

Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 29, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,286 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 1,123 (-13.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 795 (-9.8%) from a year ago. Of the 4,692 monetary determinations issued in February, 350 (7.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 67,015 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, an increase of 16,535 (32.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 4,755 (7.6%) from a year ago. There were 60,488 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$20.5 million. There were 3,546 (5.9%) partial payments issued in February 2016 compared to 3,737 (6.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$339. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 54 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 31 (134.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 28 (-34.1%) from February 2015. It is estimated that 11 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,440 first payments and 770 final payments were issued in February 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,850 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2016. Of the 1,850 determinations, 1,050 (56.8%) were separation issues and 800 (43.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 417 (39.7%) separation issues and 733 (91.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 430 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2016. Of the 430 processed, 358 (83.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 72 (16.7%) 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	7,286	8,409	8,081	-13.4%	-9.8%	15,695	17,059
Monetary Determinations	4,692	5,911	5,008	-20.6%	-6.3%	10,603	11,329
Monetary Ineligible	350	300	420	16.7%	-16.7%	650	794
Weeks Claimed	67,015	50,480	62,260	32.8%	7.6%	117,495	121,441
Number of Payments	60,488	44,184	56,287	36.9%	7.5%	104,672	107,930
Amount of Payments	\$20,527,711	\$14,618,097	\$18,657,315	40.4%	10.0%	\$35,145,808	\$35,338,669
Average Payment	\$339	\$331	\$331	2.6%	2.4%	\$336	\$327
Partial Payments	3,546	2,638	3,737	34.4%	-5.1%	6,184	7,113
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.6	15.7	15.9	-0.9%	-2.2%	15.6	15.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	29.8	30.0	36.5	-0.6%	-18.3%	29.8	36.5
First Payments	4,440	4,752	3,860	-6.6%	15.0%	9,192	9,700
Final Payments	770	693	815	11.1%	-5.5%	1,463	1,709
Workshare Initial Claims	54	23	82	134.8%	-34.1%	77	167
Workshare Equivalency	11	8	28	37.5%	-60.7%	19	45
Workshare Continued Claims	929	814	935	14.1%	-0.6%	1,743	1,707

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