

Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,195 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 68 (-1.6%) from the previous month, and an increase of 212 (5.3%) from a year ago. Of the 2,628 monetary determinations issued in August, 201 (7.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 48,051 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, an increase of 7,452 (18.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 285 (-0.6%) from a year ago. There were 44,432 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.8 million. There were 3,290 (7.4%) partial payments issued in August 2016 compared to 3,023 (6.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$311. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 42 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 101 (-70.6%) from the previous month and an increase of 28 (200%) from July 2015. It is estimated that 16 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,137 first payments and 830 final payments were issued in August 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,954 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2016. Of the 1,954 determinations, 1,158 (59.3%) were separation issues and 796 (40.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 489 (42.2%) separation issues and 703 (88.3%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 511 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2016. Of the 511 processed, 397 (77.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 114 (22.3%) 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	2016	2015
Initial Claims	4,195	4,263	3,983	-1.6%	5.3%	44,080	46,656
Monetary Determinations	2,628	2,712	2,381	-3.1%	10.4%	27,721	28,280
Monetary Ineligible	201	119	224	68.9%	-10.3%	1,939	2,153
Weeks Claimed	48,051	40,599	48,336	18.4%	-0.6%	372,828	405,080
Number of Payments	44,432	36,584	44,261	21.5%	0.4%	341,969	366,310
Amount of Payments	\$13,812,780	\$11,320,826	\$13,409,308	22.0%	3.0%	\$113,537,738	\$118,468,488
Average Payment	\$311	\$309	\$303	0.5%	2.6%	\$332	\$323
Partial Payments	3,290	2,619	3,023	25.6%	8.8%	22,340	24,959
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.5	0.0%	-3.2%	15.0	15.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	29.2	30.0	32.8	-2.5%	-10.8%	29.2	32.8
First Payments	2,137	2,982	2,128	-28.3%	0.4%	22,978	23,737
Final Payments	830	732	880	13.4%	-5.7%	6,243	7,246
Workshare Initial Claims	42	143	14	-70.6%	200.0%	704	667
Workshare Equivalency	16	32	4	-50.0%	300.0%	176	178
Workshare Continued Claims	1,949	1,310	1,203	48.8%	62.0%	11,974	8,921

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