



Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,527 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 764 (-12.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,078 (-16.3%) from a year ago. Of the 5,527 initial claims processed this month, 257 (4.6%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,588 monetary determinations issued in September, 569 (15.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 59,596 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 24,193 (-28.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 17,381 (-22.6%) from a year ago. There were 54,120 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$19.6 million. There were 6,577 (12.2%) partial payments issued in September 2010 compared to 7,620 (10.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$362. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 18.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 811 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 81 (11.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,376 (-62.9%) from September 2009. It is estimated that 211 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,642 first payments and 1,857 final payments were issued in September 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 57.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,192 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2010. Of the 2,192 determinations, 1,450 (66.1%) were separation issues and 742 (33.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 677 (46.7%) separation issues and 497 (67.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 528 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2010. Of the 528 processed, 454 (86.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 74 (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 2,956 initial claims processed during the month of September, a decrease of 356 (-10.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,289 (-30.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,689 monetary determinations issued 40 (2.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 44,499 (18,375 under tier 1, 11,262 under tier 2, 9,512 under tier 3 and 5,350 under tier 4) payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.5 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$371.

First and Final Claims – 4,205 first payments (1,610 under tier 1, 1,210 under tier 2, 767 under tier 3 and 618 under tier 4) and 3,357 final payments (1,144 under tier 1, 678 under tier 2, 428 under tier 3 and 1,107 under tier 4) were issued in September 2010. To date 53,685 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 896 initial claims processed during the month of September, an increase of 437 (95.2%) from the previous month. Of the 703 monetary determinations issued 1 (0.1%) of them were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 31,924 payments issued in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.9 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373.

First and Final Claims – 656 first payments were issued and 1,355 final payments was issued in September 2010. To date 21,731 first payments and 9,801 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	2010	2009
Initial Claims	5,527	6,291	6,605	-12.1%	-16.3%	73,398	91,169
Monetary Determinations	3,588	3,999	3,437	-10.3%	4.4%	47,391	55,413
Monetary Ineligible	569	483	300	17.8%	89.7%	4,895	3,666
Weeks Claimed	59,596	83,789	76,977	-28.9%	-22.6%	756,520	965,295
Number of Payments	54,120	77,817	71,272	-30.5%	-24.1%	689,218	903,221
Amount of Payments	\$19,596,400	\$26,862,263	\$26,613,910	-27.0%	-26.4%	\$251,742,027	\$333,912,923
Average Payment	\$362	\$345	\$373	4.9%	-3.0%	\$365	\$370
Partial Payments	6,577	8,077	7,620	-18.6%	-13.7%	73,814	75,818
Average Duration (12 Months)	18.6	18.9	19.2	-1.7%	-3.3%	18.6	19.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	57.5	55.8	62.5	3.1%	-8.0%	57.5	62.5
First Payments	2,642	3,125	2,835	-15.5%	-6.8%	38,200	45,504
Final Payments	1,857	2,345	2,687	-20.8%	-30.9%	21,604	26,636
Workshare Initial Claim:	811	730	2,187	11.1%	-62.9%	9,905	21,784
Workshare Equivalency	211	196	496	7.7%	-57.5%	2,424	5,388

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	2,956	3,312	4,245	-10.7%	-30.4%	26,631	88,879
Monetary Determinations	1,689	1,824	2,488	-7.4%	-32.1%	12,753	53,997
Monetary Ineligible	40	28	62	42.9%	-35.5%	299	1,100
Number of Payments	44,499	49,556	54,390	-10.2%	-18.2%	623,069	1,438,606
Amount of Payments	\$16,489,513	\$18,400,654	\$20,151,006	-10.4%	-18.2%	\$230,292,495	\$523,308,173
Average Payment	\$371	\$371	\$370	-0.2%	0.0%	\$370	\$364
Average Duration (12 months)	45.1	43.8	20.6	2.9%	118.8%	45.1	26.8
First Payments (tier 1)	1,610	1,830	2,370	-12.0%	-32.1%	12,408	53,685
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,144	1,471	1,813	-22.2%	-36.9%	13,641	36,344
First Payments (tier 2)	1,210	1,494	1,544	-19.0%	-21.6%	11,321	32,237
Final Payments (tier 2)	678	1,402	1,100	-51.6%	-38.4%	15,429	29,811
First Payments (tier 3)	767	1,484	-	-48.3%	-	12,011	18,336
Final Payments (tier 3)	428	1,309	-	-67.3%	-	15,570	15,659
First Payments (tier 4)	618	1,504	-	-58.9%	-	12,408	12,415
Final Payments (tier 4)	1,107	742	-	49.2%	-	11,788	11,789

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	896	459	939	95.2%	-4.6%	13,781	24,791
Monetary Determinations	703	247	863	184.6%	-18.5%	12,544	22,599
Monetary Ineligible	1	0	0	-	-	122	449
Number of Payments	31,924	43,841	12,398	-27.2%	157.5%	146,651	277,107
Amount of Payments	\$11,906,469	\$16,271,223	\$4,363,140	-26.8%	172.9%	\$53,921,308	\$99,717,745
Average Payment	\$373	\$371	\$352	0.5%	6.0%	\$368	\$360
Average Duration (12months)	13.6	12.0	11.9	13.3%	14.2%	13.6	12.8
First Payments	656	329	809	99.4%	-18.9%	11,992	21,731
Final Payments	1,355	704	702	92.5%	93.0%	4,309	9,801