



Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,605 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 793 (-10.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 181 (2.8%) from a year ago. Of the 6,605 initial claims processed this month, 198 (3.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,437 monetary determinations issued in September, 300 (8.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 76,977 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 28,373 (-26.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 12,132 (18.7%) from a year ago. There were 71,272 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$26.6 million. There were 7,620 (10.7%) partial payments issued in September 2009 compared to 5,762 (9.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 19.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 2,187 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 179 (8.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 1,446 (195.1%) from September 2008. It is estimated that 496 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,835 first payments and 2,687 final payments were issued in September 2009. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 62.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,087 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2009. Of the 2,087 determinations, 1,362 (65.3%) were separation issues and 725 (34.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 688 (50.5%) separation issues and 555 (76.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 513 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2009. Of the 513 processed, 411 (80.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 102 (19.9%) 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, 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 4,245 initial claims processed during the month of September, an increase of 155 (3.8%) from the previous month, and an increase of 2,361 (125.3%) from a year ago. Of the 2,488 monetary determinations issued 62 (2.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 54,390 (39,440 under tier 1 and 14,950 under tier 2) payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$370.

First and Final Claims – 3,914 first payments (2,370 under tier 1 and 1,544 under tier 2) and 2,913 final payments (1,813 under tier 1 and 1,100 under tier 2) were issued in September 2009. To date 35,104 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits and 10,293 final payments have been made.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 939 initial claims processed during the month of September, an increase of 70 (8.1%) from the previous month. Of the 939 monetary determinations issued none were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 12,398 payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$4.4 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$352.

First and Final Claims – 809 first payments were issued and 702 final payments were issued in September 2009. To date 8,281 first payments and 3,375 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	6,605	7,398	6,424	-10.7%	2.8%	91,169	69,162
Monetary Determinations	3,437	4,138	3,963	-16.9%	-13.3%	55,413	42,625
Monetary Ineligible	300	334	301	-10.2%	-0.3%	3,666	2,596
Weeks Claimed	76,977	105,350	64,845	-26.9%	18.7%	965,295	631,680
Number of Payments	71,272	98,920	59,650	-27.9%	19.5%	903,221	586,983
Amount of Payments	\$26,613,910	\$35,680,504	\$21,386,560	-25.4%	24.4%	\$333,912,923	\$209,335,036
Average Payment	\$373	\$361	\$359	3.5%	4.1%	\$370	\$357
Partial Payments	7,620	9,250	5,762	-17.6%	32.2%	75,818	49,462
Average Duration (12 Months)	19.2	19.0	16.5	1.0%	16.3%	19.2	16.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	62.5	66.4	44.9	-5.9%	39.2%	62.5	44.9
First Payments	2,835	3,676	2,892	-22.9%	-2.0%	45,504	35,231
Final Payments	2,687	3,450	1,897	-22.1%	41.6%	26,636	15,003
Workshare Initial Claim:	2,187	2,008	741	8.9%	195.1%	21,784	7,711
Workshare Equivalency	496	475	188	4.4%	163.8%	5,388	2,227

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	4,245	4,090	1,884	3.8%	125.3%	30,357	48,509
Monetary Determinations	2,488	2,674	1,608	-7.0%	54.7%	20,434	35,194
Monetary Ineligible	62	37	67	67.6%	-7.5%	367	709
Number of Payments	54,390	61,142	34,015	-11.0%	59.9%	440,369	601,261
Amount of Payments	\$20,151,006	\$22,431,015	\$11,887,203	-10.2%	69.5%	\$157,709,544	\$213,922,087
Average Payment	\$370	\$367	\$349	1.0%	6.0%	\$358	\$356
First Payments (tier 1)	2,370	2,974	1,751	-20.3%	35.4%	20,339	35,104
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,813	1,952	1,989	-7.1%	-8.8%	16,588	16,588
First Payments (tier 2)	1,544	1,730	N/A	-10.8%	N/A	15,172	15,172
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,100	1,257	N/A	-12.5%	N/A	10,293	10,293

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2009	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	939	869	546	8.1%	72.0%	5,838	9,281
Monetary Determinations	863	846	541	2.0%	59.5%	5,447	8,793
Monetary Ineligible	0	3	46	-100.0%	-100.0%	104	325
Number of Payments	12,398	15,546	1,263	-20.2%	-	76,982	94,246
Amount of Payments	\$4,363,140	\$5,512,627	\$389,670	-20.9%	-	\$26,979,550	\$33,105,012
Average Payment	\$352	\$355	\$309	-0.8%	14.1%	\$350	\$351
First Payments	809	913	483	-11.4%	67.5%	5,142	8,281
Final Payments	702	842	8	-16.6%	-	3,375	3,375