



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2009

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 10,934 initial claims were processed during the month of July, an increase of 1,790 (19.6%) from the previous month, and an increase of 3,405 (45.2%) from a year ago. Of the 10,934 initial claims processed this month, 514 (4.7%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 6,168 monetary determinations issued in July, 303 (4.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 98,043 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 8,409 (-7.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 30,263 (44.6%) from a year ago. There were 92,350 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$33.6 million. There were 8,456 (9.2%) partial payments issued in July 2009 compared to 4,913 (7.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$364. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 18.5 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 2,850 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 312 (12.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 1,922 (207.1%) from July 2008. It is estimated that 650 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,291 first payments and 3,162 final payments were issued in July 2009. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 63.5 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 3,299 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2009. Of the 3,299 determinations, 1,339 (40.6%) were separation issues and 1,960 (59.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 669 (50.0%) separation issues and 1,116 (56.9%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 496 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2009. Of the 496 processed, 412 (83.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 84 (16.9%) 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 4,084 initial claims processed during the month of July, an increase of 304 (8.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 2,267 (-35.7%) from a year ago. Of the 2,711 monetary determinations issued 37 (1.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** – There were 47,087 (34,800 under tier 1 and 12,287 under tier 2) payments issued in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.1 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$363.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,664 first payments (2,447 under tier 1 and 1,217 under tier 2) and 2,551 final payments (1,489 under tier 1 and 1,062 under tier 2) were issued in July 2009. To date 29,760 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits and 7,936 final payments have been made.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 843 initial claims processed during the month of July, a decrease of 169 (-16.7%) from the previous month. Of the 808 monetary determinations issued none were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** – There were 13,811 payments issued in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$4.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$357.

**First and Final Claims** – 746 first payments were issued and 856 final payments were issued in July 2009. To date 6,559 first payments and 1,831 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	10,934	9,144	7,529	19.6%	45.2%	77,166	56,593
Monetary Determinations	6,168	4,949	4,718	24.6%	30.7%	47,838	34,931
Monetary Ineligible	303	261	193	16.1%	57.0%	3,032	2,068
Weeks Claimed	98,043	106,452	67,780	-7.9%	44.6%	782,968	501,888
Number of Payments	92,350	102,242	62,623	-9.7%	47.5%	733,029	466,471
Amount of Payments	\$33,574,961	\$37,973,413	\$21,364,751	-11.6%	57.2%	\$271,618,509	\$167,166,596
Average Payment	\$364	\$371	\$341	-2.1%	6.6%	\$371	\$358
Partial Payments	8,456	9,402	4,913	-10.1%	72.1%	58,948	38,446
Average Duration (12 Months)	18.5	17.9	16.3	3.6%	13.8%	18.5	16.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	63.5	60.0	42.8	5.8%	48.4%	63.5	42.8
First Payments	4,291	4,171	4,687	2.9%	-8.4%	38,993	29,426
Final Payments	3,162	3,572	1,552	-11.5%	103.7%	20,499	11,532
Workshare Initial Claims	2,850	2,538	928	12.3%	207.1%	17,589	6,056
Workshare Equivalency	650	565	266	15.0%	144.4%	4,417	1,801

## 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	4,084	3,780	6,351	8.0%	-35.7%	22,022	40,174
Monetary Determinations	2,711	2,436	6,223	11.3%	-56.4%	15,272	30,032
Monetary Ineligible	37	32	83	15.6%	-55.4%	268	610
Number of Payments	47,087	54,164	15,718	-13.1%	199.6%	324,837	485,729
Amount of Payments	\$17,094,345	\$19,286,267	\$5,506,821	-11.4%	210.4%	\$115,127,523	171,340,066
Average Payment	\$363	\$356	\$350	2.0%	3.6%	\$354	\$353
First Payments (tier 1)	2,447	2,638	5,742	-7.2%	-57.4%	14,995	29,760
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,489	1,695	0	-12.2%	N/A	12,823	12,823
First Payments (tier 2)	1,217	1,402	N/A	-13.2%	N/A	11,898	11,898
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,062	1,154	N/A	-8.0%	N/A	7,936	7,936

## 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	843	1,012	-	-16.7%	-	4,030	7,473
Monetary Determinations	808	955	-	-15.4%	-	3,738	7,084
Monetary Ineligible	0	3	-	-100.0%	-	101	322
Number of Payments	13,811	17,102	-	-19.2%	-	49,038	66,302
Amount of Payments	\$4,929,833	\$6,058,259	-	-18.6%	-	\$17,103,783	23,229,245
Average Payment	\$357	\$354	-	0.8%	-	\$349	\$350
First Payments	746	1,168	-	-36.1%	-	3,420	6,559
Final Payments	856	403	-	112.4%	-	1,831	1,831