



## Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2011

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 10,250 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 2,552 (-19.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 2,000 (-16.3%) from a year ago. Of the 10,250 initial claims processed this month, 303 (3.0%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 7,674 monetary determinations issued in January, 685 (8.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 100,078 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 29,042 (40.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 7,868 (8.5%) from a year ago. There were 87,533 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$32.3 million. There were 8,539 (9.8%) partial payments issued in January 2011 compared to 7,735 (9.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 17.7 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 528 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 199 (-27.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,152 (-68.6%) from January 2010. It is estimated that 135 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 7,099 first payments and 2,587 final payments were issued in January 2011. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 57.6 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,457 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2011. Of the 1,457 determinations, 862 (59.2%) were separation issues and 595 (40.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 418 (48.5%) separation issues and 444 (74.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 341 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2011. Of the 341 processed, 304 (89.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 37 (10.9%) 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 3,094 initial claims processed during the month of January, an increase of 574 (22.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 421 (-12.0%) from a year ago. Of the 1,751 monetary determinations issued 63 (3.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 64,610 (30,147 under tier 1, 14,882 under tier 2, 14,665 under tier 3 and 4,916 under tier 4) payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$23.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$369.

**First and Final Claims** – 5,187 first payments (1,897 under tier 1, 1,466 under tier 2, 1,082 under tier 3 and 742 under tier 4) and 5,161 final payments (1,630 under tier 1, 1,276 under tier 2, 1,070 under tier 3 and 1,185 under tier 4) were issued in January 2011. To date 60,487 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 507 initial claims processed during the month of January, a decrease of 2,247 (-81.6%) from the previous month. Of the 379 monetary determinations issued none of them were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 17,362 payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$6.4 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$370.

**First and Final Claims** – 501 first payments were issued and 527 final payments was issued in January 2011. To date 25,383 first payments and 16,225 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	10,250	12,802	12,250	-19.9%	-16.3%	10,250	12,250
Monetary Determinations	7,674	7,837	8,694	-2.1%	-11.7%	7,674	8,694
Monetary Ineligible	685	763	569	-10.2%	20.4%	685	569
Weeks Claimed	100,078	71,036	92,210	40.9%	8.5%	100,078	92,210
Number of Payments	87,533	63,717	81,558	37.4%	7.3%	87,533	81,558
Amount of Payments	\$32,342,270	\$23,339,657	\$30,526,994	38.6%	5.9%	\$32,342,270	\$30,526,994
Average Payment	\$369	\$366	\$374	0.9%	-1.3%	\$369	\$374
Partial Payments	8,539	7,403	7,735	15.3%	10.4%	8,539	7,735
Average Duration (12 Months)	17.7	17.7	19.8	0.3%	-10.4%	17.7	19.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	57.6	57.6	62.1	0.1%	-7.2%	57.6	62.1
First Payments	7,099	4,554	6,829	55.9%	4.0%	7,099	6,829
Final Payments	2,587	2,109	2,257	22.7%	14.6%	2,587	2,257
Workshare Initial Claim:	528	727	1,680	-27.4%	-68.6%	528	1,680
Workshare Equivalency	135	168	381	-19.6%	-64.6%	135	381

## 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	3,094	2,520	3,515	22.8%	-12.0%	3,094	101,343
Monetary Determinations	1,751	1,174	1,660	49.1%	5.5%	1,751	60,728
Monetary Ineligible	63	27	33	133.3%	90.9%	63	1,264
Number of Payments	64,610	58,558	79,696	10.3%	-18.9%	64,610	1,676,369
Amount of Payments	\$23,872,229	\$21,614,306	\$29,189,152	10.4%	-18.2%	\$23,872,229	\$610,629,766
Average Payment	\$369	\$369	\$366	0.1%	0.9%	\$369	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	44.4	46.0	26.0	-3.6%	70.6%	44.4	27.7
First Payments (tier 1)	1,897	913	1,603	107.8%	18.3%	1,897	60,487
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,630	1,361	1,599	19.8%	1.9%	1,630	40,956
First Payments (tier 2)	1,466	863	1,605	69.9%	-8.7%	1,466	36,660
Final Payments (tier 2)	1,276	1,225	2,002	4.2%	-36.3%	1,276	34,408
First Payments (tier 3)	1,082	850	1,764	27.3%	-38.7%	1,082	22,545
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,070	817	1,524	31.0%	-29.8%	1,070	19,600
First Payments (tier 4)	742	899	1,016	-17.5%	-27.0%	742	16,335
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,185	1,410	162	-16.0%	631.5%	1,185	15,927

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2011	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	507	2,754	94	-81.6%	439.4%	507	29,261
Monetary Determinations	379	2,420	22	-84.3%	1622.7%	379	26,196
Monetary Ineligible	0	34	1	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	485
Number of Payments	17,362	12,921	6,033	34.4%	187.8%	17,362	353,078
Amount of Payments	\$6,424,633	\$4,739,774	\$2,140,354	35.5%	200.2%	\$6,424,633	\$128,136,524
Average Payment	\$370	\$367	\$355	0.9%	4.3%	\$370	\$363
Average Duration (12months)	13.9	13.6	18.0	1.9%	-23.0%	13.9	13.9
First Payments	501	2,383	11	-79.0%	4454.5%	501	25,383
Final Payments	527	623	660	-15.4%	-20.2%	527	16,225