



## *Monthly Update*

*Month Ending: December 31, 2009*

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 10,776 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 3,512 (48.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 303 (-2.7%) from a year ago. Of the 10,776 initial claims processed this month, 570 (5.3%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 6,236 monetary determinations issued in December, 469 (7.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 79,604 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 1,477 (1.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 10,745 (-11.9%) from a year ago. There were 72,301 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$27.1 million. There were 7,974 (11.0%) partial payments issued in December 2009 compared to 6,798 (8.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$375. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 20.0 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 1,988 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 296 (17.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 579 (41.1%) from December 2008. It is estimated that 459 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,146 first payments and 2,446 final payments were issued in December 2009. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 61.4 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,845 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2009. Of the 1,845 determinations, 1,322 (71.7%) were separation issues and 523 (28.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 614 (46.4%) separation issues and 437 (83.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 438 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2009. Of the 438 processed, 371 (84.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 67 (15.3%) 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 4,283 initial claims processed during the month of December, a decrease of 925 (-17.8%) from the previous month, and an increase of 412 (10.6%) from a year ago. Of the 1,908 monetary determinations issued 18 (0.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 81,226 (36,098 under tier 1, 21,565 under tier 2, 23,550 under tier 3 and 13 under tier 4) payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$29.8 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367.

**First and Final Claims** – 6,421 first payments (1,898 under tier 1, 2,012 under tier 2, 2,504 under tier 3 and 7 under tier 4) and 3,662 final payments (2,072 under tier 1, 1,500 under tier 2, 89 under tier 3 and 1 under tier 4) were issued in December 2009. To date 41,277 individuals have collected EUC08 benefits.

### Extended Benefits

**Initial Claims** – EB is available to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. There were 132 initial claims processed during the month of December, a decrease of 476 (-78.3%) from the previous month. Of the 9 monetary determinations issued none were monetarily ineligible.

**Number of Payments** -- There were 9,473 payments issued in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$3.3 million. The average weekly benefit payment was \$352.

**First and Final Claims** – 32 first payments were issued and 699 final payments were issued in December 2009. To date 9,739 first payments and 5,492 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	2009	2008
Initial Claims	10,776	7,264	11,079	48.3%	-2.7%	116,118	93,761
Monetary Determinations	6,236	4,039	6,810	54.4%	-8.4%	69,380	57,663
Monetary Ineligible	469	432	522	8.6%	-10.2%	4,950	3,778
Weeks Claimed	79,604	78,127	90,349	1.9%	-11.9%	1,191,837	835,133
Number of Payments	72,301	71,447	82,543	1.2%	-12.4%	1,109,239	772,052
Amount of Payments	\$27,102,597	\$26,737,939	\$30,445,160	1.4%	-11.0%	\$411,267,553	\$277,287,968
Average Payment	\$375	\$374	\$369	0.2%	1.6%	\$371	\$359
Partial Payments	7,974	8,334	6,798	-4.3%	17.3%	99,213	66,067
Average Duration (12 Months)	20.0	19.8	16.6	0.9%	20.4%	20.0	16.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	61.4	62.3	47.1	-1.5%	30.3%	61.4	47.1
First Payments	4,146	3,026	5,166	37.0%	-19.7%	55,512	46,446
Final Payments	2,446	2,939	2,194	-16.8%	11.5%	34,632	20,492
Workshare Initial Claim:	1,988	1,692	1,409	17.5%	41.1%	27,372	10,546
Workshare Equivalency	459	366	357	25.4%	28.6%	6,618	2,934

## Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2009	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	4,283	5,208	3,871	-17.8%	10.6%	44,096	62,248
Monetary Determinations	1,908	1,888	1,696	1.1%	12.5%	26,484	41,244
Monetary Ineligible	18	24	39	-25.0%	-53.8%	459	801
Number of Payments	81,226	78,042	46,457	4.1%	74.8%	654,645	815,537
Amount of Payments	\$29,847,095	\$28,765,875	\$16,309,649	3.8%	83.0%	\$236,803,135	\$293,015,678
Average Payment	\$367	\$369	\$351	-0.3%	4.7%	\$362	\$359
Average Duration (12 months)	24.7	23.3	-	6.0%	-	24.7	19.8
First Payments (tier 1)	1,898	2,028	1,963	-6.4%	-3.3%	26,512	41,277
Final Payments (tier 1)	2,072	2,284	-	-9.3%	-	22,703	22,703
First Payments (tier 2)	2,012	2,120	-	-5.1%	-	20,916	20,916
Final Payments (tier 2) *	1,500	1,400	-	7.1%	-	14,382	14,382
First Payments (tier 3)	2,504	3,821	-	-34.5%	-	6,325	6,325
Final Payments (tier 3)	89	-	-	-	-	89	89
First Payments (tier 4)	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
Final Payments (tier 4)	1	-	-	-	-	1	1

## Extended Benefits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date 2009	Since Program Began
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	132	608	79	-78.3%	67.1%	7,567	11,010
Monetary Determinations	9	345	74	-97.4%	-87.8%	6,709	10,055
Monetary Ineligible	0	0	2	-	-100.0%	106	327
Number of Payments	9,473	14,380	365	-34.1%	2495.3%	113,192	130,456
Amount of Payments	\$3,338,912	\$5,024,378	\$122,640	-33.5%	2622.5%	\$39,670,975	\$45,796,437
Average Payment	\$352	\$349	\$336	0.9%	4.9%	\$350	\$351
Average Duration (12months)	17.2	15.7	-	9.2%	-	17.2	13.4
First Payments	32	565	80	-94.3%	-60.0%	6,600	9,739
Final Payments	699	759	-	-7.9%	-	5,492	5,492

\* Adjusted for 14th week redeterminations.  
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