



## Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2012

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 5,193 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 233 (-4.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,848 (-26.2%) from a year ago. Of the 5,193 initial claims processed this month, 275 (5.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,253 monetary determinations issued in September, 516 (15.9%) were monetarily ineligible. The September 2011 initial claims figure included approximately 1,525 initial claims filed as a result of Tropical Storm Irene.

**Weeks Claimed** – 44,645 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 10,773 (-19.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,283 (-17.2%) from a year ago. There were 41,036 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$14.8 million. There were 5,061 (12.3%) partial payments issued in September 2012 compared to 6,570 (13.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$361. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.7 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 142 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 24 (-14.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 93 (-39.6%) from September 2011. It is estimated that 38 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,117 first payments and 1,306 final payments were issued in September 2012. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 50.5 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,613 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2012. Of the 1,613 determinations, 1,056 (65.5%) were separation issues and 557 (34.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 491 (46.5%) separation issues and 508 (91.2%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 648 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2012. Of the 648 processed, 510 (78.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 138 (21.3%) 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 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 2,002 initial claims processed during the month of September, an increase of 94 (4.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 706 (-26.1%) from a year ago. Of the 950 monetary determinations issued 23 (2.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 35,246 (15,719 under tier 1, 9,545 under tier 2, 6,954 under tier 3 and 3,028 under tier 4) payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$375.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,508 first payments (861 under tier 1, 686 under tier 2, 540 under tier 3 and 421 under tier 4) and 2,786 final payments (850 under tier 1, 793 under tier 2, 620 under tier 3 and 523 under tier 4) were issued in September 2012. To date 87,548 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 9 initial claims processed during the month of September. The EB program in RI ended July 7, 2012.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 5 payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$5 thousand.

**First and Final Claims** – 2 first payments were issued and 2 final payments were issued in September 2012. To date 33,224 first payments and 25,118 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 | 2012          | 2011          |
| Initial Claims               | 5,193         | 5,426          | 7,041        | -4.3%               | -26.2%   | 65,638        | 68,666        |
| Monetary Determinations      | 3,253         | 3,063          | 4,188        | 6.2%                | -22.3%   | 41,698        | 43,320        |
| Monetary Ineligible          | 516           | 382            | 451          | 35.1%               | 14.4%    | 5,450         | 4,419         |
| Weeks Claimed                | 44,645        | 55,418         | 53,928       | -19.4%              | -17.2%   | 606,285       | 674,130       |
| Number of Payments           | 41,036        | 53,082         | 49,286       | -22.7%              | -16.7%   | 554,732       | 610,354       |
| Amount of Payments           | \$14,824,969  | \$18,422,702   | \$17,685,643 | -19.5%              | -16.2%   | \$203,495,261 | \$220,859,959 |
| Average Payment              | \$361         | \$347          | \$359        | 4.1%                | 0.7%     | \$367         | \$362         |
| Partial Payments             | 5,061         | 5,528          | 6,570        | -8.4%               | -23.0%   | 60,020        | 66,669        |
| Average Duration (12 Months) | 16.7          | 16.6           | 17.2         | 0.6%                | -2.9%    | 16.7          | 17.2          |
| Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months) | 50.5          | 50.8           | 54.0         | -0.7%               | -6.6%    | 50.5          | 54.0          |
| First Payments               | 2,117         | 2,255          | 2,855        | -6.1%               | -25.8%   | 32,606        | 34,829        |
| Final Payments               | 1,306         | 1,406          | 1,692        | -7.1%               | -22.8%   | 17,094        | 19,504        |
| Workshare Initial Claim:     | 142           | 166            | 235          | -14.5%              | -39.6%   | 1,805         | 2,678         |
| Workshare Equivalency        | 38            | 49             | 53           | -22.4%              | -28.3%   | 507           | 699           |
| Workshare Continued Claim:   | 2,592         | 3,087          | 4,500        | -16.0%              | -42.4%   | 37,080        | 48,928        |

## Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

|                              | Current Month | Previous Month | Year Ago     | Percent Change From |          | Year to Date 2012 | Since Program Began |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                              |               |                |              | Previous Month      | Year Ago |                   |                     |
| Initial Claims               | 2,002         | 1,908          | 2,708        | 4.9%                | -26.1%   | 20,895            | 153,248             |
| Monetary Determinations      | 950           | 986            | 1,410        | -3.7%               | -32.6%   | 11,256            | 88,804              |
| Monetary Ineligible          | 23            | 30             | 47           | -23.3%              | -51.1%   | 469               | 2,376               |
| Number of Payments           | 35,246        | 36,966         | 53,976       | -4.7%               | -34.7%   | 412,764           | 2,730,432           |
| Amount of Payments           | \$13,212,135  | \$13,803,834   | \$19,941,252 | -4.3%               | -33.7%   | \$152,248,009     | \$998,759,191       |
| Average Payment              | \$375         | \$373          | \$369        | 0.4%                | 1.5%     | \$369             | \$366               |
| Average Duration (12 months) | 39.2          | 39.3           | 37.3         | -0.1%               | 5.2%     | 39.2              | 31.2                |
| First Payments (tier 1)      | 861           | 971            | 1,299        | -11.3%              | -33.7%   | 10,894            | 87,548              |
| Final Payments (tier 1)      | 850           | 939            | 1,417        | -9.5%               | -40.0%   | 9,783             | 65,900              |
| First Payments (tier 2)      | 686           | 704            | 1,174        | -2.6%               | -41.6%   | 7,370             | 56,364              |
| Final Payments (tier 2)      | 793           | 771            | 1,198        | 2.9%                | -33.8%   | 8,545             | 56,525              |
| First Payments (tier 3)      | 540           | 459            | 938          | 17.6%               | -42.4%   | 5,799             | 38,605              |
| Final Payments (tier 3)      | 620           | 690            | 1,110        | -10.1%              | -44.1%   | 7,979             | 39,483              |
| First Payments (tier 4)      | 421           | 428            | 878          | -1.6%               | -52.1%   | 5,471             | 31,321              |
| Final Payments (tier 4)      | 523           | 603            | 1,059        | -13.3%              | -50.6%   | 7,307             | 33,969              |

## Extended Benefits

|                             | Current Month | Previous Month | Year Ago    | Percent Change From |          | Year to Date 2012 | Since Program Began |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                             |               |                |             | Previous Month      | Year Ago |                   |                     |
| Initial Claims              | 9             | 12             | 617         | -25.0%              | -98.5%   | 3,383             | 38,007              |
| Monetary Determinations     | 2             | 1              | 562         | 100.0%              | -99.6%   | 3,103             | 33,830              |
| Monetary Ineligible         | 0             | 0              | 0           | 0.0%                | 0.0%     | 4                 | 490                 |
| Number of Payments          | 5             | 21             | 6,053       | -76.2%              | -99.9%   | 51,254            | 492,313             |
| Amount of Payments          | \$5,494       | \$9,013        | \$2,191,976 | -39.0%              | -99.7%   | \$18,765,640      | \$179,046,899       |
| Average Payment             | N/A           | \$429          | \$362       | N/A                 | N/A      | \$366             | \$364               |
| Average Duration (12months) | N/A           | N/A            | N/A         | N/A                 | N/A      | N/A               | 14.8                |
| First Payments              | 2             | 3              | 516         | -33.3%              | -99.6%   | 3,214             | 33,224              |
| Final Payments              | 2             | 2              | 299         | 0.0%                | -99.3%   | 3,789             | 25,118              |