



Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,418 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 254 (8.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 104 (-3.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,138 monetary determinations issued in October 120 (5.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 30,128 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, an increase of 3,436 (12.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,135 (-6.6%) from a year ago. There were 27,502 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.0 million. There were 1,987 (7.2%) partial payments issued in October 2017 compared to 2,240 (7.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$362. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 79 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 21 (36.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 131 (-62.4%) from October 2016. It is estimated that 26 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,600 first payments and 710 final payments were issued in October 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,746 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2017. Of the 1,746 determinations, 1,109 (63.5%) were separation issues and 637 (36.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 477 (43.0%) separation issues and 592 (92.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 416 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2017. Of the 416 processed, 348 (83.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 68 (16.3%) 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	2017	2016
Initial Claims	3,418	3,164	3,522	8.0%	-3.0%	46,182	50,780
Monetary Determinations	2,138	2,035	2,068	5.1%	3.4%	29,467	31,782
Monetary Ineligible	120	158	174	-24.1%	-31.0%	1,747	2,311
Weeks Claimed	30,128	26,692	32,263	12.9%	-6.6%	418,109	434,367
Number of Payments	27,502	24,612	28,849	11.7%	-4.7%	384,395	397,518
Amount of Payments	\$9,965,234	\$8,743,655	\$10,020,282	14.0%	-0.5%	\$132,810,621	\$132,736,344
Average Payment	\$362	\$355	\$347	2.0%	4.3%	\$346	\$334
Partial Payments	1,987	2,030	2,240	-2.1%	-11.3%	25,803	26,874
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.3	15.1	-0.4%	0.9%	15.2	15.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.2	28.3	30.1	-0.4%	-6.3%	28.2	30.1
First Payments	1,600	1,376	1,622	16.3%	-1.4%	24,722	26,158
Final Payments	710	574	723	23.7%	-1.8%	7,210	7,588
Workshare Initial Claims	79	58	210	36.2%	-62.4%	886	1,082
Workshare Equivalency	26	17	50	52.9%	-48.0%	238	280
Workshare Continued Claims	1,142	1,078	1,253	5.9%	-8.9%	11,127	14,471

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