

Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,329 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,850 (53.2) from the previous month, and a decrease of 27 (-0.5%) from a year ago. Of the 2,576 monetary determinations issued in April 146 (5.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 44,634 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 1,500 (-3.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 3,651 (8.9%) from a year ago. There were 40,962 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$14.3 million. There were 2,373 (5.8%) partial payments issued in April 2018 compared to 2,367 (6.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$348. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 136 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 12 (9.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 31 (29.5%) from April 2017. It is estimated that 43 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,948 first payments and 841 final payments were issued in April 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,680 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2018. Of the 1,680 determinations, 1,014 (60.4%) were separation issues and 666 (39.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 426 (42.0%) separation issues and 655 (98.3%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 372 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2018. Of the 372 processed, 298 (80.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 74 (19.9%) 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	5,329	3,479	5,356	53.2%	-0.5%	21,416	22,107
Monetary Determinations	2,576	2,127	2,670	21.1%	-3.5%	14,087	14,617
Monetary Ineligible	146	164	219	-11.0%	-33.3%	821	829
Weeks Claimed	44,634	46,134	40,983	-3.3%	8.9%	203,313	207,981
Number of Payments	40,962	44,127	38,106	-7.2%	7.5%	186,782	191,152
Amount of Payments	\$14,259,817	\$15,866,213	\$13,275,211	-10.1%	7.4%	\$66,322,599	\$67,155,052
Average Payment	\$348	\$360	\$348	-3.2%	-0.1%	\$355	\$351
Partial Payments	2,373	2,452	2,367	-3.2%	0.3%	10,524	11,458
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.2	15.1	0.5%	1.1%	15.3	15.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.8	28.4	28.4	1.3%	1.3%	28.8	28.4
First Payments	1,948	1,828	1,928	6.6%	1.0%	12,703	13,003
Final Payments	841	699	748	20.3%	12.4%	2,863	2,946
Workshare Initial Claims	136	124	105	9.7%	29.5%	427	478
Workshare Equivalency	43	32	17	34.4%	152.9%	115	122
Workshare Continued Claims	1,773	1,387	1,125	27.8%	57.6%	6,156	3,531

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