



Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 12,250 initial claims were processed during the month of January, an increase of 1,474 (13.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 547 (4.7%) from a year ago. Of the 12,250 initial claims processed this month, 428 (3.5%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 8,694 monetary determinations issued in January, 569 (6.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 92,210 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 12,606 (15.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,398 (-9.2%) from a year ago. There were 81,558 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$30.5 million. There were 7,735 (9.5%) partial payments issued in January 2010 compared to 6,548 (7.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$374. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 19.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 1,680 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 308 (-15.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 251 (-13.0%) from January 2009. It is estimated that 381 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 6,829 first payments and 2,257 final payments were issued in January 2010. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 62.1 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,760 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2010. Of the 1,760 determinations, 1,193 (67.8%) were separation issues and 567 (32.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 618 (51.8%) separation issues and 422 (74.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 447 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2010. Of the 447 processed, 394 (88.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 53 (11.9%) 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 3,515 initial claims processed during the month of January, a decrease of 768 (-17.9%) from the previous month, and an increase of 1,590 (82.6%) from a year ago. Of the 1,660 monetary determinations issued 33 (2.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 79,696 (30,367 under tier 1, 20,202 under tier 2, 27,006 under tier 3 and 2,121 under tier 4) payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$29.2 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366.

First and Final Claims – 5,988 first payments (1,603 under tier 1, 1,605 under tier 2, 1,764 under tier 3 and 1,016 under tier 4) and 5,287 final payments (1,599 under tier 1, 2,002 under tier 2, 1,524 under tier 3 and 162 under tier 4) were issued in January 2010. To date 42,880 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

Extended Benefits

Initial Claims – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 94 initial claims processed during the month of January, a decrease of 38 (-28.8%) from the previous month. Of the 22 monetary determinations issued 1 (4.5%) was monetarily ineligible.

Number of Payments -- There were 6,033 payments issued in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$2.1 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$355.

First and Final Claims – 11 first payments were issued and 660 final payments were issued in January 2010. To date 9,750 first payments and 6,152 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	12,250	10,776	11,703	13.7%	4.7%	12,250	11,703
Monetary Determinations	8,694	6,236	8,036	39.4%	8.2%	8,694	8,036
Monetary Ineligible	569	469	414	21.3%	37.4%	569	414
Weeks Claimed	92,210	79,604	101,608	15.8%	-9.2%	92,210	101,608
Number of Payments	81,558	72,301	91,868	12.8%	-11.2%	81,558	91,868
Amount of Payments	\$30,526,994	\$27,102,597	\$34,014,968	12.6%	-10.3%	\$30,526,994	\$34,014,968
Average Payment	\$374	\$375	\$370	-0.1%	1.1%	\$374	\$370
Partial Payments	7,735	7,974	6,548	-3.0%	18.1%	7,735	6,548
Average Duration (12 Months)	19.8	20.0	17.0	-0.8%	16.7%	19.8	17.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	62.1	61.4	48.4	1.2%	28.4%	62.1	48.4
First Payments	6,829	4,146	6,935	64.7%	-1.5%	6,829	6,935
Final Payments	2,257	2,446	2,083	-7.7%	8.4%	2,257	2,083
Workshare Initial Claim:	1,680	1,988	1,931	-15.5%	-13.0%	1,680	1,931
Workshare Equivalency	381	459	508	-17.0%	-25.0%	381	508

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	3,515	4,283	1,925	-17.9%	82.6%	3,515	65,763
Monetary Determinations	1,660	1,908	1,384	-13.0%	19.9%	1,660	42,904
Monetary Ineligible	33	18	37	83.3%	-10.8%	33	834
Number of Payments	79,696	81,226	40,034	-1.9%	99.1%	79,696	895,233
Amount of Payments	\$29,189,152	\$29,847,095	\$13,885,829	-2.2%	110.2%	\$29,189,152	\$322,204,830
Average Payment	\$366	\$367	\$347	-0.3%	5.6%	\$366	\$360
Average Duration (12 months)	26.0	24.7	-	5.2%	-	26.0	20.9
First Payments (tier 1)	1,603	1,898	1,389	-15.5%	15.4%	1,603	42,880
Final Payments (tier 1)	1,599	2,072	4,469	-22.8%	-64.2%	1,599	24,302
First Payments (tier 2)	1,605	2,012	4,377	-20.2%	-63.3%	1,605	22,521
Final Payments (tier 2)	2,002	1,500	4	33.5%	-	2,002	16,384
First Payments (tier 3)	1,764	2,504	-	-29.6%	-	1,764	8,089
Final Payments (tier 3)	1,524	89	-	-	-	1,524	1,613
First Payments (tier 4)	1,016	7	-	-	-	1,016	1,023
Final Payments (tier 4)	162	1	-	-	-	162	163

Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2010	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	94	132	7	-28.8%	-	94	11,104
Monetary Determinations	22	9	2	144.4%	-	22	10,077
Monetary Ineligible	1	0	0	-	-	1	328
Number of Payments	6,033	9,473	4	-36.3%	-	6,033	136,489
Amount of Payments	\$2,140,354	\$3,338,912	\$974	-35.9%	-	\$2,140,354	\$47,936,791
Average Payment	\$355	\$352	\$244	0.7%	45.7%	\$355	\$351
Average Duration (12months)	18.0	17.2	-	4.9%	-	18.0	14.0
First Payments	11	32	1	-65.6%	-	11	9,750
Final Payments	660	699	1	-5.6%	-	660	6,152