



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: February 28, 2013*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 8,707 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 1,977 (-18.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 261 (-2.9%) from a year ago. Of the 8,707 initial claims processed this month, 546 (6.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,521 monetary determinations issued in February, 725 (13.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 73,478 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, an increase of 423 (0.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,791 (-11.8%) from a year ago. There were 67,544 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.4 million. There were 5,310 (7.9%) partial payments issued in February 2013 compared to 7,438 (9.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$347. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.8 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 256 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 72 (39.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 106 (-29.3%) from February 2012. It is estimated that 64 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,255 first payments and 1,505 final payments were issued in February 2013. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 47.1 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,153 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2013. Of the 1,153 determinations, 796 (69.0%) were separation issues and 357 (31.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 340 (42.7%) separation issues and 337 (94.4%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 538 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2013. Of the 538 processed, 433 (80.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 105 (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 2,017 initial claims processed during the month of February, an increase of 41 (2.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 441 (-17.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,049 monetary determinations issued 17 (1.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 31,183 (11,211 under tier 1, 10,393 under tier 2, 4,974 under tier 3 and 4,605 under tier 4) payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$377.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,566 first payments (1,016 under tier 1, 619 under tier 2, 496 under tier 3 and 435 under tier 4) and 2,582 final payments (818 under tier 1, 642 under tier 2, 595 under tier 3 and 527 under tier 4) were issued in February 2013. To date 92,390 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

# Claims Summary

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## Unemployment Insurance

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2013	2012
Initial Claims	8,707	10,684	8,968	-18.5%	-2.9%	19,391	19,966
Monetary Determinations	5,521	7,403	5,404	-25.4%	2.2%	12,924	13,393
Monetary Ineligible	725	665	585	9.0%	23.9%	1,390	1,266
Weeks Claimed	73,478	73,055	83,269	0.6%	-11.8%	146,533	176,524
Number of Payments	67,544	65,542	76,496	3.1%	-11.7%	133,086	158,286
Amount of Payments	\$23,421,034	\$22,679,886	\$28,578,014	3.3%	-18.0%	\$46,100,920	\$58,963,878
Average Payment	\$347	\$346	\$374	0.2%	-7.2%	\$346	\$373
Partial Payments	5,310	6,020	7,438	-11.8%	-28.6%	11,330	15,323
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.8	16.8	17.1	0.0%	-1.7%	16.8	17.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	47.1	47.1	53.6	0.0%	-12.1%	47.1	53.6
First Payments	4,255	5,784	4,913	-26.4%	-13.4%	10,039	11,704
Final Payments	1,505	1,444	1,896	4.2%	-20.6%	2,949	4,221
Workshare Initial Claim:	256	184	362	39.1%	-29.3%	440	572
Workshare Equivalency	64	45	106	42.2%	-39.6%	109	160
Workshare Continued Claim:	1,692	1,791	5,008	-5.5%	-66.2%	3,483	8,771

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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	2,017	1,976	2,458	2.1%	-17.9%	3,993	163,946
Monetary Determinations	1,049	927	1,349	13.2%	-22.2%	1,976	93,737
Monetary Ineligible	17	20	67	-15.0%	-74.6%	37	2,510
Number of Payments	31,183	31,737	47,873	-1.7%	-34.9%	62,920	2,911,836
Amount of Payments	\$11,762,256	\$12,147,942	\$17,534,501	-3.2%	-32.9%	\$23,910,198	\$1,067,169,342
Average Payment	\$377	\$383	\$366	-1.5%	3.0%	\$380	\$366
Average Duration (12 months)	37.4	38.1	40.1	-1.8%	-6.7%	37.4	31.5
First Payments (tier 1)	1,016	814	1,237	24.8%	-17.9%	1,830	92,390
Final Payments (tier 1)	818	908	1,044	-9.9%	-21.6%	1,726	71,052
First Payments (tier 2)	619	869	832	-28.8%	-25.6%	1,488	60,322
Final Payments (tier 2)	642	624	908	2.9%	-29.3%	1,266	60,360
First Payments (tier 3)	496	501	640	-1.0%	-22.5%	997	41,169
Final Payments (tier 3)	595	702	969	-15.2%	-38.6%	1,297	43,289
First Payments (tier 4)	435	429	687	1.4%	-36.7%	864	33,818
Final Payments (tier 4)	527	735	913	-28.3%	-42.3%	1,262	36,631