



Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,909 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 304 (4.6%) from the previous month, and an increase of 758 (12.3%) from a year ago. Of the 6,909 initial claims processed this month, 194 (2.8%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,692 monetary determinations issued in October, 383 (10.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 68,811 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 8,166 (-10.6%) from the previous month and an increase of 13,673 (24.8%) from a year ago. There were 62,270 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.5 million. There were 7,087 (11.4%) partial payments issued in October 2009 compared to 4,785 (9.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$378. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 19.4 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 1,908 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 279 (-12.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 1,289 (208.2%) from October 2008. It is estimated that 405 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,836 first payments and 2,611 final payments were issued in October 2009. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 60.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,768 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2009. Of the 1,768 determinations, 1,221 (69.1%) were separation issues and 547 (30.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 585 (47.9%) separation issues and 469 (85.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 533 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2009. Of the 533 processed, 454 (85.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 79 (14.8%) 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, provided up to thirteen weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. In November 2008, the program was expanded to provide up to twenty weeks of additional benefits in all states and a second tier of benefits was added which provided up to thirteen more weeks of benefits to states with high unemployment rates. There were 4,248 initial claims processed during the month of October, an increase of 3 (0.1%) from the previous month, and an increase of 2,407 (130.7%) from a year ago. Of the 2,254 monetary determinations issued 50 (2.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments – There were 55,008 (38,878 under tier 1 and 16,130 under tier 2) payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$372.

First and Final Claims – 3,859 first payments (2,247 under tier 1 and 1,612 under tier 2) and 2,948 final payments (1,759 under tier 1 and 1,189 under tier 2) were issued in October 2009. To date 37,351 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 989 initial claims processed during the month of October, an increase of 50 (5.3%) from the previous month. Of the 908 monetary determinations issued 2 (0.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments – There were 12,357 payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$4.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$350.

First and Final Claims – 861 first payments were issued and 659 final payments were issued in October 2009. To date 9,142 first payments and 4,034 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	2009	2008
Initial Claims	6,909	6,605	6,151	4.6%	12.3%	98,078	75,313
Monetary Determinations	3,692	3,437	3,537	7.4%	4.4%	59,105	46,162
Monetary Ineligible	383	300	243	27.7%	57.6%	4,049	2,839
Weeks Claimed	68,811	76,977	55,138	-10.6%	24.8%	1,034,106	686,818
Number of Payments	62,270	71,272	49,792	-12.6%	25.1%	965,491	636,775
Amount of Payments	\$23,514,094	\$26,613,910	\$18,184,250	-11.6%	29.3%	\$357,427,017	\$227,519,286
Average Payment	\$378	\$373	\$365	1.1%	3.4%	\$370	\$357
Partial Payments	7,087	7,620	4,785	-7.0%	48.1%	82,905	54,247
Average Duration (12 Months)	19.4	19.2	16.4	1.2%	18.5%	19.4	16.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	60.8	62.5	45.3	-2.7%	34.3%	60.8	45.3
First Payments	2,836	2,835	2,915	0.0%	-2.7%	48,340	38,146
Final Payments	2,611	2,687	1,640	-2.8%	59.2%	29,247	16,643
Workshare Initial Claims	1,908	2,187	619	-12.8%	208.2%	23,692	8,330
Workshare Equivalency	405	496	144	-18.3%	181.3%	5,793	2,371

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	4,248	4,245	1,841	0.1%	130.7%	34,605	52,757
Monetary Determinations	2,254	2,488	1,508	-9.4%	49.5%	22,688	37,448
Monetary Ineligible	50	62	46	-19.4%	8.7%	417	759
Number of Payments	55,008	54,390	17,926	1.1%	206.9%	495,377	656,269
Amount of Payments	\$20,480,621	\$20,151,006	\$6,314,581	1.6%	224.3%	\$178,190,165	\$234,402,708
Average Payment	\$372	\$370	\$352	0.5%	5.7%	\$360	\$357
Average Duration (12 months)	21.4	20.6	-	3.7%	-	21.4	17.6
First Payments (tier 1)	2,247	2,370	1,423	-5.2%	57.9%	22,586	37,351
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,759	1,813	0	-3.0%	-	18,347	18,347
First Payments (tier 2)	1,612	1,544	N/A	4.4%	N/A	16,784	16,784
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,189	1,100	N/A	8.1%	N/A	11,482	11,482

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date Date 2009	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	989	939	1,854	5.3%	-46.7%	6,827	10,270
Monetary Determinations	908	863	1,828	5.2%	-50.3%	6,355	9,701
Monetary Ineligible	2	0	91	-	-97.8%	106	327
Number of Payments	12,357	12,398	6,273	-0.3%	97.0%	89,339	106,603
Amount of Payments	\$4,328,135	\$4,363,140	\$2,243,872	-0.8%	92.9%	\$31,307,685	\$37,433,147
Average Payment	\$350	\$352	\$358	-0.5%	-2.1%	\$350	\$351
Average Duration (12 months)	14.4	11.9	-	20.8%	-	14.4	11.7
First Payments	861	809	1,783	6.4%	-51.7%	6,003	9,142
Final Payments	659	702	0	-6.1%	-	4,034	4,034