



Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,264 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 355 (5.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 105 (-1.4%) from a year ago. Of the 7,264 initial claims processed this month, 298 (4.1%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,039 monetary determinations issued in November, 432 (10.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 78,127 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, an increase of 9,316 (13.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 20,161 (34.8%) from a year ago. There were 71,447 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$26.7 million. There were 8,334 (11.7%) partial payments issued in November 2009 compared to 5,022 (9.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$374. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 19.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 1,692 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 216 (-11.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 885 (109.7%) from November 2008. It is estimated that 366 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,026 first payments and 2,939 final payments were issued in November 2009. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 62.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,610 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2009. Of the 1,610 determinations, 1,112 (69.1%) were separation issues and 498 (30.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 547 (49.2%) separation issues and 418 (83.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 408 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2009. Of the 408 processed, 358 (87.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 50 (12.3%) 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 5,208 initial claims processed during the month of November, an increase of 960 (22.6%) from the previous month, and an increase of 3,547 (213.5%) from a year ago. Of the 1,888 monetary determinations issued 24 (1.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 78,042 (45,462 under tier 1, 25,801 under tier 2 and 6,779 under tier 3) payments issued in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$28.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

First and Final Claims – 7,969 first payments (2,028 under tier 1, 2,120 under tier 2 and 3,821 under tier 3) and 2,284 final payments (2,284 under tier 1 and 0 under tier 2) were issued in November 2009. To date 39,379 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits and 11,482 final payments have been made.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 608 initial claims processed during the month of November, a decrease of 381 (-38.5%) from the previous month. Of the 345 monetary determinations issued none were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 14,380 payments issued in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$5.0 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$349.

First and Final Claims – 565 first payments were issued and 759 final payments were issued in November 2009. To date 9,707 first payments and 4,793 final payments have been made.

Claims Summary - November 30, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2009	2008
Initial Claims	7,264	6,909	7,369	5.1%	-1.4%	105,342	82,682
Monetary Determinations	4,039	3,692	4,691	9.4%	-13.9%	63,144	50,853
Monetary Ineligible	432	383	417	12.8%	3.6%	4,481	3,256
Weeks Claimed	78,127	68,811	57,966	13.5%	34.8%	1,112,233	744,784
Number of Payments	71,447	62,270	52,734	14.7%	35.5%	1,036,938	689,509
Amount of Payments	\$26,737,939	\$23,514,094	\$19,323,522	13.7%	38.4%	\$384,164,956	\$246,842,808
Average Payment	\$374	\$378	\$366	-0.9%	2.1%	\$370	\$358
Partial Payments	8,334	7,087	5,022	17.6%	65.9%	91,239	59,269
Average Duration (12 Months)	19.8	19.4	16.6	2.1%	19.3%	19.8	16.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	62.3	60.8	46.0	2.4%	35.4%	62.3	46.0
First Payments	3,026	2,836	3,134	6.7%	-3.4%	51,366	41,280
Final Payments	2,939	2,611	1,655	12.6%	77.6%	32,186	18,298
Workshare Initial Claims	1,692	1,908	807	-11.3%	109.7%	25,384	9,137
Workshare Equivalency	366	405	206	-9.6%	77.7%	6,159	2,577

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2009	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	5,208	4,248	1,661	22.6%	213.5%	39,813	57,965
Monetary Determinations	1,888	2,254	1,422	-16.2%	32.8%	24,576	39,336
Monetary Ineligible	24	50	48	-52.0%	-50.0%	441	783
Number of Payments	78,042	55,008	14,509	41.9%	437.9%	573,419	734,311
Amount of Payments	\$28,765,875	\$20,480,621	\$5,113,511	40.5%	462.5%	\$206,956,040	\$263,168,583
Average Payment	\$369	\$372	\$352	-1.0%	4.6%	\$361	\$358
Average Duration (12 months)	23.3	21.4	-	9.0%	-	23.3	18.6
First Payments (tier 1)	2,028	2,247	1,445	-9.7%	40.3%	24,614	39,379
Final Payments (tier 1)	2,284	1,759	-	29.8%	-	20,631	20,631
First Payments (tier 2)	2,120	1,612	-	31.5%	-	18,904	18,904
Final Payments (tier 2)	-	1,189	-	-	-	11,482	11,482
First Payments (tier 3)	3,821	-	-	-	-	3,821	3,821
Final Payments (tier 3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2009	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	608	989	902	-38.5%	-32.6%	7,435	10,878
Monetary Determinations	345	908	847	-62.0%	-59.3%	6,700	10,046
Monetary Ineligible	0	2	80	-100.0%	-100.0%	106	327
Number of Payments	14,380	12,357	9,355	16.4%	53.7%	103,719	120,983
Amount of Payments	\$5,024,378	\$4,328,135	\$3,367,171	16.1%	49.2%	\$36,332,063	\$42,457,525
Average Payment	\$349	\$350	\$360	-0.2%	-2.9%	\$350	\$351
Average Duration (12months)	15.7	14.4	-	8.7%	-	15.7	12.5
First Payments	565	861	785	-34.4%	-28.0%	6,568	9,707
Final Payments	759	659	-	15.2%	-	4,793	4,793