



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: August 31, 2011*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 6,808 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 312 (-4.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 517 (8.2%) from a year ago. Claims are up due to filings by over 600 telecommunications workers in a labor dispute. Of the 6,808 initial claims processed this month, 334 (4.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,645 monetary determinations issued in August, 431 (9.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 77,729 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, an increase of 11,703 (17.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,060 (-7.2%) from a year ago. There were 70,078 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$24.2 million. There were 7,347 (10.5%) partial payments issued in August 2011 compared to 8,077 (10.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$345. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.5 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 358 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 272 (316.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 372 (-51.0%) from August 2010. It is estimated that 102 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,086 first payments and 2,144 final payments were issued in August 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 53.3 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 2,143 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2011. Of the 2,143 determinations, 1,272 (59.4%) were separation issues and 871 (40.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 595 (46.8%) separation issues and 650 (74.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 775 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2011. Of the 775 processed, 619 (79.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 156 (20.1%) 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 2,829 initial claims processed during the month of August, an increase of 355 (14.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 483 (-14.6%) from a year ago. Of the 1,589 monetary determinations issued 65 (4.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** – There were 66,596 (27,515 under tier 1, 17,287 under tier 2, 15,247 under tier 3 and 6,547 under tier 4) payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$24.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$368.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,766 first payments (1,586 under tier 1, 1,133 under tier 2, 987 under tier 3 and 1,060 under tier 4) and 5,236 final payments (1,486 under tier 1, 1,370 under tier 2, 1,329 under tier 3 and 1,051 under tier 4) were issued in August 2011. To date 71,499 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 577 initial claims processed during the month of August, an increase of 281 (94.9%) from the previous month. Of the 411 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** – There were 6,767 payments issued in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.4 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$361.

**First and Final Claims** – 507 first payments were issued and 500 final payments were issued in August 2011. To date 27,993 first payments and 20,122 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	6,808	7,120	6,291	-4.4%	8.2%	61,625	67,871
Monetary Determinations	4,645	4,327	3,999	7.3%	16.2%	39,132	43,803
Monetary Ineligible	431	372	483	15.9%	-10.8%	3,968	4,326
Weeks Claimed	77,729	66,026	83,789	17.7%	-7.2%	620,202	696,924
Number of Payments	70,078	58,383	77,817	20.0%	-9.9%	561,068	635,098
Amount of Payments	\$24,210,032	\$20,114,957	\$26,862,263	20.4%	-9.9%	\$203,174,316	\$232,145,627
Average Payment	\$345	\$345	\$345	0.3%	0.1%	\$362	\$366
Partial Payments	7,347	6,123	8,077	20.0%	-9.0%	60,099	67,237
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.5	17.6	18.9	-0.6%	-7.5%	17.5	18.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	53.3	53.3	55.8	0.0%	-4.5%	53.3	55.8
First Payments	3,086	4,465	3,125	-30.9%	-1.2%	31,974	35,558
Final Payments	2,144	1,771	2,345	21.1%	-8.6%	17,812	19,747
Workshare Initial Claim:	358	86	730	316.3%	-51.0%	2,443	9,094
Workshare Equivalency	102	25	196	308.0%	-48.0%	646	2,213
Workshare Continued Claim:	5,021	3,673	8,158	36.7%	-38.5%	44,428	78,695

## 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	2,829	2,474	3,312	14.3%	-14.6%	23,386	121,635
Monetary Determinations	1,589	1,341	1,824	18.5%	-12.9%	13,187	72,164
Monetary Ineligible	65	36	28	80.6%	132.1%	516	1,717
Number of Payments	66,596	54,495	49,556	22.2%	34.4%	485,807	2,097,566
Amount of Payments	\$24,489,890	\$20,112,341	\$18,400,654	21.8%	33.1%	\$178,717,610	\$765,475,147
Average Payment	\$368	\$369	\$371	-0.4%	-1.0%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	36.2	34.9	43.8	3.8%	-17.3%	36.2	29.3
First Payments (tier 1)	1,586	1,242	1,830	27.7%	-13.3%	12,909	71,499
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,486	1,310	1,471	13.4%	1.0%	11,707	51,033
First Payments (tier 2)	1,133	1,032	1,494	9.8%	-24.2%	9,779	44,973
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,370	1,282	1,402	6.9%	-2.3%	9,987	43,119
First Payments (tier 3)	987	1,019	1,484	-3.1%	-33.5%	7,867	29,330
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,329	1,050	1,309	26.6%	1.5%	8,541	27,071
First Payments (tier 4)	1,060	760	1,504	39.5%	-29.5%	6,888	22,481
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,051	793	742	32.5%	41.6%	7,725	22,467

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	577	296	459	94.9%	25.7%	3,609	32,363
Monetary Determinations	411	245	247	67.8%	66.4%	2,841	28,658
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	0	-	-	1	486
Number of Payments	6,767	5,799	43,841	16.7%	-84.6%	77,235	412,951
Amount of Payments	\$2,443,024	\$2,107,459	\$16,271,223	15.9%	-85.0%	\$28,349,491	\$150,061,382
Average Payment	\$361	\$363	\$371	-0.7%	-2.7%	\$367	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	24.3	30.4	12.0	-20.2%	102.1%	24.3	14.8
First Payments	507	229	329	121.4%	54.1%	3,111	27,993
Final Payments	500	223	704	124.2%	-29.0%	4,424	20,122