



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,555 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 2,152 (-24.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 651 (11.0%) from a year ago. Of the 6,555 initial claims processed this month, 409 (6.2%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,120 monetary determinations issued in March, 603 (14.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 71,519 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 1,959 (-2.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,738 (-6.2%) from a year ago. There were 66,476 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.0 million. There were 5,639 (8.5%) partial payments issued in March 2013 compared to 7,201 (10.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$346. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.7 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 203 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 53 (-20.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 185 (-47.7%) from March 2012. It is estimated that 62 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,280 first payments and 1,602 final payments were issued in March 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 46.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,474 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2013. Of the 1,474 determinations, 989 (67.1%) were separation issues and 485 (32.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 418 (42.3%) separation issues and 455 (93.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 471 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2013. Of the 471 processed, 379 (80.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 92 (19.5%) 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 2,175 initial claims processed during the month of March, an increase of 158 (7.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 489 (-18.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,032 monetary determinations issued 15 (1.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 31,715 (11,488 under tier 1, 10,438 under tier 2, 5,068 under tier 3 and 4,721 under tier 4) payments issued in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$371.

First and Final Claims – 2,708 first payments (1,040 under tier 1, 638 under tier 2, 569 under tier 3 and 461 under tier 4) and 2,798 final payments (834 under tier 1, 829 under tier 2, 606 under tier 3 and 529 under tier 4) were issued in March 2013. To date 93,430 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Claims Summary

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2013	2012
Initial Claims	6,555	8,707	5,904	-24.7%	11.0%	25,946	25,870
Monetary Determinations	4,120	5,521	3,851	-25.4%	7.0%	17,044	17,244
Monetary Ineligible	603	725	423	-16.8%	42.6%	1,993	1,689
Weeks Claimed	71,519	73,478	76,257	-2.7%	-6.2%	218,052	252,781
Number of Payments	66,476	67,544	71,858	-1.6%	-7.5%	199,562	230,144
Amount of Payments	\$23,024,589	\$23,421,034	\$27,027,758	-1.7%	-14.8%	\$69,125,509	\$85,991,636
Average Payment	\$346	\$347	\$376	-0.1%	-7.9%	\$346	\$374
Partial Payments	5,639	5,310	7,201	6.2%	-21.7%	16,969	22,524
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.7	16.8	17.0	-0.8%	-2.0%	16.7	17.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	46.5	47.1	52.7	-1.2%	-11.7%	46.5	52.7
First Payments	3,280	4,255	3,269	-22.9%	0.3%	13,319	14,973
Final Payments	1,602	1,505	2,198	6.4%	-27.1%	4,551	6,419
Workshare Initial Claim:	203	256	388	-20.7%	-47.7%	643	960
Workshare Equivalency	62	64	88	-3.1%	-29.5%	171	248
Workshare Continued Claim:	2,325	1,692	4,907	37.4%	-52.6%	5,808	13,678

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2013	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,175	2,017	2,664	7.8%	-18.4%	6,168	166,121
Monetary Determinations	1,032	1,049	1,452	-1.6%	-28.9%	3,008	94,769
Monetary Ineligible	15	17	88	-11.8%	-83.0%	52	2,525
Number of Payments	31,715	31,183	47,909	1.7%	-33.8%	94,635	2,943,551
Amount of Payments	\$11,771,074	\$11,762,256	\$17,514,028	0.1%	-32.8%	\$35,681,272	\$1,078,940,416
Average Payment	\$371	\$377	\$366	-1.6%	1.5%	\$377	\$367
Average Duration (12 months)	36.9	37.4	40.4	-1.2%	-8.6%	36.9	31.5
First Payments (tier 1)	1,040	1,016	1,313	2.4%	-20.8%	2,870	93,430
Final Payments (tier 1)	834	818	1,039	2.0%	-19.7%	2,560	71,886
First Payments (tier 2)	638	619	773	3.1%	-17.5%	2,126	60,960
Final Payments (tier 2)	829	642	1,001	29.1%	-17.2%	2,095	61,189
First Payments (tier 3)	569	496	691	14.7%	-17.7%	1,566	41,738
Final Payments (tier 3)	606	595	1,069	1.8%	-43.3%	1,903	43,895
First Payments (tier 4)	461	435	717	6.0%	-35.7%	1,325	34,279
Final Payments (tier 4)	529	527	851	0.4%	-37.8%	1,791	37,160