



Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,082 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 1,938 (-32.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 181 (-4.2%) from a year ago. Of the 2,667 monetary determinations issued in July, 127 (4.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 46,589 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 15,972 (52.2%) from the previous month and an increase of 5,990 (14.8%) from a year ago. There were 41,784 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.3 million. There were 2,898 (6.9%) partial payments issued in July 2017 compared to 2,619 (7.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$319. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 98 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 43 (78.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 45 (-31.5%) from July 2016. It is estimated that 25 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,327 first payments and 820 final payments were issued in July 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.1 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,126 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2017. Of the 2,126 determinations, 996 (46.8%) were separation issues and 1,130 (53.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 428 (43.0%) separation issues and 826 (73.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 315 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2017. Of the 315 processed, 263 (83.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 52 (16.5%) 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	2017	2016
Initial Claims	4,082	6,020	4,263	-32.2%	-4.2%	35,883	39,885
Monetary Determinations	2,667	3,199	2,712	-16.6%	-1.7%	22,984	25,093
Monetary Ineligible	127	144	119	-11.8%	6.7%	1,281	1,738
Weeks Claimed	46,589	30,617	40,599	52.2%	14.8%	323,600	324,777
Number of Payments	41,784	27,983	36,584	49.3%	14.2%	296,163	297,537
Amount of Payments	\$13,322,495	\$9,686,092	\$11,320,826	37.5%	17.7%	\$102,482,916	\$99,724,958
Average Payment	\$319	\$346	\$309	-7.9%	3.0%	\$346	\$335
Partial Payments	2,898	2,169	2,619	33.6%	10.7%	19,019	19,050
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.3	15.0	0.1%	2.1%	15.3	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.1	28.6	30.0	-1.7%	-6.3%	28.1	30.0
First Payments	3,327	1,912	2,982	74.0%	11.6%	20,023	20,841
Final Payments	820	686	732	19.5%	12.0%	5,318	5,413
Workshare Initial Claims	98	55	143	78.2%	-31.5%	709	662
Workshare Equivalency	25	17	32	47.1%	-21.9%	183	160
Workshare Continued Claims	896	1,306	1,310	-31.4%	-31.6%	7,710	10,025

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