.6%               | -30.5%   | \$5,551,819       | \$51,348,256        |
| Average Payment             | \$340         | \$322          | \$330       | 5.8%                | 3.2%     | \$346             | \$350               |
| Average Duration (12months) | 16.7          | 18.5           | -           | -9.5%               | -        | 16.7              | 13.2                |
| First Payments              | 988           | 265            | 378         | 272.8%              | 161.4%   | 1,346             | 11,085              |
| Final Payments              | 97            | 478            | 173         | -79.7%              | -43.9%   | 1,782             | 7,274               |