



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,479 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 1,380 (-28.4) from the previous month, and a decrease of 477 (-12.1%) from a year ago. Of the 2,127 monetary determinations issued in March 164 (7.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 46,134 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 5,086 (-9.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,833 (-9.5%) from a year ago. There were 44,127 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$15.9 million. There were 2,452 (5.6%) partial payments issued in March 2018 compared to 2,991 (6.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$360. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 124 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 57 (85.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 17 (15.9%) from March 2017. It is estimated that 32 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,828 first payments and 699 final payments were issued in March 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,829 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2018. Of the 1,829 determinations, 1,066 (58.3%) were separation issues and 763 (41.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 435 (40.8%) separation issues and 731 (95.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 422 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2018. Of the 422 processed, 332 (78.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 90 (21.3%) 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	3,479	4,859	3,956	-28.4%	-12.1%	16,087	16,751
Monetary Determinations	2,127	3,200	2,590	-33.5%	-17.9%	11,511	11,947
Monetary Ineligible	164	234	187	-29.9%	-12.3%	675	610
Weeks Claimed	46,134	51,220	50,967	-9.9%	-9.5%	158,679	166,998
Number of Payments	44,127	47,959	48,581	-8.0%	-9.2%	145,820	153,046
Amount of Payments	\$15,866,213	\$17,139,035	\$17,356,129	-7.4%	-8.6%	\$52,062,782	\$53,879,841
Average Payment	\$360	\$357	\$357	0.6%	0.6%	\$357	\$352
Partial Payments	2,452	2,548	2,991	-3.8%	-18.0%	8,151	9,091
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.2	15.1	0.0%	0.6%	15.2	15.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.4	28.4	28.7	0.1%	-1.0%	28.4	28.7
First Payments	1,828	3,242	2,061	-43.6%	-11.3%	10,755	11,075
Final Payments	699	562	759	24.4%	-7.9%	2,022	2,198
Workshare Initial Claims	124	67	107	85.1%	15.9%	291	373
Workshare Equivalency	32	17	21	88.2%	52.4%	72	105
Workshare Continued Claims	1,387	1,580	1,119	-12.2%	23.9%	4,383	2,406

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