

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2016

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 5,985 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,965 (48.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 122 (-2.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,917 monetary determinations issued in April, 150 (5.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 41,689 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 9,123 (-18.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,548 (-9.8%) from a year ago. There were 38,031 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$12.8 million. There were 2,491 (6.5%) partial payments issued in April 2016 compared to 2,886 (6.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$335. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 111 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 26 (30.6%) from the previous month and an increase of 72 (184.6%) from April 2015. It is estimated that 31 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,853 first payments and 825 final payments were issued in April 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.2 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 2,131 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2016. Of the 2,131 determinations, 1,192 (55.9%) were separation issues and 939 (44.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 483 (40.5%) separation issues and 885 (94.2%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 356 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2016. Of the 356 processed, 289 (81.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 67 (18.8%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Previous Month	Year Ago	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2015
Initial Claims	5,985	4,020	6,107	48.9%	-2.0%	25,700	27,690
Monetary Determinations	2,917	2,685	2,728	8.6%	6.9%	16,205	17,139
Monetary Ineligible	150	225	164	-33.3%	-8.5%	1,025	1,317
Weeks Claimed	41,689	50,812	46,237	-18.0%	-9.8%	209,996	238,499
Number of Payments	38,031	48,793	42,645	-22.1%	-10.8%	191,496	215,922
Amount of Payments	\$12,737,449	\$16,657,167	\$13,886,842	-23.5%	-8.3%	\$64,540,424	\$71,222,247
Average Payment	\$335	\$341	\$326	-1.9%	2.9%	\$337	\$330
Partial Payments	2,491	2,882	2,886	-13.6%	-13.7%	11,557	14,144
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.4	15.7	-0.8%	-2.7%	15.3	15.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	29.2	29.3	34.3	-0.4%	-14.9%	29.2	34.3
First Payments	1,853	2,247	2,005	-17.5%	-7.6%	13,292	14,631
Final Payments	825	821	932	0.5%	-11.5%	3,109	3,749
Workshare Initial Claims	111	85	39	30.6%	184.6%	273	262
Workshare Equivalency	31	22	8	40.9%	287.5%	72	69
Workshare Continued Claims	1,451	1,221	730	18.8%	98.8%	4,415	3,627

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