



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,467 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 1,742 (-18.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 8,024 (-51.8%) from a year ago. Of the 7,467 initial claims processed this month, 262 (3.5%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,086 monetary determinations issued in March, 588 (11.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 114,065 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, an increase of 17,684 (18.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 39,477 (-25.7%) from a year ago. There were 106,257 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$40.0 million. There were 10,724 (10.1%) partial payments issued in March 2010 compared to 10,149 (7.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$376. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 20.4 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 1,114 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 167 (-13.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,139 (-65.8%) from March 2009. It is estimated that 264 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,683 first payments and 3,013 final payments were issued in March 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 61.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,216 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2010. Of the 2,216 determinations, 1,546 (69.8%) were separation issues and 670 (30.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 757 (49.0%) separation issues and 473 (70.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 536 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2010. Of the 536 processed, 456 (85.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 80 (14.9%) 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 4,177 initial claims processed during the month of March, an increase of 625 (17.6%) from the previous month, and an increase of 693 (19.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,922 monetary determinations issued 49 (2.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments – There were 103,449 (34,659 under tier 1, 25,545 under tier 2, 26,469 under tier 3 and 16,776 under tier 4) payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$38.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

First and Final Claims – 9,252 first payments (1,955 under tier 1, 1,908 under tier 2, 2,411 under tier 3 and 2,978 under tier 4) and 9,296 final payments (1,996 under tier 1, 2,690 under tier 2, 2,262 under tier 3 and 2,348 under tier 4) were issued in March 2010. To date 46,408 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 376 initial claims processed during the month of March, an increase of 209 (125.1%) from the previous month. Of the 309 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments – There were 2,775 payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$893 thousand. The average weekly benefit payment was \$322.

First and Final Claims – 265 first payments were issued and 478 final payments were issued in March 2010. To date 10,097 first payments and 7,177 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	7,467	9,209	15,491	-18.9%	-51.8%	28,926	39,780
Monetary Determinations	5,086	6,073	10,305	-16.3%	-50.6%	19,853	27,406
Monetary Ineligible	588	547	819	7.5%	-28.2%	1,704	1,775
Weeks Claimed	114,065	96,381	153,542	18.3%	-25.7%	302,656	366,955
Number of Payments	106,257	87,314	141,500	21.7%	-24.9%	275,129	336,409
Amount of Payments	\$39,999,043	\$32,990,667	\$52,446,241	21.2%	-23.7%	\$103,516,704	\$124,900,081
Average Payment	\$376	\$378	\$371	-0.4%	1.6%	\$376	\$371
Partial Payments	10,724	8,478	10,149	26.5%	5.7%	26,937	23,905
Average Duration (12 Months)	20.4	19.9	17.1	2.3%	19.1%	20.4	17.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	61.4	61.6	51.6	-0.4%	18.9%	61.4	51.6
First Payments	4,683	5,427	7,772	-13.7%	-39.7%	16,939	20,978
Final Payments	3,013	2,287	3,188	31.7%	-5.5%	7,557	7,391
Workshare Initial Claim:	1,114	1,281	3,253	-13.0%	-65.8%	4,075	7,073
Workshare Equivalency	264	308	892	-14.3%	-70.4%	953	1,912

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	4,177	3,552	3,484	17.6%	19.9%	11,244	73,492
Monetary Determinations	1,922	1,579	2,525	21.7%	-23.9%	5,161	46,405
Monetary Ineligible	49	34	85	44.1%	-42.4%	116	917
Number of Payments	103,449	81,248	55,382	27.3%	86.8%	264,393	1,079,930
Amount of Payments	\$38,162,888	\$29,750,502	\$19,594,387	28.3%	94.8%	\$97,102,542	\$390,118,220
Average Payment	\$369	\$366	\$354	0.7%	4.3%	\$367	\$361
Average Duration (12 months)	29.7	27.4	-	8.3%	-	29.7	23.3
First Payments (tier 1)	1,955	1,573	2,384	24.3%	-18.0%	5,131	46,408
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,996	1,522	1,346	31.1%	48.3%	5,117	27,820
First Payments (tier 2)	1,908	1,454	1,292	31.2%	47.7%	4,967	25,883
Final Payments (tier 2)	2,690	2,104	1,059	27.9%	154.0%	6,796	21,178
First Payments (tier 3)	2,411	1,763	-	36.8%	-	5,938	12,263
Final Payments (tier 3)	2,262	3,156	-	-28.3%	-	6,942	7,031
First Payments (tier 4)	2,978	1,900	-	56.7%	-	5,894	5,901
Final Payments (tier 4)	2,348	1,016	-	131.1%	-	3,526	3,527

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	376	167	366	125.1%	2.7%	637	11,647
Monetary Determinations	309	98	313	215.3%	-1.3%	429	10,484
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	23	-	-	1	328
Number of Payments	2,775	3,695	2,467	-24.9%	12.5%	12,503	142,959
Amount of Payments	\$893,148	\$1,307,251	\$738,752	-31.7%	20.9%	\$4,340,753	\$50,137,190
Average Payment	\$322	\$354	\$299	-9.0%	7.5%	\$347	\$351
Average Duration (12months)	18.5	18.5	-	0.2%	-	18.5	14.2
First Payments	265	82	274	223.2%	-3.3%	358	10,097
Final Payments	478	547	125	-12.6%	-	1,685	7,177