



Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,836 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 1,478 (23.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 57 (-0.7%) from a year ago. Of the 7,836 initial claims processed this month, 502 (6.4%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,142 monetary determinations issued in November, 683 (13.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 57,116 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, a decrease of 1,900 (-3.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 11,244 (-16.4%) from a year ago. There were 51,458 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.9 million. There were 6,040 (11.7%) partial payments issued in November 2011 compared to 7,642 (12.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 429 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 255 (146.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 427 (-49.9%) from November 2010. It is estimated that 114 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,422 first payments and 1,633 final payments were issued in November 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 54.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,733 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2011. Of the 1,733 determinations, 1,239 (71.5%) were separation issues and 494 (28.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 572 (46.2%) separation issues and 435 (88.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 569 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2011. Of the 569 processed, 441 (77.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 128 (22.5%) 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 2,864 initial claims processed during the month of November, an increase of 326 (12.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 858 (-23.1%) from a year ago. Of the 1,387 monetary determinations issued 44 (3.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 52,816 (21,335 under tier 1, 14,192 under tier 2, 11,874 under tier 3 and 5,415 under tier 4) payments issued in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$19.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

First and Final Claims – 3,552 first payments (1,231 under tier 1, 813 under tier 2, 747 under tier 3 and 761 under tier 4) and 4,246 final payments (1,116 under tier 1, 1,086 under tier 2, 1,009 under tier 3 and 1,035 under tier 4) were issued in November 2011. To date 75,374 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 614 initial claims processed during the month of November, an increase of 83 (15.6%) from the previous month. Of the 571 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 6,988 payments issued in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$364.

First and Final Claims – 483 first payments were issued and 220 final payments were issued in November 2011. To date 29,576 first payments and 21,057 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	7,836	6,358	7,893	23.2%	-0.7%	82,860	87,444
Monetary Determinations	5,142	3,603	4,711	42.7%	9.1%	52,065	55,671
Monetary Ineligible	683	436	593	56.7%	15.2%	5,538	5,957
Weeks Claimed	57,116	59,016	68,360	-3.2%	-16.4%	790,262	877,048
Number of Payments	51,458	52,336	62,122	-1.7%	-17.2%	714,148	800,212
Amount of Payments	\$18,894,660	\$19,114,980	\$22,518,909	-1.2%	-16.1%	\$258,869,599	\$292,045,737
Average Payment	\$367	\$365	\$362	0.5%	1.3%	\$362	\$365
Partial Payments	6,040	6,395	7,642	-5.6%	-21.0%	79,104	87,482
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.0	17.2	18.0	-1.2%	-5.6%	17.0	18.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	54.3	55.0	57.3	-1.3%	-5.2%	54.3	57.3
First Payments	3,422	2,966	3,468	15.4%	-1.3%	41,217	44,196
Final Payments	1,633	1,815	2,223	-10.0%	-26.5%	22,952	25,772
Workshare Initial Claim:	429	174	856	146.6%	-49.9%	3,281	11,372
Workshare Equivalency	114	43	212	165.1%	-46.2%	856	2,765
Workshare Continued Claim:	5,557	3,758	7,495	47.9%	-25.9%	58,243	100,201

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	2,864	2,538	3,722	12.8%	-23.1%	31,496	129,745
Monetary Determinations	1,387	1,224	2,007	13.3%	-30.9%	17,208	76,185
Monetary Ineligible	44	37	37	18.9%	18.9%	644	1,845
Number of Payments	52,816	62,497	67,714	-15.5%	-22.0%	655,096	2,266,855
Amount of Payments	\$19,498,023	\$22,958,873	\$24,752,272	-15.1%	-21.2%	\$241,115,758	\$827,873,295
Average Payment	\$369	\$367	\$366	0.5%	1.0%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	40.3	38.9	44.8	3.7%	-10.0%	40.3	30.1
First Payments (tier 1)	1,231	1,345	2,256	-8.5%	-45.4%	16,784	75,374
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,116	1,370	821	-18.5%	35.9%	15,610	54,936
First Payments (tier 2)	813	1,155	1,068	-29.6%	-23.9%	12,921	48,115
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,086	1,295	1,347	-16.1%	-19.4%	13,566	46,698
First Payments (tier 3)	747	975	1,556	-23.4%	-52.0%	10,527	31,990
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,009	1,283	1,364	-21.4%	-26.0%	11,943	30,473
First Payments (tier 4)	761	1,032	1,655	-26.3%	-54.0%	9,559	25,152
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,035	1,164	755	-11.1%	37.1%	10,983	25,725

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	614	531	613	15.6%	0.2%	5,371	34,125
Monetary Determinations	571	495	397	15.4%	43.8%	4,469	30,286
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	2	0.0%	-100.0%	1	486
Number of Payments	6,988	7,518	19,203	-7.0%	-63.6%	97,794	433,510
Amount of Payments	\$2,545,955	\$2,718,475	\$7,214,651	-6.3%	-64.7%	\$35,805,897	\$157,517,788
Average Payment	\$364	\$362	\$376	0.8%	-3.0%	\$366	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7
First Payments	483	584	211	-17.3%	128.9%	4,694	29,576
Final Payments	220	416	3,278	-47.1%	-93.3%	5,359	21,057