



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 9,185 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 1,065 (-10.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 24 (-0.3%) from a year ago. Of the 9,185 initial claims processed this month, 258 (2.8%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 5,676 monetary determinations issued in February, 600 (10.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 89,696 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 10,382 (-10.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,685 (-6.9%) from a year ago. There were 81,556 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$30.1 million. There were 8,476 (10.4%) partial payments issued in February 2011 compared to 8,478 (9.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 421 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 107 (-20.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 860 (-67.1%) from February 2010. It is estimated that 119 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 5,071 first payments and 2,093 final payments were issued in February 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 57.9 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,871 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2011. Of the 1,871 determinations, 1,336 (71.4%) were separation issues and 535 (28.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 639 (47.8%) separation issues and 462 (86.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 501 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2011. Of the 501 processed, 431 (86.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 70 (14.0%) 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 2,963 initial claims processed during the month of February, a decrease of 131 (-4.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 589 (-16.6%) from a year ago. Of the 1,645 monetary determinations issued 69 (4.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 55,426 (25,203 under tier 1, 13,835 under tier 2, 11,124 under tier 3 and 5,264 under tier 4) payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$370.

First and Final Claims – 4,616 first payments (1,595 under tier 1, 1,174 under tier 2, 748 under tier 3 and 1,099 under tier 4) and 4,085 final payments (1,307 under tier 1, 926 under tier 2, 1,201 under tier 3 and 651 under tier 4) were issued in February 2011. To date 62,082 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 333 initial claims processed during the month of February, a decrease of 174 (-34.3%) from the previous month. Of the 333 monetary determinations issued 1 (0.5%) of them was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 12,519 payments issued in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$4.6 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$365.

First and Final Claims – 248 first payments were issued and 700 final payments was issued in February 2011. To date 25,631 first payments and 16,925 final payments have been made.

Claims Summary

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2011	2010
Initial Claims	9,185	10,250	9,209	-10.4%	-0.3%	19,435	21,459
Monetary Determinations	5,676	7,674	6,073	-26.0%	-6.5%	13,350	14,767
Monetary Ineligible	600	685	547	-12.4%	9.7%	1,285	1,116
Weeks Claimed	89,696	100,078	96,381	-10.4%	-6.9%	189,774	188,591
Number of Payments	81,556	87,533	87,314	-6.8%	-6.6%	169,089	168,872
Amount of Payments	\$30,066,081	\$32,342,270	\$32,990,667	-7.0%	-8.9%	\$62,408,351	\$63,517,661
Average Payment	\$369	\$369	\$378	-0.2%	-2.4%	\$369	\$376
Partial Payments	8,476	8,539	8,478	-0.7%	0.0%	17,015	16,213
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.8	17.7	19.9	0.3%	-10.8%	17.8	19.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	57.9	57.6	61.6	0.5%	-6.0%	57.9	61.6
First Payments	5,071	7,099	5,427	-28.6%	-6.6%	12,170	12,256
Final Payments	2,093	2,587	2,287	-19.1%	-8.5%	4,680	4,544
Workshare Initial Claim:	421	528	1,281	-20.3%	-67.1%	949	2,961
Workshare Equivalency	119	135	308	-11.9%	-61.4%	254	689

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	2,963	3,094	3,552	-4.2%	-16.6%	6,057	104,306
Monetary Determinations	1,645	1,751	1,579	-6.1%	4.2%	3,396	62,373
Monetary Ineligible	69	63	34	9.5%	102.9%	132	1,333
Number of Payments	55,426	64,610	81,248	-14.2%	-31.8%	120,036	1,731,795
Amount of Payments	\$20,495,433	\$23,872,229	\$29,750,502	-14.1%	-31.1%	\$44,367,662	\$631,125,199
Average Payment	\$370	\$369	\$366	0.1%	1.0%	\$370	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	42.8	44.4	27.4	-3.5%	56.4%	42.8	27.9
First Payments (tier 1)	1,595	1,897	1,573	-15.9%	1.4%	3,492	62,082
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,307	1,630	1,522	-19.8%	-14.1%	2,937	42,263
First Payments (tier 2)	1,174	1,466	1,454	-19.9%	-19.3%	2,640	37,834
Final Payments (tier 2)	926	1,276	2,104	-27.4%	-56.0%	2,202	35,334
First Payments (tier 3)	748	1,082	1,763	-30.9%	-57.6%	1,830	23,293
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,201	1,070	3,156	12.2%	-61.9%	2,271	20,801
First Payments (tier 4)	1,099	742	1,900	48.1%	-42.2%	1,841	17,434
Final Payments (tier 4)	651	1,185	1,016	-45.1%	-35.9%	1,836	16,578

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	340	507	167	-32.9%	103.6%	847	29,601
Monetary Determinations	221	379	98	-41.7%	125.5%	600	26,417
Monetary Ineligible	1	0	0	-	-	1	486
Number of Payments	12,519	17,362	3,695	-27.9%	238.8%	29,881	365,597
Amount of Payments	\$4,573,333	\$6,424,633	\$1,307,251	-28.8%	249.8%	\$10,997,966	\$132,709,857
Average Payment	\$365	\$370	\$354	-1.3%	3.3%	\$368	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	14.3	13.9	18.5	2.6%	-22.9%	14.3	14.3
First Payments	248	501	82	-50.5%	202.4%	749	25,631
Final Payments	700	527	547	32.8%	28.0%	1,227	16,925