

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 5,221 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 499 (10.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,164 (-18.2%) from a year ago. Of the 5,221 initial claims processed this month, 307 (5.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,076 monetary determinations issued in October, 365 (11.9%) were monetarily ineligible.
- Weeks Claimed 39,085 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 8,063 (-17.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 13,160 (-25.2%) from a year ago. There were 36,306 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$12.6 million. There were 3,711 (10.2%) partial payments issued in October 2013 compared to 5,656 (11.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$347. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.4 weeks per claim.
- **Workshare** 234 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 133 (131.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 43 (-15.5%) from October 2012. It is estimated that 52 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.
- First and Final Claims 2,181 first payments and 1,008 final payments were issued in October 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 42.3 percent.
- **Non-monetary Determinations** 1,729 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2013. Of the 1,729 determinations, 1,169 (67.6%) were separation issues and 560 (32.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 557 (47.6%) separation issues and 530 (94.6%) non-separation issues.
- **Appeals** 524 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2013. Of the 524 processed, 433 (82.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 91 (17.4%) 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 47 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 1,523 initial claims processed during the month of October, a decrease of 18 (-1.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 682 (-30.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,780 monetary determinations issued 1 (0.1%) was monetarily ineligible.
- **Number of Payments** There were 20,118 (9,591 under tier 1, 6,317 under tier 2, 3,623 under tier 3 and 587 under tier 4) payments issued in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$6.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$309.
- First and Final Claims 1,123 first payments (729 under tier 1, 209 under tier 2, 184 under tier 3 and 1 under tier 4) and 1,758 final payments (658 under tier 1, 476 under tier 2, 438 under tier 3 and 186 under tier 4) were issued in October 2013. To date 99,436 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.



Claims Summary

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	Percent Change From							
	Current	Previous	Year	Previous	Year	2012	Year to Date	
	Month	Month	Ago	Month	Ago	2013	2012	
Initial Claims	5,221	4,722	6,385	10.6%	-18.2%	65,801	72,023	
Monetary Determinations	3,076	3,073	3,565	0.1%	-13.7%	40,936	45,263	
Monetary Ineligible	365	473	565	-22.8%	-35.4%	5,023	6,015	
Weeks Claimed	39,085	47,148	52,245	-17.1%	-25.2%	569,182	658,530	
Number of Payments	36,306	42,493	47,535	-14.6%	-23.6%	519,261	602,267	
Amount of Payments	\$12,615,677	\$14,474,805	\$16,912,736	-12.8%	-25.4%	\$176,567,520	\$220,407,997	
Average Payment	\$347	\$341	\$356	2.0%	-2.3%	\$340	\$366	
Partial Payments	3,711	4,486	5,656	-17.3%	-34.4%	47,342	65,676	
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.4	16.5	16.8	-0.6%	-2.4%	16.4	16.8	
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	42.3	43.2	49.8	-2.2%	-15.2%	42.3	49.8	
First Payments	2,181	2,219	2,523	-1.7%	-13.6%	30,940	35,129	
Final Payments	1,008	1,210	1,548	-16.7%	-34.9%	13,817	18,642	
Workshare Initial Claims	234	101	277	131.7%	-15.5%	1,917	2,082	
Workshare Equivalency	52	19	63	173.7%	-17.5%	454	570	
Workshare Continued Claims	2,782	2,412	3,414	15.3%	-18.5%	21,815	40,494	

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Ch Previous Month	ange From Year Ago	Year to Date 2013	Since Program Began
Initial Claims	1,523	1,541	2,205	-1.2%	-30.9%	17,956	177,909
Monetary Determinations	1,780	1,919	949	-7.2%	87.6%	24,345	116,106
Monetary Ineligible	1	3	25	-66.7%	-96.0%	84	2,557
Number of Payments	20,118	26,759	42,959	-24.8%	-53.2%	288,811	3,137,727
Amount of Payments	\$6,222,905	\$8,211,498	\$16,167,413	-24.2%	-61.5%	\$98,682,880	\$1,141,942,024
Average Payment	\$309	\$307	\$376	0.8%	-17.8%	\$342	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	33.7	34.7	38.8	-2.8%	-13.1%	33.7	31.6
First Payments (tier 1)	729	956	1,016	-23.7%	-28.2%	8,876	99,436
Final Payments (tier 1)	658	734	998	-10.4%	-34.1%	7,398	76,724
First Payments (tier 2)	209	197	761	6.1%	-72.5%	4,317	63,151
Final Payments (tier 2)	476	629	906	-24.3%	-47.5%	6,439	65,533
First Payments (tier 3)	184	199	597	-7.5%	-69.2%	3,621	43,793
Final Payments (tier 3)	438	511	895	-14.3%	-51.1%	5,903	47,895
First Payments (tier 4)	1	8	536	-87.5%	-99.8%	2,708	35,662
Final Payments (tier 4)	186	482	358	-61.4%	-48.0%	5,028	40,397