



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: December 31, 2011*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 11,313 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 3,477 (44.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,489 (-11.6%) from a year ago. Of the 11,313 initial claims processed this month, 550 (4.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 6,361 monetary determinations issued in December, 631 (9.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 62,901 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 5,785 (10.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 8,135 (-11.5%) from a year ago. There were 56,499 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.7 million. There were 6,585 (11.7%) partial payments issued in December 2011 compared to 7,403 (11.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.1 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 331 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 98 (-22.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 396 (-54.5%) from December 2010. It is estimated that 107 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,802 first payments and 1,705 final payments were issued in December 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 54.1 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,779 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2011. Of the 1,779 determinations, 1,232 (69.3%) were separation issues and 547 (30.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 554 (45.0%) separation issues and 491 (89.8%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 708 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2011. Of the 708 processed, 563 (79.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 145 (20.5%) 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 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. There were 2,608 initial claims processed during the month of December, a decrease of 256 (-8.9%) from the previous month, and an increase of 88 (3.5%) from a year ago. Of the 1,363 monetary determinations issued 62 (4.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 50,813 (20,747 under tier 1, 13,225 under tier 2, 11,544 under tier 3 and 5,297 under tier 4) payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.6 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,673 first payments (1,280 under tier 1, 879 under tier 2, 816 under tier 3 and 698 under tier 4) and 4,431 final payments (1,181 under tier 1, 1,282 under tier 2, 1,031 under tier 3 and 937 under tier 4) were issued in December 2011. To date 76,654 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 499 initial claims processed during the month of December, a decrease of 115 (-18.7%) from the previous month. Of the 441 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 7,549 payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

**First and Final Claims** – 434 first payments were issued and 272 final payments were issued in December 2011. To date 30,010 first payments and 21,329 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	2011	2010
Initial Claims	11,313	7,836	12,802	44.4%	-11.6%	94,173	100,246
Monetary Determinations	6,361	5,142	7,837	23.7%	-18.8%	58,426	63,508
Monetary Ineligible	631	683	763	-7.6%	-17.3%	6,169	6,720
Weeks Claimed	62,901	57,116	71,036	10.1%	-11.5%	853,163	948,084
Number of Payments	56,499	51,458	63,717	9.8%	-11.3%	770,647	863,929
Amount of Payments	\$20,713,831	\$18,894,660	\$23,339,657	9.6%	-11.3%	\$279,583,430	\$315,385,394
Average Payment	\$367	\$367	\$366	-0.2%	0.1%	\$363	\$365
Partial Payments	6,585	6,040	7,403	9.0%	-11.0%	85,689	94,885
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.1	17.0	17.7	0.7%	-3.3%	17.1	17.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	54.1	54.3	57.6	-0.4%	-6.1%	54.1	57.6
First Payments	3,802	3,422	4,554	11.1%	-16.5%	45,019	48,750
Final Payments	1,705	1,633	2,109	4.4%	-19.2%	24,657	27,881
Workshare Initial Claim:	331	429	727	-22.8%	-54.5%	3,612	12,099
Workshare Equivalency	107	114	168	-6.1%	-36.3%	963	2,933
Workshare Continued Claim:	4,615	5,557	6,686	-17.0%	-31.0%	62,858	106,887

## Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,608	2,864	2,520	-8.9%	3.5%	34,104	132,353
Monetary Determinations	1,363	1,387	1,174	-1.7%	16.1%	18,571	77,548
Monetary Ineligible	62	44	27	40.9%	129.6%	706	1,907
Number of Payments	50,813	52,816	58,558	-3.8%	-13.2%	705,909	2,317,668
Amount of Payments	\$18,637,887	\$19,498,023	\$21,614,306	-4.4%	-13.8%	\$259,753,645	\$846,511,182
Average Payment	\$367	\$369	\$369	-0.6%	-0.6%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	39.1	40.3	46.0	-3.0%	-15.0%	39.1	30.2
First Payments (tier 1)	1,280	1,231	913	4.0%	40.2%	18,064	76,654
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,181	1,116	1,361	5.8%	-13.2%	16,791	56,117
First Payments (tier 2)	879	813	863	8.1%	1.9%	13,800	48,994
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,282	1,086	1,225	18.0%	4.7%	14,848	47,980
First Payments (tier 3)	816	747	850	9.2%	-4.0%	11,343	32,806
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,031	1,009	817	2.2%	26.2%	12,974	31,504
First Payments (tier 4)	698	761	899	-8.3%	-22.4%	10,257	25,850
Final Payments (tier 4)	937	1,035	1,410	-9.5%	-33.5%	11,920	26,662

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	499	614	2,754	-18.7%	-81.9%	5,870	34,624
Monetary Determinations	441	571	2,420	-22.8%	-81.8%	4,910	30,727
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	34	0.0%	-100.0%	1	486
Number of Payments	7,549	6,988	12,921	8.0%	-41.6%	105,343	441,059
Amount of Payments	\$2,763,471	\$2,545,955	\$4,739,774	8.5%	-41.7%	\$38,569,368	\$160,281,259
Average Payment	\$366	\$364	\$367	0.5%	-0.2%	\$366	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	434	483	2,383	-10.1%	-81.8%	5,128	30,010
Final Payments	272	220	623	23.6%	-56.3%	5,631	21,329