



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2018

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 4,430 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 1,071 (-19.5%) from the previous month, and an increase of 348 (8.5%) from a year ago. Of the 2,986 monetary determinations issued in July 119 (4.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 44,886 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 17,602 (64.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,703 (-3.7%) from a year ago. There were 40,717 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.1 million. There were 2,557 (6.3%) partial payments issued in July 2018 compared to 2,898 (6.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$323. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 81 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 52 (-39.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 17 (-17.3%) from July 2017. It is estimated that 24 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,463 first payments and 741 final payments were issued in July 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.4 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,982 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2018. Of the 1,982 determinations, 988 (49.8%) were separation issues and 994 (50.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 416 (42.1%) separation issues and 738 (74.2%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 381 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2018. Of the 381 processed, 298 (78.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 83 (21.8%) 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	4,430	5,501	4,082	-19.5%	8.5%	34,554	35,883
Monetary Determinations	2,986	2,981	2,667	0.2%	12.0%	22,285	22,984
Monetary Ineligible	119	178	127	-33.1%	-6.3%	1,286	1,281
Weeks Claimed	44,886	27,284	46,589	64.5%	-3.7%	303,576	323,600
Number of Payments	40,717	24,875	41,784	63.7%	-2.6%	278,872	296,163
Amount of Payments	\$13,146,533	\$8,657,420	\$13,322,495	51.9%	-1.3%	\$97,516,766	\$102,482,916
Average Payment	\$323	\$348	\$319	-7.2%	1.3%	\$350	\$346
Partial Payments	2,557	1,760	2,898	45.3%	-11.8%	16,505	19,019
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.2	15.3	-0.5%	-1.2%	15.1	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.4	27.8	28.1	-1.5%	-2.6%	27.4	28.1
First Payments	3,463	1,498	3,327	131.2%	4.1%	19,182	20,023
Final Payments	741	556	820	33.3%	-9.6%	4,772	5,318
Workshare Initial Claims	81	133	98	-39.1%	-17.3%	735	709
Workshare Equivalency	24	28	25	-14.3%	-4.0%	196	183
Workshare Continued Claims	1,553	1,749	896	-11.2%	73.3%	11,296	7,710

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