



Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,120 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 1,165 (-14.1%) from the previous month, and an increase of 185 (2.7%) from a year ago. Of the 7,120 initial claims processed this month, 457 (6.4%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 4,327 monetary determinations issued in July, 372 (8.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 66,026 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 9,372 (16.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,501 (-12.6%) from a year ago. There were 58,383 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.1 million. There were 6,123 (10.5%) partial payments issued in July 2011 compared to 7,046 (10.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$345. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 86 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 8 (-8.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,139 (-93.0%) from July 2010. It is estimated that 25 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,465 first payments and 1,771 final payments were issued in July 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 53.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,200 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2011. Of the 2,200 determinations, 1,023 (46.5%) were separation issues and 1,177 (53.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 478 (46.7%) separation issues and 617 (52.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 590 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2011. Of the 590 processed, 507 (85.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 83 (14.1%) 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 2,474 initial claims processed during the month of July, a decrease of 94 (-3.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 965 (63.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,341 monetary determinations issued 36 (2.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 54,495 (22,836 under tier 1, 14,367 under tier 2, 12,909 under tier 3 and 4,383 under tier 4) payments issued in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.1 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

First and Final Claims – 4,053 first payments (1,242 under tier 1, 1,032 under tier 2, 1,019 under tier 3 and 760 under tier 4) and 4,435 final payments (1,310 under tier 1, 282 under tier 2, 1,050 under tier 3 and 793 under tier 4) were issued in June 2011. To date 69,913 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 296 initial claims processed during the month of July, a decrease of 49 (-14.2%) from the previous month. Of the 245 monetary determinations issued none of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 5,799 payments issued in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.1 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$363.

First and Final Claims – 229 first payments were issued and 223 final payments were issued in July 2011. To date 27,486 first payments and 19,622 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	7,120	8,285	6,935	-14.1%	2.7%	54,817	61,580
Monetary Determinations	4,327	4,740	4,722	-8.7%	-8.4%	34,487	39,804
Monetary Ineligible	372	415	496	-10.4%	-25.0%	3,537	3,843
Weeks Claimed	66,026	56,654	75,527	16.5%	-12.6%	542,473	613,135
Number of Payments	58,383	51,287	67,526	13.8%	-13.5%	490,990	557,281
Amount of Payments	\$20,114,957	\$18,591,695	\$23,556,985	8.2%	-14.6%	\$178,964,284	\$205,283,364
Average Payment	\$345	\$363	\$349	-5.0%	-1.2%	\$364	\$368
Partial Payments	6,123	6,295	7,046	-2.7%	-13.1%	52,752	59,160
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.6	17.7	19.1	-0.3%	-7.6%	17.6	19.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	53.3	54.2	56.9	-1.6%	-6.3%	53.3	56.9
First Payments	4,465	2,745	4,849	62.7%	-7.9%	28,888	32,433
Final Payments	1,771	1,699	2,070	4.2%	-14.4%	15,668	17,402
Workshare Initial Claim:	86	94	1,225	-8.5%	-93.0%	2,085	8,364
Workshare Equivalency	25	27	312	-7.4%	-92.0%	544	2,017

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	2,474	2,568	1,509	-3.7%	63.9%	20,557	118,806
Monetary Determinations	1,341	1,407	573	-4.7%	134.0%	11,598	70,575
Monetary Ineligible	36	45	17	-20.0%	111.8%	451	1,652
Number of Payments	54,495	58,287	39,661	-6.5%	37.4%	419,211	2,030,970
Amount of Payments	\$20,112,341	\$21,489,666	\$14,668,679	-6.4%	37.1%	\$154,227,720	\$740,985,257
Average Payment	\$369	\$369	\$370	0.1%	-0.2%	\$368	\$365
Average Duration (12 months)	34.9	35.9	41.9	-2.8%	-16.7%	34.9	29.0
First Payments (tier 1)	1,242	1,309	257	-5.1%	383.3%	11,323	69,913
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,310	1,411	1,294	-7.2%	1.2%	10,221	49,547
First Payments (tier 2)	1,032	1,196	233	-13.7%	342.9%	8,646	43,840
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,282	1,349	1,248	-5.0%	2.7%	8,617	41,749
First Payments (tier 3)	1,019	1,011	245	0.8%	315.9%	6,880	28,343
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,050	911	1,338	15.3%	-21.5%	7,212	25,742
First Payments (tier 4)	760	671	422	13.3%	80.1%	5,828	21,421
Final Payments (tier 4)	793	859	1,033	-7.7%	-23.2%	6,674	21,416

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	296	345	3,971	-14.2%	-92.5%	3,032	31,786
Monetary Determinations	245	285	3,713	-14.0%	-93.4%	2,430	28,247
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	47	-	-	1	486
Number of Payments	5,799	6,031	32,747	-3.8%	-82.3%	70,468	406,184
Amount of Payments	\$2,107,459	\$2,211,446	\$12,177,526	-4.7%	-82.7%	\$25,906,467	\$147,618,358
Average Payment	\$363	\$367	\$372	-0.9%	-2.3%	\$368	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	30.4	20.9	9.5	45.4%	219.9%	30.4	14.8
First Payments	229	299	4,600	-23.4%	-95.0%	2,604	27,486
Final Payments	223	244	192	-8.6%	16.1%	3,924	19,622