



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: February 28, 2010*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 9,209 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 3,041 (-24.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 3,377 (-26.8%) from a year ago. Of the 9,209 initial claims processed this month, 270 (2.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 6,073 monetary determinations issued in February, 547 (9.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 96,381 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, an increase of 4,171 (4.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 15,424 (-13.8%) from a year ago. There were 87,314 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$33.0 million. There were 8,478 (9.7%) partial payments issued in February 2010 compared to 7,208 (7.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$378. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 19.9 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 1,281 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 399 (-23.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 608 (-32.2%) from February 2009. It is estimated that 308 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 5,427 first payments and 2,287 final payments were issued in February 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 61.6 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,582 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2010. Of the 1,582 determinations, 1,101 (69.6%) were separation issues and 481 (30.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 531 (48.2%) separation issues and 389 (80.9%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 542 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2010. Of the 542 processed, 480 (88.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 62 (11.4%) 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 3,552 initial claims processed during the month of February, an increase of 37 (1.1%) from the previous month, and an increase of 1,251 (54.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,579 monetary determinations issued 34 (2.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 81,248 (28,487 under tier 1, 20,658 under tier 2, 25,935 under tier 3 and 6,168 under tier 4) payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$29.7 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

**First and Final Claims** – 6,690 first payments (1,573 under tier 1, 1,454 under tier 2, 1,763 under tier 3 and 1,900 under tier 4) and 7,798 final payments (1,522 under tier 1, 2,104 under tier 2, 3,156 under tier 3 and 1,016 under tier 4) were issued in February 2010. To date 44,453 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 167 initial claims processed during the month of February, an increase of 73 (77.7%) from the previous month. Of the 98 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 3,695 payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$1.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$354.

**First and Final Claims** – 82 first payments were issued and 547 final payments were issued in February 2010. To date 9,832 first payments and 6,699 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	9,209	12,250	12,586	-24.8%	-26.8%	21,459	24,289
Monetary Determinations	6,073	8,694	9,065	-30.1%	-33.0%	14,767	17,101
Monetary Ineligible	547	569	542	-3.9%	0.9%	1,116	956
Weeks Claimed	96,381	92,210	111,805	4.5%	-13.8%	188,591	213,413
Number of Payments	87,314	81,558	103,041	7.1%	-15.3%	168,872	194,909
Amount of Payments	\$32,990,667	\$30,526,994	\$38,438,872	8.1%	-14.2%	\$63,517,661	\$72,453,840
Average Payment	\$378	\$374	\$373	0.9%	1.3%	\$376	\$372
Partial Payments	8,478	7,735	7,208	9.6%	17.6%	16,213	13,756
Average Duration (12 Months)	19.9	19.8	17.3	0.3%	14.8%	19.9	17.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	61.6	62.1	49.7	-0.8%	23.9%	61.6	49.7
First Payments	5,427	6,829	6,271	-20.5%	-13.5%	12,256	13,206
Final Payments	2,287	2,257	2,120	1.3%	7.9%	4,544	4,203
Workshare Initial Claim:	1,281	1,680	1,889	-23.8%	-32.2%	2,961	3,820
Workshare Equivalency	308	381	512	-19.2%	-39.8%	689	1,020

## 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	3,552	3,515	2,301	1.1%	54.4%	7,067	69,315
Monetary Determinations	1,579	1,660	1,685	-4.9%	-6.3%	3,239	44,483
Monetary Ineligible	34	33	72	3.0%	-52.8%	67	868
Number of Payments	81,248	79,696	42,936	1.9%	89.2%	160,944	976,481
Amount of Payments	\$29,750,502	\$29,189,152	\$15,115,624	1.9%	96.8%	\$58,939,654	\$351,955,332
Average Payment	\$366	\$366	\$352	0.0%	4.0%	\$366	\$360
Average Duration (12 months)	27.4	26.0	-	5.4%	-	27.4	22.0
First Payments (tier 1)	1,573	1,603	1,559	-1.9%	0.9%	3,176	44,453
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,522	1,599	1,215	-4.8%	25.3%	3,121	25,824
First Payments (tier 2)	1,454	1,605	1,190	-9.4%	22.2%	3,059	23,975
Final Payments (tier 2)	2,104	2,002	670	5.1%	-	4,106	18,488
First Payments (tier 3)	1,763	1,764	-	-0.1%	-	3,527	9,852
Final Payments (tier 3)	3,156	1,524	-	107.1%	-	4,680	4,769
First Payments (tier 4)	1,900	1,016	-	87.0%	-	2,916	2,923
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,016	162	-	-	-	1,178	1,179

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	167	94	87	77.7%	92.0%	261	11,271
Monetary Determinations	98	22	76	345.5%	28.9%	120	10,175
Monetary Ineligible	0	1	5	-	-	1	328
Number of Payments	3,695	6,033	219	-38.8%	-	9,728	140,184
Amount of Payments	\$1,307,251	\$2,140,354	\$59,052	-38.9%	-	\$3,447,605	\$49,244,042
Average Payment	\$354	\$355	\$270	-0.3%	31.2%	\$354	\$351
Average Duration (12months)	18.5	18.0	-	2.6%	-	18.5	14.3
First Payments	82	11	46	645.5%	78.3%	93	9,832
Final Payments	547	660	26	-17.1%	-	1,207	6,699