

Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,678 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 1,115 (-29.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 486 (-15.4%) from a year ago. Of the 1,718 monetary determinations issued in September 127 (7.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 25,286 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 10,880 (-30.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,406 (-5.3%) from a year ago. There were 23,831 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.4 million. There were 1,723 (7.2%) partial payments issued in September 2018 compared to 2,030 (8.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$353. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 111 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 19 (-14.6%) from the previous month and an increase of 53 (91.4%) from September 2017. It is estimated that 24 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,300 first payments and 569 final payments were issued in September 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.6 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,456 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2018. Of the 1,456 determinations, 903 (62.0%) were separation issues and 553 (38.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 368 (40.8%) separation issues and 519 (93.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 353 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2018. Of the 353 processed, 284 (80.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 69 (19.5%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2018	2017
Initial Claims	2,678	3,793	3,164	-29.4%	-15.4%	41,025	42,764
Monetary Determinations	1,718	2,532	2,035	-32.1%	-15.6%	26,535	27,329
Monetary Ineligible	127	200	158	-36.5%	-19.6%	1,613	1,627
Weeks Claimed	25,286	36,166	26,692	-30.1%	-5.3%	365,028	387,981
Number of Payments	23,831	34,301	24,612	-30.5%	-3.2%	337,004	356,893
Amount of Payments	\$8,422,446	\$11,088,791	\$8,743,655	-24.0%	-3.7%	\$117,028,003	\$122,845,387
Average Payment	\$353	\$323	\$355	9.3%	-0.5%	\$347	\$344
Partial Payments	1,723	2,304	2,030	-25.2%	-15.1%	20,532	23,816
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.1	15.3	-0.2%	-1.5%	15.1	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.6	27.4	28.3	0.8%	-2.4%	27.6	28.3
First Payments	1,300	1,711	1,376	-24.0%	-5.5%	22,193	23,122
Final Payments	569	555	574	2.5%	-0.9%	5,896	6,500
Workshare Initial Claims	111	130	58	-14.6%	91.4%	976	807
Workshare Equivalency	24	34	17	-29.4%	41.2%	254	212
Workshare Continued Claims	1,181	1,350	1,078	-12.5%	9.6%	13,827	9,985

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